

Our parish, dedicated to the Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, brings together Catholics from a wide number of backgrounds. One only has to listen to the different languages spoken by the people arriving for Mass or leaving afterwards to realise this. Some are visitors, some are with us for a longer time, and of course there are the people for whom London is their home. Another characteristic of Chelsea is the presence of artists, musicians and those with creative talents of all sorts. So our church, with its fine architecture and beautiful works of art, all to the greater glory of God, speaks to the heart of the community.

Nevertheless, maintaining this Christian presence in the here and now requires of those who count themselves fortunate to belong here a certain commitment. We depend on parishioners being willing to play their part in whatever way they can. For instance, some help with the maintenance and management of the fabric of the building and the worship which takes place here. While the part played by some is clear for all to see, others fill roles which are less obvious. However, one thing which is clear to everyone is that it costs quite a lot to maintain and sustain the mission of our church. We are almost totally dependent on the regular financial support given by parishioners.

May I ask you to consider whether you are able to start giving or increase the amount you donate regularly to this parish? Perhaps you feel you are giving as much as you can, then may I thank you. Like any household we are faced not only with increases in our expenses. Here we are also faced with the need to finance the development and maintenance of this fine building and all our parish does. What we can achieve will depend on the resources we have available to fund it.

Canon Paschal Ryan

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# 28<sup>TH</sup> / 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER & ST THOMAS MORE CHELSEA



## OUR CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

“...serve one another with whatever gift each of  
you has received.”- 1 Peter 4:10

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**“...all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.”**

**-I Chronicles 29: 14**

## **All we have comes from God, so we are His Stewards**

Whether it is the gift of our faith, our friends and family, our skills, possessions, or the gift of life itself!

**So how do I respond? Do I give thanks to God and honour Him through how I use these gifts?** Regularly reflecting on my blessings and renewing my commitment to the Faith through my giving is therefore an important part of

## **Whenever we give, we grow each time we:**

- ✓ Joyfully recall that all we have comes from God;
- ✓ Declare our trust in His provision and care;
- ✓ Take one step forward in our personal faith journey;
- ✓ Share in the joy of giving and seeing the amazing fruits it brings.

## **Time, Treasure, Talents**

Each one of us is blessed with a unique portion of time, treasure and talents that God wants us to use and share with others for His glory. Our parish would not function without the generosity of our parishioners volunteering their time and talents and sharing their financial blessings.

**“...give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”**

**- 2 Corinthians 9:7**



## **What does my parish mean to me?**

Alongside volunteering, our parish relies on offertory collections to maintain and grow our mission. In the UK the Roman Catholic Church does not receive funding from the government or the Vatican.

As Stewards of this parish, we are each responsible for the upkeep of our parish, with a duty to pass it on to future generations in even better condition than when we received it.

What you decide to give is personal to you. Traditionally, communities of the faithful tithed, giving 10% of their income.



**The late Cardinal Basil Hume suggested we consider offering our first hour's pay to God each week.**