

A New Vicar for CCSY

The Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, has advised the Churchwardens that Fr Craig D'Alton has accepted his appointment as incumbent of the Parish of Christ Church South Yarra. Fr Craig has been the Vicar of St Mary's North Melbourne since 2010.



Fr Craig will be commissioned by Bishop Genevieve Blackwell on Thursday 31 January 2019 at 7pm as the 15th Vicar of Christ Church.

Many of you will remember Fr Craig when he was on the staff of the Parish between 1998 and 2003 as Pastoral Associate, Assistant Curate, and Honorary Associate Priest.

Fr Craig is committed to the renewal of the Catholic wing of Anglicanism, with a passion for fine liturgy and music, quality preaching, and the development of inclusive and outward-focused church communities. His interests outside church include visiting galleries and spending too much money on art; music, especially opera; and growing his own vegetables. He is also a published historian and is presently working on a book on the Catholic gentry in the Irish Regency period.

He writes:

"I have lived in South Yarra on and off since 1987, and as I contemplate returning to Christ Church as vicar I find myself thinking in the language of 'coming home.'

I look forward immensely to the task of leading the parish into what I hope may be the next stage of growth, and to doing what I can to ensure that Christ Church Grammar continues to be one of Melbourne's finest independent schools. The challenges at Christ Church are dwarfed by the scale of the opportunities. As the reality of this move sinks in, I find that the phrase that rings most true for me is 'this is going to be fun!'

"Please pray for me, and for the people of St Mary's North Melbourne during this time of transition. Be assured also that I will be praying for you every day as we prepare for what I hope will be a fruitful season of ministry together."

We congratulate Fr Craig on his appointment and assure him and the Parish of St Mary's of our prayers and love during this time of transition. We look forward to welcoming him to Christ Church as our new Vicar.

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