

*Parochial House,  
Ferns.*

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6th April 2020

Dear Parishioner,

On this sheet you have a report of the Parish Church Finances. The contributions that parishioners make towards their Parish are signs both of faith and generosity. I am most grateful to all who contribute to the support of the Parish and to us priests personally, through the basket collections at Mass and the four collections we have throughout the year.

Our greatest source of **regular parish income** is the Sunday Envelopes, this year's figure was €34,566.60 which was a decrease of €1,122.46 on last year (3.18%), mainly due to the deaths of benefactors R.I.P. Most of the money raised in the Sunday Envelope Collection remains in the Parish and goes towards the running costs, e.g. Insurance, Oil, Electricity, Altar Requisites, Repairs, Renovations, etc. and a percentage goes towards the running of the Diocesan Office, Education of Priests and Seminarians, Cura, Family Life Services, etc. Our contribution to the Diocesan Central Fund was €6,900.00, which was 19.96% of the total Sunday Envelope collection. An Audited Balance Sheet of the Diocesan Central Fund is displayed annually in the Church Porch and on the diocesan website (www.ferns.i.e.).

The **Church Building Account** is still live and there are contributions still coming into it, during the year this account attracted **€8,760.00**.

The **Parish Council Account** is used for repairs of structures, etc. The main fundraisers during the year were The Field Day and Annual Concert which were very successful. I thank in a special way our Parish Council who organised events over the years, sold tickets from house to house and gave so generously of their time and energy.

I am very grateful for every support large and small towards our parish. During the year we received **€3,000.00** through the Bingo Draw, which was magnificent. We had the Church decorated last January and Live Streaming introduced. Hopefully we will commence the Pastoral Centre in the summer. We were delighted to obtain a grant from the Albert Gubay Fund of €50,000.00 for the Pastoral Centre (this is retained in Bishop's House until the work starts) and we have a personal pledge of €10,000.00 for the Centre when construction begins in August 2020.

The source of income for the priests of the parish is the Sunday Mass Collection, Christmas and Easter Dues, Pious List, Transport Collection, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals and Mass Offerings. I thank all who worship in our Parish Church and all who support both of us priests, through the various collections.

I am most grateful to all who give of their talents, support and energy towards the parish in so many areas of ministry, it is deeply appreciated.

On Fr. Richard's and my own behalf, I thank you for your generosity and support in the past and look forward to your continued support in the future. If you would like to contribute to the support of the parish and are not receiving weekly envelopes, please contact the parish office 053 9366514. Maybe you might consider supporting through a regular Standing Order through the Bank..

If we can be of help to you in any way please do not hesitate to ask and we will do our utmost to help you in any way we can.

# *St. Aidan's Parish Church Ferns Annual Financial Report 2019*

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## **Ferns Church Building Account 1st January 2019—31st Dec. 2019**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Credit Balance 1/1/2019	€15,056.82	Local Property Tax CRH	€ 346.00
Courtyard contribution S.O.	€ 1,200.00	Bank fees	€ 32.10
Standing Orders	€ 360.00		
Carnew Rd. House Rent	€ 7,200.00		
	<hr/>	Credit Bal. 31/12/19	€ 23,438.72
	€23,816.82		€ 23,816.82

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## **Ferns Parish Account No.2 (Parish Council)**

<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Credit Balance 1/1/2019	€43,386.01	Fr.Redmond Jubilee	€ 2,050.00
Field Day	€ 4,670.00	Landscaping Ch.	€ 1,916.60
Patron	€ 430.64	Lawnmower rep.	€ 755.78
Concert	€ 4,000.00	Xmas Lights	€ 200.00
		Bank Charges	€ 12.50
		Live Streaming	€ 705.00
		Insurance Spire Gl.	€ 300.00
	<hr/>	Cr. Bal. 31/12/19	€ 46,546.77
	€ 52,486.65		€ 52,486.65

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## **Summary of Parish Finances 2019**

Building Account Credit Balance	€ 23,438.72
Parish Account No. 2 Credit Balance	€46,546.77
Parish Account No. 1 Credit Balance	€23,022.21
Credit Union Enniscorthy	<u>€40,233.86</u>

## Income

## St. Aidan's Church Ferns Account No.1 1st Jan.—31st Dec. 2019

## Expenditure

Sunday Envelopes	€ 33,836.60
Standing Orders	€ 730.00
Shrines	€ 5,179.60
Shop	€ 3,838.79
Book Stand Sales	€ 627.57
Christmas Crib	€ 145.00
Trocaire	€ 3,345.00
St. Pio Mass	€ 2,377.50
Missions Collection Propagation of the Faith	€ 1,050.18
Vocations	€ 473.00
Donations	€ 758.00
Bingo Draw	€ 3,000.00
Sick & Retired Collection	€ 26.00
Ballyduff & Cloogue Office contribution	€ 3,181.94
Holy Land Collection Good Friday	€ 420.00
Tax Rebate from donations over €250.00	€ 2,793.58
Diocesan Charities dividend	€ 506.62
Cloogue Candle purchase	€ 90.00
Knock Bus	€ 540.00
Bank	€ 6.57

(Income €62,925.95)

Credit Balance 1st Jan. 2019

€ 25,889.35

Diocesan Central Fund	€ 6,900.00
Diocesan Payments (Schools/Religious Advisor, etc)	€ 932.20
Education Secretariat	€ 188.40
Altar Requisites & Shrine Candles	€ 3,660.95
New Microphone	€ 300.00
Organ repairs & cleaning	€ 400.00
Live Streaming in Church	€ 750.00
Painting of Church	€ 6,000.00
Insurance	€ 4,551.71
Insurance Mower	€ 317.05
Heating - Church Oil	€ 4,194.42
Electricity - Church	€ 2,301.06
Electrical Repairs	€ 249.70
Charities Act Parish	€ 565.00
Charities	€ 236.85
Office Phone	€ 915.80
Wages €8,350.00 Rev. Commissioner €838.99	€ 9,188.99
Risograph Machine €1,230.00) & Equipment	€ 1,416.20
Stationery	€ 1,043.67
Community Employment Scheme/Bolger's Hdw.	€ 597.25
Vocations	€ 423.00
Books for Church Stand	€ 1,101.00
Mass Leaflets	€ 352.12
Shop Stock	€ 1,697.61
First Communion	€ 335.00
Theology Course €200.00/Alpha €150/Servers €50)	€ 400.00
Teachers Lunch	€ 169.80
Bank Fees	€ 249.97
Greenstar Refuse Bins	€ 329.36
Trocaire Lenten collection	€ 3,346.20
World Meeting of Families	€ 110.00
Peter's Pence	€ 380.00
Propagation of the Faith	€ 1,100.00
Holy Places (Good Friday Collection)	€ 420.00
St. Pio	€ 690.00
SVP (Christmas donation)	€ 150.00
Clergy Retirement Fund	€ 2,550.00
VHI	€ 1,284.00
Parochial House Heating Grant	€ 750.00
Parochial House (Oven/Painting/ Plumbing Cyl.)	€ 1,549.00
Alarm Monitoring & Alarm repairs	€ 659.99
Local Property Tax (Parochial House)	€ 445.00
GDPR	€ 192.60
Mass Supply - Priest	€ 75.00
Pilgrimage Bus Knock	€ 680.00
Gifts	€ 1,050.00
Christmas Tree ('98 & '99)	€ 95.98
Cleaning materials	€ 123.28