

# Bridport Catholic Parish

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Dear parishioners,

For six months we have been enjoying the new extension to our Parish Church. We are very proud of all that has been done, and the impact on the wider community has been significant. We have had many visitors. All have been very impressed by what we have achieved.

Now we have to finish paying for it! Most of the cost was born by proceeds from the sale of the former presbytery at Beaminster; we have been able to repay our debt to the diocese of all but £8,000. From what was owing to the contractors we kept back £10,000 ('retention') to enable any further work, making good and repairs to be completed by them after six months.

Both these sums require payment quite soon. We are still at the stage of rebuilding our current account after the increased expenditure of the last 12 months so our funds are low. We therefore appeal to everyone to 'chip in' so that we can, **BY THE END OF MARCH**, have a fresh £20,100 in the bank, enough to pay our debts.

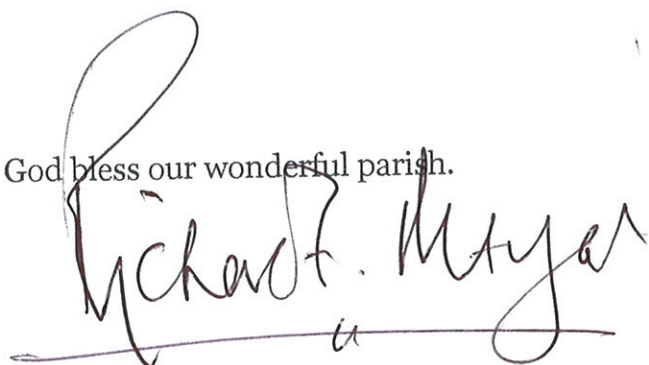
Rather than pass the hat around or organise dozens of fund-raising events we are asking for straightforward and specific donations as below. Please consider what your contribution could be and send a cheque to the Parish Office accompanied by the slip attached. That is most important; new arrangements by the diocese mean that gifts specifically for the church building project can be given as relief against our annual levy charge; for example, if the parish raises £20,100 there would be a saving of around £1300.

Please be generous. What we are asking for is listed below; we already have a promise of the first £1,000. That's a great start. Now it's over to you.

We are asking for:

- 4 more gifts of £1,000
- 8 gifts of £750
- 10 gifts of £500
- 9 gifts of £250
- 6 gifts of £100
- 20 gifts of £50
- 10 gifts of £25

God bless you and those you love, and God bless our wonderful parish.



Richard Meyer