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Future Needs of our Parish

There is no doubt that our district is growing very quickly and there needs to be consideration given to meeting the needs of our church.

Clearly there are concerns with the Church on our present site on Elizabeth Street. There is remedial work to be done and issues have arisen with parking on various occasions.

It is understandable that given the work that appears to be needed on the church and the issues that have been raised about parking that there will be a temptation to sell the Elizabeth street site given its prime position. However I think that it would be a grave mistake to give into that temptation.

Our church should maintain its central position in the city. Although parking is perceived to be a challenge, it is only one way of looking at this difficulty. City churches exist all over the world where parking close by is not possible.

My preference is for either option 3 or 4.

There are many ways in which our present site could be developed to suit our changing circumstances and perhaps even to generate income.

It is crucial that we investigate all possibilities and are not tempted to rush this decision so that we might avoid making a move that would be regretted for generations to come.

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