

Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies.

Dear Parishioner,

Under the **Tax Relief Scheme** our parish is eligible to claim back a percentage of the tax paid by parishioners on their church contributions. If you have contributed more than **€250** in total in any qualifying year and if you are a **PAYE worker**, then the parish can get back the tax that you have already paid on this money. Last year we got a refund of **€5,426** for the year 2007 from a total of 18 people who filled in the form. [The amount was **€7,390** for 2006 from a total of only 22 people]

We would now like to begin the process of claiming back tax for the year 2008

It must be done immediately since we can only go back 4 years ~ and we can claim for 2009 to 2012 later.

NB The Parish must make our claim for 2008 well before Christmas to qualify.

The refund will be very worthwhile if everyone who was a **PAYE worker in 2008** fills in the relevant CHY 2 Cert / Form. **NB To claim for the year 2008 you must have been a PAYE worker that year.**

For example:

- If you were on the **Standard Tax Rate (20%)** at the end of 2008 and contributed a total of €400 to the parish, then the Revenue will send back €100 (i.e. **25%** of what you paid).
- If you were on the **Higher Rate (41%)** at the end of 2008 and you contributed a total of €400, the Revenue will return €278 (i.e. **69.5%** of what you paid).

All you have to do is fill in the following on the CHY 2 Cert / Form:

1. **Your name in BLOCK capitals. We will fill in the parish name, amount and year of claim.**
2. **Your PPS number.**
3. **Tick the tax rate box: Standard or Higher.**
4. **Sign, Date and fill in your address and phone number.**

When you have completed the areas of the form requested above:

- **Please put it in a sealed envelope & place in the collection basket at Mass next Sunday.**

Or

- **Post it back, or hand it in to the Parochial House**

Or

- **Give it directly to your priest.**

Please try to have your form back by next week. Thanks for your generosity and co-operation.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. John Mc Tiernan, P.P.