



Saturday, 20 June 2026

The Primate and visitors will gather at the gate of The Archbishop's residence and await the *karanga* or call which will start at 4.00pm. The format of the welcome is a traditional *Māori Pōwhiri* or a formal welcome. When all have been admitted and seated, The Archbishop of Oceania will begin with prayer, then welcome The Primate and those attending Holy Synod to the Province of South Africa in the Archdiocese of Oceania. Following his welcome address, there will be a *waiata* or song. If there are to be other speakers from the home side, they will then have their opportunity to speak.

The Primate will then have the right of reply and following the same process, His Eminence will be supported by a *waiata*. If there are other speakers, they may respond here. Then the visitors will be invited to meet and greet and this will end the formal welcome. It is customary to eat after the *Pōwhiri* but as the Mass is to follow, the fasting laws will be in place until after the Mass.

Much of the speaking during the *Pōwhiri* is extemporaneous. Speakers will be reminded to be brief, so that we can keep to the schedule.

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