

**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
THE CHURCH OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR LADY
PENZANCE**

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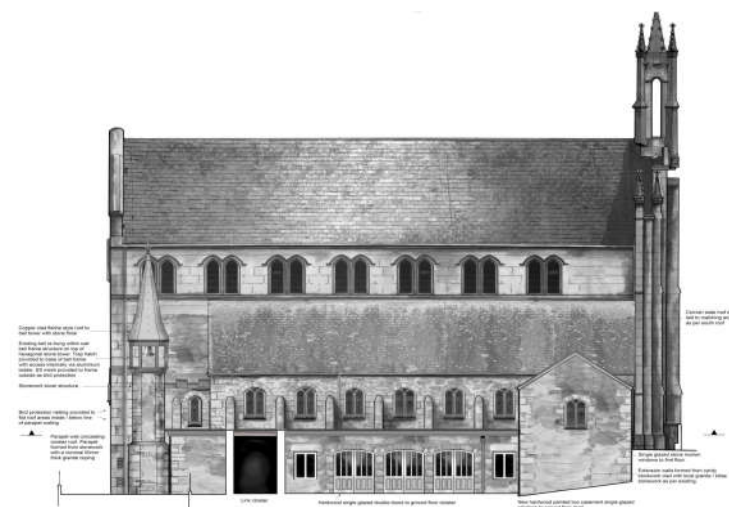
Our present, and into the future for our Parish 2021

**THE PHASE 2 PROJECT:
THE NORTH AISLE, NORTH PORCH & NORTH LINK CLOISTER**

EXISTING NORTH ELEVATION



HCC FACULTY APPROVED NORTH ELEVATION



***How we can all help now to bring this
exciting project to completion...***

INTRODUCTION TO THE APPROVED PROJECT

‘You are God’s building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anyone should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.’ (1 Cor. 3:9-11. 16-16).

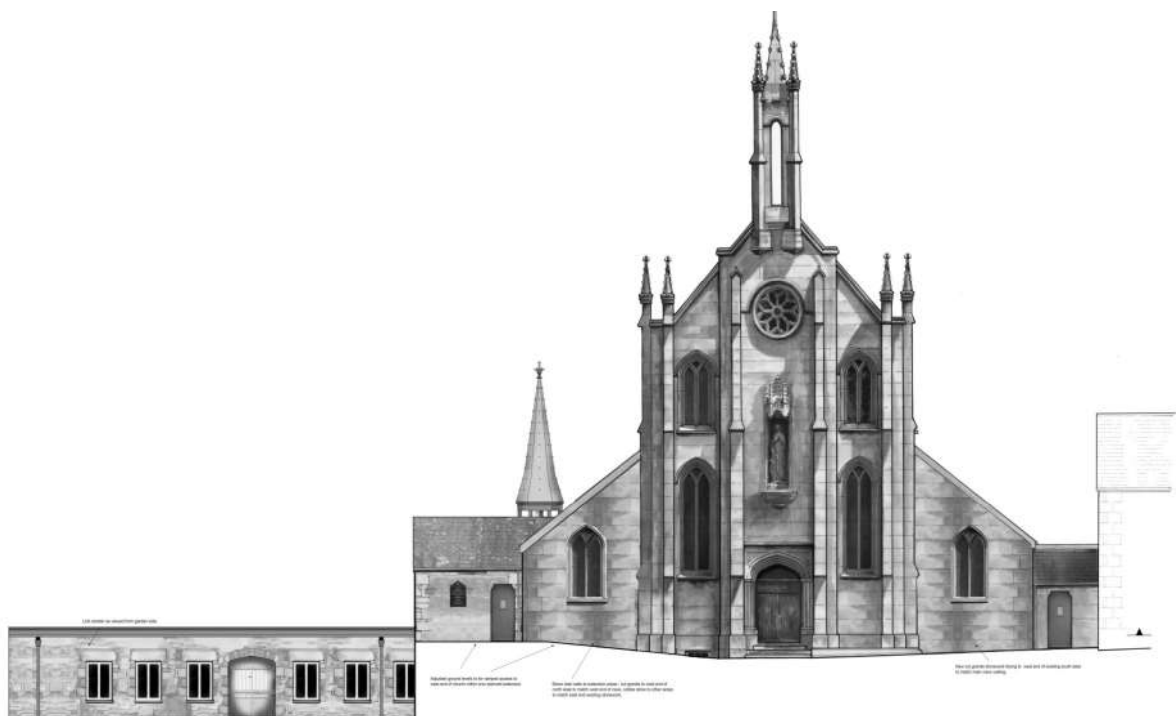
The above chosen Scripture was ‘opened up’ by Archbishop Peter Smith on his visit to Penzance to celebrate the 175th Anniversary Mass on the 26th October 2018 – the people of God are most important along with their safe access to the place in which they worship Almighty God and, from which they strive in many ways to Evangelise the local community.

