



Matchfunding appeal for the restoration of the

# Dome & Sanctuary

of the Shrine Church of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena

Dear Friends and Benefactors of the Shrine,

As you know, since September 2010, Bishop Mark Davies, Bishop of Shresbury, entrusted the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena to the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, with the mission to reopen this closed sacred building, and make of it a renewed beacon of faith for Wirral.

This massive church, facing Liverpool Bay, was in urgent need of restoration, due mainly to the seaside weather, which severely attacked the outside of the building, causing many leaks inside.

Since 2013, we have completed three restoration projects

and prepared a fourth application, funded by National Lottery, National Church Trust, the Latin Mass Society, and generous, private donations. On the back page, a diagram shows you the extent of the building works. Each phase included structural concrete works, insulation, repointing the brickwork, repairing rainwater goods and updating facilities making it fit for purpose, but keeping its original appearance as Father Mullins intended.

Each time, your prayers and support were the necessary pillar to achieve this terrific challenge, and we are deeply grateful to you! You are not forgotten in our daily prayers of thanksgiving.

We have come so far and we need to complete this restoration, to preserve this landmark, making it always open for those looking for a safe place, to feel at Home when they come to the Dome.

Preparation for the fourth and last phase began last year, focusing, this time, on the Sanctuary and the dome itself. Strengthened by the experience of those three previous projects, we embarked on preparing our most ambitious application to National Lottery. Our architect, Mark Pearce, was supported by a professional design team



of structural engineer (Bill Lawrenson) and quantity surveyor (Roger Hennell), to:

- prepare a comprehensive report on the condition of the dome and drum (some of these details are on the next page);
- prepare detailed architect's drawings for contractors to tender;
- collect tenders from contractors, (prior to submitting our application to National Lottery in November 2019).

With each project, our goal has been to keep the purpose of the building as a place of worship. We have developed activities to engage people in the heritage of the church, but have steadfastly kept this goal, using the activities to explain the purpose of our church. Activities include a dementia friendly heritage package, memory book and heritage talks, a Reformation Workshop for students, a conference for other churches interested in applying for funding and Heritage Open Day scaffolding tours and lectures.

Following our church's Novena to our Lady of Good Success and a rigorous assessment by National Lottery on the 6th March, we have been granted £352,900, as long as we can raise another £17,500 matchfunding. Could you help?

Another novena to Our Lady of Good Success will be organised at Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Philomena during May, to thank our Heavenly Mother for her intercession. Please join us!

May God bless you

Your Canons of the 'Dome of Home'



Canon Montjean



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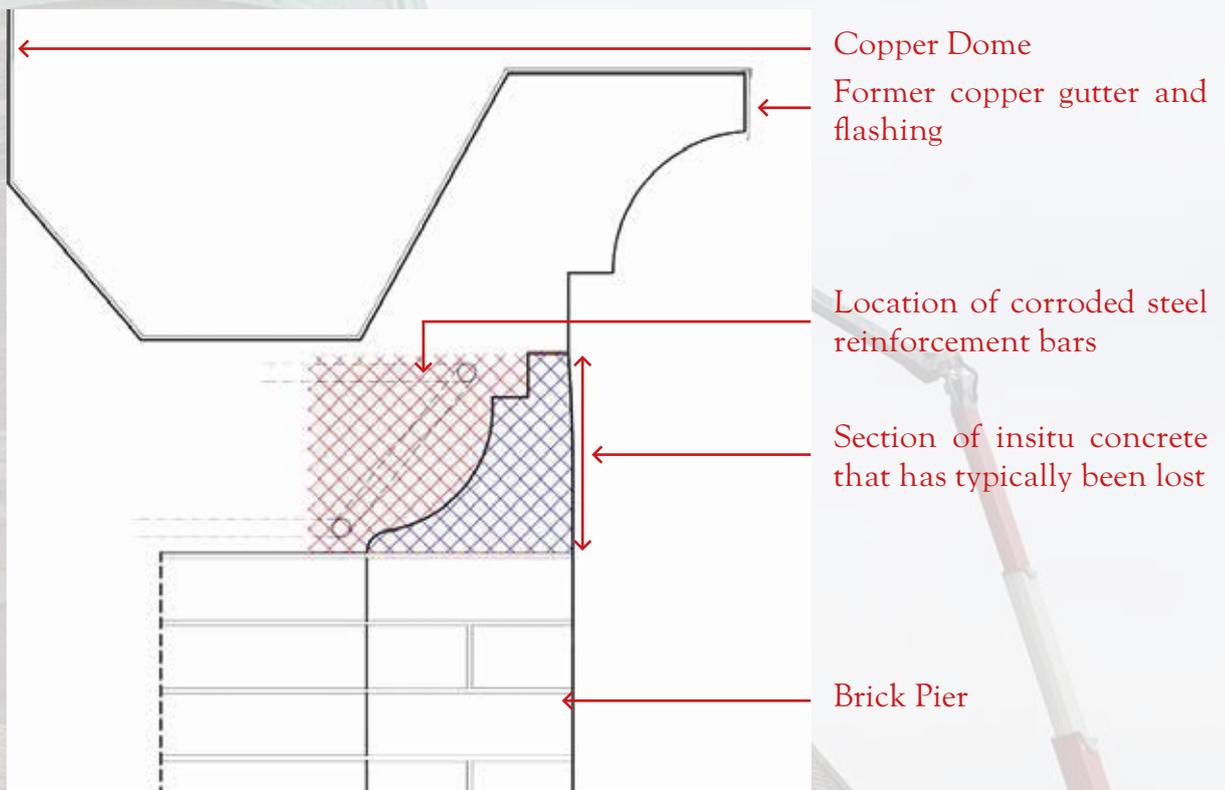


## Summary of the inspection report and recommendations for the 4<sup>th</sup> phase

1. The asphalt roofs to the sanctuary are failing. They are to be insulated and covered with a single ply membrane as done to other roofs during previous phases of work.

