

## **Gift Aid**

### **Some Frequently Asked Questions**

*What happens after I sign a Gift Aid Form?*

You will receive a set of numbered envelopes which are then used to make your donations to the parish.

*Do I have to make a donation every week and must my donation be for the same amount each week?*

No. The envelope system is entirely flexible. Whilst many parishioners choose to donate the same amount each week, this is entirely up to the individual donor. If it suits you, weekly amounts may vary or indeed may be omitted altogether. Also, if you miss a week the envelope for that week can be discarded and the next available date used instead.

*Why are the Gift Aid Envelopes numbered?*

It is a requirement of the HM Revenue and Customs that in order for the parish to be able to reclaim tax on donations it must be able to identify the donor. The payment record is therefore maintained, not for church purposes, but solely because of this Revenue requirement.

*Why do many parishioners place neither an envelope nor an offering in the plate?*

Usually because they have chosen to sign a banker's order which automatically transfers their donation to the parish bank account.

*What happens if I sign a Banker's Order?*

Parishioners who sign a Bankers Order still receive a full set of envelopes because it costs us less to provide everyone in the Gift Aid scheme with the same number of envelopes. However, the Bankers Order covers the normal weekly Offertory Collection and such parishioners only use their envelopes for the various 2nd collections which take place during the year.