This completion work also forms a large part of our parish interpretation of the ongoing pastoral and buildings review of the whole of the Diocese of Plymouth, encompassed by Bishop Mark’s challenge of renewal to us in all our parishes through

‘ A Precious Place of God’s Grace’.

THE COMPLETED WEST ELEVATION OF CHURCH

(Showing North side elements & future Presbytery link at carpark level)



My dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors,

As many of you have returned to Mass over the last 6 months, you will have noticed the development of our long-awaited North Aisle project, and the exciting changes we see on a weekly basis, as the builders progress with their work for us.

It is so good to hear everyone's enthusiasm for the project, including many who live nearby and friends further afield.

One of the many difficulties the Covid 19 Pandemic has presented, is that of us not being able to meet socially as a parish, and to hold our regular and necessary fund-raising events that form part of parish life; such as the Bazaar, Wednesday Clubs, Quiz Nights, Cream Tea's, Bingo & Beetle Drives, the biennial Music & Arts Festival, and much, much more.

Whilst these are primarily times we gather as the parish community, and occasions when we invite our non-Catholic friends to join us, they are also the events that help us raise funds to maintain and develop our church and its facilities.

Many of you have always supported the aim of completing the original vision of our church with its North Aisle as intended by Father Young in 1843, but more importantly in better equipping our parish centre with suitable disabled access and toilet facilities at church level from Rosevean Road, along with a safe internal staircase to a fully developed crypt space, and access to the garden for summer-time use.

After much planning, design work, and submissions to relevant Historic and other Planning bodies, work started on this in August 2020, 177 years after the church was opened in 1843. What a momentous achievement for us as a parish, and brings to completion our own vision for the work carried out in 2017/18 as the 1st Phase of this 2 Phase project!

To date the project has been made possible by several very generous donations totalling in £370K, Grants of £34K, and a Diocesan loan of £635K – the repayment of which will be covered from our apartment rental income for the next 13 years.

(The loan was unanimously approved by Bishop Mark and the Trustees, who see the development work as an important part of this parish's sustainability for Mission).

This leaves a parish fund-raising shortfall of approximately £150K which we must now do our part to raise, to complete the works. Within the following pages, you will see various individual parts of the main project that you can support as individuals or families, whilst we cannot carry out our usual group-based fund-raising activities.

Continued overleaf...

In the past, so many of you have generously supported such successful projects as the East Window (2010), Sanctuary H&S work to the steps and the provision of a beautiful new Ambo (2013), the Luminous Mysteries and Immaculate Conception anniversary windows (2018), the removal of the old Sacristy and the completion of the new Lady Shrine, along with period floor tiles and remodelling of the granite work, and the completion of the Crypt Chapel of the Holy Souls.

There are opportunities to make gifts within everyone's reach, from £40 for a hand-made encaustic floor tile for the Baptistry or Sacred Heart chapel, through to larger gifts towards completing the Cloister flooring, North Aisle seating and the Sacred Heart Altar & Stained Glass windows, a disabled toilet within the new North Porch, and steps of the much needed North stairwell to our new hall beneath, in the former disused Crypt space. The new North bell fleche will contain a redundant bell from within the parish which is being restored, and will then ring out the Angelus daily over our town.

Based on this ongoing generosity and vision within the parish community, I am confident that we can achieve this shortfall through the possibilities laid out in this booklet.

Please do give generously, and if you were considering making a financial gift to the parish in your Will, could you afford to give it now, and then of course you will benefit from that in your lifetime? (There are also Tax benefits to such a gift, which a qualified accountant will be able to advise you of).

