

# Greystones Parish

Holy Rosary & St. Kilian



The Parish of Greystones is part of the Diocese of Dublin and is recognised as a wonderful place to live. The town has seen significant growth in recent years with many young families choosing to live here. We are proud of our Parish and its long traditions in Greystones. Our vision is for the Parish to continue the care and support which we give to each other aided by the many groups that exist for this purpose.

Like your home, the Parishes of the Diocese are facing particular challenges in the years ahead.

Since I became Parish Priest last year, I have become aware of the ongoing work of our Parish Finance Committee led by Chairman, Neil Armstrong, to maintain our Parish finances in good order for the years ahead.

The Finance Committee continues to seek expenditure cuts, whilst at the same time being mindful to keep our Churches in good shape for Masses, Marriages, Funerals, Baptisms as well as aiding the Two Coats Justice Initiative. Our Parish Office continues to offer an excellent service to parishioners.

The purpose of this letter is twofold:

- A. To explain how Parish finances are managed/used.
- B. To seek your support.

Good wishes to all in our Parish.

Fr. Liam Belton P.P

Neil Armstrong - Chairman,  
Finance Committee

**Dear Parishioner,**

**Outlined is the current picture regarding the parish finances.**

**Please take a little time to read it.**

### ***Parish Financial Picture***

**FACT:** Today, the sole source of funding for the running of the Parish comes from what you give through standing orders, cheques, cash and envelope payments (planned giving). These payments have to cover the cost of maintenance and repairs, heat and lighting, staff salaries, insurance, office expenses, church requisites, pastoral services, supplementing the Parish Centre income and the Justice Group/Two Coats programme.

Monies are collected in the parish under 4 headings.

- **(A) 1st collection at all masses**
- **(B) Christmas & Easter Dues**  
These go to Diocesan Head Office and contribute to a fund to pay the salaries of priests – including retired priests - of the Diocese.
- **(C) 2nd collection at all masses**  
This goes to Diocesan Head Office to a fund to help less well off parishes in the Diocese and for Diocesan administration.
- **(D) Contributions through bank standing orders, cheques, cash or envelope payments.**

**These contributions are the sole source of funding for the running of the Parish of Holy Rosary & St. Kilian.**

## Income & Expenditure 2009 - 2011

Year	2011	2010	2009
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>224,097</b>	<b>235,399</b>	<b>270,054</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Justice Group/2 Coats	60,000	45,688	87,895
Repairs & Maintenance	83,541	100,391	54,030
Salaries & Honoraria	41,758	39,367	37,919
Pastoral	13,890	13,769	9,592
Light & Heat	12,327	7,600	12,500
All other Expenses	80,647	89,851	77,561
Total Expenses	292,163	296,666	279,497
Deficit	(68,066)	(61,267)	(9,443)

### Repairs & Maintenance

Over the last 2 years a programme of repairs and renewals has been required. During this time the Belfry and the windows throughout the Holy Rosary Church have been repaired. The historically significant Clarke stained glass windows have been refurbished. Extensive work was also carried out to the plasterwork. Having carried out this work it is not envisaged that further work on this scale will be required for a number of years.

### Justice Group/Two Coats

Our parish is, very proudly, a Justice Parish. Over the past five years our parish has contributed to the excellent, life-changing work of the Justice Group. However, due to the trend of declining income in the parish, it has been necessary to use some of the parish reserves to fund this programme, to the point where to continue in this way would not be prudent. The reserves, which have been depleted considerably, are required to meet unexpected expenditure. In consultation with the Justice Group and in recognition of their commitment to ongoing projects, we have decided to continue funding this programme over the next three years, but at a reducing rate. By 2015 Two Coats/Justice will be totally financially independent.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Firstly, the parish is very appreciative of the ongoing financial support from parishioners over the years. Without this generosity of spirit we could not make ends meet.

**If you are not currently a regular contributor perhaps you would consider starting now.**

**If you are a current contributor perhaps you would consider increasing your contribution as your means permit.**

**Please complete the attached forms and seal them in the envelope provided. Return the sealed envelope (by hand or by post) to The Parish Office, Church of the Holy Rosary.**

The most painless and administratively convenient method of subscribing is through a Bank Standing Order – template attached. Other methods are suggested on the Pledge form.

## TAX

If you are a PAYE taxpayer an annual donation in excess of €250 (recordable, by way of envelope, bankers order or cheque/cash) will enable the Parish to claim additional funding from the Revenue Commissioners.

If you are self-employed, the Parish will be happy to provide you with a receipt for your contribution so that you can offset your contribution against your taxes.

**Thank you.**

