

A Vision for the Future

Holy Family Parish

Welcome

21 January 2016

Chairman: Martin Bradley



A Vision for the Future

“It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way, an opportunity for the
Lord’s Grace to enter and do the rest”

Blessed Oscar Romero



Canon Murray

Apology from Father Paul Strain

A Vision for the Future - Progress

- £5K Pledge - £79,700 received to date to reduce debt
- Current Parish debt - £1,455,366
- Pastoral Centre - On market for sale
- Evaluation of Options in Monetary and Non-Monetary terms underway
- 3 Consultation Meetings:
 - St Therese Presbytery - Potential use
 - Columbarium - Potential to develop in the parish
 - Parish Centre - Use and suitability
- Thanks for patience, generosity and support

A Vision for the Future - Next Steps

- Review of consultation meetings
- Costings of Options
- Identify, quantify Monetary and Non-Monetary Costs and Benefits
- Weigh up Monetary and Non-Monetary Costs and Benefits
- Assess and recommend the preferred Option
- Further consultation with Parish, Diocese and Pastoral Community

**“We shape our buildings;
and afterwards they shape us”**

Winston Churchill

Journey of a Congregation...



Whitehouse Presbyterian Church



- Severely Damaged by Arson Attack
- Listed Building
- NI Environment Agency approved the approach - “good example of rebuilding - modern body of church supports rather than competes with historic building”
- Severe Flood damage
- De’listed’ by Planning Service

Side Extension and Entrance



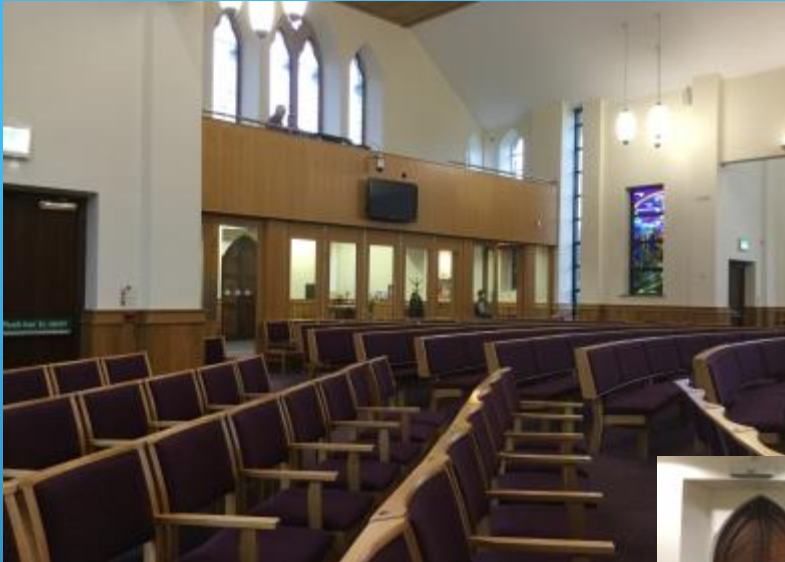
Adjoining Church Hall



Whitehouse Presbyterian Church

Worship and Welcome Space





Listed again!



St Therese Presbytery - Potential Use

Original dwelling house



St Therese Presbytery - Potential Use

Building as existing



- Vacant
- State of dilapidation
- Listed Building
- Conservation area

Potential Sources of Funding

- NI Environment Agency- [no resources at present]
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Architectural Heritage Fund
- Ulster Garden Villages Ltd
- Buildings Preservation Trust
- Belfast Buildings Trust
- Worshipful Company of Glaziers

Suggestions received from people unable to attend the meeting -

- Accommodation for retired priests [Diocese]
- Sell property
- Convert to apartments - sale or rental
- School offices
- Centre for training/retreats/classes - income generating
- Hospitality venue [funerals etc..]
- Social resource for parish

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- Afternoon homework club [with coffee dock]
- Youth club
- Library
- Creche [10am-5pm]
- Coffee shop / cafe