

October 2022

Dear Parishioners

Our Parish's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021

As we all remember, Tier 4 COVID 19 restrictions were in place for Masses for 55% of 2021. Whilst less severe than in 2020, this again impacted on the spiritual life of our Parish, as well as having a negative impact on our finances. I hope that the various headings and amounts in the accounts are self-explanatory, but would like to mention six items in particular:

- Offertory Envelopes and Offertory Loose Plate donations fell by £2,154 and £560 respectively in 2021, whilst donations by Standing Orders increased by £4,918 compared to 2020; an overall increase in Offertory Income of £2,203 or 6%;
- Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends and Fees increased by £3,311 (177%) compared to 2020;
- we received a tax repayment of £4,563 in 2021 from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of our main Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2019/20. Gift Aid is a valuable source of income and I would ask that all Parishioners who are able consider giving under Gift Aid;
- the cost of heat, light and water decreased by £2,056 compared to 2020. Included in this figure is a reduction of £2,297 for the cost of gas, as the church was being heated too often in 2020 because the timer was set incorrectly.;
- the Diocesan Assessment, based on our Assessable Income for 2019, increased by £3,882 (50%) in 2021 compared to 2020; and
- although we restricted expenditure again in 2021 by dealing only to the most pressing matters, the age of the Church and Presbytery means that the cost of repairs and renewals will increase as we return to normal.

I am grateful for the time and donations given by Parishioners in 2021. I am all too aware of the current steep increases in the cost of living and how this impacts on individuals and our Parish. Please continue to support our Parish through such donations as you can afford, offering your time where possible and through your prayers.

If you have any questions about the accounts, please speak to me. If I do not know the answer, I will find it for you.

With an assurance of my prayers for you all.

Fr John

Fr John Wiley
Parish Priest

St Bede's Catholic Church - Croxley Green
Receipts and Payments Summary for the Year Ended 31 December

	2020	2021
	£	£
Assessable Income		
Offertories Envelopes	5,920	3,766
Offertories SOs	26,234	31,152
Offertories Loose Plate	2,992	2,431
Tax Refunds	1,743	4,563
General Donations & Fund Raising	570	3,060
Total Assessable Income	37,459	44,972
Non-Assessable Income		
Catechetics	25	655
Candles, Repository & Papers	335	45
Board & Lodging	4,160	4,160
Parish Centre Revenue	1,062	1,175
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	1,865	5,177
Parish Activities		845
Specific Donations	118	570
Insurance Claims		
Sundry Income	287	50
Third Party Receipts	1,360	666
Total Non-Assessable Income	9,212	13,343
Total Receipts	46,671	58,315
Expenditure		
Clergy Stipends	9,900	9,900
Non-Clergy Salaries	17,598	17,808
Housekeeping	223	
Supply Priests		
Catechetics	629	984
Liturgical Expenses	1,731	701
Candles, Repository & Papers	540	
Property Repairs and Renewals	3,281	2,916
Heat, Light & Water	5,753	3,698
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	2,571	4,402
Parish Centre Expenses	8	
Office & Administration	1,665	1,879
Parish Activities	436	289
Miscellaneous Expenses	8	820
Purchase of Fixed Assets		
Diocesan Assessment	7,741	11,622
Deanery expenses		150
Third Party Payments	1,360	1,216
Loans Repaid/Made	536	1,072
Bank Interest	113	66
Total Payments	54,093	57,523
Total Surplus / Loss	-7,422	792