

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2021



LUMEN CHRISTI

CATHOLIC PARISH

*We are called
to reveal
the Light of Christ
to the world.*



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Lumen Christi Parish Prayer

Merciful God,
you have called us out of darkness
into the Light of Christ.

We gather as the parish community of Lumen Christi.
In Baptism, we were consecrated as your children.

In Confirmation, the Spirit of truth
strengthened us to bear witness to your Word.

We are nourished at the table of the Eucharist.

May our gifts always contribute to
building up the Body of Christ.

Help us to reveal Christ's love
to the world through all we say and do.

Amen.

A Message from the Administrator, Very Rev Bernard Gordon

Dear Parishioners,

Since our last Annual Report for Lumen Christi one year ago Covid-19 has continued to disrupt our lives. This has caused difficulties in many aspects of our personal and community lives, and has also disconnected us, to some degree, as people of faith and worship from sharing in parish life. Yet, we have begun some community activities such as hospitality after Mass on Sundays, which has been well attended by many parishioners. Recently, we have felt confident enough to re-open the Cathedral for private prayer at certain hours of the day. The Catholic Women's League have commenced meetings at the Monsignor Rigney Room. Readers, Acolytes and Senior Servers have gathered for a reflection on Pope Francis' teaching on prayer. We are planning a hospitality group to provide a meal once a month for those especially in need of welcome. The work of the St Vincent de Paul in service of the neediest continues. Our school communities of St Brigid's and Good Samaritan soldier on in difficult circumstances. The Sacramental life of the parish has continued with Baptisms of children, preparation of children for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Holy Communion, and there is compassionate support for those who are bereaved at the loss of loved ones. And so much more is done and stills needs to be done.

On a financial level, there has been a significant drop in parish income due

to the Covid-19 lockdown. Details of the financial situation will be found in the Parish Finance Reports to follow. Fortunately, many of our parishioners choose to donate via direct debit and other electronic means so that the income stream from parishioners continued to some extent over the year, but it has dropped enough to have a significant impact. Of course, this situation is replicated throughout the diocese and, on a larger scale, throughout the universal Church.

My hope is that we will take the opportunity to ponder how we wish to live as Lumen Christi Parish into the future. We are called to see the events of our parish life through a renewed lens of confidence both in Christ and in his call to reveal the light of the Good News to all.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and continues to contribute in so many ways to building up our life as the Body of Christ in our Lumen Christi Parish. May we be a parish marked by a vital sense of our mission to bring the Good News of God's love and mercy to the many circles of family, friends, and workplaces in which we are called to live and work.



Very Rev Bernard L Gordon
Vicar General & Administrator
3 March 2022

From the General Manager, Mr Kevin Galea

Under the Code of Canon Law (537), each parish is required to organise a Finance Committee. All parishes are required under Canon law to have a Parish Finance Committee (PFC) to assist the parish priest in the administration of the goods of the parish. The PFC is required to include at least three members of the faithful of the parish, has a consultative role and meets approximately four times per year. As a result of the pandemic, committee meetings have included both in-person and online meetings.

The challenging conditions we have all experienced in 2021 have had an impact on the parish community and on the work of the Parish. The experience of lockdowns and restrictions has meant that we have not been able to be together as a community as often as we would have hoped. Meeting as a group in person has been impossible in the environment of restrictions and lockdowns and we have all become more experienced using video conferencing.

I would like to thank the members of the current PFC are: Bishop Brian Mascord (PP), Fr Bernard Gordon (Adm), Mr Kevin Galea (ex officio - Parish), Ms Gabi Tobin (Chair), Ms Lisa de Paiva (Member), Lynne Hudson (Member), Dunstan Saverimuttu (Member), Riccardo Biondini (Member).

Father Bernard Gordon, as the Administrator, is responsible for the finances of the parish. This is a delegated responsibility from the Bishop.

The day-to-day financial management, in consultation with the Parish Priest, Administrator and the General Manager, involves such things as record keeping and transactions related to parish income and expenditure.

As we face further challenging times in parish life, we are looking forward to the time when pandemic restrictions are lifted, and the parish is once again able to be filled with our parishioners and visitors.

Audited Reports

At the end of each calendar year, an external auditor reviews the parish accounts. A copy of the Auditor's Report is given to the Administrator, Diocese, the Parish Finance Council and is published in our churches.

We need your contributions especially for the Second Collection. If you wish to be part of the plan giving program or would like to increase your direct deposit, please contact the parish office by contacting Leanne Burlin on 4211 0500 or email wollongong@dow.org.au

Plan Giving

The Envelope Collection is part of the Parish Plan Giving Programme whereby a

family chooses to take a set of envelopes for the year, marked with the date for each week, and decides on an agreed amount they will contribute. Alternatively, a family may set up a Direct Debit either from a credit card or through arranging a monthly scheduled transaction paid into our parish account. The Plan Giving Programme is important as it enables the parish to budget for the coming year depending on the pledge made by parishioners.

Loose Collection

Bundled into the Loose Collection are all monies received via the collection boxes that are not placed in an envelope.

