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Archbishop's Summons to the first ordinary session of the 52nd Synod and a special session of the 52nd Synod to elect an Archbishop

Summons to the first session of the 52nd Synod

Under the Article 1(2) of the Schedule to the *Anglican Church of Australia Constitutions Act 1902*, I summon you to the Synod to be held in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre, Sydney commencing at 3.15pm on Monday, 3 May 2021.

An opening service of Holy Communion will be held in the Cathedral at 1.00 pm, with Canon Simon Manchester preaching.

Summons to a special session of the 52nd Synod to elect an Archbishop

I am also pleased to summon the members of the 52nd Synod to a special session of the Synod of our Diocese to elect the next Archbishop of the See of Sydney, to be held in the Darling Harbour Theatre, International Convention Centre, commencing at 4:30pm on Tuesday, 4 May and daily thereafter at 6:30 pm from Wednesday, 5 May to Friday, 7 May 2021, unless we can finish earlier.

Canon Manchester has been invited to lead prayers and to deliver a Bible study at the beginning of each day of the special session.

Public Health Order

Both of these Summons are dependent upon the ability to convene a Synod in that week, in compliance with any Restrictions on Gathering under a Public Health Order applicable at the time.

Special Prayers

I hope that you and all our Church members will pray for the Synod and for the selection of the right person for this very important office. The following prayer (from *AAPB*) could be used during Sunday services.

Lord God,
you are our eternal shepherd and guide.
In your mercy grant your Church in this Diocese
a shepherd after your own heart
who will walk in your ways
and with loving care watch over your people,
that your name may be glorified;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Nominations

Any one or more members of the Synod may nominate any duly qualified person for the office of Archbishop of Sydney although a duly qualified person will be taken not to have been nominated to the office of Archbishop of Sydney unless one or more nominations signed by a total of not less than 20 members of Synod are received.

Nominations of duly qualified persons for the office of Archbishop of Sydney close at 5:00 pm on **Tuesday 23 March 2021**, and must –

- be signed by the nominator(s)
- specify an email address for service of notices on the nominator(s) and a postal and email address for service of notices on the nominee
- be given to the Nomination Officer, Mr Daniel Glynn
 - by post: PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office NSW 1230 (allowing enough time for this to be received prior to 5:00 pm on that day)
 - by hand: 2nd Floor, St Andrew's House, Sydney Square 2000 (on or before 5:00 pm on that day) or
 - by email: Diocesan.Secretary@sydney.anglican.asn.au

Further details about the two sessions of Synod, including a sample nomination form, may be found on the SDS website, at sds.asn.au/synod.



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