May God bless us all in our endeavours for His Kingdom in this place,

Canon Philip Dyson, *Parish Priest.*

THE COMPLETED EAST ELEVATION OF CHURCH

(Showing future stage replacement Presbytery link & access to garden from carpark)



Mission and reason for this completion work:

Our call to bring about the 'New Evangelisation' within a significant, beautiful and inspirational building that is fit for purpose now, and into the future.

A building that is not a struggle to use, or an embarrassment to the parish community and those we wish to join the Church, or share our facilities for the promotion of His Kingdom in this area.

The Parish Church must be a place where both Sacramental / Liturgical and Social activities can be carried out in safe *and* appropriate areas of our building.

The great gift Fr. William Young left us in 1843, is that both of these criteria can be provided in 2 distinct areas, under one roof.

A beacon of hope in Penzance in what are changing and challenging times.

"All that we have should be used in the service of local evangelisation. This applies to our personal gifts and talents.

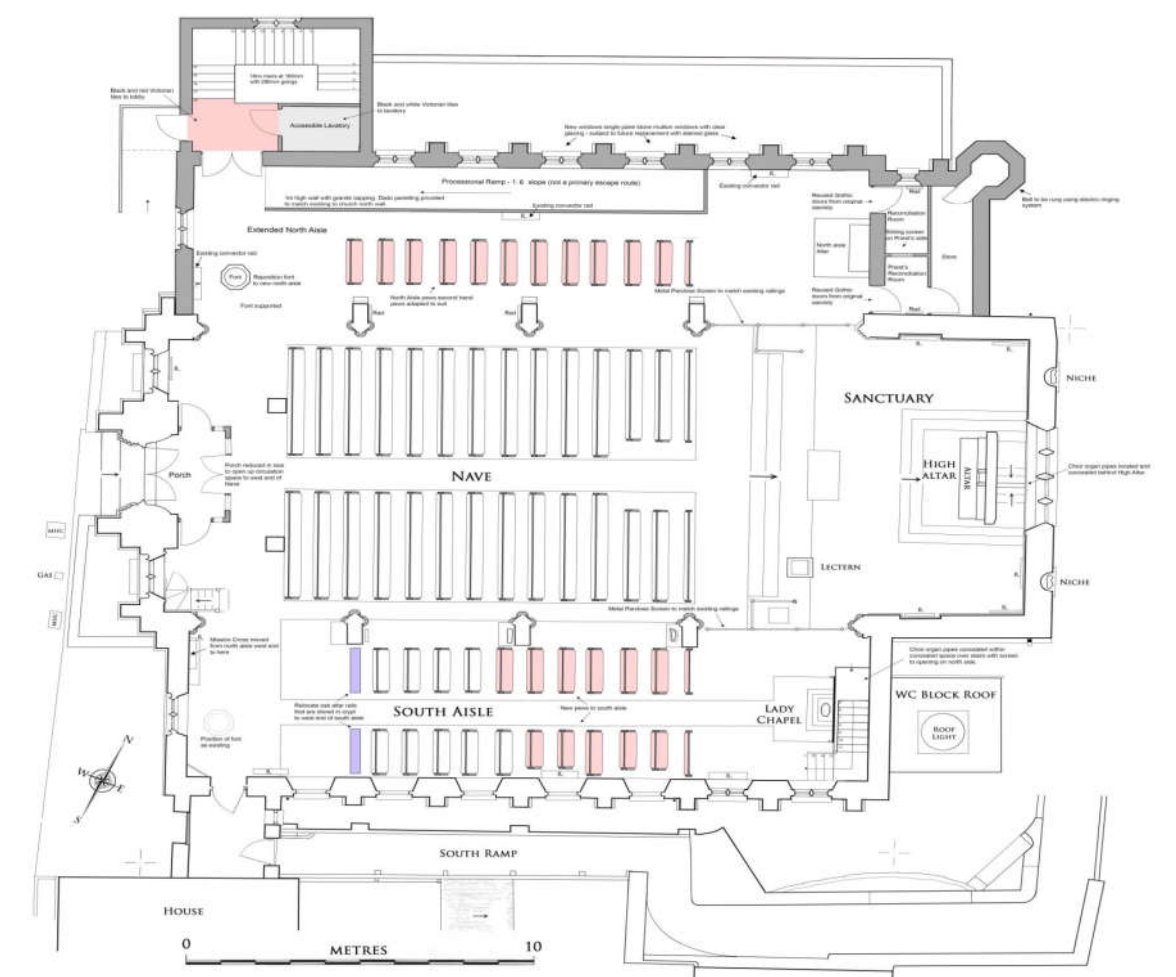
And also, I dare say, at times it will mean re-positioning of our parish and diocesan finances"

(Bishop Mark O'Toole, 'It is the Lord' 2015).

