Killeigh Parish Finance Committee

AGM 5 September 2017

Chairman’s Address

Reverend Father, fellow committee members,

I welcome you to our AGM and I thank you for the hard work, commitment and good humour you put into your time spent working on behalf of the people of this parish.

I also want to thank the many people who assist the committee and help make our work possible - the many volunteers who help distribute the Parish Draw cards and collection envelopes throughout the parish and those who look after the collections at Masses.

I must also acknowledge the generosity of the people and businesses of the parish (and beyond) whose contributions ensure that the parish is able to finance all its day to day maintenance and running costs.

In the course of the last year the committee has kept a careful eye on the funds of the parish and has had to deal with a number of issues. I do not propose to list all the matters dealt with but the following were noteworthy.

The small Hall in Killeigh had renovations to the roof and a comprehensive job was done to ensure no further leaks.

Ballinagar Church tower suffered some water ingress and this was sorted out.

Raheen Church got a new hand rail outside to assist those needing a hand getting to the church.

The Parish Hall in Cloneygowan had renovations to the floor and provision made for radiators.

The Christmas Draw was again a success and maintained the support of previous years.

A safety review was carried out on all the Churches and work carried out to ensure the safety of all attending ceremonies. There will be further works carried out to comply with the recommendations of the review.

The parish records were further safeguarded by the purchase of a fire safe to house archive material.

The Parish Finance Report went colour this year and included some pictures of the work done on behalf of the Parish.

We had contact with Geashill Tidy Towns to assist them in their continuing efforts around the Old School in Geashill.

The chairman and Fr John Stapleton attended the Diocesan Finance Committee meeting with Bishop Nulty and all the other parish finance chairpersons. This gave an overview of the Diocesan finances. We are lucky that we are so well supported in this parish.

These are some of the highlights of a busy year.

There are still some matters unresolved and the incoming committee will no doubt rise to the challenge. Again I thank you for your efforts and pray that the work will continue under the new committee.

Finally, I ask that we take a moment to remember all the committee members who have gone to their reward.

Eugene Cahill

Chairman

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