

Meeting Report

March 2024

At their March 07 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council Executive met with some members of the Council, Anne Millard the Director of Cathedral Music and consultant to the Council, and members of the Christian Initiation Forum.

Conversation focused on:

- ideas for using music more intentionally as a formation strategy in parishes and the wider community including:
 - Sing to the Lord cantor training to support communities grow their music ministry
 - A Season of Creation music/ritual event
 - Brainstorming regarding a name that would encompass all these ideas. 'Sacred Heart Beat' won the day.
 - Expanding our repertoire of Mass Settings: Firstly by an invitation to parishes and schools to share Mass Settings they have learnt as a support to other parishes looking to learn a new one; Secondly exploring options for learning a new Mass Setting as a diocesan community.
 - the opportunity presented in the recent decision to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a 'Praise and Worship Liturgy of the Word' featuring Gen Bryant.
- pastoral challenges regarding the ministry of Christian Initiation that became obvious after the Rite of Election, including a drop in number of catechumens at the Rite of Election, and a lack of understanding about the RCIA in general and the Rite of Election in particular.
- developments in the formation initiative around the diocesan liturgical calendar including a proposal for a diocesan celebration of significant anniversaries of marriage.

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 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.