

# MEET FR DAVE CALLAGHAN

*Fr Dave is our visiting priest for the Mission, who will preach at some Masses and at our Night of Mercy on Fri 22 July*

Fr Dave has been a priest for 7 years with the Missionaries of God's Love. He is originally from Perth and is now working as the Novice master for the MGLs in Canberra. He is currently training 19 men in their initial formation for the priesthood and consecrated life. He has also been very involved in youth ministry for many years.



## **When do you first remember experiencing God's Love for you?**

As a child I experienced the Love of God through the witness of my family. God was real in my life because I could see the way that the faith influenced my family. Over the years, I became involved in a youth group and continued to be strengthened through the witness of faith of the other youth groups members. The first 'personal' encounter with the love of God really came when I was studying science at university. At this time I was questioning my faith and I came to a realisation of what Jesus had done for me on the cross in a way that I had never seen before. This encounter changed the whole direction of my life and brought me to where I am now.



## **How do you know that Christ is active in your life today?**

God has called me into a vocation which requires so much more than I am physically able to do. Every day I find myself working beyond the limits of my gifting or strength. There is a constant awareness of being carried by God in all of this. I often describe it as being a bit like floating on water. When I try to be in control of my life I start to sink, but when I trust in the power of God, his love carries me. It seems that Christ has put me in a position where I have no other option than to rely completely on his love to carry me through ever moment of the day.

