

Parochial House, Ferns.

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18th June 2024

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Dear Parishioner,

First of all my sincere apologies for the delay of this report on parish income and expenditure. Due to my illness and stay in hospital they were not sent out in March as usual.

On this sheet you have a report of Ferns 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 **€38,170.09** which was an increase on last year of €1,292.54. 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. An Audited Balance Sheet of the Diocesan Central Fund is displayed annually on the diocesan website (www.ferns.ie.).

The **Church Building Account** is used for the two rented houses and car park donation. The house rental profit is divided between each church area on a pro rata basis after expenses are deducted for house refurbishments...

The **Parish Council Account** is used for repairs of structures, mowers, etc. Due to Covid 19 our annual fundraising was limited to a concert which was very successful. Many thanks to all involved.

The **Credit Union account** has a healthy credit €41,466.58.

We are delighted to relate the new Parish Pastoral Centre has been in constant use since Bishop Ger opened it in January 2022.

The source of income for me as parish priest and our assistant 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.

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.

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 anyone gives over €250.00 during the year the parish is entitled to a tax rebate from the revenue commissioner of 30%, which last year amounted to €5,419.82.

Fr. Seán Devereux will be coming to the parish on 14th July and I am delighted to welcome him and wish him every blessing and happiness.

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

2023

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Ferns Church Building Account

Ferns/Ballyduff/Clologue

1st January 2023—31st Dec. 2023

Income

Credit Balance 1/1/2023	€ 19,325.81
Rent Curates Houses	€ 19,176.71
Courtyard	€ 1,200.00

€ 39,702.52

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Ferns Parish Account No.2 (Parish Council)

Income

Credit Balance 1/1/2023	€19,569.00
Patron Collection	€ 2,325.00
Bank Interest	€ 27.67

€21,921.67

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Ferns Parish Credit Union Account

Credit Balance 1/1/23	€ 41,333.86
Dividend & Lodgement	€ 132.72
	€ 41,466.58

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Building Account Credit Balance **€15,564.91**

Summary of Ferns Church Finances 2023

Parish Account No. 2 Credit Balance	€18,602.17
Parish Account No. 1 Credit Balance	€ 13,629.56
Credit Union Enniscorthy	<u>€41,438.34</u>
	€73,670.07
Ferns Total Credit 31st Dec. 2023	<u>€73,670.07</u>

Expenditure

Local Property Tax	€ 1,189.00
VHI	€ 1,332.67
Curates House Repairs	€ 19,139.19
Bank fees	€ 36.75
Security	€ 265.00
Misc	€ 1,650.00
Dioc. Clergy Assembly	€ 525.00
Credit Bal. 31/12/23	<u>€15,564.91</u>

€ 39,702.52

Income

St. Aidan's Church Ferns Account No.1 1st Jan.—31st Dec. 2023

Expenditure

Sunday Envelopes & Standing Orders	€ 38,170.09
Shrines	€ 9,322.79
Shop	€ 5,805.40
Book Stand Sales	€ 531.15
Vocations	€ 271.00
Donations & Rent Pastoral Centre	€ 3,995.52
Sick & Retired Collection	€ 308.10
Tax Rebate from donations over €250.00	€ 6,443.83
St. Pio Mass	€ 1,381.18
Patron Collection	€ 2,725.00
Bank Interest	€ 7.64
Trocaire	€ 2,800.00
St. Patrick's Day Collection	€ 1,170.00
Trocaire Earthquake Disaster	€ 3,700.00
Missions	€ 2,300.00

(Income €78,931.70)

Credit Balance 1st Jan. 2024 € 11,570.51
€ 90,502.21

Diocesan Central Fund	€ 6,900.00
Diocesan Payments (Schools/Rel. Advisor, etc.)	€ 1,968.50
Altar Requisites & Shrine Candles	€ 4,278.11
Insurance (Churches/Houses/Mowers/Boxing Hall)	€ 5,462.56
Heating - Church Oil	€ 4,101.60
Electricity - Church	€ 6,682.12
Charities Act Parish	€ 485.00
Office Phone & Internet	€ 1,102.84
Wages	€ 13,000.00
Rev. Commissioner	€ 1,404.02
Trocaire Earthquake Disaster	€ 3,700.00
Trocaire Collection	€ 2,800.00
St. Patrick's Day Collection	€ 1,170.00
Missions	€ 2,300.00
Stationery & Newsletter supplies	€ 2,448.96
Pastoral Expenses	€ 525.00
Shop Purchases	€ 4,630.08
Security Costs	€ 429.99
Cleaning Costs	€ 1,639.97
Waste & LPT	€ 1,564.45
Repairs	€ 2,110.22
St. Aidan's Benevolent Fund	€ 2,055.00
VHI	€ 1,332.67
Phone/Internet	€ 1,102.84
Computer/Office Equipment	€ 298.81
Choir/Music Expenses	€ 760.00
Bank Charges	€ 174.39
Donations	€ 760.00
Sundry Expenses	€ 1,685.52

(Total Expenditure €76,872.65)

Credit Balance 31st Dec.2023 € 13,629.56
€ 90,502.21