

Our Lady & St Hubert's: Parish Accounts 2021

Parish Receipts

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
Receipts		
Offertories - Gift Aid	£19,111.07	£19,331.81
Offertories - Non-Gift Aid	£7,189.53	£5,339.82
Donations - Non Gift Aid	£1,496.90	£1,424.25
Tax Refds Gift Aid/invests	£4,511.76	£8,962.61
Occasional inc/Fund raising	£0.00	£410.70
External Grants received	£2,729.62	£0.00
Votive Candles Inc	£1,531.77	£853.70
Repository/Piety Inc	£29.70	£164.33
Newspapers Inc	£0.00	£76.50
Parish Tote/200 etc Club	£0.00	£462.00
Rental Receipts	£5,018.98	£5,906.00
Interest received	£0.61	£97.90
Total Receipts	£41,619.94	£43,029.62

Parish Expenditure

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020
Payments		
Church - Liturgical/Pastoral	£2,207.03	£3,785.27
House - Domestic	£1,776.34	£2,127.37
Repository Exp	£0.00	£144.00
Newspapers Exp	£216.97	£520.68
Votive Candles Exp	£549.70	£0.00
Parish Donations	£25.00	£25.00
Clergy - Allowance/Nat. Ins.	£3,150.00	£0.00
Clergy - Clerical Medical	£200.00	£200.00
Parish Levies	£14,364.28	£9,477.22
Office Expenses	£2,527.65	£1,773.03
Interest paid/bank charges	£144.18	£138.86
Church - Establishment	£9,949.70	£8,790.08
Church - Property Maintenance	£29,064.01	£395.00
House - Establishment	£3,274.92	£3,418.36
House - Property Maintenance	£230.00	£0.00
Excpt. - new bldg wrk/reps etc	£29,820.00	£0.00
Inv Pty - agents fees	£602.28	£705.60
Inv Pty- repairs etc	£516.00	£499.48
Total Payments	£98,618.06	£31,999.95
Total Surplus / Loss	-£56,998.12	£11,029.67

Dear Parishioners,

Here are the parish accounts for 2021, alongside the 2020 accounts for comparison. In May 2021 we had a complete survey of the entire church site to identify and prioritise any maintenance work required. The report produced by this survey, known as a quinquennial, is to my knowledge the first such comprehensive survey conducted since the church was built. As a consequence of the survey the following works were carried out in 2021.

- The water pipes that were supplying the church were leaking. These have now been replaced (with the use of a mechanical mole).
- The old boiler was removed from the crypt.
- An Asbestos survey was carried out and all noted instances of Asbestos were either removed or encapsulated (made safe).
- Tree Surgeon cut back, where necessary, the large trees around the boundary of the site.
- Water was leaking through the roof around the toilet area. These leaks have been fixed.
- The heating system has been upgraded on a like for like basis. The old gas fan heater has been replaced by a modern and more efficient (and quieter!) one.
- The church electrics have been inspected and upgraded to current regulations
- The church fire safety has been reviewed and required apparatus and signage has been checked and implemented where necessary.
- Guttering has been cleaned out and repaired

- The low-level roofing has been inspected and fixed where necessary (including a re-routing of a downpipe to avoid overspill onto the flat roof)
- Flat roof to the presbytery and verge on the pitched roof was repaired.

This work is reflected in the figures for the church property maintenance of £29,064.01 and the exceptional work item of £29,820.00.

Up to this point the parish funds have been able to cover the cost of the work. In particular the parish has for a long time been raising funds to pay for a new heating system as the old system was proving increasingly inadequate; and because of this historical “contract” between the parish and you, the parishioners, I am particularly glad that this new heating system has now been installed. Although it may not be perfect, I do believe that the *like for like* system chosen was the best option available to us in terms of the cost and architectural impact as well as the efficiency and economy of it. I do believe that it has already proved its worth and will continue to do so over the colder winter months to come.

I would like to thank the *Maintenance Committee* and *Finance Committee* – as well as Vincent Burke our Gift Aid Officer and all our collectors and counters and fund-raising committee. Because of Covid we have necessarily had something of a hiatus in our fund raising and social events but look forward to starting these activities up again in the future. A special note of thanks to Jeff Rowley who project managed much (most!) of the work that has been done.

The parish is still in a healthy position financially but with all the maintenance work that we are doing now – and hope to do before the church building’s 100th anniversary in 2035 - we will need to raise more funds in the not-too-distant future. Broadly speaking

we are still in the middle of making the external walls and roofing water-tight and secure, after which we will be able to concentrate on internal works like, for example, repainting and redecorating.

A couple of low-priority, but rather nice, jobs that we have on our to-do list are:

- 1 A complete overhaul of the parish organ
(estimated cost £20,000)
- 2 Re-commissioning and installation of the church bell
(estimated cost £10,000)

Although we can't really justify doing either of these jobs at the moment (with other higher-priority jobs still outstanding) if there was a generous benefactor out there who would be prepared to cover the above estimated cost of either of these items we would be able to move them to the top of the queue and your donation could be acknowledged and recognised by a plaque or in some other way (or, if you prefer, it could remain anonymous).

Because of the Covid pandemic – we have seen a definite trend towards paperless payments in society and making your parish contributions by standing order is just one way of reinforcing this trend. Standing order contributions can be set up regardless of whether you are a tax payer and regardless of whether you are gift aiding your donation or not. **If you would like to set up a standing order please contact our Gift Aid Officer, Vincent Burke**, and he will be happy to assist you in this. His contact details can be found amongst the parish information on the front page of the Newsletter.

Please also let me know if you have any questions about the parish accounts.

God bless,

Fr Roger