The following is a comparative summary of the planned giving & loose collections for years 2021 and 2020 in the three parishes.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish, Wollongong

	2021	%	2020	%
Envelopes	\$ 33,027	35.70	\$ 43,049	51.50
Direct Debits	\$ 41,900	45.28	\$ 30,045	35.94
	\$ 74,927	80.98	\$ 73,094	87.44
Loose	\$ 17,594	19.02	\$ 10,492	12.56
Total	\$ 92,521	100.00	\$ 83,586	100.00

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Parish Fairy Meadow & Mater Dolorosa Church, Balgownie

	2021	%	2020	%
Envelopes	\$ 23,699	41.30	\$ 27,501	52.25
Direct Debits	\$ 20,795	36.24	\$ 15,620	29.68
	\$ 44,494	77.54	\$ 43,121	81.93
Loose	\$ 12,886	22.46	\$ 9,510	18.07
Total	\$ 57,380	100.00	\$ 52,631	100.00

St Brigid's Church, Gwynneville

	2021	%	2020	%
Envelopes	\$ 7,390	23.49	\$10,033	33.00
Direct Debits	\$16,470	52.36	\$12,660	41.65
	\$23,860	75.85	\$22,693	74.65
Loose	\$ 7,596	24.15	\$ 7,703	25.35
Total	\$31,456	100.00	\$30,396	100.00

Parish Financial Reports

Snapshot – 2021

January to December 2021



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHEDRAL**

INCOME

\$ 556,361

EXPENSES

\$ 619,503

LOSS

\$ (63,142)

**Provision for
Leave**

\$ 27,078

Sundry Creditors

\$ 0



**ST JOHN VIANNEY
CO-CATHEDRAL &
MATER DOLOROSA**

INCOME

\$ 243,996

EXPENSES

\$ 231,153

SURPLUS

\$ 12,843

**Vietnamese
Chaplaincy**

\$ 0

Sundry Creditors

\$ 0



**ST BRIGID'S
GWYNNEVILLE**

INCOME

\$ 66,691

EXPENSES

\$ 108,837

LOSS

\$ (42,146)

Sundry Creditors

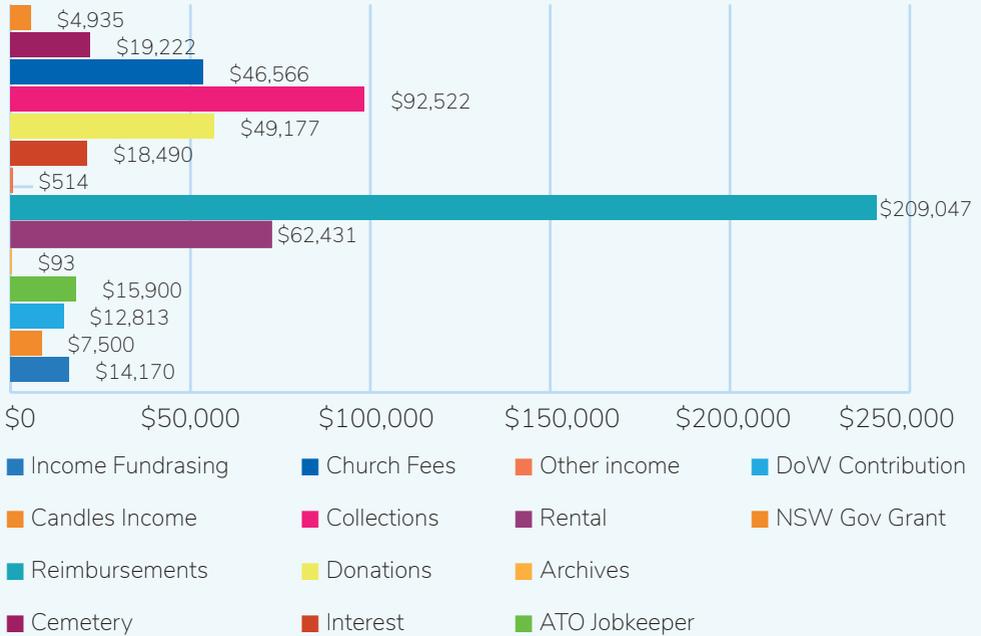
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Finance Reports – Cathedral Parish

