

November 2017

Dear Parishioner,

We write to thank you for your continued support to the parish in this past year through the Family Offering. The Family Offering is the only direct source of income to meet the running costs of the Parish. It pays for the day to day expenses of running the parish as well as maintaining the church buildings. In 2016 these expenses amounted to €164,273. Contributions to the Family Offering are either by the weekly envelope collection, Standing Order or annual/half-yearly contribution. The total amount in the Family Offering Collection for 2016 was €106,725.

We endeavor to keep spending to a minimum and indeed we are indebted to the many parishioners who contribute their time and skills on a voluntary basis to the Parish. If you are not already supporting the Parish through the Family Offering we would invite you to please consider doing so. Please contact the Parish Office, phone (8401188) or email brackenstownparish@gmail.com.

The Dublin Archdiocese has recently moved to using the calendar year as its accounts year. 2016 is the first year of the new accounting period. Previously the accounts year was July to June. The 2015 accounts were included in an 18 month period which stretched from 01/07/2014 to 31/12/2015

Thank you for your support through the CHY3 tax refund scheme. If you are a tax-payer and contribute €250 or more in any calendar year, then the Parish can reclaim an additional sum of almost 45% of your donation. This means that a contribution of €250 could be worth an extra €112.32 to the Parish and a donation of €1,000, an extra €449.38 at no cost to you. This applies to contributions made through the Family Offering, Christmas and Easter Dues and First Collection envelope. Our Parish has benefited greatly from the tax relief scheme. **In 2016 we received €30,451 which was of great practical benefit to the parish. Without this tax refund our Parish would not have covered its operating costs in 2016.**

In February we became only the second parish in Dublin to introduce an envelope system for the First Collection at Mass. This enables the Parish to record contributions placed in First Collection envelopes in the same way as Christmas and Easter dues are recorded. It is then possible to factor in the offering into the tax refund scheme and generate extra income for the Parish at no extra cost to the contributor. For example €5 could be worth €7.25 and €2 could be worth €2.90. The scheme is only of added benefit to the Parish if you are a taxpayer. Please consider supporting this initiative, there are forms available on the tables at the back of the Church. Thank you to the 83 households who are already using the First Collection envelopes

The First Collection at Mass, together with the Christmas & Easter Dues goes towards the support of the priests of our Parish and Diocese. The second collection is ordinarily for Share, Special Collections are remitted directly to those concerned i.e. The Missions, Crosscare, St. Vincent de Paul (Christmas collection), etc. For all these collections a heartfelt thank you.

We are very grateful to all our Church collectors, both indoor and door-to-door, our counters, to our Parish Finance Committee, to our Parish Secretary Louise Donnelly and to Tony Hennessy our Accounts Manager for their invaluable assistance.

We wish you God's Blessing and assure you that you are remembered in the prayers of this Parish community. A weekly Mass is offered for your intentions. With renewed thanks for your generosity throughout the year

Fr. Paul Thornton, Adm.

Paddy O'Byrne, Finance Committee Chairperson

BRACKENSTOWN PARISH, STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st Dec 2016

	2016	2014
	€	€
RECEIPTS:		
Family Offering; (Envelope collection, Annuals, Standing Orders, Donations, Bequests etc.	106,725	107,268
Income Tax Reclaimed on Contributions	30,452	19,292
Shrines, Candles, Missalettes	30,160	22,835
Other Sources (Stole Fees, Fundraising, Retreats, Bank Interest, etc.)	14,100	19,852
Total	181,437	169,247
PAYMENTS:		
Running Expenses;		
Salaries, Wages, Honoraria	53,427	54,721
Rates & Insurance	4,809	4,159
Repairs & Maintenance	23,403	17,413
Heating, Lighting & Utilities	9,815	6,502
Altar Supplies, Parish Mission, etc.	13,863	8,742
Bank Interest & Charges	1,087	1,380
Telephone, Postage, Stationery & Printing	16,424	15,597
Miscellaneous Expenses (Communion, Confirmation, hospitality, hire, meetings etc.)	16,721	11,239
Shrine Candles, Missalettes	9,577	
Capital Expenses;		
Buildings & Equipment	15,147	11,708
Total	164,273	131,461
Depreciation	17,058	
Surplus for year	106	37,786
Parish Account Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
Parish Development Fund	72,456	337,354

The collections at Masses are forwarded directly to the Diocesan Offices and are not included in the above summary of the Accounts.

Parish Finance Committee; Chairperson Paddy O'Byrne, Secretary Patrick Griffin.
Members; Claire Priestley, Duane Brown, Vincent O'Malley, Sean O'Reilly, Fr. Paul Thornton