

**E mailed received from Maureen Phizacklea on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Unfortunately I am not able to come to the meeting this evening but I would like to acknowledge the huge challenge and responsibility the parish faces regarding planning for future growth in this rapidly expanding city and congratulate all those involved in taking on board the opportunity to plan for the future development of the Catholic community of St. Thomas Aquinas and the wider community.

I don't feel qualified to make any formal submission as such but would like to support the proposal to build a new church, etc. at the land adjoining Aquinas College on the proviso that a church/chapel as appropriate is retained on the current site in Elizabeth St./1st Ave.

My reason for retaining a Catholic church/chapel on this site is because weekday Masses, especially lunchtime on Friday are very well supported and provide an opportunity to go to Mass for many people from other parishes who work or study in Tauranga. Also with higher density of dwellings in the inner Tauranga area more people will be living in the vicinity of the current church.

A church on the present site is a visible statement of our Catholic faith and a reminder of the foundations of that faith which has been built up by the generations of people who have gone before us. However, we also have a commitment to plan for the generations to come and this is why I support the vision of a purpose built parish church/centre and primary school on the new land at Pyes Pa.

May I conclude by suggesting that as a parish we commit to praying for God's guidance and wisdom in order that His will be done. The Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Mass could be a good place to make such a prayer.

Thank you for this opportunity to put my thoughts forward.

Maureen Phizacklea