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ST. TERESA'S
PASTORAL PARCEL 11
JANUARY 2021

Dear Parishioners and friends of St Teresa's Parish, welcome to 2021 – A Year Of Hope!

It's fitting that with the apostolic letter "Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)," Pope Francis proclaimed "The Year of Saint Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020, to Dec. 8, 2021. St. Joseph's spiritual path, Pope Francis wrote, "accepts" his situation and circumstances for what they are, this does not mean that he is "resigned" or willing to give up and accept that things cannot change. Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments and make it work in his favour." In practice, Pope Francis said, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground."

The year 2020 will be remembered for a global pandemic, an economic plummet, and many natural disasters. We coped with the struggles of the past year. The pandemic forced many of us to slow down and pay more attention to our families and friends. We've found new ways to practice our faith and seek spiritual comfort through technology. We're more appreciative of health care workers and other frontline workers. We've seen a need to step up our response to the needy in our midst. We are called to enter this new year of 2021 with hope in Christ. To celebrate a new year is to celebrate the possibility of change. It is a chance to place the past behind us and commit to a better future. The changing of one year to the next, is to open the door for optimism and hope. This optimism can be hard to maintain when we are immediately placed into level five restrictions for the possibility of three months. School closures, businesses ceasing to trade, huge infection and death rates, one can feel justifiably fed up and without energy. But there is hope on the horizon with the roll out of vaccines beginning, we are told that 70% of adults will be fully vaccinated by June, read more about this from Professor Luke O'Neil from Trinity College inside our Pastoral Parcel. Brighter days are coming, and the promise of a better 2nd half of 2021 is a reason to remain optimistic, to hold firm, and to remain hopeful of a better tomorrow.

In these pandemic days of restriction on our gathering and movement ask yourself: What am I thankful for? What gives me hope?

This pastoral parcel has a colourful rainbow mixture of articles. Jokes. Questions from Jack about our faith —what would you say? Information and prayers for the approaching feast days: St Brigid, Presentation of the Lord. St Blaise. Geraldine gives us a reflective experience on connection, disconnection, the webcam and parish community. A message on the virus from professor Luke O Neill of Trinity college. A Harvest Loaf recipe from Mary for you to try. A gallery of photos of parish life. Some biographical information of the new archbishop of Dublin Dermot Farrell. We here again about the work of the two St Vincent de Paul Society conferences in the parish. Richard Tisdall brings us his memories of this parish as he celebrates 100years. Some information on the

finances of the parish – where the various collections go and also an appeal for as many as possible, if you are able, to contribute to the finances of the parish through taking a box of Parish Weekly Envelopes. We include also of course the regulars: the mass leaflets, the mass intentions for each day and parish news. Enjoy. Have you something you would like to contribute to the next Pastoral Parcel which will be distributed on the 20th February? Send it in.

St. Joseph struggled with what he was called to do. But full of hope, he accepted life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments and moved forward. We will thrive in the new year by following his example.

The Parish Team

1 FEBRUARY ST BRIGID SECOND PATRON OF IRELAND

Saint of the spring – saint of new hope

Father of all creation and Lord of light, you have given us life and entrusted your creation to us to use and to care for it. We ask you to bless these crosses made of green rushes in memory of holy Brigid, who used such a cross to recall and to teach of your Son's life, death and resurrection. May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of protection of our lives, our land and its creatures during the coming year, and always; Through Brigid's intercession, we ask this through Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

Thou art the saint of Ireland's farms and hills,
Her hawthorn fields, her lanes of singing birdsThe saint who tended spring's green growing things.
The heavenly shepherdess of flocks and herds.
I think of thee as one with quiet scenes
Of rock and stream, of marshes white with flower,
Of children at an open cottage door.
Michael Walsh (1897-1938)

<u>2 FEBRUARY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – CANDLEMASS – BLESSING OF THE CANDLES</u>

O God, source and origin of all light,
Who on this day showed to the just Simeon and Anna
The Light for revelation to the Gentiles,
We humbly ask that,
In answer to your people's prayers,
You may be pleased to sanctify with your blessing these candles,
Which we are eager to carry in praise of your name
So that, trading the path of virtue
We may reach that light which never fails.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

and a lighter moment!

