



ARCHDIOCESE OF ARMAGH

# **ST PATRICK'S ARCHDIOCESAN TRUST LIMITED**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2019**

**THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020  
DRUMCREE PASTORAL CENTRE,  
PORTADOWN**



## Year of Reflection and Prayer Archdiocese of Armagh



God Our Father,

Your people in the Archdiocese of Armagh wish to reflect on how best to meet the pastoral needs of your Church in this place and time and to search for ways to respond adequately to those needs.

We pray to better understand our calling as your people. Help us to be eager and courageous witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel by the lives we live and the service we give.

As we pray may we become ever more aware of your Spirit as our guide, comforter and inspiration so that our future plans and actions truly lead to everyone coming to know the joy of a personal encounter with you.

May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and place in you our trust.

May we listen to your voice,

May we come to know your will.

And then, when we are renewed and refreshed by this time of quiet discernment under your Loving Gaze, send us to work towards building your Kingdom.

We join our prayer to those who by their compassionate love, teaching and witness have shared the gift of faith with us and we ask the Saints of Armagh to walk with us and help light the path as we continue our pilgrim journey.



### Year of Reflection & Prayer



St Patrick, St Brigid, St Malachy, St Oliver Plunkett pray for us  
Naomh Mhuire, Máthair Dé, Guí Orainn  
Amen

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Archbishop Eamon Martin (Chair of the Council of St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited)**

I commend to you the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2018-2019 for The St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust. In doing so I express my gratitude for the work of so many people for supporting and advancing our objectives: the lay faithful, clergy, religious, employees, volunteers and others working within our 61 parishes together with other organisations and societies which help to make up the "family of families" that is the Archdiocese of Armagh.

I am heartened that so much has been achieved over the past year in spreading the Joy of the Gospel in accordance with our Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

We have just launched a year of prayer and reflection in preparation for consideration of a new Diocesan Pastoral Plan for the start of this new decade. The Church must always respond to the ever changing circumstances of modern life, taking account of the ongoing decline in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, while at the same time harnessing opportunities for the baptised faithful to find their own particular calling and being enabled to bring their gifts and talents to building up their Church.

Highlights of 2018-19 include our amazing local launch of the World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in the summer and the visit by His Holiness, Pope Francis to Dublin. The WMOF has provided us with much inspiration for the renewal of catechesis and family ministry throughout the Archdiocese and Ireland.



*(Launch of WMOF in Armagh – Aug 2018)*

The recent unveiling of the shrine for St Oliver Plunkett in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh which was prepared for during 2018-2019 has also helped to inspire a sense of witness and courage amongst the people of the diocese and beyond. The persecution of Christianity around the world is helping to make us aware of our own daily crosses and sacrifices, and encouraging us to be stronger in our faith, firmer in our hope and more active in our charity.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements are more than just figures on a page - they tell the story of the efforts and priorities of the Archdiocese of Armagh and provide a record of our work. I am grateful to all who contributed to producing them. As Trustees we are committed to open governance, transparency and accountability are we will be taking further steps to enhance good governance and communication both within the Archdiocese and with those with whom we come into contact.

This document provides a summary of the Financial Statements to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. A full copy of the Annual Report and Financial Statements can be view at the following links:

Diocesan website: <https://www.armagharchdiocese.org>

Companies House: <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/NI015284>

*+ Eamon Martin*

**Eamon Martin**  
**Archbishop of Armagh**

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# *The Archdiocese of Armagh*

is one of the larger dioceses in Ireland covering the Counties Armagh, Louth and portions of Counties Tyrone and Derry. The diocese is made up of sixty one parishes – thirty seven in Northern Ireland and twenty four in the Republic of Ireland, with the seat of administration located in the city of Armagh. The Parishes are clustered into seventeen Pastoral Areas united in promoting and realising the objects and the mission of the Church in the diocese within their local communities.

