OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 22 February 2024

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

1. **Finances**.

   (i) The Main Parish Account for the period ending 31stJanuary 2024 closed at £47,561.63p.

   (ii) Since the last Fabric & Finance Meeting the Parish has paid a levy to the Archdiocese of £28,976. This sum represents our levy obligations from April 2023 until September 2023. From October 2023 until 31st March 2024 the remainder of the levy will be paid by monthly standing order of £4,900.

   (iii) A further £1,750 has still to be deducted from the Main Parish Account as payment for the painting and decorating of several areas within the Parish House : the Call Room; the Archive Room; Utility Room & the back hallway.

   (iv) For the period ended 31st January 2024 the Hall Account closed with a balance of £28,288.97p.

   (v) A sum of £600.00 has still to be deducted from the Hall Account as payment for the Gas Safety Inspection and related work recently carried out.

2. **Drain Covers**

   Paul Duffy and his team have commenced work on repairing the drain covers in the Church Car Park. Weather permitting work should be completed by next week.

3. **Painting & Decorating**

Further work has still to be completed in the Parish House. The areas identified are:- Counting Room; Printing Room; Kitchen and Pantry. Future renovations include the Sacristy and the Sanctuary within the Church.

4. **Sound System.**

Following a request by Gerry Devlin a discussion ensued regarding the sound quality in certain areas of the Church. Fr Boyle & Paul McBride will investigate.

5. **Confessionals.**

It has been highlighted by some parishioners that the sound proofing in the confessional is inadequate. John Graham will deal with this.

6. **AOCB**

(i) It is proposed that the bar prices in the Church Hall will have to be increased due to the rising cost from our suppliers.

(ii) John Graham raised the issue of the Church obtaining a Credit Card reading machine. Further details required.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: 30 May 2024 @ 7.00pm