

Churches and Presbyteries Review - Timeline



13 Feb

Mar

Apr - Jul

4 Aug

Aug - Sept

Oct

30 Oct

Nov

Cardinals Directive

Establish Committee and Determine Process

Collect Information:

- Demographic Trends
- Mass Counts
- Church Capacity
- School Rolls
- Earthquake strengthening

Evaluate operating budget against 10 year plan

Consult with Richmond

Develop and evaluate proposals

Report to and Consult with Parish

Feedback from Parish
Further Parish consultation if required
Finalisation of proposal

Preparation of Written Review

Review to Archbishop's Office

Outline of Pastoral Letter

Situation

- Too many churches as a result of amalgamation
- Earthquake resilience and insurance issues
- Reduced number of priests
- 2017 Synod Outcomes – Direct our resources to mission

Directive

- Review of churches and presbyteries by 30 October 2019 (Not optional)

Outline of Pastoral Letter

The review is to identify:

- How many churches needed to cater for Mass count (taking into account the availability of priests)
- The ideal location of the church or churches
(For virtually all parishes with more than one church this will mean reducing the number of churches in the parish)
- What provision needs to be made for accommodation of priests, what form it should take and where it is best located.
- What steps to take in relation to churches and priest accommodation.

Parish Response

Options for Churches Identified for Evaluation:

1. Status Quo
2. Close St Francis and retain St Mary's
3. Close St Mary's and retain St Francis
4. Close both and build a new church
5. Amalgamate with Richmond and build a Catholic Hub on a new site

(Options for accommodation of priests would be influenced by the options for the churches)

Outline of Pastoral Letter

Parishes to identify:

- Amount needed annually to sustain 10-year maintenance plan
- Operating costs for one year, including annual maintenance and insurance costs
- What is needed from parishioners to ensure the parish does not run at an annual loss

(Each generation should aim to pay its own way without relying on investments or selling assets)

Parish Response

Account	Operating Cash Flows	10 Year Maintenance Plan			
Income					Surplus/ (Deficit)
Collections and Planned Giving	252,000	St Mary's Church	Seating	20,000	
Hall and Non-Residential Rental	7,875		Painting	60,000	
Other Non-Rental Revenue	1,200		Kitchenette	10,000	
Rental Income	46,540		Organ Repairs	20,000	
Interest Income	8,200	St Francis Church	Carpet	30,000	
Total Income	315,815		Seating	12,000	
Expenses		195 Collingwood St	Demolition	21,150	
Archdiocese Costs (Excluding Insurance)	127,200	Admin Block / Hall	Painting	10,000	
Archdiocese Costs - Insurance	16,200	11 Manuka St	Painting	5,000	
Direct Costs	2,000	Songer St Presbytery	Painting	15,000	
General Expenses	23,990	Songer St Rental		-	
Pastoral Expenses	5,160	Garin Chapel	Guttering	2,000	
Personnel Costs	36,180	Archive Building		-	
Property Expenses (Excluding Rentals)	20,900	Total Over 10 Years		205,150	
Travel Costs	7,080				
Rental Property Expenses	9,040				
Total Expenses	247,750				
Surplus / (Deficit)	68,065	-	Annual Contribution Required	20,515	= 47,550
Net Investment Income	45,700		Total Excluding Investment Properties	179,000	
Surplus / (Deficit) Excluding Investment Income	22,365	-	Annual Contribution Required	17,900	= 4,465

