

OCCASIONAL SERVICES - THE RECOGNITION OF A NEW MINISTRY

1. Vesture

- a) The Clergy of the Diocese are expected to vest.
- b) Alb and Red Stole unless the Bishop determines otherwise.
- c) Stoles will be uncrossed for priests.

2. Readings

- a) The readings shall be determined in consultation with the Bishop.
- b) A Deacon, if present, will read the Gospel. The Priest being recognised shall not read the Gospel.
- c) Other Readings: Member(s) of Immediate Family or Priest(s) of the Deanery.

3. Concelebration

When the Bishop is present there will normally be a concelebration of all vested priests.

4. In Church

- a) The clergy will occupy the front pews on one side.
- b) The Archdeacon, the Area Dean, the Priest and the Churchwardens shall sit together in front of the clergy, until the completion of the Recognition. The Churchwardens may then rejoin their families, while the clergy join the Bishop, for the completion of the Eucharist.
- c) The Diocesan Secretary and Bishop will sit in the sanctuary.
- d) In a Concelebration the Priests will gather around the Altar after the PEACE, forming a semi-circle.
- e) After receiving communion the clergy will return to their seats unless required to administer Holy Communion.

5. Role of the Area Dean

- a) Please note the following regarding the service itself:
 - i) The Bishop will preside and preach at the service, unless these functions are delegated.
 - ii) The Area Dean will announce the hymns / songs.
 - iii) Hymns will be sung at the usual places (Introit, Gospel, Offertory, and before the Blessing) and other music as appropriate.
 - iv) This does not preclude extra singing before the service or after the blessing.
 - v) Take great care in organising the presentation of The Symbols of Ministry.

- vi) The Area Dean will arrange the administration of Holy Communion. The ministers must include the newly recognised Priest and the Bishop.

6. **Role of the Newly Recognised Priest**

- a) The Priest to be recognised does not read the Gospel.
- b) The newly recognised Priest concelebrates with the Bishop.