

Development Proposal Information for Parishioners

St Joseph's Parish property at 36 Oxford Street, Newtown

St Joseph's Parish is aware of a growing need in the Newtown area for supported housing to assist vulnerable people, particularly those with physical disability.

The parish property at 36 Oxford Street, Newtown has been used as a Community Garden for the last 25 years and has not received any meaningful income to support the mission of the parish.

With the help of CatholicCare Sydney, the parish is now proposing to use this property to build specialist disability accommodation (NDIS) to house up to six people with a physical disability, plus overnight accommodation for an assistance carer.

The project will require a long-term lease to CatholicCare to enable the construction and management of accommodation, and during this period St Joseph's will receive a rental income. CatholicCare will manage all approval, construction, operational and financial risks and at the end of the lease the ownership of the buildings and improvements will be transferred to St Joseph's Parish.

Day-to-day operation of the disability accommodation will be professionally managed by CatholicCare, together with a reputable and experienced supported disability accommodation provider and other disability support services.

Fr Stephen, the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the Archdiocese are in support of this project and we are now welcoming feedback from you, the St Joseph's parishioners. Please pick up your feedback form today or visit catholiccare.org/newtown to complete online.





About CatholicCare Sydney

CatholicCare is the social services agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. For over 80 years they have walked in solidarity with individuals, families and communities to realise their vision of a society where everyone is valued and supported.

CatholicCare services help people thrive at every age. With over 70 programs delivered across Sydney, they assist with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health concerns. On behalf of the government they also offer telephone support and education for NSW parents through the Parent Line, and the Carer Gateway Counselling Service and Community Forum, supporting unpaid carers nationally.

CatholicCare's Mission is to promote dignity, strengthen families and connect communities, while supporting those who are most vulnerable or in need.

Social housing for vulnerable individuals and families is supported through CatholicCare's Social Housing Project, and is also an objective of the Sydney Archdiocese Mission Plan, *Go Make Disciples*.

For further information about this development, please contact Roza Vukovich from CatholicCare via email at roza.vukovich@catholiccare.org or visit catholiccare.org/newtown.

Indicative Timeline for Development

Sep 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Jun 2023
 Archdiocesan support received (incl. AoEA) 	Community consultationComplete design	 Site vacant Prepare and lodge Development Application 	Development Application approval by Inner West Council (est.)	Construction commences (est.)	Completion and first occupancy (est.)



