



## UPDATE FOR ST BEDE'S COLLEGE PARENTS

4 May 2011

It is with much regret that I announce the closing of our Chapel until further notice.

Yesterday we received an email from our architect recommending that the Chapel and adjoining RE classroom be closed. As you know the Chapel was damaged on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and has been repaired, it is currently of the same standard as it was on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, however remains earthquake prone. Until such time as the building is assessed in more detail we can only take a conservative view about the existing integrity and therefore the seismic performance of our Chapel.

We are obviously disappointed that this sacred and integral buildings that is used regularly by RE classes and students generally is now out of use along with the RE classroom and two offices. Senior Management and the Ministry Team are looking at a contingency to create another sacred and reflective space for the students and staff to use.

The boarding mass will continue in either the Performing Arts Centre or Chanel Hall on Sunday evenings at 7pm with an open invitation to anyone in our community who would like to join us to celebrate the Eucharist.

**J Boyle**  
**Rector**