

## HEALTH & SAFETY

For reasons of health & safety, the 5pm Mass at Newlands next Saturday will be transferred to Johnsonville, and there will be no 10am Mass at Newlands from next Sunday. Until further notice there will be an extra Mass at Johnsonville at 12 Noon. It is likely that there will be some further adjustment to our Parish-wide Mass timetable.

A specially commissioned building and maintenance report to be published shortly has identified the Newlands Church as a risk to the public. It had been hoped to keep the Church open during a time to be allowed for feedback on the report from parishioners. However, the full force of winter has intervened. There is danger from wet and slippery floors. There is also a general dampness which can silently affect the health of parishioners.

The Church as from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June is to be closed.

There will be sorrow that this has happened, but it is something that should not be totally unexpected, considering what we have lived through at Newlands, and especially given the responsibility many of us have under the strict health and safety legislation of April 2016.

The 5pm Newlands Mass rosters will remain in place at Johnsonville. Newlands groups are invited to suggest new meeting venues. Also, while Fr Sebastian is still with us, weekday Masses at Newlands will continue but they will be in the Presbytery lounge.

Repeating and with reluctance, as from Monday, the Newlands Church is closed.