

Synopsis of St Joseph & the English Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council
Tuesday, 18th February 2025 at 7.30pm at WCC

The recent planned giving campaign had been successful meaning that **budget break even** was more hopeful for the current year.

The **new translation lectionaries** and Holy Week books had cost c£3.5k with the previous editions being sent to Africa via another diocesan parish.

Various **building issues** had been explored ie issues with damp at MHR SBW and repairs/bat issues at HC MH. These could be impacted by the VAT rebate limit of £25k per church. Deterioration of the floor coverings in our area of WCC will necessitate replacement in due course but the cost could be considerable. The work to replace/make safe WCC windows had been completed at a cost of c£20k paid by each church.

It was noted there are many diocesan events linked to the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

Liturgy – **Readers' Guidance** notes had been formulated to share with readers with the aim of ensuring uniformity and clarity.

Parish representation had been present at the recent Forum meeting of **Churches Together** Bishops Stortford with considerable support expressed for faith-based initiatives such as the Walk of Witness and Holiday Bible Week.

Next meeting: early July 2025