

## **TO BE READ WHEN LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED**

On your chair you will find a leaflet titled "Thanksgiving Sunday." If you are standing at the back, (N) will give you one. Thanksgiving Sunday this year is on (DATE), in two weeks' time. This is our special Sunday each year when we decide how much money we will give to God's work for the following year. I will now explain in more detail about Thanksgiving Sunday, especially for those people who have not been involved before.

During the next couple of weeks, please use this leaflet to help you pray about what part of your income you should give to God's work each week or month. This is something that only you can do as an individual or a family and is not to be discussed with anyone else, including the clergy.

You may not be aware that, as a Church, the parish receives absolutely no money from either the Government or the Archdiocese - except for Gift Aid tax refunds of course. In fact we ourselves need to make monthly contributions to the Archdiocese which does not have any money either. We are not a wealthy church. Here at St. (N's), all the parish's costs, such as heating, lighting and the clergy wages, are paid for by you through your generous and prayerful giving. At the back of the leaflet there is a budget for how much we need in (YEAR). I believe that together, through our offerings, we can achieve this by continuing to pray and support each other in the parish and the wider community. God has blessed us before and He will bless us again. He is the provider for all our needs.

On (DATE), everyone will receive a pledge card to complete during a quiet time at the end of the Liturgy.

The boxes of envelopes or standing order forms will then be handed out in the following weeks.

If you have any questions, please ask me.