SUMMARY OF THE FACILITIES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE COMPLETED PROJECT – THE AIMS REALISED:

- Disabled access at the front of the church.
- Access to the whole building from the main entrances on Rosevean Road.
- A disability-compliant toilet at church level, within ease of access for all.
- The Font in a practical position around which to gather for Baptisms.
- A fit-for-purpose Confessional/Reconciliation Room.
- Necessary storage for ladders, crib items etc at church level.
- Disability-safe access from existing rear carpark, via external ramp into South Porch.
- Provision of approx 40 more seats for larger occasions, such as the Easter Triduum & summer periods.
- A compliant internal staircase between both church & crypt levels for general public usage to access both liturgical and pastoral activities.
- A proper Hall facility with serving hatch access from the kitchen.
- Compliant disabled access to all crypt areas from the carpark level.
- Access from the North Cloister to the unused Presbytery garden, for gathering for the Easter Vigil & fire, and other parish social functions in good weather.
- Facilities that will be available to the wider Penzance community to assist with our Evangelistic outreach in this growing town.
- Removal of large ongoing maintenance sums required every 15 years on the ‘temporary’ north wall arch infill plaster and structure.

THE NEW GROUND FLOOR PLAN SHOWING NORTH ELEMENTS AS DESCRIBED



The following pages set out 10 parts of the project fundraising we can all support:

To complete the flooring parts of the building work:

1. Help to fund one or more steps in the new North Staircase to the Crypt level of the church:

For the first time in 178 years, this new staircase will give us safe access between both floors of our church building.

There are 17 steps, tiled in period Victorian style tiles, with granite edging for long-lasting wear that will cost £250 per step to complete.

I would like to donate £_____ towards the steps.

(You may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice)





2. Help to fund granite floor slabs in our new Cloister where we can meet for tea & coffee after Mass, and where we will be able to enter the former Presbytery Garden, now for everyone to use:

These granite slabs will match those on the existing internal South Crypt entrance ramp.

There are approx 120 granite slabs at a cost of £50 per slab.

I would like to donate £_____ towards the slabs.

*(You may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice)
Names can be engraved nearby.*

3. Fund tiles for Baptistry floor around our beautiful granite Font:

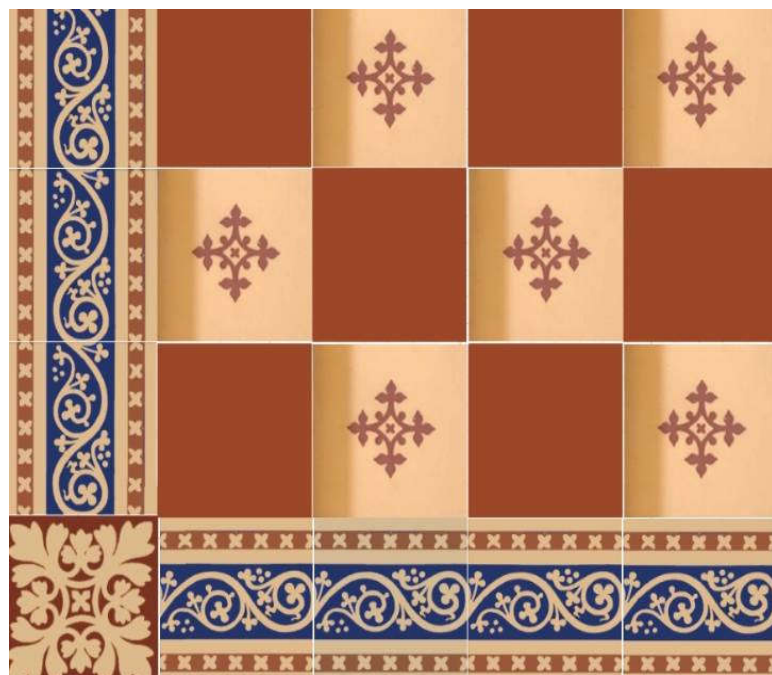
These tiles are hand-made Encaustic tiles in similar designs to match the tiles in the Lady Chapel, and on the Sanctuary steps.

