



Parish Information Evening, Future of St Patrick's

With the recent departure of Sister Kathleen from the St Patrick's presbytery it is imperative that immediate action is taken to ensure, in the first instance that this magnificent asset is protected from further theft and vandalism and is not allowed to fall into a state of disrepair and neglect that has occurred to St Patrick's convent.

The long term future of St Patricks Gordon assets should be reviewed now that the presbytery is vacant and considering the futile efforts in attempting to find a suitable lessee and alternative uses for the convent; now is the time for a holistic and pragmatic examination of the St Patrick's Gordon current and future requirements.

A review of the current expenditure and the downward trending of revenue raised from planned giving projects a future where it will be difficult to maintain our current assets. St Brigid's has benefited from the rebuilding as a result of the fire and St Michael's has had recent repairs as a result of water ingress. The Gordon assets are in need of major maintenance now in addition to the routine ongoing preventive maintenance that will need to be conducted on all parish assets in the future. St Patrick's church requires capital works in the order of \$81000 to be undertaken, the presbytery \$44000 and the convent \$21000. These are unbudgeted works some of which cannot be put off any longer. The Parish Finance Committee in recognising our future financial predicament has put forward a motion recommending the sale of the Presbytery, following the development of a business plan, presentation to the PPC and parishioner consultation. The PFC is of the belief that the revenue raised from the sale of the Presbytery would secure our financial future in terms of being able to maintain our parish assets and to provide a viable parish and community based facility in the convent. A business case has been developed that outlines in detail the rationale that would assist in ensuring the spiritual, social and the financial stability of the parish.

At a joint meeting with the Parish Coordinators, Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee it was agreed that an Information night be held in St Patrick's school hall on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7:30 pm to share with the Parish community the logic and rationale in reaching this decision.

Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

The Parish Leadership Team