

## Finance Committee meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 19.30.

**Present** Brian Devlin (Chair), Mary Rose (Secretary), Fr. Allen, Deacon John Garvey.

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Allen

1. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** Were agreed
2. **Matters arising**

Digital plate Given we have a high proportion donated by standing order it was agreed to revisit this again in 12 months giving the committee an opportunity to see how much is donated in the weekly collection and to seek the views of other representative parishes.

Car Park Fr Allen has had meetings with the school, who have indicated their willingness to fund the installation of a system of either descending barriers or rising bollards. Fr Allen voiced concerns regarding reliability of either system and also the manning of said system(s). He has contacted the Diocesan Property Services Department for advice but to date has not had a response. It was agreed to revisit this matter at the next meeting when hopefully guidance will have been received.

### Part time posts

- Due to the reorganisation of the Deanery there has been no progress with the hoped-for assistance in the office. The first meeting of the new Deanery is scheduled for March.
- H&S as yet the Centra on-line forms have been dealt with for the Newman Community Centre those for the church to date have not.
- An assistant, working just a few hours per week, has been appointed to support the NCC manager.

Newman Community Centre The Manager is now responsible for the finances with separate bank account and access the OPAS. All expenditure has to be countersigned by the Parish Priest.

Greening the Parish The only quotes so far received have been those for solar panels

on the NCC and the Presbytery. There has been no further comment re heating of the Church. DPSD have again been consulted with to date no response. All to be reviewed at next meeting.

3. **End of year report.** Parish Income shows signs of recovery after reductions earlier in the pandemic. The NCC having been closed for part of the time after we had taken it back, has since performed well. It was noted that the External Grant received was from the Furlough scheme for the NCC salaries. Overall, a surplus of £6,000 has been generated during the year. Figures will now be published for members of the parish.

When next year's accounts are made available to the parish, there will be a table to show a separate summary of parish and NCC accounts.

4. **Gift Aid** The refund for tax year 2020/21 should be in the region of £5,000 and that of the small donations scheme about £1,600. Fr Allen to investigate if some of parish funds were to be put into the Unit Trust scheme how easily is it accessed should it be needed for future plans.
5. **50/50** Has also shown a recovery from 2020 an increase in prize monies is scheduled for the year 22/23
6. **Redecoration** After discussion it was agreed no date of re-decoration can be decided upon until plans for the new heating system has been put in place. This matter will also be re-visited at a future meeting
7. **A.O.B.** Dates of next two meetings were set for 28<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
  
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.25.