

June 2018

**Dear Parishioner,**

It is six months now since Archbishop Diarmuid Martin gave me the role of Moderator for Garristown, Naul, and Rolestown. At this stage, I can see much more clearly the extent of the challenge of my appointment across the three parishes - as it is currently, actively involving five of the churches, and gradually evolving to involve all seven churches.

Along with the challenge, after these first six months, I now begin to feel and see the possibilities. I am grateful for the warm welcome, the real kindness, and the great support I have received from so many people. I am looking forward to soon being able to finally move in fully to Garristown when the work, now just about to begin on the parochial house, is completed.

The provision of a parish office and secretary over the coming months will be crucial, both as an administrative support to my own overall task and to the pastoral mission we all share.

This will also be of enormous service and benefit to the Garristown and Ballymadun parish community, and in time to the wider pastoral area.

I am very grateful to all who helped in the review of the parish's historical, current, and projected financial situation over recent months, particularly to the Parish Finance Committee and the Diocesan Finance Secretariat.

I know I do need the help and support of everyone in the parish community, not least in providing a regular income for the parish's day to day running, and ongoing maintenance costs. The coming launch of our new parish family offering collection will help us in this way. I feel sure that with your support, and in our working and praying together, we can look forward to many positive, fruitful and exciting developments in the life of the parish.

Thank you, and God bless,  
**Fr. Derek Farrell**  
Co-PP & Moderator  
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### **Where do the Sunday Collections go?**

The First Collection on Sunday is for the support of the priests of the parish, the sick and retired priests of the Dublin Diocese. The First Collections from every parish in the diocese pay the salaries of all the priests of the diocese.

The Second Collection on Sunday usually goes to Share, which is the Diocesan Development Fund that supports parishes who need financial backup. It is also used for Diocesan Central Services eg. Child Safeguarding, Finance, Education & Evangelisation Offices. It also supports Diocesan initiatives for governance and evangelisation. Sometimes, the second collection is a special collection for a diocesan agency (Accord, Crosscare Youth & Social Services, Peter's Pence etc.)

### **Where do the Christmas & Easter Dues go?**

These with the First Collection, go into the Common Fund to support the Priests of the Diocese as described above.

### **What is the Family Offering Collection for?**

The Parish Family Offering Fund is the most important source of funding for the parish. The salaries of parish employees, the office expenses, on-going repairs and improvements to the church, candles, bread, wine, missalettes, books and many other expenses are paid for totally from the Parish Family Offering Fund.

### **Revenue Commissioners Tax Reclaim Scheme for Charities**

Our parishes can be part of the CHY3 tax refund scheme. If you are a tax-payer (either PRSI or Self-employed) and contribute €250 or more in any calendar year, then the Parish can reclaim an additional sum of almost 45% of your donation. This means that a contribution of €250 could be worth an extra €112.32 to the Parish and a donation of €1,000, an extra €449.38 at no cost to you. This applies to contributions made through the Family Offering, Christmas and Easter Dues and First Collection envelope.

### **Parish Finance Sunday**

On Sunday 1st July at our Masses we will have a presentation on the Parish Finances and make a new appeal for support. There will be tables at the back of the church where you can sign up for a box of envelopes which you will bring to Mass each week and put in the collection. You will also have the option of taking a standing order form and when you complete it, please post it back to Fr. Derek in the stamped-addressed envelope supplied. As you will see from the accounts given overleaf, we urgently need to address our financial situation so that we can continue to keep up the high standards of maintenance that you have put into our churches and also be able to plan new initiatives in the future.



Our Parishes are part of the Greater Pastoral Area of  
**GARRISTOWN, BALLYMADUN, NAUL, DAMASTOWN, BALLYBOUGHAL,  
OLDTOWN & ROLESTOWN**

**RECEIPTS:**

Family Offering; (Envelope Collection, Annuals, Standing Orders)

Donations, Bequests

Income Tax Reclaimed on Contributions

Shrines

Other Sources

(Fundraising, Retreats, Bank Interest, etc.)

Insurance Claim

**Total**

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NO INCOME

NO INCOME

NO INCOME

3,150.00

NO INCOME

3,649.00

6,799.00

**PAYMENTS:**

Running Expenses;

Church Services

Rates &amp; Insurance

Repairs &amp; Maintenance

Heating, Lighting &amp; Utilities

Altar Supplies, Parish Mission, etc.

Bank Interest &amp; Charges

Telephone, Postage, Stationery &amp; Printing

Miscellaneous Expenses

(Communion, Confirmation, hospitality, hire, meetings etc.)

Shrine Candles, Missalettes

Financial Administration

Capital Expenses;

Buildings &amp; Equipment

**Total**

3,000.00

10,765.17

14,932.88

6,836.67

302.25

171.89

1,102.72

5,011.64

832.00

1,000.00

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43,955.22

Expenditure over Income

30,357.22

# Parish Community of Garristown & Ballymadun



## PARISH FINANCE NEWSLETTER 2018

