



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS EXPLAINED

Sunday's First Collection:

goes entirely to the **Clergy Remuneration Fund** administered by the Priests of the Diocese. The Fund covers most of the living expenses, health insurance and some medical costs of the active and retired priests in the Diocese.

"Each person should give what she/he has decided in her/his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Second Collection:

stays within the parish

Gained through -

- the envelope system,
- loose cash,
- regular credit card donations
- regular direct debit donations

What is it used for?

All parish running expenses, including parish ministries eg. Youth, SRE program; care of sick and the poor, financial support for Fr Joe's ministry on behalf of St Finbar's and across the Diocese; hospitality; bank loan repayments; insurance; liturgical costs; rates, electricity & water; repairs and maintenance; wages & superannuation, office expenses.

Tap 'n Go Machines in the Church: Income from this system is divided proportionally for contributions to the 2nd and 1st collections, with the greater proportion going to the 2nd collection (parish).

Other Income:

- Donations from parishioners for specific projects, e.g. stained glass window in 2019, microphones and monitor screens in the church in 2021.
- Modest income through:
 - Non-specific donations
 - Advertisements in the Bulletin
 - Church hall hire
 - Piety Stall sales

2021:

The construction of the Columbarium is coming to a completion. Some of the niche spaces have been sold and it is expected that construction costs will soon be covered by these sales. Thus, with further sales of niches, the Parish will begin to accrue an ongoing modest income. The money will be set aside for ongoing care of the Columbarium area, and to help pay for the physical maintenance of the Church and other parish buildings.

As always, thank you for your continued generosity to our parish community. Your efforts are greatly respected. Remember that it is Our Parish, and together we are its Stewards.

