



Diocese of Armidale

Sede Vacante

MEDIA RELEASE

ELECTION OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

Since the Diocese of Armidale became vacant with the installation of Bishop Michael Kennedy as Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle on 17th March, 2023, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Armidale met on Monday 20th March, 2023 and elected Monsignor Edward Wilkes as the Diocesan Administrator in accordance with Canons 416-430. The Diocesan Administrator leads the Diocese during the period until the ordination and installation of the 11th Bishop of Armidale.

Monsignor Wilkes was Vicar General prior to Bishop Kennedy's translation. He is currently the Parish Priest of Saint Joseph's Parish, Uralla and Parish Administrator of Saint Patrick's Parish, Walcha. He will continue in these pastoral roles whilst undertaking the duties of Diocesan Administrator.