St Mary's Parish Community Looking Forward

150+ Parish and Community responses

The Process ...

After meeting with the Bishop, the Parish set about creating a full consultation process for the Hokitika Parish...

- The consultation started with an online survey that went live on 3 April 2023.
 - It was introduced at numerous masses and advertised in the Parish newsletter. It was also advertised in the school newsletter and on the school Facebook page.. It remained open for 48 days and was closed 21 May 2023.
 - Two parishioners were sent out to collect survey responses from parishioners who did not have computer access and collected 16 responses.
 - After a parish meeting with Mike Keenan, the survey was spread by Mike through the "friends of St Mary's" Facebook page and a large number of people with no current parish connection added their thoughts.
 - ▶ 140 respondents recorded their thoughts before the survey was closed
- Of all the online respondents:
 - ▶ 81% were from within the Westland community.
 - ▶ 47 people were regular church attendees and another 12 attended Mass at least monthly.
 - ▶ All age groups were represented with 25% of the of responses coming from 50 to 65 year olds, and the largest group was the 26 to 50 year olds with 36%
 - Approximately 58 respondents considered themselves regular Westland Parishioners and 82 spoke on behalf of the community.
- Two "in person" consultation meetings were held allowing everyone the opportunity to discuss the ongoing results of the survey and to add, agree, or disagree with what had already been recorded. Names and numbers of those attending were recorded.

(For the purpose of the survey, The respondents have been divided into two key categories...)

Parish Respondents

I go most weeks / once a month Home Communion I live in Westland Other Respondents

... I do not attend church
... I live away
... I only attend for Funerals
... I attend another Church (Anglican Deacan ...)

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What do you love about our parish?

Parish Respondents



Other Respondents



What word best describes our parish?

Parish Respondents

humour church helpful support
others together Community little care understanding reading diverse happy

caring older excellent unity diverse happy
family sad local welcoming fellowship inclusive local dedicated nice knit priest friendly people school close struggling energy human empathy disconnected provide

Other Respondents



What is the most important thing our parish provides?

Parish Respondents

time visits parish school without

meet sunday regular church sacraments beliefs living education
services COMMUNITY home education
spiritual opportunity prayer book parishioners guidance spiritually religious mass catholic spirit child friendship acknowledging financially faith anything christian young reservices regular church sacraments beliefs living education spiritual provides adequate educational friendship acknowledging perfectly teaching's

Other Respondents

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opportunity mary's sense values together
service high COMMUNITY learn world maintaining
caring times children faith SUPPORT
ancestors good belonging place church pastoral
welcome beliefs connection catholic part
years people sacraments stability
spiritual mass care

parish others wish restoration funerals
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These pictorial illustrations (wordles) take all of the words in the responses and give them larger representation based on the amount of times they are repeated.

What values/virtues do you see as most important for our parish?

Parish Respondents

peace fortitude caring years red obedience forebears justice empathy easily time wisdom inclusiveness faithfulness virtues school respect aroha compassion reverance good church courage honesty help injustice need parish values faith rustworthy service care building provide joy love temperance prudence fairness determination

Other Respondents

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christian good back part together keeping christ belonging real supportive place mary's compassion faith togetherness sharing others inclusiveness special able Church parish empathy catholic history sense support something kindness continuity family centred kind love need dedicated
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What would you like to see the parish offer the parishioners and community in 10 years time?

Parish Respondents

Pastoral Care

Evangelisation- bring souls to Christ

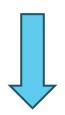
Charity

Worship

Vocations

Collaboration

A Parish Home



Other Respondents

The church to be open to all the public to have a sacred place to visit

Parish Respondents

Existing

Pastoral Care	Evangelisation Bringing souls to Christ	Charity	Worship	Vocations	Collaboration
Provision of the sacraments	Ministry to the school children	St Vincent de Paul	Sunday observance (Vigil & 2 Sunday Masses)	Individual prayer	Between school and parish
Rural Mass centres (Ross & Kokatahi)	Youth group (costs \$5K/year)	Village Trust	3 daily masses (Chapel, School Hall & Rest home)		
Hokitika based Priest	Lectio Divina	Missions support eg Fr Dan	Multiple Mass centres (4)		
Morning teas	Individual prayer	Respite care @ presbytery			
Clergy visiting parishioners		Volunteer roles to support worship services and parish grounds + property			
Bereavement care		Hospitality			
Fellowship outside Mass eg last Sunday supper					
Secular Franciscans					

