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Dear Parishioners,

I know I have only been in the Parish for a short time, and it does take time to settle into a new Parish and learn how it operates. Since my arrival, the extractor fan in my bathroom has been replaced, and some of the older light switches in the house have also been updated. Additionally, the insulation in the ceiling of the house needs to be replaced, and this job has already been organized to happen soon.

It is important to keep the Presbytery up to date with the Healthy Homes standard. Like all properties, our Parish buildings require constant repair and maintenance. For example, at least three heat pumps at St. Thomas More are not functioning and will eventually need to be replaced as they get older. This ongoing maintenance is essential for preserving our buildings for future Catholics.

On behalf of the Finance Council, I thank you for your generous support, and I also extend my gratitude to the Finance Council members for their dedicated service.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Eamon Kennedy

Parish Finance Council Report:

Dear Parishioners & Friends

On behalf of the Parish Finance Council I would like to present the Accounts for 2023 with 3 years comparison. A complete report has been lodged with the Charities Commission as is legally required, and can be read more fully on their site.

We are happy to report the income is slightly up from last year and expenditure down, giving us a surplus of \$3,152. Since 2021 large increases have had to be absorbed e.g. printing/postage & stationery (up 38%), power & gas (34%), insurance (32%), rates (28%); income only increased by 7.5% over the three years, (excluding \$100,000 donation in 2021 for Te Puke Church) – consequently it is getting harder to make ends meet.

An appeal to join or increase your Parish Giving:

We are extremely grateful to all our parishioners for the donations received, either by automatic payments, direct credits, envelopes or loose cash. The huge advantages of APs/DCs, and knowing what our expected income will be, allows us the ability to budget. It has been over 5 years since we have updated our 'parish giving' processes. We invite parishioners to consider increasing your current donations, if possible? Or joining if you are not currently part of the parish giving plan.

The Parish is registered as a charitable organization and therefore by providing contact details any donations you make can be recorded against your name in the Parish database and a tax receipt will be issued at the end of the financial year, enabling you to claim back 33.3% from Inland Revenue Dept. If you wish to donate please complete the form below and return the cut-off slip to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket at Mass.

The Church is the Body of Christ on earth and carries on His ministry in the world today. Giving is not a substitute for our commitment; it is an expression of our commitment. Through parish giving, you can make a significant positive effect on the ministries of the Church and those people whose lives are changed because of them.

Thank you again to the parishioners providing goods and services at a discount to the Parish, or volunteering their free time to help reduce our costs, it is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

Sharyn Mudgway (Chair)

On behalf of All Saints by the Sea Parish Finance Council

Fr Eamon Kennedy, Kay Sutherland, Margie Cooper & Sharyn Mudgway

***NB:** If you have any queries about the Financial Report please email me via the office: admin@allsaintsbythesea.nz*

Income and Expenses Report

All Saints by the Sea Parish, Papamoa Coast - As at 31 December 2023

Income:	2023	2022	2021
Regular Giving - APs & DCs	216,922	218,067	212,400
Regular Giving - Envelopes	46,194	52,908	45,460
Regular Giving - Loose Collection	42,027	29,786	25,777
Donations	28,441	24,527	115,147
Sales (Calendars, papers, religious goods)	1,866	1,352	1,314
Interest Received	4,509	4,985	44,029
Rent	19,148	12,303	10,048
Total Income:	359,107	343,930	454,175
Expenses - Parish:			
Advertising	308	1,205	950
Bank/EFTPOS Fees	2,295	888	878
Building R&M	24,294	57,536	98,007
Car Expenses (incl Fuel)	18,267	20,935	11,839
Cleaning	7,984	12,082	12,746
Cost of Sales (Calendars, papers, religious goods)	3,089	532	1,310
Diocesan Levy (See 'Note' below)	62,836	43,181	21,818
Grounds R&M	7,075	8,931	4,363
Insurance	7,332	6,287	5,546
Liturgical Costs/Church Requisites	6,158	9,008	6,236
Music Copyright	516	1,152	576
Office Expenses/Computer Costs	3,242	2,983	6,834
Rent/Hire	(3,987)	(942)	2,087
Parish Activities	10,050	7,702	7,311
Power & Gas	17,594	16,271	13,043
Printing, Stationery & Postage	7,660	7,024	5,530
Rates	13,553	12,846	10,535
Religious Education	2,125	2,540	3,571
Security	1,195	1,034	1,092
Telephone & Internet	5,769	2,478	6,699
Staff Costs - Wages/ACC levies	66,966	60,615	73,368
Total Expenses - Parish:	264,321	274,289	294,339
Expenses - Clergy/House:			
Cathedraticum (Donation towards our Bishop)	7,085	7,748	7,295
Clergy Trust Fund Contribution (For Priests' Stipend, medical and retired priests)	63,765	69,731	65,651
House - Costs	20,783	18,640	19,498
Total Expenses - Clergy/House:	91,634	96,119	92,444
Total Expenses:	355,954	370,409	386,783
Surplus / (Deficit):	3,153	(26,479)	67,391
<i>Note: An error in the charge for the 2023 Diocesan Levy was identified and adjusted early 2024 – resulting in a \$13,000 credit.</i>			



Please return the slip to the Parish Office or put it into the collection basket at Mass

Name: _____

Automatic Payments (APs)

Address: _____

Internet Banking

Email: _____

Weekly Parish Giving Envelopes

Phone No: _____

An annual donation