

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



An occasional newsletter

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Dear Colleagues,

2005 is a month old already, and most of us no doubt are busily gearing up for the fast approaching Lent and Easter celebrations. Despite all of that however, our next Chapter meeting is only a week or so away, and it would be good for us to meet once more before we enter into that great Christian Feast.

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. NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

The next meeting of the NSW Chapter of the Australian Academy of Liturgy will be convened at **4:30pm** on **Thursday 10th February 2005** at the Lidcombe Catholic Centre (Keating Street, Lidcombe). The meeting will conclude at 6pm and will be followed by a light meal – please remember a small donation to the kitty if you intend to stay for the meal.

Those members who are intending to attend the meeting please RSVP to me via the contact details below or the Liturgy Office (9643 3680) by **5pm** on **Tuesday 8th February**. **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.**

## 2. CONFERENCE 2005

The 2005 National Conference of the Australian Academy of Liturgy has come and gone, and from all reports was a fabulous success, and rather enjoyable from all who attended and participated. Perhaps we can devote some time at our next gathering to some follow up discussion.

## 3. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2005

For the benefit of your diary, listed below you will find the meeting dates for 2005. Unless otherwise indicated or notified, the meetings will take place in our 'home' in Lidcombe unless notified otherwise – although I would encourage the Chapter to consider moving around a bit (particularly to visit our 'country' membership – see item 4 below).

The meeting dates for 2005 are:

Date	Venue	Presenter
February 10th	Lidcombe Catholic Centre Keating Street, Lidcombe	Group Discussion on Conference Follow-up
April 14th		
June 9th		
August 11th		

October 13th		
December 8th		

This table will appear in all future issues of *Convenor's Comments* with necessary updates. Please ensure you check for any subsequent changes (particularly with regard to venues and dates).

#### 4. MEETING FORMAT

A reminder that the Chapter had voiced in principle approval to the following timetable for our 2005 meetings, to allow for a presentation from one of our numbers (of about 30 minutes' duration) which could then be followed by discussion before we break for our meal and fellowship:

4:30pm	Meeting commences
4:30pm – 5pm	Housekeeping and other notices
5pm – 5:30pm	Presentation by Chapter Member
5:30pm – 6pm	Group Discussion
6pm	Meeting concludes and meal begins.

Of course, the possibility of having presentations at our meetings necessitates that we have a member prepared to offer one. I would encourage all members to give some thought as to offering a presentation to the Chapter and thereby making a significant contribution to the life of the Academy and the NSW Chapter. If anyone feels moved to offer a presentation – naturally on a matter connected with liturgy – please let me know as to which meeting date you might prefer.

More formal Minutes of our meetings will be kept from 2005 so that papers presented can be in some sort of formal record. Papers presented by members at meetings therefore would be circulated with these Minutes for the benefit of all members regardless of their ability to attend the Chapter meetings.

#### 5. MEETING VENUES

As you know, we had originally intended to make a visit to the Goulburn region last year in an effort to meet with some of our country members who unfortunately are isolated by distance and don't have the benefit of our regular meetings. It is my hope that we will be able to make two such trips during 2005 – one to the Goulburn/Canberra region, and one to the Bathurst region. To do this of course, we would have to shift our normal meeting from the Thursday afternoon to (as my suggestion at least) the following Saturday, thereby making a 'day trip' possible. I am aware that this might impact on those of us who have pastoral responsibilities in parishes and churches, but I would hasten to add that we could make necessary plans to allow as many members to make our day trip as is possible.

Rather than suggesting which dates are the best from our perspective, I am going to ask our country members who are reading this issue of *Convenor's Comments* to 'invite' the Chapter to come and visit, and then together they and I can arrange the necessary details. This might also allow the possibility for country members to offer a presentation to the Chapter which they might not otherwise have the opportunity to do.

Accordingly, **if there are any country members who would like to help me arrange such a visit to make contact with me by email or phone as listed below.** Any such 'day trips' will be given as much notice as is possible to all members.