

Announcement of New Parish Priest:

4 December 2005

It is with pleasure that the parish nominators are able to announce that Fr Martin Hope has been selected to be the new Parish Priest of Camp Hill and Norman Park and he has accepted.

The three nominators (Debbie Mullins, Robyn Casey and Damien Colbert) have been involved in a confidential selection process for the last three months involving Diocesan representatives and the Bishop Ron Williams. During this process we have considered a number of possible candidates of which Fr Martin was the best match for our Parish.

Fr Martin and his wife Catherine are currently in the Parish of Camperdown, Victoria and are keen to join the parish in the new year. They have a couple of children of university age and we understand they will remain in Victoria.

Fr Martin has had a long and vibrant history with the Anglican Church in Australia. He has worked in a diverse range of parishes and has demonstrated throughout his career the ability to build vibrant parishes that are well connected to their local community.

Fr Martin and Catherine pride themselves on their team approach to the ministry in parishes they are part of and have expressed great enthusiasm to work with the parish to rebuild and regenerate ourselves over the next few years.

Fr Martins ministry started as a brother in the Society of St Fancies in 1969. He left the society to join parish ministry in 1986. During this time he has ministered in a number of parishes in Victoria with a small sojourn to minister in a parish in the WA for a couple of years.

During the selection process it has become evident that Fr Martin has a great number of qualities as a Parish Priest. He is a patient and determined person who has a capacity to listen and engage with a wide range of people. He has great understanding of the gospel and a passion to build a strong and vibrant faith based parish community.

Fr Martin will start in the Parish in early February.

The parish nominators would like to thank the parish council and all parishioners for their prayers and support throughout this process.

Damien Colbert, Debbie Mullins, Robyn Casey