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Update on Cathedral Restoration Works Program

Restoration works on the interior of our St Mary's Cathedral are advancing well. Indeed, work is tracking a little ahead of schedule. As you can recall there were four elements to be achieved in this stage of the works.

1. A complete refurbishment and restoration of the timber floor area throughout the building including the taking up of the linoleum.
2. The repair and restoration of damaged interior walls, including addressing the rising damp and water damage and painting of the building's interior throughout.
3. Replacement of the heating system with reverse cycle floor level heating/cooling units. discrete and energy efficient reverse cycle heating/cooling solution.
4. Full replacement of the incandescent lighting with an energy efficient and reliable LED lighting.

Work on these elements has advanced significantly and is within budget. Additionally, the cathedral pews are now offsite and in the process of being restored. We are also reviewing and updating the sound system in the building.

The installation of the heating system has resulted in some parts of the terrazzo covered main aisle being taken up to lay the necessary connections. As we approached the question of the repair of the main aisle, I have taken advise on whether to make temporary repairs or what economies in time, cost and inconvenience to parishioners could be achieved if we proceeded now with the full restoration of the terrazzo in the cathedral.

After some consideration, it has been widely agreed to proceed and undertake the replacement of all terrazzo which includes the remodeling of the sanctuary area and relocation of the Cathedral altar back some metres to the chancel. This phase of the work will deliver the added benefit of enhancing the building's seating capacity.

The additional work will see the cathedral closed beyond the previously stated 30 September date, reopening to worship in early December. However, the result will be a cathedral which will serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of the diocese for some decades to come.

This is an extract from the official letter from Archbishop Julian Porteous

Kind regards,

Fr Leonard Caldera

Administrator