Joanne was going to a Christmas Dinner and needed a new dress. In the clothing store she asked the assistant, 'May I try on that dress in the window, please?' 'Certainly not, madam,' responded the salesgirl, 'You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else.'

What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve? He got 12 months!

QUESTIONS FROM CHILDREN TO THE PRIESTS

Well, you may sometimes get a child to ask you a question. There is no stupid question – there are only stupid answers. So, be patient. Children often are more to the point than we adults with all our precautions.

The idea came up to make space for questions children might have. They make us think. Jack is one of those kids not afraid to ask. He gives it a headstart. Fr. Alois

1. Do you have to do training to be a priest?

Oh yes. A very long training. People rightly expect a priest to be well prepared. A priest works in many different fields: with happy people for a baptism or marriage, with sad people for a funeral. Some priests specialize in certain work. I did extra university studies to work on the history of the church and the Marists. On the other hand, other jobs also need a long preparation.

2. How do you know the stories about Holy God are true?

That is a really BIG question.

Short answer: I believe they are true – Others do not. And here we have the complications. Therefore, we need to think about a longer answer.

What do you mean when you say 'true'? Liverpool won the English League and the Champions League last year. That is true even if to those who do not like the team. It is true but not important for those who do not like soccer. One hundred years ago, Albert Einstein, a very clever man said something about the stars. At the time, people said: This is not true. No one can know if it is true. 90 years later someone discovered that Einstein was right. Your parents tell you to do your homework, clean your room, and that you do not get something you want to have. First, you may think: They do not like me. Which is not true (ask your grandparents!). Later you check again and you feel in your heart: They do like me after all. Which is true. But not true like the championship of Liverpool.

What I want to say is this: You ask a really BIG question and many people ask the same question and so we need to be careful and patient how to respond. Some things are immediately true and a fact: Liverpool was the champion. Richard Tisdall is 100 years old. Some things are true but we do not understand it immediately, sometimes later, and sometimes, especially with God only when we will be with God in heaven. Some things we can measure and check if they are true. Somethings we can only feel in our heart – like the things the stories of God talk about.

3. Can you make Liverpool win the League?

Last season was exception for Liverpool winning the League in such dominance and winning the Champions League as well. A pity, that the fans could not be in the stadium and could not fully celebrate together all this. Personally, I do not ask God for soccer results. I myself prefer different teams to win and not always the same team – like in Germany in the last years.

4. What does Heaven look like?

That will be the biggest surprise of all. Reading the Bible it will be a place of light, people living in houses and no wall or fence needed, and basically, it will be a big garden with people and animals living in peace with each other and God in their midst.

5. Is Heaven up above the earth and is hell underneath the universe?

We people like to imagine things even if they are difficult to imagine. And so for a long time people thought: Heaven – above, hell underneath. That is not true as we know from flying planes and digging tunnels. Where is heaven and hell? More important is: What is heaven and what is hell? Heaven is to be with God. Hell is not to be with God.

6. Do you like dogs?

We always had a dog at home and yes, I like dogs. It was called Bella. When Bella 1 died, the next dog was also called Bella. Bella 1 was the best. We had a tractor with a platform in front to transport things. Whenever this tractor began to move, Bella would come, jump upon the platform, and go out with my father or brother or myself to the field. The dog would play. We would work. To go home, Bella would again use transport instead of running all the way.

7. Why do you have to wear priest's clothes?

It is not an absolute must. Christians in persecution have to do things in secret and will know who is the priest even without priest's clothes. However, in normal Christian life, when I am working as a priest for mass or baptism or funeral, I wear special clothes. In many jobs people were special clothes so that other people know: Aha, he or she is the one in charge and doing the work.

