

St. Margaret Mary's Parish
Merrylands

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Most Rev. Kevin Manning,
Bishop of Armidale,
P.O. Box 93,
ARMIDALE, N.S.W., 2350.

Dear Bishop Manning,

In a conversation with the Bishop of Parramatta this morning Bishop Heather mentioned to me your concern about the forthcoming reunion in Armidale.

I told Bishop Heather I would write to you to confirm that I have no significant part in it.

There is no reunion Mass.

The numbers attending the reunion are very small. I believe there will be about 15 blokes, mostly from Sydney, and their wives. In fact, some of the Sydney people thought it would have been more convenient to stage the reunion in Sydney.

On the Sunday there will be a barbecue with the girls who attended St Ursula's College; their numbers are very low, also.

So, the reunion is a very low-key event.

In my last letter I omitted to ask if I could use your private chapel while I am in Armidale. Your predecessor, Bishop Kennedy, graciously allowed me to use his chapel any time I was in Armidale, for daily Mass, Office, Rosary and Visit. Would you be so kind as to grant me the same access?

Meanwhile, this Saturday, 21st September, I will be ten years ordained. The *Book of the Gospels* in the Cathedral (presumably the one used at your episcopal ordination) was a gift from my parents to the Cathedral to celebrate my ordination. I hope you have settled into Armidale. I guess after Canberra winters, Armidale was no shock. Spring and summer in Armidale are very pleasant. My parents tell me they regularly see you out doing your exercise. I used to play squash, but such a sport is dangerous for those who are not fully fit. Nowadays, I walk a few miles each day, and that keeps me fit.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,



(Rev. John Farrell)