

Focus on the new Pastoral Administrative Assistant to the RAF Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain

An exciting new role was created in 2020 to offer administrative support to the RAF Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain in his mission to further the advancement of the Roman Catholic faith among members of the RAF and the welfare of Roman Catholics in the RAF.

Wing Commander (Rtd) Jem Wynne took up this part-time role in September which coincided with his retiring from the RAF after serving 27 years as a Dental Officer. Jem is well known to the RAF RC Community having served with the RAF Pastoral Advisory Group since its inception, latterly as its Chair. He was instrumental in organising the first of the RAF led Retreats which have proved to be so successful over the years.

Jem and his wife, Emma, and their children, Thomas and Polly, have settled in Newcastle upon Tyne and worship at their local Parish of Holy Name. He is keen to pursue the opportunities in delivering catechesis having recently completed the Certificate in Catholic Religious Studies. Jem is very excited about his new role, 'I left the RAF after 27 very happy years but I am grateful for an opportunity now to shift gear, to contemplate the true meaning of life, to simplify its demands, and to refashion my attitudes and lifestyle. Taking up this new role at this time and in being able to dedicate myself in service to the Church has been serendipitous. I feel the influence of the Holy Spirit keenly.'

Should you wish to contact Jem to know more about Catholic life in the RAF, or wish to be added to a mailing list to receive updates about RAF RC life, the International Military Pilgrimage, HCPT and other RC events and initiatives, please email him at RAFPRCCPastoralassistant457@outlook.com. He is very much looking forward to hearing from you.

