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By email only

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Dear Fr Ian,

CLOSURE OF NEWHAVEN PARISH BUILDINGS

Further to our recent meeting in Seaford, I am writing to advise you of the next steps for the parish buildings in Newhaven.

At the meeting on 9th September, Bishop Richard announced and explained his decision that Sacred Heart Church Newhaven will close permanently. Canon Jonathan Martin will be in touch with you regarding the process for extinctive union of Sacred Heart Newhaven into Peacehaven and Seaford.

I will now work with the Trustees to engage an agent to market the whole site. This will include exploring any options in relation to the Fire Station property. I will ensure that you are kept updated with these developments.

As you know, I have alerted the tenant of the rear flat to these changes, and asked him to find alternative accommodation by the end of July 2021.

Before agreeing a sale an independent valuation report will be sought from a qualified surveyor to ensure that best value has been achieved. Net proceeds will be shared, with the parish retaining 65%.

I recognise that this is a disappointing situation for the people of Newhaven parish, and hope that the team in Hove can provide the best possible support during the next stage.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Operating Officer
cc. Bishop Richard, Canon Jonathan Martin

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