

St Malachy's Parish, Financial Report 2021

Dear Parishioner,

We are pleased to present the Parish Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021, along with the comparative financial position for 2020 and 2019 for your information.

The objectives of the Parish Finance Committee remain the same, namely, to meet Parish costs, manage finances and maintain Parish assets in good order.

You will note from review of the attached financial summary, that Parish finances have been significantly impacted as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We would highlight the following key points:

Income

- The total annual income collected by the Parish has decreased by c£135k, a 43% decrease from 2019 to 2021;
- Weekly Church collections have reduced by 56% from 2019 to 2021 as a result of Covid restrictions permitting limited attendance from Parishioners at our weekly Masses, as well as fewer visitors to our Church;
- The monthly offertory collection in support of two priests (the Parish Priest and a Priest in Residence), has reduced from a total of c£13k in 2019 to c£6k in 2021, a decrease of 57%;
- Sales of candles and parish papers have also reduced by 66%;
- Donations and fundraising have reduced by 75%, a decrease of c£60k, impacted as a result of our Parish lotto being suspended during the Covid restrictions; and
- Rental income has fallen slightly by 9% between 2019 and 2021 (although there was a higher reduction in 2020 due to the decrease in car park rental collections).

On a positive note, during the 2021 year we have entered into a lease agreement to sub-let the top floor of the Parish Centre to Highpoints Ballet Company, in an effort to increase income levels. We therefore anticipate that rental income will return to pre-pandemic levels in the 2022 financial year.

We would highlight however, that prior to the pandemic, the rental income accounted for only 30% of the Parish annual income. The Parish finances are highly dependent on Church collections and fundraising.

Expenditure

In order to manage the financial situation with the decreased levels of income, a number of steps have been taken to reduce costs:

- The total annual expenditure by the Parish has reduced by £131k, a 46% decrease between 2019 to 2021;
- Parish running costs have been reduced by 23%. However, it will be difficult to maintain this reduction in the current year due to the impact of rising energy costs;
- Solidarity payments to the Diocese in respect of repayments for the cost of the Church renovation have been suspended until further notice, in order to reduce the pressure on Parish finances; and

- Spending on salaries has been reduced by 55% in the period, due to a reduction in hours for our Parish Secretary and Housekeeper, and the redeployment of Sr Marie to the role of Chaplain in Our Lady and St Patrick's College, Knock. We would highlight that this has unfortunately had an impact on the delivery of Pastoral Services within our Parish Community.

Balances

We would highlight that although there has been a surplus in the 2021 accounts of c£24k, this has been achieved as a result of every possible cost cutting measure being introduced, which will not be sustainable against the backdrop of rising energy costs. It is also important to note that if Solidarity payments were re-introduced by the Diocese (which were c£47k in 2019) the 2021 accounts would have been in a deficit position of c£23k. The Finance Committee have prepared a budget for the 2022 year, which currently results in a deficit, without the re-introduction of Solidarity payments.

Fr McGinnity and the Parish Finance Committee remain grateful for the support of Parishioners and visitors to our Parish. We are also conscious of the unprecedented demands currently placed on people's finances. However, the Parish faces challenging financial times in the years ahead, and in these circumstances any additional contributions that can be made throughout the year would greatly help us to best meet those issues and enable us to deliver the vital Pastoral Services within our Parish Community.

Paul Shevlin
Chair Finance Committee

St Malachy's Parish Finance Committee

Fr Michael McGinnity (Parish Priest)
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Finance Report to Parishioners

Summary of Income and Expenditure for the Three Years Ended 31 December 2021

Income	2019		2020		2021		Income movement in 3 years %
	£	% of total income	£	% of total income	£	% of total income	
Church collections	77,932.24	25%	42,144.38	26%	34,280.83	19%	-56%
Monthly offertory collection in support of the Parish Priest and the Priest in Residence	13,073.32	4%	9,607.36	6%	5,561.71	3%	-57%
Crypt income	11,400.00	4%	16,180.00	10%	19,300.00	11%	69%
Donations and fundraising	80,004.76	25%	15,733.75	10%	20,032.56	11%	-75%
Sale of candles, books and papers	37,023.65	12%	13,735.23	9%	12,599.38	7%	-66%
Rental income	95,397.93	30%	63,180.35	39%	86,829.28	49%	-9%
	314,831.90	100%	160,581.07	100%	178,603.76	100%	-43%
Priest's Welfare receipt from the Diocese (for two Priests)	21,806.68		26,082.51		26,984.94		
Non Parish collection	14,358.50		6,663.97		6,806.12		
Furlough grants	-		13,705.06		-		
Insurance claims	-				4,853.13		
Other	29.64		23.28		304.10		
	36,194.82		46,474.82		38,948.29		
Total income	351,026.72		207,055.89		217,552.05		

Expenditure	2019		2020		2021		Expenditure movement in 3 years (%)
	£	% of total exp	£	% of total exp	£	% of total exp	
Church supplies	24,447.92	9%	12,128.35	7%	4,688.77	3%	-81%
Diocesan payments	16,699.00	6%	16,550.00	9%	14,720.75	10%	-12%
Solidarity loan interest	47,212.12	17%	11,775.02	7%	-	0%	-100%
Salaries and wages	51,085.59	18%	49,278.03	28%	23,077.50	15%	-55%
Parish running costs	144,333.56	51%	88,586.56	50%	110,644.85	72%	-23%
	283,778.19	100%	178,317.96	100%	153,131.87	100%	-46%
Stipends for Two Priests, Supply Priests and Welfare Payment to the Diocese	43,119.58		38,021.88		32,260.19		
Non Parish collection	14,358.50		6,663.97		6,301.21		
School payment	6,156.58				1,327.40		
Bank charges and fees	986.06		747.57		573.11		
	64,620.72		45,433.42		40,461.91		
Total income	348,398.91		223,751.38		193,593.78		

Net surplus/(deficit)	2,627.81	(16,695.49)	23,958.27
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