

Pastoral Assistant Licence renewal

To be read out at three services in each centre of WFA

In the light of our Bishop's desire to tidy up Diocesan regulations, one aspect of this is that all lay licences in the Parish will be reviewed and audited.

Under our previous Bishop, the regulation was that Parish Council issued licences and, as such, it is difficult to determine who holds a licence, and for what position at the Parish and Diocesan level.

We have decided that the simplest way to facilitate this is to have all people reapply for lay licences prior to our February Parish Council meeting.

We will cancel all licences on the Monday prior to Parish Council meeting and then review all applications for licences at the Parish Council meeting, reissuing appropriate licences the following day.

This is also an opportunity for people who have not had a licence before to have an opportunity to apply.

If our Bishop, in the future, chooses to personally sanction the Pastoral Assistant licences, this will enable him to have a streamlined and straightforward process.

Brother Simon Waters