



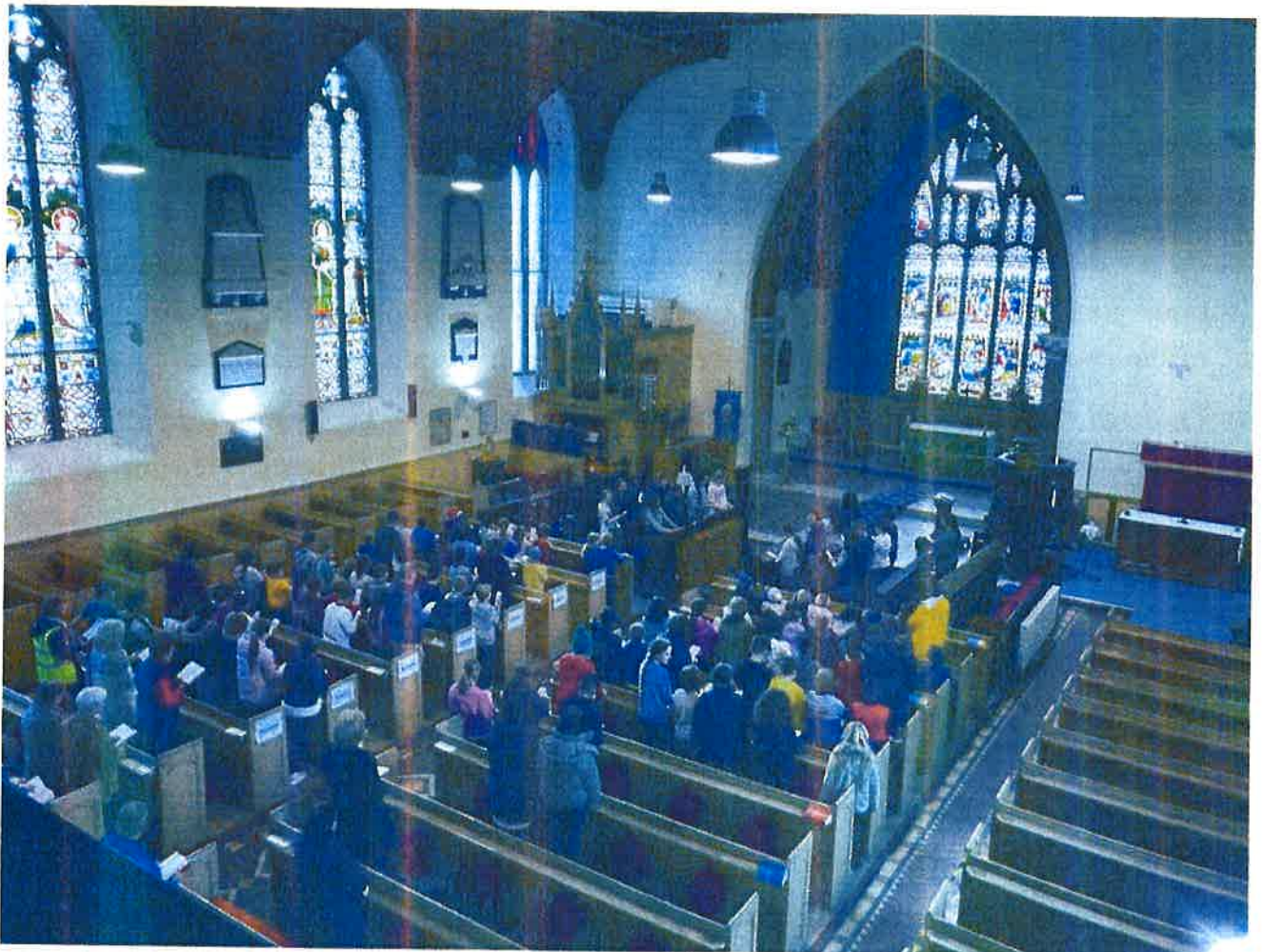
# LIMERICK CITY PARISH



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*The bishop's peregrinations, Saint Michael's Church, November 2023*

**ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS**  
for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## FROM THE DEAN

Dear Parishioners,

As I reflect back on 2023, I note that it was an eventful year. I was pleased that Limerick City Parish was able to host The Irish Council of Churches AGM in the Cathedral in March, which also marked their centenary, and in May, the Ecumenical Secretaries of the Anglican 4 Nations met in Limerick. Mr Oliver Deegan was commissioned as a Diocesan Lay Reader and we wish him every blessing in this new sphere of ministry.

Like many parishes, the care of buildings is a mixed blessing -- whilst we are privileged to be custodians of some beautiful churches, it often comes at a high price. The Cathedral is in good order, but there is always 'something' to be attended to. Abington installed a new heating system in 2023 and carried out some necessary repairs to the Parish Room. As I write, Saint Michael's is heading into 2024 with some major works to be carried out on the building, following the tragic fall and subsequent destruction of one of the wall memorials (thankfully no one was in the building at the time). However, we are fortunate to have some wonderful people with excellent skill sets to ensure that all these spaces are maintained for the next generation.

As mentioned all this comes at a cost and we are so thankful to our parishioners who continue to give generously.

Charity is fundamental to our Christian witness and as you will see a considerable amount of money goes to mission and charity agencies locally, nationally and globally. I'm pleased that within our parish we distributed over €24,000 to those in financial need.

Messrs Hugh Milne, Charles Irwin, Dáire McNamara, Bertie Swanton, Mrs Felicity Roche together with our parish Finance Committee (under the Chairmanship of Mr Keith Morrow) efficiently and diligently ensure all aspects of parish finances are carefully controlled. To them and Mr Colin Marsden who has assisted in the preparing of the parochial accounts – thank you.

Our Select Vestry give generously of their wisdom and skills and I pay tribute to them. As always the management of our finances is a major item on every Vestry meeting. As you will read within, thanks to careful budgeting and wise stewardship the finances of the parish are holding up. However, it is only through the generosity of parishioners that we are able to provide ministry in Limerick City and beyond.

Once again, to all those who have given – **Thank you!**

With every blessing,



**The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane**  
**Dean & Rector**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Church Services

|               | <b>Saint Michael's Church</b><br>10.00am | <b>Saint Mary's Cathedral</b><br>11.15am | <b>Ss John &amp; Ailbe Church Abington</b><br>10.00am |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Week 1</b> | Morning Prayer                           | Choral Eucharist                         | No Service  |
| <b>Week 2</b> | Holy Communion                           | Choral Matins                            | Morning Prayer  |
| <b>Week 3</b> | Family Service                           | Choral Eucharist                         | Holy Communion<br>(9.30am)                            |
| <b>Week 4</b> | Holy Communion                           | Choral Matins                            | Morning Prayer  |
| <b>Week 5</b> |  | As announced                             |   |

### Prayer for our Parish

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighbourhoods, and in our parish community. Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us. Instil in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time, and our treasures. Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honour and glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Note on Limerick City Parish

The city of Limerick, on the banks of the Shannon, grew from a monastery founded by Saint Munchin in the sixth or seventh century. One of its great bishops, Gilbert, was Papal Legate at the Synod of Rathbrasil in 1111, which brought about the reform of the Irish Church. His involvement ensured the establishment of Limerick as an important see.

Saint Mary's Cathedral was gifted to the Church in 1168 by Donal Mhor O'Brien, the last King of Munster. Originally the site of a royal palace it has been a place of Christian worship for over 850 years.

Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square was constructed as a result of the growth in Georgian Limerick. The church was built in 1844. The apse was added in 1859.

Ss John & Ailbe Church, Abington is the last remaining church in the historic diocese of Emly. The present building was opened for worship in 1870.

Limerick City Parish includes a number of ancient parishes including Mungret, Saint Munchin, Saint Nicholas, Saint Laurence, Saint Patrick, Fedamore and Cahernarry.

Saint Michael's National School enrolled its first pupils in November 1882. The school was located on the present site at 11 Barrington Street and was extended in 1953, 1964 and 1968. The present classrooms were added in 1984, the numbers have risen steadily during the last decade, and there have been five mainstream class teachers since September 2008.

## WHO'S WHO IN LIMERICK CITY PARISH - 2023

### Ministry Team

#### Dean & Rector

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#### Hon Assistant Clergy

The Very Rev'd J.M.G. Sirr

#### Lay Readers

David McBurnie : Andrew Ellerker : Oliver Deegan

#### Parish Reader

Tony O'Connell

### Limerick City Parish

#### Select Vestry

Rector; Curate, Churchwardens; Glebewardens; Roland Boyle, Margaret Brickenden, Richard Brickenden, Gillian Cheatley, Craig Copley Brown, Susi Eckhardt, Trevor Lyttle, Daire MacNamara, Keith Morrow, Ian Mulvey, Meghan Mulvey, Kieran Sparling.

#### Hon. Secretary

Tracey Lyttle

#### Hon. Treasurer

Hugh Milne (retired Oct. '23) Charles Irwin (from Nov. '23)

#### Glebewardens

Rector's – Brian Shephard People's – Tracey Lyttle

#### Parochial Nominators

Frank Sheahan, Tracey Lyttle, Margaret Brickenden, Craig Copley Brown

#### Supplemental Parochial Nominators

Kieran Sparling, Bertie Swanton, Elizabeth Stanley, Lindsay Boyle

#### Diocesan Synodspersons

Adrienne Barron, Margaret Brickenden, Craig Copley Brown, Tracey Lyttle, Sheelagh Morrow, Keith Morrow, Catherine Smith, Bertie Swanton, Oliver Deegan, Kieran Sparling

#### Supplemental Diocesan Synodspersons

Daire McNamara, Cormac O'Connell, Trevor Lyttle, Elizabeth Stanley

#### Parish Panel

The Dean, The Curate, Kieran Sparling & Ros Stevenson

#### An Abhainn (Editor)

Jeanne Dippenaar

#### Newslink

Gillian Cheatley

### **Saint Mary's Cathedral**

Churchwardens: Rector's - Frank Sheahan    People's – Lindsay Boyle  
Dean's Verger: Craig Copley Brown  
Caretaker: Noreen Ellerker  
Organist: Peter Barley  
Readers Guild: Alan Bunworth  
Tower Captain: Adrienne Baron

### **Saint Michael's Church**

Churchwardens: Rector's – Tristan Kessler    People's – Cormac O'Connell  
Caretaker: VACANT  
Saint Michael's Hall Bookings: Susi Eckhardt  
Organist: Irina Dernova  
Readers Guild: Margaret Schutz

### **Saints John & Ailbe Church, Abington**

Churchwardens: Rector's – Elizabeth Stanley    People's – Bertie Swanton  
Organist: VACANT  
Readers Guild: Churchwardens

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## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **Baptisms**

21<sup>st</sup> May (in Saint Michael's Church) – Annabelle Marianne Griffin  
27<sup>th</sup> August (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Harry Thomas Symes

### **Confirmation**

22<sup>nd</sup> October (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – 2 candidates

