

## Worship and Prayer

**Conversation/Topic:** Charismatic Movement

**Convenor:** Margaret Abdoo

**Scribe:** (Not Identified)

**Other Members:** (Not Identified)

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Enthusiastic and joyful experience;
- Lifts people's spirit;
- Renewal of faith;
- Feel the closeness of our Lord;
- Experience Jesus in a more powerful way;
- Quiet time with our Lord;
- Positive experience for several participants.

### Action/Strategies:

- Publicise meetings – Lambton, Morisset, Carrington, Wallsend

### Ongoing Conversation:

Margaret Abdoo would like to have a conversation about Charismatic Renewal and learn more about it as it has increased her faith and knowledge of the Bible.

### Interested Participants:

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### Conversation/Topic:

Enthusing People to Participate in Prayer e.g. Lenton groups, St Mary MacKillop Vigil etc

**Convenor:** Sr. Brigid Linehan rsj

**Scribe:** Irene Gover

**Other Members: (Not Identified)**

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Advertise group in advance, have a good presenter to speak at church – must be enthusiastic and encouraging;
- Have a few people wait outside after Mass and make individual contact and hopefully make a commitment by putting names on list;
- Important to have a relaxed attitude and make people feel important and wanted;
- Leaders also need to be encouraged and with enthusiastic attitude.

### Action/Strategies:

See above.

### Ongoing Conversation:

### Interested Participants:

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**Conversation/Topic:** Living a Worship and Prayer

**Convenor:** Leon Warren

**Scribe:** (Not Identified)

**Other Members:**

Fr. William, Wal Pleasant, Allen, Margaret

**Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Problems with identification with 'strange custom's' of Catholic's by converts;
- Develop methods of worship apart from EUCHARIST;
- Go to Mass but break the Sabbath;
- Give yourself Sabbath: a personal relationship with Jesus;
- Worship and outreach – how does our faith show out in our lives? Inclusion of the person who shows up. FEAR so played on;
- Prayer – Study – Action (Cursillo) Charismatic Renewal - Faith Conversation
- Disinterest in worship by many people at Eucharist;
- Basic relationship with Jesus and Jesus present in others.

**Action/Strategies:**

- Conversation
- Cassilo

**Ongoing Conversation:**

A personal relationship rather than must go to Mass weekly

**Interested Participants:**

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### Conversation/Topic: WORSHIP AND PRAYER

Making Mass More Attractive and Relevant to Youth

**Convenor:** Ruth Anagnostis

**Scribe:** Irene Gover

### Other Members:

Leo Walsh, Doreen Hatton, Tim, Margaret and Bill Murphy

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- How to encourage a balance of modern and traditional;
- Some older people are worried and aren't keen to have modern hymns;
- People are timid;
- Maybe have a regular youth Mass i.e. once a month - all parishioners encouraged to come;
- Nominate a weekly youth Mass in the diocese for a weekly Mass;
- Fund youth workers – if our young people are important then support them;
- You need to be together as a group and have a special Mass with all participants – talk with the 'Parish Musician Network';
- Educated parishioners about being open to youth and letting go some control.

### Action/Strategies:

- Educate youth workers to run youth groups and Masses;
- Connect to the parish musicians Network to educate young people about music in the Mass.

### Ongoing Conversation:

### Interested Participants:

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**Conversation/Topic:** Musical Liturgy/Worship at Parish Level

**Convenor:** Cathy Blackford

**Scribe:** Julie-Gai Smith

### **Other Members:**

Cath Mahony, Sr. Maureen Salmon rsj, Cathy Brown, Chris Marsh, Sr. Brigid, Peter Street and others.

### **Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:**

- Musical liturgy is to support what is happening on the altar – congregation to access the spirit;
- Increase priority as far as equipment and resources;
- Communication - website for ideas;
- The Parish Musicians Network – need to get network name out to individual areas. Help for particular events;
- Need to know general instructions of where/when liturgies connect and sharing this with young people;
- Need for Questions and Answers arena;
- Need to encourage younger members. Support and teach – make commitment;
- Moving musicians around to help meet needs and educate new people to musical liturgy.

### **Action/Strategies:**

- Use the Parish Musicians Network for communication, education and promotion of music liturgy;
- Promote the Parish Musician Network and prioritise having up to date and sufficient sound and equipment in parishes.

### **Ongoing Conversation:**

- Moving musicians to educate new recruits where required until their knowledge and confidence grows;
- Mentor new musicians.

### **Interested Participants:**

All above.