Parish Respondents

Proposed

Pastoral Care	Evangelisation Bringing souls to Christ	Charity	Worship	Vocations	Collaboration
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More home visits	Include in prayers of the faithful at each Mass	Increase mission support eg sister parish/school in 3rd world	Adoration	Include in prayers of the faithful at each Mass	More cooperation with other Catholic parishes on the coast
Assist those unable to make their own way to church/events	Alpha		Mass in Tagalog	Make disciples - Catechesis	More Inter-Catholic schools opportunities on the West Coast
Support groups	Mum's group (school)		Youth Masses	Re-establishRosary group	
More social gatherings	Kids club at Mass		More Children's liturgies		
Expand parish activity outside Sunday	Increased teaching about our faith		Worship music (younger focus)		
Family groups	Expand our use of social media as a parish		,		
	Increased interaction with school				
School children singing	Attract younger people				
	grow our visibility in the community				
	Share our faith more				
	A Parish Centre for extra ministries				

From the survey findings three clearly identified options became apparent...

All Respondents

Proposed Options



Or do nothing...

Option One Restrengthen the Old Church

This would involve investing all the parish efforts, and finances in a project to restore the church to a level in which people may re-enter it.

Positives

- Big church for Christmas and Easter
- School Masses in a large Church
- Tour options
- Retained an historic building for Hokitika
- Wider community support

- Already declined twice for PGF, Lotteries and 10 years of fundraising unsuccessful.
- Massive financial burden for future parish both in capital and ongoing annual costs.
- Interim Could not afford Seaview as all money would go to restrengthening.
- Would end up with a large church for very small parish (mostly unfit for purpose).
- School rebuild would not happen in conjunction with the parish.

Option Two Build new parish facilities

This would involve a new build of fit for purpose buildings including a bespoke church, parish centre and possibly priest accommodation. It could also involve leasing/selling the old church to a trust.

Positives

- Fit for purpose
- Warm and comfortable for elderly
- Parish centre (home and outreach)
- Lower ongoing costs
- Parish input into new construction and facilities

- Whole school wouldn't fit for masses
- Potentially no large church for Easter, Christmas or funerals

Option Three Do Both

This would the parish completing both option one and two.

Positives

- Everyone in short term is happy

- Dilutes fundraising and personal involved
- HUGE EXPENSE both operationally and capital expenditure
- Half the facilities would not be used.

Or do nothing...

Make no decision for the next 10ish years in the hope that something else comes along that will solve our problem for us.

Positives

- No capital outlay
- Delays a difficult decisions

- Lets the old Church deteriorate
- Rent continues with Seaview tenancy uncertain and unsuitable
- No home during the week
- Priest in cold damp large house
- School plans will need to change
- John Collins room is not fit for purpose
- Priest / Bishop may change before a decision is made

Other Optional Slides

(to be used if necessary, during parish feedback process)

Where the School stands

St Mary's school has been waiting in a queue for many years for a rebuild, as its foundations are beyond any practical repair. School funding for this rebuild does not come from the same sources as the parish. It comes primarily from school fees paid over many years and the MOE.

