

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

*incorporating the Mass centres and communities of Barwon Heads, Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale,
and Queenscliff*

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HOLY TRINITY PARISH EXPENDITURE AND INCOME REPORT 2019-2021

13-14 August 2022

From the Parish Finance Committee Chairperson, Mr Bob Merriman:

It is my task tonight/today to inform all parishioners of the Financial status of the Parish. Our Finances are in serious decline as the charts enclosed with tonight's/today's bulletin detail. Like all of us, the last 2 years have been very challenging and difficult. This has been reflected in many ways, particularly in maintaining our Parish's financial stability.

The Parish's main, and nearly entire income, arises from you the parishioners and mainly through the Stewardship Program, the envelopes, direct debit commitments and loose money collections.

Unfortunately, this income stream has significantly reduced since 2019, some three years ago. The first 6 months of this year, the income from the Stewardship Program, including direct debit payments and loose money, has totalled just on \$60,000 compared to 2019 of \$93,000. A reduction of \$33,000 in just 6 months. A 33% reduction.

On any view an alarming decline. A significant contributing factor is that participation by Parishioners in the Stewardship Program has declined from 180 to 90. A 50% reduction. Only 90 parishioners participating. A very small participation number considering the numbers attending our three Churches and Schools.

The reason the term Stewardship was chosen for this program is because Stewardship is a humble and grateful recognition that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. Obviously we need help to arrest this Financial decline and, yes, we have examined in detail expenditure. But like all of us, the Parish has experienced significant cost increases and we are obligated to maintain our Parish Assets which are ageing and, as such, we are exposed to ongoing expensive maintenance. Over the last three years, \$97,300 has been required to repairs to our Parish buildings.

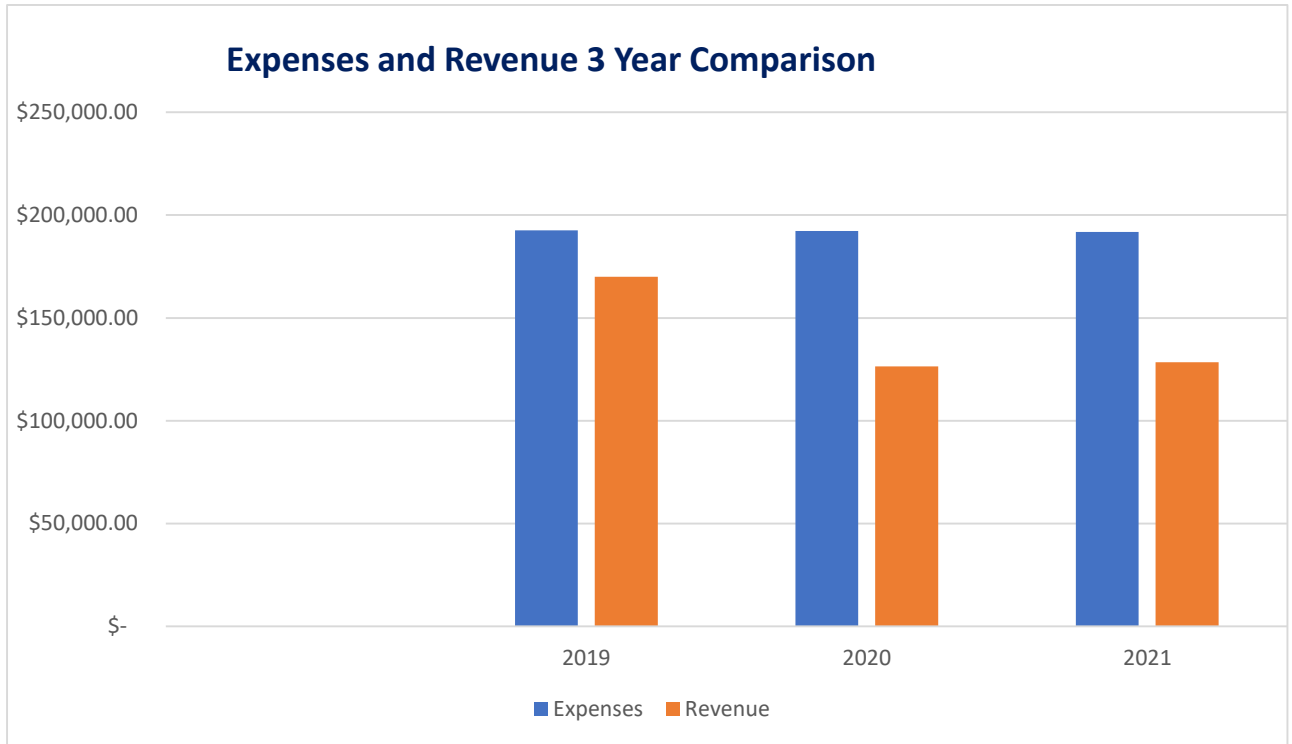
We are heartened by a small number of recent new members to our Stewardship program, but given a reduction in our income by \$33,000 in the first 6 months of this year and a reduction of over 90 contributors in our Stewardship program, we really need to turn this around. Put simply, we need at least over a further \$1000 a week.

