



PARISHES OF CURRAHA, ARDCATH & CLONALVY

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Parish Financial Statement covering years 2022-2023.

The Parish Financial report for years 2022 and 2023 is available now on the Parish Website which is a statement of the income and expenditure covering both years for the Parish Funds account, which is the account that covers the running costs of the parish. Thankfully, due to your support the parish has an excess of income over expenditure, has been able to cover it's expenses in 2022 and we have been able to clear all bills again this year.

You will notice a jump in the income over expenditure last year over 2022's. This is explained in that we claim back the Charity Rebate on envelope donations every other year in order to differentiate this income from the rebate from the Curraha donations. As you can see this rebate is an important support to the parish, and this is claimed back on the Envelope Offerings, Direct Debits and Standing Orders, as well as donations when the family envelope number is identifiable. There was some difficulty in distributing the boxes of envelopes to some areas of the parish last year, and this can be seen in the drop of income. While positive to have the charity rebate, the lump sum covers the two years and so the reality is that the disparity between income and expenditure is too close for comfort.

The Parish also received a payment from Allianz as part of the Covid Loss of Income claim which can be seen in the report – every little helps!

(Clonalvy): The funds from the sale of St Finians School, Clonalvy have been deposited in the Parish Offerings Account since last March, less the Auctioneer and legal fees and Diocesan Levies that all land, held by the Diocesan Trust is subject to, when sold. I can assure parishioners that this money is held in the parish, and for use by the parish, according to the relevant legal obligations that govern charitable entities. To be clear, a parish is defined as *“a certain community of Christ 's faithful stably established within a particular Church, whose pastoral care, under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, is entrusted to a parish priest as its proper pastor.”*. The Parish Financial Committee, to whom I am grateful for their expertise, advice and support, after much discussion have agreed that this money should be placed in a long term savings account for use on any capital projects that may arise, while the interest of these savings will offset some of the expenses of the parish office.

There's never a length of time that goes by in a parish without some work to be done: Some of the upcoming works include tackling the water ingress in Clonalvy's Bell Tower and remedial works if necessary, landscaping the outside paths, addressing broken tiles and guttering of St Mary's, and treating the ingress of damp



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in the interior walls, as well as works identifiable by the Parish Pastoral Committee, subject to the approval of the Parish Finance Committee.

I wish to thank you for your generosity in supporting the work of your parish, and also to recognise that the burden of financial supporting the parish rests on the shoulders of too few parishioners, many of whom are the regular Mass goers. This is the reality that we face, and other parishes as well, that while the bills and expenses of running a parish increase each year, those who give are declining. We are a people of hope rather, and indeed we trust in the providence of the Lord and the love that the people of God have for their parish.

If anyone has any queries about the parish finances, please don't hesitate to ask me.



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Income & Expenditure Statement Ardcath/Clonalvy 2022-2023

Income	2022	2023
Envelopes/Direct Debits	13,246.00	11,128.00
Plate	16,633.00	17,315.00
Donations to Parish		2,938.49
Trocaire/ Vocations/Mission Sunday etc	1,710.00	660.00
Cemetery Plots		
Cemetery Collection		
Shrine	1,772.00	1,688.00
CHY		7,722.11
Insurance		1,349.35
Rental on Parish Centre/Tennis Club		
Miscel	0.30	145.00
Total Income	33,361.30	42,945.95
Expenditure		
Repairs & Maintenance to Church	1,767.50	2,067.84
Accounts Package	190.10	211.95
Light & Heat/Water/Phone	3,719.54	3,191.80
Diocesan Levies	4,930.82	4,418.52
Insurance	5,462.83	4,441.33
Office Stationary/Printing Etc		365.00
Church Supplies	4,146.59	5,481.85
Bank Charges	120.45	139.42
Wages	3,263.34	3,648.60
Repayment Wedding Booking		
Miscel		107.63
Total Expenditure	23,601.17	24,073.94

Excess of Income over Expenditure

9,760.13 18,872.01