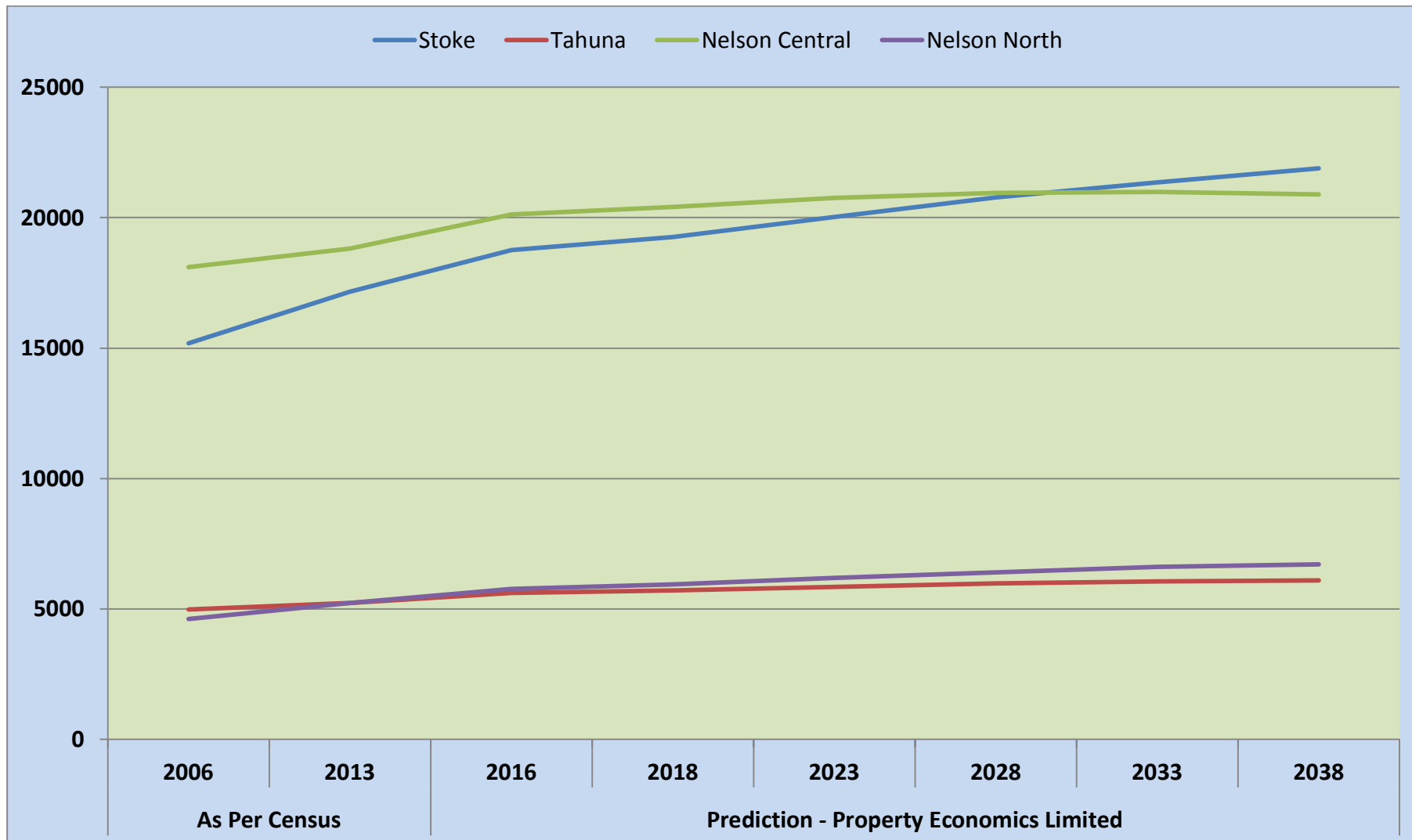
Outline of Pastoral Letter

Review Process to Include:

- Demographic trends and projected changes
- Current and predicted Mass counts
- Capacity of existing churches (including possibilities for extending capacity)
- Parish school roll numbers and trends
- Earthquake strengthening issues
- Realistic assessment of what ministry can be provided by a reduced number of priests, and by available lay pastoral leaders
- Consultation with neighbouring parishes