### **Funerals / Memorial Services / Burials**

18<sup>th</sup> March (in Saint Michael's Church) – Ivor Wills  
21<sup>st</sup> March (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Mike Pomeroy  
4<sup>th</sup> April (in Saint Michael's Church) – Dolly Shier  
11<sup>th</sup> April (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Joan Copley  
13<sup>th</sup> July (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Emma Amanda Louise Brickenden  
8<sup>th</sup> August (in Saint Michael's Church) – Seán Redmond  
5<sup>th</sup> October (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Ronald Sydney (Ronnie) Long  
17<sup>th</sup> October (in Saint Michael's Church) – Daniel (Donal) O'Connell

## PAROCHIAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023

### Limerick City Parish Population

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of Households .....                                | 212 |
| Number of Registered Vestry members .....                 | 143 |
| Number of Sunday School Roll/Godly Play (Attending) ..... | 10  |

### Church Attendance

Total for all Services.....12,112

#### Saint John's & Saint Ailbe's Church

|              |     |         |    |
|--------------|-----|---------|----|
| Sunday (41)  | 458 | average | 11 |
| Weekdays (2) | 140 | average | 70 |

#### Saint Michael's Church

|              |       |         |     |
|--------------|-------|---------|-----|
| Sunday (50)  | 2,093 | average | 42  |
| Weekdays(13) | 1,351 | average | 104 |

#### Saint Mary's Cathedral

|               |       |         |    |
|---------------|-------|---------|----|
| Sunday (66)   | 4,588 | average | 70 |
| Weekdays(332) | 3,482 | average | 10 |

### Communicants

Total number of Communicants.....4,683 (141 Celebrations)

### Occasional Services

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Baptisms      | 2 |
| Confirmations | 2 |
| Marriages     | 0 |
| Funerals      | 8 |
| Ordinations   | 0 |

Visitors to Saint Mary's Cathedral: 23,455



**Church Services TV views**  
Summary for period 01/01/2023- 31/12/2023

**Current Year Totals**

| Number of Viewers | Number of Unique Viewers | Total Time Viewed (hrs) | 1 Min or Less | 1 Min to 5 Mins | 5 Mins to 1 Hour | 1 Hour or More |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 32,096            | 12,560                   | 8,136                   | 11,991        | 13,390          | 4,988            | 1,727          |

Viewers by country (74 Countries)

|                     |                   |                        |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| • Argentina: 3      | • Ireland: 8491   | • Rep. of Lithuania: 1 |
| • Australia: 39     | • Isle of Man: 5  | • Reunion: 3           |
| • Austria: 11       | • Israel: 4       | • Romania: 8           |
| • Belarus: 5        | • Italy: 160      | • Russia: 57           |
| • Belgium: 13       | • Jamaica: 1      | • Serbia: 1            |
| • Brazil: 8         | • Japan: 24       | • Singapore: 2         |
| • Canada: 58        | • Jersey: 3       | • Slovakia: 4          |
| • Cayman Islands: 1 | • Latvia: 1       | • Slovenia: 1          |
| • Chile: 3          | • Lebanon: 1      | • South Africa: 5      |
| • Croatia: 2        | • Lithuania: 4    | • South Korea: 2       |
| • Czech republic: 4 | • Luxembourg: 7   | • Spain: 171           |
| • Czechia: 1        | • Malaysia: 3     | • Sweden: 58           |
| • Denmark: 2        | • Malta: 4        | • Switzerland: 5       |
| • Egypt: 1          | • Mauritius: 2    | • Tanzania: 1          |
| • Estonia: 3        | • Mexico: 1       | • Thailand: 10         |
| • Finland: 5        | • Mozambique: 1   | • Trinidad & Tobago: 3 |
| • France: 85        | • Netherlands: 18 | • Turkey: 3            |
| • Germany: 101      | • New Zealand: 4  | • Turks & Caicos: 1    |
| • Gibraltar: 2      | • Nigeria: 7      | • Ukraine: 2           |
| • Greece: 8         | • Norway: 1       | • U.A.E.: 3            |
| • Hong Kong: 2      | • Pakistan: 1     | • U.K.: 1769           |
| • Hungary: 4        | • Philippines: 5  | • United States: 1223  |
| • India: 23         | • Poland: 25      | • Zambia: 1            |
| • Indonesia: 1      | • Portugal: 23    | • Zimbabwe: 1          |
| • Iran: 1           | • Qatar: 2        |                        |

## PARISH CLUBS & SOCIETIES

### **Saint Mary's Cathedral Bellringers**

- 2023 was a year of up and downs, and of great loss.
- Mike Pomeroy died in March, after a long battle with cancer. Originally from Somerset he was a member of St. Mary's band since his arrival in Limerick in 1979. His influence in the bell ringing world in both Ireland and England was enormous and far-reaching, as was attested by the very large numbers of ringers from both islands who attended his funeral Service.
- Sadly, with the passing of Jean Jeffrey (November 2022) and Maud Lindsey (December 2023) Irish bell ringing family lost 2 further "giants" of the art. From Belfast, both were life-long ringers, and were regular visitors to St. Mary's Cathedral over the last 60 years.
- Unfortunately, the number of ringing occasions fell to 43 from an average of 52 due to the refurbishment of the clappers. But the number of occasions all 8 bells were rung rose (slightly) to 17 of the 43.
- Recipient of the best Service Attendance Shield for 2023 was Kieron Brislane with 39 out of 45.
- Brian Shepard has graduated to ringing with the team on Sundays, while we have two persons "almost there". We have potentially 2 new beginners due to start early in the new year.
- St. Mary's Cathedral hosted the IACR Southern District competition (RR Cherry Cup) and the AGM in April.
- Being the Home Team must have assisted, as the Cathedral team were declared the winners at the end of the AGM.
- At the Southern District AGM Kieron Brislane was re-elected as the district secretary.
- At the AGM of the IACR Philip Talbot was elected Honorary Life Member of the Association. Congratulations to Philip on this richly deserved honour.
- The bell clappers were finally removed and sent to Matthew Higby's Engineering Works in England for much needed refurbishment. They were taken from the tower in August, and returned in November, just in time for Christmas.
- There is still some work to be completed by Higby, which is scheduled for February or March. We plan to organise a work-party to clean the belfry at the same time as this work is being done.
- We enjoyed our annual Sunday lunch in Adare in March, and our mid-summer outing to the Irish Workhouse Museum in Portumna in July.
- As was normal pre-Covid, we were able to host a small New Year's Eve party for ringers, family members and friends prior to ringing-in 2024.
- As 2023 was badly balanced on the negative side, so in 2024 we look to a better year, with hopefully 1 or 2 new ringers. Additionally, we plan a visit to Mike Pomeroy's home village in Somerset to meet his family and friends and enjoy a weekend of ringing with them.

*Kieron Brislane*



## **Whist**

Whist Drives recommenced in March after taking a break during Covid. We ran 4 drives in 2023. It was great to see some of the old regulars back and a few new faces joined us during the end of the year. These nights are very sociable and can go on for some time as lots of chat and laughs along the way. We are very appreciative of those who bake for our suppers and particularly to those who donate lots of lovely prizes. We always welcome new faces. Sadly, in June 2023, we lost one of our regulars, Tony Hally after a short illness.

*Tracey Lyttle, Co-Ordinator*

## **Mothers' Union**

We started January 2023 with a service of Holy Communion followed by lunch in The Locke Bar.

Our February meeting was a crafting session with Gillian Sheehan, and joined by members from Adare Branch.

In March we attended the World Day of Prayer service. We held our Lady Day Service in Saint Michael's Church when 5 new members were enrolled. We were joined by Adare Branch.

In April we showed our All Ireland Video showcasing the work that MU do in Ireland

In May we had an outing to a garden centre followed by lunch.

In August we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with an outing to Donneraile House & Tea Rooms. Adare Branch joined us.

In September we travelled to Saint Nicholas Church, Adare for our Opening Service.

In October we held our Harvest Supper, our main Annual Fundraiser for MU projects, with Adare Branch.

In November we held our Remembrance Tea Party. MU Cards, diaries calendars were on sale.

In December we held our AGM and planning for 2024. Through the generosity of members and LCP we gave hampers of food, gifts and clothes to Thomond House & Adapt House Women's Refuges and Brother Russell Men's Refuge.

*Lucy Kavanagh, Branch Leader*

## **Saint Michael's Sunday School**

Unfortunately, Sunday School did not take place in St. Michaels for 2023 as despite our best efforts, we were unable to get children involved.

*Noreen Johnston, Sunday School Coordinator*

## **Saint Mary's Cathedral Sunday School**

As there were no attendees for School in St Michael's during the first three months of 2023, it was decided to switch Sunday school to the Cathedral and combine with existing Godly Play, under the name Sunday Club, on the first and third Sunday of each month.

Attendances are fluid at the moment, as we try to find our feet. Ages range from 4 to 7 which makes for a broad range in teaching styles. 8 students in total have attended, but class sizes varied between 2 to 5.

To progress with the school in the long term, I would ask a) -parents give notice of interest {so age-appropriate lectionary resources can be prepared, and if necessary e-mailed}. b) -

that parents would consider acting as a volunteer adult presence, c) that parents accept that if kids are not brought, Sunday Club will fall.

We aim to provide a stimulating, fun experience for kids, while providing a back-up support to your home teaching, if requested. Events included a children appropriate Good Friday service, and a bonus Cinema attendance at Christmas.

Any presence, advice or input you could provide would also be very much appreciated.

*Oliver Deegan, Sunday School Coordinator*

### **Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir**

The new choir year (September 2022) began encouragingly with seven new young singers joining the choir, ranging in age from 12 year old school children to postgraduate students from UL in their early twenties. We therefore had a good number of singers when it came to the choir's first concert collaboration of the year, when we took part in the opening concert of the 2023 Limerick Early Music Festival in mid March. This concert, hosted by the cathedral, featured two Bach Cantatas performed by the combined forces of the cathedral choir, the chamber choir Ancor and Sagittarius (the cathedral's resident vocal ensemble), together with orchestra and soloists. The programme also included four motets by some of Bach's forebears and was well received by a full cathedral.

The cathedral choir was also able to take part in a collaborative liturgical event in St Mary's in mid March, when we combined with the choir of St Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway and their director of music Mark Duley for a joint service of choral evensong for St Patrick's Day. This collaboration was all the more appropriate with the recent appointment of the Rector of Galway, the Very Revd Lynda Peilow, as the new Precentor on the cathedral chapter.

There was another liturgical highlight in early May, when it was a privilege for the choir to sing in a special evensong with the installation of four new Canons at St Mary's.

Later in May St Mary's took part, together with many cathedrals across Europe, in "Cathedrals at Night" and the musical contribution was an organ recital by Peter Barley.

The Royal School of Church Music designates one Sunday a year as Music Sunday, and it's an opportunity to give thanks for the enrichment that music brings to worship in churches and cathedrals throughout the world. In St Mary's we were able to mark the day in a very particular way with the first liturgical performance by the cathedral's new junior choir. The choir first came together in September 2022 and has made great progress in its first year. RSCM Music Sunday also provided a fitting occasion to admit two young teenage choristers to full membership of the cathedral choir.

