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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Compassion Formby

As you all know, a number of weeks ago, Father Bernard vacated the Presbytery where he has lived for the last 22 years, to move into the former Rectory to begin his retirement in a new apartment. Since then, I have been making plans to move into the Presbytery.

When the Archdiocese began its programme of works in Our Lady's church back in July, I was asked to make the Presbytery available for a preliminary building survey which finally took place last Monday. The Archdiocese contacted me yesterday evening about the survey.

Without going into too much detail, the Archdiocese has ordered a full building survey (known as a quinquennial survey). It is a full and comprehensive survey of the building. A full report will then be prepared. The building is Grade II listed and therefore the Council will have to be involved in the process.

Not surprisingly, I have been advised to remain in my present house, St Jerome's Presbytery for the time being. The survey will happen sometime in the new year. I have no idea what the outcome of this process will be, but I will keep you all informed as things progress.

In the meantime, the office will still be accessed most days. All the contact details for the parish will now be printed each week at the bottom of the weekly newsletter.

God bless you all.

Father John



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