

Bill No.2

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Bishop,

The purpose of this Bill is to make provision for a carefully crafted and pastorally sensitive liturgical response to cases of miscarriage, stillbirth and neonatal death.

The Liturgical Advisory Committee has devoted much care and attention to detail when shaping these services not least in response to input from those with particular experience and skills relevant to this field of care.

We are aware that members of Synod may find the tabling of a large number of amendments by the LAC and others somewhat tedious, however it is important that these liturgies are fine-tuned following further discussion and reflection since the First Reading last year.

As stated in the Explanatory Memorandum, we also need to be mindful of just how scarce resources of this kind are, both within our own tradition and beyond, and how important it is that we make such provision in a way that allows both sensitive and flexible responses to what are so often deeply traumatic experiences.

With these things in mind, we ask that those engaging in debate of this Bill and its amendments do so with careful thought for the deeply sensitive matters which it seeks to address.