



Report from the Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024

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

Reports

Liturgy Formation at Hamilton – Sunday, June 16, 2024: Bishop Paul and Gabrielle Ewing presented Liturgy Formation at Hamilton on June 16 on the topics of Formation for Lectors (Bishop Paul) and Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion (Gabrielle). Attendees included a mix of people with experience of leading Lay Led Assemblies and those new to Sunday Assemblies and wanting to learn best practice. Fr Paddy Mugavin gave support to those parishioners willing to start celebrating Lay Led Assemblies in the Western Border parish.

Fr Barry Ryan's Funeral Mass – Monday, July 1, 2024: The Funeral Mass for Fr Barry was well organised by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm and Fr Barry's family. Fr Kevin Arundell was the Main Celebrant and led a fitting tribute to Fr Barry. The Funeral Mass can be viewed at the diocesan [website](#)

Liturgy Formation - Sunday, August 18 at Donald: Workshops will be Formation for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Formation for Lectors. For more information and to register, go to the diocesan [website](#).

General Business

Reintroduction of Communion from the Chalice: Bishop Paul has received several enquiries from people in our diocese about whether we would reintroduce the option of communion from the chalice. Further discussion is required regarding the timeline and restrictions regarding the reintroduction of the chalice at communion.

Mass of the Oils: The Mass of the Oils will begin at 1.00pm next year.

Order of the Sacraments of Initiation in the Ballarat Diocese: The diocesan policy states that the order of Sacraments is Confirmation and then First Holy Communion. This ensures consistency in the celebration of the sacraments in all parishes across the diocese.

Tony Alonso Tour – May 2025: There has been expressions of interest from parishes in regard to the Tony Alonso tour proposal in May 2025. Further planning is required.

ACBC approved list of scripture translations: The Bishops of Australia recently approved a revised list of scripture translations for liturgical use. It is an updated version of the list approved some years ago. This document will be distributed to clergy, parishes and schools.

Clergy Jubilarians Mass: Mass to celebrate the 2024 clergy jubilarians will be held on Thursday, November 14 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 5.00pm. Clergy Jubilarians 2024 are: 50 years - Frs Eric Bryant, Michael O'Toole, Paddy Mugavin; 25 years - Fr Ed Moloney. All welcome to attend. Members of the parishes of the Diocese of Ballarat are invited to form the choir for this Mass.

Diocesan Assembly: The Assembly will be held on Friday, November 16 & Saturday, November 17, 2024 at Federation University, Mt Helen.

Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Cay Xuan Trinh: Mass to celebrate Cay's Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.30am. All welcome to attend.

Year of Prayer for 2025 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.

Documents for review

The Guidelines for the Use of Visual Display Systems in the Liturgy and the Policy for Altar Servers have been ratified. Both documents have been distributed to parishes and schools and are available from the diocesan [website](#). Copies are also available from the Pastoral Ministry Office.

The next documents for review are the Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Guidelines for the Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission will meet again in September 2024