



SAINT AGNES' HOUSE

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POSITION DESCRIPTION WARDEN

The Warden is the leader of Saint Agnes' House, with oversight of community life and the formation of ordinands. The Warden is licensed by the Archbishop of Melbourne to the Anglican Parish of East Malvern and Glen Huntly under the supervision of the Vicar, with integrated responsibility for both the congregation and mission of Saint Agnes' Church as well as the formation of ordinands at the adjacent Saint Agnes' House in Glen Huntly. The Warden administers and works within a budget approved by Parish Council but does not have governance responsibilities within the parish.

Saint Agnes' House is a new seminary for the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Melbourne. Launched in January 2022 it will take its first intake of ordinands from February 2023 for an initial pilot period of 3 years. We are seeking to appoint a Warden from November 2022. Saint Agnes' House will provide full-time, intensive and immersive residential formation for young (under 35) and single men and women who are sponsored by their dioceses as candidates for ordination. Saint Agnes' House will operate from the former vicarage at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly which necessarily restricts the number of residential ordinands, at this stage, to 3. The Warden lives in residence with the ordinands at Saint Agnes' House and has an interconnected suite of rooms including private ensuite bathroom, bedroom and living studio, and small study/oratory with private entrance. Saint Agnes' House is a new pathway for ordination which is in many ways a recovery of a previous model reimagined to serve the Church of the future, with two key aims:

1. Investing in full-time residential formation for ordained ministry focused on the 'parish', interweaving **a common life of daily corporate and individual prayer** with the Saint Agnes' community, **theological study and reflection**, individually and as a household, and **evangelism and mission** in the local context.
2. The **renewal of the spiritual and missional life** of the church of Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly through the injection of energy contributed by the Saint Agnes' House community committed to working within the broader mission of the whole parish led by the Vicar and lay leaders.

Saint Agnes' House is being financially supported throughout its 3-year pilot period by a grant from the Diocese of Melbourne. It also has a formal partnership with financial and scholarship support from Trinity College Theological School which will provide the academic programme of study for ordinands.

1. Responsibilities

- 1.1 Lead Saint Agnes' House in developing community life consonant with Christian scripture and tradition
- 1.2 Provide a residential formation program for young ordinands encompassing theological reflection, a common life of prayer and work, and evangelism and mission in a parish context
- 1.3 Ensure provision of a common life of daily corporate and individual prayer at both Saint Agnes' House and Church including Sunday celebration of the Eucharist
- 1.4 Model priestly character and holiness of life with a passion for parish ministry
- 1.5 Actively encourage and nurture vocations to ordination for Christians under 35 years of age
- 1.6 Develop partnerships with dioceses, academic institutes of theology and other communities of formation which support the aims of Saint Agnes' House.

2. Working relationships

The Warden of Saint Agnes' House:

- a) Is licensed by the Archbishop of Melbourne
- b) Reports to the Vicar of the Anglican Parish of East Malvern and Glen Huntly
- c) Has oversight of the ordinands and programme at Saint Agnes' House
- d) Has immediate liturgical, pastoral and spiritual oversight of the congregation and worship at Saint Agnes' Glen Huntly
- e) Attends and gives a report to the St Agnes House Committee, a subcommittee delegated by Parish Council with power to co-opt and immediate responsibility for governance at Saint Agnes' House
- f) Liaises with the Director of Theological Education in the Diocese of Melbourne, the Archbishop's Examining Chaplains and other existing training institutions in the Diocese (Ridley College and Trinity College Theological School)
- g) Liaises with the bishop or other representative of other dioceses in relation to the formation of their ordinands
- h) Liaises with other clergy and lay leaders in parishes and sector ministries in arranging external placements for ordinands and speakers and facilitators for the formation programme at Saint Agnes' House
- i) Liaises with theological colleges in relation to the academic programme followed by ordinands

3. Selection Criteria

- a) An Anglican priest in good standing
- b) Postgraduate qualification in theology
- c) Demonstrated capacity in ministerial formation

4. Terms and conditions

The Warden is a full-time appointment for an initial term of 3 years remunerated in accordance with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne stipend determination (approximately \$95,000+ inclusive of accommodation, all utilities and car allowance).

To apply, please send a cover letter addressing your suitability for the position together with a CV and contact details for three referees to the Vicar, the Reverend Dr Alexander Ross at vicar@saintjohns.org.au Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Vicar for a preliminary and informal conversation about the role in the first instance. Application Deadline 31 July 2022.