

**As of the 31st December 2022 the Parish had £18,742.35p of available funds held in the bank.**

**Kilrea No 1 a/c - £17,133.06 Marian Hall a/c £1,203.72 and Gift Aid a/c - £405.57.**

**Dear Parishioners,**

I would like to take this opportunity, while presenting the Parish Financial Statement to the end of the calendar year 2022, to acknowledge my personal thanks and support you have extended to the parish in these challenging times.

The financial report highlights your continued commitment to support the daily running costs of the Parish estate through the weekly collection. It also reflects your on-going commitment to Trócaire and the special Diocesan collections.

The financial year 2022 as in the previous cycle was particularly difficult for parish finances and for families in our parish community. The uncertainty continues into this cycle particularly with the cost of living and enhanced inflationary costs in relation to energy costs, food inflation and fuel consumption. However, we are very grateful to the increasing numbers of parishioners who are now using the provision of standing orders to support the parish. (Further details are available on the parish website - [www.parihofkilrea.com](http://www.parihofkilrea.com)), or alternatively contact the parish office.

You may notice from the financial statement that there is a significant deficit in the financial year 2022, this has been accrued primarily due to two factors. **1.** Necessary refurbishments required at the Parochial House when it was vacant. **2.** Last year's Gift Aid due to the death of Fr. Cargan was unclaimed, due to the change of the mandate signature required for it to be processed.

If you are interested in supporting our parish through the medium of a standing order. In this correspondence you will find the details of the Parish of Kilrea & Desertohill - Gift Aid A/C (Bank of Ireland) Sort Code - 904982. A/C No - 92433611. It is at your discretion if you wish to contribute to this account by weekly/monthly contributions. If you advance the standing order, (it can be processed on-line with your bank), or alternatively bring the completed mandate to your bank. We request that when you are issuing your instruction to the bank, that you do so with your personal name, in doing so we can therefore identify from whom the standing order has been authorised. Also, you can withdraw the mandate at your own discretion. We would appreciate an acknowledgement of this transaction (by email) when it is activated, so that we can have a copy for the parish records. In the information forwarded we will require your address and telephone number. This information is required to ensure that you are not offered a box of envelopes next year. If your circumstances change and you wish to withdraw the mandate and continue with the use of envelopes, could you please contact the parish email address ([parihofkilrea@btinternet.com](mailto:parihofkilrea@btinternet.com)). If you have any further inquiries or clarification of any of the above, please contact either by email or telephone 29540343/29558251.

Going forward the following will need immediate and on-going attention - **1.** Bell Tower at St. Mary's Church, Craigavole is letting water into the church sacristy (initial survey is completed - however additional elevated work at the top of the tower is required). **2.** Electrical works associated with church lighting in St. Anne's Oratory - work in progress. **3.** Completion of the new cemetery at St. Mary's Church, Drumagarner - additional works completed recently, more to follow.

May I thank you for your financial support of our parish in providing for the upkeep and development of the parish and the support of others who are in need. Wishing you and your loved one's health and wellbeing.

**Fr. Crowley.**