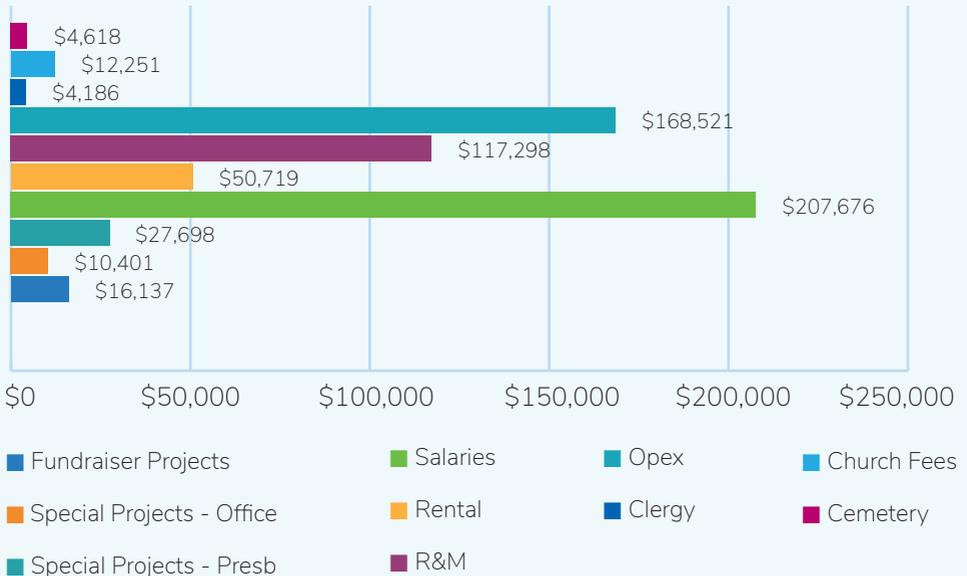
Key Points – Management Review

- The deficit for the year was (\$63,142) which was less than the 2020 by (\$212,435). Details of this variation are set out in the Income and Expenditure analysis
- There was a negative Cash Flow for the year of (\$69,539) compared to a negative in 2020 of (\$209,928). a positive movement of \$140,389
- All bank statements have been reconciled as at 31st December 2021 and cash holdings are correctly reflected in the Accounts
- The cash counting sheets for March – May 2021 (period not subject to Covid restrictions) have been carried out in accordance with the Diocesan Financial and Accounting Standards
- Property valuations have Decreased by \$865,600 for the year
- The Liability of \$27,078 is calculated by the Diocesan Payroll Service
- Parish Income for the year was \$556,361 which was less than 2020 by (\$389,819) on account of donations received for the Cathedral renewal in 2020
- Parish Expenditure for the year was \$619,503 which was less than 2020 by (\$602,254)
- Finance Meeting Minutes for 23/2/21, 23/3/21, 27/7/21 and 7/9/21 and all recommendations have been complied with

Income 2021



Expenses 2021



Income and Expenditure

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong

Accounts: All

WOLLONGONG EAST

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Year to Date 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
INCOME			
1.000 CHURCH - INCOME			
1.100 Sunday collection			
43,049	1.101	PG envelopes	33,027
28,145	1.102	PG Direct Debits	39,325
1,900	1.103	PG Credit Cards	2,575
10,492	1.104	Second collection loose	17,593
83,586			92,521
1.120 Interest received			
1,043	1.121	Church saving accounts	437
123,751	1.122	Church investment accounts	18,053
124,793			18,490
1.140 Rental income - Property & Precin			
24,019	1.141	30 Harbour Street	27,186
18,059	1.142	34 A Harbour Street	18,619
15,340	1.143	34 B Harbour Street	15,560
34,373	1.144	Parking	31,000
1,140	1.145	General Income	1,065
92,931			93,430
1.150 Church fees			
-	1.151	Church fees	-
450	1.152	Funeral donations	2,550
150	1.153	Rigney Room Hire	-
7,950	1.154	Weddings	5,650
50	1.155	Archives	93
8,600			8,293
1.160 Ministry income			
1,117	1.162	Inc_Adult faith education	940
-	1.163	Inc_Youth	-
903	1.164	Inc_Pastoral	-
2,020			940
1.180 Church requisites - income			
1,899	1.181	Candles	4,935
100	1.182	Miscellaneous	177
1,999			5,112
1.200 Cemetery income			
19,491	1.201	Columbarium	19,222
19,491			19,222
1.220 Donations Dividends and Special c			
177	1.221	CDF contributions	204
108	1.223	CCI dividends	-
1,046	1.224	Special collections	2,984
66,277	1.227	Donations received	46,627
80,550	1.229	ATO COVID 19 Jobkeeper	15,900
1,724	1.230	COVID-19 Donations	-
-	1.231	Service NSW Grant	7,500
149,882			73,215
1.240 Sacramental Scripture Catechetics			
3,548	1.241	Sacramental Fees income	7,672
51	1.242	Scripture income	923
3,599			8,595
1.250 Housie income			
8,770	1.251	Housie takings	-
5,410	1.252	Housie snowball receipts	-
3,051	1.253	Housie canteen	-
17,231			-
1.260 Reimbursements			
92,837	1.261	Reimbursements rec - Fairymeadow	136,820
49,492	1.262	Reimbursements rec - Gwynneville	53,082
4,587	1.263	Reimbursements rec - Syro-Malabar	-

