



# Kinsale Beacon

St. John the Baptist & The Carmelite Friary

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*Fr. Robert writes...*

## PARISH FINANCES 2021

In this edition of the Yellow Beacon we feature the parish accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 which were presented, considered and unanimously approved by the Parish Finance Committee on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Following approval and sign-off by the Kinsale parish auditors Bambury, Fitzgerald & Co. a copy of the accounts has been forwarded to the Diocesan office. Despite the considerable challenges being experienced by all, contributions to the parish continue to demonstrate the ongoing generosity of our parishioners and we are grateful for your continued support.

### Financial Position and Completed/ Capital Projects

You will note that our overall financial position reduced considerably during 2021 due to reduced income (mainly Covid related) as well as significant remedial work undertaken in our church. Some major capital projects carried out in 2020/2021:

- Repair works to ceiling cornicing
- St. Brigid's Room (the old Mortuary)
- Repair/painting of church windows
- Oil tank replacement and relocation
- Roof repairs (to be finalised 2022)
- Repairs / maintenance to Curates houses

Further essential works to be completed in 2022:

- Roof repairs and follow-up painting
- Repair of heating system

### Year End Figures 2021

While our year-end figures show an increase in offertory collections [primary source of parish income] over 2020, it remains significantly less than 2019. Despite the continuing generosity of our parishioners, the large costs associated with large building projects (listed above) contribute to an overall loss on the year's activities. A Heritage grant of €30,000 from Cork County Council was especially welcome during the year. A detailed analysis of our Income and Expenditure is included inside this Beacon. It also should be acknowledged that, besides contributions to our own parish, we have also undertaken Special Collections (listed inside) on behalf of the Diocese, Trócaire and Franciscan Brothers Missions amounting to over €16,000.

### Envelope Collection System and Online Donate Facility

Our parish continues to benefit greatly from the Envelope and tax-back system which resulted in an income of €17,000 in 2021. Once a parishioner, who is a taxpayer, either PAYE or self-employed, contributes over €250 per year [€5 per week] to the parish, the tax back can be reclaimed from the Revenue Commissioners at no cost to the taxpayer. The scheme continues to be totally confidential and has no implications for the participating taxpayer. We thank sincerely all contributors to the scheme and invite others to join for 2022. Many of our parishioners have continued to support the church through on-going donations during 2021 and mindful of this, the parish website now carries an enhanced online donate system. Considering the large amount (€150,000) expended on church repairs over the past two years, some parishioners have expressed a desire to support this building programme and a voluntary scheme to facilitate this objective will be put in place shortly.

### Thank You

I wish to thank the members of the Finance Committee who endeavor to maintain standards of maintenance and comfort in our church thus ensuring that your visit to our place of worship continues to be an enriching experience in an environment that remains comfortable and inviting for all. I would also like to thank the church collectors, the volunteers who count and lodge the weekly offertory collections, the volunteers who deliver the Dues envelopes and Christmas and Easter cards, and you, the parishioners, who contribute in so many ways to our parish. May the Lord reward you.

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*Roos Demol, International Community Dynamics (ICD), writes..*

## **WILL YOU JOIN US IN REACHING OUT? HOW WE CAN HELP THE RESIDENTS OF KINSALE ROAD ACCOMMODATION CENTRE**

Kinsale Road Accommodation Centre is situated just across from the Bull McCabe's pub on the Kinsale Road. The centre houses almost 300 people including International Protection Applicants and those who have received the leave to remain in Ireland but cannot find a home. In the whole of Ireland there are currently around 6,000 in direct provision centres – a very small number, if you compare it to other European countries. They are people who have had to leave their homes because of very traumatic circumstances; war, political persecution and extreme poverty. The residents of the Kinsale Road Accommodation Centre are our neighbours. What can we do as a community and how can we reach out?

Our organisation, International Community Dynamics (ICD), is there to support the residents of direct provision centres. We are a group of people who have been through the system or have been very closely involved with the residents. We have seen or lived the consequences of being left in limbo for too long. Many people suffer depression, a lack of confidence and economic hardship as they only receive €38.90 each week. We can help them by reaching out and making them feel that they belong, they are worthy and that we value them.

