

A brief update on maintenance in the Parish

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Church

The outside of the church has been painted and new carpets have been laid in the church. There is some electrical work to be done and the seats will also need to be screwed down.

One of the things which we lack in the church is a proper area for baptisms and a baptismal font. The ideal place for the baptismal font and Easter Candle would be where the statue of Mary was which would look very nice as we enter the foyer of church and see it through the glass doors (we need to move the notice boards to a new place too). So, this means we need a new place for the statue of Mary which could be in the sanctuary with the Sacred Heart of Jesus where the two angels are at the moment. Then they too would need a new home. Our statues are not a pair but a pedestal for Mary could assist her to look higher (she is 10 cm shorter than the Sacred Heart of Jesus). Alternatively, I could try and purchase two new statues which I have also been looking into.

We also need a new baptismal font which probably will need to be made.

Fr Darren McFarlane, the Parish Priest of the Cathedral has offered our Parish a 90 year old icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour which he is prepared to permanently loan to us. Of course, if it doesn't suit the church, we can return her to the Cathedral. This icon could go on the wall by the window by the family room.

The house

At the moment insulation is going into the walls of the house by willing volunteers and many thanks to the volunteers who have been working on the church and the house.

A detailed financial and maintenance report will soon be published from the Finance Council.

If you have any suggestions to assist in the matters I have discussed here, please let me know.

Kind regards

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