

St Francis of Assisi Parish, Ohariu



25 September 2022

Property Meeting

Agenda

- ▶ Welcome, purpose & agenda
- ▶ Parish prayer
- ▶ Decision letter from Cardinal John
- ▶ Decision re closing churches
- ▶ Parish Vision, Mission & Strategy
 - ▶ What does this mean in practice in 10 years
- ▶ Options for; St Andrew's, St Benedict's, Johnsonville
- ▶ Summary comments / next steps
- ▶ Closing prayer



Parish Prayer

Loving God, as members of our
Parish of St. Francis of Assisi
Ohariu, we come before you in a
spirit of love, prayer and
thanksgiving.

Parish Prayer

We pray you bind us together in love. Whatever our age, cultural background and individual roles within our parish, may we be one together in Jesus. May we accept, affirm and support one another.

Parish Prayer

In your service we offer you our talents and gifts so as to build your Loving Presence amongst us.

May our Parish be vibrant with your love and always a place of welcome

Parish Prayer

May your Holy Spirit anoint us,
inspire us, and send us out into
the community as witnesses to
you and your love and teaching.

Parish Prayer

May we have the courage and compassion to reach beyond our church to the peripheries; to those who are most vulnerable and in need.

Parish Prayer

May your Holy Spirit draw others
to you through us.

We ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

St. Francis of Assisi pray for us,
and guide us.

Decision Letter from Cardinal John

- ▶ One church in Johnsonville to accommodate the future weekend Mass count in no more than two Masses
- ▶ Ensure resources to provide accommodation for a diocesan priest in future
- ▶ Look closely at needs of our schools in future - ADW review of Catholic schools
- ▶ Close Newlands and Khandallah churches. Sell or lease these properties.
- ▶ Develop Johnsonville without debt.
- ▶ Queried whether the Church should be involved in social housing
- ▶ Discuss parish boundary with Cathedral and Otari parishes

Closing St Benedicts & St Andrew's

- ▶ St Peter and Paul's church will close in early January and undergo some minor refurbishment
- ▶ We will also seek a decree from Cardinal John to rename the church St Francis of Assisi
- ▶ Later in January we will close St Benedict's and St Andrew's and open St Francis of Assisi
- ▶ Furniture and artifacts from St Benedict's and St Andrew's will be taken to St Francis of Assisi
- ▶ Special liturgies will be held for each of these milestones in our parish.
- ▶ The specific dates will be confirmed later this year 2022
- ▶ Other furniture and fittings will be stored in the interim
- ▶ Locations for Masses and liturgies when the Johnsonville site is being developed will be confirmed later.



VISION of Pope Francis

“The **Liturgy** changes us, bringing us into the life of Christ and then calling us to **act concretely** for others ... the Acts of the Apostles give us back “the image of a Church on a journey, an energetic Church, that finds in **prayer** gatherings the basis and the impetus for **missionary action**.”

VISION of the Archdiocese of Wellington

We, the Catholic People of the Archdiocese of Wellington,
challenged to follow Christ,
are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God by:

celebrating God in our lives

sharing our **living faith**

growing in Community

and **working for justice and peace**



VISION of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish



We are missionary disciples of Christ, in a community of communities, being transformed in our lives and transforming others and our world.

How do our property assets enable this ?

Mission of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish

We, the People of St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish, embrace a vision for a Church that is grounded in the Vatican II vision of baptism as the fundamental call to discipleship.

We envisage a Parish that is:

- **strong in its faith,**
- strong in its sense of **community,**
- **welcoming,**
- culturally diverse and culturally safe,
- **inclusive and hospitable to all** people,
- and willing to be actively and effectively engaged in **bringing about a more just and equitable society** where the intrinsic dignity of all people is reflected in its ecclesiastical, social and political structures and practices.



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Gaudium et Spes

“The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the people of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts ... That is why this community realizes that it is truly linked with humankind and its history by the deepest of bonds.:

Gaudium et Spes

On the Church in the Modern World

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Introduction by
CARDINAL ANGELO SCOLA

Parish Life - a snapshot

- ▶ Prayer & Liturgy
 - mass
 - veneration
 - reconciliation
 - spiritual guidance
- ▶ Grief and Loss Ministry
- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ Schools
- ▶ Adult formation
- ▶ Respect Life
- ▶ Refugee support & housing
- ▶ Emergency accommodation
- ▶ Food bank
- ▶ Marian Mothers
- ▶ St Vincent de Paul
- ▶ School Holiday Programmes
- ▶ Passionist Family Group
- ▶ Childrens' Liturgy
- ▶ Youth
- ▶ Returning Catholics
- ▶ Music Groups
- ▶ Meeting spaces
- ▶ Retreat in Daily Life

BELONGING & Believing

It used to be the case that we believed so that we could belong. These days, it will be through belonging that people come to believe.



How will our buildings enable a sense of belonging that enables us to build our communities and live out our parish mission?

THE MERGER: *an opportunity*

to renew our communities

to share human, spiritual, financial and physical resources

to reclaim and harness the spirit of Vatican II

to explore different ways of spreading the Gospel.

to be living witnesses to the Gospel in the world

to develop a new vision and plan

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Parish Vision & Strategy

- ▶ We will have one church
- ▶ We will have a presbytery
- ▶ What functionality will our community centre have
- ▶ How will we support our schools?
- ▶ Will we have rental properties for income?
- ▶ How will we support refugees?
- ▶ Will we own the Brigidine flats in Wanaka St?

Options for Newlands

- ▶ A valuation of the property is being obtained now
- ▶ We are getting advice on realistic options they might include:
 - ▶ Lease the site to a property developer, social housing provider or school so parish has an ongoing revenue stream
 - ▶ Sell the site to a developer

Options for Khandallah

- ▶ A valuation of the property is being obtained now
- ▶ We are getting advice on realistic options they might include:
 - ▶ Lease the site to a property developer, so parish has an ongoing revenue stream
 - ▶ Sell the site to a developer
 - ▶ Develop the site so parish has an ongoing revenue stream

Options for Johnsonville

- ▶ Build a new church or refurbish St Peter & Paul's church?
 - ▶ Build a community centre & offices?
 - ▶ Build a new presbytery?
 - ▶ Build underground carparking?
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- ▶ We need to consult with parishioners about what we need in the future
 - ▶ We will scope options and get cost estimates

How will we manage the project

- ▶ Governance will be via a Property Management Group
 - ▶ If you have skills, experience please volunteer
- ▶ Decisions to build, sell property etc require approval from Archbishop
- ▶ Sale of land requires consultation with Mana Whenua

Next Steps

- ▶ Obtain valuations and advice on options for Newlands and Khandallah
- ▶ Workshops with parishioners on Johnsonville development
- ▶ Plan how we operate one church; music, liturgies, sacristy etc
- ▶ Inventory of furniture and fittings for each church
- ▶ Select what we use in interim church of St Francis of Assisi
- ▶ Scope /cost interim refurbishments of St Francis of Assisi
- ▶ Plan liturgies for closing churches
- ▶ Engage QS to evaluate underground parking and initial development estimates
- ▶ Consult with Mana Whenua on Khandallah and Newlands property