



Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025

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

Members prayed a special prayer prepared by Dr Susan Crowe, to acknowledge Bishop Paul's 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Gary congratulated Bishop Paul on this special occasion on behalf of the Liturgical Commission.

Reports

Bishop's Report:

Update on the new Lectionary: Bishop Paul continues the monthly online meetings to review text for the new lectionary

International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028:

- Pope Leo XIV will be invited to attend the Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Sydney in 2028.
- Bishop Richard Umbers, Archdiocese of Sydney, is coordinating this event.

General Business

Mass of the Oils – Monday, April 14, 2025 at 1.00pm

- The Mass of the Oils went well again this year.
- Those invited to be involved in ministries for this Mass are always very pleased to participate.
- Feedback will be requested regarding the preference of the Mass being held during the day or the evening at 6.30pm.
- Positive comments have been received regarding the livestream of this Mass.

- The music for the Mass was once again well directed by Roger Hillman as Choir Conductor and Geoff Martin, Organist.
- Thank you to all those who attended the Mass and who were involved in the organisation and ministries.
- A report from the Mass of the Oils is available from the diocesan [website](#).

Fr Kevin Murphy's Funeral Mass – Wednesday, April 24, 2025: Bishop Paul was the Main Celebrant for Fr Kevin's Funeral Mass, which was a lovely celebration of his life. A tribute to Fr Kevin is available from the diocesan [website](#).

Death of Pope Francis & Election of Pope Leo XIV: The Liturgical Commission acknowledged both of these significant events for the Catholic Church worldwide.

Tony Alonso Tour 2025: A Liturgical Music Symposium will be presented by Tony on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Ballarat. Information regarding the workshops and booking details are available from the diocesan [website](#).

Liturgy Formation: Will be held at Buninyong on Sunday, June 1 and Sunday, June 15 at Warrnambool. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am on both days. Workshops at Buninyong will be Funeral Ministry and workshops at Warrnambool will be RCIA and Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will meet again in July 2025.