



Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

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New Deacons Welcomed to the Diocese

The Anglican Bishop of Newcastle, Dr Brian Farran will ordain two new deacons, tonight at 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral, adding to the number of clergy in the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle.

Annette Bourquin and Kate Macneil will be ordained by Bishop Farran, bringing with them a variety of life experiences and ensuring growth for the Diocese.

Bishop Brian Farran said, "Ordinations are always an encouraging time for the Diocese and to ordain these two women gives me great pleasure as well as a feeling of hope for the Diocesan community."

"The service tonight is a time when the Diocese comes together to welcome the deacons and celebrate their individual gifts."

Annette was born in Switzerland and has four children. She has a theology degree and has been working with a ministry team in the Parish of Nelson Bay to prepare herself for ordination.

"I have felt a lot of support from those around me during this journey and I thank God for this opportunity," she said.

Kate, from the Central Coast is a graduate of Charles Sturt University and has been working in the Parish of Woy Woy preparing for ordination. She previously studied at St John's theological college in Morpeth and is looking forward to furthering her ministry as a Deacon.

Annette and Kate have spent the weekend in a retreat led by Muriel Porter from Melbourne, in preparation for their induction to ministry.

The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle currently has five other students studying to enter the priesthood in years to come.

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