

DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

Meeting Report

June 2023

At their June 08 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members:

- studied Chapter II a. 47-58 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.
- were updated on:
 - dissemination of Pastoral Guidance document on the Rite of Baptism for Children.
 - progress of advice to Bishop on resuming Communion from the Chalice
 - revision of Confirmation resources on website
 - initial conversation Louise and Magda from Healing and Support had with Bishop Michael re the Perpetual Day of Remembrance and the prayer resource for 2023.
 - current liturgical formation opportunities being facilitated across the diocese.
- were advised of discussions with diocesan property team on recent liturgical architectural construction.
- reviewed Mass setting by Sarah Hart and discussed ways of introducing parishes to a variety of settings.
- accepted the finalised Mandate for the St Josephine Bakhita Working Party.
- prepared response to parish group query regarding physical gesturing during the Our Father at Mass.
- discussed progress of council presentations at national liturgy conference, and conference travel arrangements.

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: particularly with four parishes who have indicated their desire 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 – We pray Together*: 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.
 - preparing the Liturgy Unit for the Christian Formation Course.
- preparing liturgies and prayers as part of our diocesan response to the Hunter Valley bus accident.
- supporting parishes preparing for the sacrament 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 13 July, 10 August, 14 September, 12 October, 09 Nov, 14 December. Meetings are at Newcastle West from 4.30 to 6.30 pm.

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