

# ANNUAL REPORT 08/09

Finance Committee Report for the year ended 31 March 2009.

### Thanks:

First of all the finance committee would like to sincerely thank 'you'---- 'all the parish givers', who have continued to generously support the parish.

### a) Parish Giving for the 08/09 Period:

Most charitable institutions have been effected by the general economic downturn. Island Bay parish is no exception. For our current period we are running a deficit of -\$17009. For the previous 07/08 period there was an excess of income over expenditure of +\$8585.

Most of the additional costs have been due to building maintenance requirements during the period including; repairs to hall ventilation ducting, interior painting of presbytery bedrooms, re-plumbing to presbytery showers, repairs to external presbytery waste pipes, vinyl flooring replacement, new skylight to church sanctuary, broken glass repairs to church windows, electrical repairs and other miscellaneous repairs. Total maintenance cost during the period amounted to \$22,820.

The basic cause of our current deficit is a small decline in giving with a significant increase in building maintenance costs.

### b) Maintenance Funding:

Because of the funding situation over last five years or so, major items of maintenance, which should have been completed earlier, have been put on hold and we have moved into a situation where we are being indebted to large maintenance expenditure.

Broadly speaking these are:

- Exterior church painting (\$45,000),
- Interior church painting (\$25,000),
- Re-roofing of the lower church roof (\$20,000),
- Repairs to the foyer mural (\$3,000),
- Replacement of church heating (\$20,000).

Aside from funding issues, some of these items have also been delayed because of the natural timing of deterioration.

Currently we have roughly \$50,000 in our reserve account which will cover about half the cost of the work. Money must also be held in the parish accounts for the proper flow of operational expenses. Some costs, such as painting, are cyclical in nature and it is important to build up a reserve fund of say \$100,000 for each sequential 12 year periods to cover the major work.

With insufficient funding coming in we are not able to cover the large cyclical items.

Enlarging on the main items that now need attention:

- Clyde Street retaining wall, wire-netting safety fences and handrails, fences, carpark gates, hall roof protection fence - these are rusting very badly.
- Church lower roof and sacristy roof; the interior ceiling linings, mainly on the west and south sides, are damaged and holding moisture which is starting to attack the structural components. This is due to failure of the low

pitch alstrip aluminium welted roof.

- Church interior including foyer; window paintwork has peeled away down to the timber base, paint work is grubby and flaked away at skirting level, loose wires, leaking at corners of cloakroom area and crying room, some hardware needs replacing.
- Foyer mural; black binding matrix is cracking with the coloured resin falling out.
- Church exterior; parapets and walls, paint peeling away, moss growth, some window beads rotten, paint blistering and peeling off timber joinery.
- The under seat heating has waterlogged conduit which has caused wiring failure which cannot be repaired. Only a few of the heaters are still operational.
- Building warrant of fitness costs.

Please refer to the current photo survey which indicates the state of maintenance required. The survey does not yet include the church roof and window areas.

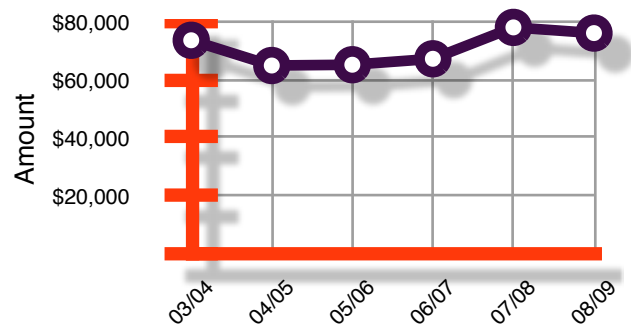
### c) Giving Amount for Parish Use Only:

Offertory collections over a six year period for parish costs are as follows:

03/04 -	\$73,600
04/05 -	\$64,900
05/06 -	\$65,170
06/07 -	\$67,218
07/08 -	\$78,040
<b>08/09 -</b>	<b>\$76,079</b>

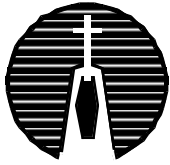
(Refer to graph below)

(Note: Income received for Parish use is based on 2/3 of total income going to the Parish and 1/3 for the House up-keep)

