



Office of the Bishop

DIOCESE OF NELSON
Pastoral Appointments July 2024

To the Priests, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Nelson

Dear sisters and brothers,

I am pleased to make the following Pastoral Appointments:

Fr. Biju Antony is appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Grand Forks, Sacred Heart Mission Parish in Greenwood and Our Lady of the Lake Mission Parish in Christina Lake, July 1, 2024.

Deacon Ferdinand Bayarong is appointed Associate Pastor of St. Charles Garnier Parish, July 20, 2024.

Fr. Paul Joseph Thymootil, CMI is appointed Pastor of St. Rita Parish in Fruitvale, Sacred Heart Parish in Rossland and Sacred Heart Mission in Salmo, August 1, 2024.

Fr. Xaviour Mulakkampilli Chakku, CMI is appointed Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Trail, August 1, 2024.

Fr. Joseph Kizhakethottathil, MST's temporary contract has concluded with the Diocese of Nelson and he will be returning to the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle in India.

Fr. Ruben Buela's temporary contract has concluded, and at the request of his Bishop he will be returning to his home Diocese of Legazpi in the Philippines, August 1, 2024.

Fr. Edwin Neufeld will be moving his residence into the rectory at St. Edward Parish in Lake Country on July 8, 2024.

I am grateful to both Fr. Buela and Fr. Kizhakethottathil for their ministry in the Diocese of Nelson and wish them both safe travels home and God's blessing for their continued ministry of priestly service to in the Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gregory J. Bittman', with a small cross symbol to the left.

✠ Gregory J. Bittman
Bishop of Nelson