

PAROCHIAL ORDINANCE 1969-1986 (AMENDING) ORDINANCE 1988
NO. 8 OF 1988

AN ORDINANCE.

To amend the Parochial Ordinance 1969-1986 to provide for the granting by the Bishop of specific licences for clergy and assistant ministers.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas it is desirable that provision be made for the Bishop to issue a variety of licences to clergy and lay persons to more clearly designate their authorised ministry within the Diocese

And whereas it is desirable that provision be made for the granting of leave of absence and for clergy serving as a Chaplain to the Australian Defence Force

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 may be cited as the "Parochial Ordinance 1969-1986 (Amending) Ordinance 1988"
- (b) The Parochial Ordinance 1969-1986 is in this ordinance referred to as the Principal Ordinance.
- (c) The Principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance may be cited as the Parochial Ordinance 1969-1988

AMENDMENT

2. The Principal Ordinance is amended as follows:
 - (a) Repealing Sections 18 to 24 inclusive and replacing with new Sections as follows:

"THE APPOINTMENT OF CLERGY AND ASSISTANT MINISTERS.

18. The bishop shall issue specific licences as provided hereunder, and in addition may issue General Licences and Authorities to Officiate as he sees fit.

Rector

19. The appointment to the Cure-of-Souls in any Parish shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance, and the Priest so licensed shall be designated Rector.

Vicar.

20. The appointment to the Cure-of-Souls in any Parochial District shall be made solely by the Bishop, and the Priest so licensed shall be designated Vicar.

Assistant Ministers.

21. Assistant Ministers shall be licensed by the Bishop after consultation with the Incumbent of the District concerned, and the person so licensed shall be designated pursuant to one of the following sub-sections:

(a) Priest Assistant: a person in the Order of Priesthood and who assists the Incumbent in the Cure of Souls in an Ecclesiastical District.

(b) Deacon: a person who has been made Deacon and who assists the Incumbent in the Cure of Souls in an Ecclesiastical District.

(c) Priest Associate: a Priest Assistant who has been nominated by the Incumbent to be recognised as an Associate and has been approved as such by the Bishop.

(d) Lay Minister: a lay person holding qualifications satisfactory to the Bishop who performs duties as specified in the licence upon such terms and under such title as approved by the Bishop.

Locum Tenens.

22. During the absence of the Incumbent from an ecclesiastical district for a period in excess of 4 weeks the Bishop may licence a Priest to act as Incumbent, for such period, or periods, as the Bishop determines.

23. (Intentionally left out)

Leave of Absence from the Diocese.

23 A. The Bishop may grant Leave of Absence from the Diocese for a purpose approved by him to any holder of a licence for an initial period not exceeding twelve months. An application for Leave of Absence must be in writing and may be granted if the Bishop sees fit.

The period of leave may be renewed for further periods of up to twelve months at the Bishop's discretion.

Upon the granting of Leave of Absence to a Priest or Deacon the Bishop may issue such person with a General Licence.

The granting of Leave of Absence does not confer any right of appointment or reappointment to any stipendiary position within the Diocese.

Chaplain to the Australian Defence Force.

23B Upon a clergyman being granted a licence by the Primate or the Bishop to the Australian Defence Force to minister as a Chaplain in the Australian Defence Force, and provided that immediately before such appointment the clergyman was the holder of a licence in this Diocese, the Bishop may issue such person with a General Licence for the period of their Chaplaincy service.

The granting of a General licence to a Chaplain does not confer any right of appointment or reappointment to any stipendiary position within the Diocese.

REVOCATION OF LICENSES

24. (a) The Licence of a Rector shall not be revocable without the consent of the holder except as provided by Ordinance.
- (b) The Licence of a Vicar shall be revocable by the Bishop upon three months' notice in writing after opportunity has been given to such Vicar to show cause before the Bishop why the licence should not be revoked.
- (c) The Licence of an Assistant Minister shall be revocable by the Bishop either by his own act or upon the request of the Incumbent of the District within which the licence is held upon one month's notice in writing after opportunity has been given to such minister to show cause before the Bishop why the licence should not be revoked.

- (d) A General Licence which enables the holder to fill a stipendiary position shall be revocable by the Bishop upon three months' notice in writing after the opportunity has been given to the holder to show cause before the Bishop why his licence should not be revoked.
- (e) All other General Licences and Authorities to Officiate shall be revocable by the Bishop without notice or cause assigned."

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

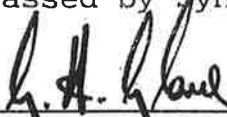
- 3. This Ordinance shall come into effect upon receiving the assent of the Bishop.

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



Chairman of Committees.-

I hereby certify that this Ordinance was passed by Synod on the 11th day of September 1988.



Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance:



Bishop.