8. Does Holy God know Santa and the Easter Bunny?

Oh yes, God knows about them. God gives energy and goodness to those who do good for others like Santa and the Easter Bunny. God asks you and me to act like Santa and Easter Bunny and be generous with others, give them a little gift, do something to make them laugh.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - ST MARTIN DE PORRES CONFERENCE

There are two conferences of SVP in the Parish, St. Martin de Porres and The Little Flower. Volunteers give their time and energy to assist others in the Parish that need a helping hand. Head Office contact the President through letter to inform them if a member of the Parish needs support. The person is contacted by phone and arrangements are made to assist them. The help needed is varied, it could be children/family problems, help with school book rental / day trips/communions/confirmations etc. as a lot of the people that need help are on fixed incomes and any additional expenses may put families in debt. At times families may struggle to make ends meet as bills come in and a choice has to be made between paying bills or grocery shopping. The children are the future of this Parish and area so we want them to reach their potential and continue in their education as long as possible, in hopes that they will help others in their community and be role models for future generations. On a brighter note some of the children have progressed to third level education. This would be difficult without the help of your donations. Sometimes people have so many obstacles such as rent arrears, drug and alcohol abuse to name a few that it is impossible for them to manage without support. At times, just speaking to someone helps share the burden, so we in SVP listen in a non-judgmental way to give information on the various agencies and encourage parishioners to seek assistance. We visit familiar faces and over time it is encouraging for the volunteers to see the progress that people make in their lives. The money collected in the church is divided between the two conferences and is spent on the people in the area. On behalf of the volunteers and people being supported by your donation - a big THANK YOU and wishing you a safe and healthy 2021.

Margaret Gargan, St Martin De Porres Conference, Donore Avenue.

and another lighter moment!

The computer whiz kid fixed the problem in no time. The owner asked what had been wrong with it, and was told it was "an ID ten T error". He had never heard of such a thing and asked what it meant. With a grin, the whiz kid said, "write it down. I think you'll work it out.

So he did: I D 1 0 T

MY WEBCAM EXPERIENCE

When I was invited to write about my webcam experience of attending church services online, part of me only then realised how quickly such had become a familiar and enjoyable experience.

The first lockdown in March 2020, brought shock, fear and a growing anxiety of life changing so very quickly. As a very social person, who enjoys nothing more than being with others, my balance of connection and disconnection was being tipped greatly towards disconnection. While my life, until March 2020 comprised of being a part of many different groups, my family, the church, friends, work, hobbies, I was now very much apart.

In times of unsettlement, I find myself turning to God, the one in whom I place my trust, particularly when I am afraid, lonely and worried. However, while I could pray at home, and attend mass through television, I was greatly missing the presence of familiarity, routine and the strength of solidarity that comes when I connect within our parish community.

I am a firm believer that within every struggle is a gift, not always visible but always there ready to be received. Covid 19 brought struggles to all aspects of our church lives, and while we were to remain apart, Covid brought opportunity for the church to revolutionise how we come together, how we connect in prayer, in solidarity to keeping our faith.

The first Sunday mass on the webcam was so special, to see a familiar face saying mass, to hear familiar prayers, to see a familiar alter. I wasn't just online, I was connected! The doors of the church were now virtually open beyond the limitations of physical opening. To 'connect' and virtually spend a quiet moment in the presence of the lighting tabernacle when sleep is unwilling or when a day brings that wish to just sit in the church, is quite miraculous in itself!

With underlying health problems and the taking of medication that will allow Covid to dangerously take over my body, the webcam has and is my safe access to our parish services and activities. How meaningful and fulfilling it has been to be able to partake in all of our parish Christmas preparation and services of 2020. My mind certainly did not escape the relentless repetition of all the Christmas hymns, for days after hearing them!

Before Covid came into our lives, Sunday morning for me could be a rush for mass, having had a late social the night before. A silent wish for the priest to come to my home and say mass was amusing. They say be careful what you wish for.... While a late social might be a distant memory now, never did I dream that with a webcam, the priest would 'virtually' come to my home to say mass!

The addition of a webcam to our parish is innovative, transforming how we participate in our faith, connect with each other and stay strong in adversity. To experience all of this, I am grateful. To our parish priests, thank you for evolving amidst difficult times in tipping the balance of connection greatly against disconnection.

Geraldine Conlon

...a lighter moment!

The rain was pouring down outside a pub. There, standing in front of a big puddle outside the pub was an old man, drenched, holding a stick, with a piece of string dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked him, "What are you doing?" "Fishing", replied the old man. Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me". In the warmth of the pub, and as they sipped their whiskies, the gent asked, "So how many have you caught today?" "You're the eighth", replied the old man.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - LITTLE FLOWER CONFERENCE

Our goal is to fight poverty in all its forms through practical assistance to people in need. We offer direct, personal assistance that is non-judgemental and based on the need of the individual or family. Also, we provide a wide range of services for vulnerable people through our local offices, shops, resource centers, housing, daycare, and holiday schemes. The slogan of VDeP is a hand up not a handout and as such, we aim to help people through particularly difficult times in their lives as we have done for the 176 Years that the society has been active in Ireland.