As a community it would be a good idea to invite the residents to local events and to build friendships with the people living there. Some of you may remember us at the Arts Festival in Kinsale in 2019, where we came to perform with Citadel, the band of residents of Kinsale Road Accommodation Centre.

Employment is the best way to become integrated into society. ICD has started a recruitment agency for refugees and International Protection Applicants (IPAs) as a social enterprise called Recruit Refugees Ireland.

IPAs are allowed to work, after having been in the system for 4 months without a first decision on their case. They just need to apply for a permit to access the labour market. A survey of 200 candidates who have registered with us showed that 68% had a 3<sup>rd</sup> level education, some had Master's degrees and two had PhDs.

We help candidates to get job ready. That may be by offering English classes, upskilling classes such as IT, and getting them used to the Irish job market by workshops on CV building, finding apprenticeships for them, and including them on our database where they can be found by employers.

We are looking for people who need personnel, for employers happy to offer paid apprenticeships and for people who can offer free English classes. We would be happy to work together with you to build a society where everyone feels valued and is able to thrive, regardless of where they come from or what they have been through. Imagine a world where a black woman sits on a panel of economists, rather than a panel on diversity. The day we can

### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Despite Covid restrictions, the Faith Development Group members have continued working using email and Zoom. Technology has been a God-send!

- A number of years ago Pope Francis introduced a new liturgical season to the Church year, **The Season of Creation**, held in September/October. The Faith Development Group, with the support of Fr Robert, initiated the first celebration of The Season of Creation in Kinsale. This included commissioning a banner for the ambo and for outside the church. We linked with the choirs, cantors, Altar Society and leaders of the prayers of the faithful. Contact was made with the schools and the children of Scoil Naomh Eltin planted daffodil bulbs donated by Bandon Co-op. It was most uplifting to see the willingness of so many groups in the parish to be active in the celebration. It was a true community celebration.
- Following the Season of Creation, the Faith Development Group facilitated two special prayer services to pray for a successful outcome from **COP-26**, the UN Climate Change Conference which was held in Glasgow in October and November 2021. Both prayer services were well attended, both in church and via live-streaming on the church webcam.
- The group also submitted "**Pew Cards**" for discussion. The Pew Cards list the many groups and ministries in the parish and allow people to fill in their details if they are interested in joining a particular group or ministry. The idea of the cards is that it gives new people in the parish an opportunity to make themselves known, and for parishioners to let the parish know that they would be willing to serve in the parish and in what way.
- The Faith Development Group is currently facilitating how we as a parish can be a part of the Church's Synodal discussions.

### **KINSALE PARISH ASSEMBLY**

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, members of the Kinsale Parish Assembly have continued to meet online each month and to work to enrich the pastoral, spiritual and faith life of the members of our parish.

During the pandemic, the Parish Assembly organized a rota of volunteers to steward at Masses and sanitise the church afterwards.

Last Autumn, the Parish Assembly group organized a number of nature walks which were a great success.

At Christmas, the Parish Assembly distributed beautiful inspirational bookmarks to parishioners after Masses.

Members of the Parish Assembly regularly provide resources and articles for the Beacon Newsletter, parish Facebook page and parish website on topics such as mental health, climate change, the Synod of the Church and Catholic Social Justice.

The Connecting Community Group of the Parish Assembly maintain the parish Facebook page. The page is updated daily with news, inspirational quotes and prayers.

