

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. Registered Charity no. 1199568

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Friday, Bishop Philip announced a number of clergy appointments that will affect our Pastoral Area. These changes will take effect around September. I am confident that the new clergy team will continue to serve the faithful of our Pastoral Area with dedication and generosity.

The appointments are as follows (in alphabetical order):

- **Deacon Craig Aburn** will serve as Deacon at St. Patrick's, Hayling Island (under Fr. Andrew Wagstaff).
- **Fr. Oliver Ezeani** (Archdiocese of Onitsha) has been appointed to St. Colman and St. Paul (under Fr. Andrew Wagstaff)
- **Fr. Innaiah Maddineni** will move from St. Patrick's, Hayling Island, to St. Patrick's, Woolston, with The Annunciation, Netley, as Priest in Charge (under Canon Michael Dennehy).
- **Fr. Andrew Wagstaff** will move from St. Colman and St. Paul, Portsmouth, to Sacred Heart and St. Peter's, Waterlooville, with St. Michael's, Leigh Park, St. Edmund's, Horndean, and St. Patrick's, Hayling Island, as Parish Priest and Coordinating Pastor.

Further Studies

Fr. James Lewis will be away during the coming year to undertake further studies in Steubenville. We wish him every blessing in this endeavour and assure him of our prayers.

A Personal Note

On a personal note, I am delighted that Fr. Andrew will be taking over from me. He knows the Pastoral Area well and is ideally placed to continue guiding us as we work towards becoming one canonical parish with the support of the other clergy.

I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to all those, past and present, who have served on our Pastoral Area Council over the last four years. Through your commitment, vision, and hard work, you have helped lay strong foundations and establish the structures that make these developments possible.

As I prepare to begin my own period of further studies, I give thanks to God for the privilege of serving among you. Thank you for your support, friendship, and prayers throughout my time here. Please continue to keep me in your prayers, as I will keep all of you in mine.

May God continue to bless you and our Pastoral Area.

Yours in Christ,

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