**January 2015**

Dear Parishioner

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and in particular your most generous contributions to the Inniscarra Parish Building fund over the past few months. To all those who have assisted in any way to progress this project to its present state, our heartfelt thanks.

**The Project**

As I previously announced Summerhill Construction from our neighbouring parish of Donoughmore have been appointed as the Main Contractor for the project. Planning permission was secured for the Church renovation and modernization in May 2014. Since that time a lot of unseen but important works have been completed, these include;

* The Church Building Fund Finance committee and Parish census teams; setup.

* A Detailed Financial Plan was prepared and Bank Facilities have been secured.
* A full parish census was undertaken and collated on our new parish software.
* Collection schemes including, Weekly envelope, Standing Order and Contribution scheme were initiated.
* A full transparent and auditable financial control system and teams setup.
* Our new parish office has been opened,
* Church closed (Oct.14); Cleaned out and all valuables and historical items secured .
* Tender drawings and documents were prepared and seven quotations received.
* Value engineering process completed on project and main contractor appointed.
* Planning Compliance agreement with the Local authority, Fire Certificate and Disability Certificate received from the relevant authorities.
* Main contractor mobilised on site, preparatory site development works and preliminary works have been completed.

We are now entering the most important and exciting phase of the project as the Contractor has now started the major construction work on the Church. All going well we intend to have the project completed by December 2015.

**The Project Cont…/**

I would also like to announce some changes to the professional team leading the project. Mr. Jim Carroll (Architect) will continue to lead the project. Due to unforeseen circumstances COSA Architects have decided to withdraw from St. Senans Church Project. Jack Coughlan Associates (Architects) will join Jim to bring this project to a successful conclusion. I would like to thank COSA Architects for all their work in bringing the project to this stage.

**Update on Financial position as at 31/12/14.**

Our first contributions towards the Building project were lodged on 14th July 2014 and since then we have collected €120,229. This amount is made up as follows.

Blue Envelopes. 13 weeks 6/10/14 to 28/12/14 €19,763

Standing Orders to 31/12/14 € 9,370

Annual contributions to 31/12/14 €54,021

Once Off Contributions to 31/12/14 €32,745

Other Fundraising & Contributions € 4,330

**Total €120,229**

At this stage we expect the overall project cost to be in the region of €1.8 million. The donations received to date coupled with the existing Parish reserves represents over 40% of the overall funds required.

Changes were made to the Charities Donation Scheme in Budget December 2012. The main changes announced is that Donations received over €250 per annum from all parishioners both PAYE and Self assessed are now treated the same with the tax refund being repaid to the Parish in all cases.

Consequently any parishioner who has donated over €250 in the tax year to December 2014 will shortly receive a letter outlining the scheme and a form CHY3 which we kindly ask you to fill out and return to me. Please be assured that all information received is treated in the STRICTEST CONFIDENCE. We would urge all parishioners to make use of the Blue envelope system for Church plate collections during mass as use of the envelope will allow the Parish to avail of the tax refund should your annual contribution exceed €250.

Once again I wish to thank you for your support and I wish God’s Blessing on you and your families

Yours Sincerely

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Rev. Fr. Donal Coakley P.P

**Next Update March 2015.**