

## YOUR PARISH URGENTLY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

### WAYS OF FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING ATHY AND BARROWHOUSE CHURCHES

If you currently donate, we wish to express our gratitude to you for your ongoing support. If you have not given until now, perhaps you would consider making an offering to your parish. You can support your parish in a number of ways:

- 1. Standing order** You can make a regular donation by a standing order payment. If you have ebanking you can set this up yourself under payment. We ask you to contact the Parish Office to let us know of your standing order. All you need to have is Athy Parish (1) name of Account, (2) IBAN and (3) BIC and (4) Reference for your payment eg. Jim Murphy uses Ref: *J Murphy*. If you already have a parish number you can add it after your name eg. Ref: *J Murphy375*

**Athy Parish bank details are:**

**Name of account:** Athy Parochial A/c  
**IBAN:** IE09 BOFI 9009 6511 1988 17  
**BIC:** BOFIE2D

- 2. Weekly Family Offering Envelopes.** Please contact the Parish Office to get your box.

- 3. Annual donations** made by cheque or cash to the Parish Office or through online banking.

- 4. Donate button on parish website** Simple, Safe & Secure which you will find on the home page of our website: [www.parishofathy.ie](http://www.parishofathy.ie)

We are acutely aware of the many demands and pressures that there are on individuals and families. However, it is important that people make a definite choice to financially support their local church. By doing so, you are making a conscious decision to help, build, reach out and strengthen our local faith community and so help in securing the future of our parish.

**THANK YOU.**

### TAX REFUND ON DONATIONS.

YOUR MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION	YOUR TOTAL FOR THE YEAR	TOTAL FOR THE PARISH
€10	€120	€120
€20	€240	€240
€21	€252	€365
€50	€600	€869

The Parish, as an eligible charity, can claim tax relief on your donation, provided it is more than €250 annually. This means the Parish can benefit further from your generosity without it costing you anything more. The parish benefitted by €44,055 from tax refunds on donations for the three years up to 2021.

The table details how the refund benefits the parish. Contributions from Dues also count towards the annual total.

You are eligible for the scheme only if you are a Self Assessed or PAYE taxpayers. You must complete a CHY3 form. To obtain this form please contact the Parish Office.

#### ATHY PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson - Con Ronan; Fr Liam Rigney, P.P., Michael Foley, Fr Francis McCarthy, Fiona Rainsford, Frank Taaffe, Ted Wynne.

**Charity Number: CHY 7424**

#### PARISH OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

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# THE PARISH OF ATHY

**Comprising the Faith Communities of:**



**ST MICHAEL'S, ATHY**

&

**ST MARY'S, BARROWHOUSE**



## SECURING THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parishioner,

We take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to you for your continued and generous support both in terms of your time and money to our Parish community.



A new chapter in the pastoral life of the Parish of Athy began on 1st August 2023 when the Sisters of Mercy gifted their building on Mount Hawkins, formerly known as the Traveller Resource Centre, to the parish. We are so appreciative and grateful to the Sisters. This centre will be used for the benefit of the parish and of the wider community.

The Parish of Athy is endeavouring to provide service for an expanding population. However, the income of the parish is coming from a diminishing number of contributors. We are currently running a significant deficit (*see inside for details*). This is clearly unsustainable. As we endeavour to manage our parish finances, the Parish has had to reinvent some of its financial processes, not least with a move to different means of accepting donations, including online donations through the simple, safe and secure Donate Button on our parish website.

However, as careful as we are, we are still overspending and have a significant income shortfall. We are delighted to announce that work on repairing the heating system in Athy Church will begin on Monday, 6th November. It has taken over two years to survey and to tender to get the best price. However, this will amount to over 170,000 euros and will be a necessary but significant added burden to the parish finances.

The continuing generosity of parishioners has helped to maintain a reducing but steady income and as a Finance Committee, we are extremely grateful for your support at this difficult time. Despite this, Athy and Barrowhouse Churches, the Parochial Houses, the Parish Centre and Parish Office require costly ongoing and constant maintenance for which we do not have sufficient funds. We publish the Financial Statement of Athy Parish for the last three years, to give you a breakdown of Parish Income and Expenditure.