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### Conversation/Topic:

Ways to Improve Personal Involvement in Sunday Eucharist for Greater Public Involvement in Worship

**Convenor:** Margaret Sheridan

**Scribe:** (Not Identified)

### Other Members:

Lyn Cale, Cheryl Screen, Allen Brierley, John Teszke and Joseph Kennedy

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Proclaim the WORD;
- Training to PROCLAIM so that participatory listening can occur;
- Increase POSITIVITY re Proclaiming the WORD;
- PA systems upgraded;
- Ministries – welcoming/hospitality, building ACTIVE COMMUNITY;
- Stewardship/formation;
- Personal relationship with Jesus.

### Action/Strategies:

### Ongoing Conversation:

### Interested Participants:

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### Conversation/Topic:

Reclaiming the Sense of the Sacred within Ourselves and the Community

**Convenor:** C Screen

**Scribe:** (Not Identified)

### Other Members:

Lyn Cale, Denise Darlington, Fr. John Tobin, S O'Connor and Fr. Jim Saunders

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Music at Mass is distracting;
- Music at inappropriate times i.e. Eucharistic Prayer;
- Just before Mass starts, ask for silence;
- Talking in the church is disrespectful;
- Need for quiet prayer. Silence before Mass;
- Lost our sense of sacred;
- Important to accept one another;
- Importance of communion time has been lost (talking).

### Action/Strategies:

- Need to structure some time prior to Mass starting to produce quiet;
- Music – needs to be an accompaniment to prayerfulness **not** a distraction i.e. during the Eucharist prayer.

### Ongoing Conversation:

### Interested Participants:

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### Conversation/Topic:

Reviving Popular Devotions like Rosary and Holy Hour

**Convenor:** Fr. Albert D'Souza

**Scribe:** P. Tesyke

### Other Members:

Mark Wilson, John Tesyke, Maureen Johnson and lady from Blackbutt

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- We have churches that are not being used other than for Mass on Sunday/one week-day Mass. Lay people to make use of Church for devotions based on liturgical seasons e.g. Saint of the Cross (Lent), Rosary;
- Some Catholics are not ready to come to Mass with us. Let us go to them with devotions and in time bring them to the Eucharist when they are ready and willing;
- Concern that Parish Update/Dio Bulletin not accepting entries for advertisement of private devotions in homes/churches.

### Action/Strategies:

### Ongoing Conversation:

### Interested Participants:

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<b>Conversation/Topic:</b>	Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life
<b>Convenor:</b>	Maureen Johnson
<b>Scribe:</b>	(Not Identified)
<b>Other Members:</b>	(Not Identified)
<b>Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invite people to consider it;</li><li>• Ask older people, not just youth;</li><li>• Keep prayer up, but include action;</li><li>• Need to value commitment (society does not);</li><li>• Vocations awareness in all aspects of life;</li><li>• Live by the example of Jesus.</li></ul>	
<b>Action/Strategies:</b>	
<b>Ongoing Conversation:</b>	
<b>Interested Participants:</b>	

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### Conversation/Topic:

Ways to Integrate School Liturgies into the Parish Life

**Convenor:** Sr. Maureen Salmon rsj

**Scribe:** Cathy Brown

### Other Members:

Cath Mahony, Fr. Bill Burston, Fr. John Woods, Denise, Catherine Blackburn, Doreen Hatton

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Relates to young families;
- Invite a class from school to prepare Sunday celebration;
- Bringing school and parishes together;
- Major celebrations e.g. Ash Wednesday – have joint celebrations with school and church;
- Eucharist is an adult celebration - need to have steps so children process to understanding;
- Lack of Masses celebrated at High Schools;
- Place for lay liturgical ministers to celebrate liturgy of the word with Communion.

### Action/Strategies:

### Ongoing Conversation:

How to engage parents from our schools to become interested in attending Sunday Masses

### Interested Participants:

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### Conversation/Topic:

How Can Week-Day Liturgies be More Prayerful

**Convenor:** Ursula Kauter

**Scribe:** Leon Warren

### Other Members:

Mark, Leon, Denise, Fr. Albert

### Discussion Notes, Key Understanding, Outstanding Questions, Observations:

- Stability in litany structure;
- Reverence;
- Too relaxed?
- People welcoming;
- Receive communion;
- Justice communion and liturgy;
- Identify each;
- Simple liturgy format;
- Songs.

### Action/Strategies:

Guidelines uniform.

### Ongoing Conversation:

Outreach liturgies

### Interested Participants: