Stipends, Expenses, Stole fees at Our Lady & St Benedict's, Ampleforth

Fees are paid for the support of the parish; stipends and stole fees for the support of the priest. The priest and parish will always be concerned that offerings are made according to a person's means. It is always possible to remember any particular need in prayer at any Mass at request: there is no payment for prayers; stipends are paid to fulfil the duty of supporting the parish and the priest.

Fees to the parish are paid for the use of the church or for other parish services as listed. Use of the church includes rehearsals and preparation. These expenses usually turn out to be a relatively small proportion of total expenditure on a baptism, marriage or funeral.

Stipends and stole fees are fees paid for the financial support of the priest and are given as guidelines for a minimum offering. The stole fee for baptism, funerals or marriage includes the conduct of the service. Work on preparation of documents, any time given personally is a separate fee. For Mass, when a priest accepts a stipend, he makes that intention the main intention at Mass.

In the table below, fees are listed as payable to the parish or the stipend account.

Liturgy		Parish	Stipend
Mass	Mass stipend		£10-£25

Baptism	Stole Fee		£35
	Use of Church	£60	

Marriages	Stole fee		£150
	Preparation Programme, preparation of documents	£195	
	Use of church parishioner	£200	
	former parishioner	£400	
	non-parishioner	£700	

Funerals	Stole fee		£180
	Use of church	NA	
	Attendance at graveside/crematorium away from church	£150	
	Liturgy at Graveside or Crematorium only	£320	
	Burial and memorial in the churchyard (single grave)	£550	
	Burial and memorial in the churchyard (double grave)	£850	
	Burial in existing grave	£200	
	Cremation burial in the parish churchyard	£260	
	Permission for headstone	£150	
	Permission for tablet	£100	

Other Fees	Organist and/or Cantor, paid direct £70 or as agreed		

Registers	Search for Records and/or production of Certificate	£30	