



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Accounts for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017

Income	This year	Last year	Costs	This year	Last year
Standing Orders/Planned Giving	£107,458	£105,730	Clergy Stipend	£12,906	£15,147
Cash Offertories	£194,411	£196,068	Clergy other costs	£24,920	£24,278
Tax reclaimed	£45,235	£46,274	Staff wage costs	£109,754	£105,755
Rental Income	£161,434	£143,584	Office costs	£13,651	£11,304
Candles	£43,819	£43,149	Diocesan Levy	£103,581	£101,991
Weddings/Funerals Fees	£21,716	£22,748	Altar and Liturgical	£23,017	£17,684
Donations	£10,903	£6,851	Light, Heat and Water	£47,389	£42,200
Other Income	£6,227	£18,147	Insurance	£34,958	£36,527
Fund Raising	£8,679	£13,978	Other	£18,294	£17,445
Pastoral Services	£17,105	£23,581	Pastoral Services	£131,874	£123,362
Welcome Centre	£76,789	£94,049	Welcome Centre	£85,580	£91,545
Oasis of Peace	£6,563	£28,419	Oasis of Peace	£11,786	£44,810
Investments	£1,504	£1,322	General Maintenance	£80,134	£64,997
TOTAL	£701,843	£743,902	TOTAL	£697,843	£697,047
Surplus	£4,000	£46,855			
Charity Appeals Collections	£38,707	£43,610	Major Repairs	£50,084	£10,626

Comments on the Accounts for 1 September to 31 August 2017

General

Once again this year we recorded a surplus, albeit at £4,000, this was much lower than last year.

Income

Although our main source of income was once again from the parishioners the annual total of planned giving and cash offerings only increased by £71. Income Tax reclaimed was £1,000 down on last year mainly as a result of people dropping out of the covenant scheme. It would be good to be able to replace them as this is additional money refunded to us by the States out of the taxation that you have paid.

Rental income increased once again, this time by nearly £18,000. We are endeavouring to use our properties to their best advantage and this is a valuable contribution to the income received by the Parish. 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 also less than last year.

As far as donations are concerned, in addition to the £10,903 shown, there was also £3,631 arising from donations to Catholic Pastoral Services and £5,503 to The Oasis of Peace. Last year's figure donated to the Oasis of Peace was much higher because of specific donations received to help with repairs needed. The income received from the Welcome Centre amounted to £76,789 and consisted of sales of food plus fees and donations received. This was £17,000 less than last year mainly due to a large donation received last year, which was not repeated this year. A decision was also taken to reduce the hours of opening and this, inevitably, had an effect on the sales.

Costs

The diocesan levy this year was £1,500 up on last year at £103,581. Each parish makes a contribution towards the administration needed to run the diocese and we, as a parish, benefit from the expertise and help we receive with regard to pastoral and other matters.

Our clergy received £12,906 for their stipends (wages). The other costs incurred, which were very similar to last year, 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 up by £4,000.

Catholic Pastoral Services costs amounted to £131,874, which was an increase on last year. Most of the savings last year were as a result of a refund of historical 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. Although the Welcome Centre reduced its costs it was not able to show a profit as it did last year when it received an exceptional donation of £10,000.

Altar and Liturgical costs of £23,017 were higher than last year. This was principally due to the purchase of Mass books for the three churches in the West District and this will be a repeating cost over the next two years. The cost of lighting, heating and insuring our buildings amounted to £82,000 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 arrival of a new priest at the Presbytery at Sacred Heart gave us the opportunity to refurbish the property. The church at Gorey was sold and the reserve we created has been used to fund some of the necessary work at St Thomas's church during the year amounting to £31,669. Essentially, however, our buildings must be maintained and this 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 has been going on for over two years and is still ongoing. The rest of this figure is the £31,669 for the repairs to St Thomas church. Charitable collections throughout the year amounted to £38,707 and this was £5,000 less than last year. Nearly half went to Cafod with the bulk of the rest going to Diocesan and Special collections.

As was said earlier, this year we have a surplus of £4,000. The deficits of previous years were not sustainable and the Committee has continued to try to reduce costs. To that end we have introduced budgetary control in the last year to assist in cost control.

We do urge you all to continue to review the amount you contribute and also, once again, 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 complete 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 and also on the website.

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.

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