

St Eugene's Cathedral Income & Expenditure Account
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Recurring Parish Income

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| Envelope Collections | 290,193 |
| Gift Aid Claim | 21,621 |
| Profit from shrine candles | 44,841 |
| Profit from entertainment | 9,288 |
| Wedding bookings | 3,300 |
| Rent | 1,500 |
| Sundry Income | 30,985 |

Other Income

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| Bequests | 26,000 |
| Donations for Cathedral Funds | 9,265 |
| Second Collection – Parish Development | 52,457 |
| Fundraising Activities | <u>36,620</u> |
| | <u>526,070</u> |

Recurring Parish Expenditure

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| Priests' Salaries | 31,829 |
| Employees' Salaries | 80,353 |
| Light and heat of parochial properties | 50,791 |
| Routine repairs and maintenance | 87,341 |
| Church requisites and consumables | 36,074 |
| Insurance premiums | 20,782 |
| Rates | 4,117 |
| Telephone, postage, stationery and office equipment | 11,189 |
| Pastoral and catechetical programmes/activities | 85,255 |
| Diocesan Assessment (13% of previous year's operating income) | 46,932 |
| Accountancy Fees | 288 |
| Bank charges | 3,333 |
| Other recurring expenditure | <u>10,267</u> |
| | <u>468,551</u> |

Net Income 57,519

This weekend as the financial statement for 2024 is presented to you, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our parish. It is incredible. In our day God has entrusted this parish to us. We come here to be nourished with the Body and Blood of Jesus so that we can go out and be the presence of Jesus in our society.

To enable us to do this we need to respect, protect and develop the Cathedral that has been gifted to us from previous generations. This is an ongoing substantial cost. In the near future we will have to paint the gutters and downspouts in the Cathedral and the parochial house. The windows in the parochial house need to be replaced, as many of the existing ones are in a state of disrepair and single-glazed, making them energy inefficient.

While buildings and maintenance are very important, what is most important is the people and growing in faith and friendship with Jesus. We will do this by continuing to try new and imaginative ways to proclaim the Gospel and introduce people to Jesus alive in the Eucharist. We will continue to invest in youth and in pastoral initiatives for all ages.

Thank you again for being part of this parish and for contributing in so many ways. Together we face the future with confidence.



A short reflection on Corpus Christi Sunday by the Columba Community

In today's Genesis reading the priest Melchizedek brought bread and wine and blessed Abraham. We are reminded in 1 Corinthians that Jesus having gathered his friends together said the words we know so well. Holding up the bread at the consecration the priest repeats "this is my body given for you" "this is my blood poured out for you..... do this in memory of me." The importance of these words fulfilled in Christ's crucifixion and death for us, cannot be overstated. The reverence with which His sacrifice is re-enacted at every Mass is testimony to the centrality of the Eucharist to our Faith. In the Gospel Jesus' insistence that the crowd who followed him should be fed, indicates His care for us in every situation. The disciples suggested separating the people and sending them on their way. Jesus however wanted to keep them together, in small groups, so that they could share the food provided, talk about what they had received from the words He had spoken to them earlier in His teaching and give thanks for the Father's generous love revealed in His Son. He wanted to nourish them in body, mind and spirit - and He wants to nourish us too.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood: As we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we pray for our diocesan seminarians and for the men who are currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood that, as priests, they will faithfully and reverently nourish the people of God in their preaching of the Word and in the Eucharist.

We pray for Stephen Baxter who will be ordained Deacon in St Columb's Church, Waterside, Derry, on Friday 27th June. We wish him every blessing in his ministry and in his final preparations for priesthood.

Diocese of Derry Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg 2025: starts on Friday 25th July and concludes on Sunday 27th July. For those wishing to avail of transport, a bus will depart after 10:00am Mass in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on the Friday; it will travel via Lifford and Ballybofey. Cost: £95/€110 (including transport). Pre-booking is required. Please contact Tony Brennan on tony.brennan@derrydiocese.org or phone the Diocesan Office on 0044 28 7126 2302 for a booking form.

The Choir of St Mary's Hexham will be visiting Derry 27th & 28th June. They will be performing an evening of sacred music in Christchurch at 7pm on Saturday evening, with a retiring collection for the benefit of the St Eugene's Choral Scholars' scheme. On Sunday they will join with St Eugene's Cathedral choir for the 12.30 pm Mass. All are welcome.

Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of:

***Martin O’Kane
Michael (Mick) Stone
Noel McMonagle***

May they rest in peace

Sacrament of Marriage

We congratulate ***Catriona Crossan*** and ***Emmet O’Reilly*** who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage recently in the Cathedral

Collection

Weekly Collection: £ 4,696

Parish Development: £931

Thank you for your generosity

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

***George Webb
Tommy (Sonny) McCourt
Jimmy McFadden
Paddy Doherty
William Doherty***

May they rest in peace

Thank you

Fr Farren acknowledges with thanks the following donations for:

Water Aid: £20

Mary’s Meals: £200

Smile Train: £200, £20

Children in Crossfire: £100, £20

Hungry Children: £20

Flowers for the Altar: £20

Sightsavers: £20

SVdP: £10

Pancreatic Cancer UK: £50

Baptisms

We welcome as members of God’s family:

***Lochlan Jake Murphy
Jesse Taylor Peter McCafferty
Noah Pio Brian Harrigan
Callie Bridget O’Doherty***

To book a Baptism contact the Parish Office 02871 262894

Readers for 28th /29th June

06.15 pm Karen O’Brien

07.30 pm Helen Sweeney/
Rebecca Sweeney

09.30 am Gerry O’Donnell /
Paul Gormley

11.00 am McGinley Readers

12.30 pm Eilish Friel

07.00 pm Marian Boyle

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Priests: Fr Paul Farren, Fr Shaun Doherty

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