

## Holy Family Parish

### A Vision for the Future - Update December 2015

At the meeting in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road in November 2014, it was suggested that parishioners might like to undertake a £5K Pledge to assist in reducing the parish debt. The contributions received into the Pledge account have already been transferred directly to reduce outstanding debt and not used for any other purpose. To date £79,700 has been raised through this initiative. The parish debt is now £1,455,366.

The Pastoral Centre at 222 Limestone Road was placed on the market for sale in April 2015. There has been considerable interest in the property. We are hopeful of achieving the optimum price and completing the sale in the near future.

**The discussion at the November 2014 meeting in the Parish Centre and the associated written submissions gave us much food for thought.** Therefore we are planning to hold a series of meetings with parishioners to focus on specific issues and proposals that have arisen in this process. Clearly, Options must be evaluated both in monetary terms and non-monetary terms. While the Options are being evaluated, we invite your opinion on possible uses of some buildings in the parish so that the views of parishioners will be taken into account in recommending a preferred Option[s].

#### **Single-issue consultation meetings will be held as follows:**

**1. St Therese Presbytery – Potential Use**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road

**2. The potential to develop a Columbarium\* in the Parish**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Road

\*A Columbarium is a place for the respectful and usually public storage of urns containing a deceased's cremated remains.

**3. The Parish Centre, Cavehill Road – Use and Suitability**

Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Cavehill Rd

Further details of the meetings will be in the Bulletin in the New Year.

**We welcome your opinion to inform our deliberations and would encourage you to attend the meetings to express your views.**

If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office in person or by phone - Tel: 90743119, or by Email: [holyfamily@downandconnor.org](mailto:holyfamily@downandconnor.org) so that we can take your opinion into account.

We thank you most sincerely for your generosity, support and patience as we undertake the Option Appraisal process in the best interest of our Parish for this, and future generations to come.