



ORDINATION UPDATE

Bishop-elect Joe Caddy, Eighth Bishop of Cairns

Update no. 1. 10 July 2024

The Ordination of our new Bishop is occurring in St Monica's Cathedral at 6pm on 15th August 2024.

Attendance at the Ordination, within the Cathedral, will be by named ticket only, owing to Fire & Safety regulations, tickets are strictly limited. For the comfort of Bishops, Clergy, and attendees within, all doors to the Cathedral will be closed and there will be no visibility from the side verandahs.

However we are pleased to inform you the Ordination will be live streamed for viewing from home, or there will be multiple sites that parishioners can gather as a community to watch and enjoy a post-ordination supper. Discussions are being held with church and school sites across the Diocese. Confirmed sites to date are:

- Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Innisfail
- St Michaels Catholic Church, Gordonvale
- St Therese of the Child Jesus Church, Bentley Park
- St Rita's Church, Babinda
- Church of St John the Evangelist, Silkwood
- St Clare of Montefalco, Tully
- St Mary's Catholic College, Woree,
- St Andrews Catholic College, Redlynch,
- St Augustine's Primary School, Mossman

We will be asking you to register if attending a site to assist the site host with catering. We will advise when the registration process will be open on our website, hopefully next week.

Once RSVPs for invited guests close, we will have more information on seat numbers in the Cathedral that we can open for registration for parishioners. We will provide information on additional Cathedral seating in the near future.

Clarification on discussions that we are hearing follows:

- At all times our focus has been to balance the invited guest list with maximising seat availability for additional parishioners.
- There are many Bishops & Clergy attending but contrary to comments, they are not taking up space on pews, but are seated on the Sanctuary.
- There is a diverse guest list, with the largest group being from our parishes.
- Elevation to a Bishop is a monumental occasion for Bishop-elect Joe, and it's important to him to have his family, friends, mentors & supporters bear witness.
- The solemnity of this occasion does require the Diocese to invite regional dignitaries and ministerial representatives.
- Consideration was given to holding the Ordination in a larger venue however, the Cathedral was the preferred choice for this solemn occasion.

We will keep parishioners informed on the Ordination as updates happen. In the meantime, if you have comments or queries, please feel free to contact me at ordination@cairms.catholic.org.au.

Kind regards

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