## *St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited* (the Trust), a

charitable trust, is a company limited by guarantee - registration number NI015284. On the 20th June 2018 it was registered as a Charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and given the charity registration number 106767. The Trust became active on 1st April 2018 when the charitable activities of the Archdiocese of Armagh became subject to the oversight of Council of St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited.

The principal objectives of the Charity are:

- *the advancement of the Roman Catholic religion in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Armagh subject to any future curtailment or addition of area made in accordance with the laws and regulations of the Roman Catholic Church;*
- *the advancement of any charitable purpose supported by the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world or in any part of the world.*

The Church in the Archdiocese of Armagh, in union with the Catholic Church worldwide, seeks to achieve its objectives through activities including the following:

- *Proclamation of the Gospel*
- *Worship of God*
- *Provision of Clergy and pastoral personnel*
- *Support for families*
- *Formation and development of parish communities*
- *Provision of educational, pastoral and youth ministries*
- *Provision and maintenance of places of worship*
- *Aid for impoverished and needy communities worldwide*



*(The unveiling of statue of St Oliver Plunkett in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh – Jul 2019)*

The means used to fulfil the purposes of the Trust are constantly monitored and reviewed to ensure that the principal aims and objectives of the Charity are adhered to.

The operation of the Charity is overseen by the Council of the Trust. The Council has instituted a number of committees to assist and advise it in the proper performance of its duties, including the Diocesan Building and Development Committee, the Diocesan Finance Committee, the Diocesan Personnel Committee, and the Diocesan Property Committee.

At parish level, the parish priest / administrator is responsible for all aspects of running the parish. Each Parish is required to have a finance committee which meets at least four times per year to support and advise the priest, particularly in the areas of finance, property, buildings and personnel.

# The Archdiocese in Numbers for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

61 Parishes

146 Churches throughout the diocese

**61,561 Catholic Families  
throughout the Diocese**

**17 Pastoral Areas**

24 Parishes situated in Northern Ireland  
37 Parishes situated in Republic of Ireland

**105 priests in active ministry in the Diocese**

32 priests sick or active ministry

14 Permanent Deacons in the Diocese

23 Seminarians currently studying for the priesthood

217 EMPLOYEES throughout the diocese and parishes

over 4,000 young people

over 3,800 young people

for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

for Sacrament of Confirmation

OVER 830 MARRIAGES

Over **3,650** Baptisms

**1,850** Funerals

**47,500 children** in schools

146 Primary Schools

25 Post Primary School

Over 1,320 Altar Servers

Over 2,030 Ministers of the Eucharist

Over 1,590 Ministers of the Word

Approx. **570** pilgrims to the

**300** young people enrolled in the St

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

John Paul II and Muiredach Cross Awards

590 people trained

in Safeguarding programs

102 Parish

Safeguarding Reps

**110** people trained in Lets Talk Family

**40** people trained as Eucharist Ministers

**50** people trained in Children's Liturgy programs

**30** people trained in Baptism programs

**20** people trained in Lenten Workshops

**24 people studying in the Diocesan Theology Degree Program**

Over **£270k** raised for Trocaire in 2018/19

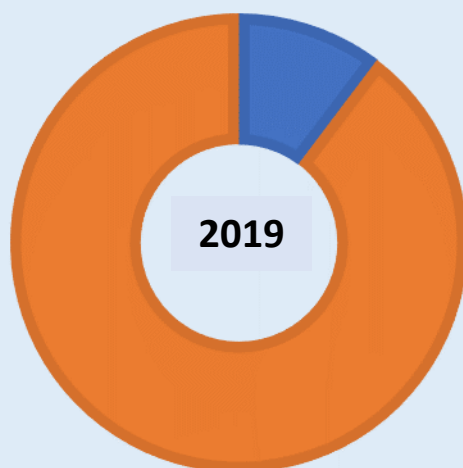
# Summary of Statement of Financial Activities