Income and Expenditure

Accounts: All

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong
WOLLONGONG EAST

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Year to Date 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
INCOME			
10,131	1.264	Reimbursements rec - DOW	19,144
157,047			209,046
1.270 Special Projects			
285,000	1.271	Special Projects_DoW contribution	12,813
-	1.272	Special Project_Fundraiser	14,170
285,000			26,983
1.290 Other income - miscellaneous			
-	1.291	Other income - miscellaneous	514
-			514
946,180			556,361
946,180		Total Income	556,361
EXPENSE			
2.000 CHURCH EXPENDITURE			
2.100 General Administration of Church			
	2.101	Church requisites	2,090
2,601	2.102	Admin staff salaries	139,958
142,247	2.103	Admin staff superannuation	14,654
13,496	2.104	Printing Postage and Stationery	8,368
6,481	2.105	Phone Fax Website Internet	16,190
8,891	2.106	Advertising Publications Copyright	6,783
2,888	2.107	Photocopier	28,959
20,641	2.108	Accounting Audit and Bank fees	4,026
4,166	2.109	Planned giving expenses	1,135
531	2.110	Candles	6,016
2,957	2.111	Office staff miscellaneous	2,453
1,496	2.112	Business Development Expenses	-
1,050	2.113	Travel & Entertainment	2,169
-	2.114	Dry Cleaning	18
858	2.115	Church Fees Refunds	850
150			233,670
208,453			
2.120 Pastoral expenses			
-	2.121	Clergy motor vehicle	-
-	2.122	Clergy superannuation	-
-	2.123	Clergy supply	200
4,018	2.124	Clergy expenses - miscellaneous	3,786
1,240	2.125	Religious stipend	200
22,575	2.126	Lay pastoral staff	21,475
34,662	2.127	Housekeeper Cook Salaries and Super	31,589
62,495			57,250
2.140 Property costs			
16,234	2.141	R & M Grounds maintenance (inc gard	23,827
10,233	2.142	Heat Light and Power	7,445
17,545	2.143	R & M Church	24,299
22,144	2.144	R & M Cathedral House	17,602
8,610	2.145	Cemetery Bishops	-
5,893	2.146	Columbarium	4,618
23,312	2.147	R & M equipment (inc computer)	18,574
3,812	2.148	Rates and Council charges	6,715
2,386	2.152	Security and Fire protection	3,738
23,203	2.153	R & M Office	22,017
5,323	2.154	Waste and Recycling	5,528
19,296	2.155	Insurance	24,612
10,365	2.156	Furn Fittings and Equipment	10,980
13,042	2.157	Cleaning	22,666
-	2.158	Sanitization	1,658
181,396			194,280
2.170 Rental Property Expenses			

Income and Expenditure

Accounts: All

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong
WOLLONGONG EAST

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Year to Date 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
EXPENSE			
3,403	2.171	R & M 30 Harbour St	25,763
1,233	2.172	R & M 34A Harbour St	4,049
4,361	2.173	R & M 34B Harbour St	632
872	2.174	R & M 32 Harbour St	18,360
2,043	2.175	Rental Property Management Fees	1,916
11,912			50,719
2.180 Special Projects			
570,061	2.181	R&M Special Projects_Cathedral	-
50,000	2.182	R&M Special Projects_Cathedral House	27,698
-	2.183	R&M Special Projects_Parish Office	10,401
-	2.184	R&M_Special Projects_Fundraiser	16,137
620,061			54,236
2.200 Diocesan levies Donations Special			
-	2.201	Cathedraticum	-
280	2.202	Donations	-
280			-
2.220 Sacramental Scripture and Catech			
1,537	2.221	Sacramental	1,327
1,971	2.222	Scripture	808
326	2.223	Catechetical	1,714
3,834			3,849
2.240 Ministry expenses			
3,228	2.241	Hospitality / Social / Gifts	5,271
802	2.242	Adult Faith	3,002
-	2.243	Youth	130
3,322	2.244	Liturgy	4,446
158	2.245	WWC CrimTrac	186
7,510			13,034
2.250 Housie costs			
2,949	2.251	Housie general expenses	-
2,500	2.252	Housie Snowball winnings	-
5,449			-
2.260 Contributions Adjustemts			
80,747	2.261	Write off debt_Gwynneville	-
80,747			-
2.270 Precinct contributions			
22,593	2.271	SJV Fairymeadow	7,605
11,755	2.272	SB Gwynneville	3,802
5,270	2.273	DOW Diocese of Wollongong	1,061
39,618			12,468
1,221,757			619,503
1,221,757		Total Expense	619,503
(275,577)		Operating Deficit	(63,142)
(275,577)		Net Deficit	(63,142)


