

2019

**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		20th 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	17th February
March	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	24th March
April	Good Friday – a collection taken annually for the support of fellow-Christians persecuted in the Holy Land	19th April
May	Vocations Sunday – an annual collection which assists the Diocese in the formation of students studying for the priesthood.	12th 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.	30th June
July	Humanitarian Aid Collection/Special Appeal. This collection will support any additional collections parishioners are asked to support throughout the year.	28th July
August	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	25th 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	15th 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.	20th October
November	Annual Mission Awareness & Appeal associated with a specific Missionary Organisation.	10th November
December	Parish Development —an additional collection taken to assist with on-going and necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish churches.	15th December