**Killeigh Parish Finance Committee**

**AGM 18 September 2018**

**Chairman’s Address**

Reverend Father, fellow committee members,

I welcome you to the AGM and I feel that the last year has flown by.

I thank all the members for the effort and time you put into the committee, which is really working on behalf of the people of this parish. I also wish to acknowledge and thank all the previous members who have served the parish well over the years.

I want to thank all the many other people who help out the committee and without whose help the work would not be possible, the 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 continuing generosity of the people and businesses of the parish and surrounding area. Year after year their contributions ensure that the parish is able to meet all its financial obligations.

The work of the committee is to maintain a careful eye on the funds of the parish and it has continued to do so over the last year.

I will not rehearse all the matters that were dealt in the past year but some of the matters included the following.

The health and safety of all attending ceremonies was well to the fore and every effort is being made to ensure that lighting and security are kept as up to date as possible.

Some seats were removed from the rear of churches to facilitate entry and exit.

There was some interest in alternative uses for the old school at Ballinagar and the premises hosted a committee meeting which showed how much work would be needed to bring the premises up to standard.

There was some contact from the Killeigh Hall Development Group and we wish them well in their endeavours.

The Parochial House in Killeigh got a new coat of paint.

The chairman attended the Diocesan Finance Committee meeting with Bishop Nulty and all the other parish finance chairpersons. This gave an overview of the Diocesan finances and the continuing work in keeping all the accounts for all the parishes up to date. This work is ongoing and we are blessed that we have so much support here in this parish.

The Christmas Draw continues to be both a reliable source of income from and a useful point of contact with some parishioners. Likewise the parish envelopes are the mainstay of the parish income. In latter times the Revenue tax refund scheme for charities has been very successful. These measures need to be encouraged and promoted to ensure the continuing health of the parish finances.

The work of the committee is ongoing and I have no doubt that the incoming committee will 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 and friends who have gone to their reward.

Eugene Cahill

Chairman

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