## PARISH FINANCES NEWS

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE to 31.12.2021

	12 months to 31.12.2021	Comparative Figures to 31.12.2020
	€	€
<b>INCOME</b>		
Offertory Collections	91,790	85,900
Votive Lights	13,949	11,329
St. Anthony	3,458	2,663
Exposition	0	425
Papers & Books	3,350	3,342
VAT Refund [2019 & 2020]	2,075	0
Tax Back Scheme	17,664	14,498
Donations	5,921	5,516
Sundry	0	8
O/S Chqs W/O	775	0
Organ Fund	60	65
CCTV Recordings	0	294
Insurance Refund re Covid	239	0
	<u>139,281</u>	<u>124,040</u>
Heritage Grant	30,000	0
Transfer from Deposit A/C.	65,000	0
	<u>234,281</u>	<u>124,040</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Employees [inc. PAYE/PRSI]	42,099	39,495
Insurance	5,961	5,961
Security	2,955	2,716
Heat & Light	9,434	8,999
Office/Stat./Tel.	4,402	5,627
Diocesan/Benevolent Funds	15,576	17,908
Church Requisites	780	1,066
Papers & Directories	6,715	7,335
Church/ Presbytery Repairs	85,292	57,897
Group Formation /Rent	0	1,000
Parish Schools	15,954	1,300
Choirs	0	400
Local Property Tax	1,014	991
Ground Maintenance	9,325	0
First Communion/Confirmation	0	130
Votive Lights	6,190	3,937
Equip./ Webcam	3,130	3,081
Bank Charges	1,031	803
Professional Fees	10,516	308
Sundry	1	1
	<u>220,375</u>	<u>158,955</u>
Surplus [Deficit]	13,906	[34,915]
Balance B/Forward	26,532	61,447
<b>Reconciled Balance</b>	<b>40,438</b>	<b>26,532</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS</b>		
<b>Deposit</b> [Bequest 2019]	<b>35,004</b>	<b>100,004</b>
<b>Deposit</b> [Bequest 2020]	<b>670,839</b>	<b>670,820</b>
<b>Total Parish Bank Balances</b>	<b>746,281</b>	<b>797,356</b>

## FUNDS COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF DIOCESE, TRÓCAIRE AND FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MISSIONS IN KENYA AND UGANDA

Date	Collection	Amount
17/1/2021	Diocesan Needs (Quarter 1)	€170.00
14/2/2021	Lourdes Invalid Fund	€70.00
14/3/2021	Irish Bishops Commissions	€105.00
02/4/2021	Holy Places (Good Friday)	€187.40
Apr-Sept 2021	Trócaire Lent Campaign	€5,033.00
25/4/2021	Diocesan Needs (Quarter 2)	€185.00
9/5/2021	Mission and Ministry	€90.00
27/6/2021	Peter's Pence	€300.00
18/7/2021	Diocesan Needs (Quarter 3)	€235.00
26/9/2021	Priesthood Education	€660.00
10/10/2021	Diocesan Needs (Quarter 4)	€855.00
24/10/2021	Propagation of the Faith	€1,255.00
14/11/2021	Marriage Support	€600.00
		<u>€9,745.40</u>
03/10/2021	Franciscan Brothers Missions	€5,538.00
01/11/2021	Trócaire East Africa	€765.00
		<u>€16,048.40</u>

## LITURGY GROUP

- The Liturgy Group organised a beautiful 'Remembrance Tree' in the church for the month of November. Doves with the names of parishioners who died during the previous 12 months were placed on the branches of the tree. There were also tags available for people to write the names of deceased loved ones and hang them on the tree.
- A **Ceremony of Healing and Light** was held in the church at the beginning of December. The families of parishioners who died during the previous 12 months were invited to attend this service, and they were each given a candle, a daffodil bulb and the dove with the name of their loved one which had been hanging on the Tree of Remembrance in the church during November.
- Thanks to Bandon Co-op for donating the Christmas tree for the church. During the first half of December the Christmas tree was a "Giving Tree". The St. Vincent de Paul group hung tags on the tree with suggested items that people could donate for those who need them in our parish.
- Members of the Liturgy Group helped to put up the crib in the church and the town crib in front of the Methodist church.
- Lent begins next Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Ash Wednesday. The Liturgy Group will be helping to prepare for the Holy Week ceremonies – Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. If you wish to assist with the ceremonies for Holy Week, please give your name and contact details to Ann in the parish office 021 4773821 or email parishoffice@kinsale-parish.org

