

Diocese of Wollongong
Diocesan Liturgical Commission
Terms of Reference

Mission Statement: The DLC actively promotes liturgy and advises the Bishop so that, in the Diocese of Wollongong, all liturgies express that in all things we are bearers of Christ's love.

- 1 The Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Wollongong operates on the principles:
 - 1.1 The liturgy is the outstanding means whereby the faithful may express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church.
 - 1.2 Every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the Priest and of his Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its effectiveness by the same title and to the same degree.
 - 1.3 Liturgical worship forms and expresses our identity as church within which we recognise people with special needs and the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Church of Wollongong.
 - 1.4 The particular church of Wollongong is part of the universal church.
 - 1.5 The priestly leader of the church of Wollongong is the Bishop, whose role is to be presider, moderator, promoter and custodian of the liturgical life of the diocese.
 - 1.6 The Liturgical Commission collaborates with the Bishop in the liturgical life of the diocese.
- 2 The goals of the Liturgical Commission are:
 - 2.1 to facilitate the liturgical formation and education of the faithful
 - 2.2 to promote active participation in liturgy by all Christ's faithful.
- 3 The tasks of the Liturgical Commission are:
 - 3.1 to be informed on current liturgical developments and the pastoral and liturgical life of the diocese
 - 3.2 to provide information and advice on liturgical matters to the Bishop, clergy and faithful
 - 3.3 to assist in the development of diocesan policy
 - 3.4 to facilitate the implementation of Instructions, Guidelines and legitimate adaptations of liturgical rites
 - 3.5 to provide formation and training programs at diocesan and parish levels

- 3.6 to provide assistance to the bishop, parishes and groups within the diocese with respect to the planning and celebration of liturgy
- 3.7 to encourage best practice in all aspects of liturgy
- 3.8 to facilitate communication and collaboration with diocesan and national bodies and between parishes.

4 Membership of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission

- 4.1 Members will be appointed by the Bishop of Wollongong.
- 4.2 The members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will number 8-10 people, comprising clergy, religious and laity. Each of the deaneries should be represented.
- 4.3 Each person represents the diocese and not simply his/her parish or group.
- 4.4 Each member should:
 - be a member of and active in the diocese;
 - be actively working in liturgy;
 - have a pastoral practice;
 - have a basic understanding of liturgical principles;
 - have relevant expertise;
 - have a passion for liturgy;
 - display some creativity in his/her own setting
- 4.5 It is desirable that the members of the group as a whole have expertise in Word of God, religious art, music and liturgy.