It's lovely to be home! However at the moment it is a slightly surreal feeling finding myself back in Kippax after a three year absence. Many of you will remember that in early November of 2011 I left the parish to become the Novice Master for the MSC at Douglas Park. There was only one novice that year but I am delighted to report that he is doing very well and at present is at the seminary in Melbourne and will begin his third year of studies next month.

The Novitiate ended in December 2012 and as there were no candidates for the following year I was appointed Superior of the community at Douglas Park. In September of that year my elderly mother reached the stage of not being able to look after herself. I was fortunate to be given the time to care for her in her own home in Forster which I did for 12 months until she died. She was 92. She was surrounded by her five children and died at home just as she had always hoped she would. So, she was graced but we are sad...

I am delighted to be at Kippax once again and looking forward to meeting new parishioners and renewing acquaintances with all.

In His Hands, Paul