Our main area of work is person to person contact with people who need help and assistance. When someone contacts us with a request for help, they can expect to receive a visit from two friendly SVP volunteers who are there to listen and see what help or information we can offer. When visiting has not possible throughout the Lockdowns we establish contact by phone and deliver the supports by Mail.

VDeP is unique in another way in that each Parish has one or more local conferences, in Donore Ave Parish there are two Conferences active. The fact that all conferences are local to the parish means that help given in the Parish is used to support those in financial need in the parish. These donations, for which we are very grateful, are supplemented from central donations and other sources of funds such as Shop Income. As such all help stays local and we are particularly grateful for people's generosity during the periods when Church Collections have not been possible.

Bartle Faulkner. Little Flower Conference. Donore Ave.

HARVEST FRUIT LOAF

(a favourite recipe from Mary McQuaide)

Ingredients

225g/8oz Self-Raising Flour

125g/4oz Butter or Margarine (room temperature)

125g/4oz Golden Caster Sugar

150ml/ ¼ pint Milk (a little less than this works better)

2 Eggs

350g/12oz Fruit Mix (Shamrock)

1 level teaspoon Mixed Spice (or a half spoon each of Cinnamon & Nutmeg)

Walnut Halves to decorate

Method:

- 1. Preheat oven to 160°C/325°F/Gas 3. Grease and base line a 900g/2lb loaf tin.
- 2. Using the all-in-one method, put the flour, butter/margarine, sugar, milk, eggs, fruit and mixed spice into a mixing bowl.
- 3. Beat until all ingredients are well mixed, then transfer to the prepared tin and smooth top with back of spoon. Place the walnuts on top.
- 4. Bake in the centre of the oven for about 1 hour until well risen, and a knife gently inserted into the loaf comes out clean.
- 5. Remove from oven and leave to cool in tin for about 10 minutes. Turn onto a wire tray to cool fully.
- 6. Slice and enjoy with a nice cup of tea!

A MESSAGE FROM PROFESSOR LUKE O'NEILL TO THE PARISHIONERS OF DONORE AVENUE

Professor Luke O'Neill is Chair of Biochemistry in Trinity College Dublin. He has been a frequent visitor to our homes via TV, Radio and Newspapers since COVID-19 first arrived in Ireland almost a year ago.

Professor O'Neill has a special gift for helping all of us to understand the complexities of the Covid-19 virus in a straightforward, accessible and easy way and his optimism and faith in science has helped to keep us all encouraged and hopeful during these difficult days and months. We contacted Professor O'Neill and he very kindly sent the following message for the parishioners of Donore Avenue:

I am delighted to send the following information to the parishioners of Donore Avenue.

I'll begin by saying "A big happy 100th birthday to Richard Tisdall – Richard you must have great DNA!"

Now, the one thing I have always had faith in when it comes to Covid-19 is science. The good news is – scientists want to beat the virus as much as anyone else. I know the massive effort to produce safe and efficacious vaccines; and also the many scientists and doctors trying to find therapies to treat people who become sick with the virus.

And science has delivered against Covid-19 and will continue to do so. It has done a spectacular job. There are now two vaccines approved and over 200 vaccines in development. We are hopeful that there could be 8 vaccines approved by mid 2021 - with more than 1 million people vaccinated by May 2021. The death rate will come down and we can hug our loved ones again! Vaccines are one of the safest things we can do in medicine. When it comes to vaccines the science is so compelling you have to vaccinate. Even if vaccines are 50% effective - that is superb. So you vaccinate the vulnerable and you shield them using medicine. Locking people up in houses is not acceptable. You shield them with a vaccine. The risk of getting the virus is decreased by up to 90% with the vaccine.

The Covid-19 vaccination programme is the largest in history. The vaccine is very safe – there is more risk attached to driving to the Vaccine Centre!

