

Meeting Report

February 2024

At their February 08 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- received updates from the Council Secretary and Council Chair since last meeting relating to
 - St Josephine Bakhita feast day resources for community awareness of modern slavery and human trafficking
 - development of Chrism balsam pastoral guidance
 - emerging issues relating to Sunday Celebrations
 - Financial report for national liturgy and music conference
 - The review process for Pastoral Guidance documents and resources for Confirmation
 - 'Sing to the Lord' formation and training opportunity for cantors
- were updated on recent documents from the universal Church and their local relevance:
 - regarding care for cremated remains
 - Fiducia Supplicans on blessings
 - Concerning the presentation of children for baptism and Godparents
 - Gestis Verbisque
 - Synodal Synthesis report for community consultation process
- Invited to read Desiderio Desderavi and engage in formation on it.
- adopted change to monthly meeting schedule to alternate months for all council members and executive members, commencing 07 March 2024

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
 - For Deacons
- engagement with Bishop Michael via conversation with members of the Executive
- 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 2024 are Thursdays 07 March, 11 April, 09 May, 13 June, 11 July, 08 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November and 12 December. Meetings are at Newcastle West from 4.00 to 6.00 pm. If you have anything you would like the Council to discuss, please email worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au.