

Holy Souls, Scunthorpe Parish Finance Report April 2016 - March 2017

Parish Income April 2016 - March 2017

		<i>2015/2016</i>	<i>2012/2013</i>
Collections	41636.29	41105.27	40902.78
Restricted Income	3929.40	5227.65	15341.76
Fundraising Income	1049.00	1240.82	2709.17
Donations Received	10664.10	16826.10	12455.12
Legacies Received	26195.88	6232.86	4000.00
Interest on Set Off Account	999.00	933.00	1565.00
Repository Income	3825.89	4061.75	5071.99
Chaplaincy Income	2887.85	2764.59	2676.46
Gift Aid Tax Repayment	5446.77	3952.19	3525.27
Sundries	310.00	635.00	4993.50
TOTAL INCOME	96944.12	82979.23	93241.05

Parish Expenditure April 2016 - March 2017

Church and Hall	12867.17	9793.06	9754.15
House and Housekeeping	9738.92	9995.89	13676.18
Insurance	1679.61	1983.86	1926.82
Restricted Expenditure	3929.40	5227.65	15341.76
Diocesan Quota Paid	11628.00	9204.00	8040.00
Payments to Clergy	8705.30	11137.17	8494.70
Wages and National Insurance		3200.00	480.00
Office Expenses	2481.97	2522.36	2428.13
Travel Expenses	6228.21	5683.61	3818.41
Repository Purchases	2214.29	2381.51	2711.75
Capital and Major Expenditure	26810.50	5700.00	20972.35
Donations Made	2133.84	1000.00	870.00
Sundries	1196.35	1445.22	3351.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	89613.56	69274.33	91865.89

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to present a report of the parish income and expenditure for the financial year which ended on 31 March 2017. As it will be my final one as your parish priest I have included for comparison purposes not only last year's figures but also the figures for the year 2012/13 which was the first full year in which I was here.

It is sometimes difficult to compare one year with another because certain items of income or expenditure are 'one off' and do not recur in previous or subsequent years. However certain things

do emerge. For example, collection levels have remained fairly consistent over the period in question, in fact increasing by 1.8% over 4 years. It is pleasing to note that collections have moved up rather than down, but it is only a very marginal increase which doesn't reflect the rise in the cost of living. If you are still giving the same weekly or monthly amount as you were five years ago, perhaps this is an opportunity to review this. I would also address an appeal to those who may have begun (or returned) to work over recent years. If you now have a regular income coming in, please consider putting some aside each month or week to support the mission of the church and in particular the wellbeing of your parish. If you are a tax payer and do not currently gift aid your giving please consider doing this.

Sometimes people ask why we don't print the weekly collection totals in the reminder. I know that many parishes do, and it might encourage people to keep up their weekly giving. On the other hand, collections can vary from week to week, for example if it is the beginning or end of the month, and an annual figure is perhaps more meaningful. The annual figure also includes standing orders which currently add approximately £60 per week.

In terms of outgoings I would like to say a few words about the church, the hall, and the presbytery.

I was fortunate to come to a church that has been loved and well cared for over 100 years, and a hall that was still virtually brand new. In terms of the church the biggest expense has been the replacement of the old organ with a new digital one. There are still some finishing touches to be applied regarding speakers at the front of the church and the refurbishment of the alcove where it now stands, but I hope people are pleased with the sound that they are hearing. Another big item of expenditure was the 'centenary window' which complements and adds to the windows that were previously installed to mark the 25th and 50th anniversaries of the church.

The hall has been well used over the years and this has necessitated expenditure to cover redecorating and wear and tear and also to improve facilities in the kitchen. We also brought the projector system which means we can make full use of DVDs and computers. We are gradually building up the numbers using the hall, which will hopefully build up our income from the hall too.

Over the course of the past six years I have carried out some necessary works in the presbytery (for example new windows) as well as working through a programme of redecoration. There are still one or two bigger jobs that need doing and redecoration needs to continue on an ongoing basis. The parish office is also located in the presbytery and equipment such as computers and printers also needs to be kept up to date.

I would like to say 'thank you' to the parish finance committee, to the counters, to the gift aid organiser, and to those who bank the money each week. Some of these tasks are still done by those who did them six years ago, other roles have seen changes of personnel. There are too many to mention everyone by name, but I am particularly mindful of Christine Lisle who was a counter and gift aid organiser for many years, may she rest in peace.

Finally, in terms of parish giving I would like to say 'thank you' to you all for your generosity during the past six years during what I know has been an economically challenging time for many families and households. May God bless you and reward you.

Canon Edward Jarosz (Parish Priest)