

## The Clergy Support Fund – Second Collection – 27th February 2022

On Sunday 27th February, there will be a Diocesan second collection for the Clergy Support Fund.

The Clergy Support Fund of the Archdiocese of Southwark provides care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. This important fund ensures a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People.

In 2021, the Clergy Support Fund provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priests over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese.

You will have received a batch of second collection envelopes in the post from the Diocesan Fundraising and Gift Aid Team. Please ensure that your stewards hand out the Clergy Support Fund envelopes to parishioners over the weekend of 26<sup>th</sup> / 27th February 2022. You will also have received a separate mailing enclosing the materials needed to run the collection – the parish checklist, suggested speaking notes, a newsletter bulletin and a colour poster.

The Home and Donate pages of the diocesan website, as well as our social media channels, are also carrying details of this important fund online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) Please do share and re-post if you are able to do so, and give this important second collection the attention it deserves.

If you have any queries about the second collection, please get in touch with Laura Dudhee [lauradudhee@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:lauradudhee@rcaos.org.uk)

With many thanks for your kind cooperation

Yours sincerely

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