12th July 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Archbishop Peter Comensoli had appointed me as the interim Vicar General to assist him in the governance of the Archdiocese from Monday, 15th July – Tuesday, 31st December while Monsignor Greg Bennet recuperates from surgery and takes a period of leave. I will remain as Parish Priest of St Mary’s over this period and the Archbishop has appointed Fr Jerome Santamaria as assistant priest of the parish. Fr Jerome will commence here on his return from study in Rome in mid-August. Copies of the Archbishop’s official announcement of these changes are available at the back of the Church and also on the notice boards.

During this time, most of my weekdays will be spent in the Archbishop’s office in East Melbourne. Until Fr Jerome commences it will therefore not be possible to manage our usual morning Mass program but Bernadette will conduct a prayer service Tuesday to Thursday each week. Saturday morning and Sunday Mass times will not be affected.

I appreciate your prayers and support to me and the Parish team during this time, and I know that you will make Fr Jerome welcome in our community when he arrives.

Fr Joe Caddy PP