

Site development committee report Dec 2025

Ephesus wrote "Change is the only constant in life." In 450 BC. This is certainly true today.

A year ago, we were working with the assumption we had a relatively short window of time to address Earthquake compliance issues on our buildings. Now Auckland has been assessed as very low risk of a serious earthquake, and regulations have changed accordingly. We now have no deadline to adhere to for any remedial work. This is a game changer in terms of development timelines.

We are still making progress in the research phase of the remit to build a bigger worship space.

- * The Bishop has confirmed our current site the best option for redevelopment
- * We have completed an accurate survey of our boundary lines and are in the process of registering these with LINZ.
- * We have commissioned a Bulk and Location survey. (feasibility study combined with a demographic analysis) to settle once and for all what exactly our options are on this site at each cost point. And more importantly what our future needs will be.
- * We are in the process of a Synodal assessment of Saint Marys Parish and Saint Patricks future together with Saint Ignatius College and local Catholic schools. Judith Courtenay will lead this.
- * We have had two very productive meetings with the Diocese. The most recent Tuesday last with James Van Schie, Michael Buttler (from the Diocese), Mons Paul Farmer, (College of consulters) John Mills, John Gilbert, (from St Patrick and St Ignatius) Myself Diane Sumner and Shine Lopez. (SDC) Together we fleshed out an action plan to work through the bishops request for information.

Next year's moves will obviously depend on our new priest and his Vision for St Marys future. We look forward to working with him and assisting in his "onboarding" in any way possible

Meanwhile, keep up your enthusiastic support for the fundraising committee. Together we will make this happen.

Christmas blessings to all the wonderful people of St Marys

" Its Good to Belong "

Chris Martin. Chair SDC