



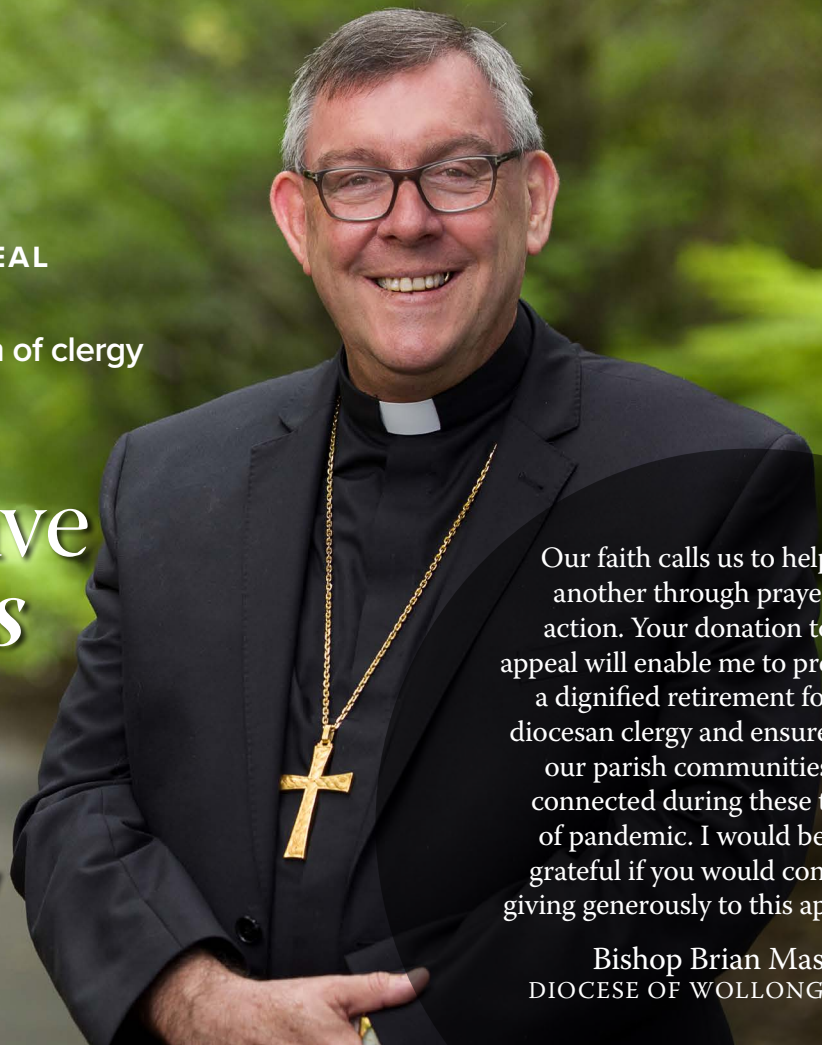
## THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In support of the retirement and health of clergy

# Caring for those who have *cared for us*

and local parish ministries

## Staying *connected*



Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during these times of pandemic. I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal.

**Bishop Brian Mascord**  
DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

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### DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE IN ACTION 2021



#### Accommodation for 13 retired clergy

- 9 live on their own
- 3 in retirement villages
- 1 in aged care facilities



10 retired clergy receive domestic assistance



5 additional clergy will retire in the next 5 years



#### Clergy Care Coordinator Sue Daniels assists 40+ diocesan clergy with

- Health care coordination
- Holistic health and wellbeing support and education
- Transportation assistance
- Short-term health care crisis advocacy
- Long-term ageing support



#### Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling

- 9 retired clergy provide sacramental ministry in parishes when the parish priest is on holidays or unwell
- 3 retired clergy celebrate the sacraments for residents in their retirement / aged care facilities
- 2 retired clergy continue as spiritual directors

### LOCAL PARISH MINISTRIES



#### Staying connected in 2021 and beyond

- online Masses
- digital faith resources
- social media connection

The past 18 months have created much uncertainty and anxiety and our parishes have responded to the important need of staying connected with their communities through the provision of online Masses, digital faith resources and greater connection via social media platforms.

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