 Fr Bernard L Gordon
 Vicar General & Administrator
 Date: 22/2/2022


 Kevin Galea
 General Manager
 Date: 21/02/2022

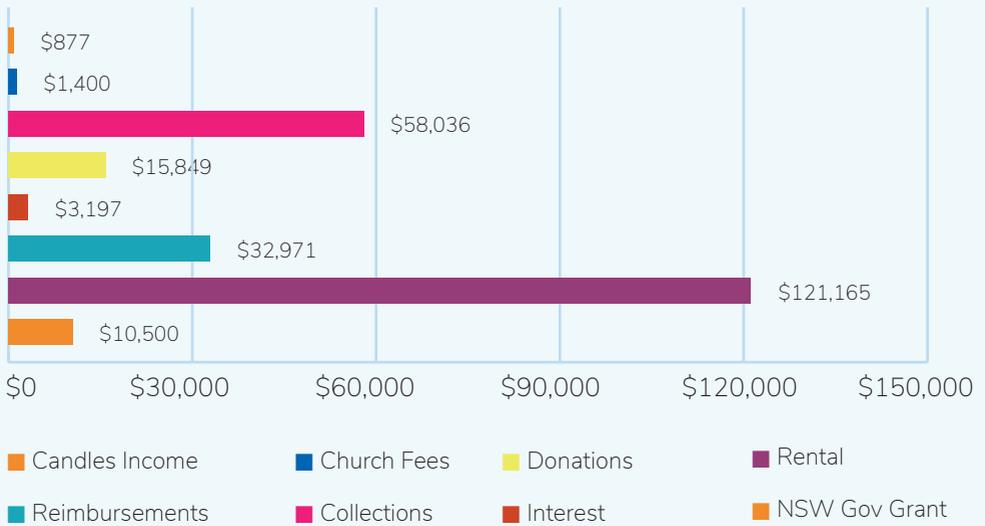

 Lisa de Palma
 On Behalf of the Parish Finance Council
 Date: 22/2/22

Finance Reports – Fairy Meadow Parish & Balgownie Church

Key Points – Management Review

- The net Parish surplus for the year was \$12,843
- There was a positive Parish Cash Flow for the year of \$12,803. However, if the job keeper and Government grants payments of \$18,105 were deducted, there would have been a negative cash flow of (\$5,302)
- All bank statements have been reconciled as at 31st December 2021 and cash holdings are correctly reflected in the Accounts
- Property valuations have decreased by \$918,528 for the year
- Parish Expenditure for the year was \$231,153 which was greater than 2020 by \$22,998 (air conditioning, maintenance, and storm water repairs in rental properties, increase in insurance premium)
- Finance Meeting Minutes for 22/3/21, 23/3/21, 27/7/21 and 7/9/21 have been audited and all recommendations have been complied with

Income 2021



Expenses 2021



Income and Expenditure

Accounts: All

St John Vianney Parish Fairymeadow
FAIRY MEADOW

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Current Year 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
INCOME			
1.000 CHURCH - INCOME			
1.100 Sunday collection			
27,501	1.101	PG Envelopes	23,699
15,140	1.102	PG Direct Debits	19,060
480	1.103	PG Credit Cards	1,735
9,510	1.104	Second collection loose	10,043
-	1.105	Second collection loose - Italian commi	2,843
52,631			57,380
1.120 Interest received			
284	1.121	Church saving accounts	194
8,252	1.122	Church investment accounts	3,003
8,536			3,197
1.140 Rental income - Property & Precin			
20,422	1.145	42 McGrath Street	17,907
18,500	1.146	44 McGrath Street	18,780
16,730	1.147	46 McGrath Street	14,871
68,356	1.148	McCabe Village	69,607
2,400	1.152	Funeral donations	5,750
2,500	1.154	Weddings	1,400
128,908			128,315
1.180 Church requisites - income			
651	1.181	Candles	877
651			877
1.220 Donations Dividends and Special c			
179	1.221	CDF contributions	-
339	1.223	CCI Dividends	-
606	1.224	Special collections	657
9,807	1.227	Donations received	10,099
2,503	1.228	Other collections - contributions	-
370	1.230	COVID-19 Donations	-
-	1.231	Service NSW Grant	10,500
13,804			21,256
1.260 Reimbursements			
11,556	1.263	Reimbursements rec - Syro-Malabar	5,235
7,580	1.267	Reimbursements rec - Good Samaritar	13,391
13,166	1.268	Reimbursements rec - DOW	6,739
21,330	1.269	Reimbursements rec - Precinct	7,605
53,631			32,970
258,162			243,996
258,162		Total Income	243,996
EXPENSE			
2.000 CHURCH EXPENDITURE			
2.100 General Administration of Church			
894	2.101	Church requisites	393
-	2.102	Admin staff salaries	-
968	2.104	Printing Postage and Stationery	-
41	2.105	Phone Fax Website Internet	-
532	2.106	Advertising Publications Copyright	512
-	2.107	Photocopier	-
1,080	2.108	Accounting Audit and Bank Fees	1,450
535	2.109	Planned giving expenses	1,455
2,392	2.110	Candles	1,479
600	2.111	Church Fees Refund	500
6,317	2.112	R & M equipment (inc computer)	1,078
13,359			6,867
2.120 Pastoral expenses			
10,800	2.121	Clergy motor vehicle	7,200

Income and Expenditure

St John Vianney Parish Fairymeadow

Accounts: All

FAIRY MEADOW

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Current Year 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
EXPENSE			
2,040	2.122	Clergy superannuation	360
800	2.125	Religious stipend	-
13,640			7,560
2.140 Property costs			
3,895	2.141	R & M Grounds maintenance (inc gard	2,160
3,365	2.142	Heat Light and Power	1,273
7,751	2.143	R & M Fairy Meadow Church	847
3,111	2.145	R & M Balgownie Church	1,759
9,259	2.148	Rates and Council charges	14,520
2,991	2.149	R & M Presbytery	-
-	2.150	R & M Hall	-
-	2.151	R & M grounds (closed 311219)	-
2,248	2.152	Security and Fire protection	2,202
25,654	2.155	Insurance	24,644
13,363	2.157	Cleaning	6,906
71,637			54,312
2.170 Rental Property Expenses			
4,346	2.175	Rental Property Management Fees	4,166
2,581	2.176	R & M 42 McGrath Street	7,455
4,215	2.177	R & M 44 McGrath Street	6,334
363	2.178	R & M 46 McGrath Street	4,402
11,505			22,356
2.200 Diocesan Levies Donations Special			
-	2.201	Cathedraticum	-
320	2.202	Donations	-
320			-
2.240 Ministry expenses			
1,650	2.241	Hospitality / Social / Gifts	1,069
902	2.244	Liturgy	2,147
-	2.245	WWC CrimTrac	21
2,552			3,238
2.260 Precinct contributions			
95,094	2.261	Precinct contributions	136,820
95,094			136,820
2.280 Other expenses - Miscellaneous			
47	2.281	Other expenses - Miscellaneous	-
47			-
208,155			231,153
208,155		Total Expense	231,153
50,007		Operating Surplus	12,843
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50,007		Net Surplus	12,843



