



**DECREE ESTABLISHING THE NEW
CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL PARISH**

through the extinctive union of the Parishes of

Cathedral
St Francis of Assisi, Mairehau

There is a need to combine parishes to provide more effective pastoral care with the decreasing number of available priests. There has been a consultation process with the people of the parishes concerned. The Council of Priests of the Diocese of Christchurch was formally consulted on 26th November 2019. The Council agreed with the proposal to amalgamate the parishes.

Therefore, I the undersigned, Bishop Paul Martin SM, Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch, hereby decree an extinctive union that the parishes of Cathedral and St Francis of Assisi, Mairehau, be merged to form the new Catholic Cathedral Parish.

The boundary of the newly amalgamated parish is an aggregation of the boundaries of the former above-named parishes and was drawn up in May 2020.

All historical documents and sacramental registers containing records of baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and burials are to be conveyed to and preserved in the offices of the newly merged parish, where they are to be faithfully preserved according to canon 535, §§ 1-5.

All ecclesiastical goods of the originating parishes are to belong to the newly merged Catholic Cathedral Parish. All liabilities of the originating parishes are to be transferred to the newly merged Catholic Cathedral Parish.

This decree is to become effective on Sunday 12th July 2020.

DATED at Christchurch this 2nd day of July 2020.

SIGNED by PAUL GERARD MARTIN SM)
The Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of)
Christchurch for the time being and sealed with)
his seal of office:

P.G. Martin SM



SIGNED by Father Simon Eccleton as Chancellor)
for the Diocese of Christchurch:

S. Eccleton

