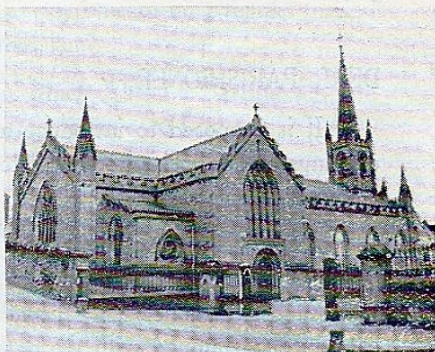


## WATERSIDE PARISH



## OFFERTORY SUBSCRIPTION PLAN

PAROCHIAL HOUSE,  
WATERSIDE.

DEAR PARISHIONER,

It is proposed to introduce a new system of collecting your offerings to God. This booklet is to tell you all about it. Roughly, it amounts to this:

All your contributions to the Church or the Building Fund will be concentrated in one collection.

Each parishioner will receive a packet of envelopes — one for each week; stamped with the date of that week, and also with the number each Parishioner will have in the Parochial Register.

Into the envelope for each particular week should go your offerings to God for

(A) His Church

(B) Your Parish

(A) This is the offering, taken up until now in the church, each Sunday, at Mass. The purpose of this Collection is to make the church a fitting Temple for the Worship of God — to keep it in a proper state; heated, lighted, clean, painted, in good repair — to pay wages of Sexton. Also to supply all things for Divine Worship: Altar requisites, Vestments, Missals, Ornaments, Candles, Altar Wine, etc., etc.

(B) This is the offering, hitherto taken up in your homes each week and at monthly building fund collections in church. Its purpose is the maintenance of the Parochial Property, outside the Church: Church Grounds, Parish Schools, Parish Hall, provision of necessary Parochial Registers and documents connected with same, wages of caretaker and cleaners of schools. NOTE—Your parish pays 35% of Employer's part of Teachers' Stamps. Your Parish pays 35% of the heating, lighting and cleaning of your schools.

Under the New System both Collections, (A) and (B), will be taken up in ONE ENVELOPE. These envelopes will be carried at the Offertory of the Mass to the Sanctuary — an act on your part



of making an offering to God and a way of returning thanks to God for the gifts you have received from Him.

You will receive a CARD on which YOU, a Parishioner, are asked to state what you are prepared to give to God for

(A) His Church

(B) Your Parish Building Fund each week during 1965.

I feel that I have only to remind you that there is an enormous financial burden, due at present to rising costs, in maintaining

(A) God's Church

(B) Your Parish Building Programme.

I have made out a list, both of our parish building programme and of our church running expenses, which will be found in this Booklet.

In the past years I have tried as far as possible to avoid burdening you with appeals for money, but if these buildings are to go up money must be found. If every worker in the parish were to give a total of 5/- weekly (the price of twenty cigarettes) the programme can go on. I realise that some workers may not be able to give this amount, but some also can afford more.

### **ONLY IF ALL TAKE PART WILL THE SCHEME SUCCEED**

In this connection I appeal especially to the younger workers, both boys and girls. After all, it is you younger people and your children who will benefit most from these buildings. The future of the parish will be in your hands when we older people have gone to our reward.

I ask everyone, young and old, to consider this Booklet carefully and conscientiously. I feel sure that, with the generosity I have known in this parish, our programme will not be held up through lack of support.

May God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

MONSIGNOR JOSEPH O'DOHERTY, P.P., V.G.

### **WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH ?**

1. New Intermediate Schools are expected to open in September next year, and the cost after all grants have been paid is £120,000. Our available Building Fund amounts to nearly £20,000 short of that figure.
2. The present Waterside Girls' Primary School has to be evacuated because of the condition of the huts in use at present and there is no room for extension. A new school consisting of 14 class-rooms and an Assembly Hall will be built at the site of the Intermediate School. Negotiations for this site are proceeding and work is to start as soon as possible.
3. Four new class-rooms and an Assembly Hall are required for the Boys' School. Work is to start as soon as possible.
4. A new Primary School is required at Strathfoyle to replace existing antiquated buildings. A site is being obtained for a new Church at Strathfoyle also.
5. An extension is required to Ardmore School, and the school problem, as it affects Newbuildings and Prehen Park is under consideration.

