

20th. August, 1981.

Rev. John Farrell,
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ARMIDALE. 2350.

Dear John,

I hope that your Ordination Retreat was peaceful and prayerful. It would have been good to meet with your classmates again and pray together at this important time.

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to the parish of Quirindi under Fr. Stan Campbell from September 1 to September 18, both dates inclusive. Quirindi is an interesting example of one of our medium size parishes. You will find Fr. Campbell a zealous and devoted pastor. I have asked Fr. Campbell to arrange for you to experience the ministry in Quirindi, particularly in the areas of preaching, Sunday Masses, visitation, communion to the sick and catechetics. Do not hesitate to seek Fr. Campbell's advice. His sound practical approach will provide invaluable insights into pastoral care.

Your salary will be met by the Salary Committee. Your car allowance and legitimate travelling expenses will be met by the Quirindi parish.

Ordination draws closer and I am sure that you are busy with many of the preparations. These are important, but no preparation, John, can replace the importance of your prayer. The Vocations Team will be contacting each parish to invite the People to pray with and for you. Our local Church, the Diocese, will be with you in spirit asking the Lord to bless you with His richest blessings in your ordination.

With every good wish.

Yours fraternally in Christ,

(Rt. Rev. F. P. Ryan)
Vicar General.