

**Liturgy Committee Report**  
**For the Inverell Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**14 September 2014**

Our committee continues with a core group of committed parishioners with new faces popping up from time to time to add new input and excitement. We thank those who turn up meeting after meeting keeping the wheels turning. Our role is to work with Fr. Joe to organize and coordinate liturgical celebrations in our Parish. Fr Joe is a dedicated attendee and ideas man with a strong sense of Liturgy and we thank him for that.

Some ways we have contributed in the life of the Parish in the last twelve months are:

- Supported and encouraged Parish initiatives such as Communal Reconciliation, Closing Liturgy for the Year of Faith, Days of Reflection, Men's Retreat, Australia Day, Anzac Day, commemorating 31 years since our Church was opened and blessed, Feast of St Mary of the Cross and Francis's Diaconate Ordination
- The Children's Mass at Christmas: To broaden the experience of the children of our parish's experience of a Christian Giver of Gifts who lived the Jesus message, we welcomed St Nicholas instead of the advertising world's Santa Claus – all reports say a great success.
- Supported and encouraged attendance at the St Patrick's Mass and concert, Fruit Cake Sunday, Parish Picnic, Francis' Deaconate luncheon, morning teas and other times of fun during the year
- Assisted with organising and playing music for Masses during Christmas, Holy Week, Easter and Francis's Diaconate Ordination
- We encouraged people organising liturgies, (school, funeral etc), to abide by copyright laws by acknowledging authorship on their programs and leaving a copy of their booklet in the Copyright Box
- In our role as Liturgy Committee members we have studied, researched, reviewed, discussed and developed our parish Liturgy Committee Guidelines focusing on four main areas: Preparation, Co-ordination, Formation and Evaluation. These guidelines will be ratified at our October meeting and will form the structure of each meeting in the future
- Recognised that so many parishioners give generously of their time in the many and varied ministries in our parish

Our Liturgy group remains committed though small in number and we would love to welcome new members at any time.

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Member of the Liturgy Committee