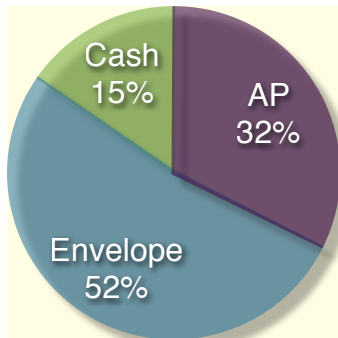


### d) Giving Sources Including the Parish and House Up-keep:

- Envelope planned giving by 127 family givers accounted for 52% (\$57,139) of the parish income. An average of \$8.65 each week per family.
- AP, automatic payment by 50 family givers accounted for 32% (\$35,326) of the parish income. An average of \$13.58 each week per payment.
- Cash-on-plate giving by the remaining 455 family givers on parish roll accounted for 15% (\$16,686) of the total parish income. An average of .70c each week per family assuming all families attended Mass weekly.
- Total number of adults on the parish roll, including retired people stands at 1,434 giving an average of \$1.46 per person per week.
- As 632 families make-up the parish roll the planned giving support rate per family unit is 28%.



When compared with the spending on other household bills the average giving per family needs to be increased to a worthy and reasonable level. The total given to run the whole of the parish is hardly more than one person earning a high salary.



**e) Rates and Insurance Costs:**

Rates and Insurance costs for 08/09 period are the same as the last period. \$11,393

**f) Archdiocesan Allocation:**

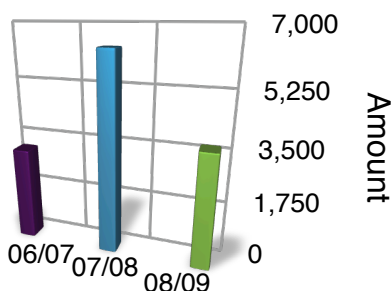
Island Bay and all other parishes within the Wellington diocesan area, are subject to a tax to support the activities of the diocese as a whole. The amount for the 08/09 period, is \$14,230. \$279 less than the last period.

**g) Lay Pastoral Leaders Levy:**

The Archdiocesan Allocation applies a levy at the rate of 2.6% of our total parish income per year to pay for lay pastoral leaders.

**h) Parish Support for Other Charities:**

Diocesan organised collections and discretionary donations this period have decrease from \$6358 for the 07/08 period to \$3,704 for this period.



**i) Support of the Parish School:**

Aside from the physical provision of the Church Hall and playground space and the initial costs of the school buildings, the parish has financially supported the purchase of bibles for the parish school for the 08/09 period at a cost of \$1,276.

**j) Financial Situation:**

- The decrease in parish giving does not look encouraging for the future of the parish, especially as a peak in maintenance funding is occurring right now. It also means we

cannot operated effectively as a parish in giving aid to families and charities in need and give better support for adults and youth religious programmes.

- The finance committee would prefer that everyone on the parish roll, even if they are not regular church attenders, give a little, on a consistent basis, rather than some having to give a lot to keep the parish going.
- As a committee we encourage those method of giving that are independent of Sunday attendance or attendance at mass centres other than the home parish.
- Also to be taken into account is the level of incomes. According to government statistics, Island Bay is no longer a working class suburb and as such is in the higher financial income bracket. Our giving is a necessary spiritual option and is more than relative to what we are prepared to pay for other expenses, subscriptions and payments. The next financial period, with our economy going through a severe downturn and our building maintenance levels rising, is going to require a lot of help from all parishioners.
- If the level of giving remains inadequate it is suggested that we have a series of project orientated funding appeals which will allow our current levels of status quo giving to remain or, we borrow money to spread our costs over a number of years to enable the work to be undertake now and prevent more costly future repairs. The cheapest option in the long run is to significantly increase our levels of giving.

**Our thanks are due to:**

**Parish Priest:**

Fr. Geoff Broad for assistance and advice in utilising the Parish facilities and finances.

**Parish Secretary:**

Judy Shone for her efficient work as the Parish Secretary.

**Parish Accountant:**

Louise Hunter for her work on the annual accounts and Charities Commission requirements.

**Helpers:**

For the help received from all plate collectors and parish counters.

**Parishioners:**

Many thanks for your continuing support of the Planned Giving Programme and other donations which enables the Parish to meet its financial commitments and support religious and social programmes and charities in need.

**Finance Committee Members for the 08/09 Term:**

Fr Geoff Broad, Gerard Hoskins (Chairman of the Committee), Edward Thomsen (Accountant), Phil O'Brien (Accountant), Gerald Davis (Accountant).

May God's blessing be always with you,

Gerard Hoskins  
Chairman Parish Finance Committee.