

Standing Order & Gift Aid Form

Your Bank Details *(to set up a Standing Order with your bank)*

Account Holder Name: _____

Bank Name: _____

Bank Address: _____

Sort Code: ____ - ____ - ____

Account Number: _____

Please pay:

Dromore Diocesan Trust Newry Parish Standing Order Account

First Trust Bank, Hill Street, Newry, BT34 1AU

Sort Code: 98-83-78

Account Number: 17071627

Monthly Amount: £ _____

Start Date: _____

Reference [Your Name]: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Gift Aid Declaration

(Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate)

I am a UK taxpayer and would like Newry Cathedral Parish to reclaim Gift Aid on this donation and any donations I make in the future.

[] **Please tick to confirm**

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to:

Newry Parish Office, 38–40 Hill Street, Newry, Co. Down BT34 1AT

Privacy Notice

Your information will be held securely and used only to process your donation and administer Gift Aid claims, in line with GDPR and HMRC requirements. It will not be shared for any other purpose.



**Newry Cathedral Parish
38-40 Hill Street
Newry BT34 1AT**

Dear Parishioners,

We are deeply grateful to all who give their time, energy, and financial support to our parish community. Your faith and generosity are the heartbeat of parish life and we are blessed by your commitment.

However, we must be honest with you, **our parish is in crisis.**

Like many households and organisations, we are grappling with rising costs, particularly for heating, lighting, insurance, and the general upkeep of our churches here in Newry. These sacred spaces are where we gather to celebrate life's most meaningful moments – baptisms, weddings, funerals - and where we grow together in faith.

We currently carry a parish debt of almost £1.4 million, which continues to grow due to rising interest rates. Each week, it costs approximately £15,000 to run the parish, yet our income stands at just £13,000. This growing shortfall puts the future of our parish at serious risk.

Despite these challenges, **there is hope - and that hope is you.**

We are asking everyone to consider how they can help, not just financially, but also by sharing their time, skills, and prayerful presence. On the following pages, you will find:

- Ways You Can Help
- A Parishioner Sign-Up Form
- A Standing Order & Gift Aid Form

We hope you will read this leaflet, reflect on the needs of our parish, and respond with faith, generosity, and love.

Yours in Christ,

Newry Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council &
Newry Cathedral Parish Finance Committee

Ways You Can Help

1. 🙏 Be Present & Spread the Word

Make the Church part of your week again:

- Attend daily or weekly Mass
- Join parish prayer – Adoration, Rosary, Novenas, Lectio Divina
- Invite someone to a parish event
- Share your faith story or repost parish updates on social media

2. 🙌 Share Your Time and Talents

Whether you can give an hour a week or help with a one-off project, your contribution is needed and deeply appreciated. We welcome help in all areas of parish life:

- **Liturgical Ministries** – readers, stewards, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, music ministry
- **Faith Development** – support for youth and adult groups, Bible study, sacramental preparation
- **Pastoral Care** – visiting the sick, bereavement support
- **Church Environment** – cleaning, flower arranging, decorating, gardening
- **Professional Skills** – finance, fundraising, communications, IT/tech, marketing, design, legal, governance, property and maintenance

👉 Tick what suits you best on the **Parishioner Sign-Up Form** (see next page).

3. 📭 Give What You Can

Whatever you can give, no matter how small, will make a lasting difference:

- Set up a monthly Standing Order (form on back page)
- Use parish envelopes (available from the office)
- Tap the Contactless Donation Machine at the back of the Cathedral
- Donate online via PayPal
- Contribute through the weekly offertory collection



Newry Cathedral Parish Parishioner Sign-Up Form

Our parish thrives on the generosity and involvement of its people. While we always need volunteers for traditional ministries, we also welcome those with professional and vocational skills who may not realise how valuable their expertise can be in supporting parish life.

I'd like to help in the parish (please tick any areas you are interested in):



Parish Life & Ministry

- ☐ Reader / Minister of the Word
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Music Ministry / Choir
- ☐ Collector / Steward / Altar Server
- ☐ Visiting the Sick / Bereavement Support
- ☐ Helping with Youth or Adult Faith Activities
- ☐ Church Cleaning / Decorating / Flower Arranging / Gardening
- ☐ Admin / Office Support



Skills & Support

- ☐ Property & Maintenance
- ☐ Finance & Budgeting
- ☐ Fundraising & Events
- ☐ Marketing / Design / Communications
- ☐ Photography / Videography
- ☐ IT / AV / Tech Support
- ☐ Legal / Governance / Compliance
- ☐ Other: _____

Your Details

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Best time to contact: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening

☐ I give permission for a parish team member to contact me based on my interests.

Please return this form to the Parish Office 38–40 Hill Street, Newry, Co. Down BT34 1AT or place it in the collection basket.