

Meeting Report

February 2025

At their February 06, 2025 meeting Diocesan Liturgy Council members

- engaged in casual formation on theology around singing national anthem at Australia Day Mass
- accepted previous meeting minutes and report
- acknowledged introduction of electronic calendar for liturgical events relating to Council and CAMC
- received personnel updates on
 - unsuccessful recruitment of 'Mission & Evangelisation Partner - Worship' role and interim arrangements to manage role responsibilities
 - Council Secretary vacancy and interim arrangements to fulfill role responsibilities
 - Council membership withdrawal re changes in Associate Member's role within Catholic Schools
- received local church updates on
 - uptake of parish reintroduction of Communion from the Chalice
 - diocesan launch of the Vatican Jubilee 2025 Year of Hope – no Council involvement requested
 - deferral to 2026 of End of Year liturgical celebration planning
 - inactivity of significant marriage anniversary idea pending further interest
 - suggestion of establishing a Sacred Heart Beat working party
 - scheduling of planning meeting for 2025 Christian Formation Course liturgy unit work
 - possible progression of parish formation in Maitland pending parish priest return from leave
 - current formation opportunity at Morpeth in March for school staff of Dungog and Shortland
- received national/international church updates on
 - NATSICC approval of Responsorial Acknowledgement of Country with call-and-response format
 - 2025 NLC/APMN Conference attendance by Council members and presentation of papers at the conference by Council Chair and Consultant, Louise Gannon RSJ

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](#) (DLC) serves the diocesan community in promoting the principles and practice of the sacred liturgy. The work of the Council is supported by the Mission and Evangelisation team. DLC meetings for 2025 are held on the second Thursday of the month at Newcastle West from 4.00 to 6.00 pm. Any queries or items for the Council to discuss can be emailed to mission@mn.catholic.org.au.