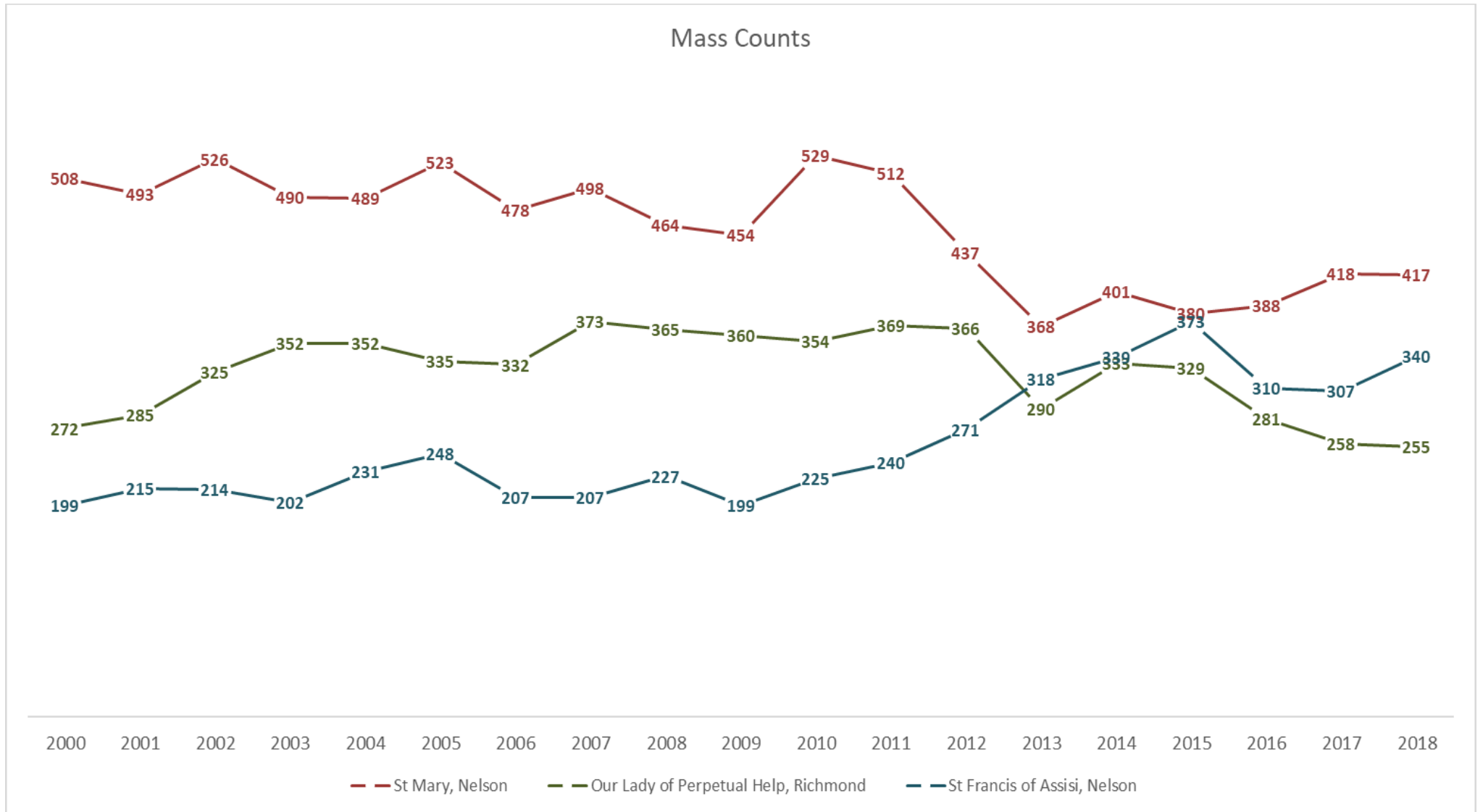
Parish Response

Demographic Trends and Projected Changes:



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Mass Counts:



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Capacity of Existing Churches:

