

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1974

AN ORDINANCE

TO adopt the Offences Canon 1962

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Offences Canon 1962 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 "Offences Canon 1962 Adopting Ordinance 1974"

ADOPTION

2. The Offences Canon 1962 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. 4, 1962

A CANON TO SPECIFY OFFENCES UNDER SECTIONS 54, 55 & 56 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The General Synod prescribes as follows:--

1. A Diocesan Tribunal and a Provincial Tribunal in its original jurisdiction in addition to their respective powers under section 54 (2) and section 55 (3) of the Constitution may hear and determine charges made in respect of the following offences alleged to have been committed by persons licensed by the Bishop of the Diocese and by persons in Holy Orders resident in the Diocese:—

1. Unchastity.
2. Drunkenness.
3. Habitual and wilful neglect of ministerial duty after written admonition in respect thereof by the Bishop of the Diocese.
4. Bankruptcy.
5. Wilful failure to pay just debts.
6. Conduct disgraceful in a clergyman and productive or likely to be productive of scandal or evil report.
7. Any offence punishable by law being a malum in se.
8. Any other offence prescribed by an Ordinance of the Synod of the Diocese.

2. (1) The Special Tribunal in addition to its powers under Section 56 (2) of the Constitution may hear and determine charges against any member of the House of Bishops made in respect of the following offences:--

1. Unchastity.
2. Drunkenness.
3. Bankruptcy.
4. Wilful failure to pay just debts.

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5. Conduct disgraceful in a clergyman and productive or likely to be productive of scandal or evil report.
6. Any offence punishable by law being a *malum in se*.
7. Wilful violation of the Constitution or of the Canons made thereunder or of the Ordinances of Provincial Synod or of his Diocesan Synod.
8. Any conduct involving wilful and habitual disregard of his consecration vows.

(2) Any charge shall be in writing and shall be lodged in the Registry of the Primate together with a short statement of the evidence in support thereof.

3. This Canon may be cited as the "Offences Canon 1962."