

## Annual Report from Your Liturgy Committee

People often ask, 'what is Liturgy'. Well, in our terms, it is the public worship of the church, the most important and obvious Liturgy being the Mass – the most important in the church year being Sunday Mass. Church tells us it is both the source and summit of our Catholic faith. *It must be prepared in order to guide us all into full and active participation.* This is the role of the Liturgy Committee..... To help us to hear, to be taught, to remember, to renew our union with God, to eat – and be sent out as the Body of Christ for the world.

The Liturgy/ies are already done and set. All we have to do is gather the right role players for the various tasks, to train where necessary, (certainly support). We see to the surroundings, taking care of the Seasons of our church year, - colours, vestments, banners, flowers. We monitor the equipment so that it is serviceable for the task.

The majority of this work is done by people outside of the Committee. Our parish has many members who give of their time, who make a commitment to us. They prepare the rosters, help with recruiting new members, accede to any extra requests. What a blessing! Here is a list, in no particular order, of the works/ ministries which enhance our participation:

Priest presider	Deacons	Altar Servers
Sacristans	Greeters/Ushers	Co-ordinators
Readers	Ministers of Holy Communion	Children's Liturgy
Bringers of the Gifts	Ministers to the Sick	Collectors
Computer Operators	Music Ministry	Flowers
Celebrants of Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion		Money counters
Those who wash and care for the linen and vestments and banners, symbols, etc		
<i>Most important</i> – us as a whole, the <u>ASSEMBLY</u>		

All are Ministers of Hospitality, part of the woven tapestry.  
We are totally indebted to them.

The committee also prepares the Liturgy for Solemnities and other Celebrations. Huge thanks to all those who volunteer for those extra times. Without you, the Celebrations would not be nearly as special.

What we have done since last August:

2nd November, All Souls' Day, special candle celebration for those who have died during the year and their loved ones.

3 x Sacraments of Anointing of the sick

2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation

After last year's extreme summer heat, Altar Servers vestments were replaced with cooler material. (church still remains cold in winter – but warmed with the Spirit?)

**We welcomed the re-start (we hope) of Mass for Families**

**Recruiting for Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Co-ordinators has been attempted – in this busy world, people find it hard to commit to a roster. Some people have been shoulder-tapped..... some have been asked to take on two ministries at the Mass for which they are scheduled.**

**We attended to the legal and justice requirements of music copyright re use, and reporting of use of copied lyrics and music line. N.B. We have not permission to photocopy the music. Thanks to Anne Pretorius who does this for us.**

**Training/ Support/ retreat – not as yet – *except* for Altar Servers – they have continuing care, thank you to their co-ordinators.**

**Both organs have had treatment during this year, sound systems, too. Even the four speakers which are used by the musicians in St John's have been renewed. Thanks to Theresa and the works people.**

**New Committee Member – Kathy Ellery has joined us. She represents the Youth Groups which are operating now in the parish. We look forward to working with her and her group towards Family Mass, (next being 29<sup>th</sup> Sept) and Youth Mass, once they are ready.**

**Music at Mass – Efforts are ongoing to unify (not clone) our Parish music. This year, we introduced 2 new Mass settings – one for the *upbeat, joyful occasions* – Mass of Joy and Peace. – and one for during the *more solemn, sombre* time of Lent – Mass of Light. You will notice that musicians are now all back to Ordinary time with either *Mass of Jubilee, St Francis* or *New Mews*. We now have Mass Settings for the various Liturgical Seasons of the year – we can match the colour changes in vestments and banners, etc..**

**WE ARE IN NEED OF MUSICIANS – especially Organists, Pianist/keyboard-ists, would love to have flutes, strings, guitars, bassists. *A musician taking the lead needs to be fairly good* – but we will arrange training/teaching where possible. We will provide you with the playlist if you are not knowledgeable in Liturgy.**

**Formation: some our members have attended some Diocesan organised sessions, two of them just last week.**

**To conclude, we want to thank you in the parish for your wonderful participation and exhort you to consider any of the works listed above. We thank, too, Theresa, (who does an enormous amount of the communication) and the Works and Finance people who have come to the rescue.**

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