The following Sunday, 18th June, was also a busy one for the cathedral choir. In the morning we gave the world premiere of a new mass by one of our tenors, Brendan Moir. In the afternoon the choir travelled to Ballinasloe to sing choral evensong at St John's Church, where Archdeacon John Godfrey is the Rector.

With an ever present need to keep an eye to recruitment, it was great to launch two new short videos about the choir shortly before the end of the choir year, put together with great skill by one of our choir tenors, Joaquim Junior.

At the end of June we had farewell to Brendan Moir and in early September said goodbye to Chris Hornbuckle. Both were postgraduate students at UL for one year, and had made a significant contribution to the choir during their year of study in Limerick. Brendan was

studying composition whilst Chris was a student on the Ritual, Chant and Song Course at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance in UL. It has been great to be able to strengthen our links with this course over the past few years, aided by the cathedral's provision of choral scholarships and with the active support and encouragement of course tutor Dr Eleanor Giraud.

Just before Chris and Brendan left we were able to perform a concert of sacred music by William Byrd with Sagittarius. This concert in early July commemorated the 400th anniversary of Byrd's death, almost to the day!

As mentioned above, we had a good intake of new young singers to the choir in September 2022, and pleasingly this was matched by an equally encouraging intake in September of 2023. Four new teenage singers joined the choir and a further four youngsters joined the junior choir. Naturally the main focus of the first term of the new choir year is helping these new singers to settle in, whilst also preparing for the many important services in the second half of the term.

However we also found time to present once again our very popular concert for Leaving Certificate students featuring the Bach Cantata set work. St Mary's choir also took part with a number of other choirs in the annual concert for Limerick Mental Health Week. Following the success of last year's inaugural choir tea, we were pleased, with the Dean's kind support, to be able to run this event again in early November to welcome the significant number of new choir members.

It is good to see that more people are getting to hear about the cathedral choir, and the music training and benefits that are available to student-aged singers who are prepared to make the commitment.

As well as welcoming this encouraging number of new singers, over the past year or so we have said farewell to two longstanding members of the choir, Paddy Sirr and Michael Howes. Both of them contributed an enormous amount to the choir, not just in their loyalty Sunday by Sunday but also in much 'behind-the-scenes' support of choir, choirmaster and cathedral. They will both be much missed.

*Peter Barley, Organist & Director of Music*

### **Park & Play**

Park and Play group had a great 2023, our numbers have started to return to the level we had pre-pandemic. We were able to incorporate a few community organisations and events that brought everyone together in a healthy manner. Including our ever-popular Easter Egg Hunt in People's Park and our Halloween Party. We struggled with getting parents involved however, towards the end of 2023 we were able to reestablish our full committee. ABC startright facilitated a few story times and rhyme times to assist the baby and toddlers in our group. We had a wonderful group outing to Bunratty park in May with a great turn out which kicked off our summer outdoor programming. Although the summer weather was fairly wet and a few indoor days- the babies and toddlers had a great summer. The adults were able to establish new friendships and support networks through our group. We finished off the year with a special visit from Santa and well wishes and blessings into the new year of 2024.

*Carrie Jamieson*

## **Pier Bowling Club**

No activity since March 2020.

*Lindsay Boyle*

## **The Evergreens**

January 2023 started the New Year for the Evergreens with our own Noreen Elleker, giving a talk on the women connected with Saint Mary's Cathedral.

Our curate, Leonard Madden, gave a talk about rescue dogs with one present for all to see and/or pet! Ros Stevenson gave a short talk about the origins of Pancake/Shrove Tuesday. The tea that followed included pancakes! Variety was the spice of life for that February.

In March we had a visit from Perry Keane from the Citizens' Advice Bureau giving information about its services and answering members questions.

There was Afternoon Tea in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare for our April meeting and the staff were very helpful and obliging. There was no other outing in 2023.

Bishop Michael entertained us all in September with his anecdotes about his passion for all things railways and trains. In October, another of our parishioners Suzi Eckhart, gave a talk about watches and their workings. She brought along some "inards" of clocks and watches.

The year was rounded off by Christmas lunch in the Lakeside Hotel, Ballina/Killaloe in November.

*Noreen Allen & Ros Stevenson*

## **Craft Hub**

No activity since March 2020.

*Karen Wilson, Convenor*

## **Saint Michael's Church Choir**

As a choir mistress I would like to say words of gratitude to all St Michael's Choir singers on a great year of singing and learning a new repertoire! Every Sunday the Choir leads in the singing of congregational hymns, Psalms and Canticles with Anglican traditional chant, Liturgical music and anthems for many occasions of the Church Year.

First months of 2023 were saddened by the heartbreaking loss of our dear Dolly Shier at the end of March. Dolly was life-long very dedicated choir member, her sweet voice was part of St Michael's music of almost every Sunday and flower bouquets made by Dolly brightened up the church for many years and her lovely smile, stories and laughter was part of our choir gatherings. Every Mother's Day Dolly would give a flower to every woman in the church! We miss Dolly very much!

In April the choir organised a very special event. It was our first Come and Sing afternoon. The hymns were submitted by parishioners, and a wonderful selection was made for the event. Our Dean Niall told us a little story on each hymn sang and we have sung our hearts out celebrating wonderful variety of Anglican hymns. It was a lovely social event with afterwards tea and yummy treats accompanying chats and laughter.

In coming 2024 St Michael's choir will continue to meet for practise on Monday nights learning new music and revising well-known hymns.

*Irina Dernova, Organist and Choir Mistress*

### **Friends of Abington Church**

We are an interdenominational community group set up 20 years ago. Our reverend patrons are the rector of Limerick City Parish, the Parish Priest of Murroe/Boher Parish and the Abbot of Glenstal Abbey.

We are grateful to everybody who has supported and encouraged us during the past 20 years.

### **Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral**

2023 proved to be a quieter year for the Friends in terms of projects and activities.

The Friend's AGM was held in the Cathedral on Sunday 10th September. The minutes of the 2023 AGM were noted, Financial Accounts approved, the Committee was re-elected. The AGM was followed by a well -attended luncheon, hosted by the Friends.

A successful (and now annual) coffee morning was held in the Cathedral on in the early part of the year, this was open to all.

The visitor experience of the Cathedral continues to be enhanced by the addition to the West Door - a project the Friend's participated in.

Please remember the gift of membership of the Friends is a delightful idea or becoming a Friend is a rewarding experience.

#### **Membership Rates:**

Silver €15 per annum ( under 18 years)

Gold €25 per annum

Diamond €250 for life

Platinum €850 for 10 years

*Mary Graydon, Hon. Secretary*



## **THE PARISH SCHOOL SAINT MICHAEL'S NATIONAL SCHOOL**

School life in Saint Michael's NS returned to normality in 2023. The school community wished Ms. Kate Gleeson and Ms. Ruth Halpin the best of luck with their maternity leaves. Ms. Ann-Marie Mullane and Ms. Mairéad Doran worked in the roles of Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal as we welcomed Mr. William Duddy and Ms. Doireann Cronin to the staff for the remainder of the school year.

Seachtain na Gaeilge was one of the many successful activities enjoyed by staff and students alike with a 'Ceolchoirm and Ceil' taking place in the LPYMA hall.

The Student Council chose line markings on the yard which now includes a snakes and ladders board, target board, hopscotch and a trail. Dancing, Hockey and GAA coaching took place and the fourth to sixth classes participated in BLAST Artist Residency. Our resident artist Chelsea Canavan helped to gather, curate and document a collection of Culture and Heritage items. All classes enjoyed school trips which included visits to the train station, Stonehall Farm, Fit4fun camp, bowling, the cinema and Nevail watersports. We finished the school year with a very successful Family Fun Evening organised by our wonderful Parent Teacher Association. The end of year service and graduation completed our school year in June 2023. The staff and pupils were delighted to see the return of swimming lessons from September 2023 for pupils in Second to Sixth Class. We were delighted to apply for and receive a substantial grant to support and promote STEM at a whole school level. The end of term service and class performances ended the year of 2023 in Saint Michaels NS as we look forward to continually improving and building our school community in 2024.

*Kate Gleeson,*  
Principal



# **LIMERICK CITY PARISH ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended  
31 December 2023

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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PAROCHIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The following bank accounts, held under the name of St Mary's Cathedral, are included in the these financial statements:

Allied Irish Banks plc, Balloon, Limerick

Parochial Account - account number 24762652

Parochial Account - account number 45430081 (opened on 14/08/2023)

Fabric and Repairs Fund - account number 24762223

Restoration Fund - account number 24762579

Allied Irish Banks plc, 10-1108 O'Connell Street, Limerick

Graveyard Fund - account number 39354099

The following bank accounts were closed during the previous financial year:

Ulster Bank Ireland Limited, 95 O'Connell Street, Limerick

Graveyard Fund - account number 81231-447 (closed 30th December 2022)

Restoration Project - deposit account number 81231017 ) these accounts were not previously reflected  
Restoration Project - current account number 81231280 ) in these financial statements

Bank accounts relating to the following funds are not reflected in these financial statements:

The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral Dean's Contingency Fund

St. Mary's Cathedral Bellringing Fund

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**SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

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**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

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To the members of the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish (St Mary's Cathedral).

We have prepared and reviewed the financial statements of Limerick City Parish (St Mary's Cathedral) and for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 4 to 9. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations supplied. In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have not performed an audit on these statements.

The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

We have also prepared separate financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 for the following Cathedral Funds:

Cathedral Graveyard Fund (see page 11)

Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund (formerly Repairs Reserve Fund) (see page 12)

Cathedral Restoration Fund (see page 12)

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have not performed an audit on the financial statements

  
**MARSDEN & CO**

**Chartered Accountants**

**59 Clare Street**

**Limerick**

Date: 21 March 2024

# **SAIN MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

## **PAROCHIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31 December 2023

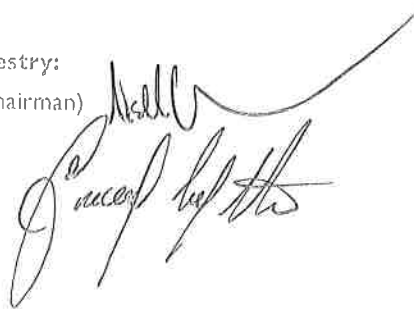
|   | Notes | 2023           | 2022           |
|---|-------|----------------|----------------|
|   |       | €              | €              |
| <b>Income</b>                                   |       |                |                |
| Church offertory                                | 1     | 53,514         | 65,360         |
| Investment income                               | 2     | 23,164         | 21,095         |
| Special contributions received                  | 3     | 7,049          | 3,120          |
| Rentals   | 4     | 40,174         | 61,549         |
| Parking   |       | 8,632          | 11,905         |
| Choral income                                   | 5     | 15,766         | 9,861          |
| Concerts and events incomes                     |       | 13,605         | 4,511          |
| Cathedral shop                                  | 6     | 10,039         | 10,859         |
| Other income - misc. donations                  | 7     | 14,930         | 15,286         |
| Tourism receipts                                |       | 91,771         | 63,091         |
| EWSS receipts                                   |       | -              | 5,820          |
| Diocesan grants                                 |       | 10,000         | 9,302          |
| Miscellaneous grants                            | 8     | 22,250         | 61,811         |
|   |       | <u>310,894</u> | <u>343,570</u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                              |       |                |                |
| Church services                                 |       | 7,300          | 8,114          |
| Diocesan assessment                             |       | 38,539         | 43,169         |
| Repairs and maintenance                         | 9     | 46,494         | 52,874         |
| Cathedral administration                        | 10    | 115,854        | 91,672         |
| Church music                                    |       | 15,524         | 14,372         |
| Concerts/events expenses                        |       | 6,381          | 9,587          |
| Allocations (appendix A)                        |       | 15,090         | 8,299          |
| Payroll costs                                   |       | 43,299         | 26,564         |
| Depreciation of tangible assets                 |       | 1,914          | 2,153          |
|   |       | <u>290,395</u> | <u>256,804</u> |
| Surplus for year transferred to general reserve |       | <u>20,499</u>  | <u>86,766</u>  |