Please, to those 90 remaining in our Stewardship, can you now consider increasing your generous contribution as many of these commitments were made some years back, and if you are not in our Stewardship program, can you now join please by either contacting the Parish Office or at conclusion of Mass, speaking to a Member of the Parish finance committee who will assist you in joining the Program.

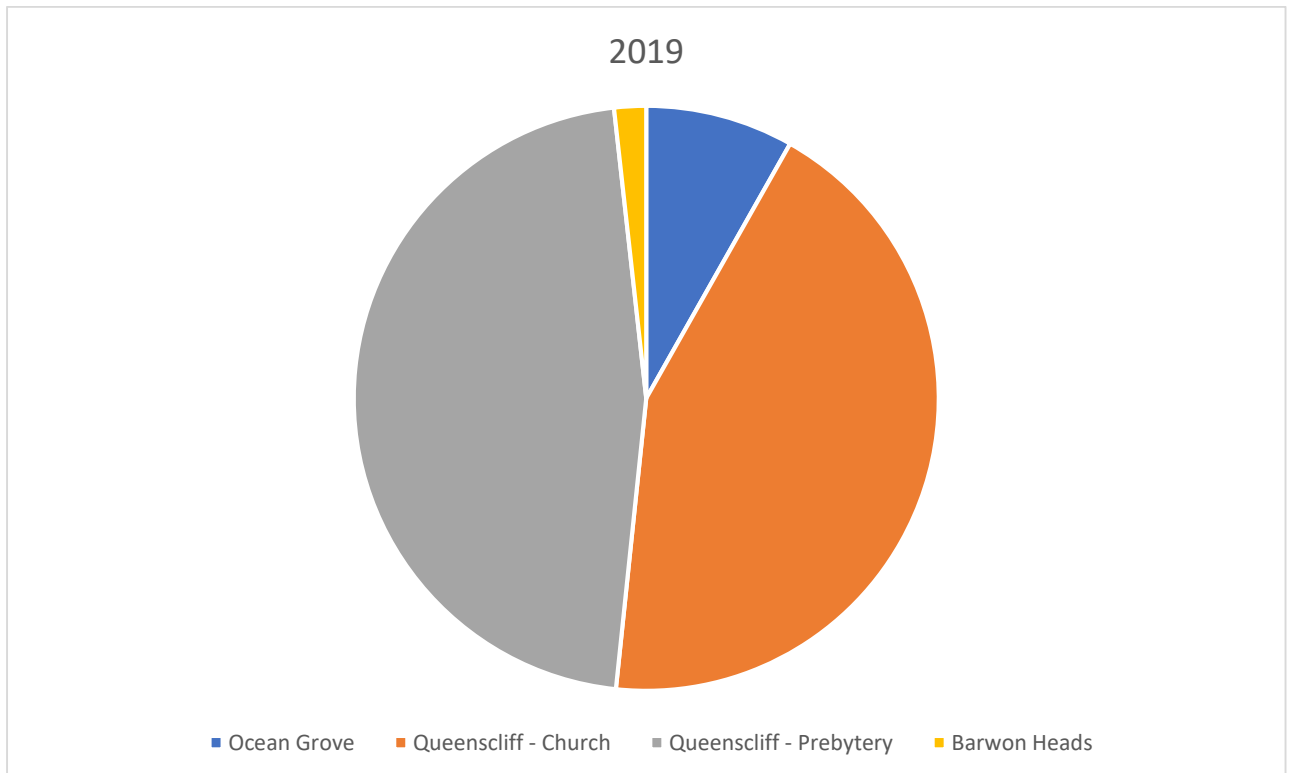
We have a beautiful Parish but help is needed. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Parish analysis of Revenue and Expenses including details of Maintenance and Cleaning for the 3 calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021.

