

**LANCASTER ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESAN TRUSTEES  
REGISTERED  
Registered Charity No.234331**

I   
Mr, Mrs  
Miss/ Ms

← **Your full name**

← **Your full address  
including post code**

Your address is needed  
to identify you as a  
current UK taxpayer

want the Lancaster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered to  
treat all donations I have made

Since  (This date can be four years prior to the date  
of the declaration)

and all donations I make hereafter as gift aid donations and reclaim tax  
accordingly.

SIGNATURE OF DONOR  Date of Declaration

PARISH NAME  **ST WULSTAN & ST EDMUND, FLEETWOOD**

A Gift Aid donor must be a UK taxpayer and pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax reclaimed on all their Gift Aid donations to all charities in any one tax year. It is the responsibility of the donor to pay any shortfall.

This parish is part of the Diocese of Lancaster and a record of your personal information and donations will be held by the Diocese and stored securely on the Diocese's database. We do not transfer your data to third parties to use for their own marketing or fundraising purposes. We (your parish office and the Diocese) will use your details to administer your gifts. This may include sharing your information with external organisations working on our behalf such as IT support companies, or when required by law (e.g. to claim Gift Aid). See the Diocesan Privacy Policy for full details of how your personal data is used.

Donors should notify you if they:

- Want to cancel their declaration
- Change name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on their income and/or capital gains



**YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR  
PARISH AT NO EXTRA  
COST TO YOU!**

*Are you a taxpayer and  
donate to your parish?*

**PLEASE CONSIDER  
DONATING BY GIFT AID,  
YOU WILL INCREASE  
YOUR DONATION BY 25%**

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## ***What is Gift Aid?***

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Gift Aid was introduced by the Government to encourage more people to help charities; it is tax relief on money donated to UK charities.

## ***So what does it mean?***

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If you are a taxpayer, the Church can reclaim the tax paid on all your donations. The tax is repaid to charities at the basic rate equivalent, as long as you have paid sufficient tax to cover the reclaim, you will be eligible to Gift Aid. You must take into account all tax reclaims on all Gift Aid donations to all charities.

**For every £1 you give the Church can reclaim 25p of tax.**

## ***How does it work?***

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You complete a "Gift Aid declaration" in favour of your Church. The Church can then reclaim the tax you have paid. There has to be a record of what you give, so we ask you to use either offertory envelopes, give by bankers order or by cheque. The declaration will cover everything you donate.

## ***What does it cost me?***

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It costs you absolutely nothing! You are giving to the Church anyway, this simply asks the Government to redirect to the Church some of the tax you have paid to them.

## ***What if you pay tax at the higher rate?***

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Better still, if you are a higher rate tax payer you will receive additional relief, which you will need to claim via your tax code. Seek advice from HM Revenue & Customs.

## ***What happens if I stop paying enough tax?***

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Simply ask your parish priest or organiser to cancel your declaration. If you don't, then you could be sent a bill by HM Revenue & Customs for any tax claimed by the Church that you have not paid. If in future you start paying sufficient tax again you can make a new declaration.

## ***What should I do now for the Church to benefit from my tax?***

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Simply fill in the form on the back of this page and give it to your parish priest, or ask if you have any more questions.

The name of your Parish Organiser is : Maria Doherty

Telephone Number : 01253 770984

Or contact your Parish Priest

***Thank you for the support you give to your parish.  
Without it the parish could not achieve or provide  
what it does.***