

Cardinal's Directive High Level Options

Thank you to all who have provided feedback, suggestions, and questions. The Steering Committee has discerned what you've said and propose the following options for further consultation. They are high level and will require further refinement and investigation of costs, development requirements, timeframes and include feedback from the Parish for the preferred 2 options. Then they will be presented to the parish for further comments before choosing a final option to submit to the Cardinal.

We will be holding face-to-face feedback sessions for the whole Parish or you could complete our online survey or write directly to the Steering Group to let us know your thoughts regarding the options below.

When we developed these options we kept the following things front of mind:

- How to incorporate the youth
- How to be inclusive and support the marginalised in our communities
- How to service the current mass count
- How to care for our priests and all options work with only 2 priests
- Affordability of options and utilising current resources

The options listed below are NOT in order of priority. The Steering Committee has not identified a preferred option.

Option 1 One Church (New)	Option 2 Two Churches	Option 3 Three Churches	Option 4 Four Churches	Option 5 One Church (Existing)
Build new purpose built church on existing land in Taita. Close all churches.	Keep Ss Peter & Paul and St Michael's open. Expand St Michael's. Close St Martin de Porres, and St Bernadette's.	Keep Ss Peter & Paul, St. Bernadette and St Michael's open. Close St Martin de Porres.	Keep all churches open.	Keep Ss Peter & Paul open. Close St Martin de Porres, St Bernadette's and St Michael's but keep Taita land for future development.
Main hall/meeting space at new church. Keep chapel and hall/meeting spaces at Ss Peter & Paul. Add chapel to St Bernadette's hall.	Update halls/meeting spaces at Ss Peter & Paul and St Michael's. Add chapel to St Bernadette's hall.	Keep halls/meeting spaces as is for three churches.	Keep all halls/meeting spaces as is.	Update Ss Peter & Paul hall/meeting spaces. Add chapel to St Bernadette's hall. Update St Michael's church to become hall/meeting space with chapel.
Close all presbyteries and build a new one for all priests on one of our existing sites.	Close all presbyteries and build a new one for all priests on one of our existing sites.	Close all presbyteries and build a new one for all priests on one of our existing sites.	Close all presbyteries and build a new one for all priests on one of our existing sites.	Close all presbyteries and build a new one for all priests on one of our existing sites.
Church office with new building.	Update church office at Ss Peter & Paul.	Update church office at Ss Peter & Paul.	Update church office at Ss Peter & Paul.	Update church office at Ss Peter & Paul.

Most options require a transition time of about 2-3 years after we get approval from the Cardinal before it is fully implemented. During this time parishioners may be required to shift churches. Option 5 is likely to take significantly longer to complete.

No matter what our final decision is we must remember this is a large change for many of us who have spent our lives in and around these churches, families and communities. For all options we will hold a celebration when we close a church and when we come together in a new one. All options also include a 'museum' to showcase our journey as Catholics in the Hutt Valley and ensure our traditions and history are not lost.

Option 1: Build one new church and presbytery

The first option is to be truly come together as the Parish of Te Awakairangi by building a new purpose built church on the land in Taita with facilities to support our youth and communities both inside and outside of the church.

We propose to build a new office alongside the new church as well as build a new presbytery at one of our other sites which will allow the priests to live together in small self-contained units so they both have their own space but are not alone.

We would keep the hall at Naenae for use of the school and as a meeting space with minor upgrades to include a chapel as well as maintain a chapel and meeting space at Ss Peter & Paul to both maintain a presence in the city centre and at our schools.

On street and on-site parking would be available.

Those who volunteer their time to support our ministries and outreach could be consolidated which allows for more support and coordination for all ministries as our people come together to form single groups (eg. one pool of all Eucharist Ministers for all masses, one St Vincent de Paul's Society). This includes additional support for youth leaders through having one Parish youth group.

Mass times for this option could be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 5:30pm. These could include our ethnic masses because our communities and diversity are what make us a unique parish so these celebrations should be incorporated as part of the Parish celebrations.

This would have the highest initial investment costs but have moderate costs for future maintenance costs because there's one main site to maintain along with the presbytery and because it will be built new it would require smaller regular maintenance instead of what our churches currently receive. Note, the cost of this option could only be funded from significant disposal of existing parish property.