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

Tracey Lyttle (Hon. Secretary)

Date: 21/3/24





# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## PAROCHIAL BALANCE SHEET

|  |       | at 31 December 2023 |         |
|--|-------|---------------------|---------|
|  | Notes | 2023                | 2022    |
|  |       | €                   | €       |
| <u>Fixed Assets</u>  |       |                     |         |
| Tangible assets  | 11    | 3,353               | 2,827   |
| <u>Current Assets</u>  |       |                     |         |
| Cathedral shop stocks  |       |                     |         |
| Debtors  |       | 5,399               | 4,398   |
| Investment in RCB General Unit Trust                           | 12    | 17,151              | 33,300  |
| Ireland State Savings - Prize Bond Account                     |       | 100,000             | -       |
| AIB Bank No. 1 current account                                 |       | -                   | 100,000 |
| AIB Bank fixed term deposit account                            |       | 81,396              | 176,430 |
| Petty Cash   |       | 100,000             |         |
|  |       | 48                  | 17      |
|  |       | 303,994             | 314,145 |
| <u>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</u>          |       |                     |         |
| Creditors, accruals and deferred income                        | 13    | 59,257              | 58,404  |
| Amount due to Cathedral Graveyard Fund                         |       | 450                 | -       |
| Representative Church Body - Interest-free loan                |       | 5,000               | 100,000 |
|  |       | 64,707              | 158,404 |
| Net Current Assets   |       | 239,287             | 155,741 |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities                          |       | 242,640             | 158,568 |
| <u>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</u> |       |                     |         |
| Representative Church Body - Interest-free loan                |       | (95,000)            | -       |
|  |       | 147,640             | 158,568 |
| Represented by:  |       | =====               | =====   |
| General Reserve:   |       |                     |         |
| Balance at beginning of year                                   |       | 158,568             | 71,802  |
| Surplus/(deficit) from Parochial Revenue Account               |       | 20,499              | 86,766  |
| Transfer from Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund                |       | (31,427)            | -       |
| Balance at end of year   |       | 147,640             | 158,568 |
|  |       | =====               | =====   |

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

Tracey Lyttle (Hon. Secretary)

Date: 21/3/24

# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Church offertory                              | 2023          | 2022          |
|  | €             | €             |
| Christian stewardship                            | 22,346        | 20,561        |
| Plate collection                                 | 18,954        | 20,314        |
| Sustentation                                     | 11,870        | 14,082        |
| Income tax refunds                               | 344           | 10,403        |
|  | <u>53,514</u> | <u>65,360</u> |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| 2. Investment income                             | 2023          | 2022          |
|  | €             | €             |
| Endowments                                       | 13,203        | 11,746        |
| Trinity Church trust fund                        | 9,911         | 8,949         |
| Income from Prize Bonds                          | 50            | 400           |
|  | <u>23,164</u> | <u>21,095</u> |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| 3. Special contributions received                | 2023          | 2022          |
|  | €             | €             |
| Bishop's Appeal projects                         | 4,217         | 1,387         |
| Mission Sunday                                   | 80            | 40            |
| Priorities Fund                                  | 130           | 358           |
| Villiers School - Carol Service plate collection | 1,633         | 1,130         |
| Poppy Fund Appeal                                | 205           | 205           |
| World Day of Prayer                              | 183           | -             |
| Milford Hospice                                  | 145           | -             |
| ISPCC  | 456           | -             |
|  | <u>7,049</u>  | <u>3,120</u>  |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| 4. Rentals                                       | 2023          | 2022          |
|  | €             | €             |
| Cathedral rentals                                | 19,958        | 37,940        |
| Vodafone: deflector rental income                | 12,000        | 12,000        |
| Vodafone: contribution to electricity            | 7,196         | 11,509        |
| Kilmurry Church rent                             | 100           | 100           |
| Visiting choirs, concerts etc                    | 920           | -             |
|  | <u>40,174</u> | <u>61,549</u> |
|  | =====         | =====         |

# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

|   |  |               |               |
|---|--|---------------|---------------|
| 5 | Choral income                                      | 2023          | 2022          |
|   |  | €             | €             |
|   | Concerts & events income                           | -             | 7,952         |
|   | Choir donations                                    | 15,766        | 1,909         |
|   |  | <u>15,766</u> | <u>9,861</u>  |
|   |  | =====         | =====         |
| 6 | Cathedral shop                                     | 2023          | 2022          |
|   |  | €             | €             |
|   | Sales  | 20,094        | 15,647        |
|   | Cost of sales                                      | (10,055)      | (4,788)       |
|   |  | <u>10,039</u> | <u>10,859</u> |
|   |  | =====         | =====         |
| 7 | Other income                                       | 2023          | 2022          |
|   |  | €             | €             |
|   | Contributions received - Donation boxes and online | 2,415         | 3,034         |
|   | Miscellaneous donations                            | 2,910         | 269           |
|   | Occasional services                                | 3,615         | 8,425         |
|   | Sundry income                                      | 1,564         | -             |
|   | Receipts from after-service refreshments           | 63            | 133           |
|   | Votive candles                                     | 2,265         | 2,177         |
|   | VAT refund   | 1,362         | 1,248         |
|   | Insurance claim                                    | 736           | -             |
|   |  | <u>14,930</u> | <u>15,286</u> |
|   |  | =====         | =====         |

# SAN IT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 8 Grants received

|                                | 2023   | 2022   |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
|                                | €      | €      |
| Limerick City & County Council | 16,500 | 32,341 |
| Representative Church Body     | 5,750  | 20,135 |
| Faílte Ireland                 | -      | 5,835  |
| Limerick Chamber               | -      | 1,500  |
| LISE                           | -      | 2,000  |

22,250 61,811

### 9 Repairs and maintenance

|  | 2023    | 2022   |
|--|---------|--------|
|  | €       | €      |
| General repairs and maintenance                      | 16,194  | 23,068 |
| Significant repair items                             |         |        |
| Graveyard retaining wall (including Architect's fee) | 25,629  | -      |
| Contribution from Graveyard Fund                     | (6,500) | -      |
| Blue Room toilet                                     | 3,515   | -      |
| Belfry repairs                                       | 7,656   | -      |
| 3D Survey of Cathedral                               | -       | 25,010 |
| Earth bond in basement                               | -       | 2,049  |
| Defibrillator  | -       | 1,347  |
| Security camera system upgrade                       | -       | 1,400  |

30,300 29,806

### Total cost of repairs and maintenance

46,494 52,874

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

10 Cathedral administration

|  | 2023           | 2022          |
|--|----------------|---------------|
|  | €              | €             |
| Electricity  | 25,515         | 13,415        |
| Gas  | 26,382         | 18,298        |
| Insurance  | 20,524         | 20,691        |
| Contribution to insurance cost from Graveyard Fund | (2,000)        | (2,000)       |
| Tourism expenses                                   | 87             | 5,964         |
| Postage and telephone                              | 1,447          | 1,279         |
| Printing, stationery and literature                | 12,854         | 5,430         |
| Bank charges                                       | 562            | 638           |
| Credit card charges                                | 1,536          | 1,285         |
| Sundry expenses                                    | 10,393         | 11,688        |
| Clergy expenses                                    | 1,911          | 2,034         |
| Subscriptions and presentations                    | 1,525          | -             |
| Refuse charges                                     | 791            | 1,057         |
| Magazines  | 461            | 539           |
| Audit fees   | 3,007          | 2,978         |
| Accountancy and payroll services                   | 2,621          | 3,255         |
| Water charges                                      | 2,400          | 740           |
| Local property tax and ground rent                 | 103            | 103           |
| Cleaning and consumables                           | 3,485          | 2,472         |
| Votive candle expenses                             | 1,050          | 1,166         |
| Software costs                                     | 689            | 560           |
| Bell ringers' expenses                             | 511            | 80            |
|  | <u>115,854</u> | <u>91,672</u> |
|  | =====          | =====         |

11 Tangible assets

|                                    | 2023         | 2022         |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                    | €            | €            |
| Furniture, office and IT equipment | 24,326       | 21,886       |
| At cost                            | (20,973)     | (19,059)     |
| Less: accumulated depreciation     | <u>3,353</u> | <u>2,827</u> |
|                                    | =====        | =====        |

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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|  |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| <b>12 Debtors</b>  | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|  | €             | €             |
| St Michael's Church recharges  | 4,500         | 5,400         |
| Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, Abington recharges                            | 992           | 572           |
| Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, loan advance                                  | 5,000         | 0             |
| Amount due from Cathedral Graveyard Fund                                   | -             | 5,000         |
| Amount due from Glebes account   | 39            | 10,089        |
| Amount due from Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral                            | -             | 425           |
| Other debtors and prepayments  | 6,620         | 11,814        |
|  | <u>17,151</u> | <u>33,300</u> |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| <b>13 Creditors and accruals</b>   | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|  | €             | €             |
| Creditors and expense accruals   | 32,294        | 38,293        |
| Credit card facility   | 1,712         | -             |
| Charitable allocations   | 5,073         | 6,532         |
| St Michael's Church  | 4,467         | -             |
| Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, Abington                                      | 1,341         | -             |
| Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund  | -             | 550           |
| Deferred income  | 14,370        | 13,029        |
|  | <u>59,257</u> | <u>58,404</u> |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| <b>14 Amount due to Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund</b>                  | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|  | €             | €             |
| Opening balance - 1 January  | -             | 1,820         |
| Advances to Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund (re renovations expenditure) | -             | 0             |
| Advances from Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund                            | -             | 0             |
| Repaid in year   | -             | (1,820)       |
|  | <u>-</u>      | <u>-</u>      |
|  | =====         | =====         |
| <b>15 History of recent bequests</b>                                       |               |               |
| <u>The following bequests have been received in recent years:</u>          | €             |               |
| Peter Lowe, deceased (2011 - for liturgical purposes)                      | 25,000        |               |
| Canon EH Despard, deceased (2012 and 2015 - for Cathedral purposes)        | 78,523        |               |
| Geraldine Hely-Hutchinson, deceased (2015)                                 | 25,000        |               |
| Verch H Maiden, deceased (2015)  | 5,000         |               |
| Sean O'hAllmhurain, deceased (2016)  | 420           |               |
| Mildred Mary Sinclair (2018)   | 20,341        |               |
| Hunt Sisters (2019 - credited to Cathedral Restoration Project)            | 25,000        |               |
| Kenneth G. Brislane (2022 - credited to Cathedral Restoration Fund)        | 1,000         |               |
|  | =====         |               |
| <b>16 Approval of financial statements</b>                                 |               |               |

These financial statements were approved by the members of the Select Vestry on 21st March 2024.