In addition to all this, there are the running expenses of the Church, wages, heating, lighting, repairs, insurance, etc., amounting to around £4,000 yearly.

### **THE OFFERTORY PLAN**

When the Offertory Plan comes into operation on Sunday, 3rd October all our contributions to the Church and to the Building Fund will be concentrated in one single subscription.

This single subscription will be taken up at the Offertory of the Mass on Sundays.

There will be no door collections on Sundays.

There will be no outdoor collection for the Building Fund.



There will be no collection at Devotions, Confraternities or Holy Hours.

N.B.—The four quarterly collections for the priests will remain as before and are provided for by means of special envelopes which also should be taken to Church. This will save door to door collecting.

The only other special collections are those ordered by the Holy See or the Bishop, e.g., Peter's Pence, Propagation of the Faith or the Educational purposes collection.

Any money raised by social events, sports, and the like, does not absolve us from our responsibility. The Church should not have to depend on these enterprises.

### PROMISE CARDS

Offertory Promise Cards and envelopes will be distributed.

Each individual makes up his own mind what he should give, fills in his card and puts it in the envelope.

### HERE IS A COPY OF THE PROMISE CARD:

## WATERSIDE PARISH

I promise to pay to God each week during year  
1965—1966

For HIS Church ...

For MY Parish Building  
Fund ...

TOTAL ...


SIGNED.....

ADDRESS.....

I understand that if my circumstances change I may give less, give more or nothing at all simply by mentioning the fact in my envelope.

Only those who sign the Promise Card will get a set of envelopes.

### WHY THE PROMISE CARD?

1. It makes your contribution more deliberate and therefore more meritorious.
2. It helps the Church to plan ahead by giving a better idea of future income.

### WHAT SHOULD I GIVE?

The Church leaves it to yourself to decide how much to give as a matter of honour and love. It must be related to your circumstances in life. Some cannot afford much. Make out what you have given up to the present at the door of the Church, outdoor collections, monthly building fund and monthly collection, add them up and ask is it enough. Give some serious thought to the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for the upkeep of God's Church. Remember **all** your contributions to the Church and Building Fund now go into this one collection.

### WHO SHOULD PAY?

Naturally every worker should pay. But we want every one who has been in the habit of putting money on the plate at the Church door, or paying in any way to sign a Promise Card and get a separate set of envelopes.

### ABOUT THE CHILDREN

Even children who have been in the habit of putting money in the plate should sign a Promise Card even for a small weekly amount such as 3d., and have an envelope to take to Church. We suggest Confirmation as the time when children should be encouraged to start contributing. If they make the contribution out of their spending allowance they will come to look on the envelope as a personal gift to God.

### THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS SCHEME

1. It makes your total subscription easier to give and easier to collect.



2. It reminds you of the purpose of your subscription by having it taken up at the Offertory of the Mass. The envelopes will be placed inside the altar rails at the Offertory of the Mass.

In former days at the Offertory of the Mass the faithful used to give what gifts they could afford from the harvest produce. This method of subscription is really the old system.

### **CONFIDENTIAL**

Your contribution will be private. The collector will know only the number. The register of names will be kept by the parish priest. What you subscribe will be a matter between yourself and God.

### **WHAT ABOUT ARREARS ?**

If you are unable to come to Mass (e.g., because of holidays or sickness) remember that the parochial work is going on and needs your help. Please fill up the envelopes for the Sundays you have missed and bring them next time you go to Mass here.

### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

Each subscriber will receive each quarter a statement of the amount he or she has subscribed during that quarter. You will also be kept informed of progress in completing our building programme.

Remember finally, that this scheme depends on the united efforts of all whether young or old, making the subscription whether big or small which each can afford.

Your contributions made in this way after due consideration and at the Offertory of the Mass will solve the parish building fund problem, and bring a blessing on those who contribute.