



# Parish of St Jeanne Jugan

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Dear Parishioner,

During the autumn of 2016 Mgr Michael McQuinn entered into a period of consultation with you regarding the future of the parish and in particular its property portfolio. He presented you all with a questionnaire and held two meetings regarding the property owned and maintained by the parish of St Jeanne Jugan. The findings have been most illuminating and have enabled us to look to the future now.

With my appointment Bishop Marcus asked me to move into 2, Moor Park Drive. The Presbytery on Cardigan Road is now completely empty leaving the building vulnerable which is a concern to us.

Bishop Marcus and I have discussed prospective ways to address the property issues and now propose we sell both the presbytery and the hall at Our Lady of Lourdes, but keep the church fully open with appropriate investment to make the church fit for both worship and community purposes for the coming years ahead.

Although we all know that a Parish is its people and not its property, we do acknowledge that this will be of some sadness to many who hold happy memories of both the hall and presbytery, but the plan is intended to secure a sustainable future for the church to be at the heart of this parish community in the coming years ahead.

In order to proceed I propose that you write any comments back to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Once I have reviewed and considered all the responses I will make recommendations to Bishop Marcus. If Bishop Marcus is in agreement then the Diocesan Trustee will be consulted for their thoughts and actions.

I remain yours in Christ.

**Fr Gerard. F. Kearney**  
**Parish Priest**