

PROPOSED NEW PARISH PASTORAL CENTRE - UPDATED PROGRESS REPORT

Date: 22nd April 2023

Since our report of December 11th 2022, the good news is that the parish has, on 5th April 2023, received planning permission from Fingal County Council for our proposed new Parish Pastoral Centre to be located discreetly behind the church. The documents relevant to Final Grant were uploaded by Fingal County Council to their website on 18th April. (Planning Permission Details available at Fingal County Council website, Planning Reference F23A/0004).

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Chairperson Joe Clarke, through our Development Committee (CHD), Chairperson Kay Burke, our Finance Committee (PFC), Chairperson Darragh Richardson and our architect, Sean Harrington Architects, have been working steadily on the project with the Diocesan Building and Finance Committees.

As you know, we are also collaborating with the local Howth, Sutton, and District Community Centre committee (HSDCC CLG) towards selling St. Columbanus Hall (SCH) to them, under certain conditions, for use as a Community Centre for the Howth, Sutton district.

The next stage will consist of consolidating our building funds including completion of the sale of The Old Top School (Sale Agreed) and deciding the future role of our Old CYMS Main Street building (currently under review). The proposed new Parish Pastoral Centre on the church grounds will have to be affordable.

At that stage another Progress Report will be made and the PPC will make a decision on proceeding with the building project. If the decision is positive and a building contract has been authorised by the PPC, a tender report will then be sent to the Diocesan Building and Finance Committees for approval before building commences.

Parish Pastoral Council,

Church and Hall Development Group,

Parish Finance Committee.