So – be assured - there is great hope as we move towards the summer and move outdoors again. We are building up anti-bodies to fight the virus, therapies for treating Corona in hospitals are also improving, and be assured the vaccines will help tremendously.

But remember - we are still very much at risk of the virus spreading and we must keep our guard up for the present - and knuckle down for a further period. So —

- Wear masks.
- Keep up the social distancing
- Wash your hands
- Don't stay in a stuffy room with people.

Finally - being a scientist is not a job, it's a massive privilege. I remain optimistic that things will continue to improve for humanity. Let's keep the dream alive!

Kind regards - Luke O'Neill

MEMORIES OF RICHARD TISDALL

Dear friends in Donore Parish and the Tenters,

I turned 100 years old on the 16 January. I was more than a little worried about how to celebrate without putting anybody at undue risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus but the celebrations went wonderfully well. The parish organised a lovely online mass of celebration and I was touched by Fr. Alois's personal words. The family and neighbours (special thanks to Nuala) were also wonderful and I was able to blow out the candles and then wave like the High King of Ireland from my front window at a socially distanced group who walked or drove by the house. I was thrilled to see you all.

I would like to share with you some of my memories of the parish and the Tenters. My family are 'blow-ins' in the parish and the Tenters, arriving only 50 years ago in 1969! But my connections with the church of St Teresa go back a little further. I was born in 1921 a few years before construction of the church was finalised. As a 'French polisher' I am proud to say my mother finished much of the wood that we still enjoy in the church today. I have warm memories of my visits with my mother to the church before it was even open to the public.

The magnificent wooden chair that you see on the altar these days was handcrafted many years later by Fr. Jimmy Carr — a real labour of love. And the family trend set by my mother was maintained, as guess who made the seat?

A special thanks to David and the current team of priests in St. Teresa's parish for helping us get through these trying times. And to all the many great Marists who preceded you. I have happy memories of my time over many years on the Scoil Treasa school of management, with Christy and many great people. And the joy we had at the school dances that raised enough money to buy a Scoil Treasa school bus. I am grateful for the efforts over the years of all the teachers in the school where all my children were educated. Memories of great teachers too numerous to mention – from Mr. Murphy in the late 1960s to the current Principal Anne Marie Spillane (from whom I was touched to receive a lovely letter and birthday card).

I think of all the neighbours who volunteered their time over the years with the Tenters' Residents Association. Some have sadly passed away. But hope is eternal and a new generation keeps the flag flying. Thank you!

It is a joy to see young families establishing themselves in the parish and the Tenters. Who knows, we may yet see a new generation of Ebenezer Rangers versus Susan Villa rivalry. Do you remember?

I feel truly blessed to live in this wonderful area, surrounded by such lovely neighbours and friends and I just wanted to write this little note to say thank you, to all of you who made my special day so memorable.

A final lighter moment!

From: Marist Messenger, Monthly Magazine, New Zealand

Before celebrating a baptism, the deacon approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you sure you're prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of biscuits and cakes for our guests."

"I don't mean that," the deacon said. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh, sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF DUBLIN DERMOT FARRELL

Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Dr Dermot Farrell as Archbishop of Dublin.



Archbishop-elect Farrell replaces the Most Reverend Archbishop Diarmuid Martin whose request for retirement was accepted by the Pontiff in April 2020. As Archbishop of Dublin, he will succeed one of the most familiar faces of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland, Diarmuid Martin, who has held the position since 2004.

Dr Farrell is expected to take over the pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Dublin from early February. Originally from Co Westmeath, the 66-year-old - who has previously served as a parish priest in Co Meath and has held the position of President of St Patrick's College in Maynooth - became the Bishop of

Ossory in 2018.

