

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1974

AN ORDINANCE

TO adopt the Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 of General Synod of the Church of England in Australia should be adopted by the Diocese of Grafton.

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

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1974".

ADOPTION

2. The Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973 which is set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted and shall apply within the Diocese of Grafton as an Ordinance of the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton.

THE SCHEDULE

No. 14, 1973

A CANON FOR ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

WHEREAS it is desirable that this Church should make due provision to welcome Christians from other Churches at the Holy Communion

NOW THEREFORE the General Synod prescribes as follows:—

1. A person is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion
 - (a) if he is a member of this Church who has been confirmed or is ready and desires to be confirmed or if he is a Communicant of a Church in full communion with this Church or
 - (b) if he
 - (i) has been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and
 - (ii) is a communicant member of another Church which professes the Apostolic faith or
 - (c) if he has been baptised and is included in a class of persons authorised by a rule of General Synod to be admitted to the Holy Communion; or
 - (d) if he has been baptised and is in immediate danger of death.
2. Where a priest ordinarily responsible for a congregation becomes aware that a person who is a customary member of the congregation and is eligible to be admitted to the Holy Communion by virtue of paragraph (b) of Section 1 hereof, has regularly received the Holy Communion in this Church over a long period which appears likely to continue indefinitely, the priest shall bring to the notice of the person the ordinary requirements of this Church for persons desiring to be admitted regularly to the Holy Communion and ask him to comply with these requirements.
3. Where any clergyman is in doubt as to the application of this Canon he may refer the matter to the Bishop of the Diocese for his guidance thereon.
4. The Canon affects the order and good government of the Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the said Canon.
5. This Canon may be cited as "Admission to Holy Communion Canon 1973".