

St John's Cathedral



ORDINARY PARISH RECEIPTS IN 2024/25:

(includes offertory, ordinary donations
& property rentals)

£268,238

ORDINARY PARISH PAYMENTS IN 2024/25:

(includes clergy & staff costs, ordinary building
running costs & maintenance and parish
contributions to the diocese)

£263,493

ORDINARY SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR:

£4,745

OFFERTORY PER ADULT PER WEEK:

£3.68

*Does not include gift aid

*Based on adult attendees
(estimated two-thirds of total)

COST PER ADULT PER WEEK TO RUN THE PARISH:

£6.66

For a full breakdown of our receipts and payments, please see the additional leaflet in this folder.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JAMES,

'As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace' 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you can see from the information above and overleaf, in the year ended 31 August 2025, because we had ordinary receipts in addition to the offertory, we had an average of £91 left over at the end of each week to cover unexpected day to day costs. This limited surplus does not place us in a strong financial position. To ensure we can continue meeting our regular operational needs - especially in light of rising costs and the need to maintain essential services - it is vital that we strengthen our financial reserves. While the surplus from our 'extraordinary' receipts may suggest that the cathedral is in a stable financial position, it is important to note that relying on this surplus to cover routine operational costs is neither sustainable nor responsible stewardship, especially in the light of the need to spend £2.5 million in the near future on necessary repairs to the cathedral building. A detailed breakdown of our current financial position and future needs, including 'extraordinary' receipts and payments, is available in the accompanying leaflet.

I know you to be a caring and giving community. Please support your Christian household of faith here so that we can be resilient for whatever will come our way and fulfil our commitment to the Diocesan Mission.

I ask everyone to reflect prayerfully on their commitment to our parish, why it is important and how each of us can support that commitment to ensure we leave a sustainable legacy for those who follow us.

James McAuley

TOTAL ORDINARY RECEIPTS			TOTAL ORDINARY PAYMENTS		
Offertory collections (including gift aid)	£164,542	61.3%	Priests' stipends, NIC, housekeeping & motor expenses	£32,649	12.4%
Donations for candles (net of their cost)	£4,828	1.8%	Employees' wages and NIC	£50,604	19.2%
Christmas & Easter collect., stole fees, Mass intentions	£20,662	7.7%	Altar and liturgical (incl. choir)	£16,250	6.2%
Donations (incl. diocesan annual collection)	£29,882	11.1%	Light, heat and water	£51,946	19.7%
Hall rental income and rent from diocese	£34,560	12.9%	Ordinary repairs & maintenance	£30,037	11.4%
Investment income and interest on bank deposits	£5,061	1.9%	Telephone, post, printing, photocopying, IT, webcam	£7,478	2.8%
Miscellaneous income	£8,703	3.2%	Insurance	£16,192	6.1%
			Parish books, courses, events and transport	£5,572	2.1%
			Parish contribution to diocesan central costs	£48,432	18.4%
			Miscellaneous payments	£4,333	1.6%
TOTAL	£268,238	100%	TOTAL	£263,493	100%

IN THE PAST YEAR, YOUR GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED US TO...



Welcome 54 children and adults into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism and Reception.



Witness over 105 children and adults grow in Faith through First Communion and Confirmations.



Be blessed to witness 4 marriages in our cathedral.



Our Parish, Our Responsibility