*(incorporating Income & Expenditure Account)*

	Parishes	Curia	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Total Income</b>	12,138,672	1,395,367	<b>13,534,039</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	11,719,816	1,734,552	<b>13,454,368</b>
<b>Net Income / Expenditure</b>	418,856	(399,185)	<b>79,671</b>
<b>Investments / Transfers</b>	76,980	94,879	<b>171,859</b>
<b>Net Operating Income/(expenditure)</b>	495,836	(244,306)	<b>251,530</b>
<b>Gain on Disposal of Assets</b>	1,084,197	240,907	<b>1,325,104</b>
<b>Net Movement of Funds</b>	1,580,033	(3,399)	<b>1,576,634</b>

# Summary of Statement of Financial Activities

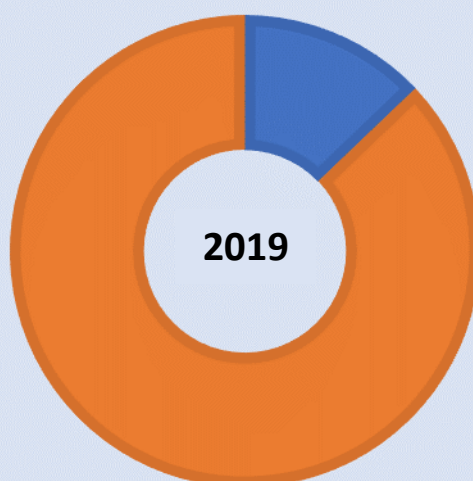
## INCOME



**Curia**  
**£1,395,367**  
**10%**

**Parishes**  
**£12,138,672**  
**90%**

## EXPENDITURE

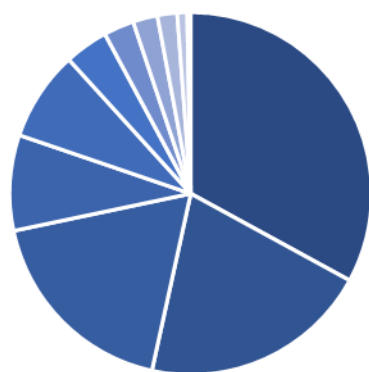


**Curia**  
**£1,734,552**  
**13%**

**Parishes**  
**£11,719,816**  
**87%**

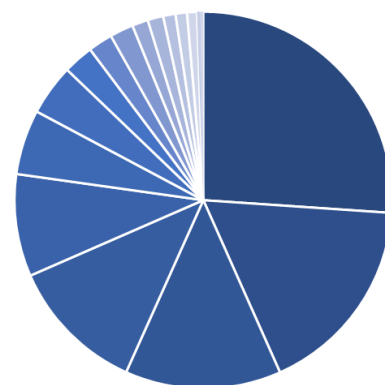
# Curia income and expenditure

## Income



Income by type	2019 £	%
Income from listed investments	459,819	32.95%
Pilgrimages retreats	285,910	20.49%
Donations and legacies	254,834	18.26%
Levy Income	118,969	8.53%
Fundraising	111,806	8.01%
Offertories and collections	54,347	3.89%
Grants received	37,761	2.71%
Rental income	30,678	2.20%
Income from investment properties	24,560	1.76%
Other Income	12,483	0.89%
Bank interest	4,200	0.30%
<b>Total Curia Income</b>	<b>1,395,367</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Expenditure



Income by type	2019 £	%
Retirement, health, sickness & special assistance grants	708,138	26.08%
Wages & salaries	468,759	17.26%
Pilgrimages retreats	362,994	13.37%
Education and formation	318,666	11.74%
Pastoral and related work	238,476	8.78%
Administration	151,205	5.57%
Diocesan Property expenses	118,698	4.37%
Investment manager fees	70,434	2.59%
Legal & redress costs	56,990	2.10%
Donations	54,734	2.02%
Clergy and consecrated life	37,318	1.37%
National bodies	36,176	1.33%
Depreciation	28,698	1.06%
Safeguarding	26,699	0.98%
Sundry	23,025	0.85%
Bank interest / charges	7,941	0.29%
Fundraising costs	6,497	0.24%
<b>Total Curia Expenditure*</b>	<b>2,715,448</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