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**SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL**

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**OTHER FUNDS**

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| <u>Graveyard Fund</u>  | 2023    | 2022     |
|--|---------|----------|
|  | €       | €        |
| Opening balance  | 29,402  | 35,086   |
| Subscriptions  | 395     | 710      |
| New graves and registration fees                                       | 1,790   | 1,800    |
| Grants from Limerick City & County Council                             | 450     | 5,750    |
| Bank charges   | (28)    | (94)     |
| Repairs and maintenance  | (1,522) | (11,850) |
| Repairs to walls (contribution to Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account) | (6,500) | -        |
| Insurance (contribution to Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account)        | (2,000) | (2,000)  |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>    |
| Closing balance  | 21,987  | 29,402   |
|  | =====   | =====    |
| <b>Represented by:</b>   |         |          |
| Allied Irish Bank current account no. 39354099                         | 21,537  | 34,402   |
| Amount due from/(to) Cathedral Parochial Account                       | 450     | (5,000)  |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>    |
|  | 21,987  | 29,402   |
|  | =====   | =====    |

**Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:**

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

Tracey Lyttle (Hon. Secretary)

**Date: 21 March 2024**

# SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

## OTHER FUNDS

### Cathedral Restoration Fund

|  | 2023   | 2022   |
|--|--------|--------|
|  | €      | €      |
| Opening balance - 1 January                              | 74,140 | -      |
| Deposit interest   | 47     | -      |
| Grant received - Benefact Trust                          | 10,874 | 12,370 |
| Transfer from Cathedral Restoration Project (now closed) | -      | 60,508 |
| Bequest received: KG Brislane, deceased                  | -      | 1,000  |
| Donations at funeral of Betty McGlone, deceased          | -      | 262    |
| Closing balance - 31 December                            | 85,061 | 74,140 |
|  | =====  | =====  |

### Represented by:

|   | 2023   | 2022   |
|---|--------|--------|
|   | €      | €      |
| Allied Irish Banks plc account no. 24762579 | 85,061 | 74,140 |
|   | =====  | =====  |

### Fabric and Repairs Fund (Previously known as Repairs Reserve Fund)

|   | 2023    | 2022    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | €       | €       |
| Opening balance - 1 January                       | 168,465 | 168,465 |
| Deposit interest                                  | 108     | -       |
| Transfer from Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account | 31,427  | -       |
| Closing balance - 31 December                     | 200,000 | 168,465 |
|   | =====   | =====   |

### Represented by:

|   | 2023    | 2022    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | €       | €       |
| AIB Bank deposit account no. 24762223                                 | 200,000 | 167,915 |
| Advances to Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account (current expenditure) | -       | 550     |
|   | 200,000 | 168,465 |
|   | =====   | =====   |

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

Tracy Lytle (Hon. Secretary)

Date: 21/3/21

## APPENDIX A - ALLOCATIONS

| Allocations                                    | 2023   | 2022  |
|--|--------|-------|
|  | €      | €     |
| Bishops' Appeal Projects                       | 4,577  | 1,962 |
| CARI Foundation                                | 2,160  | -     |
| Ana Liffey Drug Project                        | 2,160  | -     |
| Villiers Homes (Carol Service collection)      | 1,633  | 1,130 |
| Island Community Partnership (Meals on Wheels) | 700    | 500   |
| Jigsaw   | 700    | -     |
| Bishops' Ordinands and in-training Fund        | 569    | 800   |
| Priorities Fund                                | 561    | 694   |
| ISPCC  | 456    | -     |
| RCB Library                                    | 300    | 400   |
| Church of Ireland Theological Institute        | 300    | 150   |
| Poppy Fund                                     | 205    | 205   |
| Church's Ministry of Healing                   | 200    | -     |
| World Day of Prayer                            | 184    | -     |
| Milford Care Centre                            | 150    | -     |
| Royal School of Church Music                   | 135    | -     |
| Diocesan Board of Education                    | 100    | 100   |
| Focus Ireland                                  | -      | 700   |
| Christian Aid                                  | -      | 500   |
| Dean's Contingency Fund                        | -      | 500   |
| St. Mary's National School                     | -      | 250   |
| Limerick Suicide Watch                         | -      | 200   |
| Royal British Legion                           | -      | 168   |
| Mission Sunday                                 | -      | 40    |
|  | 15,090 | 8,299 |
|  | =====  | ===== |

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

Tracey Lyttle (Hon. Secretary)

Date: 21/3/24

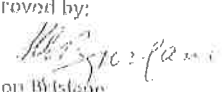
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)  
 BELLEFONGING FUND

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2023

|  | 2023<br>€    | 2022<br>€    |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Income</u>                                    |              |              |
| Membership subscriptions                         |              |              |
| Donations and Wedding charge                     | 300          | 310          |
|  | 245          | 260          |
|  | <u>545</u>   | <u>570</u>   |
| <u>Expenditure</u>                               |              |              |
| Membership fees                                  |              |              |
| Administration costs                             | 125          | 105          |
| Repairs and maintenance                          | 100          | 40           |
| Donation to RNLI (in memory of Dr. Mike Pomeroy) | 270          | -            |
|  | 100          | -            |
|  | <u>595</u>   | <u>145</u>   |
| (Deficit)/Surplus                                | (50)         | 425          |
| Opening balance at 1 January                     | 3,434        | 3,009        |
| Closing balance at 31 December                   | <u>3,384</u> | <u>3,434</u> |
| Represented by:                                  |              |              |
| Bank and cash balances                           | <u>3,384</u> | <u>3,434</u> |

Approved by:

  
 Kieron Walsane  
 Treasurer

Date: 20/02/2024

  
 Dean Miall J. Sloane  
 President

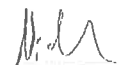
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)  
D'AN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2023

|                                     | 2023<br>€    | 2022<br>€    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <u>Income</u>                       |              |              |
| Donations from LCP Churches         |              | 791          |
| Private donations                   | 1,150        | 250          |
| Endowment Income (via LCP Churches) | 865          | 540          |
|                                     | <u>2,015</u> | <u>1,581</u> |
| <u>Expenditure</u>                  |              |              |
| Charitable assistance               | 2,135        | 1,090        |
| Bank charges                        | 28           | 68           |
|                                     | <u>2,163</u> | <u>1,158</u> |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for year          | (148)        | 423          |
| Opening balance at 1 January        | 1,024        | 601          |
| Closing balance at 31 December      | <u>876</u>   | <u>1,024</u> |
| Represented by:                     |              |              |
| Debtors                             | 537          | 391          |
| Bank balance                        | 339          | 633          |
|                                     | <u>876</u>   | <u>1,024</u> |

Signature:



The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane

Date:

11th May 2024

THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER

2023

2022

Income

€

€

Membership subscriptions and donations

2,315

3,335

Special collection

79

2,315

3,414

Expenditure

Parsonal lunch

132

380

Bank fees

23

22

155

402

Surplus of Income over Expenditure

2,160

3,012

Balance at 1 January

16,811

13,799

Balance at 31 December

18,971

16,811

Represented by:

Bank balance - Permanent TSB - current account

18,971

17,236

Creditor - amount due to St. Mary's Cathedral

(425)

18,971

16,811

Signed:

The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)

Noreen Klerker (Treasurer)

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ended  
31 December 2023

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**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

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**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2023**

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To the members of the Select Vestry - Limerick City Parish

We have prepared and reviewed the financial statements of St. Michael's Church, Limerick, for the year ended 31 December 2023, set out on pages 3 to 8. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry and discussion of these financial statements and the information and explanations supplied to us by the Hon. Treasurer of St. Michael's Church, Daire McNamara.

We have not performed an audit and consequently, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

  
**Mark Maloney & Co**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**10 Oakfield**  
**Monaleen**  
**Limerick**

**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2023

### Parochial account

|  | Notes | 2023<br>€     | 2022<br>€      |
|--|-------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                      |       |               |                |
| Church giving                                      | 1     | 53,060        | 55,449         |
| Special giving                                     | 2     | 3,665         | 3,551          |
| Rental income                                      | 3     | 9,840         | 4,795          |
| Investment income                                  | 4     | 12,169        | 11,045         |
| Fundraising income                                 | 5     | 3,748         | 2,400          |
| Other income                                       | 6     | 3,482         | 5,737          |
|  |       | <u>85,964</u> | <u>82,977</u>  |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                 |       |               |                |
| Diocesan assessment                                |       | 35,829        | 41,052         |
| General expenses                                   | 7     | 4,661         | 5,921          |
| Church premises                                    | 8     | 11,049        | 9,022          |
| Administrative expenses                            | 9     | 6,383         | 5,811          |
| Parish Office expenses (shared)                    | 10    | 663           | 798            |
| Special contributions                              | 11    | 5,567         | 5,809          |
|  |       | <u>64,152</u> | <u>68,413</u>  |
| Surplus before transfer to church repairs reserves |       | 21,812        | 14,564         |
| Transfer to Church repairs reserve                 | 12    | (20,000)      | (20,000)       |
| Surplus/(deficit) for year                         |       | <u>1,812</u>  | <u>(5,436)</u> |

Signed On behalf of the Select Vestry:

  
The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)

  
Daire McNamara (Treasurer)

Date: 21/3/24

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS

at 31 December 2023

### Bank accounts and investments

2023  
€

2022  
€

#### **General Bank Account**

#### Bank of Ireland

Balance in bank - start of year

17,035

22,471

Surplus/(deficit) for year

1,812

(5,436)

Balance in bank - end of year

18,847

17,035

#### **Living Legacy Account**

#### State Savings Prize Bonds

Balance at start of year

44,750

43,350

Contributions received in year

646

789

Tax refunds received

354

211

Prize Bond draw winnings in period

100

400

Balance at end of year

45,850

44,750

No.

No.

