

CHURCH ETIQUETTE POLICY



ONEJESUS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



One Jesus International Conference (OJIC) Etiquette Policy

Christ The Good Shepherd Church manages One Jesus International Conference (OJIC). Your purchase of a ticket to OJIC is subject to this Etiquette policy. If you have any questions in relation to this policy, please contact us via email ojic@cgsc.org.au.

1. Honouring the Church

- a) Speaking from the Pulpit: Only the Parish Bishop and/or Parish Priest are allowed to speak from the Pulpit. Other persons are asked to use side lecterns, if required.
- b) Being in the Pulpit: Only the Parish Bishop and/or Parish Priest are authorized to being in the Pulpit.
- c) Enter and Exit as Directed: If you must leave the Church during service, do not pass in front of the Pulpit. Use the side aisles to exit so that you do not disturb others.
- d) Maintaining silence before God: During services, the congregation is expected to actively participate in the service. The Church is a place of worship, not loud and idle conversations (between others and/or your cell phone).
- e) Treatment of Church chairs and property: Church chairs and property (i.e., head scarves) are used on Sunday and for other Church services. We kindly ask that you treat them respectfully.
- f) Language: Part of your registration is adhering to the code of conduct terms and conditions. The use of profanity in the Church or any other service/event is forbidden.
- g) Food, Beverages, or Chewing Gum: No food, beverages (including water), or chewing gum is to be taken/consumed into the Church at any time.

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h) Cleanliness: Please ensure that you keep the church clean. This includes ensuring that your chair and tables are where they are supposed to be, dispose any paper/rubbish accordingly, and clean up after yourself in the bathroom.

i) Eating in the Church: Follow the Church rules for eating in the Church building.

j) Outside of the Church: The outside of the Church reflects the inside of the Church, as such we kindly ask that you ensure trash is picked up and disposed of accordingly.

2. Divine Liturgy Etiquette

a) Abstinence: Total abstinence or fasting from all food and drink (including water) must commence at minimum 3 hours prior to Liturgical services.

b) Receiving the Holy Eucharist: When receiving the Holy Eucharist, please ensure you use the middle aisle to approach the Holy Altar. Receive in a way that honours and reveres the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

3. Honouring Christian Symbols & Church Texts and Books

a) Treat Christian symbols with respect: Crosses, and other Christian Symbols including Holy Icons in or around the Church building are to be looked at, honoured, and respected. We must not use them for any other purpose other than their intended purpose.

b) Treat Church texts, books, and handouts (i.e., flyers) with respect. We must not use them for any other purpose other than their intended purpose.

4. Honouring Others

a) Treat others with kindness: Greet, engage, and farewell others with the love of God.

b) Seating: If you like a particular seat in the Church, you must ensure that you are at the Church in a timely manner to claim it. It is unreasonable to ask others to give up a seat that they are in because you normally sit there.

5. Honouring Ourselves

a) Participating in Service: Please ensure that during the service you are silent and attentive, however there are prayers/worships where the congregation are encouraged to participate using vocal praise.

b) Dress Appropriately: Part of your registration is ensuring we adhere to the code of conduct which includes dress code. Both men and women are required to dress appropriately upon their entry in or around the Church. This includes but is not limited to;

- Men and boys wearing suits, long formal pants, long formal t-shirts/shirts, and enclosed formal shoes.

- Women and girls wearing below knee dresses, skirts, appropriate leg coverings (i.e., stockings), long formal t-shirts/shirts, and enclosed formal shoes. Women and girls must wear a head scarf at all times in the Church.

