

Bishop of Newcastle

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Dear REDACT

I have spoken with Paul Roser who is my Chancellor about the inappropriateness of him appearing for James Brown. I think he has taken note of my concerns. I certainly understand your concerns. I believe that whatever the Diocese does must be totally transparent. I'm not sure if that has been the case in the past. But having listened to the repercussions of sexual abuse upon good men's lives I'm determined that we must be transparent in order to assist their healing. These stories are burnt into me.

I am sending a pastoral letter to the parish of Wallsend to be read this Sunday because I recognize that some people will not accept that Peter Rushton was a sexual abuser. This is typical behaviour and typical reaction.

I want you to know and I hope you will relay this to REDA whose contact details I do not have (Michael Elliott is in Brisbane at a DPS Conference) that I do believe him and you and that I realize how much courage it has taken to bring the abuse to the knowledge of the authorities.

I am sorry that you will not be at Synod through your work commitments because then we could have caught up. I am very much thinking of you and your family. Those Saturday conversations at Wallsend are very much in my mind.

Grace and peace,

+Brian

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