Prize Bond unit numbers held at 31 December

7,336

7,160

Signed On behalf of the Select Vestry:

  
The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)

  
Daire McNamara (Treasurer)

Date: 21/3/24

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Church giving

|                       | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Christian Stewardship | 34,558    | 33,005    |
| Plate collection      | 3,015     | 2,719     |
| Sustentation Fund     | 2,396     | 1,760     |
| Income tax refund     | 13,091    | 17,965    |
|                       | 53,060    | 55,449    |

### 2. Special giving

|                         | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Priorities Fund         | 725       | 540       |
| Bishops' Appeal         | 1,330     | 540       |
| Mission Sunday          | 550       | 605       |
| Bishops' Appeal-Ukraine | 805       | 1,005     |
| RNLI                    | -         | 495       |

#### Retiring and other collections:

|                      |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|-------|
| Earl Haig Poppy Fund | 55    | 66    |
| Leprosy Mission      | 200   | 300   |
|                      | 3,665 | 3,551 |

### 3. Rental income

|             | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Church Hall | 9,840     | 4,795     |

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

### 4. Investment income

|                                   | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trinity Church - Trust Fund       | 9,911     | 8,949     |
| RCB: Unit Trust Fund - Glebe Sale | 498       | 478       |
| - J. J. Smith                     | 44        | 42        |
| - Baroness Fermoy                 | 22        | 22        |
| - Mr and Mrs F. Wallace           | 222       | 213       |
| - Clarina School Sale             | 17        | 16        |
| - Rev Canon JL Enright Bequest    | 26        | 25        |
| - RCB Interest - 4% Fedamore      | 17        | 17        |
| - 3% Fedamore Glebe Sale          | 11        | 10        |
| - Cahirmarry Glebe Sale           | 999       | 959       |
| - Various Charitable Funds        | 303       | 290       |
| Bank of Ireland dividend          | 99        | 24        |
|                                   | 12,169    | 11,045    |

### 5. Fundraising income

|                               | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| CD Project for Organ Fund     | 145       | -         |
| Click and Collect Project     | 583       | 770       |
| After service coffee receipts | 805       | 420       |
| Whist drives                  | 930       | -         |
| Table Quiz-Focus Ireland      | -         | 860       |
| Sundry Fundraising            | 1,285     | 350       |
|                               | 3,748     | 2,400     |

### 6. Other income

|                                  | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Sundry donations                 | 1,036     | 1,200     |
| Weddings, funerals               | 425       | 670       |
| Representative Church Body Grant | -         | 800       |
| Diocesan Grant-Covid 19          | -         | 891       |
| VAT refund                       | 401       | 986       |
| Mothers Union                    | 135       | -         |
| Newslink receipts                | 1,485     | 1,190     |
|                                  | 3,482     | 5,737     |

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

|   |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| 7. <u>General expenses</u>                    | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|   | €           | €           |
| Streaming Cathedral Services                  | 200         | 1,141       |
| Communion wine and candles                    | 79          | 166         |
| Printing and stationery                       | 541         | 521         |
| Clergy expense allowances and travel expenses | 1,911       | 2,350       |
| Bibles, directories, periodicals etc.         | 181         | 87          |
| Sundries                                      | 264         | 476         |
| Newslink                                      | 1,485       | 1,180       |
|   | 4,661       | 5,921       |
|   | =====       | =====       |
| 8. <u>Church premises</u>                     | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|   | €           | €           |
| Repairs, maintenance and renewals             | 158         | 1,072       |
| Electricity                                   | 2,092       | 2,048       |
| Gas   | 2,534       | 636         |
| Cleaning                                      | -           | 120         |
| Insurances                                    | 6,177       | 5,060       |
| Water rates                                   | 88          | 86          |
|   | 11,049      | 9,022       |
|   | =====       | =====       |
| 9. <u>Administrative expenses</u>             | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|   | €           | €           |
| Wages   | 4,447       | 3,836       |
| Contribution to LCP audit fee                 | 1,205       | 1,203       |
| Accountancy fee                               | 400         | 400         |
| Bank charges                                  | 191         | 179         |
| Payroll services                              | 140         | 193         |
|   | 6,383       | 5,811       |
|   | =====       | =====       |



**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****continued**

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>10. <u>Parish Office (Shared)</u></b>           | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|  | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| Telephone/postage                                  | 663         | 798         |
|  | =====       | =====       |
| <b>11. <u>Special contributions</u></b>            | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|  | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| Bishops' Appeal                                    | 2,135       | 606         |
| Diocesan Mission Sunday Appeal                     | 550         | 605         |
| Diocesan Board of Education                        | 200         | 100         |
| Earl Haig Poppy Fund                               | 200         | 200         |
| Limerick Social Services Centre                    | 250         | 250         |
| MS-Limerick  | 250         | 250         |
| L.P.A.S.   | 250         | -           |
| Protestant Aid                                     | -           | 250         |
| Down Syndrome-Limerick                             | 250         | 250         |
| Dean's Contingency Fund                            | -           | 291         |
| Table Quiz-Focus Ireland                           | -           | 860         |
| Leprosy Mission                                    | 200         | 300         |
| Bishops Appeal-Ukraine                             | -           | 1,005       |
| RNLI   | -           | 495         |
| Priorities fund                                    | 559         | 347         |
| LCP Joint Charities                                | 303         | -           |
| Limerick Suicide Watch                             | 150         | -           |
| Limerick Treaty Suicide Watch                      | 150         | -           |
| Mothers Union                                      | 120         | -           |
|  | =====       | =====       |
|  | 5,567       | 5,809       |
|  | =====       | =====       |
| <b>12. <u>Church repairs reserve</u></b>           | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|  | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| Transfer to church repairs reserve                 | 20,000      | 20,000      |
|  | =====       | =====       |
| <b>13. <u>Approval of financial statements</u></b> |             |             |

The financial statements were approved by the Select Vestry on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
PERRY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

STATEMENT OF RENTAL INCOME

and

CHURCH ORGAN FUND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Period: 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

|                                      | 2023<br>€      | 2022<br>€      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Receipts</u>                      |                |                |
| Transfer from Church General Account | 20,000         | 20,000         |
| Net rental income – apartment        | 5,047          | 10,410         |
| Deposit interest                     | 70             | 10             |
|                                      | <u>25,117</u>  | <u>30,420</u>  |
| <u>Payments</u>                      |                |                |
| Payments to Contractors:             |                |                |
| - Remedial roof works                | 6,178          | -              |
| - New LED lighting                   | 4,540          | -              |
| - General repairs                    | 691            | -              |
| Architect's fees                     | 468            | -              |
|                                      | <u>11,877</u>  | <u>-</u>       |
| Surplus for period                   | 13,240         | 30,420         |
| Net assets                           |                |                |
| - beginning of period                | 130,237        | 99,817         |
| Net assets                           |                |                |
| - end of period                      | <u>143,477</u> | <u>130,237</u> |

Prepared by:  Colin Marsden FCA

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH ORGAN FUND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

|   | 2023<br>€ | 2022<br>€ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <u>Receipts</u>                             |           |           |
| Transfer from Church General Account        | -         | -         |
| <u>Payments</u>                             |           |           |
| Organ repairs                               | 450       | -         |
| Deficit)/surplus for period                 | (450)     | -         |
| Share in bank account - beginning of period | 670       | 670       |
| Share in bank account - end of period       | 220       | 670       |

The above balance is held in the Church Repairs Reserve deposit account (see page 3).

  
Prepared by: Colin Marsden FCA

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE & CHURCH ORGAN FUND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

|                                 | 31 December<br>2023<br>€ | 31 December<br>2022<br>€ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>ASSETS</u>                   |                          |                          |
| Bank of Ireland                 |                          |                          |
| Repairs Reserve deposit account | 144,755                  | 98,855                   |
| 21 Day Investment account       | -                        | 33,002                   |
|                                 | <u>144,755</u>           | <u>131,857</u>           |
| <u>LIABILITIES</u>              |                          |                          |
| Rental deposit retained         | 1,058                    | 950                      |
|                                 | <u>1,058</u>             | <u>950</u>               |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u>               | <u>143,697</u>           | <u>130,907</u>           |
| <u>Financed by:</u>             |                          |                          |
| Church Repairs Reserve          | 143,477                  | 130,237                  |
| Church Organ Fund               | 220                      | 670                      |
|                                 | <u>143,697</u>           | <u>130,907</u>           |

  
Prepared by: Colin Marsden FCA


Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

STATEMENT OF RENTAL INCOME - APARTMENT  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

|  | 2023          | 2022          |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Income                                   | €             | €             |
| Rental from tenants                      | 11,348        | 12,000        |
| Contribution to gas heating from tenants | 1,178         | 920           |
|  | <u>12,526</u> | <u>12,920</u> |
| Expenses                                 |               |               |
| Repairs and maintenance                  | 5,718         | -             |
| Gas heating                              | 1,178         | 920           |
| Insurance                                | 315           | 1,218         |
| Legal fee                                | 125           | -             |
| Local Property Tax                       | 103           | 103           |
| RRTB registration fee                    | 40            | 60            |
| Fire and security alarms                 | -             | 209           |
|  | <u>7,479</u>  | <u>2,510</u>  |
| Net rental income for year               | <u>5,047</u>  | <u>10,410</u> |

  
Prepared by: Colin Marsden FCA

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024

ABINGTON CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 December 2023

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## **Parochial Bank Accounts**

The following bank accounts are incorporated in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 5 of these financial statements:

Abington Church Fund (Account no. 005964) held in Mulcair Credit Union Limited, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Caherconlish Old Church Interest Account (Account no. 623273) held in St. Ailbe's Credit Union Limited, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

## Accountant's Report

To the members of the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish.

I have reviewed the financial statements of Abington Church for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages 4 to 8. My review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations supplied. In accordance with the terms of our engagement, I have not performed an audit on these statements.

The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to me.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Wesley Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

Wesley Scott Accountant

**Dated:** 23-3-24

## Parochial Revenue Accounts

|                                       | Notes | 2023<br>€     | 2022<br>€    |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Income</b>                         |       |               |              |
| Church Offertory                      | 1     | 8153          | 7994         |
| Special contributions received        | 2     | 2400          | 1583         |
| Donations                             | 3     | 3675          | 5007         |
| Investment income                     | 4     | 3507          | 3367         |
| Other income                          | 5     | 2685          | 221          |
| <b>Total</b>                          |       | <u>20420</u>  | <u>18172</u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                    |       |               |              |
| Diocesan assessment                   |       | 6464          | 6681         |
| Repairs and maintenance               | 6     | 10978         | 2809         |
| Light and heat                        |       | 2302          | 1894         |
| Insurance                             |       | 2134          | 2016         |
| Newslink                              |       | 0             | 255          |
| Special contributions                 | 7     | 2985          | 1750         |
| Cathedral shared expenses / recharges |       | 1492          | 1054         |
| Credit Union Fee                      |       | 2             | 2            |
| Catering                              |       | 300           | 400          |
| <u>Gifts</u>                          |       | <u>0</u>      | <u>88</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>                          |       | <u>26657</u>  | <u>16949</u> |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b> |       | <u>(6237)</u> | <u>1223</u>  |

On behalf of the Select Vestry

Felicity Roche

Hon. Treasurer

[Signature]

Rector

Dated: 24-3-24

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

|                | Notes | 2023<br>€   | 2022<br>€   |
|----------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Debtors</b> |       |             |             |
| RCB Interest   |       | 1412        | 1277        |
| Tax Rebate     |       | 0           | 0           |
|                |       | <u>1412</u> | <u>1277</u> |

### Bank and Cash Accounts

|                                  |   |              |              |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| Abington Church , Murroe Account |   | 5559         | 6379         |
| Caherconlish No. 1 account       |   | 11357        | 9725         |
| Cash and cheques in Hand         |   | 2316         | 4160         |
|                                  | 8 | <u>19232</u> | <u>20264</u> |

### Accruals / loans

|                                  |  |             |            |
|----------------------------------|--|-------------|------------|
| Cathedral loan (heating project) |  | 5000        | 0          |
| LCP Shared Expenses/ recharges   |  | 992         | 572        |
| Plumber                          |  | 0           | 80         |
|                                  |  | <u>5992</u> | <u>652</u> |

