

St Peter & St Paul's, Dundee



3 YEARS ON Reflection and Report

Dear Parishioners

Just three years ago this weekend, I was appointed to the parish and I would like to reflect on those three years, and on all we have done together, to give you a brief overview of all the repairs that have been done to look at what the future might hold.

Firstly I want to thank you all for your support over the three years, for your encouragement and for your prayers. Also for your generous financial support to the parish. Each year we publish our annual accounts of income and expenditure and will continue to do that early in 2011.

REFURBISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

The total refurbishment and re-ordering of our Church has taken place. There is still some snagging work to be done and, as a result we have not paid the final instalment of approximately £9,000 to the main contractors, Ostlers. With the help of J F Stephen, our architects, we are in discussions to take this forward. You probably will not notice the small defects in the paintwork and on the brick, but I do not want to sign off the contract until all these minor repairs are completed.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

In addition to the work on the Church, with the help of Jimmy Chaplain, the following repairs have been undertaken:

CHOIR GALLERY: pews sanded and varnished

STAIRCASE: painted and domed window recess painted

ANNUAL ROOF CHECK: This is done each April. All slates and gutters are checked in church and presbytery.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL: Apex tiles slated and copper straps fitted

PLUMBING: All drains around church and hose are checked annually

FRONT PEWS: these were cut and adjusted to facilitate the placing of coffin at front of altar

NEW SIGN: the old notice board was removed and a new sign is now in place

CHURCH HOUSE: a new shower unit has been fitted in downstairs guest room

GARDENS: The grass is cut and garden maintenance takes place on a regular basis

WINDOWS: the windows of the hose are cleaned each month

SIDE DOOR AT BACK OF CHURCH: This door has been refitted with anew fire exit bar and external security plate

FUTURE MAINTENANCE: Aisle carpets will be cleaned and sanctuary carpet spot cleaned

NEW PVC COVERINGS: the four windows at the front of the Church will be covered with new PVC

STONEMASONRY: The pillars on Byron Street will be re-pointed.

PARISH CENTRE: a considerable amount of work has been done in the Parish Centre: a new speaker system, the refurbishment of the bar and toilets and on going maintenance in accordance with Licensing Regulations.

PARISH FINANCE

The Bank Balance is in the region of £25,000, though we are soon due to pay our annual insurance [approximately £6,000] and we have still to pay the final cost of the refurbishment. Of the Church.

I am grateful for your contributions to the parish. Each week, over half the collection is Gift Aided. You might like to consider, with increased maintenance costs, increasing your weekly or monthly offerings, especially if you have not done so over the last few years. And, please, if you pay Income Tax, speak to Brida Tennant, our Gift Aid Organiser, and take out a Gift Aid Proposal.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

I intend [in accordance with the Code of Canon Law] to set up a PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE. This Committee will advise me on the use of parish funds and monitor our spending. The members will be: Deacon Charles, Brida Tennant, Ben Johnstone, Jimmy Chaplain, John Mackie and Marie Gowans.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Again, in accordance with Canon Law, a Parish Pastoral Council will be formed in October and will consist of members of the Parish Finance Committee and representatives for the Children's Liturgy Group, the

Music Ministry, the SVDP, the Baptismal Preparation Group, a representative from the school, and some other members of the parish community. I invite recommendations for membership of this group. Once again, they will act in an advisory capacity, looking at future projects and the ongoing needs of our community.

The School plays an important role in the parish community and each year we celebrate with our young pupils important moments in their lives. We should be always grateful for the dedicated staff who share their faith and their hopes with these young men and women.

I am grateful to John Mackie, Fay Martin, and all who help in the Parish Hall. Each day there are many activities that are deserving of our support. The Hall provides a further source of income for our parish each year.

SOME ACTIVITIES IN THE HALL

Mondays sees the start again of **DEEP ROOTS AND TENDER SHOOTS**, our group for men and women who are approaching or enjoying retirement. This group starts again on Monday 30th August at 2.00 p.m., and offers a varied programme of prayer, hospitality, fun and relaxation.

Tuesday offers a **CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**, from 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday offers a **LUNCH CLUB** from 12 noon, with a 3 course lunch for a reasonable fee.

In addition the Hall can be booked for functions, by contacting John Mackie.

Let us continue to work together to build this community and move forward in faith and hope into the years ahead.

Fr Ken