

Notes from St Francis of Assisi Parish Property Meeting 25 September 2022

78 Attendees

Agenda

- Thomas Introduction
- Joe Parish prayer
- Thomas Outline purpose / agenda
- Thomas Decision letter from Cardinal John
- Who Decision / dates closing three churches
- Present Parish Mission / Strategy
 - what does this mean in practice in 10 years
 - we will have one church
 - we will have a presbytery
 - will we have a community centre / what functionality?
 - 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
- Early options for each site being considered
 - St Andrew's
 - St Benedict's
 - Johnsonville

Feedback from breakout groups

- If properties are leased what are the tax implications
- Leasing would be applicable to land not building
- New buildings should be multifunctional
- Short and long term goals need to be able to cover implications for schools from relocation.
- Consider impact on St Benedict's school; distance to travel, weekly mass, extension of the library for students and community.
- How much would it cost to buy Wanaka St flats from Brigidine nuns.
- Need sufficient parking for mass
- Iwi consultation
- No repealing of services and adaptable
- How have other parishes done it?
- School needs access to a spiritual space – they are the beginning and need to be involved.
- School communities must be catered for.
- Loss of St John's ha;; has never been addressed
- Functionality of community centre is very important
- St Andrews could be used until Johnsonville site is ready, should we sell ?
- Newlands value is only in the land
- St Andrew's high roof is magnificent

New church & community centre

- Multi-purpose, moving doors to create dynamic spaces
- Movable seating
- Chapel or some other focus spaces
- Look of Catholic character (primary purpose)
- Good kitchen that meets commercial hygiene standards, accessible to hall
- Dedicated sacred space that is worshipful – not just a building
- Smaller areas for meeting rooms
- Plenty of storage
- Space available for groups to book / income
- Good carpark could be rented during the week
- Space for children's liturgy and outside children's space
- Community garden for refugees / schools

Support

- How do we support others besides refugees
- Need community support
- Have a ministry to assist older people with rides / support
- Parish pastoral council
- Evangelisation – need committed people
- Housing is not our role

Schools

- Strengthen communications between school and parish – need schools to be part of Sunday worship.
- Need focus on college age youth too
- We need to be attractive – show joy, community, proclaim good news
- Youth groups, provide social aspect & community events for them