There are approx 60 tiles at a cost of £40 per tile.

I would like to donate £_____ towards the tiles.

*(you may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice)
Names can be written permanently on the undersides, before being laid.*

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4. Help to fund tiles for the Sacred Heart Chapel:

These tiles are hand-made Encaustic tiles in similar designs to match the tiles in the Lady Chapel, and on the Sanctuary steps. There are approx 170 tiles at a cost of £40 per tile.

I would like to donate £_____ towards the tiles.

(You may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice)

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THE NORTH AISLE COMPLETION WORK:

To complete the internal fitting out of the Aisle we need to provide benches for seating, glazing for the windows, and the Sacred Heart Altar area.

5. Help to fund benches for the North Aisle:

To provide Oak benches for the seating area within the North Aisle. There are 12 benches at a cost of £500 per bench.

I would like to donate £_____ towards the benches.

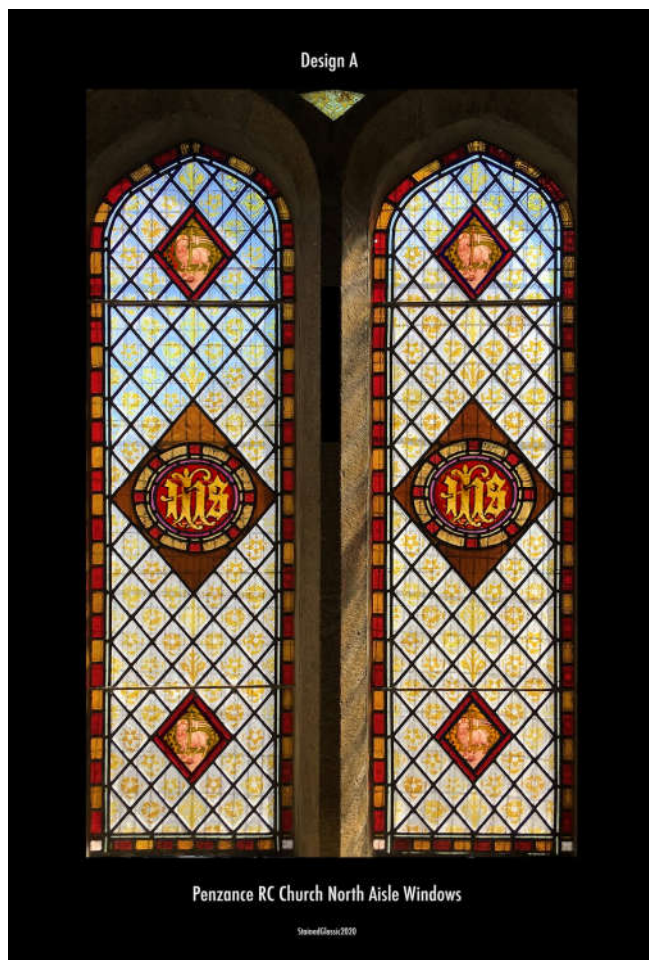
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THE SACRED HEART CHAPEL:

Many people have a devotion to Our Lord, the Sacred Heart, and so, within this new Chapel area of our church, there are a number of ways you can support what is being created. Our existing statue of the Sacred Heart will form the centre-piece of the Altar, giving it a more fitting place in the church.

6. Help to fund Stained Glass windows for the Sacred Heart Chapel:



The 2 new windows, comprising 4 'Lancets' nearest the Sacred Heart Altar have been designed to mirror the 1868 Hardman windows in the Lady Chapel.

The stunning new windows have been designed in consultation with

Jamal Rafrey who made the Immaculate Conception window, and the Transfiguration window for the South Aisle in 2018.

The windows will incorporate the 'IHS' symbol, and the 'Agnus Dei' - the Lamb of God.

Each of the 4 complete lancets cost £5,000. to make & install.

Or, to break that down:

*£1,500 could complete one of the 4 'IHS' motif,
or one of the 8 'Agnus Dei' motif.*

£20 could complete a smaller floral hand-painted diamond shaped 'Quarry'

I would like to donate £_____ towards the lancets.

