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by the Grace of God and the favour of the Apostolic See
ARCHBISHOP OF BIRMINGHAM AND METROPOLITAN

to

STEFAN LASZCZYK

priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

hereby appoints you as Parish Priest of

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, CRADLEY HEATH

I ask you to take possession of this parish within three months of receiving this letter by being inducted, making the Profession of Faith and taking the Oath of Fidelity. I authorise you to administer this parish as Parochial Administrator until such time as you have taken possession of it by being inducted.

The office to which you are called is truly challenging because of the responsibility that you bear for the care of souls. It is a noble and blessed vocation. In this life you will have the satisfaction of serving the deepest needs of human beings by fostering their relation to God. In the next life, if you are faithful, you will deserve the reward promised by Jesus Christ to those who are wise stewards of their Lord.

The law of the Church lays on the Parish Priest the obligation of ensuring that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety and that the Blessed Eucharist is the centre of the life of the parish. So that he may fulfil his office of pastor, the Parish Priest must try to know all his people personally. He is to visit their families regularly sharing their cares, anxieties and sorrows, but sharing their joys too. He is to have a special care for the sick and the dying, nourishing them with the sacraments and commending their souls to God. He should seek out the poor, the lonely and those who are exiled from their homeland or burdened with special difficulties.

The pastor of a parish is called upon to recognise and promote the specific role which the lay members of Christ's faithful have in the mission of the Church. Together with his people he is to make every effort to bring the Gospel message to those who have given up religious practice or who do not know Christ. I ask the people of this parish to work closely with you and to support you in all your undertakings. I encourage you to foster bonds of friendship and cooperation with other Christian communities and their leaders, never forgetting that it is through praying together that the gift of greater visible unity will be received.

Finally, Father, I ask you in your office of Parish Priest to co-operate with the other priests in the Deanery and with me, your Archbishop, for the good of the Archdiocese. I pray that you will be deeply happy in your work for God and for your parishioners, so that the joy which the Lord Jesus has promised to his followers may be a characteristic of your service as a priest; so will the salvation of the flock lead to the glory of the shepherd, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Given at Birmingham on
5 June 2022

+ Bernard Longley

✠ Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham

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Reverend Canon Richard Walker
Vicar General

