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Notice to Members of the 52nd Synod

Retirement of the Most Rev Dr Glenn N Davies as Archbishop of Sydney

On 23 November 2020, the Standing Committee of the Synod noted that Archbishop Glenn Davies will reach the age of 70 years and six months on 26 March 2021, and will retire on that date in accordance with subclause 5(3) of the *Retirements Ordinance 1993* (and resolutions of this Standing Committee made on 23 March 2020). The Standing Committee subsequently made a resolution under subclause 2(2) of the *Archbishop of Sydney's Election Ordinance 1982* (the Ordinance) declaring that the See of Sydney will be vacant from that date.

I am writing on behalf of the Archbishop to provide notice of the vacancy in accordance with subclause 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A special session of the 52nd Synod to elect the next Archbishop is planned to be held in either the week commencing 3 May 2021, or the week commencing 10 May 2021. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions it has not yet been possible to secure a *firm* booking at a suitable venue, and it remains unclear whether the Synod will be able to meet at that time. For similar reasons, the first ordinary session of the 52nd Synod, currently planned for 27 April 2021 also remains unconfirmed.

A summons to the ordinary and special sessions of Synod, along with information on the making of nominations and the appointment of alternates, will be sent to members of Synod as soon as practicable.

Kind regards

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Diocesan Secretary