

Annual General Meeting Report

August 2023

At their August 10 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- attended to the annual review of Council documentation, protocols and processes
- conducted the annual election for Executive positions
 - Chair – Rev Andrew Doohan
 - Deputy Chair – Mrs Fiona Duque
 - Secretary – Louise Gannon rsj
- continued their liturgical formation by
 - studying Chapter III a.59-82 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
 - receiving access to the Teams reading list developed as a formation resource
- engaged in conversation about
 - conversation topic for the next meeting of Fr Andrew and Sr Louise with Bishop Michael Kennedy
 - the revised document outlining processes of engagement for when churches are built or renovated
 - advice from LiturgHelp re the format of the PowerPoint slides they provide for Sunday Mass
 - a draft outline of the council workshop for the upcoming national liturgy conference
 - Council liturgy calendar updates
- considered a liturgical response to parish communication requesting guidance on ecumenical liturgies.

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

- ongoing work with the College of Assistant Masters of Ceremonies
- supporting parishes, agencies and groups in the preparation of liturgies at which the Bishop or his delegate presides, particularly at the moment Confirmation liturgies
- the work of the Christian Initiation Forum particularly with
 - four parishes who have indicated their desire to reimagine the ministry of Christian Initiation
 - preparation of reflection day for all Christian Initiation ministers and parishioners
 - CatholicCare seeking advice when children living away from their family of origin wish to participate in the Sacraments of 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
 - the Liturgy Unit of the Christian Formation Course.
- Preparation of resources for the annual marking of the *Perpetual Day of Remembrance*
- Working with Property and Communications Team members on finalising a resource to assist communities preparing for a Blessing and Opening.

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 work of the Council is supported by the Pastoral Ministries Worship and Prayer team.

The remaining DLC meetings for 2023 are Thursdays 14 September, 12 October, 09 November, 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.