2. The brickwork to the drum and sanctuary are weathering well, however mortar joints are generally open. New cement pointing is proposed to match the original.

3. The Dome was constructed using both reinforced insitu concrete and precast concrete units. The precast concrete units are used to create weathers and dressings to window openings, cornices etc... The reinforced insitu concrete cornice / gutter to the base of the dome is bursting due to the corrosion of the reinforcement. Section of failing concrete to the perimeter of the cornice / gutter is to be removed and repaired using a specialist repair mortar, coloured to match the existing concrete. (See figure below)



4. Precast concrete dressings are in sound condition. Mortar joints are to be repointed only.

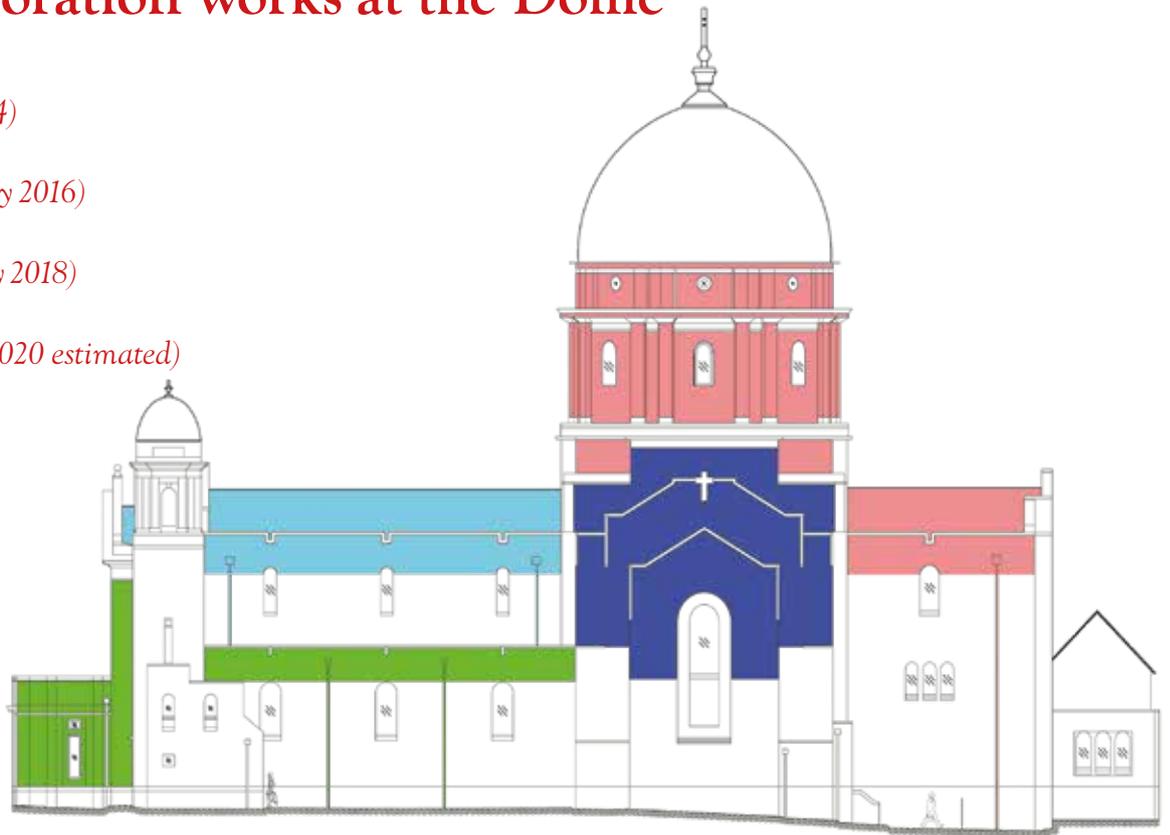
5. Metal window frames are corroding. They are to be removed from their openings, stripped and cleaned of all paint finishes and corrosion before re-building using stainless steel screws and fixings and polyester powder coating. The leadwork to the clear glass will be renewed.

6. Cast iron rainwater hoppers and pipes are also corroding. They are to be removed, cleaned and stripped back to bare metal before priming and painting. Cast iron rainwater pipes will be treated in a similar way however they will be replaced if they are found to be cracked. Hoppers will be lined with lead if they are found to be defective.

7. Internally, water damage has occurred to plaster within the sanctuary. Water damaged plaster is to be removed and renewed with breathable lime plaster as previous phases of works to the church building.

# 6 years of restoration works at the Dome

- 1<sup>st</sup> phase  
(April-October 2014)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase  
(May 2015-February 2016)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> phase  
(June 2017-February 2018)
- 4<sup>th</sup> phase  
(April-November 2020 estimated)



## MATCHFUNDING APPEAL FOR THE 4<sup>th</sup> PHASE

‘National Lottery Heritage Fund’ award:  
£362,900

We have raised 62% matchfunding required by NLHF for this project: £27,500 with £12,500 received from ‘AllChurches Trust’ and £15,000 from private donors.

Could you help contribute to the remaining  
£17,500?

I will regularly update you about progress.

If you wish to donate, please use the enclosed donation form. Thank you so much!

Please be assured of my prayers for you and all your intentions.

God bless you!

Canon Montjean

£45.000,00

£40.000,00

£35.000,00

£30.000,00

£27.500,00

£25.000,00

£20.000,00

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£5.000,00



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