



Ad Clerum

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Dear sisters and brothers

Election of the Reverend Canon Dr Murray Harvey as 12th Bishop of Grafton

It is with pleasure that I announce that the Reverend Canon Dr Murray Harvey has been elected to be the next Bishop of Grafton. Murray will bring a wide range of experience to his new calling and I am delighted for the sake of the people of the Diocese of Grafton that he has accepted the appointment.

Murray has given faithful service in the Diocese of Brisbane in many different ways since his ordination as deacon in 1991 and then priest in 1992. He served as Assistant Curate at Christ Church Milton (1991-93) and St Clement's Stafford (1994-95), before becoming Priest-in-Charge of St George's Tamborine Mountain (1995-2002).

From 2002-11 Murray moved to the UK to serve as Vicar of the Glen Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Lincoln. He made a highly regarded contribution to the parish and to the diocese. During this time he had added responsibilities, including Vocations Advisor in the Diocese of Lincoln and National Bishops' Advisor for selection of people exploring a call to ordained ministry.

In 2011 Murray returned to Brisbane Diocese and was appointed Rector of St Mark's Clayfield. He continued his interest in guiding vocations, serving as the Vocations Task Group Coordinator (2011-2016); Examining Chaplain (2011-); and has been a Residentiary Canon of the Cathedral since 2014.

Murray is blessed with having the academic, pastoral and personal skills and experience which will stand him in good stead, as he takes up his leadership role among the people of the Diocese of Grafton.

Murray's Episcopal Ordination will take place on Saturday 29th September in Christ Church Cathedral in Grafton at 10.00am.

Please pray for Murray and Leanne and their family as they prepare to move to Grafton to take up this new and important ministry.

Yours in Christ

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall
Archbishop of Brisbane