

Proposal for Kirribilli to become a Provisional Parish

(A report from the Standing Committee)

Initiation of Proposal

1. The proposal was made to the Archbishop by the Churchwardens of St John the Baptist, Milsons Point. It was declined by the Synod in October 1992 while noting that the Standing Committee had encouraged a reapplication in 12 months time. The requirements of the Parishes Ordinance have been complied with.
2. The following proposal draws upon information supplied in 1992 and updated information supplied on 19 April 1993.

Details of Meeting

3. A meeting was held on 27 May 1993 when the following persons were present -

<i>For the Standing Committee</i>	Archdeacon G.R. Huard (Chairman), the Very Rev B.A. Jobbins, Canon C.R. Sherlock and Professor C.R. Bellenger.
<i>Promoters</i>	The Revs K. Yapp and E. Chau, Mesdames B. Crosby and E. Gee.
<i>In Attendance</i>	Mr K.R. Bowden (Secretary).

History of the Provisional Parish

4. The Church of St John the Baptist was founded in 1884 within the Parish of Christ Church, Lavender Bay. It subsequently became a parish. The population of Milsons Point declined following commercial development of the area in the 1970s.
5. In 1983 a Chinese/Cantonese speaking congregation based in the Cathedral decided to join the congregation of St John's. The finances improved and arrears of assessments were paid.
6. The church was amalgamated with the Parish of Neutral Bay on 1 December 1989 to ensure continuity of ministry.
7. The size of the congregation has increased by 300% since 1983 due to the addition of the Chinese congregation. The present congregation comprises approximately 10% local European residents and 90% Chinese from many parts of the Diocese.

Details of the Proposal

8. The following details have been supplied concerning real estate held in trust for the proposed provisional parish -

Buildings	Insured Value of Improvements \$	Debts at 31/12/92 \$	Condition of Building
Church	1,350,000	Nil	Good
Rectory	225,000	Nil	Good
Fellowship Hall	300,000	Nil	Good
Pre-school Old Hall	300,000	Nil	Good

9. The rectory is built to diocesan standards.

10. According to the 1986 census the total population is 6,534, the Anglican population is 1,095 and only 35% of the population are in the same residence as 5 years ago. The population is very transient with much of the housing being rented units.

11. There are 2 congregations for Sunday services as listed -

Service Time	Language	Attendees
9.30 am	English	12 to 20
11.00 am	Cantonese	60 to 80

12. Sunday School is attended by an average 10 children and there is a youth group with an average of 10 youth. A Bible study in English is held within the parish. The Chinese congregation is drawn from many parts of Sydney. Evangelistic meetings are held at various homes throughout the Metropolitan area and these are producing conversions and baptisms.

13. The Financial position of the proposed provisional parish over the last 3 years is summarised below -

	1990	1991	1992
	\$	\$	\$
<i>Receipts</i>			
Offertories and Donations	55,854	57,507	64,950
Interest and Rents	21,910	22,235	26,273
Other	1,369	1,577	1,205
Total Receipts	79,133	81,319	92,428
<i>Payments</i>			
Assessments (Contribution to Parish)	6,760	7,197	5,748
Payment to Parish	11,769	23,635	12,315
Other	24,111	34,243	69,525
Total Payments	42,640	65,075	87,588
Surplus/(Deficit)	36,493	16,244	4,840

14. Offertories from January to April in 1993 are 47% higher than the same period in 1992.

15. The proposed provisional parish held the following investments at 30 April 1993 -

	\$
ANZ fixed deposit	15,040
Anglican Church Property Trust (Ordinance 13/1985)	43,581
Glebe Board fixed deposit	18,645
Glebe Board call funds	30,843

16. The present assistant minister, the Rev E. Chau, who is Cantonese speaking, commenced full-time ministry at St John's in December 1991 and has recently received permanent residence status.

17. The present rector, the Rev K. Yapp, was appointed to the combined parish in August 1990.

18. To avoid confusion with the Chinese Christian Church at Milsons Point it is suggested that the name of the provisional parish be Kirribilli.

19. The Area Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean support the proposal.

Future Plans for the Ministry

20. The church committee plan to further develop the Cantonese/Chinese ministry for new migrants entering the Diocese, mostly from Hong Kong. Mr Chau is in correspondence with Anglican clergy in Hong Kong to encourage intending migrants to Sydney to join a Cantonese speaking congregation. Ministry to a local nursing home and residents of the parish has been commenced. It is the view of the Committee that this ministry be encouraged and developed.

Recommendation

21. That Synod assent to the formation of the Provisional Parish of Kirribilli from 1 January 1994.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee

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30 May 1993