

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEACONS

Deacon Tony Hoban

“I can see that my whole professional life and ministry experience has been in preparation for my current role” said Deacon Tony Hoban about latest pastoral appointment.

Tony has been married to his wife Annette since June, 1988. They have three young adult children.

Tony was Ordained as a Permanent Deacon on December 5, 2009.

In January, 2018, Tony and Annette moved to Marsden Park, in Sydney north west, one of the fastest growing new suburbs in Australia. As at December 2018, 50 people were moving into the suburb each week.

Tony was appointed by Bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long, as Pastoral Director for the new Catholic Faith Community of St Luke’s at Marsden Park.

Bishop Vincent Long, speaking at the first Mass at St Luke’s said:

“It is with great joy that I join with you today in installing Deacon Tony Hoban, assisted by his wife Annette, as the pastoral leader of this new St Luke’s Catholic Faith Community here in burgeoning Marsden Park. They are possibly the first deacon couple to lead a Parochial District in Australia, certainly the first in our Diocese. This is not an act of desperation on my part. Rather, it is a vote of confidence in Deacon Tony’s leadership credentials. It is my belief that the time has come for us to recognise the gifts of married deacons and empower them to exercise those gifts for the benefits of the community.”

Tony’s working life started as a journalist on NSW and Queensland country newspapers before working on a daily Sydney newspaper. He then moved into PR with NRMA and became manager of Media and Government Liaison before doing a Master of Business Administration degree and going on to manage business units with Road Service and Membership. He has also worked in sales/account management leadership roles at the NSW Business Chamber and worked in management roles with CatholicCare Parramatta, St Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Mission and in Campus Ministry at Australian Catholic University.

“I see that the whole range of skills and experience I have learned in all of these roles can be applied as Pastoral Director of this new Catholic community. Whether it be media awareness, business management skills or pastoral expertise, this role taps into them all,” Tony said.

“It is a great joy that I can collaborate with my wife, Annette, in this role. In fact, we hope to model a sense of collaboration in our community. From day one we have enlisted a group of local people to be an advisory group to us in pastoral leadership and we are always encouraging everyone in our faith community to get involved in a ministry.”

Tony is also involved in a variety of other ministries and roles:

- * In prison ministry through Kairos
- * As a disaster relief chaplain
- * As the NSW/ACT representative on the National Association of Deacons Executive

- * Chair of the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Plan (Board of Management) for the Diocese of Parramatta
- * Director of Formation for Permanent Deacons in the Diocese of Parramatta

