

Update on St Bede's Church

Finally, the scaffolding around St Bede's church has come down and with it, the end of Phase 1 of the programme of work. There is still some minor stonework and railings around the grave of John Hutchinson, to be carried out and this should be completed shortly.

Parishioners and non-parishioners have commented on how beautiful the church looks with the sandstone cleaned, gutters overhauled and renovated roof. People have commented especially on the stained-glass windows and how beautiful they look after restoration. A huge thank you to people who sponsored slates and windows during this process.

Attention now turns to Phase 2. This will see the restoration and repair of the interior of the church and the provision of accessible toilet facilities. There will be work on plasterwork, heating and lighting. The sanctuary will be restored together with the old baptistry. The architects have made submission to the Historic Churches Commission to carry out the work and as soon as permission is granted, we will share the final details with parishioners. A truly exciting time.

The Building and Finance Group

(Peter McCann, Wayne Murray, Susan Warburton, John Tully, Fr. Mark, Fr. Peter and Dcn. Paul)

Pastoral Development Strategy

Members of the Vision Group (*Denise Roberts, Peter McCann, Susan Warburton, Pauline Rolt, Fr. Peter, Dcn. Paul and Fr. Mark*) are meeting on **Saturday 15th November** with South Liverpool Deanery and Mgr. Philip Inch to find out more about the Pastoral Development Plan in our deanery.

This initiative is being implemented across the archdiocese, and all parishes must be involved to look at what we need and what we must do to be a missionary church in our own area of God's Kingdom. More information will be shared with everyone about the implications and the tasks ahead when we know more.

Christmas Cards

From this weekend, Lourdes Christmas cards are available at our four churches, priced at £4.50.