



## Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024

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

### **Reports:**

#### **Bishop's Report:**

- Liturgy Brisbane is in the process of gathering texts for a supplement to the current Roman Missal, which was printed in 2010. Texts will include prayers that have been written since publication of the Missal, ie. prayers for Pope Paul VI, Pope Paul XXIII, Pope John Paul II.
- Liturgy Brisbane are providing an updated instruction on Infant Baptism, as the present resource was published quite a few years ago.
- The list of scripture translations approved for use in Australia will include the New Jerusalem Bible. Pope Francis has clarified that the Bishops Conference of each country approve the scripture text for use.

**Ordination to the Diaconate – Cay Trinh: December 16, 2023:** Cay Trinh was ordained as Deacon of the Diocese of Ballarat last year. Cay's family, who are Vietnam, joined the Mass online and many of his friends were in attendance, to participate in this Mass and to support him on this important step towards his Ordination to the Priesthood, which will be celebrated later this year.

### **General Business:**

**Rite of Election – Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm:** The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community. This applies to adults who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election is an opportunity for participants to meet the Bishop, connect with other catechumens and candidates be welcomed to the Cathedral.

**Mass of the Oils – Monday, March 25, 2024:** The Mass of the Oils this year will be held at 11.30am and incorporate the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat.

**150 years of the Diocese of Ballarat – 2024:** Resources will be provided for parishes and schools throughout the year of 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat and they will also be available on the diocesan website.

**Liturgy Formation 2024:** Parishes have been invited to nominate suitable dates and topics for Liturgy Formation sessions this year.

**Year of Prayer for 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope:** Pope Francis has announced that 2024 is a Year of Prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. The Jubilee Year of Hope will run from December 24, 2025 - January 6, 2026. Resources for the Year of Prayer will be provided by the Dicastery for Evangelisation.

***Documents for review:***

**Guidelines for the use of Visual Display Systems in the Liturgy and the Policy for Altar Servers:** Updates to these policies are being discussed.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will meet again in March 2024.