



ARCHBISHOP OF WELLINGTON

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS 2025

St Joseph's Parish, Levin: Parish Priest - Fr Bruce England until Easter then Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) assume pastoral responsibility for the parish.

Parish Priest from Easter - Fr Simone Volavola MSC, Assistant Priest Fr Beniata Bakatete MSC

St Mary's Parish, Otaki: Parish Priest – Fr Alan Roberts until Easter.

Administrator from Easter - Fr Simone Volavola MSC, Assistant Priest - Fr Beniata Bakatete MSC

St Theresa's Parish, Plimmerton: Administrator – Fr Ravi Kumar Voliganti

Our Lady of Hope, Tawa: Assistant priest and supply - Fr Pene Patelesio

St Joseph's Parish, Upper Hutt: Parish Priest – Fr Tony Kearns

Our Lady of the Valleys, Heretaunga/Stokes Valley: Parish Priest – Fr Maleko Api-Tufuga

Te Wairua Tapu, Lower Hutt: Parish Priest - Fr Akuila Taliauli SVD

Te Awakairangi Parish, Lower Hutt: Assistant Priests – Fr Sang Quang Le SVD, Fr Noel Corcino

Holy Trinity Parish, Wellington East:

Deacon Kinh Nguyen, home base for seminarian Kham Nguyen

Catholic Parish of Wellington South:

Assistant Priest - Fr Biju Xavier, home base for seminarian Dyester Abo-Abo

Star of the Sea Parish, Marlborough

Administrator - Fr Jacob Kuman CP, Assistant Priest - Fr Peter Gardiner CP

Our Lady of the Bays Parish, Richmond-Motueka-Takaka

Administrator – Fr Andrew Kim, Assistant Priests - Fr Cirilo Barlis, Fr Dyson Tharakan.

5th year seminarian pastoral year - Gerson Badayos

St Mary of the Angels: Assistant Priest - Fr Barry Scannell SM (after Easter)

Those taking up appointments should be in their new parish by 31 January and be celebrating the parish Masses on the weekend of 1-2 February 2025, unless by prior arrangement.

Notes

Fr Marlon Maylon SVD – will become assistant priest in Te Wairua Tapu until a replacement comes into 2025. Fr Marlon will then return to Australia.

Fr Alan Roberts – retires as Parish priest of Otaki after Easter

Fr Bruce England – retires as Parish priest of Levin after Easter

Fr Michael Bellizzi – has returned to the Archdiocese of Malta

Fr Seph Pijfers – studies in Auckland

Pre seminarian Long Tran Kim Thanh - residing in the Catholic parish of Wairarapa on pastoral experience for 2025

5 December 2024