

The Role of Synod Representative

Eligibility for Office of Synod Representative

- All Synod representatives must meet the eligibility criteria for parish councillor and in addition:
- The requirements as set out in the Synod Election Statute; and be confirmed
- A Synod representative is not, by virtue of office, a member of Parish Council
- A Synod representative who is also elected or appointed as a parish councillor or warden, is a member of Parish Council
- A Synod representative is appointed for a term of three years, to match the triennium of the Synod; and, subject to the provisions of this Statute, may be reappointed.

The Role of the Synod Representative

The Synod Representative or the Alternate Representative if they are unable to fulfill their duties are as follows:

- Attend the annual Synod of the Diocese, usually held over a weekend in October each year
- Attend other Synod meetings and briefings, including any Election Synods
- Read, be familiar with and be updated on the governance, legislation and responsibilities of the Synod and its rulings
- Brief the Parish Council on request and keep Parish Council apprised of the Synod's reflections and work with the Parish Priest and Bishop-in-Council and Diocesan Secretary in ensuring the directions of Synod are adopted into the parish community
- Be able to report back to Synod the views of the parish on such matters and support the Parish Priest in the work of Synod
- Maintain the compliance obligations of a Synod Representative and keep them up-to-date, attending training and registration as required
- Ensure the appropriate forms are completed for nomination and election as the Synod Representative or Alternate and records are kept and supplied to Diocesan Office