

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF LITURGY (NSW CHAPTER) CONVENOR'S COMMENTS

An occasional newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

In between packing and cleaning in preparation for my move north to the welcoming embrace of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, I've been slightly remiss in not sending an issue of *Convenor's Comments* out to the membership for some time. But better late than never I say – so here it is.

As always, if you have something you would like advertised to the membership of the NSW Chapter please feel free to drop me a line and I will do my best to do so for you.

Pax,

Andrew Doohan

1. NSW CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Academy of Liturgy will be convened at 4:30pm on Thursday 7th October at the Lidcombe Catholic Centre, Keating Street, Lidcombe. **Please note the change of venue – which is entirely due to my slackness.** The out of town trip originally scheduled for our October meeting will be postponed until early next year. The meeting proper will conclude at about 6pm, when we will enjoy some food and fellowship (don't forget to bring a donation for the kitty!).

Those members who are intending to attend the meeting please RSVP to the Liturgy Office (9643 3680) by **5pm on Tuesday 5th September. There is a definite need to RSVP so that appropriate preparations can be made – if we don't hear from you, we will assume that you are not attending.**

This should be a good meeting, and it would be good to see as many of the membership there as is possible, particularly as we continue our preparation for National Conference in Fremantle next January.

2. POSITION OF CHAPTER CONVENOR

As I have now held the position of Convenor of the NSW Chapter for two years, I am obliged to declare the position vacant and call for nominations and elections at our coming Chapter Meeting. To that end nominations for the position of Chapter Convenor will close at the beginning of our next meeting on Thursday 7th October and elections will take place immediately thereafter.

If you would like to discuss the role of the Chapter Convenor, please feel free to make contact with me (mobile would be best for most of the remaining time prior to the meeting) and I'll do my best to fill you in.

3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR CONVENOR

I'm moving house! I will be moving over the coming few days to take up residence in Belmont (a southern suburb of Newcastle). Please note the change of contact details at the bottom of the pages of this issue. Prior to commencing work in Belmont, I'll be taking a short holiday to visit my family, so contact can be made if necessary by mobile or email (which I promise to check every other day or so). I hope to catch up with you all at our next Chapter meeting.

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4. CONFERENCE 2005

Another reminder that the next National Conference of the Australian Academy of Liturgy will be held from **Monday 17th to Thursday 20th January 2005** at the University of Notre Dame Australia in Fremantle WA. Put the dates in your diaries now, and start saving your pennies!

5. NATIONAL CONFERENCE WORKSHOP 'TASK GROUPS'

At our next meeting we will continue our work on the two Task Groups working in preparation for our National Conference in Perth. As you may recall, the two groups are looking at how to ritually mark **Institutional Lament** and **National Disasters**. If you are not yet part of one of these Task Groups, please feel free to join in the discussions at our next meeting.