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Dear Parishioners

Thank you very much to all those people who took the time to write or feedback orally in response to my letter about proposed changes to Mass times.

In light of these comments and after having discussed these proposals with members of the Pastoral Development Group, I am amending the proposal slightly to the following:-

6.30pm Mass St Columba's
9.30am Mass St Theresa's
11.00am Mass St Columba's

I know from the comments I have received that many of you recognise the necessity of these changes while others find them more challenging and others are fundamentally opposed to the coming together of the two parishes. I do genuinely understand the sensitivities regarding this process but I would ask everyone to be patient with each other and to recognise that we are two Catholic communities. This means that what binds us together is far more substantial than any differences, or as the Holy Scripture puts it: *Let there be one Body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, the Father of all, who is above all and works through all and is in all.* (Ephesians 4:4-6)

With prayers and best wishes

Fr Jonathan Brandon
Parish Priest