

# Meeting Report

## September 2023

At their September 14 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- continued their liturgical formation by studying Chapter IV a.83-101 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy
- reviewed an outline of their workshop to be presented at upcoming national liturgy conference
- reflected on their home parish experience of Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday
- engaged in conversation about discussion topics of latest meeting of Fr Andrew Doohan and Sr Louise Gannon with Bishop Michael Kennedy, including
  - resumption of Communion from the chalice
  - engagement processes for the building or renovation of church spaces
  - pastoral guidance for when children in out of home care wish to participate in the Sacraments of Initiation
  - liturgy choices for diverse communities
  - clergy funeral preparation processes
  - development of a customary for the Cathedral
- heard about parishes exploring 'Praise and Worship' options.
- were updated on
  - current building and renovation projects.
  - the work of the Josephine Bakhita Working Party and reviewed prayer resources they are developing.
  - the cohort engaged in formation and discernment for the ministry of Assistant Masters of ceremonies.
- reassigned the October meeting to a review of the Christian Formation Course Liturgy Unit.

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
- 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
  - preparing for the review and development of the Christian Formation Course Liturgy Unit
- the work of its various groups

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 09 November and 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](mailto:worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au).