

ASSISTING WITH THE CHURCH'S MISSION

Each year, parishes support the work and mission of the Church through their financial contributions. These collections are the Church's way of organising its support of the work of the Church locally and throughout the world.

In 2014 the Parish Finance Committee decided to space all additional Church collections over the year (one per month) in order to alleviate the demands on parishioners attending church services.

January	World Meeting of Families —a national collection that is taken in all parishes to help defray costs associated with hosting the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, 22-26 August 2018	21st January
February	Diocesan Cess – an annual Diocesan Levy through which each parish supports the work of the Irish Bishops' Conference – Safeguarding Board, Catholic Education and Formation, Pastoral care of Emigrants & Immigrants, Accord - Family and Marriage, CURA, Healthcare, Prison Chaplaincy, Communications, Marriage Tribunals, Justice and Peace, Permanent Diaconate, Liturgy, Pastoral Renewal and Adult Faith Development. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Contribution - €9,923	18th February
March	Good Friday – a collection taken annually for the support of fellow-Christians persecuted in the Holy Land	30th March
April	Vocations Sunday – an annual collection which assists the Diocese in the formation of students studying for the priesthood.	22nd April
May	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	6th May
June	Peter's Pence – an annual collection offered to support the work of Pope Francis in assisting the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war or natural disasters; concrete aid to dioceses in need, Catholic education, assistance to refugees and immigrants.	24th June
July	Humanitarian Aid Collection/Special Appeal. This collection will support any additional collections parishioners are asked to support throughout the year.	15th July
August	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	26th August
September	Fleming Fund – an annual Diocesan collection which assists the Diocese of Meath in supporting retired priests or priests in full-time care. Ashbourne-Donaghmore Parish Contribution—€9,923	16th September
October	Mission Sunday – an annual collection that supports new missions across the world in establishing catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of Religious Communities, communication and transportation needs, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.	21st October
November	Annual Mission Awareness & Appeal associated with a specific Missionary Organisation.	4th November
December	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	9th December