

October 2023

Dear Parishioners

### **Our Parish's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Whilst the spiritual life of our Parish and Parish activities have continued to return to normal after the pandemic, Offertory Income and Offerings fell, but many costs increased in 2022. Although there was a surplus for the year, the figures are somewhat flattered by an unusually large Gift Aid tax refund and a significantly reduced Diocesan Assessment, as set out below.

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 again, this time by £1,226 and £484 respectively in 2022, whilst donations by Standing Orders increased by only £1,071 compared to 2021; an overall decrease in Offertory Income of £640 or 5%;
- Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends and Fees decreased by £1,494 (30%) compared to 2021;
- we received a tax repayment of £10,355 in 2022 from HM Revenue & Customs in respect of various Gift Aid claims for the tax years 2017/18 to 2020/21. 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 Council Tax, Insurance and Rates increased by £2,612 compared to 2021. This is attributable primarily to two insurance premiums being charged in the year (collecting an earlier COVID-related deferral);
- the Diocesan Assessment, based on our Assessable Income for 2020, decreased by £6,708 (58%) in 2022 compared to 2021 due to a fall in Assessable Income in 2020 and a subsequently lower rate being charged on that income; and
- although we restricted expenditure again in 2022 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 further needs are identified.

I am grateful for the time and donations given by Parishioners in 2022. 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**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Assessable Income</b>		
Offertories Envelopes	3,766	2,539
Offertories SOs	31,152	30,668
Offertories Loose Plate	2,431	3,502
Tax Refunds	4,563	10,355
General Donations & Fund Raising	3,060	1,375
<b>Total Assessable Income</b>	<b>44,972</b>	<b>48,439</b>
<b>Non-Assessable Income</b>		
Catechetics	655	260
Candles, Repository & Papers	45	276
Board & Lodging	4,160	4,160
Parish Centre Revenue	1,175	4,727
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends, Fees	5,177	3,683
Parish Activities	845	1,074
Legacies		1,000
Specific Donations	570	525
Sundry Income	50	
Third Party Receipts	666	2,171
<b>Total Non-Assessable Income</b>	<b>13,343</b>	<b>17,876</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>58,315</b>	<b>66,315</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Clergy Stipends	9,900	10,300
Non-Clergy Salaries	17,808	19,181
Housekeeping		130
Supply Priests		170
Catechetics	984	188
Liturgical Expenses	701	1,197
Candles, Repository & Papers		98
Property Repairs and Renewals	2,916	4,573
Heat, Light & Water	3,698	3,991
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	4,402	7,015
Parish Centre Expenses		95
Office & Administration	1,879	2,090
Parish Activities	289	568
Miscellaneous Expenses	820	-820
Donations/Grants		100
Diocesan Assessment	11,622	4,914
Deanery expenses	150	207
Third Party Payments	1,216	1,967
Loans Repaid/Made	1,072	2,144
Bank Interest	66	82
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>57,523</b>	<b>58,190</b>
<b>Total Surplus / Loss</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>8,125</b>