



BUILDING TOWARDS OUR FUTURE

Building Committee Update

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PROGRESS UPDATE

Robert de Roo - Building Committee Chair

Dear Parishioners,

We have completed our consultation process with a large number of church groups in the parish. We would like to say thank you to those that came along representing their various church groups.

We have found the inputs and feedback received to be very informative. There has been some fantastic suggestions and ideas.

While the process has been about finding common ground we have also been seeking those thoughts and ideas which make you stop and consider deeply what has just been provided.

This happened in our very first session with one of the youth groups where one of the teenage boys wrote down **one word** to a question we had asked. It was a response I wasn't expecting and when I asked what he meant by this word I was deeply moved by what he had to say. His statement absolutely reinforced why we are doing this consultation process and how important it is that we give everybody a chance to engage with the building committee before we start engaging with an architect on a concept.

In the following sessions there have been further inspirations tabled and the whole process to date has been a deeply rewarding and humbling experience to engage with the various groups. We have a real opportunity here to continue to support all the amazing work undertaken by the various church groups and just importantly create opportunities in our new buildings to potentially do more.

We will be holding sessions after the summer holidays which will be open to all parishioners **commencing in February**. There will be further details in the new year on these sessions and how you can book a place for you, your spouse and even family members to be able to participate. Please take the time to participate in one of these sessions.

Once the consultation process is completed then we will be pulling together all the responses, ideas and share the data back with the parish before we engage with the architect(s).

On behalf of the Building Committee, we wish you a Merry Christmas and enjoy a safe holiday with family and friends.

God bless.

Robert de Roo



WHERE ARE WE AT?



CONSULT & CAPTURE

Our first stage is to consult and capture the thoughts of our parishioners through a series of meetings. This will be in two stages.

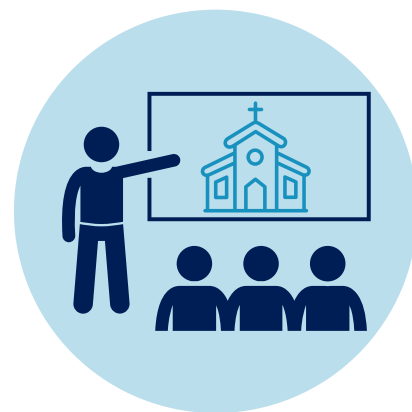
First stage - consult the various parish groups.

Second stage - consult individual parishioners



CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Once we have finished our series of meetings, we will collate all the data received. We will present this to the parish, and from the data, a design brief is prepared for the prospective architects.



TESTING THE CONCEPT

Once the architect has designed a Church and Pastoral Centre based on the data received from our meetings, we will present this to the parish to see that the desires and needs of the parish is met.



We have completed the first stage of our 'Consult and Capture' stage.

The second stage will be from the beginning of February to mid-March 2021.

See the parish website to see more information - there are two more stages in the process

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Has any survey been done on Mass numbers over the three churches to justify a rebuild?

Every year, each parish does a Mass count in October. We have a very clear picture of the past and current numbers when it comes to Mass attendance across the three parishes that came together in the north. We will also (with support from the Diocese) undertake research into our parish demographics and likely areas of residential growth.

Because of the Bishop's intention that we gather as a community in one Church on a Sunday, our current Mass count figures and future aspirations for growth are factors in the Bishop's decision to build one new Church in our Parish. Our current three churches are too small for our combined congregation and future aspiration.

Two of the three Churches require further strengthening - this too is a factor in the Bishop's decision to build a new Church.

If only one or two churches are required, what is the justification for rebuilding a third church?

The Bishop's intention is that we gather as a community in one Church. This will help with our mission and purpose across the schools and wider community of our Parish. Establishing a centralised base to focus our resources will help support the outreach we aspire to deliver.

see the website for more questions!



- **58 Somme Street property is now on the market.**
- **The presbytery, Timoney Hall, and the swimming pool on the old St. Joseph's site will be demolished mid-January 2021**

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