



Glossop Catholic Parishes

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Consultation on the future of Catholic life in Glossop

Note about liabilities that will fall due if the plans to redevelop St Mary Crowned do not proceed

Context

Between the years 2019 and 2025, plans were made to repair St Mary Crowned and reconfigure it internally to be more fit for a missionary parish. The reconfiguration included

- A standard lavatory that could be reached without recourse to the sacristy corridor.
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- A café area with facilities for preparing hot drinks and facilities for washing of cutlery and crockery.
- An enclosed area with acoustic separation from the nave, equipped with a loudspeaker fed by the main amplifier and independent heating.
- An exhibition area.

The desired outcomes of these developments included

- Creating a more welcoming environment for all visitors
- Creating a self-contained room which could be used for community events and parish events
- Offering parents of noisy children a refuge so they would feel more comfortable bringing their children to Holy Mass
- Making the church more attractive to community users and concert organisers, after research indicated that they would be eager to use the church for their events in the event that improvements to lavatories and refreshment facilities were implemented.

These plans caught the imagination of many members of the congregation, and some persons who are not members of the Catholic community. A grand piano was donated and installed, and a donor paid for the refurbishment of the organ, aware that if restored it would be an asset not only for worship but also for anticipated recitals.

In addition, some donors gave generous sums for the proposed work. One legacy of £179,814.37 was received for St Mary Crowned Church, and three living donors gave sums expressly for the reconfiguration work, to wit:

- £5000 from Donor 1
- £395 from Donor 2
- £7000 from Donor 3

Liability

If the planned work to reconfigure St Mary Crowned for mission does not proceed, the parish is therefore liable to repay the sum of £12,395 to the living donors, and may potentially be asked by the relatives of the legator to repay to the estate the sum of £179,814.37.