

Liturgy Questionnaire for Elwood/St Kilda West Parish: October 2010

Please tick which Mass(es) you attend: Sat 6pm..... Sunday 9am..... Sunday 11am.....

Each church gathers regularly to praise and thank God,
remember and make present God's great deeds,
to offer common prayer,
to realize and celebrate the kingdom of peace and justice.
that action of the Christian assembly is liturgy.
(Environment and Art in Catholic Worship)

Here in our Parish, we want to ask ourselves how well do we do our liturgy? What can we suggest to help our whole community – all of us and those responsible for making sure our liturgy is prayerful and meaningful – use the gifts we've been given in the Mass as best we can. This is why we are asking for your feedback and suggestions today.

The role of the Assembly. "Just as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body." 1 Cor 12: 12-13a

Everyone, by virtue of their baptism, actively offers the one sacrifice of thanksgiving: everyone is a celebrant, with one presider. In our praying, singing, listening, gestures and silence, we offer the Mass together. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy reminds us Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people (1 Pet. 2:9; cf. 2:4-5), is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.

Q: What suggestions can you make that will help us assist all the people to be more actively involved in the liturgy, including the elderly, children, single people, those with a disability

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Ministries. *There are many things that have to be done by many people for the liturgy on Sunday to be celebrated in a parish, and many people. There is the priest, who is leader and presider. There is the lector, and commentator, the leader of song, musicians and singers, ministers who assist with the distribution of communion, servers and collectors, and leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word. After Mass we have those who serve the tea and coffee. Behind the scenes, there are those who clean the church, and help set up for Mass, those who write the prayers, draw up the rosters and select the liturgical music. The liturgy team oversees, supports and coordinates the whole lot.*

Q: How can we as a community ensure that all who wish to give of their gifts and talents in the Mass are welcomed and invited to do so?

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Q: How can we better support those who share their time and talents in our liturgy?

Do you have any suggestions or comments for any of the ministers?

Parts of the Mass:

Introductory rites/gathering: At the start of mass, we welcome each other, acknowledge our sins, and prepare to listen to the Word. These are meant to assist us to 'gather' together as the Body of Christ, and orient our minds and hearts to what is to come.

Q: How would you rate this part of the Mass – are we welcoming? Do you have that sense of being 'gathered' as one?

Scale: 0-5 (not at all – very)

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Q: What suggestions would you make to assist our community in preparing ourselves to listen to God's Word?

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Liturgy of the Word: The first major part of the Mass, where we listen to the readings, pray the sung response – the Psalm, acclaim Christ's presence in the Gospel by singing the Alleluia, reflect on the message given in the homily, profess our faith and petition God for the needs of the world.

Q: How well do we proclaim the Word?:

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Q: Readings – are the lectors clear and strong?

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Q: Singing – is it prayerful, encouraging all to participate?

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Q: Prayer of the faithful – relevant to life, current issues?

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What might be your suggestions for the Liturgy of the Word?

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Q: Becoming a Lector or Commentator what would encourage you to take on this role?

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Liturgy of the Eucharist: *The second main part of our Mass: where we prepare the gifts, pray the Eucharistic prayer and respond in song with the acclamations, pray together the Lord’s prayer and offer the sign of peace, sing the Lamb of God, and come together to receive communion.*

How well do we pray this part of the Mass?

Q: Are those bringing up the Gifts representative of the diversity of our community?

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Q: Eucharistic prayer: Are the sung acclamations (Holy Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen) easy to join in with?

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Q: Communion procession: Is the flow smooth, is communion accessible for all?

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Q: Becoming a Eucharistic Minister what would encourage you to take on this role?

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Do you have any other suggestions for the Eucharistic Prayer or Communion Rite?

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The Sending Forth/Dismissal Rite: this consists of silence after communion, community business, prayer and blessing.

Q: do you have any suggestions that can assist our community in remembering their call to 'go forth to love and serve the Lord'?

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Have you any comments on the role of any of the ministers or suggestions for them?
(Presider, lector, commentator, Eucharistic Ministers, singers and musicians, servers)

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Do you have any comments or suggestions on the symbols used, the Environment, the way we welcome others, the after Mass cuppas?

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Do you have any other questions? Comments?

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