

Priorities News 2025

Church of Ireland General Synod Priorities Fund
Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6

The Vision

The original vision for the work of Priorities Fund emphasised the spiritual rather than material growth of the church, putting people before buildings. The Committee strive to be faithful to that vision each year as they allocate grants from the fund.

The Priorities Fund continues to encourage and help those parishes and organisations that are bringing the message of the love of God to their congregation and families, and also to those that may be distanced from the church.

This year's applications include support for church plants, projects that help drug users, projects that provide support for women who have suffered domestic abuse and projects reaching out to teenagers, children and families.

With new projects, we accept that sometimes the outcome may differ from the original plan or that they may not be totally successful. Any innovation requires willingness to take steps of faith.

As in previous years, our evaluation forms reports have been positive and encouraging and also honest about the difficulties faced in some areas of ministry.

The committee would like to express their thanks to the dioceses, parishes and individuals who contribute to the fund. We are very aware of the responsibility that we have to ensure that these contributions are well used in the growing of the Kingdom of God.

Roy Totten
Chairman



Mullabrack – Bubble Church Youth Ministry



Ploughing Match COI Stand - Diocese of Cashel Ferns and Ossory

2025 ALLOCATIONS FROM 2024 FUND IN EURO

OUTREACH INITIATIVES

Mullavilly Apple Blossom Baby Basics	€4,834
Tralee and Ballymacelligott IT Printing Equipment for outreach work with children	€1,000
Moviddy Union of Parishes To Provide a marquee for external parish events	€600
Cobh and Glanmire Union Provide access and sanitary facilities at St Lappans for various groups	€10,000
Fermoy Union Little Feet toddler group	€2,000
Westport-Dugort Gazebo for events	€600
The Blackstaff Mission Area Family outreach work for the Blackstaff Mission Area	€42,296
Carrigrohane Union Mission and Outreach Phase 2 of Carraig Centre	€30,000
Diocese of Cashel Ferns and Ossory COI Stand at National Ploughing Championships	€12,000
Agherton Parish Family Well-Being and Empowerment Programme	€12,085
St Marks Armagh Café Hope- Health and wellbeing ministry	€4,834
Solas The Yard project - for young people not in education or employment	€5,000
TLK Diocesan Magazine - DEA Sceala (Good Tidings) Funding for church magazine for amalgamated dioceses of TLK	€5,000
Muckamore Parish Development Association Supporting outreach work in Ballycraigy Ward in Antrim	€36,254
St Flannan's Cathedral Audio system in the cathedral for services and guided tours	€1,000
Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Fund To pay a grant of not more than £400 to each surviving spouse	€483
St Brendan's Church Birr Audio visual screen screen for meetings, education and training	€3,000
Willowfield Parish Community Association Early intervention programme for drug abuse in local area	€12,085
St James's Crinken Church To create a community hub in the church	€11,000
Kilcummin Parish, Oughterard To create a prayer walk, through the grounds and graveyard of the church	€8,000
St. John's & St. Ninian's Parish Whitehouse Antrim 'Going for Growth' outreach project	€26,586
Mothers Union To raise awareness of Domestic violence via Safe Place training	€1,631
Belmullet To renewal of the Church of Ireland in Belmullet	€2,000
Church of the Good Shepherd, Monkstown Outreach to families in the impoverished loyalist estate of Monkstown	€24,169
St.Clement's Parish Church Various outreach events for the elderly throughout 2025	€4,834
Christ Church, Londonderry Walled City Passion play engaging schools. A cross-border outreach	€36,254
St Saviour's Parish Church Craigavon Outreach events for the local population	€27,190
Kilmore and Inch Lego Festival at Christ Church Kilmore	€1,813
St Pauls & St Barnabas To expand SSPB's ministry for the large student population at UU Belfast	€36,254
St Mary's Parish Church and St Patrick's Parish Church Newry Centre of Mission, to establish a new worshipping community	€15,106
Glendermott & Newbuildings Support the community with courses, Hope Together, Griefshare, CAP	€12,085

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OUTREACH INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)

St. Mary's Cathedral Tuam Outdoor facilities for the Cathedral outreach purposes.	€650
Warrenpoint Church Plant - LifePoint Community Church Establish a new missional outreach and church plant in Warrenpoint	€18,127
The Suitcase Project, Support asylum seekers by creating a support hub at, Roslyn st, Belfast	€12,085
Movilla Abbey Church Improve Youth Club-Coffee Bar for deprived social housing estate	€14,502
St. Mary's Church, Enniscorthy To develop a multi-functional space at the back of St. Mary's Church	€30,000
Sub-total	€465,354

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Castlebar Parish creative ministry and teaching for the young people of the parish	€1,000
St. Ninian's Convoy Christian education amongst the youth of the parish via technology provisions and event hosting	€1,000
Saint Catherine's Church Seol six-part course - to live out the five marks of mission	€4,000
St Dorothea's Parish, Gilnahirk Upgrade audiovisual system to serve our congregation and community	€1,813
Alpha Ireland Digital curricular resources for teachers and church leaders	€5,000
Sub-total	€12,813

