

Enabling Our Mission Campaign



The **Enabling Our Mission** campaign is a fundraising endeavour which aims to make our Diocese and its parishes more outward-looking and missionary-focussed. Through this initiative, the Diocese will also strengthen our communications and improve accountability to both clergy and laity. The three key priorities are:



Equipping our priests and lay leaders with the tools and resources they need to lead a move to mission by providing grants through the Mission Enabling Fund (which has funded nearly 20 projects to date). The fund continues to grow in size thanks to the campaign. Learn more about applying for a grant [here](#)



Alleviating the ever-growing administrative workload of clergy, through the establishment of Deanery Hubs and offer additional formation to clergy and laity



Ensuring our parishes keep 40% of the funds they raise, enabling them to respond effectively to local needs by developing mission initiatives and/or restoring church buildings

Campaign Progress



Launched in Winter 2024



Average pledge of £3,092 across the Diocese



38 parishes engaged to date, across all Deaneries



Over £200,000 has already been disbursed back to participating parishes for their own projects



Nearly £3.5 million received in pledges



100% of the funds raised are held in a restricted bank account and can only be spent on the above three priorities



1,060 Pledges Received



76% Pledges eligible for Gift Aid

Helpful information

The following provide an insight into the campaign so far:

- [Hear from Fr Andrew Cole and Fr David Cain](#) about what the campaign meant to them
- [Canon Matthew speaks of his experience](#)
- [A parishioner shares their thoughts](#)
- [Enabling Our Mission Impact Report](#)

Campaign Newsletter

A monthly campaign e-newsletter has also been established to keep parishioners and clergy up to date with progress.

Case study

Fr. David Cain led the initiative across his two worshipping communities last year, raising £205,473 from 71 families and exceeding their £190,000 target. He said, *"Without doing the campaign, we would not have had a chance of raising our parish share of £80,000. Thank you to everyone that has supported."*

The parish used a portion of the funds raised (supplemented by a successful application to the Mission Enabling Fund) to run a five-day summer camp for 50 children from the Holy Family community, teaching them about missionary discipleship through activities like dance, crafts, and sports.

Parish Spotlight

The Catholic Diocese of Nottingham



Congratulations to the Parish of St Wilfrid of York and Holy Cross, Coalville and Whitwick

During the first quarter of 2025, Fr. Gabriel Offor has been busy conducting the campaign across the two worshipping communities of St Wilfrid and Holy Cross.

The parish had a goal to raise £110,000 and to date has secured over £161,000. Thanks to Father Gabriel's efforts and the generosity of parishioners, the parish is guaranteed to receive at least £60,000, which will help stabilise parish income (which has still not fully recovered from COVID-19) and carry out essential work on the church roofs.

Father Gabriel said: *"I was quite daunted by the task of raising £110,000 but the Campaign Team were there to help me every step of the way."*

When meeting with parishioners, I have really tried to clearly explain what the priorities are, the benefit it will have on our Church and importantly, invite them to consider if they can make their own pledge to support it.

I believe this has led to our success and I am so grateful to everyone that has contributed. The funds raised will benefit our parish for many years to come."



"The generosity and sacrifice parishioners have made has been wonderful. It's great to see the communities come together"



Holy Trinity, Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham Lead the Way

Canon Andrew Cole conducted the **Enabling Our Mission** campaign last February. Thanks to his efforts, alongside those of his parishioners, the parish raised over £200,000, surpassing its initial goal by £40,000.

Canon Andrew said: *"I feel less worried about the financial viability of the parish than I did 12 months ago. People have contributed and it has shown what can be done by taking part in this campaign. We can now do things that we wouldn't have been able to do otherwise."*

It has also given those people who might not be able to contribute physically anymore, with the chance to support their community. We have also seen an additional uplift in parish donations since completing our timeline".

"I was delighted to see the funds coming into our bank account. This will allow us to do much more in the community"

Securing this funding will allow the parish to develop its hall in Cleethorpes as a centre for mission, providing a place where people can come together, while also serving the wider community. An architect has already been enlisted to conduct an assessment so that proper plans can be drawn up.

It is anticipated that the work will take approximately two years to complete and will have a lasting impact on the parish for many years to come.