Or:

I would like to donate £_____ towards the 'IHS' or 'Agnus Dei' motifs.

Or:

I would like to donate £_____ towards the 'Quarries'.

(You may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice)

(If you would like your name or that of a loved one, engraved on a brass plaque as with the Lady Chapel and East window projects, please let us know.)

7. Altar stonework & Reredos panelling



The Altar for this area has been designed in a traditional Victorian Gothic design, in-keeping with the period of our church, and as approved by the Southern Historic Churches Committee.

It will incorporate our existing statue of the Sacred Heart, along with some reclaimed Gothic arched stonework, granite and marble, professionally assembled as was carried out in the Lady Chapel granite-work remodelling in 2018.

An oak framed Reredos will complete the panelling behind the Sacred Heart statue to suitably offset the statue.

To complete the Altar stonework construction and the Reredos as described, will cost approximately £15,000, as costed by the architect.

I would like to make a donation of £_____ towards completion of the Sacred Heart Chapel

(You may choose to give your gift anonymously, or in memory of a person or family member(s) of your choice. The name can be engraved on a brass plaque if so desired, please let us know.)

GENERAL DONATIONS TO THE BUILDING WORK & NEW FACILITIES:

8. ANGELUS BELL

A redundant bell belonging to the parish, is being recast & restored by the long-standing English bell founders; Taylors of Loughborough, who are also fitting it with an electronic striking mechanism for ease of use.

It will be hung in the new Octagonal bell tower at the East end of the new North Aisle, and will ring out the Angelus daily, over our town and Peninsula, thus proclaiming our faith to others.

The dedication of the bell is 'Archangel Gabriel'.



This aspect of the project is costing £6,000.

I would like to make a donation of £_____ towards completion of the Angelus bell.

(The donors name, or that of a loved one, can be engraved on a brass plaque if desired, please let us know.)

9. TEA & COFFEE FACILITIES IN THE CLOISTER

Fund fitted oak units with tea and coffee making facilities in our new Cloister where we can meet socially after Mass and other occasions. To complete this area of our new facilities, we need to raise £5,000

I would like to donate £_____ towards completion of these facilities.

10. DISABLED TOILET

To provide a modern, fully fitted-out toilet at church level.

This will be situated in the new North Porch; an easily accessible space from within the main body of the church.

It will be available for use by everyone, without having to leave the church building.



To complete this much needed facility, we need to raise £4,000

I would like to donate £_____ towards completion of this facility.

HAVING CHOSEN ANY *or* ALL OF THE 10 PARTS IN THIS BOOKLET WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT, THERE ARE NOW 2 WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DONATION:

1. You can pay by cheque (*payable to: Penwith RC Parish Appeal Fund*) or by cash.
2. If you are a UK Tax payer, at no extra cost to yourself, you can Gift Aid your donation by filling out 2 overleaf:

Thank you for your support!

In the event of a particular item being oversubscribed, donations will be used in other parts of the project. And if a surplus arises, the remaining appeal funds will be used for general charitable purposes of the parish.

1. YOUR DETAILS

Title..... Forename.....

Surname.....

Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....

Email.....

*I am giving my financial gift towards items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.
(Please circle as appropriate)*

2. FOR A GIFT AID DONATION

Amount donated

£

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I am a UK tax payer and would like Penwith RC Parish to claim GIFT AID on this donation. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in the next tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I am happy for the personal information on this form and details of my donations to be processed and stored in order to reclaim Gift Aid.

PLYMOUTH DIOCESAN TRUST

Registered Charity number 213227

Signed.....

Date.....

To qualify for GIFT AID, you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the Tax claimed on your donations in the appropriate Tax Year. This means we will get an extra 25p for each £1.00 you donate, which will make a huge difference to us.

COMPLETED FORMS:

*Please put your donation, along with this form (page 15), in an envelope marked
'North Aisle & Facilities Project',
and bring it along to the church, or post it to:*

**The Parish Priest,
The Presbytery,
Rosevean Road,
Penzance, Cornwall. TR18 2DX**

01736 362619

EXISTING 'TEMPORARY' NORTH SIDE OF THE CHURCH



EXISTING CRYPT AREA TO BECOME NEW PARISH HALL

