

# Church of Divine Mercy Lucan South Parish

## Information on Building Hope Parish Gathering

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Dear Parishioner,

In his Easter Pastoral letter, Archbishop Dermot said it is time now for the whole diocesan family to address the specific challenges we face as a diocese. The Building Hope Task Force Report proposed a strategy for renewing our mission as God's people, keeping in mind that our primary purpose is to accompany people today towards an encounter with the Lord Jesus. Each parish community has been invited to begin to reflect on how best to respond to the pastoral situation in which we find ourselves. It is very clear that the future will not look like the past. Our world has changed: we cannot return to the past. God is bringing forth something new. Our challenge is to shape the future in the light of the Gospel, rather than simply reacting to events. The Archbishop is inviting all parish teams, parish pastoral councils and parish finance committees to lead their parish in a discussion of the gifts and talents available to them, the education and formation they need, and the parish partnerships that make most sense in their locality. For this purpose you are being asked to take part in a Building Hope conversation in our parish. There will be one meeting coming up in few weeks time, where we will look together at our current pastoral and financial situation, with the help of some statistics from our Parish Profile, and then we will consider what is working well and what needs to be developed. Finally, we will begin to reflect on how we can share our gifts and talents, team ministries and pastoral provision in partnership with other parishes. You are invited to take part in this conversation along with other parishioners as together we build hope for a new future and a new way of being Church.

### Lucan South Parish Population Profile

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In the light of the above, the diocese has provided our parish profile. This profile contains relevant data about our parish like our population growth based on 2016 census data, the number of baptisms, confirmations and funerals from 2014 to 2018. It also contains information on church collections.

The population of our parish based on 2016 census is 25,000 (please note 2016 is the last census data available as at the time this profile data was sent to the parish)

Our liturgical celebration data from 2014 to 2019. Please note 2020 and 2021 has been omitted due to Covid.

Lucan South Liturgical	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	% Movement
<b>Celebrations</b>							
Baptisms	157	116	104	102	94	81	-48%
Confirmations	139	155	152	139	129	139	0%
Funerals	7	11	5	9	11	7	0%
Mass Goers	940	795	706	788	619	526	-44%

### Lucan South Parish Income from 2017 to 2021

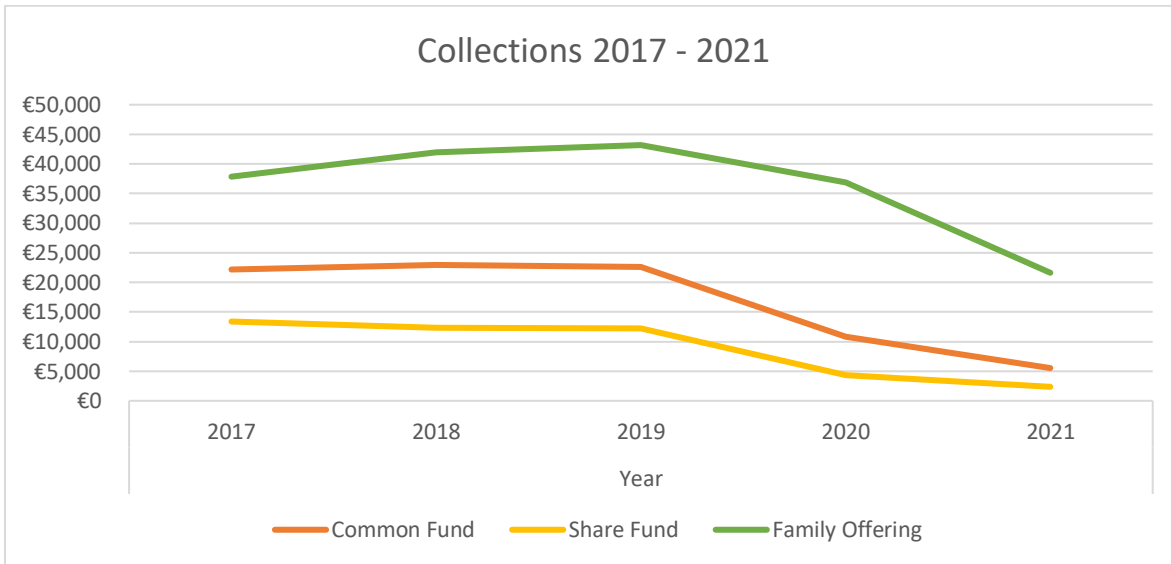
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The Common Fund collection support ALL the priests of the Diocese, including sick and retired priests. The Share Fund collection provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes. Share also provides support to low-income parishes and contributes to initiatives of the Irish Bishop's Conference.

The family offering collection via the yellow envelopes and standing order payments is the only income which stays in the parish for supporting the running costs of our parish including heating, electricity etc.

As you can see for the figures and graph below there has been a marked decrease in the funding for the Diocese and parish over the course of the pandemic when Churches were closed.

<b>Lucan South</b>						
<b>Finances for year</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>% Movement</b>
<b>Offerings</b>						
Common Fund (First Collection)	€ 22,162	€ 22,944	€ 22,618	€ 10,774	€ 5,525	-75%
Share Fund (Second Collection)	€ 13,387	€ 12,380	€ 12,179	€ 4,356	€ 2,357	-82%
Family Offering (Envelopes and standing orders)	€ 37,814	€ 41,920	€ 43,183	€ 36,853	€ 21,619	-43%
	€ 73,363	€ 77,244	€ 77,980	€ 51,983	€ 29,501	-60%



## Maynooth Deanery

Our parish is part of Maynooth Deanery and we are asked to look at the parishes near us that we can partnership with for pastoral provisions. Below is the map Deanery Map of Maynooth.