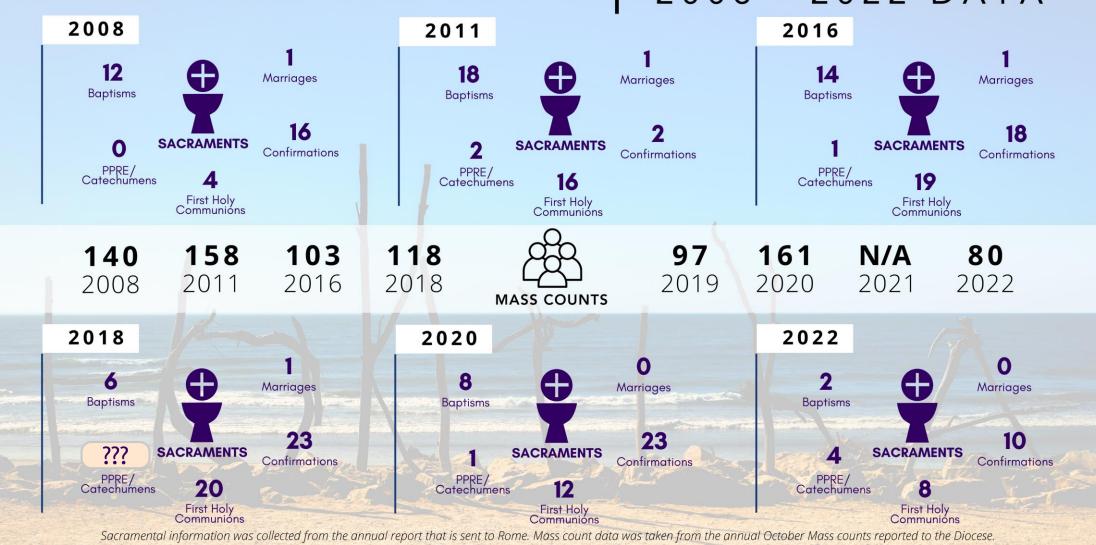
- The Christchurch earthquake meant all damaged Christchurch schools went to the front of the cue, which pushed St Mary's rebuild further down the line.
- The school has worked hard to build stronger connections with the parish, including representation on the parish council, more participation in Church services by staff and students, and greater student participation in parish events (eg: Spring Dip).
- The rebuild will be divided into two phases, with the first phase involving the replacement of room 1, 2 and 3 on Sewell street with 4 modern classrooms.
- Phase two, the replacement of room 4, 5, 6, the resource room, and office area is planned to happen before the school's Sesquicentennial (150 year) celebration in 2028.

The school is now at the head of the queue. The rebuild should have started already, but Covid, and the building material supply issues have delayed the start. It is currently planned to begin this Christmas.

The school wants to ensure the school rebuild makes stronger connections with the school, including supplying (at the school's cost) office space and meeting rooms for the Parish priest and secretary.

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CATHOLIC PARISH 2008 - 2022 DATA



Compounding effect of annual NZ Inflation

- Diocese report (Sept 17) to 34% NBS
- ▶ \$9.350 Million including groundworks
- **2018** \$9.350M + 1.6% inflation
- > 2019 \$9.500M + 1.62% inflation
- > 2020 \$9.654M + 1.71% inflation
- 2021 \$9.819M + 3.94% inflation
- > 2022 \$10.206M + 7.2% inflation
- > 2023 \$10.941M + >6% inflation
- > \$11.597 Million by end of year

- FOSM report (Apr 2021) to 34% NBS
- \$5.180 Million (excludes groundworks)
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- > 2021 \$5.18M + 3.94% inflation
- > 2022 \$5.384M + 7.2% inflation
- 2023 \$5.772M + >6% inflation
- \$6.118 Million by end of year

Parish Finances

- Restored Church costing >\$6M estimated insurance costs of \$20K annually
- As 1/3 planned giving goes to Clergy Trust Fund & further % in Diocesan support, to afford the increased insurance costs planned giving would have to nearly double
- Parish has approx. \$300K in diocese account for restoration
- Borrowing \$1Million the interest repayments would be approx. \$85K/year

Income and Expenditure (Prior to review, excluding Depnand Education)

Catholic Parish of Hokitika, Diocese of Christchurch

For the year ended 31 March 2023lt excludes depreciation and education (att dues and SCC costs).

Account	2023	2022
Income		
Gifting (including automatic payments, planned giving envelopes & cash)	44,687.05	42,587.10
Other Donations and Grants (including special collections)	22,581.90	44,157.15
Other Income (including rents)	8,078.04	1,189.45
Total Income	75,346.99	87,933.70
Expenditure		
Pastoral Expenses	2,303.89	2,695.50
Clergy Trust Fund and Diocesan Contribution	25,373.29	22,962.62
Building and Property Expenses (excludes depreciation)	19,265.34	21,294.88
Insurance	4,386.47	8,423.48
Administration Costs	21,418.85	21,227.62
Total Expenditure	72,747.84	76,604.10
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	2,599.15	11,329.60

Risk associated with Building Standard

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Source: Beca

^{*} This is several orders of magnitude higher than the fatality risk

Risk - in event of a M8 Alpine Fault Quake

34% of NBS

occupants likely to survive, building likely to require demolition

67% of NBS

occupants likely to survive, building repairable?

Examples of cost over runs in Hokitika





Carnegie Building



Initial Estimate \$0.5M (2016)



At present \$?M and not finished

Examples of cost over runs in Hokitika



► Government Building 2022-2025

► Initial estimate \$22 Million

▶ June 2023 estimate \$33Million

When finished? What % NBS