



## **Saints Joseph and Swithun Parish Community**

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Dear Parishioners

### **Christmas Offertory Collection**

The offertory collection taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is the Parish's contribution to our priests. The other opportunity the Parish has to contribute to our priests is on Easter Sunday. The Offertory collections taken on these two occasions represent a significant proportion of their income.

This year has been unprecedented for the Parish and every member of our community. Every aspect of Parish life has been adversely affected and the number of parishioners present at the celebration of masses continues to be strictly limited to comply with social distancing requirements. As a consequence, the Christmas period will run from Christmas to the Epiphany to give as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to take part in the celebrations. Also, any offertory collections taken during this period will be included in the Christmas contribution to our priests.

Special white envelopes have been printed and are now available for parishioners and anyone else who may attend Mass at both Saint Joseph and Saint Swithun to use when making their Christmas offertory cash or cheque contributions. If you are a taxpayer you can gift aid your contribution by completing the form on the front of the white envelopes. This is very helpful because we can claim back from HMRC a quarter of what is given. If you have received gift aid envelopes please use these instead of the special white envelopes.

Although cash contributions are welcome we urge all parishioners to consider making their contributions electronically by bank transfer or via Churchsuite. This is very helpful and will ensure we can protect the health and safety of the very small number of people who have to count the cash and then take it to the bank. Details of how to make the electronic transfers or to donate via Churchsuite are in the Annex to this letter.

Brest Wishes for Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year

Parish Finance Committee

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## Annex

### Electronic Bank Transfers

To make a bank transfer please use the account below as it will help us to keep Christmas contributions separately from any other contributions made to the Parish.

#### RCAS St Swithun Gift Aid Account

Short account name: **Roman Catholic Archd**

Bank sort code: **60-04-02**

Account number: **27868508**

Reference: Gift aid envelope number and surname (eg 007-Bond).

If you do not have a Gift Aid number and wish to gift aid the contribution please use your surname as a reference and send an email to our Gift Aid Coordinator at [bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:bromleygac@rcaos.org.uk). Please include your phone number so that the gift aid coordinator can easily contact you if required.

### Churchsuite (mobile phone)

If you have a smart phone you can now donate by sending a text message to the Parish's Churchsuite account. You need to **send the text message "SJSBROMLEY GIVE" to 07380 307 800**. Please follow the message Churchsuite sends you. The message will read:

"to give to Saints Joseph and Swithun Parish Bromley, use this link: <https://give2.ch/xxxx>" where xxxx is a unique reference code.

### Churchsuite (Parish website)

If you do have a smart phone and would like to use Churchsuite to make your contribution you can access it via the Parish website. The link is below. Once you have accessed the page please scroll down the page and press the Donate button. Follow the online instructions for making the contribution.

<https://www.stjosephsbromley.org/supporting-our-parish/>