**THE FINANCIAL STATE OF ATHY PARISH IS CRITICAL. WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE PEOPLE TO GIVE.** If you are not at present supporting your parish financially, we appeal to you to consider doing so. On the back page you will find the various options available to you to contribute to your Parish.

Once again, we offer our heartfelt thanks to you for your ongoing support and generosity.

Fr Liam Rigney

Fr Liam Rigney, Parish Priest

Con Ronan

Con Ronan, Chairperson, Parish Finance Committee

## Parish of Athy Income and Expenditure 2020 to 2022

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	€	€	€
<b>INCOME</b>	329,436 *	147,280	140,453
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	269,359	173,434	154,087
<b>PROFIT/DEFICIT</b>	60,077	- 26,154	- 13,634
<i>*income 2020 includes sale of leisure centre €170,000 (This money was mainly used to pay for the mayor projects)</i>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	€	€	€
<b>Family Offering</b>			
Envelopes	34,184	41,185	43,268
Annual subscriptions	23,490	16,365	21,915
Standing orders	8,348	9,853	10,498
Tax Refund Scheme	15,902	12,515	125 **
<b>Shrine profit</b>	18,281	22,084	25,228
<b>Shop profit</b>	14,272	19,365	22,838
<b>Baptism Certs</b>	739	1,012	1,041
<b>Bequests</b>	2000	210	0
<b>Donations for Dominican Cross</b>	0	3,150	300
<b>Other</b>			
Cemetery Collection	0	0	1,120
Confirmation	965	0	0
Heating Donation	0	0	500
Donation to Barrowhouse Church			160
Sundry Income			2,522
Wedding Hire Athy Church			400
<b>Stole Fees-funerals</b>	8,750	10,325	9,375
<b>Vat Compensation Scheme</b>	1,626	4,211	1,163
<b>Covid Support</b>		6,600	0
<b>Sale of Leisure Centre</b>	<u>170,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329,436</b>	<b>147,280</b>	<b>140,453</b>

\*\*tax refund for 2021 due in 2022 received in 2023 totalled €15,513

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	€	€	€
Staff Wages	28,946 *	43,936	42,112
Staff Training	323	100	0
Church Helpers	1,759	6,917	1,871
Major Projects (see below)	129,550	10,513	5,090
Maintenance	15,166	14,055	9,679
Printing/Stationary	3,815	5,079	4,671
Insurance	27,985	27,063	15,570 **
Heat/Light	14,050	23,154	32267
Cleaning	6,016	2,410	6,006
Covid	3,810	5,951	295
Postage	1,076	1,218	1,214
Office Equipment	709	3,231	239
Bank Charges	1,258	1,263	1,532
Temporary Parish Centre rent	5,300	6,500	2,500 ***
Altar Supplies	2,465	2,144	3,664
Audit	1,473	660	1,406
Professional Fees	13,707	7,451	9,883 ****
Diocesan Central Services	750	1,500	1,500
Liturgical/Pastoral	4,211	1,611	6,864
Local Property Tax	869	869	544
Catering/Entertainment	333	50	50
Phone	2,254	2,229	2,368
Security	2,297	2,533	1,761
Sundries	1,237	2,997	1,095
Cemetery Mass Amplification	0	0	1,906
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>269,359</b>	<b>173,434</b>	<b>154,087</b>

\*Salaries less Gov. Covid support

\*\*Reduced insurance due to sale of leisure centre

\*\*\*Parish ceased renting temporary Parish Centre in June 2022

\*\*\*\* Includes architects fees and feasibility studies

<b>MAJOR PROJECTS</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
External ramp, internal ramp, accessible toilet, refurbishment of gallery	90,857		
New live streaming system	4,483		
Storm damage to tower cross recoverable by insurance	24,176		
Landscape of church car park	4,938		
New brass and lacquering	5,096		
Repair drains Athy parish		3,688	
Alterations of late Fr. Dennehy's house		4,245	
Church front porch refurbishment		2,580	
Light fittings and electrical work in church			5,090
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129,550</b>	<b>10,513</b>	<b>5,090</b>

**THE ABOVE IS AN EXTRACT FROM OUR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.  
THE FULL ACCOUNTS ARE AUDITED BY PWC ON BEHALF OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DUBLIN.**