

**THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE OFFICE OF PRIEST
ORDINANCE 1992**

AN ORDINANCE to provide for the Ordination of Women to the Office of Priest.

WHEREAS we believe God is calling women to Priests' Orders.

BE IT THEREFORE ordained by the Bishop Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Newcastle in Synod assembled as follows:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

Short Title

1. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the ***Ordination of Women to the Office of Priest Ordinance 1992.***

Definitions

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context or subject matter otherwise provides, the word:

Bishop	Means the Bishop of Newcastle
Diocese	Means the Diocese of Newcastle

PART 2 – OPERATIVE PART

3. The Bishop, or an Assistant Bishop if authorised by the Bishop, may within the Diocese ordain a woman to the office of Priest.
4. This ordinance shall come into operation on the day assent is given to the same.
5. The procedure for Ordination to the office of Priest set out in the Ordinal included in the Book of Common Prayer or the Ordinal included in An Australian Prayer Book shall apply to the ordination of women and apply in the same manner as it applies to men.
6. The power conferred by this ordinance is in addition to, and not in substitution for any other such power vested in the Bishop.