

DECREE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

34/2026

Decree – Provision

Appointment to Ecclesiastical Office of Assistant Priest in the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Booragul Warners Bay, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Dear Fr Paul Kamau,

GIVEN that decree 77/2025 will suppress the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Boolaroo, and the Parish of St Michael the Archangel, Booragul by extinctive union; and

GIVEN the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Booragul Warners Bay was erected on the same territory as the suppressed parishes, effective 24 May 2026,

I appoint you to the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians Booragul Warners Bay as Assistant Priest (CIC83 c.565) assisting Fr Darryl Mackie, **effective 24 May 2026**.

Your appointment continues as detailed in decree 96/2024 of 17 December 2024, including your current appointments to the parishes of Morisset and Toronto as Assistant Priest.

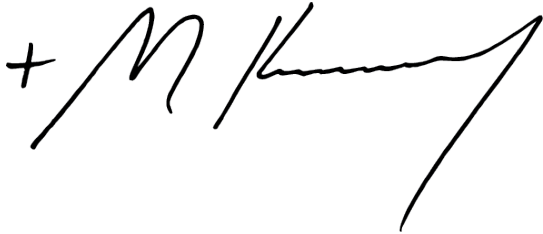
The period of parish appointments remains the same as detailed in decree 96/2024, being from **03 January 2025** until I advise you otherwise in writing.

All other appointment details remain the same as in the former decree, with the only difference being the change of parish name in this decree to Booragul Warners Bay (previously Boolaroo and Booragul Parishes).

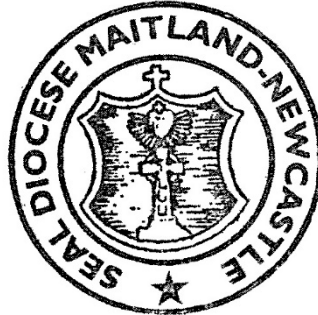
The Bishop's Office will inform any parties who need to be notified of these changes and will make any necessary changes.

I wish you all the best in your ministry.

Given at Hamilton, NSW on the 23rd day of May, 2026.



Most Reverend Michael Kennedy
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



Very Reverend Matthew Muller VG
Chancellor

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enc: Documents: Oath of Office; Profession of Faith; Safeguarding Commitment Statement
cc: Very Rev Darryl Mackie EV, Parish Priest
Rev Patrick Swaray CSSp, Assistant Priest
Bishop's Office - Pastoral Support – Nichola McCarthy
Bishop's Office - People and Culture/MN People – Via Lodged Form

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