

# The Catholic Church in Jersey

## Commentary on Financial Statement

The year once again showed a small surplus (£10,970) before accounting for major repairs. It is however unrealistic not to accept that with the age and number of properties used by the Church in Jersey it is likely that there will be significant ongoing property costs.

Our income shows a small downward trend which perhaps reflects a small drop in the number of parishioners attending Mass each Sunday. Whilst the increasing use of planned giving is to be welcomed, what is also becoming clear is that regular payments by standing order only get increased very occasionally, usually only when deeds of covenant expire and are (hopefully) renewed.

On the expenditure side, staff costs have reduced slightly, whilst the costs of the three Island clergy have been maintained at a very reasonable total cost of just over £37,000, (rather less than the Living Wage which we pay all our staff). Unfortunately heating costs have greatly increased. Fortunately this year this has been offset by a reduction in repairs, other than those arising from quinquennial surveys. We are also fortunate that the majority of the cost of ongoing repairs to St. Matthieu's church has been covered by a generous donation, whilst the cost of replacing the floor and centre aisle at St. Mary & St. Peter's Church has been covered from their building maintenance fund.

Should you have any comments or queries on the finances of the Catholic Church in Jersey please feel free to contact a member of your Finance & Property Committee (whose names are shown below), our Finance Manager, Dawn Cowieson, or one of your priests.

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