



Bishop Kate Prowd was ordained deacon (1986) and priest (1992) during years of intense debate over the ordination of women. Her consecration as bishop took place in October 2018.

Kate's clerical appointments have all been in the Melbourne Diocese, in both parish and school chaplaincy. She has been an Examining Chaplain for the Diocese, which involved conducting the psychological assessments for aspirants applying for ordination.

Kate is also a Clinical Psychologist and worked for 3 years in Student Health at Otago University whilst living in NZ. After returning to Australia in 2004 she began work in private practice in conjunction with a position at Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem where Kate worked both with palliative care patients and those with progressive neurological diseases, and their families.

Kate is Bishop of the Oodthenong area of episcopal care, which encompasses the North West and Western Region. She has oversight of more than 65 parishes, as well as schools and hospitals. Kate's portfolio includes responsibility for Church Planting and the development of new ministry presences in areas that may not yet be part of any (Anglican) Church.

Kate's particular vocational and professional interests are in clergy wellbeing, mission, and exploring the connections between spirituality and psychology.

Kate is married to Roger, also an Anglican priest. They have 3 daughters, Phoebe, Cordelia and Eleanor. She enjoys spending time with her family, music, reading, socialising with good friends, and being open to new opportunities and challenges.