

# Annual General Meeting Report

JULY 2024

At their July 11, 2024 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- welcomed the participation of Anne Millard, the Council's music consultant
- attended to the annual review of meeting processes
- conducted the annual election of Executive positions
  - Chair – Rev Andrew Doohan continuing
  - Deputy Chair – Mrs Fiona Duque continuing
  - Secretary – Louise Gannon rsj continuing
- affirmed Erin McCort as an Associate Member of the Council from August 08, 2024
- received updates on
  - correspondence and communication since latest meeting
  - progress of significant anniversaries celebration project
  - appointment of Director of Mission and Evangelisation
  - parish queries seeking council support and guidance
  - the DLC's emerging pattern engaging in liturgical formation in response to parish need and enquiries
- engaged in exploratory conversation and discernment around the development of the 'Sacred Heart Beat' initiative, in particular applying recent learnings to discern steps to grow a musical culture as a means of engaging a wider circle of people in ritual and formation. Particular attention was given to
  - praise and worship opportunities including an event for the Season of Creation and another focused on the 2025 Jubilee hymn
  - possible 'Mass Setting' showcase and options for learning a new Mass Setting for use at diocesan liturgies
  - progress of 'Sing to the Lord' Cantor Training and Formation and how this initiative seeks to support and address the need of parishes with no musicians and who therefore rely on 'canned' music
  - database and responses as we shift from the notion of an 'Expanded Cathedral Choir' to a 'Diocesan Choir' for key liturgical and ritual events
  - opportunities for working with ASPIRE
  - parishes who might host possible music formation and celebrations
- reviewed
  - preparations for Bishop Michael Kennedy's and other clergy's jubilee celebration
  - issues emerging re the ministry of Christian initiation in parishes

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

- ongoing ministry of 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 regarding emerging issues
- facilitating formation, including for new Assistant Masters of Ceremonies, Deacons, Cantors, parishes including the Maitland Pastoral Region, Myall Coast, Singleton (Stepping Stones), City Region (Christian Initiation)

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