



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

## Accounts for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016

<b>Income</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>Last year</b>
Standing Orders/Planned Giving	£105,730	£92,976	Clergy Stipend	£15,147	£13,574
Cash Offertories	£196,068	£190,190	Clergy other costs	£24,278	£27,241
Tax reclaimed	£46,274	£38,720	Staff wage costs	£105,755	£103,754
Rental Income	£143,584	£136,310	Office costs	£11,304	£13,735
Candles	£43,149	£42,908	Diocesan Levy	£101,991	£119,035
Weddings/Funerals Fees	£22,748	£23,531	Altar and Liturgical	£17,684	£21,774
Donations	£6,851	£5,698	Light, Heat and Water	£42,200	£50,064
Other Income	£18,147	£17,072	Insurance	£36,527	£28,243
Fund Raising	£13,978	£12,536	Other	£17,445	£44,811
Pastoral Services	£23,581	£31,803	Pastoral Services	£123,362	£144,177
Welcome Centre	£94,049	£83,177	Welcome Centre	£91,545	£102,279
Oasis	£28,419	£13,329	Oasis	£44,810	£25,281
Investments	£1,322	£1,683	General Maintenance	£64,997	£58,911
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£743,902</b>	<b>£689,932</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£697,047</b>	<b>£752,879</b>
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>£46,855</b>		<b>(Deficit)</b>		<b>(£62,947)</b>
<b>Charity Appeals Collections</b>	<b>£47,649</b>	<b>£45,843</b>	<b>Major Repairs</b>	<b>£10,626</b>	<b>£75,846</b>

## Comments on the Accounts for 1 September to 31 August 2016

### General

After two years during which the Parish showed a deficit it is good to be able to report that a surplus was recorded this year. This is due to a combination of increased income, principally from Planned Giving and Tax reclaimed, together with a reduction in our costs.

### Income

Our main source of income was from the parishioners. Both Planned Giving and the amount of cash received on the plate increased compared to last year and overall offertories went up by over £18,000. We also received over £7,500 more in Income Tax rebates as a result of the new covenants put in place by many of our parishioners. As we have said previously this is additional money, which is extremely beneficial to the Church and we hope that many more parishioners will consider signing up.

Rental income increased once again, this time by over £7,000. The remaining income came from other sources such as wedding and funeral fees, which were slightly down and candle money, donations, fund raising, the sale of repository items, 500 Club and other smaller items which were in total just up on last year.

There was also £23,581 arising from donations to Catholic Pastoral Services and £28,419 from The Oasis of Peace. This last figure was a considerable increase on the previous year and was as a result of appeals for help with significant repairs needed at the Oasis.

The income received from the Welcome Centre amounted to £94,049 and consisted of sales of food plus fees and donations received.

### Costs

Our levy to the diocese this year reduced by £17,000 to just under £102,000. As we have said in the past this is what each parish in the diocese pays towards general guidance on current issues for the Church, property and human resource matters as well as being a contribution to the running costs.

Our clergy received £15,147 for their stipends (wages). The other costs incurred include their housekeeping, motor expenses and the cost of supply priests as required.

Staff wages which are paid to the administrators, housekeepers, cleaners and caretakers in each of our districts were controlled to a very small increase. Savings of nearly £2,500 were made on the office costs.



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Catholic Pastoral Services costs amounted to £123,362, which was a considerable reduction on last year. Most of this saving was as a result of a refund of travel expenses by the diocese. The major part of the costs is for staff wages as CPS provides ever increasing Island wide services to the Parish. A new printing machine had to be bought this year to ensure that the weekly newsletter could be produced. The sacramental and education programmes continued throughout the year, as did the youth and marriage and family life ministries. Further work has also been done on integrating the financial reporting of the districts. It was pleasing to see that the Welcome Centre covered its costs this year. A donation of £10,000 helped this but there was also an increase in the gross profit made on the sale of food.

As mentioned above, the Oasis of Peace incurred costs for re-pointing the walls and also installing a disabled ramp to the front door, which were covered by grants and donations.

Altar and Liturgical costs of £17,684 were some £3,000 down on last year. We also need to spend money lighting, heating and insuring our buildings and this amounted to nearly £79,000 this year.

It is necessary to maintain our churches and other properties in good condition. Some of the work identified in the Quinquennial report by surveyors, which has to be undertaken every five years, has now started but much still needs to be done. The church at Gorey was sold during the year and the funds received have been allocated to a reserve so that some of the immediate work needing to be done can go ahead. However we would once again say that we would like to be in a position to put funds aside for major refurbishments/repairs in the future. This year we have achieved a cash surplus but that does not cover the deficits incurred in the previous years and it is essential that we continue to strive to achieve surpluses and that will only be possible by increased financial support from parishioners.

Major repairs during the year are shown as a note at the end of the statement. This is principally the continuing work to attend to water penetration at St Mathieu's church. This work is still ongoing.

As was said earlier, this year we have a surplus of £46,855. The deficits of the two previous years were not sustainable and the Committee has tried to reduce costs. The consolidation of the accounts into one set of figures for the Parish has certainly helped and we are introducing budgetary control to assist in the control of our costs. We are, of course, delighted that the parishioners have contributed so positively by increasing their contributions and also signing up for tax reclaims by covenanting. We do, however, urge you all to continue to review the amount you contribute and also, if you are a taxpayer, please consider completing a covenant form. This would mean that the Church receives from the Income Tax authority 25% of whatever you donate to the Church. Although it is preferable, you do not have to have completed a standing order to do this, however, the Committee would be in a better position to budget the income of the Parish if parishioners' future contributions were paid by standing order as well as knowing how much tax rebate was to be received. This in turn would allow the Committee to prioritise expenditure. The forms for standing orders, covenants and also one for making bequests to the Parish in your Will are available at the back of all the churches.

These accounts are shown on the notice board of each church and a paper copy is available on request. A more detailed breakdown of the figures is on the website -

[www.catholicchurch.org.je](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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