

Guidelines for the installation of aumbries

- 1) The written authority of the Bishop is required for the reservation of the Sacrament which must be supported by a Resolution of the Parochial Church Council.
- 2) A 'Place of Safety' is defined by a locked Aumbry or safe. This must be secure and burglar proof. It will usually be set into the North wall near the main Altar or near an altar in a side chapel but not placed immediately behind or above the main Altar. A hanging pyx would be allowed but care must be taken to ensure security.
- 3) The Aumbry or safe should be covered by a veil/curtain in either white or the colour of the season or the day, unless the door of the Aumbry or safe is of considerable artistic merit when it may be left uncovered.
- 4) The position of the Aumbry or safe will normally be accompanied by a white light to indicate the presence of the Sacrament.
- 5) There should be a shelf adjacent to Aumbry/safe large enough to hold the ciborium or other vessel while opening the door and to provide for a lavabo bowl and purificator.
- 6) The exact position of the Aumbry and the arrangements for security must be approved in writing by the Archdeacon and under authority of Faculty.
- 7) The parish Priest is the custodian of the Reserved Sacrament and is personally responsible for its security. The key for the Aumbry/safe should be kept in a secure place and only made available to clergy and authorised Eucharistic ministers.