

DIOCESAN LITURGY COUNCIL

Meeting Report

July 2023

At their July 13 meeting the Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- were joined by diocesan members of the Property Services team for
 - presentation of concept design of chapel building to be constructed in Chisholm educational precinct
 - review of liturgical building engagement processes.
- were updated on
 - process for future planning for interment of deceased bishops in the Sacred Heart Cathedral
 - progress of advice to Bishop on resuming Communion from the Chalice
 - current liturgical formation opportunities being facilitated across the diocese
 - recent foundational presentation to Diocesan Association of Pastoral Ministers
 - revision of guidance document on music copyright within worship
 - progress of council workshop at national liturgy conference
- considered the insight and vision that guides the development of a liturgical formation pathway
- reviewed the slide presentations on LiturgyHelp

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
- 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
- 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.
 - the Liturgy Unit of the Christian Formation Course.
- 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 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.