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## Future Needs of Our Parish

With the serious weather tight problems of our church we, the parishioners need to consider the best options for the future.

I would like to make some suggestions hoping to stimulate ideas as to how we can best meet the future needs of the community. By community I mean everyone, not just the Catholic community. If our faith is to be lived as Christ instructed we must reach out and serve others.

\*The prominent and central position of our church has served well in the past and should be retained.

\*We need to show that we live by Christian principles and practise the corporal works of mercy.

\*The present church be maintained with minimum maintenance expenses and a fund be established for a new church.

### Stage 1.

Parish offices, a way side chapel, a drop in hospitality centre, St Vincent de Paul shop, meeting rooms etc be built at street level facing Elizabeth St and Cameron Rd.

### Stage 2.

Build an underground car park with entrance off Elizabeth St and exit into 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Build a large church above the car park with a lift in to the church.

Vehicle access could remain as is or create semi circular drive off 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

I am sure there are better ideas out there but we need to be bold and resolute as we face the future. The early missionaries faced extreme hardship and painful poverty to give us what we have today.

Our faith demands that we rise to the occasion and provide for the future.

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