St Mary's

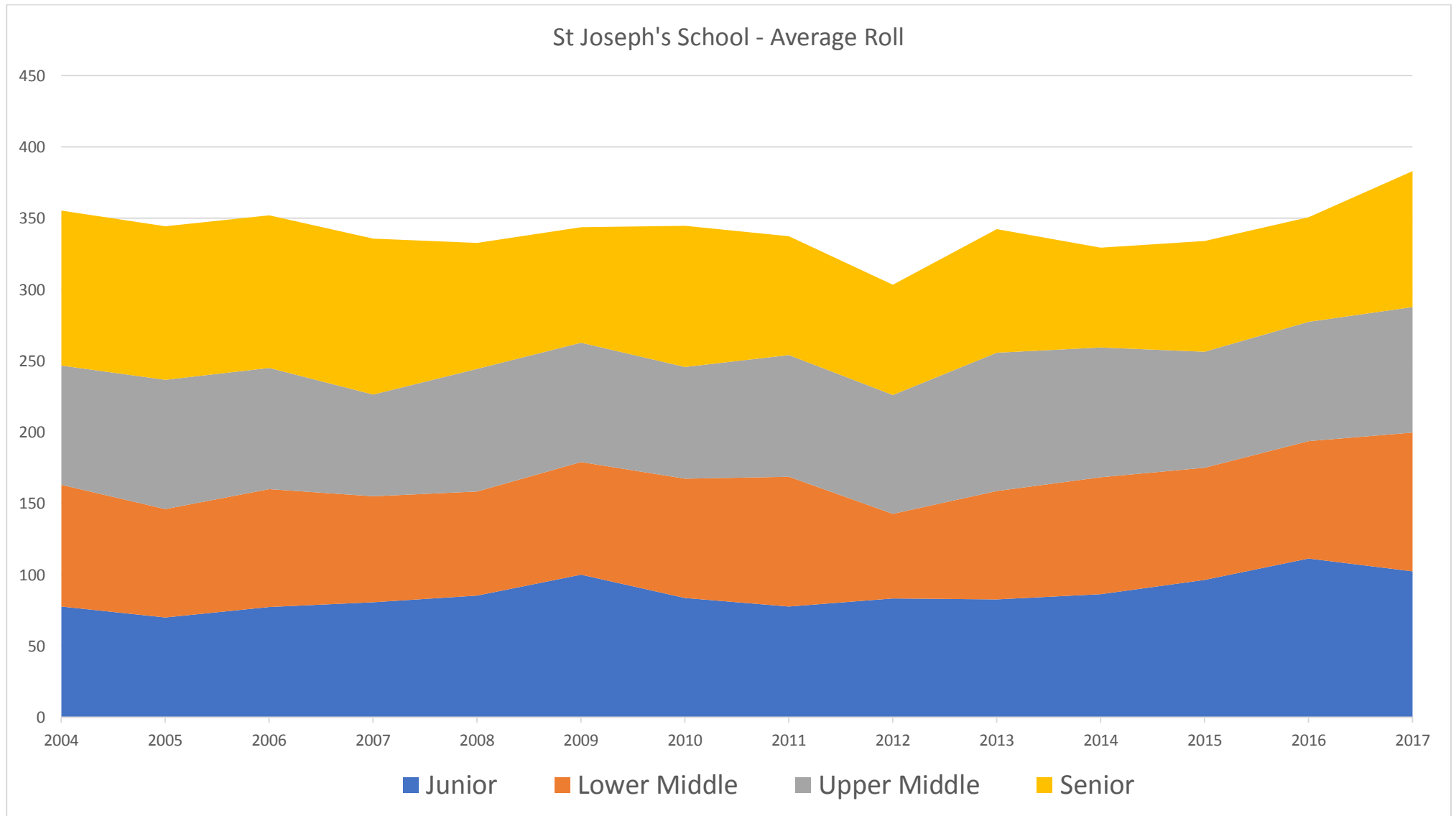
- Capacity 350
- Heritage Building
- Unable to be extended or altered

