

Thursday, 3rd October, 2002

Rev J Fletcher PP
Catholic Presbytery
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Dear Jim,

I wish to confirm our conversation and formally appoint you Parish Priest of Lochinvar Parish as from 1st August, 2002.

While you will be Parish Priest of two separate Parishes in the interests of closer cooperation and efficiency, you may, after adequate consultation, decide to integrate some of the existing structures.

The parishioners of Branxton will need to realize the fact that your additional responsibilities will involve you elsewhere. They will have to learn to generously share you with their new neighbour. Naturally, some sensitivity will need to be shown to those who find it difficult to accept this change.

I thank you for your willingness to undertake this task. Jim, don't hesitate to engage appropriate assistance as required to relieve you of some of the burden.

With best wishes,

I remain,

Yours sincerely

Most Reverend Michael Malone
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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PS: Authority to sign cheques on your new Parish's Accounts has already been arranged through the Chancery and CDF.