

Appointment of New Parish Priest for St Scholastica's Parish

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to convey to you the news of the appointment of Fr Think Nguyen as the sixth Parish Priest of St Scholastica's Parish which comes into effect on 30 December 2020.

Fr Think grew up in a family of thirteen children in Melbourne and is the third youngest in the family. He was educated by the Marist Brothers in Preston. Having gained his Bachelor of Building Engineering, he worked at Lincoln Scott Consulting Engineers for four years before entering Corpus Christi College for studies to the priesthood in February 2000.

Fr Think was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral in 2006 and appointed as an assistant priest at St Peter Chanel's Church in Deer Park. Since ordination he has served as a spiritual advisor for the Archdiocesan Office for Youth, Parish Priest in Fitzroy, as well as a Catholic Chaplain at the University of Melbourne. He is currently a Formator at Corpus Christi College, a role that he has taken since 2013. His hobbies include swimming, reading spiritual books, running, and spending time with his family and friends.



Fr Think is looking forward to the experience of working closely with all of you and the staff of St Scholastica's Parish, especially to being your companion on the journey of faith.

With his rich experience in priestly ministry, as well as his enthusiasm and the many qualities he possesses, Fr Think will tremendously contribute to the life of St Scholastica's parish community. I call on you to warmly welcome him to our parish family and work in *close collaboration* with him to make St Scholastica's parish a great missionary parish – one that has the capacity for proclaiming the Good News to all peoples not by mere words, but by who we really are and what we are called to do.

On a personal level, I would like to thank Fr Think for having accepted this appointment and his willingness to serve St Scholastica's parish as parish priest. Please join me in wishing him all the very best in his new role and praying that his ministry at St Scholastica's parish will flourish and that he will find joy in living out his priesthood.

I have the honour of having been the parish priest of St Scholastica's parish over the last five years. Despite many difficulties we all have to face this year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, we remain a strong and vibrant parish of which I am very proud.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you each and all of you for your generosity, support, friendship, patience, and prayers. I will leave St Scholastica's parish by the end of this year to pursue further studies in Christology at the Melbourne Theological College before returning to my home diocese in Vietnam.

I look forward to the premier's announcement this Sunday concerning the roadmap for reopening (of our church) and to physically meeting and celebrating the Eucharist with you.

Rest assured that you are always in my thoughts and prayers, and I humbly ask you to continue to keep me in yours.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Fr Thanh Tran
Parish Priest