### On behalf of the Select Vestry

Felicity Roche

Hon. Treasurer

[Signature]

Rector

Dated: 24-3-24

## Notes to the Financial Statements

|   | 2023<br>€   | 2022<br>€   |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>1 Church Offertory</b>               |             |             |
| Plate collection total                  | 5753        | 5594        |
| Sustentation fund                       | 2400        | 2400        |
|   | <u>8153</u> | <u>7994</u> |
| <b>2 Special Contributions Received</b> |             |             |
| Bishop's appeal                         | 970         | 528         |
| Mission Sunday                          | 90          | 55          |
| Carol Service                           | 1085        | 1000        |
| Bishops Peregrination                   | 255         | 0           |
|   | <u>2400</u> | <u>1583</u> |
| <b>3 Donations Received</b>             |             |             |
| History Day ,Le Fanu. Choral event      | 0           | 550         |
| Donations – General & Donation Box      | 2155        | 3417        |
| Syriac Contribution                     | 1520        | 1040        |
|   | <u>3675</u> | <u>5007</u> |
| <b>4 Investment Income</b>              |             |             |
| Standing orders, . Murroe               | 112         | 107         |
| R.C.B. Investment – Caherconlish        | 3395        | 3260        |
|   | <u>3507</u> | <u>3367</u> |
| <b>5 Other Income</b>                   |             |             |
| Tax rebate from 2022                    | 903         | 0           |
| Tax rebate 2023                         | 1341        | 0           |
| Catering Collection                     | 255         | 0           |
| Tax Rebates Vat                         | 96          | 141         |
| Newslink Contribution                   | 90          | 80          |
|   | <u>2685</u> | <u>221</u>  |

## Notes to the Financial Statements contd.

|   | 2023<br>€   | 2022<br>€  |
|---|-------------|------------|
| <b>6 Repairs and Maintenance</b>                        |             |            |
| Water rates   | 26          | 97         |
| Hedge cutting   | 800         | 0          |
| Building repairs  | 0           | 2168       |
| Grasscutting  | 350         | 350        |
| Plumber   | 0           | 80         |
| Sundry  | 92          | 114        |
| Heating project   | 8354        | 0          |
| Electrical upgrade                                      | 1356        | 0          |
|   | <hr/> 10978 | <hr/> 2809 |
| <b>7 Special Contributions</b>                          |             |            |
| Mission Sunday  | 100         | 150        |
| Bishop's appeal   | 1000        | 600        |
| Bishops Peregrination                                   | 300         | 0          |
| Carol Service to Focus Ireland.( transfer to Cathedral) | 0           | 500        |
| Carol service to VDP                                    | 1085        | 500        |
| Ukraine Appeal (,from Christmas concert 2022)           | 500         | 0          |
|   | <hr/> 2985  | <hr/> 1750 |

## Notes to the Financial Statements contd.

|   | 2023<br>€        | 2022<br>€        |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>8 Movement in Bank and Cash Balances</b> |                  |                  |
| Opening balance                             | 20264            | 19272            |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year                  | (6237)           | 1223             |
| <br>(Increase) Decrease in debtors          | <br>(135)        | <br>(136)        |
| (Decrease)/Increase in accruals             | 5340             | (95)             |
| <br>Closing balance                         | <br><u>19232</u> | <br><u>20264</u> |

### Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Select Vestry on 21/3/24

DATE

Felicity Roche

Hon. Treasurer

N.H.

Rector

# LIMERICK CITY PARISH FUND - GLEBES ACCOUNT

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

|  | 2023<br>€       | 2022<br>€     | 2021<br>€     |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Income</b>  |                 |               |               |
| Investment Income from RCB   | 17,413          | 16,716        | 16,020        |
| VAT refund (share of LCP refund)   | 89              | 194           | -             |
|  | <u>17,502</u>   | <u>16,910</u> | <u>16,020</u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>   |                 |               |               |
| Maintenance & current expenditure for houses:  |                 |               |               |
| - Deanery  | 5,627           | 2,969         | 2,572         |
| - Curate's house   | 2,295           | 3,176         | 4,129         |
| Bank charges   | 51              | 49            | 35            |
| Deanery - capital works  | 3,450           | 1,021         | -             |
| Curate's house - capital works   | 9,535           | -             | -             |
| Share of audit fee of LCP financial statements   | 106             | 106           | -             |
| Contribution to Diocesan assessment (ability to pay)   | 10,089          | 10,089        | 10,089        |
|  | <u>31,153</u>   | <u>17,410</u> | <u>16,825</u> |
| Deficit for year   | <u>(13,651)</u> | <u>(500)</u>  | <u>(805)</u>  |
| Add: capital expenditure treated as fixed assets<br>in LCP consolidated financial statements | -               | -             | -             |
| Deficit) for LCP consol. financial statements  | <u>(13,651)</u> | <u>(500)</u>  | <u>(805)</u>  |
| Balance in Bank - 1 <sup>st</sup> January  | 46,124          | 46,624        | 47,429        |
| Deficit in cashflow for year   | <u>(13,651)</u> | <u>(500)</u>  | <u>(805)</u>  |
| Balance in Bank - 31 <sup>st</sup> December  | <u>32,473</u>   | <u>46,124</u> | <u>46,624</u> |
| Capitalised house expenditure - Deanery  | 24,152          | 24,152        | 24,152        |
| Total assets in LCP consolidated financial statements  | <u>56,625</u>   | <u>70,276</u> | <u>70,776</u> |

Approved by Glebe Wardens:

Tracey Lytle

Brian Sheppard

Date: 21 February 2024

### ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

To the members of the Select Vestry - Limerick City Parish

I have prepared the Financial Statement of Limerick City Parish Fund - Glebes Account, for the year ended 31 December 2023, from the accounting records maintained by the Glebe Warden, Mrs. Tracey Lytle.

Based on my review, I confirm that the Financial Statement is in agreement with the accounting records and is consistent with the information and explanations supplied to me.

*Colin Marsden*

COLIN MARSDEN FCA

Date: 21 February 2024



**List of accounts held at December 2023:-**

- 1) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB, Raheen - Parochial Account No. 24762652
- 2) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB Raheen - Repairs Reserve Fund Account No. 24762223  
(deposit)
- 3) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB Raheen – Restoration Fund Account No. 24762579
- 4) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB O'Connell Street - Graveyard Fund Account No. 39354099
- 5) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB O'Connell Street – Dean's Contingency Fund Account No. 99094112
- 6) St Mary's Cathedral - Permanent TSB - Bellringing Fund Account No. 04420044
- 7) The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral – Permanent TSB Account No. 24470009
- 8) St Michael's Church - BOI O'Connell Street - Church Fund Account No. 15371939
- 9) St Michael's Church - BOI O'Connell St - Church Repairs Reserve Deposit A/c No. 15393230
- 10) St Michael's Church - Living Legacy Account – State Savings Prize Bonds
- 11) Abington Church - St Ailbes Credit Union – Old Church Interest Account no. 00623273
- 12) Abington Church - Mulcair Credit Union – Abington Church Fund Account no. 00005964
- 13) Limerick City Parish – BOI O'Connell Street - Glebes Account no. 18633551

## DONATIONS TO CHARTITES 2023

As noted in the accounts over €24,000 was given by the parish to charitable purposes, among those supported are:

| CHARITY  | AMOUNT €      |
|--|---------------|
| Ana Liffey Drugs Project                                   | 2160          |
| Bishops' Appeal  | 8012          |
| Bishops' Ordinands and in training Fund                    | 569           |
| CARI Limerick  | 2160          |
| Church of Ireland Theological Institute                    | 300           |
| Church's Ministry of Healing                               | 200           |
| Deans Contingency Fund                                     | 865           |
| Diocesan Board of Education                                | 300           |
| Diocesan Mission Sunday Appeal                             | 650           |
| Down Syndrome – Limerick                                   | 250           |
| Earl Haig Poppy Fund                                       | 405           |
| ISPCC  | 456           |
| Jigsaw   | 700           |
| Leprosy Mission  | 200           |
| Limerick Island Community Partnership<br>(Meals on Wheels) | 700           |
| Limerick Social Services Centre                            | 250           |
| Limerick Suicide Watch                                     | 150           |
| Limerick Treaty Suicide Watch                              | 150           |
| Milford Care Centre  | 150           |
| Mothers' Union   | 120           |
| MS – Limerick  | 250           |
| Priorities Fund  | 1120          |
| Protestant Aid   | 250           |
| R.C.B. Library   | 300           |
| Royal Society for Church Music                             | 135           |
| St Vincent de Paul   | 1085          |
| Ukraine Appeal   | 500           |
| Villiers Housing   | 1633          |
| World Day of Prayer  | 184           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>€24204</b> |

## CAPITAL ASSETS *(All buildings are held in Trust by the R.C.B.)*

The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy, Limerick  
 The Curatage, 50 Ballinvoher, Father Russell Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick  
 St Michael's Apartment Cathedral House, Nicholas Street, Limerick  
 Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick  
 Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square, Limerick Ss John & Ailbe Church, Abington  
 Meelick Church (in ruins) Killmurphy Arts & Heritage Centre

## BEQUEST FORM

### Note

*The particular form of bequest set out hereafter is suggested with a view to facilitating the administration of funds left to the Church in trust but the Select vestry of Limerick City Parish recommends that a Solicitor be consulted to ensure that bequest made under Will are valid and satisfy legal requirements.*

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH ..... [here insert clear particulars of the benefaction i.e., a particular sum of money, specific property, a share of the residue, etc.] to the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish in trust for ..... [here insert name of church/fund] in the diocese of Limerick.

I direct that any funds received by the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish in pursuance of this my Will may be invested in any investments or securities whatsoever in its sole discretion and in all respects as if it were absolutely and beneficially entitled thereto.

