Table of Parochial Fees from 1 January 2025

Extracted from the Parochial Fees Order 2024 (SD 2024/0279) made by the Sodor and Man Diocesan Board of Finance under section 4 of the Church Fees Measure (Isle of Man) 2014 and the Registration of Marriages (Fees) Regulations 2016 (SD 2016/0205) made by the Treasury under section 51(5) of the Marriage Act 1984. For legal purposes reference should be made to the Order and Regulations.

Abbreviations: DBF = (fee payable to) Diocesan Board of Finance
PCC = (fee payable to) Parochial Church Council

Baptism certificate

	DBF	PCC	Total
Certificate issued at time of baptism	21.00	16.00	**37.00**

NOTES

The fee for a certificate issued at the time of baptism is for a certified copy of the entry in the register book of baptisms (and not a souvenir 'Certificate' bought commercially). The fees payable for a certified copy of the entry issued at any other time are those specified below under 'Searches in church registers'.

Short certificates of baptism are not issued as the Baptismal Registers Measure 1961 does not extend to the Isle of Man.

Under the Baptismal Fees Abolition Act 1872 no fee may be charged for a service of baptism.

Marriage licences

Bishop's special licence	**280.00**
Common licence	**120.00**

Marriages

	DBF	PCC	Total
Publication of banns of marriage	nil	nil	nil
Certificate of banns	17.00	17.00	**34.00**
Marriage service in church	218.00	252.00	**470.00**
Marriage certificate (certified copy of entry in marriage register, at any time)	13.00	nil	**13.00**
Service of prayer and dedication in church after civil marriage	88.00	88.00	**176.00**
Service of thanksgiving for marriage in church	77.00	77.00	**154.00**

See general note on 'Extras' on page 3.

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Funerals and burials of persons aged 16 or over

	DBF	Sexton	PCC	Total
Funeral service in church	103.00	nil	113.00	**216.00**
Funeral service at crematorium, in cemetery chapel or at graveside	206.00	nil	nil	**206.00**
Burial in parish burial ground immediately preceding or following on from service in church	78.00	52.00	nil	**130.00**
Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church	78.00	nil	nil	**78.00**
Burial in parish burial ground on separate occasion	93.00	52.00	nil	**145.00**
Burial elsewhere on separate occasion	93.00	nil	nil	**93.00**
Memorial service in church	62.00	nil	72.00	**134.00**
Certificate of burial (certified copy of entry in register of burials	21.00	nil	16.00	**37.00**

NOTES

No fee is payable in respect of a burial of a still-born infant, or the funeral or burial of a person dying under the age of 16.

Fees due to the DBF may be waived only with the written permission of the Archdeacon on behalf of the DBF. Fees due to the PCC may be waived only with the consent of the PCC.

Definitions:

'burial' includes the opening of a vault or grave, deposit in a vault or brick grave and the interment or deposit of cremated remains;

'parish burial ground' includes a churchyard and any other burial ground maintained by the churchwardens of a parish whether or not adjoining a church; it also includes any area used for the interment of cremated remains within such a churchyard or burial ground, whether consecrated or not;

'monument' includes headstone, cross, kerb, border, vase, chain, railing, tablet, plaque, flatstone, tomb, tombstone or other memorial of any kind;

'immediately preceding or following on from service in church' means on the day before, the day of, or the day after the service in church;

'on separate occasion' means on a day other than the day before, the day of, or the day after the service in church.

Monuments in burial grounds

	DBF	Sexton	PCC	Total
Erection or construction of monument permitted in accordance with rules, regulations or directions made by the Vicar General, either generally or in relation to a particular parish burial ground or part thereof (but excluding a monument authorized by a faculty, the fee for which is set by the Vicar General and charged by the Diocesan Registrar):—				
Small cross of wood	26.00	31.00	nil	**57.00**
Any other monument	73.00	57.00	nil	**130.00**
Additional inscription on existing monument	52.00	57.00	nil	**109.00**

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Fees for visiting clergy and readers with permission to officiate	
Holy Communion with sermon and hymns on a Sunday or major festival	**45.00**
Holy Communion in any other case	**35.00**
Special service (eg. children's service)	**40.00**
Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer (with or without Holy Communion)	**40.00**
Holy Baptism as separate service (including not more than 2 pastoral visits)	**60.00**
Marriage service (including not more than 3 pastoral visits)	One-half of the amount specified in the appropriate table on page 1 or 2 as payable to the DBF
Funeral service, burial or cremation (including not more than 3 pastoral visits)	

Searches in church registers			
	DBF	PCC	Total
Searching registers of marriages for period before 1849, for each hour or part of an hour	21.00	16.00	**37.00**
Searching registers of baptisms or of burials (including provision of one copy of any entry therein), for each hour or part of an hour	21.00	16.00	**37.00**
Each additional copy of an entry in a register of baptisms or burials	21.00	16.00	**37.00**

Note on local charges for 'Extras'

1. The fees shown in this table do not include charges for heating, the services of a verger, music (e.g. organist, choir, cost of sheet, streamed or recorded music), bells and flowers, which are fixed by the PCC or the service provider (e.g. musicians or flower arrangers). The PCC must spell out what any extra charge is for; a charge must be reasonable and specific. A general charge, e.g. a "facility fee", may not be charged.

2. The minister should discuss the statutory fees and all other charges with those concerned in advance of the service and ensure that the person paying the charges understands what they will be. A table of local charges should be displayed alongside this Table of Fees.

3. Matters included in the fee in the case of a wedding or funeral service in church, any costs and expenses incurred in respect of routine administration (including arranging dates and times and the making of entries in registers), the cost of the parish clerk, making the church available, cleaning and lighting are included in the fee prescribed as payable to the PCC.

4. Mileage: In the case of a wedding the minister claims any mileage against the PCC, and this is included in the PCC fee: the couple pay no extra. In the case of a funeral, the minister should claim the mileage direct from the funeral director in arrear when presenting the invoice.

5. Payment in advance: A PCC may resolve that any local charges are to be paid in advance of the wedding, and may decline to provide the "extras" if the charges have not been paid at the time of the service. However, the statutory fees in this Table cannot be demanded in advance.

6. Further guidance: Reference may be made to *A guide to Church of England Parochial Fees* which can be found online. N.B. The Guide is based on English law and English fees which are different but the general principles on "Extras" apply.