



15 December 2023

Dear Fathers and Deacons,

As our year comes to its conclusion, and as the new year looms on the horizon I share with you a number of changes in appointments of our clergy.

#### **Effective Monday 1 January 2024**

- Deacon Peter McCulloch will conclude his appointment at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and move to lesser duties. Deacon Peter will continue to be available to assist various parish priests as requested and to exercise his diaconate ministry through the coordination of the Vicar General. I take this opportunity to thank Deacon Peter for his years of active service in the Diocese through the Parishes of French's Forest, Wahroonga, and Waitara and for some years as Clergy Development Officer in the Secretariat for Clergy. His assistance has also been invaluable in a number of other parishes. This new chapter will enable him to spend more time with his family.

#### **Effective Wednesday 3 January 2024**

- Fr Eliseus Shin will conclude his appointment as Assistant Priest at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and become Assistant Priest at the Parish of The Lakes.

#### **Effective Friday 12 January 2024**

- Our seminarian Rosan Mathew will conclude his appointment at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby and assume appointment at the Parish of The Entrance.
- I have appointed Deacon Hien Vu as Deacon at the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby.

#### **Effective Friday 9 February 2024**

- Fr Shiju Simon OSH will move from the Parish of French's Forest to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Thomas Aluckunnel will move from the Parish of Lindfield-Killara to the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Roger Delmonte will move from the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby to the Parish of Lower North Shore as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Anselam Lakra will move from the Cathedral Parish of Hornsby to the Parish of Chatswood as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Marek Woldan will move from the Parish of Chatswood to the Parish of Manly-Freshwater as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Biju Mathew will move from the Parish of Lower North Shore to the Parish of French's Forest as Assistant Priest.

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### Effective Friday 8 March 2024

- Fr David Taylor Parish Priest of Manly will move to lighter duties. I thank Fr David for his many years of service, particularly at the Parish of Manly-Freshwater. I will express my gratitude for Fr David more fully in March.
- Fr Chima Ofor as Parish Priest of Manly.
- Fr Sam French will move from Priest in Residence at the Parish of Wahroonga to Priest-in-Residence at Watsonville, retaining his appointment as Director for Vocations. Fr Paul Durkin, Vice Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, retains responsibility for our seminarians once they have commenced the Seminary formation programme.

I am also pleased to share that I have made the following appointments, effective 1 January 2024 for a period of six years:

- Fr Satheesh Ramachanett OSH as Parish Priest of the Parish of French's Forest.
- Fr Biju Jose OSH as Parish Priest of the Parish of Ku-ring-gai.
- Fr Timothy Raj MSFS as Parish Priest of the Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula.
- Fr Philip Thottam MSFS as Parish Priest of the Parish of Warnervale.
- Fr Tomy Kuruvelil CFIC as Parish Priest of Toukley-Lake Munmorah.
- Fr Bogdan Skupien as Parish Priest of the Parish of Kincumber.

Fr John Puliparambil continues to be in a period of discernment, residing now at the Parish of Wahroonga.

I thank all those men who will assume new appointments early in the new year. I trust that their current communities will farewell them appropriately, with gratitude for the tremendous service they have offered, and that their new communities will welcome them with every assistance.

My Vicar General will work with the men who are moving to ensure the most effective coordination.

With my fraternal wishes,

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD, JCL  
Bishop of Broken Bay