

30th September, 1982.

Rev. D. Dennehy,
St. Patrick's Presbytery,
3 Lyons St. South,
BALLARAT.

Dear Denis,

Further to our telephone conversation, I write to confirm the fact that you have been appointed Parish Priest of the Parish of Mortlake. This appointment will take effect on Saturday, October 23.

I take this opportunity of congratulating you on your first appointment to full pastoral responsibility as Parish Priest and to wish you a fruitful and satisfying apostolate at Mortlake. I thank you too for your willingness to take a temporary appointment to the Cathedral and for your work in that Parish in recent weeks.

At our Consultors meeting it was also decided to implement, on a trial basis, a change in parish boundaries, which had been proposed some time ago. This change means that the Caramut district will become part of the Penshurst Parish. For your information I enclose a copy of a letter which I wrote to Father Ridsdale on 11th June last relating to this matter. For various reasons it has not been resolved prior to this. However I have not heard of any significant opposition to the move, hence the proposal that it take effect at the time of your appointment to Mortlake, and that there be a six-months trial period after which the way in which the new distribution of labour is working out can be reviewed and some finality reached. I will ask Gerry Ridsdale to announce the change prior to your taking up residence at Mortlake and to do so in liaison with Father Delahenty so that all those affected will learn of the change on the same date.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Bishop of Ballarat.