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Imbued with the joy of the Gospel, I have exercised a parochial ministry for the best part of the last decade. Called primarily to the pastoral work of preaching the pure Word of God and ministering the Sacraments according to Christ's ordinance in the congregation of the faithful, I am also passionate about promoting a more comprehensive Catholic vision of the Church which would see all people bend before our Lord Jesus Christ really present in his true nature and substance in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. In my wider engagement with society and involvement in organisational governance, I am committed to countering the deluded belief in the existence of the 'secular' and asserting the fundamental and foundational Christian identity of our Anglican educational and benevolent

institutions. My recently published doctoral research, described by Archbishop Rowan Williams in his Foreword as 'subversive' and by one recent reviewer as 'dense', argues for a recovery of a properly medieval provincial polity within Anglicanism and the undermining wherever possible of 'national church' structures and the attendant pretensions of primatial authority. I am married to Kirsty, Chaplain of Melbourne Girls' Grammar School, and we have two young children: William (6) and Isabella (4). A lapsed rower, my hobbies are now reduced to playing the bagpipes, and collecting antique silk top hats.

Principal Ministry Roles

Vicar of East Malvern and Glen Huntly, Diocese of Melbourne (2019-Present)

Assistant Chaplain, then Associate Dean & Bye-Fellow, Emmanuel College, Cambridge (2015-2019)

Assistant Curate of South Yarra, Diocese of Melbourne (2013-2015)

Selected Other Ministry & Governance Experience

Board Director, Brotherhood of St Laurence (2022-Present)

School Council, David Scott School (2022-Present)

Board Director, Melbourne Grammar School (2021-Present)

Member, Trinity College Theological School Committee (2019-Present)

Examining Chaplain, Diocese of Melbourne (2019-Present)

Member, Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) (2019-Present)

Elected Member, Provincial Council – Victoria (2019-Present)

ex officio President, Ardrrie Park Tennis Club (2019-Present)

Quality Care & Governance Committee, Brotherhood of St Laurence (2019-2022)

Priest-Missioner, St Clement's, Cambridge (2018-2019)

Vocations Advisor, Diocese of Ely (2017-2019)

Honorary Padre, Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps (2017-2019)