



For all things give thanks.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

**All Parish Masses, St Michael's Parish, Nowra
Sunday, 23 August 2020**

BGM:lt/438

20 August 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters

Monsignor Patrick Faherty has been Parish Priest of Nowra for the past 28 years, having served you and the diocese with faithfulness and generosity. Now that he is in his 80th year, Fr Pat has spoken with me and has tendered his resignation from his role as Parish Priest and from full-time parish ministry.

I have accepted this news with mixed emotions: firstly, with a sense of gratitude for all that Patrick Faherty has given to our diocese; and secondly, that while his retirement will bring a new dimension to his life, it leaves us with the sadness of missing his ongoing presence amongst us.

Monsignor Pat's wisdom, prayerfulness and love of pastoral ministry are gifts that are at the essence of priesthood. Through these gifts he has been a wonderful role model to so many younger priests as they embarked on their ministry.

He has been that comforting ear, that healing presence and wise counsellor to so many within the community and for that I am so very grateful, as I know you are.

Monsignor Pat has asked that there be only one weekend's notice of his departure to the community: and so I now announce to you that next weekend, 29 and 30 August 2020, will be his final weekend as Parish Priest of Nowra and the surrounding districts.

I thank him for his faithful ministry over the years of his priesthood and wish him well for life as he moves out of full-time ministry.

Fr Leo Mifsud will be appointed as the Administrator of Nowra Parish, as of 31 August 2020.

With every blessing to you all.

Yours in Christ

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