OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 30 May 2024

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved

1. **Finances**.

(i) The Main Parish Account at the end of April 2024 had a closing balance of £27,634.17p

(iv) For the period ended April 2024 the Hall Account closed with a balance of £28,848.37p.

2. **Parish Returns**

Fr Boyle had, in advace of the meeting, had emailed an attachment of the Parish Returns spreadsheet to each member of the F&F Group. Some found difficulty in accessing the attachment. After discussion and an explanation of Fr Boyle's comments on apge S13 of the Parish Returns, it was agreed that the information on these documents represented a true reflection of the financial position at OLSG.

3. **Painting & Decorating**

The painting and decorating of the Sanctuary will necessitate using the Parish Hall for weekday Masses. The Church will still be used on Sundays and for any funeral Masses. The work will require extra scaffolding and is expected to take approx. 3 weeks to complete.

4. **BT Open Reach.**

Paul McBride gave a detailed description of the problems we are having with the live streaming in the Church. He has managed, with the assistance of his son Tony, to provide a back-up system that allows the live stream to continue. The main problem lies with BT and Open Reach. Paul is endeavouring to get them to resolve the matter.

5. **Sound Speakers.**

.Fr Boyle reported that the problem that Gerry Devlin was experiencing re the sound system has now been resolved. It has been stated that the overall quality of the sound system could be improved. Fr Boyle suggested that a series of speakers down each side of the Church may be a solution. Further investigation required.

6. **AOCB**

(i) A new boiler will be required for the Parish House.

(ii) Gate at the steps of the entrance to the old Hall still need to be refurbished. Robert Thomson will deal with this.

(iii) Further discussion regarding a card reader for the Hall ensued. No decision as yet. More information required.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 September 2024 @ 7.00pm