

DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

Meeting Report

April 2023

At their April 13 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members:

- studied Chapter 1 a. 21-32 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
- discussed the post-COVID reintroduction of communion from the Chalice in light of experience in other dioceses and in order to make a recommendation for this diocese to Bishop Michael Kennedy.
- reviewed and reflected upon recent diocesan liturgies, Episcopal Installation and Chrism Mass, for future action.
- received report on the work of the Christian Initiation Forum in developing 'Come and See,' a resource for parishes who have indicated a desire to reimagine the ministry of Christian Initiation.
- received report on mandate status of council sub-group: St Josephine Bakhita Working Party.
- noted availability of new Australian Mass Setting with Laudato Si theme.
- reviewed current availability of third-party liturgical short courses for recommendation and personal formation.
- received updates on liturgical issues from national and international sources.

The work of the Council extends beyond its meetings, particularly through its subgroups and currently includes:

- working with the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies on liturgies with the Bishop presiding
- the work of the Christian Initiation Forum:
 - Preparing resources ahead of meeting with those parishes wanting to reimagine the ministry of Christian Initiation
- Facilitating formation including:
 - 'Grace, Simplicity Order' a formation and discernment process for those who have expressed interest in the ministry of Assistant Master of Ceremonies
 - *Stepping Stones* formation for St Benedict's Inner Newcastle Parish who are in the process of establishing a parish bereavement team.
 - With Clergy from overseas who are new to the diocese
 - Supporting deacons in the liturgical aspect of their ministry
 - Considering the ongoing development of liturgical protocols and practices for the Cathedral
- Supporting parishes preparing for the sacraments of confirmation for children

The Diocesan Liturgy Council serves the diocesan community in promoting the principles and practice of the sacred liturgy. [Information about this Council is available online](#). The ongoing work of the Council is supported by the Pastoral Ministries Worship and Prayer team.

The remaining DLC meetings scheduled for 2023 are: Thursdays 11 May, 8 June, 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 9 Nov, 14 December. Meetings are at Newcastle West from 4.30 to 6.30pm.

If you have anything you would like the Council to discuss, please email worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au.