



Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

MEDIA ALERT

4 February 2014

The Right Reverend Greg Thompson's First Official Duty as Bishop of Newcastle

Bishop Greg Thompson will attend his first official service tomorrow at the Annual Ecumenical Service at Christ Church Cathedral to mark the opening of the 2014 Law Term.

Keeping with established tradition, the service recognises the importance of the legal profession and is an opportunity to pray for the law community.

The newly installed Bishop will make the final blessing, praying for courage and peace for all who are responsible for making and administering the laws in our community and in Australia.

"The wellbeing of a community is supported when its laws and leaders ensure there is justice undergirding our compassion and service for the common good Micah 6:8. We will recognise in our worship the important service that is undertaken by all those involved in the legal profession and pray God's grace and wisdom for their leadership among us," Bishop Thompson said.

An official convoy will leave from Newcastle Court House at 9.15am, accompanied by a police escort, and travel to Christ Church Cathedral.

Members of the procession will include His Honour Judge Lakatos SC of the District Court; Her Honour Judge Sidis of the District Court; The Honourable Justices Austin and Cleary of the Family Court; Federal Circuit Court Judges Coakes and Myers; Local Court Magistrates Atkinson, Cheetham and Stone; and Honourable Deputy Sheriff NSW, John McNaughton.

The service is open to members of the law society, schools and the public.

What: Ecumenical Service to mark the Opening of the 2014 Law Term

When: Wednesday 5 February

Time: 9.30am

Where: Christ Church Cathedral

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