



St Bart's next Vicar

The Archbishop has appointed the Reverend Stuart Soley, currently Vicar of St Mark's, Fitzroy, as the next Incumbent of St Bart's. Ordained in Melbourne in 1995, Fr Stuart comes to us with a great depth and variety of ordained ministry experience.

St Bart's will be his third parish as Incumbent. His first parish was St Mark's, Sunshine, where he began in 1999, following two years as precentor of St David's Cathedral, Hobart. Taking on the neighbouring parish of Braybrook as well, in a few short years he created the new combined parish of Holy Apostles, Sunshine-Braybrook. This involved the building of a fine new church, combined with extensive social enterprise facilities to serve the needy in that community.

Since 2011, he has been Vicar of St Mark's, Fitzroy, where a Community Centre serves the people of Fitzroy in partnership with Anglicare Victoria.

Fr Stuart is a strong advocate for and supporter of the LGBTI community, hosting the annual Midsumma Mass each year at Fitzroy as part of the Midsumma Festival.

We look forward to welcoming Fr Stuart at his induction service on St Francis' Day, 4 October.