



## PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

### SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

28 May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

As you know from our Parish Bulletin of 24 April 2021, the Parish hosted a Parish Consultation Forum on 24 March 2021 regarding potential development of a small part of the Parish site at Sacred Heart, Pymble. The forum was well attended by people drawn from Pymble Parish including both our primary schools.

The purpose of our forum was to progress our collective reflection and discernment regarding:

1. Our future and the sustainability of the Parish.
2. The development opportunity for consideration in the context of our parish needs and requirements centred on our Mission and vision.
3. Possible next steps & timing for consideration – including the appointment of real estate agents to engage in an Expression of Interest campaign to secure proposals for the site.
4. An invitation for parishioner input to help formulate our direction and decisions, in particular **to confirm they are prepared to support myself and the Property Development Committee (PDC) to engage real estate agents to conduct an Expression of Interest campaign for the identified site.**

You will recall that we invited anyone interested, to complete a **Parish Needs Assessment**, allowing until **Friday 7 May 2021** for responses to be received.

Following the Parish Consultation Forum, the Parish Needs Assessment and subsequent discernment by the Property Development Committee and Parish Finance Council, we now feel the community has had sufficient time to consider and provide its initial thoughts on the project. The community has been actively engaged with our process and the feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive. Given the demonstrated community support, we plan to move ahead with the Expression of Interest campaign as outlined in the 24 April 2021 Parish Bulletin.

While there does not appear to be any need for any further Parish Consultation Forums before the launch of the Expression of Interest campaign, we will leave open the Parish Needs Assessment for a further period, until **Friday 11 June 2021**, for our community to provide any final questions or feedback. Mary Hor and Sue Host will ensure copies are made available at the two primary schools for parents and others to complete.

The Parish Needs Assessment can be accessed by the community (which includes both school communities) as follows:

- In hard copy at the entrances of both Churches, and online on our Parish website at [www.tinyurl.com/9kxk5e8j](http://www.tinyurl.com/9kxk5e8j))
- In hard copy at the School Offices of both Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Primary Schools;

Any hard copy Parish Needs Assessments can be returned to the Parish office or to either Primary School office clearly marked “Parish Needs Assessment”. They can also be emailed to [shp@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:shp@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or [olps@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:olps@dbb.catholic.edu.au).

Please take the opportunity now, as after that date our planning will proceed.

## Next Steps - process

### 1. PDC and experts

The PDC will continue to meet; members are also available for your feedback. The PDC comprises myself, Peter Lenehan, Adam Bowe, Amal Wahab, Roman Pazniewski, Peter Meers, Elaine Oei, Mary Hor and Sue Host. The PDC will also be supported by the Parish's appointed experts and members of the Diocese.

### 2. Engaging the Market

Based on the information provided at the forum and via other channels, it is now envisaged that property consultant experts will be appointed by late June to represent the Parish in engaging the market more widely through an **Expression of Interest Campaign** to determine development interest in the site.

### 3. Parish Consultation Forum (post Expression of Interest)

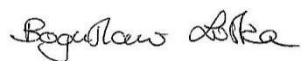
Once the Expression of Interest campaign is finalised, possible development options will be presented to the Parish at a further forum for consideration. Details of the forum date will be circulated well in advance – at this stage we envisage this forum might take place in late August/early September.

### 4. Engaging with the preferred party/documenting the arrangements

After the forum, we will be in a position to engage with the preferred party, with a view to finalising documentation promptly.

Once again, I remain most grateful to members of my Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee in providing me guidance and advice as well as to all of you for your shared interest, enthusiasm and strong desire to sustain our wonderful Parish well into the future.

Yours sincerely in Christ



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