St Francis

- Capacity 300
- Limited options to extend
- Insufficient parking if extended

Parish Response

School Roll Numbers and Trends:



Parish Response

Earthquake Strengthening Issues:

- Minimum Requirement – 34%
- St Mary's – Between 35% and 57%
- St Francis – 67%

Insurance Issues:

- No Insurance Issues - \$13,000 saving on previous years

Parish Response

Current Sunday Masses Offered in Nelson Region:

	Nelson	Stoke	Richmond	Wakefield	Motueka	Takaka	Waimea West
Saturday					5:00 PM		5:00 PM 4th Saturday
	6:00 PM						
Sunday		8:30 AM		8:00 AM			
			9:30 AM		9:30 AM		
	10:30 AM						
		5:00 PM				4:00 PM	
	1 Priest - 4 masses		2 Priests - 2 or 3 masses each				

Evaluation of Options

For
Against

Status Quo:

- Financially viable
- No earthquake strengthening issues
- No insurance issues
- Different issues than faced by Wellington parishes
- Some capacity for increase in mass counts
- Surplus assets available to direct towards mission (Synod Outcomes)
- Current number of masses not sustainable if reduction in priests
- Struggling to find sufficient volunteers for existing masses
- A further round of amalgamations possible / probable

Evaluation of Options

Close St Francis and Retain St Mary's:

For

Against

- St Francis church is a more saleable property
- St Mary's still available for school masses
- Surplus assets available to direct towards mission (Synod Outcome)
- Insufficient capacity to cater for existing total mass count if reduce the number of masses
- Significant proportion of Stoke parishioners would go to Richmond meaning loss of community, experience, talent and financial contributions
- St Mary's is a heritage building that is unable to be altered or extended

Evaluation of Options

Close St Mary's and Retain St Francis:

For
Against

- Stoke and Richmond are the fastest growing regions in the district
- Insufficient capacity to cater for existing total mass count if reduce the number of masses
- Limited ability to extend St Francis church but insufficient land to meet Council parking requirements
- Some Nelson parishioners wouldn't be able to get to Stoke
- Difficulty selling St Mary's (heritage building) and therefore wouldn't realise funds or save costs
- St Mary's is on the same title as school, hall and old Collingwood St presbytery

Evaluation of Options

For

Against

Close both existing churches and build a new church:

- Difficulty selling St Mary's (heritage building) and therefore wouldn't realise funds or save costs
- Would require sale of St Francis and other assets to fund the new larger church reducing options for mission
- An expensive option to undertake on our own
- A further round of amalgamations possible / probable

Evaluation of Options

For Against

Amalgamate with Richmond and Build a Catholic Hub on a New Site:

- A further round of amalgamations possible / probable regardless of whether this option is selected or not
- Limited masses would continue to be offered at St Mary's, Motueka and Takaka (dependent on availability of priests)
- Some initiatives for mission could be incorporated into the facility as identified from recent strategic planning responses eg
 - Drop in centre
 - Youth facility
 - Faith community nursing
 - Preschool
- Both Parishes have investment properties to fund such initiatives
- Could potentially incorporate priests accommodation in the hub

Richmond, Nelson, Stoke Hub cont'd

- Status quo in the meantime with assurance required on priest numbers
- Dependent on Richmond and Nelson/Stoke Parishes choosing this option
- Need to consider transport options for parishioners
- Could take 5 years before any building work commences to allow for
 - Approval from Archdiocese
 - Consultation with Parishes to determine requirements
 - Development of proposal
 - Feasibility study and assessment of cost
 - Arranging finance including sale of property
 - Acquisition of land
 - Drawing up plans
 - Council consents
 - Obtaining tenders for construction

Recommendation of Options:

Committee's Assessment of Viability:

1. Status Quo (subject to availability of priests)
2. Close St Francis and retain St Mary's
3. Close St Mary's and retain St Francis
4. Close both and build a new church
5. Explore Options for amalgamation with Richmond
to build a Catholic Hub on a new site

