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ST JOHN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, PORTSMOUTH

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Former priest of the Portsmouth Diocese, Fr Peter Doyle, visits St John's Cathedral in his new capacity as RC Bishop of Northampton.

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BISHOP OF NORTHAMPTON VISITS PORTSMOUTH

Roman Catholics in Portsmouth eagerly await the visit in the coming week of Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton, a man well known to all Catholics in this part of the world.

In previous times, Fr Peter – golfer, skier, former rugby player and devotee of squash – had been Administrator at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth, before moving to Maidenhead and then to Winchester.

As Monsignor and Vicar General to the Portsmouth Diocese, Canon Peter was the first Bishop to be appointed in Britain by Pope Benedict earlier this year.

'It is very moving for me,' said Bishop Doyle, 'to be visiting my roots and the Portsmouth Diocese for which I hold so much affection.'

Peter Doyle, Catholic Bishop of Northampton, will be the main celebrant and will also preach at a special Mass at 1900 hours on Wednesday 23 November at St John's Cathedral, Edinburgh Road, Portsmouth. All are warmly welcome to celebrate Bishop Doyle's vocation.

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