

PARISH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, BLACKROCK.

FINANCE REPORT 2021

PARISH FUNDS

- Firstly, thank you all so much for your continued contributions to the Parish Support Fund.
- Thank you also for stopping by our Church to light candles at our shrines, even while public Masses remained unavailable in 2021.
- Income for 2021, as in 2020, remained below pre-COVID levels.
- Our Expenses decreased slightly in 2021 due to lower levels of activity brought about by the COVID restrictions, including the deferring of some maintenance work on our buildings.
- The Parish continues to run an annual deficit of expenses over regular income. This would be of real concern were it not for once-off donations / bequests received; however, these cannot be guaranteed in any given year.
- The Presbytery at 23 Barclay Court was sold during 2021, realising a Gain on Sale of just over €600,000.

DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS

- The First and Second Collections at Sunday Mass have recovered well as public Masses slowly returned after COVID. However, these still remain below pre-COVID levels.
- Christmas, Easter and Summer Dues have been very well supported, and, as all Dues, along with the First Collection, are used to maintain the priests of the Diocese including our own, we are most grateful.

PROJECTS

The **Living the Joy of the Gospel** initiative which many of you so generously supported has come to an end. Over the course of six years it enabled the following projects to be completed:

- access ramp, automated doors and shortening of the pews in St Anne's Aisle for improved accessibility
- new electronic organ and parish hymn books
- re-surfacing of the grounds between the Church and Parish Centre
- the new parish website www.sjb.ie
- repairs to the kneelers
- public access to toilet facilities in the Church building

Other projects undertaken recently include:

- installing Wi-Fi in the Church
- replacement of the old boiler
- replacing the old linoleum flooring in the Parish Centre
- repairing and painting the cast iron gutters and down-pipes on the Church

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The Parish Financial Accounts for 2021 have been prepared on an Accrual Accounting basis.
These Accounts have been audited by the Diocesan Auditors, Mazars.

	2021	2020	2019
REGULAR INCOME			
Sundry Donations	€ 17,698	€ 15,175	€ 6,277
Parish Support Fund	€ 67,736	€ 71,338	€ 58,243
Tax Refund on Charitable Contributions	€ 37,729	€ 24,731	€ 22,318
Parish Maintenance Fund	€ 50	€ 8,380	€ 20,827
Rental Income from Parish Centre	€ 940	€ 2,600	€ 18,038
Shrines	€ 27,584	€ 12,861	€ 23,319
Carpark	€ 3,743	€ 9,085	€ 16,219
Other Income	€ 3,353	€ 1,557	€ 3,027
TOTAL REGULAR INCOME	€ 158,833	€ 145,728	€ 168,268
LESS EXPENSES			
Heat and Light	€ (25,336)	€ (25,025)	€ (24,889)
Repairs and Maintenance	€ (29,960)	€ (35,295)	€ (31,258)
Staff Costs	€ (39,951)	€ (50,307)	€ (48,527)
Musicians and Church Helpers	€ (21,104)	€ (17,340)	€ (27,071)
Insurance (net of Covid rebate received)	€ (11,816)	€ (12,309)	€ (11,913)
COVID Related Costs	€ (1,096)	€ (4,811)	€ -
Depreciation Charges	€ (10,448)	€ (12,263)	€ (10,294)
Other Expenses (Printing, Stationery, IT Costs, etc.)	€ (57,101)	€ (47,882)	€ (49,896)
TOTAL EXPENSES	€ (196,812)	€ (205,233)	€ (203,849)
ANNUAL SHORTFALL	€ (37,979)	€ (59,505)	€ (35,581)
PLUS ONCE-OFF INCOME			
Funds Received from <i>Living the Joy of the Gospel</i> Initiative	€ 140	€ 3,578	€ 22,455
Bequests	€ 25,000	€ 60,979	
Diocesan Insurance Claim relating to Loss of Income during COVID	€ 60,042		
Gain on Sale of Presbytery at 23 Barclay Court	€ 603,940		€ -
TOTAL ONCE-OFF INCOME	€ 689,123	€ 64,557	€ 22,455
OVERALL SURPLUS (SHORTFALL)	€ 651,144	€ 5,052	€ (13,126)
FUNDS IN PARISH BANK ACCOUNTS			
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LIVING THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL FUND	€ 44,367	€ 44,257	€ 35,559
TOTAL FUNDS	€ 723,774	€ 162,229	€ 129,110
DIOCESAN COLLECTIONS - SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE DIOCESE			
First Collection	€ 44,834	€ 32,753	€ 71,181
Second/SHARE Collection	€ 22,714	€ 17,340	€ 52,345
Christmas, Easter and Summer Dues	€ 66,190	€ 53,875	€ 56,902
Accord	€ -	€ 1,770	€ 1,827
Ministry Sunday	€ -	€ -	€ 1,925
Peter's Pence	€ 870	€ -	€ 1,951
Trocaire	€ 2,388	€ -	€ -
Crosscare Community Services	€ 2,443	€ -	€ 2,740
Mission Sunday	€ 1,525	€ 655	€ 2,205
	€ 140,964	€ 106,393	€ 191,077

WE THANK ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE PARISH SO GENEROUSLY OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS.

2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE: Fr. Peter O'Connor, Liam Butler (Chairman), Justin Egan, Redmond Joyce, Tom Keane.
We thank Redmond Joyce who stepped down from the Finance Committee, effective March 2023.
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