## IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA MELBOURNE OFFICE

No M112 of 2019

Between

And

**GEORGE PELL** 

Applicant

THE QUEEN

Respondent

## **APPLICANT'S CHRONOLOGY**

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

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Part I: Certification

1 This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

## Part II:

30	Date	Event
50	16 <sup>th</sup> August 1996	The applicant is installed as Archbishop of Melbourne. Portelli
		commences role as Master of Ceremonies to the applicant (CA
		[458]-[459] CAB 320).
	15 <sup>th</sup> December 1996	The applicant says his first Sunday Solemn Mass at St Patrick's
40		Cathedral as Archbishop (CA [233] CAB 254, [1020] 463).
		The choir has special after Mass rehearsals scheduled between 12-
		12.45pm (CA [791]-[795] CAB 405-6).
		Portelli is present in the role of Master of Ceremonies and says he
	ř	recalls the applicant was on the front steps after Mass on this
		occasion and not left alone while robed (CA [687] CAB 378-9,
50		[710] 384, CA [716] 388).
		Potter is present in the role of Sacristan and says he recalls the
		applicant was on the front steps after Mass on this occasion and not
		left alone while robed (CA [506] CAB 329, [516] 333).
		McGlone is present in the role of altar server and says he recalls
		introducing his mother to the applicant on the front steps after Mass
60		on this occasion on the front steps after Mass and the altar servers

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		were part of a 'hive of activity' in the priests' sacristy at the end of
		procession (CA [522] CAB 334, [531] 341-2, [294]-[297] 279-81)
10		Connor is present in the role of altar server. He says the applicant's
		invariable practice as Archbishop was to remain on the front steps
		after Mass and the altar servers were part of a 'hive of activity' in
		the priests' sacristy at the end of each procession (CA [294]-[297]
		CAB 279-281, [342] 296, [1020] 463).
20	22 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996	The applicant says his second Sunday Solemn Mass at St Patrick's
		Cathedral as Archbishop. This is the only other Sunday Solemn
		Mass said by the applicant in 1996 (CA [233] CAB 254, [1020]
		463).
		The choir has special after Mass rehearsals scheduled between 12-
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		invariable practice as Archbishop was to remain on the front steps
		after Mass and the altar servers were part of a 'hive of activity' in
		the priests' sacristy at the end of each procession (CA [294]-[297]
50		CAB 279-281, [342] 296, [1020] 463).
	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1997	The next occasion the applicant attends at Sunday Solemn Mass at
		St Patrick's Cathedral where he presides in choir dress over Mass
		said by Father Brendan Egan (CA [1027]-[1028] CAB 465)
		Portelli is present in the role of Master of Ceremonies and says he
60		was with the applicant after Mass and did not see him push or

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		assault anyone (CA [337] CAB 295, [710] 384, [861] 427, [875]
		430)
10		Egan is present in the role of Mass Sayer and would have been with
		the applicant after Mass (CA [345] CAB 297).
		Connor is present in the role of altar server and says the applicant's
		invariable practice of greeting on the steps was followed (CA
		[876]-[878] CAB 430-1).
20	2001	The other boy tells his mother he has never been interfered with or
		touched up while in the choir (CA [7] CAB 182).
	June-July 2015	The complainant makes a complaint to police alleging the applicant
		offended on two occasions in the same choral year being the first
30		year the complainant was at St Kevin's and in the choir (which was
50		later confirmed to be 1996) (CA [7] CAB 182, [211] 244)
	October 2016	The police interview the applicant in Rome putting to him that the
	October 2010	allegations relate to offending on two occasions in 1996 (Reed
		1283.2-7 AFM 57).
		1203.2-7 Fit W1 37).
40	June 2017	The applicant is charged.
	March 2018	Committal hearing (Charge 1631.27-8 CAB 82)
	May 2018	The prosecution file an indictment alleging the first incident
50		between 1 July 1996-31 December 1996 and the second incident
		between 1 July 1996-28 February 1997 (CAB 5-8).
	August 2018 –	The first trial.
	September 2018	The complainant gives evidence which is recorded (CA [31] CAB
		189).
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	September 2018	The prosecution obtain Connor's diary which confirms the
		applicant did not say another Sunday Solemn Mass in the charged
10		period after 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996 but was present when Father Egan
		said Mass on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1997 (CA [867] CAB 428-9).
	7 <sup>th</sup> November – 11 <sup>th</sup>	The second trial (CAB 502).
	December 2018	The complainant's recorded evidence from the first trial is played
		(CA [31] CAB 189).
20		By the end of the trial the prosecution case is that the first incident
		occurred on either 15 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 1996 and the second
		incident occurred on 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1997 (CA [404]-[406] CAB
		309-310).
	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	The applicant is convicted on all charges (CAB 136).
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	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	The applicant is sentenced to 6 years imprisonment with a non-
		parole period of 3 years and 8 months (CAB 135).
	5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Appeal Hearing before Ferguson CJ, Maxwell P and Weinberg JA
40		(CAB 176).
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	21st August 2019	Court of Appeal decision (CAB 176).
	13 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Special leave application referred to Full Court for argument as on
		an appeal (Gordon and Edelman JJ) (CAB 507).
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