The eldest of seven children, Dermot Farrell was born in 1954 in Castletown-Geoghegan, Co Westmeath. He attended school in Castletown-Geoghegan, Streamstown and St Finian's College, Mullingar. St Finian's was seen as a preparatory school for the National Seminary at Maynooth, which he entered in 1972 and where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree. His formation for the priesthood also involved the study of Philosophy and he was awarded a Bachelor in Divinity Degree in 1979. He was ordained a priest in 1980 and following a two-year period of study he was conferred by the Pontifical University, in Maynooth, with a Licence in Theology. Dermot Farrell became a Curate in the Cathedral Parish of Christ the King, Mullingar. In 1985, he was sent to Rome to study for a Doctorate in Theology at the Gregorian University. During his final year in Rome he also served as a Director of Formation in the Pontifical Irish College, Rome. In 1988, he returned to Ireland and was appointed a Curate in Tullamore Parish. He lectured part-time in Moral Theology at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Two years later he was appointed Executive

Assistant to the President of Maynooth College, Director of the one-year Religious Studies Programme and a member of the Faculty of Theology. In 1993, he became Vice-President of St Patrick's College, Maynooth; and in 1996 he was appointed President of the College. Four years later, he was named as an Honorary Prelate of his Holiness which is an ecclesiastical dignitary of high rank. He served as Parish Priest of Dunboyne and Kilbride Parish from September 2007 and was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese in 2009.



Bishop Farrell has served on various Boards and Committees including the Board of Allianz plc; the Governing Body of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth; the Theological Department Irish Inter-Church Committee; Dunboyne Community Centre; and as National Director of the Permanent Diaconate for ten years.

His appointment as Bishop of Ossory by Pope Francis was announced on 3 January 2018. The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Farrell for the Diocese of Ossory was 11 March 2018.













Our Beautiful Manger Scene for Christmas 2020.

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus-Donore Avenue Parish

Finance and the Weekly Envelope Collections

The finances of the parish rely overwhelmingly upon the weekly contributions from parishioners and friends of our parish received through the weekly envelope collection system. Your generosity in this regard has always been outstanding and continues to be so and no more so than during these pandemic times, when you "looked out for" the parish, the diocese, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and many other charities.

The current box of weekly envelopes dated 31st January 2021, finish this weekend. The new weekly envelops for 2021 are available now. No matter what the amount of your donation, all donations are valuable, appreciated and make a significant contribution to the running of our parish, in addition to the many services and activities organised.

With no public mass at the moment we are unable to distribute the boxes of envelopes in the usual fashion after the masses. So we need to do things a bit differently this year. One thing we are doing is bringing it to your attention in this newsletter. We have also mentioned it to others on the phone or in the street if we have happened to meet. We have dropped a note to some houses also. To those who have already taken a box of envelopes, a sincere "Thank You".

If you normally take a box of envelopes and have not received them yet, please let us know, Give the parish house a ring and we will drop a box to your door, or you can call in if you or a member of your household are out for your "within 5K walk".

If you have not taken a box of envelopes in the past and would like to contribute to the parish in this manner, similarly give us a ring and we will drop one to your door or you can call to the parish house for a box.

Alternatively you can make a weekly or monthly contribution to the parish (in place of weekly envelopes) by setting up a standing order donation to the parish with your bank. The details for this are:

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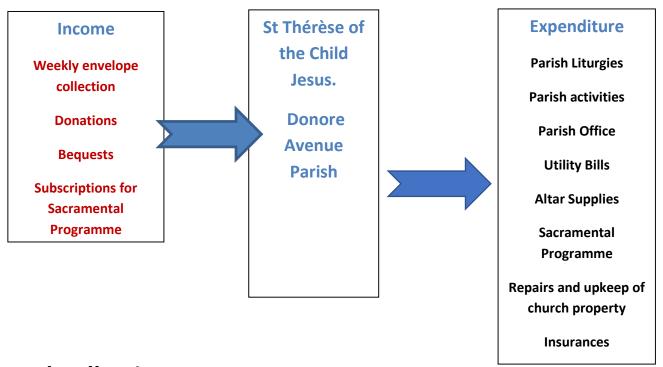
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Receiver Message: Put in some message so that we know from whom the donation has come. E.G. Your name, unless you wish to remain anonymous.

The more people who contribute by way of weekly envelope or standing order to the parish, the greater the difference in enabling our parish to function. The diagram that follows, outlines where various collections received in our parish go. As you will see, the weekly envelope collection is the **only** collection that goes straight to our parish and is used for the purpose of maintaining our church, providing various services, parishioner activities and the many special events that we share and enjoy together as a congregation.

All collections received pass through the parish financial accounts and are fully audited each year.

Where contributions to the Parish go......



And Collections.....

