

## **LOCUM PRIESTS**

A locum priest position is created where there is a vacancy in the parish and the nominations process is underway or is about to commence, following the permanent departure of the previous incumbent.

A locum priest is appointed by the Bishop.

The extent and cost of the services is determined by agreement with the locum priest and the parish and the Diocese and held within a Ministry Covenant and a Living Memorandum of Understanding including the details of the Living provided and any variations agreed. A formal signed copy of both documents will be provided to the Diocesan office for implementation.

In general, a locum priest must:

- (i) Maintain existing ministries agreements
- (ii) Ensure worship arrangements and keep the administrative support and links with the Diocese open and functioning well.

A locum priest must not expect to start new projects, change ministries or services or make significant, material changes to the life of the parish community, without the agreement with the Bishop.

All payments made to a locum priest are assessed as income for taxation purposes.

***(Ref: The LicenSing Statute 2017, Cl.17)***