Fr Bernard L Gordon
Vicar General & Administrator
Date: 22/12/2022



Kevin Galea
General Manager
Date: 22/10/2022



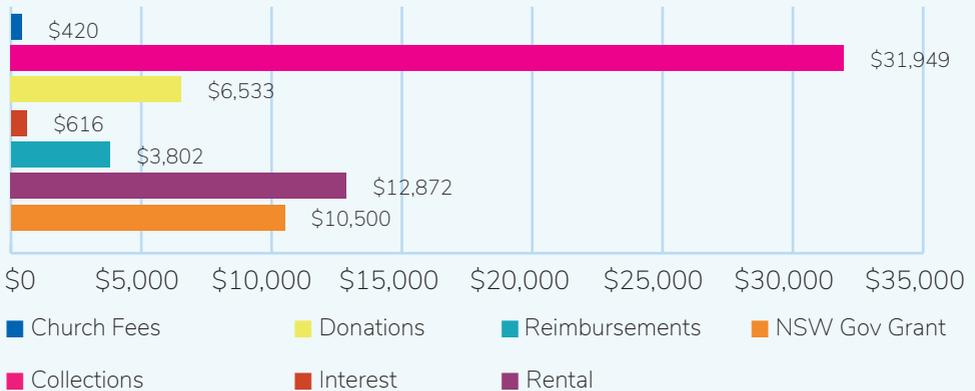
Lisa de Paiva
On Behalf of the Parish Finance Council
Date: 22/12/22

Finance Reports – Gwynneville Parish

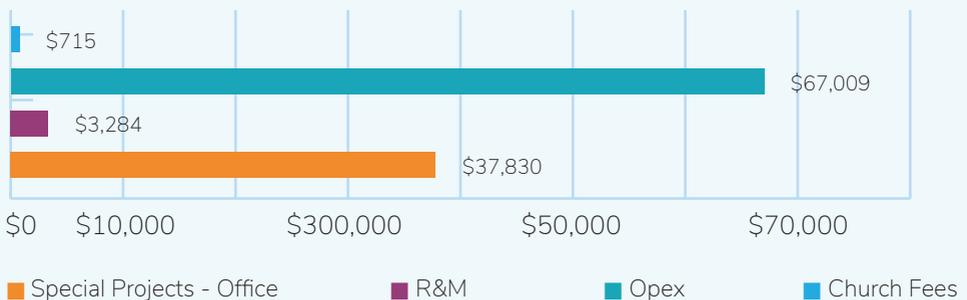
Key Points – Management Review

- The net deficit for the year was (\$42,146)
- All bank statements with the exception of the Church Account have been reconciled as at 31st December 2021 and cash holdings are correctly reflected in the Accounts
- There was a negative Cash Flow for the year of (\$42,146)
- Property valuations have increased by \$258,616 for the year
- Parish Income for the year was \$66,691 which was less than 2020 by \$76,040
- Parish Expenditure for the year was \$108,837 which was greater than 2020 by \$29,762 (development application and subdivision title for Gwynneville former presbytery)
- Finance Meeting Minutes for 223/2/21, 23/3/21, 27/7/21 and 7/9/21 have been audited and all recommendations have been complied with

Income 2021



Expenses 2021



Income and Expenditure

Accounts: All

St Brigid's Parish Gwynneville
GWYNNEVILLE

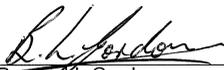
Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020	Account	Description	Current Year 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
Actual			Actual
INCOME			
	1.000	CHURCH - INCOME	
	1.100	Sunday collection	
10,033	1.101	PG envelopes	7,390
12,660	1.102	PG Direct Debits	16,470
7,704	1.104	Second collection loose	7,596
30,396			31,456
	1.120	Interest received	
10	1.121	Church saving accounts	10
1,811	1.122	Church investment accounts	606
1,821			616
	1.140	Rental income - Property & Precin	
12,872	1.149	123 Gipps Road	12,872
12,872			12,872
	1.150	Church fees	
600	1.152	Funeral donations	2,050
1,550	1.154	Weddings	300
2,150			2,350
	1.220	Donations Dividends and Special c	
104	1.221	CDF contributions	120
97	1.223	CCI dividends	-
569	1.224	Special collections	493
2,680	1.227	Donations received	4,483
630	1.230	COVID-19 Donations	-
-	1.231	Service NSW Grant	10,500
4,079			15,596
51,318			62,889
	1.260	Contributions	
10,665	1.261	Precinct contribution	3,802
	1.270	Other income - miscellaneous	
80,747	1.301	Gwynneville Cont_Write Off	-
80,747			-
91,412			3,802
142,731		Total Income	66,691
EXPENSE			
	2.000	CHURCH EXPENDITURE	
	2.100	General Administration of Church	
-	2.101	Church requisites	-
269	2.104	Printing Postage and Stationery	175
-	2.105	Phone Fax Website Internet	-
885	2.108	Accounting Audit and Bank Fees	1,285
310	2.109	Planned giving expenses	653
931	2.110	Candles	1,034
2,395			3,147
	2.120	Pastoral expenses	
4,500	2.121	Clergy motor vehicle	-
720	2.122	Clergy superannuation	-
400	2.125	Religious stipend	-
5,620			-
	2.140	Property costs	
-	2.141	R & M Grounds maintenance (inc gard	268
922	2.142	Heat Light and Power	655
9,142	2.143	R & M Church	3,015
633	2.147	R & M equipment (inc computer)	-
-	2.148	Rates and Council charges	11
818	2.152	Security and Fire protection	1,037
6,076	2.155	Insurance	6,752
3,316	2.157	Cleaning	1,779

