

Parochial House, Ferns.

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30th January 2021

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Dear Parishioner,

On this sheet you have a report of the Parish Church Finances. The contributions given by parishioners 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 €35,290.05 which was an increase of €723.45 on last year, which was magnificent considering Covid 19 lockdowns. 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 19.55% 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 **€7,680.00**.

The **Parish Council Account** is used for repairs of structures, etc. Due to Covid 19 our annual fundraising was non-existent. I am very grateful for every support, large and small, towards our parish. During the year we received **€1,000.00** through the Bingo Draw, which was magnificent.

During the year we set up a Parish website, (www.fernsparish.ie) created by Enda Furlong, from the site you can obtain information on the parish and the weekly Parish Newsletter is available there each weekend. This information is a very valuable contact for those in different parts of the world. Our Live Streaming system for Mass, Church celebrations, etc. is a great success.

We are delighted to relate the work on the new Parish Pastoral Centre has commenced and please God will be available for the Summer. A grant from the Albert Gubay Fund of €50,000.00 for the Pastoral Centre was obtained last year, this is retained in Bishop's House to be drawn down when needed. In the accounts over the past two years we have €16,000.00 donated for this project.

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. Ricky'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.

With every good wish and gratitude.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick B. Cushen P.P.

St. Aidan's Parish Church Ferns Annual Financial Report

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Ferns Church Building Account 1st January 2020—31st Dec. 2020

Income		Expenditure	
Credit Balance 1/1/2020	€23,438.72	Local Property Tax CRH	€ 346.00
Courtyard contribution S.O.	€ 300.00	Bank fees	€ 42.20
Standing Orders	€ 180.00	Plumbing Repairs <u>CRH</u>	€ 397.25
<u>Carnew Rd. House Rent</u>	<u>€ 7,200.00</u>		
	€31,118.72	Credit Bal. 31/12/20	€ 30,333.27
			€ 31,118.72

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Ferns Parish Account No.2 (Parish Council)

Income		Expenditure	
Credit Balance 1/1/2020	€ 46,546.77	CEE Scheme	€ 250.00
		Mower Repairs	€ 300.00
		Fr. Redmond Gift	€ 1,000.00
		Civil Eng. Work	€ 3,300.00
		Electrical Repairs	€ 987.45
		Bank Charges	€ 10.75
		Live Streaming	€ 125.00
		<u>Cr. Bal. 31/12/20</u>	<u>€ 40,573.57</u>
	<u>€ 46,546.77</u>		€ 46,546.77

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Ferns Parish Credit Union Account

Credit Balance 1/1/20	€ 40,233.86		
Pastoral Cent donation	€ 1,000.00		
Transfer from 1A/C.	€ 50.00	Cr. Bal.31/12/20	€ 41,283.86
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Summary of Parish Finances 2020

Building Account Credit Balance	€30,333.27
Parish Account No. 2 Credit Balance	€40,573.57
Parish Account No. 1 Credit Balance	€34,957.84
Credit Union Enniscorthy	<u>€41,283.86</u>

Total Credit 31st Dec. 2020 €147,148.54

Income

St. Aidan's Church Ferns Account No.1 1st Jan.—31st Dec. 2020

Expenditure

Sunday Envelopes	€ 31,340.05
Standing Orders	€ 3,950.00
Shrines	€ 3,833.90
Shop	€ 3,579.15
Book Stand Sales	€ 378.66
Christmas Crib	€ 150.00
Trocaire	€ 2,717.40
Missions Collection Propagation of the Faith	€ 1,425.00
Vocations	€ 154.00
Pastoral Centre Donation	€ 5,000.00
Donations	€ 630.00
Bingo Draw	€ 1,000.00
Sick & Retired Collection	€ 274.00
Community Employment Refund	€ 661.07
Ballyduff & Clologue Office contribution	€ 3,234.01
Clologue Error	€ 1,221.74
Tax Rebate from donations over €250.00	€ 4,247.70
Bank Interest	€ 9.55
Miscl.	€ 524.86

(Income €64,331.09)

Credit Balance 1st Jan. 2020 € 23,022.21

€ 87,353.30

Diocesan Central Fund	€ 6,900.00
Diocesan Payments (Schools/Religious Advisor, etc)	€ 1,134.40
Education Secretariat	€ 196.80
Altar Requisites & Shrine Candles	€ 2,941.81
Printing Sunday Envelopes	€ 380.75
Live Streaming in Church	€ 775.48
Parish Web Site	€ 300.00
Insurance	€ 4,551.27
Insurance Mower	€ 290.00
Heating - Church Oil	€ 1,670.98
Electricity - Church	€ 2,595.87
Charities Act Parish	€ 600.00
Tablet (Zoom meetings)	€ 103.59
Office Phone	€ 916.77
Repairs	€ 1,187.48
Wages	€ 4,800.00
Covid 19 supplies	€ 1,014.60
Rev. Commissioner	€ 521.80
Decorating/Painting/Gutters	€ 250.00
Computer supplies	€ 380.00
Stationery	€ 511.08
Coin Sorter/Counter	€ 120.00
Community Employment Scheme Hedge-trimmer	€ 640.00
CCE Scheme Ballyduff adjustment	€ 260.00
Hermitage Rent Convent	€ 600.00
Books for Church Stand	€ 813.00
Mass Leaflets	€ 419.16
Shop Stock	€ 2,333.40
First Communion & Confirmation	€ 587.60
Teachers Lunch	€ 189.70
Bank Fees	€ 195.69
Credit Union Transfer	€ 50.00
Murray Skip Hire	€ 300.00
Greenstar Refuse Bins	€ 329.43
Trocaire Lenten collection	€ 2,700.00
Sick & Retired Priests Fund & C.M.T.	€ 160.00
Clologue cheque error	€ 1,221.74
Propagation of the Faith	€ 1,410.00
SVP (Christmas donation)	€ 150.00
Clergy Retirement Fund	€ 2,550.00
VHI	€ 1,474.00
Parochial House Heating Grant	€ 750.00
Phone land line and internet P.P.)	€ 680.00
Alarm Monitoring & Alarm repairs	€ 164.99
Local Property Tax (Parochial House)	€ 445.00
Church outside speaker	€ 339.00
Gifts	€ 1,280.00
Cleaning materials	€ 82.62
Gas Tank Rent	€ 77.45
Ferns Lights	€ 50.00

(Total Expenditure €52,395.46)

Credit Balance 31st Dec.2020 € 34,957.84
€ 87,353.30