This options would take a significantly longer time to complete than any of the other options as it requires significant new builds.

Please comment with your overall thoughts about this option. Some things to consider in your feedback are:

How does this option reflect on our synod commitments?

How does this option affect the marginalised in our community?

How does this option affect our youth?

How does this option affect our priests?

Where should the location of new presbytery be?

What should we do with assets we're closing?

Is Taita the best place for the new church or should we find a new piece of land somewhere else? If so where?

Are the halls/chapels at Ss Peter & Paul and St Bernadette's required? Are they at the right locations?

Option 2: Keep Ss Peter & Paul and St Michael's and close the other two churches

The second option is to keep traditions and build new ones through keeping both Ss Peter & Paul and St Michael's churches open. St Michael's will be expanded and updated to be a more modern church dedicated to the youth of the community.

We propose to remove the current office/presbytery and incorporate a new office as part of Ss Peter & Paul church along with improved meeting spaces/hall. We close all current presbyteries to build a new presbytery at one of our other sites which will allow the priests to live together in small self-contained units so they both have their own space but are not alone.

We could keep the hall at Naenae for use of the school and as a meeting space with minor upgrades to include a sacristy/chapel aspect but close the church and presbytery Naenae and Avalon.

There is on street parking around Ss Peter & Paul as well as the ability to use the Mall (but not Countdown) parking lot which provides a lot of parking close by. The rebuild of the office as part of the church could also allow for more on-site parking at Ss Peter & Paul. There is also a lot of on street parking and the ability to create additional on-site parking at St Michael's.

Those who volunteer their time to support our ministries and outreach could be consolidated which allows for more support and coordination for all ministries as our people come together to form single groups working across both of our churches (eg. one pool of all Eucharist Ministers for all masses, one St Vincent de Paul's Society). This includes additional support for youth leaders through having one Parish youth group.

We propose mass times for this option could be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 5:30pm split between the two churches. These could include our ethnic masses because our communities and diversity are what make us a unique parish so these celebrations should be incorporated as part of the Parish celebrations.

This would require a moderate initial investment to upgrade St Michael's, build a new presbytery and upgrade the office but would have less ongoing maintenance costs than our current state.

Please comment with your overall thoughts about this option. Some things to consider in your feedback are:

How does this option reflect on our synod commitments?

How does this option affect the marginalised in our community?

How does this option affect our youth?

How does this option affect our priests?

Where should the location of new presbytery be?

What should we do with assets we're closing?

Are Ss Peter & Paul and St Michael's the two churches we could be keeping open? If not, which ones?

Is the hall/chapel at St Bernadette's required? Is it at the right location?

Should the church office be at Ss Peter & Paul? If not, where?

Will this put a large divide between our communities by splitting the Parish into two very different economic classes? If so, what is the effect of that?

Option 3: Keep 3 churches open and close St Martin de Porres

The third option is to support our families by keeping Ss Peter & Paul, St Bernadette's and St Michael's churches open in order to maintain the faith connection with our schools.

We propose to remove the current office/presbytery and incorporate a new office as part of Ss Peter & Paul church along with improved meeting spaces/hall. We close all current presbyteries to build a new presbytery at one of our other sites which will allow the priests to live together in small self-contained units so they both have their own space but are not alone.

St Bernadette's church would need to be earthquake strengthened and we would close the church and presbytery at Avalon.

There is on street parking around Ss Peter & Paul as well as the ability to use the Mall (but not Countdown) parking lot which provides a lot of parking close by. The rebuild of the office as part of the church could also allow for more on-site parking at Ss Peter & Paul. There is also a lot of on street parking and the ability to create additional on-site parking at St Michael's if required. There is on street parking surrounding St Bernadette's.

Those who volunteer their time to support our ministries and outreach could be consolidated which allows for more support and coordination for all ministries as our people come together to form single groups working across all of our churches (eg. one pool of all Eucharist Ministers for all masses, one St Vincent de Paul's Society). This includes additional support for youth leaders through having one Parish youth group.

We propose mass times for this option could be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 9am, 10am and 5:30pm split between the three churches. These could include our ethnic masses because our communities and diversity are what make us a unique parish so these celebrations should be incorporated as part of the Parish celebrations.

