



## Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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Members in attendance were Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Dr Susan Crowe, Mrs Cathy Prunty, Dr Chris Hadwen and Mrs Julie Boyd (Administration Officer). Apologies were received from Mr Geoff Martin, Fr Gary Jones and Mrs Gabrielle Ewing.

### ***Correspondence:***

- The Catholic Enquiry Centre have published free faith resource books, “Discovering God and what it means to be Catholic” and “Discovering Prayer: A 30 day prayer journey of encountering God, and love”. These books are to be advertised to parishes and schools.
- Liturgical Formation will be offered later this year in the central zone on Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion and scripture reflection. Date and venue to be confirmed.
- The responsibility of liturgical formation for staff in Catholic schools was discussed. This will be followed-up with DOBCEL.

### ***Reports:***

**Australian Pastoral Musicians Network newsletter:** Bishop Paul congratulated Susan Crowe on her article in the APMN newsletter September 23, 2023 page 8, “Leadership in Music Ministry – Catholic Education Office perspective.”

### **National Liturgical Music Council:**

- Garrett Publishing are now responsible for the publication of the print and digital version of Catholic Worship II, due to the previous publisher withdrawing from the project. This has caused further delays to the launch of this project.
- Another project is currently underway to compile available YouTube links to liturgical music for people to learn / listen to, not for public performance. The terms of the project are to be determined.

**General Business:**

**150 Years of the Diocese of Ballarat – 2024:**

- The next edition of “Our Diocesan Community” will outline the events planned for the 150th year.
- Bishop Paul will write the prayer for the 150th anniversary and prayer cards will be made available throughout the diocese.
- A PowerPoint of the history of the diocese will also be made available for use in parishes.
- Mass of the Oils will begin at 11.30am in 2024 and will include acknowledgement of the 150 years of the diocese.

**Baptism of children under 7 with non-catholic parents:** Information is available from the Catholic Enquiry Centre [website](#).

**Parish copyright obligations:**

- Parishes are reminded to update copyright records with OneLicense regularly to ensure royalties are being distributed fairly to musicians/composers.
- Copyright also applies to printed documents. Pages in books/resources should not be reprinted for parish use without the permission of the publisher. Parishes are in breach of copyright and may incur fines for reproducing information without permission.
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**Mystery & Mission Conference - September 28-30, 2023 in Brisbane:** Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and Dr Susan Crowe are both presenting at this Conference.

**Documents for review**

**Documents approved:** The “Guidelines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children” and the “Sacraments of Initiation for Children Policy Statement” were approved. They will be printed and distributed. Copies will also be available from the diocesan website and/or the Pastoral Ministry Office.

**Policies/guidelines for review in 2023:**

- Policy for Altar Servers.
- Guidelines for the use of Visual Display Systems in the Liturgy.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will meet again in November 2023.