

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF A GROWING TAURANGA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



25th November 2018

Dear Parishioners

The Capital Works Sub-Committee of our parish has now completed a 12-month study into options for addressing the issues which we face with the St Mary Immaculate Church building. We must stress that no decision has yet been made – but we are now in a position to be able share the results of this study with the parish community and look to the parish for some guidance as to which option they support.

As the parish community is a major part of the decision-making process, we will be holding a parish presentation, which will explain the issues we are trying to address, the options considered, how these options compare and the financial implications. This presentation will take place at the **Blessed Anne-Marie Javouhey Centre at St Mary's Primary School, 13th Avenue on Tuesday 4th December at 7pm**. There will only be one session, so you are encouraged to attend so that we can make an informed decision about our parish infrastructure. If you are unable to attend the meeting on December 4th, the information presented will be made available after the meeting, together with a record of questions and answers from the meeting.

After the presentation, the next step will be to hold a vote amongst the enrolled parishioners (including young people from Year 9 and older) to establish the preferred option. The Capital Works Sub-Committee will then start a process to explore further the preferred option with a design team, and during this design process there will be ample consultation with parishioners. We will also have to consult with the Bishop and his advisory Councils. After concept plans are finalised these will be presented to the parish community for further consideration.

This vote will be held over 7 days (11th to 17th Dec), both electronic (online) and traditional (paper), to give as many parishioners as possible their chance to vote. It will only be open to enrolled parishioners to ensure integrity of the democratic process. The voting process will be overseen by an appointed independent scrutineer.

It is therefore critical that as many parishioners as possible are entered onto the parish roll. A notification regarding this will be issued on the Parish App, which will lead you to the online enrolment form on the parish website. In addition, there will be volunteers in church after each Sunday Mass over the coming two weekends, at St Joseph's, St Therese and St Mary Immaculate, to assist with a paper-based enrolment form for those who prefer this option. Even if you are already on the parish register, we would appreciate a renewed enrolment to ensure that we have your current details.

To update your parish roll details on-line, go to the Parish website,
<http://taurangamoanacatholic.nz/our-place/latest-news/>

This is an important conversation for the parish and we want parishioners to be informed and involved.

For enquiries please contact Leo Wilkinson, either after Mass, or on **021 082 47964**.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Father Mark
Parish Priest