

March 2021

Dear Parishioner,

Re: Renovation of St. Joseph's Church

St. Joseph's Church was opened in 1879. In recent times extensive works have been completed and we acknowledge the great work, assistance, and contribution from everyone involved. We sincerely thank everyone who has made invaluable envelope and personal contributions in the past and thank those who continue to do so.

Our focus is now on re-energising the next phase of St. Joseph's Renovation, namely the internal works.

We all know Covid-19 interrupted all our plans. As restrictions were imposed on gatherings of people, we all had time to recall joyous occasions in St. Joseph's Church – Christenings, First Communion, Confirmations, Weddings, Christmas celebrations etc. We had time to appreciate the significance of our Church Building and its importance in our lives, the continuity of our faith and for our Church Community.

As lockdown measures start to ease it is imperative, we re-focus our energies on our Church Building. Whilst we await clarification on costs following completion of the tendering process, we appreciate there is a substantial deficit in funding. All efforts will be made to bridge this funding gap by grant applications and using community resources where possible to reduce costs.

We respectfully ask for your consideration of the following possible fundraising options:

- a. Donations**
- b. Parishioner loans**
- c. Legacies – Bequests**
- d. New registration for parish envelopes**
- e. Increasing contribution to Building & Maintenance fund (white weekly envelope)**
- f. Standing Order payments – allowing additional funding in the form of Gift Aid to be claimed from the Inland Revenue.**

The following is the income of the St. Joseph's Renovation account for the period as stated –
1/4/2019 - 31/3/20 - Weekly envelope income £26,721.00 plus Standing Orders - £2040.00.
1/4/2020 – 2/3/21 – Weekly envelope income £11,436.00 plus Standing Orders - £2205.00.
Inclusive of donations the account as of the 2nd March 2021 is £196,412.53p

To ensure the repayment of an inter-parish loan of a quarter of a million pounds we need to secure a minimum weekly return of £600 over a ten-year period.

We now require clear support and financial contribution from parishioners to commit to the renovation works and to help secure St. Joseph's Church for the next 150 years.

We respectfully ask all parishioners to consider “what can I give to my Church?”

Enclosed with this letter is a form seeking information on your selected option for your contributions towards the renovation costs, which will be collected in the week after Easter. We appreciate the current times are not easy but, like our predecessors we know together as a Community we can commit to funding the renovation and securing our St. Joseph's Church for our future.

For further information or to obtain necessary bank details, please contact Fr. Crowley or the following members of the St. Joseph's Renovation Committee:

Martin Mullan - 07802629055 or Gerard O’Kane – 07801416654.

Yours sincerely

St. Joseph's Renovation Committee.

Name: Address:

I would like to avail of the following contribution option to support the renovation of St. Joseph's Church. Below are the two accounts for St. Joseph's Church. The No1 a/c is the current a/c (expenses – buildings insurance/heating oil/electricity etc) and the renovation a/c is as stated.

- Standing Order Contribution** (preferred option to avoid cost of envelopes)
- New Registration for Parish Envelopes** (please forward via email name and address to – errigalparish@gmail.com) or place details in sealed envelope in the collection box.
- I already contribute using one of these options.**

PARISH OF ERRIGAL (Glenullin A/C's)

STANDING ORDER FORM

TO: DANSKE BANK LIMITED
22 THE DIAMOND, COLERAINE, Co. DERRY BT52 1DE

ACCOUNT NAME: ERRIGAL – GLENULLIN (NO. 1 ACCOUNT)

SORT CODE NO: 95-03-46

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 90062596

Signature

Address: (Street and House Number Only)

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If you advance the standing order, (it can be processed on-line with your bank), or alternatively bring the completed mandate to your bank. A more detailed mandate form is available on the parish website. We request that when you are issuing your instruction to the bank, that you do so with your personal name, in doing so we can therefore identify from whom the standing order has been authorised. It is with your authorisation that the standing order is either processed weekly or monthly. Also, you can withdraw the mandate at your own discretion. If you require any further information, it is available on the parish website – www.errigalparish.com

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STANDING ORDER FORM

TO: DANSKE BANK LIMITED
22 THE DIAMOND, COLERAINE, Co. DERRY BT52 1DE

ACCOUNT NAME: ERRIGAL – GLENULLIN (RENOVATION ACCOUNT)

SORT CODE NO: 95-06-89

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 90083712

Signature

Address: (Street and House Number Only)