

IT'S SO SIMPLE AND IT HELPS THE PARISH SO MUCH  
EVERY £1 YOU GIVE IS WORTH £1.25 TO THE PARISH

I am already giving to my parish in the Offertory Collection. Will it cost me more to join the Gift Aid Scheme? Is this something extra?

*No - It will cost you nothing extra. You are not being asked to give more money, simply to sign a declaration so that the parish can reclaim the tax refund on your giving. The Inland Revenue is only handing back to the Parish the income tax you have already paid, so it will not affect you in any way.*

How does the system work?

*The parish needs to be able to prove to the Inland Revenue that they have kept proper records of your gifts. If you prefer to give by cash, then you must use the numbered envelope system (supplied by the parish) or give by cheque or Standing Order into the Parish Account. In other words, if you put your gift in the plate 'loose' i.e. without using a numbered envelope (unique to you), then regrettably the parish would be unable to identify the cash as coming from you and would not benefit from your generosity.*

How do I go about signing a Gift Aid Declaration?

*Just fill out a form! It simply asks you to give your name, address, national insurance number and your consent so that all your donations can be treated as Gift Aid donations. Please ensure you sign and date the form.*

ONE MINUTE IS ALL IT TAKES.

If you require further information about the Gift Aid scheme,  
please contact your Parish Gift Aid Organiser

*Paul Kearns via the parish office*

[Secretarystmarysbridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:Secretarystmarysbridgend@rcadc.org) or Parish Priest.

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF CARDIFF ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRIDGEND

***IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH?***

*Gift Aid It!*

What is Gift Aid?

It is a scheme designed to encourage donors - who must be taxpayers – to sign a declaration form so that all their donations to the charity (R.C. Diocese of Cardiff) can be treated as Gift Aid donations. The donations can be of any amount, there is no lower or upper limit and they do not have to be of a fixed amount or frequency. By signing the forms, donors can ensure that their parishes get a substantial refund from the Inland Revenue without having to increase their level of giving.

In order for the Parish to benefit from your donations:

- You must be a U.K. Taxpayer
- You must complete a Gift Aid Declaration
- Your contributions must be easily identified as coming from you

For every pound you give, your parish will get back an additional 25 pence from the Inland Revenue

### How much tax must I pay to be able to take part in Gift Aid?

You can join the Gift Aid scheme providing you are a UK taxpayer and pay income tax at least equal to the amount of any refund reclaimed by the Parish on your donations.

### Do I have to make a binding commitment?

**No.** Gift Aid is not a binding commitment and the parish will only claim back a tax refund on the actual amount you have given. You will not be asked to make up any missed payments, unless you choose to do so.

### What happens if I change my address?

Just inform the Parish Treasurer/Office. You **do not** have to fill out a new form.

# DO YOU PAY TAX?

## *Then please join our Gift Aid Scheme*

If you have an income (wage, salary, pension or investment income) on which you pay UK income tax, you can boost the donations you currently make to the Parish by 25% without giving any extra!

It works like this....

For example if you give £1 per week/ £52 per year to the Church you will have paid income tax of £13 on that amount. By completing a **Gift Aid Declaration**, you give the Archdiocese authority to reclaim this £13 from the Inland Revenue. This is equivalent to a bonus of 25 pence on each £1 donated.

Amount given each week	Amount given each year	Income tax reclaimed	Real amount of your gift
£1	£52	£13	£65
£3	£156	£39	£195
£5	£260	£65	£325
£10	£520	£130	£650

### Complete a Gift Aid Declaration Today.

You can make your contributions to St Mary's by weekly numbered envelope, by cheque or by Standing order.

Please contact Paul Kearns via the parish office  
[Secretarystmarysbridgend@rcadc.org](mailto:Secretarystmarysbridgend@rcadc.org)

### What if I stop paying Income Tax or wish to cancel?

Let the Parish Treasurer/Office know, so your declaration can be cancelled.

### Can I change the amount I give?

**Yes.** You can increase or decrease the amount you give without having to fill in a new form

### Is Gift Aid confidential?

**Yes.** You do not have to disclose details of your income, savings, pensions or any other personal details.

### What if I move to another Parish?

If you have already signed a declaration, just advise the new Parish treasurer and continue to give.