

Board of Nominators

COMMUNICATION TO SYNOD MEMBERS
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Dear Synod Member,

We write to you as the 2025 Election Synod approaches quickly.

We continue to pray for the candidates to be brought to Synod on May 23. Please keep them in your prayers as well.

Diocesan Profile

One of our tasks in 2024 was to compile a Diocesan profile. This is similar to a parish profile that parishes put together when they have a vacancy. In the case of the Diocese of Melbourne, this included the selection criteria that we had chosen after consulting with Synod and detailed information about the Diocese, our strategy, finances, people and status.

It gives you all an overview of the scope of the role of the Archbishop and will be helpful to read before we send you all the Synod information. It is available on the Board of Nominators website: www.boardofnominators.org/profile

Allocating time before Synod

We know you are already setting aside time to come to Synod. However we would love you to consider putting even more time aside in the week before the Election Synod.

When we send information to you (which may be as early as May 9) we expect to be providing:

1. Around 2 hours in total of video content with candidates introducing themselves and responding to questions about many aspects of their ministry, skills, vision and experience.
2. Around 90 pages of written materials. This is likely to consist of approximately:
 - a. 55 pages of information about the candidates we are presenting to Synod. This will include a summary from the Board, their biographies, and their answers to written questions about vision, finances and their first-year plan.
 - b. 15 pages of information from the Board of Nominators about the process we went through.
 - c. 20 pages of appendices which you don't need to read but might choose to delve into to find out more. These will contain all the questions we asked candidates, and some of the feedback we got during the consultation process.
3. Please also consider setting aside time to watch sermons and read articles by the candidates. We will provide links in the document we send out that take you to sermon archives and specific examples we think you may be interested in.

Information for non-English speaking Synod members

Unfortunately, the volume of information we are providing means we have not been able to translate it into other languages.

However, we are keen to ensure that Synod members from non-English speaking backgrounds have an opportunity to ask questions and understand the material.

Therefore, after the material is released, we will hold a **special information session on Saturday the 17th May at 10.30AM** followed by lunch. This will be held at Holy Trinity Coburg which is located at 520 Sydney Road, Coburg, Vic 3058.

Reverend Farag Hanna and Reverend Ben Wong and other Board members will be on hand to go through the pack and answer your questions. It will also be a chance to get help understanding Election Synod processes and voting.

The session will go as slowly and carefully as we need to, to make sure that everyone is comfortable that they understand the material.

Please note that this session will not add new unpublished material or provide any special insights. It is purely a chance to convey the material in the information pack to an audience from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Synod Timeline Details

The Diocesan Synod team are hard at work preparing for the synod as it will be quite different to a normal Synod. More information will come out in the coming weeks from them, but please note the recent Synod Newsletter Number 2 which has some alternative dates that may be needed.

Try and keep them free in your Diaries now.

Friday 23 rd May	6.00PM to 10.30PM
Saturday 24 th May	9.00AM to 5.30PM
Monday 26 th May	6.30PM to 10.30PM (if required)
Tuesday 27 th May	6.30PM to 10.30PM (if required)

And either of:

Sat 31 st May	9.00AM to 5.00PM (if Monday or Tuesday were not required)
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Tuesday 3 rd June	6.30PM to 10.30PM (if Monday or Tuesday were required)
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In Christ,

Dr Jenny George

Chair, Board of Nominators

Further information: boardofnominators.org