

Synopsis of St Joseph & the English Martyrs Parish Pastoral Council
Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at 7.30pm at WCC

An extensive and detailed **condition survey** of SJ&EM had been carried out with a view to producing an index linked asset management programme related to life cycle replacement ie 20 years with costs appropriately allocated. This can inform future priorities.

Again various **maintenance issues** were ongoing ie installation of handrails, exploration of subsidence relating to Old Monastery building adjacent to church and provision of new doors within tower to facilitate safer movement. A review of the sound system was also being carried out to explore options to alleviate the impact of the changed acoustics resulting from the stone floor. WCC - lift out of action as phone in lift needs upgrade with demise of landlines. The Diocesan surveyor had inspected MHR SBW while work on the north aisle roof at HC MH was due to commence in late October with costs borne by the Friends.

Finance - **thanks were recorded to the loose plate counters and the Finance Committee** for their considerable work in managing the budget, gift aid, planned giving etc. It was noted more donations via card/tap machines which are due to be replaced/upgraded in the near future.

Liturgy/Catechesis – **Parish Retreat** 1-5 December given by the Redemptorists with Fr Royston visiting w/e 1-2 November to publicise etc. **Sacramental preparation**: currently 48 preparing for FHC, 35 for Confirmation and 12 for RCIA. Adult confirmation preparation will commence in New Year. **Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham** was both hugely enjoyable and successful – much appreciated by those attending.

Next meeting: late January 2026