



**Commissioning of Catholic Chaplain
for
Bathurst Correctional Complex
28th March 2014**

Remembering our Saviour's words "I was in prison and you visited me," the Catholic community of the Diocese of Bathurst sends Reverend Gregory Walsh CM to represent us in the Bathurst Correctional Complex.

Father Greg, we send you as a messenger of the Gospel, to make known by your words and actions that Jesus is alive in the community that sends you. We ask you to work to gain the trust of prisoners, staff and their families, that they may find in you a good listener and a source of hope and help.

May your own faith be nourished in this service and may God direct us to give the support and guidance you will need.

Through the Sacrament of Ordination, you will make the Church present in a special way, as a sharer in the ministry of the Apostles. You will be able to bring the precious gifts of the sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation and, above all the Mass, to those in your care.

Whether you are leading groups in worship, lending a compassionate ear, offering a word of wisdom, assisting in practicalities, may your presence be a sign of Christ's love, which is closest to those who suffer most.

May the prayers of Our Lady of the Central West, St Hippolytus, St Joseph Cafasso and St Mary of the Cross always accompany you.



+ Michael McKenna

Bishop of Bathurst