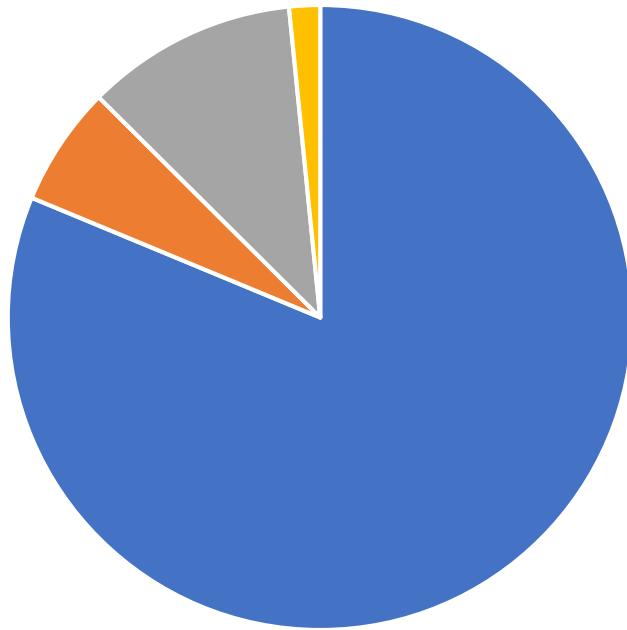
Parish Expenses and Revenue



Maintenance and Cleaning by Presbytery, and Mass centres.

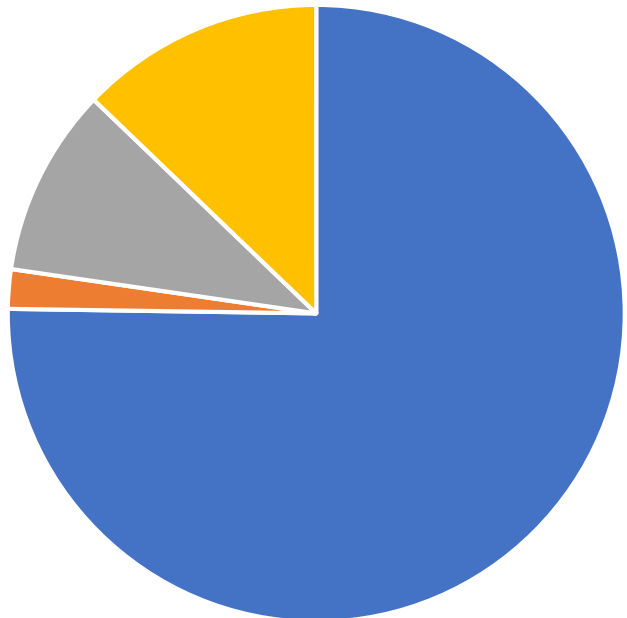


2020



■ Ocean Grove ■ Queenscliff - Church ■ Queenscliff - Prebytery ■ Barwon Heads

2021



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Notes to graphs:

Major Expenditure

2019

- **Queenscliff**
 - **Church**
 - Removal of Asbestos, repair flooring and remove broken underfloor heating system. Replace carpets, polish floors. Upgrade audio visual equipment.
 - **Presbytery**
 - Update living and office areas and upgrade security.
- **Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads**
 - Upgrade audio system and minor refurbishment.

2020 and 2021

- **Queenscliff**
 - **Church and Hall**
 - Costs associated with streaming of Masses during lockdown.
 - New laptop.
 - Lighting upgrade.
 - Cost associated with parish planned upgrade to hall.
 - **Presbytery**
 - Kitchen upgrade over 3 years, including replacement of hot water system, and new refrigerator.
 - Electrical work including new switchboard.
 - Construction of boundary fence with school and repairs over 3 years.
 - Pest control.
- **Ocean Grove**
 - Pest control - carpet moths.
 - Repair buttresses to ensure longevity and future proof.
 - Repairs to masonry and gates at entrance for safety and longevity.
 - Remove and replace carpets and other flooring.
 - Garden water tank, driveway repairs, gutter cleaning.
 - Tree pruning.
 - Remove and replace perimeter fence.
- **Barwon Heads**
 - Repairs to roof, and toilet block.
 - Removal of trees following storms.
 - New laptop.

The building of the Columbarium at Ocean Grove is self-funded.