Income and Expenditure

Accounts: All

St Brigid's Parish Gwynneville
GWYNEVILLE

Last Year 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020 Actual	Account	Description	Current Year 01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021 Actual
EXPENSE			
20,907			13,518
	2.160 Business Development		
-	2.161	Business development_123 Gipps Rd	37,830
-			37,830
	2.200 Diocesan Levies Donations Special		
-	2.201	Cathedraticum	-
10	2.202	Donations	-
10			-
	2.240 Ministry Expenses		
538	2.241	Hospitality / Social / Gifts	715
-	2.242	Adult Faith	-
1,364	2.244	Liturgy	545
1,901			1,260
	2.260 Precinct contributions		
48,242	2.261	Precinct contributions	53,082
48,242			53,082
79,075			108,837
79,075		Total Expense	108,837
63,656		Operating Deficit	(42,146)
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63,656		Net Deficit	(42,146)



 Fr Bernard L. Gordon
 Vicar General & Administrator
 Date: 22/2/2022



 Kevin Galea
 General Manager
 Date: 22/02/2022



 Lisa de Paiva
 On Behalf of the Parish Finance Council
 Date: 22/2/22

Donations

We also give our thanks for the financial generosity of our parishioners who have made donations in the difficult year of 2021.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish

Donations – General \$ 46,627

St John Vianney Co-Cathedral Parish, Mater Dolorosa

Donations – General \$ 10,099

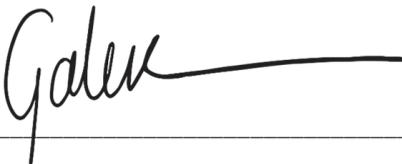
St Brigid's Parish

Donations – General \$ 4,483

Total Donations received in Lumen Christi \$ 61,209

We have always been grateful for the wonderful stewardship that is exercised by so many people in Lumen Christi. There are countless volunteers in the various parish ministries and councils who give so generously of their time and talents. The people of the parish have been generous in their contributions of treasure as well. Even though the revenues received in 2021 were greatly reduced by the pandemic and the economic fallout it has had for so many people, funds were still coming in to allow us to perform the essential ministries of our Church. We thank you for the special sacrifices you have made during this uncertain time to support the works of our parish.

May God bless you all,



Mr Kevin Galea
General Manager
3 March 2022



The incarnation of the Word in a human family,
in Nazareth, by its very newness changed
the history of the world.

POPE FRANCIS
AMORIS LÆTITIA

The Importance of Reconnecting with God

Jesus hung out with the lost because he knew they would see their need and respond, flooding heaven with joy. The question we must ask ourselves is have we lost our way?

Have we allowed a wedge to be driven between us and God? Have we allowed the weeds to take over our garden because we choose to tend to other, far less important things?

If we have, the answer then is simple: return to God. Not easy, perhaps, but simple, nonetheless. Make God first in our lives again. Give God our time. Give God our heart.

Our whole heart, our love — and our time. We already know the things of this world will let us down and lead only to worry, heartache, and disappointment.

We need only turn our hearts once again toward heaven, where the Father awaits our return. He is watching and waiting for us. He is there and waiting with open, loving arms. We need only to come back home.

An important way of reconnecting to God is to reconnect with our parish family. Please download our weekly bulletin for details on how you can connect and assist in our parish life and activities. Go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/bulletin

In our Parish Schools

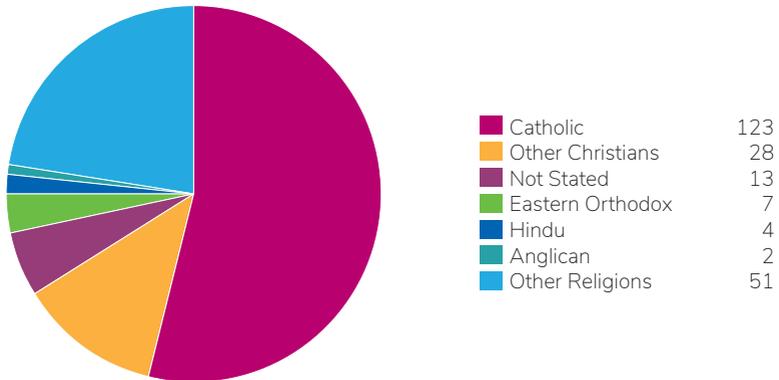
Definitions

ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
LBOTE	Language Background Other Than English
ESL	English-language learner



