

# Eighteenth session of General Synod (2022)

## Member profile

### The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel

#### Archbishop of Sydney



**House:** Bishops

**Diocese:** Diocese of Sydney

**Profession / Areas of Expertise:**

**2021-present**

Archbishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of the Province of New South Wales

**2016-2021**

Dean of Sydney, St Andrew's Cathedral

**1999-2015**

Rector, St Matthew's Shenton Park Diocese of Perth

**1996-1999**

Asst Curate, St Matthew's Wanniasa, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn

**General Synod**

2017-2021 Member, Standing Committee

**Sydney Diocese**

2021-present

Archbishop of Sydney

2016-2021 Member, Standing Committee

2016-2021 Member, Sydney Diocese Social Issues Committee

2018-2021 Chair, Indigenous Ministry Task Force

2016-2021 Chair, St Andrew's Cathedral School Council and St Andrew's Gawura School Council

**Perth Diocese**

2007 Archdeacon for Evangelism

**Profile:**

Kanishka was born in London to Sri Lankan parents and migrated to Australia as a child. Raised as a Buddhist, he read The Gospel of John while at University. He was convicted of the truth and vital personal importance of what he was reading. John 6:44-45 were important as he came to realise that the future is in Jesus' hands, and that God was calling him to Himself.

Kanishka has Arts and Law degrees from Sydney University. After a short time practicing as a solicitor at Blake Dawson Waldron he undertook theological study at Moore College. He has the Bachelor of Divinity with honours, and Master of Arts in Theology from Moore College.

Kanishka is married to Cailey and they have two adult daughters.