

Holy Cross Property Forum

19 February 2017 – 31 attendees

- One big central church for everyone, with special small meeting rooms, to be financially sustainable
- If one church two schools would be deprived of a church
- Make school halls multi-purpose, serving as chapels
- Repurpose the current church to cover a whole group of activities
- If strengthen an old building just get an old building not ready for the future
- Could partition the current building
- Two options who decides? – Cardinal based on recommendation from the parish
- Is there land available at the school?
- Does the parish own its property or are there mortgages?
- The Archdiocese owns everything he needs the full picture to make a decision
- Who owns the school?
- If Holy Cross church moves could be away from bus route and sometimes we need a bigger space, help people to get to Mass
- Pull it down and make a smaller church and hall
- Doesn't need to be such a high ceiling
- Holy Cross not big enough for larger funerals and weddings
- Properties that can be sold including sale of presbyteries and land
- Make the back a hall and open up to expand church space
- If we moved would we have the space for bigger events in the parish?
- Has there been a conversation about what the Council see as the future for the area?
- At Kilbirnie will probably need to sell the hall to pay for new community centre
- How many multi-purpose sites could we have?
- Do we have the finances to fund multi-purpose facilities?
- In Christchurch they haven't lost their faith in losing their church, single building might work if we study the bus routes
- We are a small area with few parishioners, we are all old, small chapel for week day masses and something bigger for other occasions
- People travel to supermarkets
- Maybe we don't need any churches for the future as those people left can go into town
- Fr McCabe is good at building a new church, concentrate on our faith centres first, do we need less Masses?
- Do we need only two churches to bring people together?
- Don't build retirement village in Strathmore as they would be too isolated
- Could sell the Seatoun presbytery, what do the Cauphicans need?
- We won't have the Cauphicans forever
- Good Shepherd Hall too small for anything
- Social housing is a big step from our core faith work
- Not in the business of rent collecting
- A lot of senior parishioners on the hill in housing that is not suitable
- Contact the Catholic Homes Trust
- When will the changes be made? Strengthening needs to be decided on
- When the decisions are made Holy Cross is a great site that if sold might never be got back
- Knock the Holy Cross church down and rebuild

- Reduce the height if have to replace the ceiling, move the altar to the North and use more of the space for community
- We need to know the timeframe for up-grading Holy Cross church