INNOVATIVE MINISTRY IN A RURAL CONTEXT

Clare Parish Christmas Tree Festival to raise funds for facilities in the parish hall	€1,208
Ross Union facilitation of St. Fachtna's Cathedral - for various usage groups	€20,000
Derg Parish Funding for a coffee dock in our new parish centre for community events	€36,254
Desertcreat Parish Church Journeymen-To help new ministry for ladies in their 20's- 40s	€2,417
Desertcreat Parish Church Pop Up Saturday - Primary School RE Club 4 times a year	€1,813
Desertcreat Parish Church Arts Group - Desertcreatives	€1,208
Skreen Parish Nativity Fundraising Event	€1,500
St Mary's (Kilmacshalgan) Upgrade facilities to make St Mary's a waypoint for prayer and tourists	€7,000
Kilmore and Inch Funding trip to worship in Kilmore Church at the Ulster Folk Museum.	€0
Abington Church Outdoor eco sitting room for parish and local orthodox Syriac community	€0
Sub-total	€71,400

TRAINING - LAY & ORDAINED

HOB Providing training and education for each diocesan bishop	€40,000
Arrow Leadership Ireland Develop leaders serving in local churches, or para-church ministry	€6,042
Board for ministry with children and families Training 12 Facilitators and offer 20 free participant places per diocese	€10,000
Annagh Group of parishes Womens Abuse Training	€1,445
Deans of COI Deans conference Funding	€604
Sub-total	€58,091

ALLOCATIONS GRAND TOTAL

€607,659

Sterling grants have been converted to Euro using the 2024 end of year rate of 0.8275

2024 FUND - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN EURO

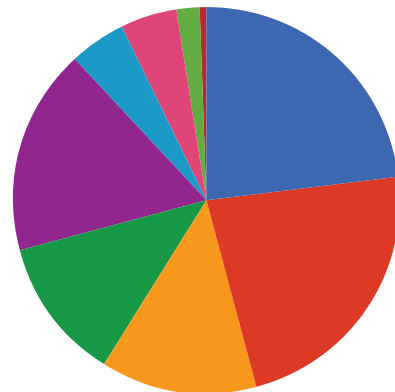
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	DIOCESE - 2024 FUND			44 YEARS - 1980 / 24		
	TARGET	CONTRIBUTIONS	%	TARGET	CONTRIBUTIONS	%
	€	€		€	€	
ARMAGH	60,399	60,399	100.00	2,594,813	2,222,368	85.65
CASHEL, FERNS & OSSORY	36,000	36,000	100.00	1,315,673	1,194,390	90.78
CLOGHER	18,127	18,127	100.00	1,705,049	1,463,471	85.83
CONNOR	95,045	95,045	100.00	4,041,780	3,957,072	97.90
CORK, CLOYNE & ROSS	28,460	28,460	100.00	1,036,161	956,277	92.29
DERRY & RAPHOE	60,399	60,399	100.00	2,590,362	2,464,248	95.13
DOWN & DROMORE	95,045	95,045	100.00	4,039,039	3,991,657	98.83
DUBLIN & GLENDALOUGH	69,370	69,370	100.00	2,511,291	2,408,299	95.90
KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH	24,180	24,180	100.00	890,351	738,883	82.99
LIMERICK, KILLALOE & ARDFERT	12,960	12,960	100.00	477,763	457,160	95.69
MEATH & KILDARE	20,820	20,820	100.00	760,549	682,082	89.68
TUAM, KILLALA & ACHONRY	5,300	5,300	100.00	200,393	191,225	95.42
TOTAL DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTIONS	526,105	526,105	100.00	22,163,224	20,727,133	93.52

PRIORITIES FUND ALLOCATIONS 1980 - 2024

44 Years Grants Total: €21,672,878

● Training - Lay and Ordained (Formerly Ministry)	€5,012,835	23.1%
● Christian Education	€4,933,575	22.8%
● Community	€2,863,342	13.2%
● Areas of Need	€2,609,829	12.0%
● Outreach Initiatives	€3,721,388	17.2%
● Retirement	€966,486	4.5%
● Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context	€1,061,377	4.9%
● Reconciliation and Outreach	€440,836	2.0%
● Millennium Projects	€63,210	0.3%



COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Applications for grants are available on the Priorities Fund website:

www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org/applications

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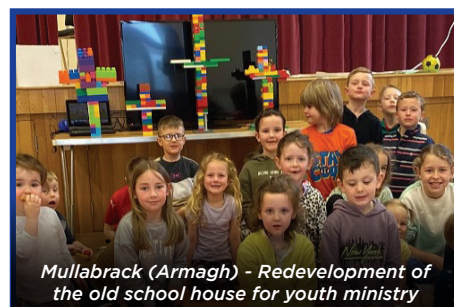
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Solas - Schools programme
in secondary schools



Magherally and Annaclone - (Down/Dromore)
Grow - Parish youth and children's ministries



Mullabrack (Armagh) - Redevelopment of
the old school house for youth ministry