OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 10th August 2021

Present: Fr Joseph Boyle, John Graham, Paul Mc Bride, Kathleen McGowan

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Matters Arising:

No movement as yet on having two signatories for the Hall Account.

1. **Parish Finances**

The closing balance for the Hall Account at the end of July stood at £12,811.63p. For the same period the Main Parish Account closed at £86,685.04p*

*Fr Boyle pointed out that several large sums will be debited against the Main Account in the coming months: - The Archdiocesan Levy, the cost of the new boiler and the link corridor door.

2. **New Boiler**

Two quotes have been received for the supply and installation of a new boiler for the Church. Both quotes were very similar and Fr Boyle favoured awarding the contract to Munro Heating and Plumbing Engineers Ltd at a cost of £19,750.00 + VAT. This firm was chosen as they have been maintaining the old boiler for a number of years and have always given good service.

3. **New Altar**

A replacement altar has been purchased and will be installed in the Church in time for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary which occurs on Wednesday 8th September.

4. **Health & Safety Report**

In general the report was very satisfactory. One or two items were highlighted:-

i) Testing of Fire Alarms.
ii) Testing of Emergency Lighting.
iii) PAT Testing of portable electric equipment.

All of the above relate to the Church Hall. David Purdon will also update the Fire Risk Assessment for both the Church and the Church Hall.

5. **Link Corridor Door**

It was agreed that a new door for the link corridor should be purchased. Paul McBride will contact Windowplus Ltd to proceed with the installation.

6. **Sound System**

A sound engineering company, R J Baker Ltd have been contacted to assess the sound system in the Church.

7. **Reducing Carbon Emissions**

Fr Boyle informed the meeting that government grants may be available to assist community and faith establishments in reducing their carbon emissions. Paul McBride and John Graham will investigate if OLSG is eligible for this scheme.

8. **AOCB**

a) Fr Boyle wishes to install a bike rack in the Church car park. Paul McBride agreed to source various options.
b) Barry Freel has still to commence the electrical work that was agreed at the last meeting. Paul McBride will contact him.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 5th October 2021 @ 7.30pm