



Our Lady of the Rosary Update

Now that the Survey Report is in and the position is much clearer it is apparent that Our Lady of the Rosary presents a significant challenge that, at face value, is beyond the financial ability of the Parish to solve.

I therefore propose that a final Mass be celebrated at Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday 6th October 2019, the Sunday closest to the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

It is important to reflect that even if the Parish had the money, it is necessary to consider the underlying reality of the Diocese as spelled out in the Pastoral Plan. It is with great sadness that this day has come – a day which has, perhaps, been expected and discussed for many years.

Caroline Walsh from the Lewes Parish will continue to meet with the OLR Committee to discuss the ways in which the community can be integrated with the rest of the Parish and bring their wonderful community spirit to the wider Parish. Discussion will also take place regarding the continued use of sacred items in the Church in the other Churches of the parish. The whole Parish looks forward to welcoming Our Lady of the Rosary members into the other Mass communities and incorporating them into the various ministries, all of which would greatly enhance the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish.

Caroline will also facilitate further discussion on the future use of the site at Our Lady of the Rosary and how the use or sale of the site, in part or as a whole, may be realised for the benefit of the whole Parish.

With every blessing

+Richard

14th June 2019