This would require a significant investment initially which would include strengthening our church, building a new presbytery and upgrading the office. This would have similar costs to current for ongoing maintenance and running costs.

Please comment with your overall thoughts about this option. Some things to consider in your feedback are:

How does this option reflect on our synod commitments?

How does this option affect the marginalised in our community?

How does this option affect our youth?

How does this option affect our priests?

Where should the location of new presbytery be?

What should we do with assets we're closing?

Should we close another church aside from St Martin de Porres? If so which one?

Should the church office be at Ss Peter & Paul? If not, where?

Option 4: Keep four churches open and build one new presbytery

The fourth option is to maintain our community of communities by keeping all four churches open.

We propose to remove the current office/presbytery and incorporate a new office as part of Ss Peter & Paul church along with improved meeting spaces/hall. We close all current presbyteries to build a new presbytery at one of our other sites which will allow the priests to live together in small self-contained units so they both have their own space but are not alone.

St Bernadette's church and St Martin de Porres church would need to be earthquake strengthened.

Those who volunteer their time to support our ministries and outreach could be consolidated which allows for more support and coordination for all ministries as our people come together to form single groups working across all of our churches (eg. one pool of all Eucharist Ministers for all masses, one St Vincent de Paul's Society). This includes additional support for youth leaders through having one Parish youth group.

We propose mass times for this option could remain as they currently are but could include our ethnic masses because our communities and diversity are what make us a unique parish so these celebrations should be incorporated as part of the Parish celebrations.

This would require a high initial investment to strengthen our churches, build a new presbytery and upgrade the office and there would be little to no decrease in maintenance and running costs. This option would come at a significant cost to the Parish likely to be made up through fundraising and increased giving, making it the least sustainable for future maintenance.

Please comment with your overall thoughts about this option. Some things to consider in your feedback are:

How does this option reflect on our synod commitments?

How does this option affect the marginalised in our community?

How does this option affect our youth?

How does this option affect our priests?

Where should the location of new presbytery be?

What should we do with assets we're closing?

Should the church office be at Ss Peter & Paul? If not, where?

Option 5: Keep Ss Peter & Paul and close other three churches

The fifth option is to use our existing resources to come together as one Parish by keeping Ss Peter & Paul open as the only church. There will be no need to renovate or expand the current church because with 4 masses over a weekend we are able to cater for the current mass count.

We propose to remove the current office/presbytery and incorporate a new office as part of Ss Peter & Paul church along with improved meeting spaces/hall. We close all current presbyteries to build a new presbytery at one of our other sites which will allow the priests to live together in small self-contained units so they both have their own space but are not alone.

We could keep the land at Taita for possible future development but close the church and presbytery at Taita, Naenae and Avalon. We could keep the hall at Naenae for use of the school and as a meeting space with minor upgrades to include a sacristy/chapel aspect. Also keep a hall and chapel at Taita through renovations to the current church.

There is on street parking around Ss Peter & Paul as well as the ability to use the mall (but not Countdown) parking lot which provides a lot of parking close by. The rebuild of the office as part of the church could also allow for more on-site parking.

Those who volunteer their time to support our ministries and outreach could be consolidated which allows for more support and coordination for all ministries as our people come together to form single groups (eg. one pool of all Eucharist Ministers for all masses, one St Vincent de Paul's Society). This includes additional support for youth leaders through having one Parish youth group.

Mass times for this option could be Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8am, 10am and 5:30pm. These could include our ethnic masses because our communities and diversity are what make us a unique parish so these celebrations should be incorporated as part of the Parish celebrations.

This would require some initial investment to build a new presbytery and upgrade the office but be the cheapest option for future maintenance and running costs because there's one main site to maintain along with the presbytery and two halls.

Please comment with your overall thoughts about this option. Some things to consider in your feedback are:

How does this option reflect on our synod commitments?

How does this option affect the marginalised in our community?

How does this option affect our youth?

How does this option affect our priests?

Where should the location of new presbytery be?

What should we do with assets we're closing?

Is Ss Peter & Paul the church we should be keeping open? If not, which one?

Are the halls/chapels at St Bernadette's and St Michael's required? Are they at the right locations?