

the second collections and the special appeals of €13,376 were forwarded to their destinations. The balance of expenditure is made up of a list of smaller items which are routine and vouched for.

It thanks to the kindness of people that the parish has met all its costs in the past year from people's donations.

### **Holy Week and Easter joy!**

Many thanks to the parish Liturgy Group and all who helped to plan and carry out the ceremonies for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It was very encouraging to see so many people praying with us.

### **Office open for Baptism planning**

A centralised booking system for Baptisms is now operational in our family of parishes. Baptisms at either of the six parishes can be requested online at [onefaith.ie](http://onefaith.ie) or by phone to (023) 8835654 (Mon-Fri 9.30-1.30).

Baptisms will be celebrated in the family of parishes following this timetable:

Baptism in Clonakilty parish each Saturday at 4pm (as required).

Baptism in the other parishes at 2pm (as required):

Ardfield/Rathbarry & Kilmeen/Castleventry on the first weekend of each month. Rosscarbery on the second weekend. Barryroe on the third weekend of each month and Timoleague on the fourth weekend.

### **Cork and Ross pilgrimage to Lourdes: September**

See [www.corkandross.org](http://www.corkandross.org) Email [lourdes@corkandross.org](mailto:lourdes@corkandross.org)

### **Cork to be represented at World Youth Day**

On July 31st a group of 40 young adults will travel to Lisbon to celebrate their faith with millions of others

World Youth Day happens every three years, and it promises to be the experience of a lifetime for the young adults who will be joined by five others from the Diocese of Cloyne.

Bishop Fintan Gavin will travel with the group. They will be joined by millions of young people from around the world for World Youth Day.

**Have you one?** Kindly return your *Trócaire* boxes to any of the churches.

**Spring Dues or Offerings:** Thanks to everyone who has returned the spring offering for the support of the clergy.

## ***CLONAKILTY PARISH NEWSLETTER***

**Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Clonakilty**

**&**

**Sacred Heart Church, Darrara**

Priest on Duty: 087-6828076

Sacristy: 8834441

Urgent Calls: 086-8760608

Second Sunday of Easter (& Divine Mercy Sunday)

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

### **Parish accounts show people's generosity**

The accounts of the parish for the year ending Dec 31st, 2022 were reviewed and approved at a recent meeting of the Parish Finance Committee. The accounts were prepared by an independent accountant and have been submitted to the bishop's office.

The generosity of parishioners continues to shine through the figures. Last year's offertory collections at Mass, online via the donate button and from the 'tap' portals in the church came to a total of €138,264 (127,008 in 2021). Other donations and bequests to the parish came to €36,763 and offerings at the shrines came to €44,006. Wedding fees came to €5,400. Parishioners donated €5,540 to the appeal for Ukraine and €3,945 to Trócaire's Lenten appeal. The other special collections for various charities came to €7,836.

The parish also received compensation from the parish insurers to help offset the losses incurred in 2020 during the pandemic lockdown. This came to €44,064.

The parish's total income for the year was €301, 576.

The total spent by the parish during the year was €220, 540. (€306,938 in 2021) *Half of last year's surplus of €81,036 came from the insurance compensation.*

Repairs and maintenance of buildings (two churches, parish centre, three presbyteries) continue to account for the biggest expense (€77,940). Light and heat for the churches and parish centre cost €27,704. Insurance on parish buildings cost 20,279. Printing, post and telephone costs were €9,788. Wages accounted for €11,200. Levies of €12,076 were paid to the diocese for the running of the diocesan office and services. Equipment purchases came to €3,687. Proceeds of