

Our Parish Church, built in the Centre of the City on the highest point is an iconic part of Tauranga city.

St Marys is a beacon of Christ in our City not only for Catholics but the whole community and it is irreplaceable.

We should try to hold on to this position, and not retreat to Pyc Pa where many a battle has-been waged!

Something has to be done but let us take time to consider the best approach and rush carefully. The present plans appear to only shift the problem, not cure it. We have to factor in the fact that Aquinas is going to increase by at least 50% in the coming years, so car parking will turn in to a problem especially during the week if there is a funeral. A parking building over the top of the present park is probably one solution, at a cost! Pyc Pa is a high speed area with increasing congestion.

and no way can it be widened to four lanes. The Church would be hidden behind trees, on a busy road, is this a good move? We should let the dust settle and be careful before making a major decision. Future generations are going to say, what on earth were they thinking.

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