## **St. John the Baptist Church and Carmelite Friary**

### **Sunday Mass Times**

**Parish Church:** Vigil 6.30pm (Sat.), 10.00am & 12 Noon

**Carmelite Friary:** 8.30am to 11.00am

### **Weekday Mass Times**

**Parish Church:** Mon. & Tues: 8.30am. Ash Wednesday: 8.30am and 7.30pm

Thur, Fri: No Mass

**Carmelite Friary:** Mon. – Fri: 10.00am

### **Saturday Mass Times**

**Parish Church:** 11.00am

**Carmelite Friary:** 10.00am

You can also participate through the webcams:

**Parish Webcam** (log on to [www.churchservices.tv/kinsale](http://www.churchservices.tv/kinsale) ).

**Carmelite Friary Webcam** (log on to [www.churchservices.tv/kinsalecarmelites](http://www.churchservices.tv/kinsalecarmelites) )

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Parish Church:** Mondays from 9am to 1pm; Tuesdays from 9am to 6pm.

### **ROSARY**

**Parish Church:** Mon. to Fri. at 12 Noon; Sat. at 10.40am

### **LET'S TALK REFUGEES**

Roos Demol, who runs an agency to find jobs for refugees, will speak at Masses in the parish church this weekend (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Feb) on what it means to be a refugee in Ireland and how we might help.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

#### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses on Ash Wednesday

**Parish:** 8.30am and 7.30pm

**Friary:** 10.00am

Ashes will also be available throughout the day in the churches.

### **LEGION OF MARY MEETINGS**

Legion of Mary meetings have resumed on Mondays at 6pm in the Temperance Hall. New members are very welcome. For information contact Mary 085 7459011

### **K.A.R.A.**

**Kinsale Active Retired Association** Meeting on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March** at 2pm in the Temperance Hall. Fr. James Eivers will talk about future plans for the Friary. All welcome.

### **CORK SCRIPTURE GROUP**

*Exploring the New Testament Letters of John, 1 Peter and James.*  
Presenters: Fr. John Newman, Fr. Sean O'Sullivan and Sr. Sheila Curran. **Dates:** four Mondays of March and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Cost:** €50. **Venue:** Scala, Blackrock, Cork. To book email [corkscripturegroup@gmail.com](mailto:corkscripturegroup@gmail.com)

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE EX CORK**

*Walk in the footsteps of Jesus* This trip of a lifetime (fully guided) will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Highlights include: A boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, visits to Nazareth, Cana, Jericho, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Bethany etc. The trip includes: Return flights ex Cork, a comprehensive daily programme, entrance fees, Excellent 4\* Hotels, dinner bed and breakfast throughout. For further information please contact GTI Travel 01 8085201 or Jim Keogh 021 4885371 Mobile 087 2678793. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

We remember in our prayers;

**John McCrea,**

**Denis Donovan,**

**Sheila Coughlan,**

**Kathleen Carroll,**

**Julia and Jackie Walsh,**

**Kathy O'Mahony,**

**Kathleen Lombard,**

**John Curran,**

**Mary Curran,**

**Vincent Curran,**

**George Irwin,**

**John and Noreen Keohane.**

*May they rest in peace.*

### **ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE MAYNOOTH ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE**

"How women of faith are responding to the ecological crisis"

The event will be delivered online on

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**

Registration for this free online event is required. Please register on

[https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_R59M-zzRS5in4awZc6WsdQ](https://trocaire-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_R59M-zzRS5in4awZc6WsdQ)

For further info email [frances.harnan@trocaire.org](mailto:frances.harnan@trocaire.org)

### **CHILDREN'S ROSARY**

Rosary for children in the parish church on **Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 2.30pm. Children and parents very welcome.

### **KINSALE 10 MILE ROAD RACE**

The Kinsale 10 Mile Road Race will take place on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February**.

The route starts and finishes at Kinsale Community School. Runners will pass through Compass Quay, follow the Bandon river out to Whitecastle, Millwater, Ballinvairst, Ballinamona, Ballyvryn, Dunderrow and return to Kinsale via the main Innishannon-Kinsale road and again onto the Bandon river road and return to the Community school.

There will be delays on this route between 11.30am and 2.30pm. We will do our very best to minimise any inconvenience on the day and apologise in advance if you are inconvenienced.