

**PARISHES OF
OUR LADY & ST PATRICK & ST ROBERT
ADDENDUM TO NEWSLETTER 31ST OCTOBER 2021**

**Annual Collection for the Support of Sick and
Retired Clergy: 6th -7th November 2021**

Each year during November the Archdiocese of Cardiff holds a collection for support of the sick and retired priests of the diocese. A number of them continue to serve in retirement as their health allows. We have good reason to be grateful for the ministry of these retired priests over many years.

The pandemic has shown how important priests are in supporting parish communities during a crisis. But just as we have relied on priests during the pandemic, so they rely on us in their retirement. The Sick and Retired Clergy Fund appeal is our opportunity to say thank you.

While priests and parish volunteers have responded valiantly to the COVID-19 crisis our usual fundraising activity has been curtailed. The Sick and Retired Clergy Fund appeal did not run in 2020 because of the pandemic. We are therefore launching the appeal this year in the knowledge that it is *doubly* important.

Parish priests generally retire from the administrative burdens of parish life at the age of 75, often having given 40-50 years of service to their community. This is well beyond the retirement age of most lay people. As they live independently, retired priests support themselves with the help of the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund.

The Fund ensures that priests enjoy a dignified retirement. It supports independent living providing them with a suitable home alongside other services. Above all, it makes certain that their social and health care needs are met. Our priests rely on the Fund having devoted their lives to furthering the mission of the Church and bringing people closer to Christ.

If you would like to support the Sick and Retired Clergy Fund appeal you can donate through your PARISH CHURCHES (Maesteg and Aberkenfig) where envelopes are available.

Alternatively, you can give online at

[online here](http://www.rcadc.org/donations) www.rcadc.org/donations

You can also cut out the Gift Aid declaration in this newsletter and return it with your donation to Archbishop's House 41/43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HD.

Message from Archbishop George: Dear Sisters and Brothers, Once again, I commend to your generosity the annual appeal for the support of the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Cardiff. I know how grateful you are for the ministry of your priests over the years. This collection is an opportunity to thank them in a practical way for their years of dedicated service to the people in their care. As always, I am grateful for the support, encouragement and love shown to our priests. Please keep us all in your prayers.

+ **George Stack Archbishop of Cardiff & Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Menevia**

Please Support the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund

Please use this form to add 25p to every £1 you give at no extra cost

If you are a UK tax payer, you can add 25p to every £1 that you donate to the Archdiocese of Cardiff with Gift Aid.

All you have to do is add your details overleaf and post this Gift Aid Declaration with your donation to the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund, Archdiocese of Cardiff, 41/43 Cathedral Road, Cardiff, CF11 9HD.

They've been there for us. Let's be there for them.

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