Our Liturgy – Your Voice

Parish Consultation Feedback Summary

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our parish liturgy consultation. The response was the largest and most comprehensive feedback we have ever received from parishioners, reflecting both the deep faith of our community and the importance we place on the liturgy as the heart of parish life.

What We Value Most

The feedback revealed a deep love for the **Holy Mass, the Eucharist, and our parish community**. Many parishioners described the liturgy as the foundation of their faith, helping them encounter Christ, grow spiritually, and find guidance for daily life. A particularly strong theme was appreciation for our **music ministries**, the parish choir and all musicians who generously share their gifts. Parishioners value music that inspires prayer, encourages participation, and brings people of all ages together in worship.
Contemporary Hymns where all parishioners can participate were welcomed.
Many respondents also expressed gratitude for:

- Meaningful and relatable homilies that connect Scripture to everyday life.
- The warm, welcoming and multicultural nature of our parish.
- Opportunities for children and young people to participate in the liturgy.
- Daily Mass, the availability of two priests, and the rich sacramental life of the parish.
- The balance of tradition, reverence and community participation that characterises parish life.

Hopes for the Future

The strongest desire expressed was for even greater participation in the liturgy, particularly through music, youth involvement and congregation engagement.
Moving forward, parishioners would like to see:

- More congregational singing with music that is familiar, uplifting and accessible.
- Greater involvement of children, youth and young adults in liturgy and music ministries.

- The return or expansion of Children's Liturgy and family-focused initiatives.
- Additional opportunities for prayer and adoration in the church.
- Stronger awareness of liturgy and culture in light of the diverse cultures represented in our parish.
- More opportunities for fellowship, hospitality and parish community gatherings.

Where To from Here?

Many parishioners highlighted the importance of maintaining the sacredness and reverence of the Mass. At the same time, feedback consistently expressed a desire for a liturgy that enables the **full, conscious and active participation** of the entire congregation. While views differed on particular music styles and devotional practices, there was broad agreement that our liturgy should remain prayerful, Christ-centred, faithful to the Church, welcoming to all, and able to engage future generations.

As we prayerfully reflect on the feedback received, Bishop Steve has asked that parish liturgy committees reflect on the celebration of Mass mindful of the Church's liturgical norms and in light of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter *Desiderio desideravi* (2022). Faithfulness to the Church's Magisterium will ensure that our liturgy is celebrated faithfully, beautifully and in harmony with the wider, universal Church.

Across hundreds of comments, one message stood out clearly: **our parishioners care deeply about the liturgy and want our parish to continue growing as a vibrant, prayerful, welcoming and faith-filled community.**

Thank you for taking the time to share your voice. Your feedback will help inform our ongoing discernment as we seek to celebrate the sacred mysteries of our faith with greater beauty, participation, reverence and unity.

"The liturgy is a gift entrusted to the Church, drawing us together into the saving mysteries of Christ."