

Blue Mountains Deanery News

Some clergy changes are happening in the Blue Mountains: Frs. Carlos and Omar have moved from Katoomba to Rouse Hill parish. Fr. John McSweeney has been appointed PP of the Upper Blue Mountains parish from September 12. Until then Fr. Bob Anderson will be parish administrator.

With the retirement of Fr. Bob Sheridan, Fr. Jolly Chacko, PP of Glenbrook, has been appointed moderator of Blackheath parish for the rest of this year. We thank each of them for their ministry and wish them well as they change postcodes.

Many thanks for generous donations of non-perishable food and toiletries which were delivered to the Jesuit Refugees Service HQ at Westmead on Wednesday, 8th July. This is an ongoing commitment by the Mountains parishes and we will be reminded when the next trailer-load of goodies is to be forwarded.

COVID19 has obviously affected many planned activities and programs.

The Plenary gatherings have been effectively pushed back 12 months with the Adelaide gathering now the 3rd to 10th October 2021 and Sydney now on the 4th to 9th July 2022.

Plenary President, Archbishop Tim Costelloe says 'Prayer, dialogue and discernment have been foundational pillars of the Plenary Council journey and will continue to be. I encourage everyone to read the discernment papers (*available @ plenarycouncil.org.au and click on thematic papers*) and to take some time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to continue to guide our path toward the assemblies and beyond.'

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