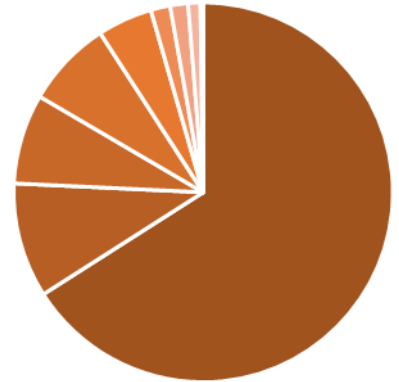
\* Income from Parish Levies - £980,896 (£616,019 unrestricted, £364,877 restricted)



# Parish income and expenditure

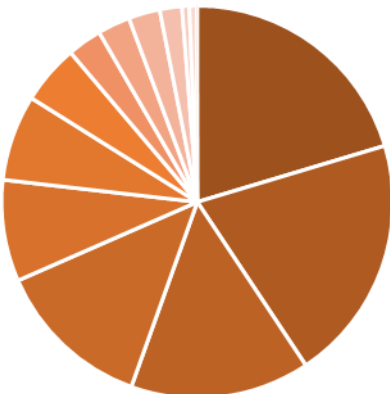
## Income

Income by type	2019 £	%
Offertories and collections	8,008,899	65.98%
Fundraising	1,186,995	9.78%
Charitable tax relief	931,125	7.67%
Rental income	901,342	7.43%
Donations and legacies	568,642	4.68%
Other Income	201,683	1.66%
Grave fees	185,226	1.53%
Grants received	126,639	1.04%
Income from listed investments	25,872	0.21%
Bank interest	2,249	0.02%
<b>Total Parish Income</b>	<b>12,138,672</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Expenditure

Income by type	2019 £	%
Parish premises costs	2,387,557	20.37%
Repairs and maintenance	2,376,323	20.28%
Clergy and consecrated life	1,738,712	14.84%
Wages & salaries	1,519,185	12.96%
Diocesan levies	980,896	8.37%
Depreciation	829,406	7.08%
Votive and liturgical coats	574,121	4.90%
Legal & professional costs	332,366	2.84%
Fundraising costs	314,856	2.69%
Sundry	304,467	2.60%
Administration	214,905	1.83%
Pastoral and related work	70,728	0.60%
Bank interest / charges	69,290	0.59%
School payments	7,004	0.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,719,816</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Balance Sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

	Parishes	Curia	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	73,734,565	1,123,963	<b>74,858,528</b>
Investment properties	1,217,569	303,332	<b>1,520,901</b>
Investments	339,306	16,114,666	<b>16,453,972</b>
	75,291,440	17,541,961	<b>92,833,401</b>
Stock	30,078	-	<b>30,078</b>
Debtors	1,592,275	486,333	<b>2,078,608</b>
Cash at bank and on hand	7,460,591	6,500,633	<b>13,961,224</b>
	9,082,944	6,986,633	<b>16,069,910</b>
Creditors	(1,208,530)	(487,012)	<b>(1,695,565)</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>7,874,391</b>	<b>6,499,954</b>	<b>14,374,345</b>
Consolidation fund	6,146,421	(6,146,421)	-
Provision for liabilities and charges	-	(400,000)	<b>(400,000)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>89,312,252</b>	<b>17,495,494</b>	<b>106,807,746</b>
Unrestricted funds	-	1,049,262	<b>1,049,262</b>
Restricted funds	89,312,252	16,446,232	<b>105,758,484</b>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	<b>89,312,252</b>	<b>17,495,494</b>	<b>106,807,746</b>

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