## ENVELOPE REQUEST FORM

(Please return to the Clergy, Treasurer or a Churchwarden)

I/we request a box of Weekly Envelopes:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## STANDING ORDER FORM

(Please complete and forward to your bank manager)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----------|--|
| To: The Manager – Bank/Building Society:                                       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| Bank Address:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Date:     |  |
| I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit <i>my/our</i> account           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| Account Number   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Sort Code |  |
| with the Sum of €  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| say in words:  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| And to credit  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| Account Number   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
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| Start Date ( <i>until further notice in writing</i> ):        /        /       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
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| Name/Account Title ( <i>Block Capitals</i> )                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
| Signatures(s):   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |
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### Bank Details:

**Saint Mary's Cathedral** - AIB Bank, O'Connell St, Limerick  
BIC: AIBKIE2D    IBAN: IE57AIBK93547624762652    Sort Code: 935476  
Account no: 24762652

**Saint Michael's Church** - Bank of Ireland, 125 O'Connell Street, Limerick  
BIC: BOFIE2D    IBAN: IE29BOFI90430915371939    Sort Code: 904309  
Account no: 15371939

**Saint John's Church, Abington** - Old Church Interest Account, St Ailbes Credit Union  
Caherconlish  
Account No.6232    BIC: AICUIE2I    IBAN : IE19AICU99217710068674

**LIMERICK CITY PARISH  
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY  
MEETING PACK**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY**

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024, 12 NOON

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL, BRIDGE STREET, LIMERICK

*Any member of Limerick City Parish, or a sub-committee thereof, who has (or whose family member or business partner has) a pecuniary or other material interest in any matter which is the subject of consideration at a meeting at which the member is present, shall declare an interest in the matter and withdraw from the meeting for the duration of discussions or decision making on the matter. No sub-committee of Limerick City Parish shall, without the consent of Limerick City Parish resolve that the Limerick City Parish will enter into a contract with a member of the sub-committee or with any company of which that member is a partner, director or controlling shareholder provided that this shall not apply to any matter which is remote or insubstantial. Every declaration of interest shall be recorded in the minutes*

### **AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual General Vestry meeting 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
4. Matters Arising
5. Rector's Address
6. Appointment of Rector's Wardens
7. Nominations and Elections to Select Vestry 2024-2025
8. Finance: - (a) St. Mary's Cathedral
  - (b) St. Michael's Church
  - (c) St. Michael's Church Repairs/Reserve Account
  - (d) Abington Church
  - (e) Glebes Account
  - (f) Dean's Contingency Fund
  - (g) The Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral
9. Appointment of Auditors (HLB McKeogh Gallagher Ryan)
10. Close

## **STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Minutes of Annual General Vestry meeting held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 in Saint Michael's Church.

1. **Opening Prayer:** The Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

**Present:** Dean Niall Sloan (Chairperson), Adrienne Baron, Lindsay Boyle, Roland Boyle, Margaret Brickenden, Victor Brown, Craig Copley Brown, Philip Cullen, Oliver Deegan, Tristan Kessler, Tracey Lyttle, Trevor Lyttle, Rev'd Leonard Madden, Daire McNamara, Hugh Milne, Keith Morrow, Sheelagh Morrow, Cormac O'Connell, Frank Sheahan, Brian Sheppard, Catherine Smith, Kieran Sparling, Elizabeth Stanley, and Bertie Swanton.

Dr. Catherine Smith's name had been omitted from the Registry of Vestry Persons and it was agreed by all that her name be added.

2. **Apologies:** Richard Brickenden, Simon Brickenden, Gillian Cheatley, and Tony O'Connell.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Vestry meeting held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2022 were proposed by Oliver Deegan, seconded by Daire McNamara, approved by all and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Rector's Report** – The Dean thanked everyone in the parish for their support and understanding during the year. His report is attached to these Minutes. (Appendix A).
6. **Treasurer's Report** – Hugh Milne resigned as Saint Mary's Cathedral Treasurer and Group Treasurer. He thanked in the Cathedral the Dean, Noreen, Peter, Lindsay and Rev. Madden. In the wider parish he thanked the Hon. Secretary, Tracey, Keith Morrow, the members of the Finance Committee and the treasurers of Saint Michael's and Abington for their assistance. He particularly thanked Colin Marsden for his in-depth knowledge, advice, and patience. His full report is attached to these minutes (Appendix B)

### **7. Appointment of Rector's Wardens 2023-2024**

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| St. Mary's Cathedral | Frank Sheahan     |
| St. Michael's Church | Tristan Kessler   |
| Abington             | Elizabeth Stanley |
| Glebe                | Brian Sheppard    |

### **8. Select Vestry elected for year 2023-2024**

#### **People's Wardens**

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| St. Mary's Cathedral | Lindsay Boyle    |
| St. Michael's Church | Cormac O'Connell |
| Abington             | Bertie Swanton   |
| Glebe                | Tracey Lyttle    |

### **Vestry Members**

Roland Boyle, Richard Brickenden, Margaret Brickenden, Gillian Cheatley, Craig Copley Brown, Susi Eckhardt, Trevor Lyttle, Daire McNamara, Keith Morrow, Ian Mulvey, Meghan Mulvey, and Kieran Sparling.

### **9. Parochial Nominators and Diocesan Synod members for the years 2023-2026**

| <u>Parochial Nominators</u> | <u>Elected</u>      | <u>Supplemental</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                             | Frank Sheahan       | Kieran Sparling     |
|                             | Tracey Lyttle       | Bertie Swanton      |
|                             | Margaret Brickenden | Elizabeth Stanley   |
|                             | Craig Copley Brown  | Lindsay Boyle       |

#### **Diocesan Synod**

Elected: - Craig Copley Brown, Catherine Smith, Margaret Brickenden, Tracey Lyttle, Kieran Sparling, Oliver Deegan, Sheelagh Morrow, Bertie Swanton, Keith Morrow, and Adrienne Baron.

Supplemental: - Daire McNamara, Cormac O'Connell, Trevor Lyttle and Elizabeth Stanley.

### **10. Finance:**

Keith Morrow presented the Saint Mary's Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account for y/e 31 December 2022. Total income €343,570 compared to €192,909 in 2021. Expenditure €256,804 compared to €221,804 in 2021. A surplus of €86,766 compared to a deficit of €28,895 in 2021. This surplus is attributable to increase in Rentals, Parking, Cathedral shop, Tourism and grants.

Daire McNamara presented the Saint Michael's Accounts for y/e 31 December 2022. Total Income €82,977 compared to €83,412 in 2021. Expenditure €68,413 compared to €56,910 in 2021. A surplus of €14,564 compared to a surplus of €26,502 in 2021. €20,000 was transferred to Church repairs reserve leaving a deficit for the year of €5,436. The Living Legacy balance is €44,750. The total income of The Church Repairs Reserve is €30,420 compared to €31,556 in 2021. There was no expenditure for 2022 leaving a bank balance of €130,237.

Bertie Swanton presented the Abington accounts for y/e 31 December 2022. Total income €18,172 compared to €12,597 in 2021. Expenditure €16,949 compared to €10,101 in 2021. A surplus of €1,223 compared to a surplus of €2,496 in 2021.

Tracey Lyttle presented the LCP Glebes Account for y/e 31 December 2022. Total income €16,910 compared to €16,120 in 2021. Expenditure €17,410 compared to €16,825 in 2021. A deficit of €500 compared to a deficit of €805 in 2021.

The Dean thanked Colin Marsden for all the work he does on behalf of the Parish with the accounts, and he thanked Hugh Milne, Group Treasurer and all those responsible for keeping our accounts in order. He also thanked Keith Morrow, Chair of the Finance Committee for his work and for being People's and Rector's Churchwarden in Saint Michael's for the last six years.

The approval of the Financial Statements for y/e 31 December 2022 - proposed by Philip Cullen and seconded by Catherine Smith and agreed by all.

The appointment of HLB McKeogh Gallagher Ryan as Auditors - proposed by Keith Morrow and seconded by Daire McNamara and agreed by all.

**Closing Prayer:** The meeting closed with Grace.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



## Rector's talk to Easter General Vestry -- April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The purpose of the Rector's address is primarily to thank those within our parish, who so freely give of their time, talents, and treasures. However, it is also an opportunity for me to reflect on the year past, focus on the present and look to the year ahead.

This year I want to reflect on two things:

### **Firstly – gratitude**

As in any parish there is always a core group of people who keep the ship afloat and to each of them I am extremely grateful. But there are also those who support and maintain the parish in the background, who quietly do all that they can. I'm particularly conscious of those with busy work and family lives who have told me they can't give as much as they would like or hope – no matter how small your input, it is all appreciated, so thank you.

To those who assist in worship, lead and participate in our choirs, maintain linens, church cleaning and opening, rotas, wardening, keeping accounts, arrange flowers, refreshments, activities, magazines, the members of our Select Vestry and other parish committees, those willing to do odd jobs that I have on my list and 'delegate' on, co-ordinate our children's activities, help strengthen the links between our parish and its primary school, and to all those who volunteer and give of their time within our parish – to all you thank you.

Furthermore, to those who dip into their pockets and willingly contribute towards the cost of running this parish and its mission and ministry. Despite going through a period of significant financial challenge, this parish managed to keep its head above water and is testament of the generosity of so many and a deep love of your parish and what it means to you. Thank you.

### **Secondly - Challenges**

The experience of Covid-19 has presented a real challenge to us all personally as well as on a parish level. I am very conscious that many of the bonds that connected many of us to our worshipping community have been strained and broken. It is obvious that our overall attendance Sunday by Sunday has dropped, albeit not so much as in other parishes across the island, but this raises challenges for us as to how we function well as the Body of Christ in Limerick. This is not an effect of the pandemic that is particular to us however, as it has been experienced by the vast majority of my colleagues and in their parishes also. But thinking about 'making new disciples, as we are called to do, needs to put in within the framework of thinking through how we can reach out to those whom we have lost from our own community here as much as it may be about being open to new people coming. I hope that in the coming year we all may begin to address this.

Any changes coming out of the pandemic highlights that we need to make a concerted effort to establish a greater sense that ministry is not just about the Dean, the clergy, the readers and the few paid staff that we have but is about all of us. It is for that reason that I see the main work that we need to do in the next year as being centred on one key area – ministry to Children, young people, and young families – which with diligent pastoral care may help bring the parish into its next phase of ministry.

As I minister to young families, the primary thing which they appreciate about Limerick City Parish is the sense of community we have to offer. I seek to make this a joyous and hospitable parish. It is a complex parish with various aspects and many balls to juggle. Two historic churches, an ancient cathedral, 3 schools, a prison, 3 hospitals, multiple nursing homes, activities, and community groups. Hundreds of households in over 1600 km of parish land. But what sustains it is the commitment and dedication of its

parishioners. So, no matter what challenges lie ahead may all that we do be for the glory of God and for the building up of God's kingdom.

### **Finally**

A few personal comments

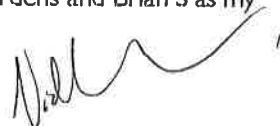
To publicly thank my family for their patience, support and understanding. Often the Deanery family willing take second place in the parish, and I am humbled by that expression of love.

Thank you to my colleague Leonard, for the gifts he brings to this place. Not least his sense of fun.

Finally, renewed thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement in ministry. As Rector, I am acutely aware that I may not always get things right or may not always take the popular course of action and if you have found that disagreeable, I am also sorry. I am privileged and honoured to be your Rector and will continue to work with you with the best of my ability as we all seek to make God's love evident in our own lives and that of others.

### **Appointments**

I have great pleasure in appointing Frank S, Tristan K, Elizabeth S as my Churchwardens and Brian S as my Glebewarden.



Niall J.W. Sloane: DEAN & RECTOR  
27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

## **Statement of Charitable Purpose**

*Saint Mary's Cathedral is the registered name and includes all parishes within Limerick City Parish*

The Charitable purpose of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

The Charitable objects: The principal function of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick of the Church of Ireland is to support the advancement of the Christian religion by promoting, through the work of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Being open to and engaging with society as a whole and offering support for those needing help are fundamental to the practical delivery of the benefits of Christianity. as a result of activity in the pursuit of the advancement of the Christian religion, Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick has custody of property and of records, materials and artefacts of significance to the cultural and religious heritage and maintenance of which is undertaken by Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

