

Joint Commissioning of Chaplains

“Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me”

The Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Bathurst held a joint Commissioning of Prison Chaplains to the Bathurst Correctional Complex on Tuesday 19th June 2012. Around 50 people attended the Service which was held in the beautiful Chapter House of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral.

During the ecumenical service, the Reverend Tony Card and Mrs Geraldine Bowes were commissioned by their respective Bishops, entrusting to them the spiritual welfare of prisoners and staff in the Bathurst facility. Archdeacon Robert Howell - Anglican Registrar - read out Bishop Hurford's Licence to Reverend Card and Father Mark McGuigan - Catholic Chancellor - read out Bishop McKenna's Notice of Appointment to Mrs Bowes.

The Reverend Rod Moore, NSW Corrective Services Co-ordinating Chaplain, presented Reverend Card and Mrs Bowes to the Bishops and gave a short address.

It is less than a month since the two Dioceses signed a Covenant to work together in any way possible towards visible Eucharistic unity and the Commissioning was a great opportunity for an occasion of joint worship.

After the Service, there was a chance for people to get together, with the All Saints' community generously providing a delicious supper.



