

How to donate

Thank you for taking the time to consider how to continue to support the Church financially; we receive no government funds and rely entirely on donations in order to maintain our buildings and support the clergy.

The York Oratory is a separate structure from the Parishes of St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's, please read the information below to decide where you would like to donate your money to, and in what way you would like to do this.

You can contact us by emailing finance@yorkoratory.com if you have any queries.

The York Oratory

Donations to this account are used to support the York Oratory clergy and our mission. This account pays for things like our food and housing costs (the maintenance of the rectory), and the stipends for the clergy; this account also pays for some of our music costs. Currently this account is paying for our live-streaming costs.

Ways to donate:

The contactless 'Tap-machine' in St Wilfrid's porch donates to this account. (This is best for small, one-off donation, when in the Church; it's not possible to use gift-aid; we incur some processing costs).

Cash- If you wish to send cash, then it is best delivered in person through our house letter-box. (This can be gift-aided if you have filled in a York Oratory gift-aid form and make a note on each individual donation).

Online Payments- you can make an online payment to the York Oratory by going to <https://yorkoratory.com/donate/> and entering your card details. (This is best for one-off donations, or for Mass Intentions- see below. It is possible to use gift-aid; we incur some processing costs).

Cheques- payable to 'The York Oratory', and sent to 11 High Petergate. (This can be used for one-off donations, or Mass Intentions- see below. We can process cheques without incurring banking costs, and it is possible to gift-aid your donation).

Bank Transfer- please request our account details by sending an email to finance@yorkoratory.com (This can be used for one-off donations, or occasional donations. We incur no banking costs from this method. It is possible to gift-aid, and can be used for Mass Intentions-see below).

Standing Order– this is an instruction to your bank to send a recurring donation, please request our account details by sending an email to finance@yorkoratory.com (This is for recurring donations only; we incur no banking costs and it is easy for us to administer, this is also a very secure way of donating. It is possible to gift-aid. We encourage you to use this method if possible).

Parish Accounts

These are controlled by the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

St Wilfrid's and St Joseph's churches have separate accounts. These pay for the costs of maintaining, heating, and insuring the church buildings. The normal Sunday collection goes into these accounts. Part of the income from these accounts is taken to support the costs of the Diocese of Middlesbrough and its administration.

Ways to Donate:

Cash– if possible, we advise using another method of donating as this is the least secure. If you wish to send cash, then it is best delivered in person through our house letter-box, 11 High Petergate. (This can be gift-aided if you have a gift-aid envelope).

Cheques– payable to St Wilfrid's Church OR St Joseph's Church, and sent to 11 High Petergate. (This can be used for one-off donations. It is possible to gift-aid your donation using a gift-aid envelope or filling out a gift aid form).

Standing Order– this is an instruction to your bank to send a recurring donation, please request our account details by sending an email to finance@yorkoratory.com and specifying which parish you wish to donate to. (This is for recurring donations only; this is a very secure way of donating. It is possible to gift-aid, please request a form).

St Wilfrid's Refurbishment account

St Wilfrid's church has a special fundraising account for large building costs, currently we are fundraising to install underfloor heating. Donations to this account will go towards those costs.

This account is controlled by the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

The best way to donate is to send a cheque payable to St Wilfrid's Refurbishment Fund; to gift-aid use one of the white gift-aid envelopes, or request a gift aid form.

Mass Stipends

Donations for Mass intentions go directly to the priest who says the Mass.

The easiest way to administer this is if you place a cash donation in an envelope with the details of the Mass intention and post it through our letter box (11 High Petergate, YO1 7EN).

A list of Mass intentions is published each week on our website.

If you cannot do this, there are three alternative options:

- 1) A cheque payable to The York Oratory, with a note that it is a Mass Stipend, along with details of the intention.
- 2) Request a Mass Intention online by going to <https://yorkoratory.com/donate/> filling in your card details, and writing the intention(s) in the box.
- 3) A bank transfer to the York Oratory account. You will need to request our bank details by emailing finance@yorkoratory.com. When ready to make the transfer, write 'Mass Stipend' and the intention in the reference, and send an email to finance@yorkoratory.com with the details of each Mass requested, the amount donated, and the transfer date.

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As the York Oratory is legally a separate charity from the Diocese of Middlesbrough, if you wish to gift-aid your donation then a separate gift-aid form needs to be completed for each charity that you donate to.

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Beware of fraudsters- we will never ask you to transfer money to a personal account, to send us your bank details, your pin-number, or to hand over large amounts of cash. If you receive something unusual purporting to come from us try to check with us in person beforehand, or contact us by phone (01904 624767), don't reply directly to any suspicious looking emails.