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A CATHOLIC priest once signed up by Norwich City FC director and TV cook Delia Smith to hold a special football service is one of two men arrested yesterday over a VIP paedophile ring



Father Tony McSweeney, 66, who officiated at boxing champ Frank Bruno's 1990 wedding, was quizzed along with retired children's home chief John Stingemore, 70.

The pair, held in dawn swoops by police, are suspected of helping to send vulnerable kids to be abused at Elm Guest House, an ex-guest house in Barnes, South West London, once used as lodgings by pop stars and senior politicians.

The priest presided over Bruno's wedding to Laura, which ended in divorce 11 years later.

Father McSweeney, of St George's Church in Norwich, held a service at the Premier League club in 2004 after they were promoted to the top flight.

A Norwich City spokesman today said: "In 2004, Father McSweeney wrote to joint majority shareholder Delia Smith suggesting he would like to become a Norwich City Chaplain.

"Subsequently the Club did agree he could help to hold a one-off multi-denominational service to celebrate their return to the Barclays Premier League. That service was duly held after our opening Premier League fixture against Crystal Palace in August, 2004.

"He was never employed by the Club as a Chaplain."

Cops are probing allegations dating to 1977 that kids from three council children's homes were

UNITED KINGDOM: Delia's Norwich chaplain held over VIP paedo ring

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taken to Elm Guest House to be abused.

The Operation Fernbridge probe began last month after claims of a “powerful paedophile network linked to Parliament and No10”.

Last night a spokesman for the Diocese of East Anglia confirmed: “Tony McSweeney, a priest of the Diocese of East Anglia, is currently assisting police with their inquiries into historical allegations of the sexual abuse of children.”

Both Stingemore, of St Leonards, East Sussex, and McSweeney were last night bailed until April.

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