

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR PPC MEETING 22ND OCTOBER 2021.**

Things have been moving a steady pace with the preparation work for the installation of the new carpet in the church. With the help from 6 to 7 parishioners we have carried out the relocation of church furniture including the pews giving the layers about two thirds of the church including the sanctuary, sacristy, crying room and shrine room. When those areas are finished we will move everything towards the front so the laying at the back of the church can be carried out.

They seem to think that they will finish in a week so it will give us time to get everything into place for the church to be used on Saturday morning Mass on the 13th November.

I have taken the liberty to find out if we can sell the timber from the kneelers and in talking to Thor's Hammer in Canberra they are interested in buying the timber specially that it's Silky Oak. We have removed all the carpet from the kneelers and some of the staples but awaiting the difference in the price with them in or out. I am fairly confident we could get \$2000 for them.

During the recent time at the church I carried out my usual monthly inspection on the building, when I discovered we have an urgent repair problem above the window opposite the tabernacle both inside and outside. The wall above the window both inside and outside has cracked allowing the key bricks above the window to slip and may cause a larger problem. That problem being bricks dislodging and falling onto someone and also may damage the window. I have spoken to the insurance company about it and mentioned that could it have been caused by the earthquake we had on the 22nd September. They replied that yes it could be caused by that and that they know the strength of the quake in this area. I have obtained quotations for the said repairs and also I have attempted to get a claim on the Presbytery cracking at the same time as it has opened up further over the past month. The total repair bill will be about \$43000. We will have to pay excess of \$1000 on each claim if the claims are excepted.

Brendon Foran has advised me that he can be onto the wall and fence replacement at the sisters house in about 3 weeks time. Weather permitting.

I have had the gutters cleaned out at the sisters house and also will be having the rear yard cleaned up as it's getting very overgrown. At the same time the privet trees along Clementine's side will be removed and the ivy growing over the fence will be removed saving time for the fencing to be carried out. Doing this will also allow the sun into the backyard and dry the ground out as it's very wet.

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