



Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Members in attendance were Fr Gary Jones (Chair), Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, Dr Susan Crowe, Mrs Gabrielle Ewing, Mr Geoff Martin, Mrs Cathy Prunty, Dr Chris Hadwen. An apology was received from Michael Flagg.

Correspondence

“Supplement to the Roman Missal”: This book, “Supplement to the Roman Missal”, which provides prayers introduced since the publication of the Roman Missal about 10 years ago, is available from Liturgy Brisbane.

“Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration”: This book has been published following the “Mystery & Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration” conference held in September 2023 and draws together 24 selected papers from conference keynotes and workshops relating to liturgy and liturgical music. The book is available from Liturgy Brisbane.

Reports

Diocesan Assembly: The Assembly was held on November 15 & 16, 2024 at Federation University, Ballarat. Thanks to Susan Crowe, Roger Hillman and Geraldine Vytilingam for their planning and implementation of the liturgies at the Assembly.

Clergy Jubilarians Mass: Mass to celebrate the 2024 Clergy Jubilarians was held on Thursday, November 14 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. A report from the Mass is available on the diocesan [website](#).

Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Cay Xuan Trinh: Was held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. A report from the Mass is available on the diocesan [website](#).

General Business

Reintroduction of communion from the chalice: Bishop Paul distributed some reflections on communion from the chalice to clergy and parishes, in light of the option of reintroducing communion from the chalice. These reflections were offered to be reproduced in parts or as a whole document for parishioners. This document is available from the diocesan [website](#).

Tony Alonso Tour 2025: Tony will be presenting on May 27, 2025 at the Damascus College Mt Clear Events Centre. This is during Catholic Education Week. More information to follow.

Jubilee Year of Hope: December 24, 2024 – January 6, 2026: Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year of Hope on December 24 in Rome. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Sunday, December 29, 2024 to mark the opening of the Jubilee Year. The year has more focus on places of pilgrimage in each diocese rather than a Holy Door.

Rite of Election: Will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Mass of the Oils: Will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall.

Documents for review

"Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion" & "Guidelines for the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament" were ratified and will be distributed.

The next documents for review are the "Guidelines for Diocesan, Episcopal and Cathedral Liturgies", the "Parish Handbook for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" and the "The Parish Handbook for the Rite of Christian Initiations of Adults with Children of Catechetical Age."

Other items

Christian Initiation of Adults Network: Dr Susan Crowe has been invited to be a Committee Member of the national Christian Initiation of Adults Network (CIAN).

Thank You: Fr Gary & Bishop Paul thanked Commission members for their contribution to the Liturgical Commission throughout the year.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will meet again in February 2025.