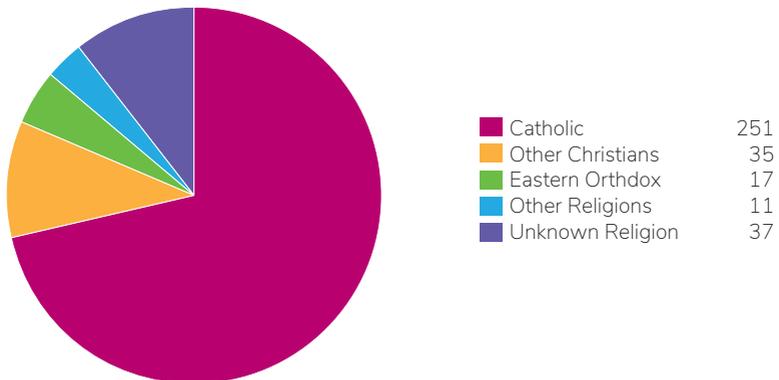
St Brigid's Catholic Parish Primary School, Gwynneville

Student Enrolments 2021: 182 LBOTE: 57 ATSI: 4 ESL: 7



Good Samaritan Catholic Primary School, Fairy Meadow

Student Enrolments 2021: 361 LBOTE: 147



Sacramental Life



Baptisms
53 Baptisms



Eucharistic

First Holy Communion Masses have been transferred to 2022 due to the restrictions in place in 2021.



Confirmation
94 Confirmations



Marriage
12 Marriages



Funerals
64 Funerals



R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Baptisms and Confirmations at St Francis Xavier Cathedral include 2 RCIA candidates.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL



32



22



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ST JOHN VIANNEY CO-CATHEDRAL & MATER DOLOROSA



10



57



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ST BRIGID'S GWYNNEVILLE



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Ministry of Catechists in Government Primary Schools

Special Religious Education (SRE) is an important ministry within our parishes which supports parents, students, clergy, and parishes in the religious education attending government schools.

We need your help!

Do you have a calling to spread the Good News and joy of the Gospel to children in 2022?

Are you able to be there to support the children in the SRE classroom and the replace the Catechists who have retired or are unable to return?

Our vibrant team of Catechists bring the Word of God's love to the Catholic children in our local government primary schools.

- Keiraville Primary School
- Gwynneville Primary School
- Pleasant Heights Primary School
- Balgownie Primary School
- Fairy Meadow Demonstration School
- Towradgi Primary School
- Coniston Primary School
- Mt St Thomas Primary School
- Wollongong Primary School
- Para Meadows Special School, North Wollongong

If you would like to join our team please contact our Pastoral Associate, Mrs Catherine Zamroz on 4211 0506 or email catherine.zamroz@dow.org.au

Bequest Giving

Remembering your faith community in your Will

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish? This is called a legacy or bequest.

Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying "thank you" for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years.

Your Parish

Many of us have a special connection to our parish, nurtured by years of faith-sharing, schooling, friendships, and support.

A bequest to your parish, no matter how small, will help the faith community which has meant so much to you to continue its good works and its loving outreach. It is also a means by which you can plan a lasting gift for your parish which might not be possible in your lifetime.

In receiving a bequest, a parish may be able to use the gift to attend to much-needed maintenance and improvements to the church and other Parish property or put the gift towards building a new church or refurbishing their existing one. These kinds of gifts help the Parish free up other income to use toward pastoral care programs.

Lumen Christi Catholic Parish

The need for material and spiritual assistance provided by the parish is always growing. One of the many areas of need is to provide financial support in ongoing operational costs such as utility costs, wages for parish staff, and repairs and maintenance of our church buildings.

No matter the size of the gift, a bequest of any kind in your Will can make a significant difference.

Your Gift

The following are some examples of how a bequest may be given:

- A Specific Bequest: a detailed gift, for example, an item of property, shares, or an insurance policy
- Percentage of your Estate: nominating a set percentage of your Estate for your chosen beneficiaries
- Residuary Bequest: nominating a beneficiary to receive any leftover monies from your Estate
- Whole Estate: nominating your entire Estate for your chosen beneficiary

Would you like to know more?

If you would like to know more about how to remember your Parish in your Will, please contact the parish office on (02) 4211 0500 or email wollongong@dow.org.au. You can be assured that all enquiries are treated with the strictest confidence.



Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain...

POPE FRANCIS
AMORIS LÆTITIA





LEAVING A *Legacy* OF FAITH

In thanks for the gift of faith
... a gift for the **future of faith**

The Catholic Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness.

By leaving a gift to your church in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith – a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

APPROPRIATE *wording*

It is important the correct clauses and terminology are used in your Will. Suggested wording is shown below.

"I give to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Wollongong, as trustee for the Catholic Parish of Lumen Christi, Wollongong, in the State of New South Wales (ABN 25175058859) for its general purposes, the sum of \$_____ or _____ percent of my estate or the property at _____ (or other specific items), free of all duties, taxes and other deductions of whatever kind.

I declare that the receipt of the Parish Priest, or other designated officer, of the Catholic Parish of Lumen Christi, Wollongong shall be sufficient discharge to my Executors and Trustees."



LUMEN CHRISTI
CATHOLIC PARISH

(EST. 2022)

Cathedral of St Francis Xavier (Est.1838), Co-Cathedral of St John Vianney (Est.1947),
Mater Dolorosa (Est.1908), St Brigid's (Est.1948)

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