



DECREE OF THE BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Provision - Appointment to Ecclesiastical Office of Parish Priest for the Parish of Forster Tuncurry Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

14/2021

Dear Fr Peter Street,

I appoint you to the Ecclesiastical Office of Parish Priest for the Parish of Forster Tuncurry (CIC83 c.565). Your appointment is for six years from 28 May 2021 until 27 May 2027.

I draw your attention to Chapter VI of the Latin Code of Canon law, especially canons 528-537, which deal with the responsibilities of a Parish Priest.

This appointment also grants you diocesan faculties. A copy of these faculties can be found at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/bishops-office>.

The Bishop's Office will inform the following of your appointment and make any necessary changes:

1. Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages
2. Catholic Development Fund
3. Maitland Clergy Central Fund.

I wish to remind you of your obligation to celebrate the Latin Rite liturgies in accord with the Latin Rite liturgical texts for your parishioners. Extraneous customs or elements from other Rites or cultures serve only to create confusion in liturgy.

As you are aware this appointment is not intended to create an employment relationship. The appointment and your acceptance of it is part of your religious and spiritual service to the Church, in this Diocese, in collaboration with myself.

Please make yourself aware of the diocesan particular law and follow the directions in such laws with particular care. A full list of diocesan particular law instructions can be found at this link: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/bishops-office>. This site is still being created so please check it regularly.

The diocese is committed to best practice in relation to all safeguarding issues related to children and vulnerable adults. It is a requirement that you comply with all civil and ecclesiastical laws and instructions in relation to safeguarding. Your acceptance of this office includes your commitment to safeguarding.

Our diocese has developed an Ongoing Professional Development Process. This process includes professional supervision, ongoing formation, annual self-reviews, and a 360 review every three years. Soon after your appointment, the executive assistant responsible for assisting clergy through this process will contact you.

Your acceptance of this office includes your commitment to participate in the diocesan Ongoing Professional Development Process (the Process). You will be given access to the Ongoing Professional Development Sharepoint site, which will provide you with a list of professional supervisors along with information on professional development opportunities. At the end of your term of office, your participation in the process will be taken into account before another appointment is made.

The Maitland Clergy Central Fund oversees and is responsible for your sustentation and so I refer you to the Funds Statutes and Regulations (CIC c. 1274). Please make yourself aware of your rights and responsibilities by obtaining and reading a copy of these statutes and regulations

You may take the Oath of Office and the Profession of Faith before any priest in good standing. I ask that you please send me a signed copy of both documents for your file (CIC c. 1283).

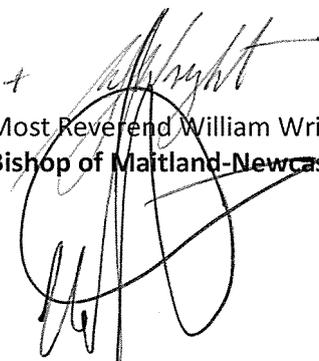
Canon 1283 of the Latin Code of Canon law also requires the Parish Priest who has administration responsibilities to prepare and sign an accurate and clear inventory of immovable property, movable objects, whether precious or of some cultural value, or other goods, with their description and appraisal; any inventory already done is to be reviewed. If an inventory does not exist, you are dispensed from this requirement. But within the first twelve months of your appointment you must fulfil the canonical requirement.

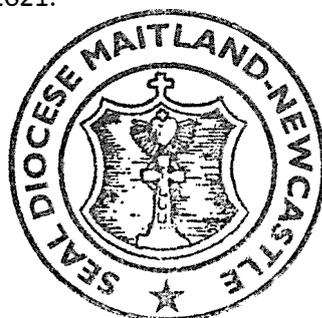
Peter, if you are unable to have a celebration of taking possession with myself or the Vicar General, within the next month, then this letter dispenses you and replaces the taking of possession (c. 527).

I seek your written acceptance of this appointment within 14 days of receipt of this letter.

Wishing you all the best in your ministry,

Given at Hamilton NSW this 27th day of May 2021.


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Most Reverend William Wright
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



Reverend Matthew Muller
Chancellor

enc: Documents: Oath of Office; Profession of Faith

cc: Principal, Holy Name Primary School, Forster
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