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ANNOUNCEMENT RE CHANGES

Fr Pat McKenna, after 60 years of dedicated service to the Diocese of Cairns, will retire from the parish of North Cairns at the end of July 2016.

This year Fr Pat McKenna will celebrate 60 years and Fr John McGrath 50 years of ordination to the priesthood. These jubilees will be celebrated with a Diocesan Mass at St Monica's Cathedral on Tuesday 9th August at 11am. All are welcome.

Fr Dariusz Piotr Osiński (Fr Dariusz) and Fr Jaroslaw Michael Szymanski (Fr Michael), Pauline Fathers (Order of St Paul the First Hermit), will arrive in Cairns towards the end of June to take up work in the diocese for the next three (3) years.

I have appointed Fr Michael from the 2nd July as pastor to the parish of Mossman and Port Douglas. I thank the parish for their patience and especially all those who have held things together during this time without a pastor.

Fr Dariusz will be working in various parishes during July (mainly covering for Fr Kerry in Innisfail, who will be attending the WYD Kraków 2016). When Fr Pat retires as pastor of North Cairns parish at the end of July, Fr Dariusz will then commence as pastor at North Cairns and will also be involved in hospital chaplaincy work.

On behalf of all in the diocese I thank Pat for his loyal service over the last 60 years and welcome the *new men*, Frs Michael and Dariusz among us.

Yours truly in Christ,

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