

Australian Capital Territory

# Corrections Management (Communion Wine) Policy 2012

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made under the

***Corrections Management Act 2007, section 14(1) (Corrections policies and operating procedures)***

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## 1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Corrections Management (Communion Wine) Policy 2012*.

## 2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

## 3 Policy

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COMMUNION WINE POLICY

attached to this instrument, to facilitate the effective and efficient management of correctional services.

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Justice and Community Safety

Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC)

## COMMUNION WINE POLICY



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### **Purpose**

This policy sets out the process for Chaplains for the provision, administration and removal of alcoholic sacramental wine for use by detainees during scheduled Holy Communion services at the Alexander Maconochie Centre (AMC).

### **Authority**

#### Legislation

*Corrections Management Act 2007*, Chapter 6, Section 55

### **Policy**

#### Principles

ACT Corrective Services recognises the contribution the practice of religion and pastoral care can make to an individual's wellbeing and supports the participation of detainees in communion by 'intinction' which is the dipping of bread in sacramental wine rather than consumption of the wine itself, during communion services.

Communion wine will be available at the AMC for use during Catholic and Anglican communion services.

Holy Communion services are held each Sunday. Generally two services are provided for remand detainees, and between three to four services for sentenced detainees on alternate weeks. Mass / Holy Communion is held on four weeks out of six.

Chaplains are permitted to bring the required amount of wine (up to a maximum of 300mls at a time), into the AMC for the sole use of Holy Communion services.

It remains the responsibility of the Chaplains to:

- purchase the required amount of wine for the service;
- declare the wine upon entry to the AMC – observing the 300ml limitation;
- maintain the wine in a clear container and in their possession at all times;

- monitor the wine throughout the service and remove it from the premises at the conclusion of the Holy Communion service.

The Deputy Superintendent may seek advice from the Chaplain or any other person to assist them in making a recommendation to the Superintendent about the suitability of detainees to partake in Holy Communion services.

### **Related Policies and Procedures**

Nil.

### **Approval**

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