

## **Gift Aid**

Under UK Tax Law, charities can reclaim the basic rate tax deducted from the donations and regular giving received from UK taxpayers. St Margaret Clitherow Church is a part of the R C Diocese of Southwark which is a Registered Charity No. 235468.

Monetary gifts have to be identifiable; we must know who the gift is from and the donor (giver) must agree that the donation (giving) is to be treated as received under the Gift Aid Scheme. We have Gift Aid Envelopes for the use of occasional givers which bear a Gift Aid Declaration that the donor must complete together with their name and address.

For regular donors, we encourage giving by standing order direct from their bank to ours; and in junction with this we ask for a general Gift Aid Declaration to be made that covers all payments made after the signing of the declaration, into the future. There is no point completing a general Gift Aid Declaration and then continuing to give money through the collection plate at Mass, as we do not know who the gift is from and so cannot reclaim any tax.

Gift Aid Envelopes, Bank Standing Order forms and general Gift Aid Declarations are available from Genevieve Tinto or from the Presbytery.