

THE PAROCHIAL ORDINANCE 1969 - 1997

AMENDING ORDINANCE 1999

No 4 of 1999

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the Parochial Ordinance 1969 - 1997 in certain respects

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the Parochial Ordinance in certain respects.

THEREFORE, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

- 1(a) This Ordinance shall be cited as "The Parochial Ordinance 1969 - 1997, Amending Ordinance 1999.
- 1(b) The Parochial Ordinance 1969 - 1997 is in this Ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.
- 1(c) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance shall be cited as The Parochial Ordinance 1969 - 1999.

AMENDMENT

2. Section 24 of the Principal Ordinance is amended as follows:

i) a new subsection c) is inserted as follows:

- c) The licence of a Rector may be revoked by the Bishop upon one month's notice in writing in the event that such Rector has been or will be unable to perform the duties applicable to the position of such Rector as a result of ill health or other incapacity so that a period of six month's absence from duty has arisen or is likely to arise.

Such revocation shall only take place after the Bishop has obtained an opinion from a panel constituted by Bishop-in-Council and consisting of the Diocesan Chaplain for Ministry, a medical practitioner and a clinical psychologist and has fully discussed the matter with the Rector and the Parish Wardens. The panel shall interview the Rector prior to providing its opinion to the Bishop.

ii) the current subsections c); d) and e) of section 24 are renumbered d); e) and f).

3. Section 58 of the Parochial Ordinance is amended by the insertion of new subsections b) and c) as follows:

- b) All clergy shall be entitled to paid sick leave from their position for a period of two weeks in any one calendar year. It shall be the responsibility of the Parochial Council to provide for the expenses and emoluments of any relieving clergyperson during such leave. Sick Leave for clergy shall be cumulative up to an entitlement not exceeding six (6) weeks.
- c) All clergy shall be covered by sick and accident insurance as determined from time to time by Bishop-in-Council.

4. Section 78(g) of the Principal Ordinance is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefore:

- g) The election of one or more auditors not being members of the Parochial Council. Persons who audit Annual Parish Financial Accounts must be members or eligible to be members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia; or the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants; or the National Institute of Accountants; or a registered auditor.

However, where no such person is available, and the Bishop and Registrar approves, then two persons must act as joint Auditors.

ASSENT

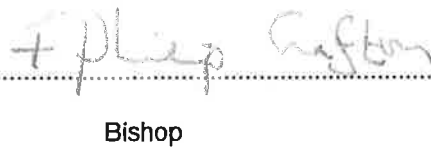
I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.


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Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that the Ordinance was passed by Synod on the fifteenth day of May, 1999.


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop