

Dear Parishioners,

At a recent review meeting of the 750 Club Committee I was told that this hugely successful fundraiser for the Parish began in the mid-1970s. Some of the Committee reckon that some of the original members still participate. The 750 Club Draw has been very good to this Parish over the last 40 odd years. Over 1 million euros has been raised over its lifetime, with these monies going towards the development of the many wonderful facilities in the Parish. **The unanimous advice of the Committee to me was to suspend the 750 Club with immediate effect.**

As a newcomer to the Parish I accept this advice, as I recognise the experience and first-hand knowledge of the life of the Parish on which the Committee regrettably base their recommendation. Although it has been, and continued to be a most important source of Parish income, it was felt that both the Parish's financial situation and changes in community life made continuing this particular form of fundraising increasingly difficult. The Covid-19 crisis has added increased challenges as canvassing members has become almost impossible. Accordingly, the 750 Club Bank Account is being closed as of the 31st July next and no further contributions will be possible to the account after that date.

If you wish to redirect your 750 Club subscription and continue to financially support the Parish, it would be greatly appreciated. Although Parish finances are stable at present, the Committee would like to ensure they remain so in the difficult financial times that are forecast in the wake of Covid-19. You can continue your support by setting up a new Standing Order, with the frequency and amount that suits you, to our family contributions account: IBAN: IE43 AIBK 9323 6113 2930 60 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). We are most grateful to all who have contributed so much to the Parish funds down through the years. Heartfelt thanks also, on behalf of all our Parishioners to the Committee Members, Canvassers and Helpers.

The draw results for April, May & June can be found on the parish website. Don't worry if you can't get an opportunity to cash your cheque before 31st July, you can get in touch with the Parish Office 01 8461561 and a replacement cheque will be issued.

It was nice that so many parishioners were lucky over the years and have happy memories of winning prizes.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Parish to everyone who lent their support over the years.

Many thanks and May God bless you all.

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Canon John Flaherty Co-P.P.