

INFORMATION SHEET

The Ordination of Bishop-Elect William Wright

Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

Wednesday, 15th June at 7pm.

The following information sheet should assist those who wish to attend this ordination.

Opening of the Cathedral and the Southern Cross Hall– The doors of the Cathedral and to the Southern Cross Hall will open at 5.45pm. Everyone is asked to be seated by 6.40pm as there is an Aboriginal Welcome to Country beginning at 6.45pm. All seating in the Cathedral has been allocated. If you do not have a reserved seat please join others in the Southern Cross Hall where there will be a live television feed.

Invited Guests – A number of people have been invited to attend the ordination. These guests are from the following groups – Family and friends of Bishop-Elect Bill, Bishops from across Australia, clergy from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and other clergy, representatives from the local Aboriginal nations, representatives from other Christian religions, representatives from Federal, State and Local Governments, representatives from diocesan groups, parish representatives, school representatives, representatives from other organisations associated with the church and the diocese. **Invited guests have been given a coloured card for their seating allocation. Please bring this card with you** to the front entrance of the Cathedral and you will be escorted to your seating area. If you fail to bring this card with you, please go to the diocesan offices where your details will be verified so that a replacement card can be issued. The diocesan offices are to the right of the Cathedral. The presentation of your seating allocation will assist us greatly.

Parish Representatives –Two seating allocation cards have been sent to each of the Mass centres in each parish. If these are not going to be used can you please inform us so we can re-allocate this seating. Some parishes are going to use a ballot to allocate these seats.

Clergy – You are invited to bring your own white vestments for the ordination. Vesting for the clergy will take place in the Murray Room (Bishops) and in the Toohey Room (Priests and Deacons). These rooms are part of the diocesan offices and are opposite the Cathedral. There will be tea/coffee and biscuits in the Davis Courtyard when you arrive. Clergy are asked to be vested by 6.30pm.

Heads of Churches – You are invited to wear liturgical dress for the ordination and to vest in the Toohey Room, which is located in the diocesan offices, opposite the Cathedral.

School Representatives – If parents are bringing their children to the Ordination they are asked to bring them to the Cathedral. If they are staying they are most welcome to join the people who will be gathering in the Southern Cross Hall. There will be no room for them in the Cathedral. A drop-off zone will operate on Hunter Street, outside the Cathedral.

Other Attendees – We would like as many people as possible to be here to celebrate this important occasion in the life of the diocese. We are going to live stream the ordination to the Southern Cross Hall on the other side of the Cathedral car park. We hope that hundreds of people will gather here to become part

of the spirit of celebration. The Sprinkling Rite, Holy Communion and the special blessing from the newly ordained Bishop will form part of the liturgy in both the Hall and the Cathedral. It will be important to be present to welcome and meet the new Bishop.

Parking – Special parking arrangements have been made. A guide to these parking areas is included in this correspondence.

Location	Guests	Colour
Cathedral Car Park 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West	Bishop Bill's Guests (42) Bishops and Fr. Brian Lucas Fr. Yates Heads of Churches (6)	Red Lilac Navy Blue
845 Hunter Street, Newcastle West	Mayors (5) State Politicians (1) Miscellaneous VIP's (17)	Emerald Green Emerald Green Orange
Better Brakes and Presbytery Grounds Tudor Street, Newcastle West	IT and Media (15) Papal Honours (5) Diocesan Executive (4) Religious (2)	Maroon Gold Gold Pale Green
Newcastle Dental Laser and behind 956 Hunter Street, Newcastle West (laneway opposite the Cathedral)	Clergy (46) Chaplains (3) Heads of Diocesan Councils (19) Apostolic Leaders (10) Religious (2)	Lilac Lilac Cream Pale Blue Pale Green
Australian Gas and Solar	Religious Order Representatives (10) Religious (10)	Pink Pale green
St Francis Xavier 286 Parkway Avenue, Hamilton	Schools (54) Staff car park – Ada St. off Denison St Parish Representatives (30) School quadrangle – Everton St.	Turquoise Yellow
Pettigrew Funerals (20 spaces) Hunter Street (opposite Cathedral car park) Tint-a-Car (30 spaces) Hunter Street (opposite Cathedral) Street Parking Hunter Street Tudor Street Parry Street Streets in Hamilton	Aboriginal Groups (14) Musicians and Choir (30) Parish Representatives (152) Religious (38)	Purple White Yellow Pale Green
Drop Off Zone	Hunter Street (Outside the Cathedral)	

We are very grateful to our neighbouring businesses for allowing us to use their parking areas. For the safety of everyone involved we request that you honour these parking arrangements by not entering the car parks allocated to special groups, as this will cause congestion. Each parking area will be monitored.

Drop-Off Zone – there will be a drop-off zone outside the Cathedral on Hunter Street. Please make use of this to drop off passengers and then move to park your car. Attendants will be there to assist you should you need information regarding parking locations.

Choir and Musicians – Musicians and choir members will need to show their seating identification card to enter the Cathedral via the left hand door. This is essential as no other people will be allowed into the gallery.

Pedestrians – Please take all precautions when arriving at this function. If you park opposite the Cathedral we ask that you cross Hunter Street at the pedestrian crossings on the corner of Tudor and Hunter Streets. If you park in other streets and need to walk to the Cathedral please use the allocated crossings for your safety. Hunter Street and the surrounding roads are busy with traffic moving quickly. If you are walking through the Cathedral car park please watch for vehicles entering and leaving this car park.

Live Viewing – The Southern Cross Hall will be set up for the overflow from the Cathedral. It will provide a prayerful space for those who wish to be at the ordination.

Webcast viewing – If you are unable to attend you may like to watch the ordination via the web. Please go to the diocese website www.mn.catholic.org.au and click on the link.

Recording – The ordination will be recorded and will be available later on DVD.

Photography - There will be a formal photographer for this event. Please do not take your own photos during the ceremony.

Expected finishing time – It is anticipated that the liturgy will take 2.5 hours. Supper will be served afterwards and this will give people time to meet Bishop Bill and welcome him to the diocese.

Supper – Supper will be served in the Southern Cross Hall and the Victor Peters Suite. People will assist with this service and all are invited to celebrate with Bishop Bill. These two venues are located on the opposite end of the car park to the Cathedral.

Security – There will be extra security in the area on this night to ensure our safety.

Toilets – Toilets are located on the eastern side of the Cathedral. However upon arrival the diocesan offices will be open and toilet facilities will be available by going through the reception area. After the liturgy these offices will once again be open. Toilet facilities will also be available for use in the Catholic Schools Office which is near the supper area and of course there are facilities in the Southern Cross Hall and Victor Peters Suite.

Ordination Mass Booklets and Cards – These will be available for all those who attend the ordination. Extra Ordination Cards will be sent to parishes and schools after the ordination.

Map of Newcastle – A map of Newcastle has been included in this correspondence for those visitors who are travelling to Newcastle.