



Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

Reports

Bishop's Report: *Mass for the Care of Creation*: The official texts for prayers and readings for the Mass for the Care of Creation have been issued in English and will be added to the Masses for Various Needs and Occasions in the Roman Missal.

Liturgy Formation at Hampden on Sunday, August 17, 2025: Bishop Paul and Susan Crowe presented formation on Sunday Assembly of Word and Communion at St Thomas' Church, Terang on Sunday, August 17, 2025. Those in attendance were from Hampden and surrounding parishes. Participants reported the sessions as engaging and positive.

Formation For Diocesan Boards, Commissions & Committees – September 4, 2025
The Pastoral Planning Panel hosted this formation session for members of Diocesan Boards, Commissions and Committees and this event was well attended. This session was the beginning of fostering the co-ordination of each diocesan group.

General Business

Diocesan Prayer: The diocesan prayer has been distributed to parishes, schools and agencies of the diocese. The prayer is available to download from the [diocesan website](http://diocesan.catholic.org.au) or copies are available from the Pastoral Ministry Office, pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass of the Oils Start Time: Feedback received regarding the preferred start time for the Mass of the Oils was 1.00pm.

Br Michael Herry fms Workshop: Br Michael will present a workshop in the diocese on liturgical music and prayer, looking towards Advent and Christmas (but not exclusively). This workshop will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree at 7.00pm. More information to come.

Pilgrimage of the Migrant & Jubilee Cross 2025: The dates for Victorian and Tasmanian dioceses for the Migrant & Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage are: January weeks 3 and 4; February; March; April weeks 1 and 2. Dates for the Diocese of Ballarat have not been confirmed.

2025 Clergy Jubilarians Mass: Mass to celebrate the 2025 Clergy Jubilarians will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5.00pm. Jubilarians this year are: 65 years - Fr Pat Flangan; 50 years - Bishop Paul, Fr Wally Tudor and Fr Eugene McKinnon. All welcome to attend.

International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) – Sydney 2028

The IEC National Committee have commenced contacting all dioceses regarding plans for this event.

***The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will
meet again in November 2025.***