

## **VISION FOR THE FUTURE - OPTION APPRAISAL – UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Vision for the Future - Option Appraisal is moving into its final stages as we draw closer to formulating a preferred Option[s] having analysed all the relevant information in relation to the possible Options under consideration. Following the consultation meetings held earlier in the year, a feasibility study has been undertaken to identify appropriate places within the St Therese site to locate a Columbarium. As the Columbarium proposal was not included in the original Vision for the Future discussions, it was necessary to undertake this additional feasibility study to enable us to factor the Columbarium proposal into the Option Appraisal process. This has required consultation with the Department of Communities – Conservation Architects to be undertaken as both St Therese Church and Presbytery are listed buildings. The feasibility study has taken longer than anticipated, but necessary to reflect the views expressed by parishioners and more fully explore the potential of our parish property to provide us with the information we need to plan for the future.

Unfortunately all the documentation in relation to the Vision For the Future - Option Appraisal exercise was not published on the parish website as originally intended, and regrettably is not currently accessible. This matter is being addressed with the company that oversees the website to urgently rectify this oversight. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. In the meantime, if you would like any of the previously issued updates or minutes of meetings, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your patience, and for participating in the exercise to date through attending meetings, writing, or emailing your opinions and ideas, and please continue to do so, as we draw the exercise to a conclusion and prepare to share our deliberations with parishioners in the form of a preferred Option[s] in the very near future

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