

Meeting Report

SEPTEMBER 2024

At their September 12, 2024 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- reflected on recent formation around their study of Vatican II document *Desiderio Desideravi*
- considered Carmel Pilcher's article 'Is liturgy simply a given in a synodal church?'
- accepted previous meeting minutes, meeting report, and meeting dates for 2025
- received updates on
 - correspondence and communication since latest meeting
 - communication from Bishop Michael to parishes regarding communion from the altar, and Mass celebrated in the Latin Tridentine rite
 - recent formation provided to Maitland Catholic Region and upcoming Myall Coast parish formation
 - activities of the Sacred Heart Beat music initiative
 - upcoming Season of Creation event 'Creation Sings'
 - progress of Mass settings showcase planning
 - other possible communal choir events including for the Jubilee Year
 - possible formation for singing the Sequences
 - upcoming, diocesan-wide formation day 'Tilling the Soil of the Ministry of Christian Initiation'
- engaged in exploratory conversation and discernment around Bishop Michael's vision of mission and evangelisation and how this council can support parishes in becoming communities:
 - with good and life-giving prayer, worship and liturgy
 - that are constantly engaged in faith formation
 - that are looking out seeking opportunities for mission and charity in and for the local community.
- considered involvement in
 - 2025 liturgy unit of Christian Formation Course
 - upcoming Myall Coast parish retreat day
 - individual formation through online courses, podcasts and participation in liturgical conference/s
- planned 2024 annual council dinner

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 with the City Region
- facilitating formation, including for new Assistant Masters of Ceremonies, 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 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.