

Liturgy and Worship

Vesture

- a) Clergy are to be vested when conducting public worship. It is the practice of this Diocese for clergy to wear at least an alb and stole for sacramental liturgies, or choir dress (cassock, surplice and scarf) for non-sacramental services.
- b) In particular pastoral circumstances, such as informal gatherings, emergencies, or extreme heat, the wearing of vestments may not be suitable. In such cases, it is fitting for clergy to wear at least a stole, signifying the exercise of the Church's ministry.
- c) Clerical attire is generally worn at church functions, at Synod, and when meeting formally with the Archbishop or Assistant Bishop.

Prayer Books and Liturgical Resources

- a) *A Prayer Book for Australia* (APBA) is the standard prayer book of this Diocese. *The Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) and *An Australian Prayer Book* (AAPB) are also authorised for use. Additional authorised materials are available on the [Liturgical Resources](#) page on the Diocesan website. No other forms are to be used in public worship other than those permitted under the [Canon Concerning Services](#).
- b) APBA may be reprinted or projected for the purpose of public worship only. Any material reproduced must be acknowledged as follows: From *A Prayer Book for Australia* © Broughton Publishing 1995.
- c) [Epray®](#) is an online version of APBA and a worship planning software that can be accessed by subscription. The ePray *Daily Prayer* app can be [downloaded](#) and used for free.

Lectionary and Bible Translations

- a) *An Australian Lectionary* (*A Prayer Book for Australia*) by Broughton Publishing is the standard lectionary of this Diocese.
- b) The *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV) of the Holy Bible with the Apocrypha is the preferred translation of the Scriptures in this Diocese, particularly for liturgical use. An Updated Edition (NRSVue) is also available.

Music and Copyright

- a) Clergy are to collaborate closely with the music director, organist, choir, or worship team. No song or instrument may be used in public worship without the approval of the parish priest or senior chaplain.
- b) Care should be taken to select songs that are doctrinally sound, conducive to worship, and reflective of the liturgical season or setting.
- c) The following hymnals are approved for liturgical use in this Diocese: *Together in Song*, *The Australian Hymn Book*, *Common Praise*, *The Revised English Hymnal*, *The New English Hymnal*, *Hymns Ancient & Modern*, and *Mission Praise*.
- d) Copyright compliance is both a legal obligation and a Christian ethical duty. While churches do not require a licence to play or perform copyrighted music during public worship, reprinting or projecting the lyrics of copyrighted hymns and songs must be properly credited and logged with a licensing company (such as [CCLI](#) or [One License](#)) on each occasion.
- e) The *Australasian Performing Right Association* (APRA) has produced a detailed reference guide called [Music Copyright: Guide for Churches](#).

Church Fittings, Ornaments and Monuments

- a) A [Parish Property - Faculty Application](#) must be submitted and approved before any fittings, ornaments or monuments are introduced, removed or altered in a church building.
- b) Unwanted and damaged religious items should be disposed of with reverence. Consecrated items are to be buried on church grounds. Bibles and prayer books may be recycled, while vestments may be donated to a textile recycling centre or, if still in good condition, given to the [Diocesan Vestment Library](#).

Episcopal Visit

- a) Requests for episcopal visits are invited annually in July/August; though clergy may contact the Episcopal Office throughout the year with a visit request. The Episcopal Office will liaise clergy in parishes and allied ministries to finalise dates and other arrangements.
- b) The visiting Bishop ordinarily presides and preaches at the celebration of the Eucharist. After the service and refreshments, the Bishop may meet with the parish council and wardens.

Commissioning Services

- a) The commissioning of a new rector/priest-in-charge is scheduled by the Episcopal Office and organised by the Area Dean in consultation with the Archbishop or Assistant Bishop.
- b) The commissioning of chaplains, principals and other licensed persons is organised by the Episcopal Office in consultation with the school or agency.

Visiting Officiants and Preachers

- a) Written permission from the Archbishop must be requested and granted before visiting clergy are invited to officiate or preach. This also applies to lay preachers.
- b) The Archbishop's Office will arrange for the diocesan Safe Ministry Services Manager to establish that the visiting clergy or lay preacher is safe to receive before permission is granted.

Church Supplies

Bibles, prayer books, lectionaries, hymnals, general Christian/Anglican books can be purchased from:

- [Broughton Publishing](#)
- [Garratt Publishing](#)
- [St Peter's Bookroom](#)
- [Koorong Books](#)
- [Church House Bookshop](#)

Clergy shirts, vestments, altarware, communion supplies, candles, incense, service registers and certificates, devotional items and religious gifts can be purchased from:

- [Gatto Christian Shop](#)
- [Church Stores](#)
- [Australian Christian Resources](#)
- [CM Almy](#)
- [Watts & Co.](#)
- [Gammarelli](#)
- [PSG Vestments](#)