






# Cathedral Restoration

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Like the work on the southern side of the Cathedral we will need to restore many of the features at the main entrance. The restored entrance will enhance the Cathedral's visual appeal and historical integrity, and it symbolises the town's commitment to preserving its architectural heritage. The entrance restoration involves several key elements.

	<p><b>What will be included in the next Phase?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Repointing of Turrets</b> - Repairing and reinforcing the stonework joints in the turrets</li> <li>• <b>Replacing Stonework Mortar</b> - Shifting from rich mortar to a more traditional mix of sand and lime for durability</li> <li>• <b>Segmented Approach:</b> The work will be sequenced into three segments: 4a, 4b, and 4c</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Why is this restoration essential?</b></p> <p>Our beloved Cathedral is a beacon of history and faith. To ensure its continued beauty and structural integrity, we're continuing this significant restoration project. This necessary work will address aging infrastructure and bring the Cathedral into compliance with modern safety standards.</p>
	<p><b>What's the timeline for this phase of the project?</b></p> <p>We're aiming to have Phase 4a completed by March 2025, with all Phase Four of the restoration concluded by Spring 2026. Subsequent phases will be depending on funding and various revenue streams. With your support, we can achieve this ambitious goal and preserve this sacred space for future generations.</p>
	<p><b>Why can't assets be sold?</b></p> <p>Most of the property belongs to individual parishes and all major buildings are used for pastoral activities or to generate rental income. The Diocese does review investment options but property that is sold is lost to future generations.</p>
	<p><b>Will the Cathedral be closed during the restoration?</b></p> <p>We understand the importance of uninterrupted worship and community activities. We're working closely with experts Mullarkey Pederson Architects to minimise disruption and provide alternative arrangements.</p>

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	<p><b>Why restore the Cathedral now?</b></p> <p>We want to build on the momentum and excellent work in previous phases. Investing in our heritage is a wise choice. By addressing these issues proactively, we're safeguarding the Cathedral's future and ensuring it remains a vibrant part of our community for years to come.</p>
	<p><b>How much funding is needed?</b></p> <p>To complete the next phase of the restoration, we're aiming to raise €2.5 to €3 million. With your help, we can achieve this goal and preserve this iconic landmark.</p>
	<p><b>How can I contribute to this historic endeavor?</b></p> <p>Your generous support is crucial to the success of this project. We'll be providing various opportunities to donate through individual and group meetings. We hope everyone will be able to learn about it in person.</p>
	<p><b>Can weekly collections cover the cost of the restoration?</b></p> <p>No, the weekly collections support the ongoing operations of the parish. The restoration project requires significant additional funding.</p>
	<p><b>Why don't we have a gala fundraiser or event?</b></p> <p>There are many ways to fundraise. Given the magnitude of the financial goal however, it is important that we establish some greater momentum. Therefore, we need to conduct the current fundraising in as personal way as possible. At a later stage, we may have the flexibility to consider other fundraising opportunities again.</p>
	<p><b>Where can I get more information?</b></p> <p>To enable everyone the opportunity to learn more about the work, to ask questions and consider their financial support, we will be holding one-to-one meetings, small group gatherings and large get-togethers over the next year. When you receive an invitation, please welcome it.</p>