

DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE

ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE 1935 - 1983

WHEREAS it is desirable to amend the law to provide for the Administration of the Diocese of Armidale during the absence of the Bishop therefrom, and during the vacancy of the See through death, resignation or other cause, THE SYNOD of the Diocese of Armidale, assembled in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales, ordains and rules as follows:-

1. From and after the passing of this Ordinance, the Administration Ordinance 1914 shall be repealed and the same is repealed except as to every operation already effected by or act done under the said Ordinance, or as to any right, title, obligation, or liability already acquired, accrued, or incurred thereunder, and such repeal shall not revive any Ordinance heretofore repealed.
2. It shall be lawful for the Bishop by writing under his hand and seal, registered in the Registry of the Diocese, to appoint some person named therein, being a clerk in Holy Orders holding the Bishop's licence with the Diocese, to be Vicar-General or Commissary. And in the event of there being no Vicar-General or Commissary so appointed, or in the event of his having been so appointed and of his dying or becoming incapable or unwilling to act, then the authorities, powers, acts, matters or things hereinafter mentioned shall and may be used, exercised, done or performed by the Archdeacon of some portion of the Diocese senior in date of collation for the time being who shall be in the Diocese, or in his absence or incapacity and only during such absence or incapacity by the Archdeacon next in collation, and so on throughout the list of Archdeacons, and in the event of all the Archdeacons being absent, becoming incapable, or unwilling to act, then by the Dean of the Cathedral. Provided that in the event of all the Archdeacons and of the Dean being absent, becoming incapable or unwilling to act, the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales shall nominate as Vicar-General or Commissary a licensed clergyman within the Diocese.
3. The appointment of any person to be Vicar-General or Commissary may be revoked at any time by the Bishop, or during a vacancy in the See by the Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales at the instance of a majority of the Diocesan Council, but such revocation shall not take effect until registered in the Registry of the Diocese, nor shall such revocation prejudice or affect any act done, or any right, title, obligation, or liability acquired or accrued prior to such registration.
4. The Vicar-General or Commissary appointed under the provisions of Clause 2 during the absence of the Bishop from his See, until such appointment be revoked and its revocation registered as aforesaid, shall and may use and exercise, do and perform from time to time, according to the terms of such appointment, all and every the authorities, powers, acts, matters, and things whatsoever which the Bishop is or may be empowered or required to use, exercise, do or perform, by virtue of any Ordinance, Resolution or Regulation of the Synod duly passed, and all such other temporal authorities, powers, acts, matters and things as by the customs and usages of the Church appertain to the office of Bishop, and every authority, power, act, matter or thing so used, exercised, done or performed by such Vicar-General or Commissary

under or by virtue of such his appointment, shall be as good and effectual to all intents and purposes as if the same had been used, exercised, done or performed by the Bishop.

5. During a vacancy in the See of Armidale the Vicar-General or Commissary appointed under the provisions of this Ordinance shall administer the affairs of the Diocese and use, exercise, do and perform from time to time all and every the authorities, powers, acts, matters and things whatsoever which the Bishop is or may be empowered or required to use, exercise, do or perform by virtue of any Ordinance, Resolution or Regulation of the Synod, and all such other temporal authorities, powers, acts, matters, and things as by the customs and usages of the Church appertain to the office of Bishop save as is hereinafter provided and except the appointment of Chancellor and Archdeacons, and every authority, power, act, matter and things so used, exercised, done or performed under the provisions hereof shall be as good and efficient to all intents and purposes as if the same had been used, exercised, done or performed by the Bishop until a new Bishop of the said See shall have been consecrated and installed. And further provided that any person, clerical or lay, holding at the time of the happening of such vacancy any Diocesan office to which he shall have been duly appointed by the Bishop, may hold the same and continue to perform the duties thereof until a new Bishop shall be installed. Provided that the office of Registrar of the Diocese may be vacated by the authority of the said Vicar-General.
6. The Diocesan Council may pay to the Vicar-General or Commissary for the time being as remuneration for his services in and about the affairs of the Diocese during a vacancy in the See of Armidale an amount not exceeding one half of the stipend that would have been paid to the Bishop of Armidale during that period.
7. Licences to Ministerial Duty issued by the Vicar-General during a vacancy in the See shall not carry the right or summons to the Synod of the Diocese until after the installation of the incoming Bishop. Provided that nothing in this Clause shall be held to apply to Clergy already licensed in the Diocese at the time of the vacancy of the See.
8. The person appointed by the Bishop as provided in Clause 2 to be Vicar-General or Commissary shall be deemed to be next to the Bishop in ecclesiastical rank or degree in the Diocese whether during the absence from the Diocese of the Bishop or in the vacancy of the See.
9. This Ordinance may be cited and known as the "Administration Ordinance 1935-1983"