

## **Holy Family Parish A Vision for the Future Update – April 2016**

Following the consultation meetings held in Holy Family Parish on:-  
Thursday 21 January 2016 [Potential use of St Therese Presbytery]  
Thursday 28 January 2016 [Potential to develop a Columbarium in the Parish]  
Wednesday 3 February 2016 [Use and Suitability of the Parish Centre, Cavehill Rd]

It is proposed that the following immediate actions should be undertaken:-

**A. Parish Centre, Cavehill Road** – Formation of a Management Committee to facilitate the smooth running of the Parish Centre, and maximise the potential of the centre.

**B. St Therese** – A feasibility study will be undertaken to ascertain whether a temporary hospitality facility [including WCs] could be provided within the confines of St Therese Church and / or Presbytery to facilitate the Ministry of Welcome.

In accordance with the views expressed at the consultation meetings and through subsequent emails and correspondence, it is proposed that the Option Appraisal should proceed in accordance with the following principles:-

1. An over-riding requirement to attempt to achieve the 3 Objectives as originally stated in November 2014 will be to unite the parish of Holy Family and treat all areas of the parish in an equitable manner. Evaluation of the Appraisal Objectives will reflect the 'energy', needs and aspirations of parishioners within Holy Family, Church of the Resurrection and St Therese areas of the parish. In seeking to achieve this aim, it should be recognised that there may be both 'pain and / or gain' for each geographical part of the parish.
2. Reflecting the views expressed during the consultation process, there has been considerable support for the development of a Columbarium. The Option Appraisal will therefore include the provision of a Columbarium within the parish at a location to be determined. The proposed Columbarium will incorporate disabled access and be suitably located to maximise access for visitation.
3. The liturgical, pastoral and social needs of the parish will be quantified, and the Options assessed in accordance with our identified requirements. Any property surplus to requirement will be sold.
4. Opportunities to obtain funding from Charitable Trusts and other such sources including the Big Lottery Fund / Heritage Lottery Fund will be maximised.
5. The recommended Option[s] will take a long term view of addressing the liturgical, pastoral and social needs of our parish for this, and a future generation to come.
6. Parishioners, the Diocese and the four other parishes within the North Belfast Pastoral Community will be kept updated of progress in relation to the Option Appraisal process.

**Thank you for sharing your views with us by attending the meetings or in writing. The minutes of the consultation meetings, and subsequent emails / correspondence are available on the parish website - [www.holy-family.com/parish\\_consultation](http://www.holy-family.com/parish_consultation)**