

**SUPREME COURT OF TASMANIA
CIRCULAR TO PRACTITIONERS**

No. 1 of 2021

27 January 2021

**CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE OPENING OF THE LAW YEAR
FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY 2021**

1. FORM OF SERVICE
There will be an Ecumenical Service at St. David's Cathedral, Murray Street, Hobart at 11.00am on Friday, 29 January 2021.
2. ROUTE OF PROCESSION
The procession will move from the side of Church House (adjacent to St David's Cathedral) at 10.55am and proceed along the footpath of Macquarie Street and enter the Cathedral by the main entrance in Murray Street. In the case of inclement weather, processors should assemble in the Cathedral Cloisters, entry off Macquarie Street.
3. ORDER OF PROCESSION
The Hon. Chief Justice, Judges, Acting Judges and Associate Judge of the Supreme Court
The Hon. Justice Kerr Chev LH
The Hon. Justice McEvoy
The Hon. Justice R.J. Benjamin AM
Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Assistant Deputy Registrar
Supreme Court Associates
Associates to visiting Judges
Magistrates
Mr. A.G. Melick AO SC, Deputy President, Administrative Appeals Tribunal
JP representatives - (Mr David Hudson (President); Mrs Ngaire Glover and Mrs Margaret Loring)
The Hon Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General
The Hon Cassy O'Connor MP, Leader of Greens
Mr Daryl Coates SC, Director of Public Prosecutions
Ms Jacqui Brown, for Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
Ms Penelope Ikedife, Administrator of Courts – Magistrate Court
Ms Ginna Webster, Secretary, Department of Justice
Ms Robyn Webb, Chief Parliamentary Counsel
Mr Patrick Lunn, Chairman, Tasmania Legal Aid
Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano, Director, Tasmania Legal Aid
Professor Gino Dal Pont, Faculty of Law University of Tasmania
Deputy Lord Mayor of Hobart, Helen Burnett
Queen's Counsel, Senior Counsel
Mr Trevor McKenna, President, Law Society of Tasmania
Mr Simon Gates, Vice President, Law Society of Tasmania
Ms Amanda Thompson, Treasurer, Law Society of Tasmania
Mr Luke Rheinberger, Executive Director, Law Society of Tasmania
Ms Francesca Saturno, Deputy Director, Law Society of Tasmania
Mr Rolf Moses, CEO Queensland Law Society
Ms Elizabeth Shearer – President Queensland Law Society
Senior Practitioners
Legal practitioners generally
Newly admitted practitioners
Tasmanian Legal Practice Course Trainees

All members of the legal profession are requested to robe. If robing, wigs are to be worn. Decorations and Awards will be worn. Church House in Macquarie Street (adjacent to the Cathedral) is available for robing.

Those in the procession are asked to assemble at the side of Church House, no later than 10.45am ready to move off promptly at 10.55am.

Those in the procession are requested to maintain 1.5 metres physical distance from each other during the procession and upon entry to the Cathedral, in accordance with Public Health Guidelines.

The Registrar will be responsible for ensuring that these arrangements are carried out. The Chief Justice would be obliged if the profession would carry out the Registrar's instructions. There are no parking facilities available in the grounds of the Cathedral.

4. CLERKS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

Persons not in the procession will be directed to pews by ushers supplied by the Registry. They should be seated before the procession enters the Cathedral.

5. HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Her Excellency the Governor and her party will arrive at the Murray Street entrance at 10.59am and will be met by the Dean and conducted into the Cathedral.

6. SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

These will be in accordance with the attached Appendix.

7. DEPARTURE FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Her Excellency and her party will be escorted to the Main Door by the Dean followed by clergy, Chief Justice, Judges, Associate Judge and associates. Otherwise there will be no retiring procession.

8. **CHANGE OF SPEAKER TO ADDRESS CONGREGATION AT OPENING OF LEGAL YEAR SERVICE**

Regrettably, due to current COVID-19 travel restrictions, the proposed speaker, Dr Natasha Moore, is no longer able to travel to Tasmania.

The congregation will now be addressed by The Reverend Tim Costello AO, Chief Advocate of World Vision.

9. **JUDGES' BREAKFAST**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, this year the Judges' Breakfast at the Supreme Court is limited to serving Judges, Magistrates and Legal Practice Course trainees only.



J A Connolly
REGISTRAR

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APPENDIX
SEATING ARRANGEMENTS - ST DAVID'S CATHEDRAL
FRIDAY, 29 JANUARY 2021 AT 11.00AM

LECTERN	ALTAR
1 Governor's party	1 Cathedral Use
2 - 3 Chief Justice, Justice McEvoy, Justice Benjamin, Judges, Acting Judges, Associate Judge;	2 Attorney-General Ms Cassy O'Connor MP
	3 Judges' spouses
4 - 5 Registrar; Deputy Registrar, Assistant Deputy Registrar; The Hon WJE Cox AC RFD ED QC; Mr Peter Dixon	4 - 5 Acting Assistant Police Commissioner; Acting Inspector; Secretary Dept. of Justice; Administrator of Magistrates Courts Deputy Lord Mayor Chief Parliamentary Counsel Prof. Gino Dal Pont, UTAS
6 - 7 Associates (Supreme Court and visiting)	6 - 7 QCs/SCs, President, Vice President & Treasurer, Law Society of Tas.; Executive Director and Deputy Director of Law Society of Tas.; CEO Law Society of Queensland; President, Law Society of Qld; CEO Law Society of South Australia President Law Society of South Australia Director of Centre for Legal Studies Deputy Director of Centre for Legal Studies
8 - 10 Magistrates; Mr A.G. Melick, AO, SC, Dep President, AAT; JP representatives; DPP; Ms Jacqui Brown, CDPP; Mr Patrick Lunn, Chair, Tasmania Legal Aid; Mr Vincenzo Caltabiano, Director, Tasmania Legal Aid; Ms Yvonne Chaperon, Pres. MHT	8 Senior Practitioners; Practitioners in Procession
11-12 Senior Practitioners; Practitioners in Procession	9 Newly admitted practitioners
13 - 17 Practitioners generally, clerks, spouses & friends	10 - Legal Practice Course Trainees Back (In Procession)