

# Meeting Report

NOVEMBER 2024

At their November 14, 2024 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- congratulated council secretary, Louise Gannon rsj, on her 29 November retirement from her diocesan liturgical role
- received formation on the process of developing and approving revised and new liturgical book: Green Books, then Grey Books then White when approved.
- accepted previous meeting minutes and report
- accessed new 2025 council planning calendar
- endorsed St Joseph Bakhita working party proposals and methodologies
- received local church updates on
  - correspondence and communication since latest meeting
  - suggestions for diocesan celebration of the Vatican Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope
  - communication from Bishop Michael to parishes regarding Communion from the chalice, and the ministry of Christian Initiation
  - continued formation being provided to Maitland Catholic Region, and ideas from that formation
  - possible new Christian Initiation Forum members
  - diocesan communal choir suggestions pending the success of recent Creation Sings
  - need for future planning of significant marriage anniversary project, and EOY liturgical celebration
  - planning meeting for 2025 Christian Formation Course liturgy unit work
- received national/international church updates on
  - proposal for a Feast of Creation to be added to the liturgical calendar; formation resources for lectors/acolytes; aboriginal symbols in liturgy.
  - official texts: release of Roman Missal supplement; progress on update to Order of Baptism of Children; project for work on the Grey Book for the revised Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
  - Jubilee Year resources
  - 2025 national conference dates and promotion – AAL and NLC/APMN

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 in response to parish requests for formation and emerging issues.
- facilitating formation, 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 meeting for 2024 is Thursday 12 December. Meetings are held at Newcastle West from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

Any queries or items for the Council to discuss can be emailed to [worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:worshipandprayer@mn.catholic.org.au).