

My Dear Friends

As I write about our forthcoming Gift Days, may I begin by thanking you for your commitment to, and support of, the life, mission and ministry of Christ the Saviour. It is a joy and a privilege to share that with you.

In common with most organisations, our income at Christ the Saviour fell dramatically during the pandemic. While we sought to reduce expenditure wherever possible, some things remain vital, such as church insurance and our contribution to the Common Fund, from which the clergy of the diocese are paid. So far, we have only been able to offer £65,000 towards the Common Fund, in contrast to our pre-pandemic £85,000. In order to secure our mission for the future, both as a local parish and as part of the wider Church, we need to consider our financial offering alongside our offering of time and talent.



Therefore, to maintain our work, we are asking you to consider the following:

- **If you are new to the church or not yet a regular giver, would you commit to regular monthly giving?**
- **If you are already a regular giver, would you review your giving to keep up with growth?**
- **And please will you make an additional donation over our Gift Weekend, 3rd and 4th July?**

I and members of the PCC will be in church from 11am until 3pm on Saturday 3rd July and after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th July until 3pm to receive your Gifts and completed Standing Order Instruction and Gift Aid Declaration (if you are a UK taxpayer we can claim 25% tax refund on your giving - so let's not waste that!).

There are many opportunities to offer our time and talents, too. Do please contact Fr Richard or Gary Toneguzzo, our Churchwarden and Parish Administrator, for information about joining the ministry of welcome, the cleaning and gardening teams, the Sunday School leaders, altar servers or choir. You may have talents of which we haven't yet thought. Just let us know.

Once again, thank you. With God's help we will continue our work together for the growth of his Kingdom in our midst.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Richard

