

Dear Parishioner, **August 2022**

We, the Parish Finance Committee, would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere word of thanks to all of you who have been so generous in supporting our parish. We are immensely grateful to you all for your ongoing generosity both to the Diocesan collections and to our Parish funds. As you know, we continue to face a number of challenges, both as a society and as a parish which are exasperated for us all by the continuing cost of living crisis. We fully understand and appreciate the many challenges we all face in trying to pay our bills and so we are deeply grateful for your sacrificial offering to our Parish. Your generosity in supporting us allows us to face the year ahead with some confidence.

We attach a summary of parish finances for 2021 and 2020 which show a substantially increased deficit of €176,780 for 2021 (€19,130 for 2020).

Our income is comprised of family offering and related tax refunds, including once off donations, car park charges and shrine income. We thank those who have contributed to the family offering which is used exclusively for the day to day running costs and maintenance of the Church and parish and enables us to have a parish budget each year.

Our costs have increased significantly, particularly staff where we now have a full-time pastoral worker enabling the Parish to extend the services it offers as well as a full-time cleaner who looks after both the church and the parish centre. Our parish pastoral centre is now up and running and open for business. Other costs such as heat and light continue to increase. Some such as publications and choir thankfully reflect a continuing increase in church attendance and activities.

The repair and refurbishment programme to the church and parish house continued at a cost of €54,775.

Parish finance balances at 31 December 2021 amounted to €1,121,262. Although we are in the very fortunate position of having money in the bank, we still need to generate income for the day to day running costs of the parish and to fund future outreach pastoral programmes. A parish that stands still achieves little.

We have also embraced technology so that there are now a variety of ways and methods for people to contribute. If you are not already contributing to our parish family offering, we would encourage you to do so in whichever way is most convenient for you:

* Weekly Envelope Available from the parish office
* Standing Order Forms are available at the back of the Church
* Online DONATE BUTTON On our website [www.rathminesparish.ie](http://www.rathminesparish.ie)
* Tap and Go Machine Parish Donations (Back of church right hand side)
* Tap and Go Machine Diocesan Collections – First Collection and Share

(Back of church left hand side)

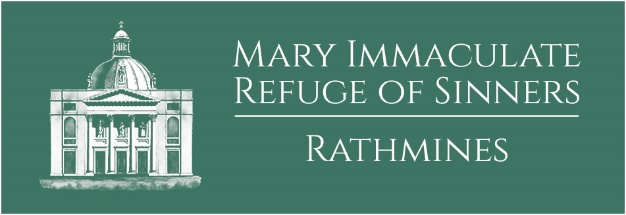
* Once off Donations/Bequests To the parish office

Once again, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you all for your ongoing generosity in financially supporting the Parish and Diocese. We have a great vibrant Parish and together we continue to grow as a Christian community.

Fr Andrew O’Sullivan Roger Conan

Parish Priest Chair Finance Committee



**Financial Statement for Year Ended 31st December 2021**

**Rathmines Parish 2021 Rathmines Parish 2020**

**Income 2021 Income 2020**

Family Offering 35,206 Family Offering 29,048

Tax Refund 4,160 Tax Refund 11,800

Car Park / Other Rent 39,802 Car Park / Other Rent 47,682

Shrine (net) 20,310 Shrine (net) 14,338

Ceremonies, Papers, Interest 11,988 Ceremonies, Papers, Interest 6,711

Sundry Donations 14,206 Sundry Donations 2,479

**125,672 112,058**

**Expenses Expenses**

Staff / Helper 102,743 Staff / Helper 41,110

Insurance 28,272 Insurance 28,450

Heat and Light 26,013 Heat and Light 16,564

Other Building 16,792 Other Building 6,435

Repairs & Maintenance 54,775 Repairs & Maintenance *See below*

Office 11,014 Office 3,756

Choir 8,620 Choir 6,160

Publications 19,777 Publications 8,237

Altar 10,991 Altar 9,567

Professional Fees 13,073 Professional Fees 5,849

Pastoral Expenses 3,744 Pastoral Expenses 0

Diocesan Admin Charge 2,250 Diocesan Admin Charge 0

Covid-19 2,196 Covid-19 4,092  
Other 2,192 Other 968

**302,452 131,188**

**Surplus / Deficit for year -176,780 Surplus / Deficit for year -19,130**

***Adjusting Items***

*Exceptional building costs -29,885 Exceptional building costs -260,836 Exceptional Donation 79,040 Exceptional Donation 0 Insurance Claim 5,489 Insurance Claim 0*

*Lighting/Parish Centre Appeal 7,612 Lighting/Parish Centre Appeal 0*

*Fixed Assets not Capitalised -45,720 Fixed Assets not Capitalised -28,824*

*Depreciation -26,675 Depreciation 0*

*Insurance/Rent Pre-paid 0 Insurance/Rent Pre-paid -38,372*

**Final Deficit for year -186,919 Final Deficit for year -347,162**