

Saint Peter in Chains

Ardrossan

A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galloway.
Charity number: SC 010576

The Parish Accounts for 2013

Dear Parishioners,

Here is a summary of the Parish Accounts for 2013. A full set of Accounts has been sent to the Diocese for inclusion in their audit and to the Regulator, OSCR, as required by law. If you would like to see the full Accounts, please ask. The summary has all the facts.

There are two things I want to draw to your attention:

Firstly: our ordinary income was about £10,000 short of what we spent this year. We have tried to reduce expenditure as far as possible and been as careful as possible, but it is still short. It is not possible to reduce heating much further, I cannot close the church on weekdays and operate a Sunday-only service or do anything like that: yet heating and lighting is a big part of our expenditure. We must grin and bear energy costs like everyone else, though we have changed supplier yet again. And the same with other items of expenditure.

The only possible solution is to raise our income a bit. You know it isn't fair across all the parishioners of St Peter's! Not long ago at a Funeral one of the mourners complained that the church was not warm. My response as Parish Priest was "I'm sorry, we do our best." What I really thought was "I may be wrong, but as far as I know, no one in your family has contributed anything to the church in the time I have been here." But that can never be said. I presume they think the parish will always be here for them and there is no cost for anything. So it falls to you who are reading this.

£10,000 is about £200 a week extra needed in the collections: so that is just less than £1 per adult who comes to Mass.

If you give £1 – and quite a lot do - could you make it £2? If £5 could you make it £6 or even £7? And if you give £10 or more could you add an extra pound or two? Some young people just let their parents contribute for them. Perhaps they could start to contribute.

It is hard to ask at a time when there is real hardship and I wouldn't do it if I was not concerned about it. Many of you use a Standing Order – and you “Gift Aid” what you give to the church, both of which make life a lot easier. Would you consider revising your Standing Order up a little bit – or starting one? You can download the forms from the website at any time or collect them in church.

Secondly. With your regular contributions to the second collection on a Sunday we have at last paid off the debt on the Parish Centre. While the collection did not cover the £3000 a month we paid, it certainly helped.

I would like to continue with the collection and pay the equivalent into a special fund to pay for maintenance on the church and centre: no longer paying a debt but building up a maintenance fund. We could then use that to help us apply for grants (Historic Scotland, Lottery, etc.) so that we can keep our buildings safe for years to come. If we don't save for it we might end up with a situation where we cannot pay to repair our buildings.

This depends on the ability to cover ordinary running costs from the ordinary collection income - and whatever fund-raising we can manage. Fund-raising is very useful – but it can be an uphill task for those involved.

My appeal is: do a bit more for your parish: financial support or support by taking a more active part in our life – appeals for more help in church, Readers, taking communion to the sick, being part of the St Vincent de Paul Society, and so on, usually fall on deaf ears. Without you we cannot survive.

I know you value your parish, I just ask you to give a little more of yourself to its support.

God bless you.

Canon Matt

SUMMARY OF THE INCOME FOR 2013

<u>Collections</u>	<u>2013</u>	<i>For comparison</i>	
		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Sunday Collections	£ 36030	£ 39298	£37183
Bankers Orders	£ 33948	£ 34642	£34597
Return of Gift Aid	£ 10528	£ 11676	£11579
Total collection income	£ 80506	£85616	£83359
<u>Building Fund</u> (2nd Collection)			
Sunday Collection	£ 13408	£ 15005	£ 14879
Bankers Orders	£ 11316	£ 11547	£ 11532
Brown Envelope Projects	£ 4134	£ 5368	£ 16417
Return of Gift Aid	£ 3509	£ 3892	£ 3859
Total BF Income	£ 32367	£ 35812	£ 46687
<u>Other income</u>			
Fees, stall, candles, Advertising	£ 11128	£ 12550	£ 11433
Bank Interest	£ 14	£ 21	£ 27
50/50 club	£ 2000	£ 3000	£ 2000
Special Collections *	£ 7455	£ 7059	£ 6545
(* forwarded immediately)			
General fundraising	£ 550	£	£
Parish Centre	£ 22535	£ 20752	£ 21529
Total other income	£ 43682	£ 43382	£ 41534
TOTAL INCOME	£156555	£164810	£171580

<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
House Management	£ 22214	£ 21115	£ 17955
Church Management	£ 11474	£ 11622	£ 10254
Church Projects	£	£	£ 16419
Parish Centre	£ 25159	£ 21272	£ 17896
Salaries & Supply Costs	£ 15603	£ 16463	£ 12350
Rates Telephone & Insurance	£ 11977	£ 12457	£ 12514
Grounds & Security	£ 1958	£ 1966	£ 3641
Stall	£ 3344	£ 3893	£ 3446
Administration	£ 4267	£ 3402	£ 4583
Office Equipment	£ 3220	£ 5056	£ 2066
Travelling Expenses	£ 3616	£ 3117	£ 3011
Development & Education	£ 3305	£ 3007	£ 2309
Special Collections	£ 7388	£ 7059	£ 6546
Donations	£	£	£ 1230
Diocesan Loan	£ 36000	£ 36000	£ 36000
Diocesan Levy	£ 17300	£ 16100	£ 15000
Fees & Subscriptions	£ 64	£ 64	£ 64
	£		£
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£166889	£162593	£165284
Surplus/Deficit	(£ 10334)	£ 2217	£ 6296

BALANCE SHEET

	2013	2011	2010
Opening Balance 1 st January	£ 27265	£ 25048	£ 18752
Income	£156555	£164810	£171580
Less Expenditure	(£166889)	(£162593)	(£165284)
Closing Balance 31 st December	£ 16931	£ 27265	£ 25048