

## Synod Members Meeting Record

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025

**Seville Mercy Centre** 

Attendees: Lucy Aisa, Gerard Bennett, Rob Blake, Paul Brady, Peter Buckley, Barbara Bortalanza, Gail Bromell, Bishop Joe Caddy, Mark Cavicchiolo, Anne Chellingworth, William Churchward, Fr Jerin Chandy, Fr Kerry Crowley, Bill Dixon, Peter de Haas, Damian Flynn, Andrea Fogarty, Kate Gilmore-White, Fr Frank Gordon, Martha Horgan, Br John Horgan, Mitch Humphries, Fr Joby Jose, St Faye Kelly, Fr Martin Kenny, Melanie King, Matt Lachlan, Kimberley Lemke, Kerry Manders, Fr Nathan Mackey, Joe McCaffrey, Michelle McLellan, Doreen Mortimore, Fr Roy Neervilil, Tom O'Donnell, Durm O'Riordan, Patricia O'Neill, Fr Dariusz Osinski, Adj. Prf. Susan Pascoe, Matthew Paolacci, Margo Robinson, Gina Rossbach, Samantha Santos, Cathy Spencer, Pauline Thambu, Vicki Torrisi, Anita Veivers, Chris Warner, Kirby Will.

Minutes: Merinda Brock

**Apologies:** Elisha-Vi Barker, Lucas Felstead, Maureen Fields, Fr Sabu Kalapurackal, Felicity Keyes, Dewmini Kumarage, Melanie Lindsay, Susan Meade, Fr Neil Muir, John Shay, Peter Steane, Fr Michael Szymanski.

When:	What:
9.30am	Meeting opened.
9.30am	Adj. Prof. Susan Pascoe:
	Acknowledgement of Country
	Housekeeping
	Introduction of Synod Preparatory Commission
	Blessing of Synod Member Crosses
	Profession of Faith & Adsumus Prayer
9.45am	Bishop Joe Caddy: Synod Chair Address
10.00am	Cathy Spencer & Merinda Brock: Outcomes of plenary event and
	outline of synod member meetings
10.15am	Anne Chellingworth: Diocesan synodal processes throughout
	Australia
11.00am	Break
11.30am	Listening and Discernment Conversation:
	Reflecting on strategies identified in the previous Pastoral Plan, what
	gaps and/or roadblocks in structures, processes or systems have
	hindered their implementation? In places where strategies were
	implemented, what helped them succeed?
12.15pm	Feedback from tables





12.30pm	Fr Kerry Crowley: Grace
12.35pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Members prayed the Diocese of Cairns Synod Prayer
1.20pm	Anne Chellingworth: What does it mean to be Synodal
1.40pm	Listening and Discernment Conversation:
	What practical structures, processes and systems could be
	introduced to overcome these earlier-identified roadblocks and
	gaps, and enable strategies to be implemented more effectively?
	Reminder: these suggestions will go to the Synod Preparatory
	Commission for further development.
2.45pm	Feedback from tables and observers
3.30pm	Mass celebrated by Bishop Joe Caddy.
4.00pm	Final thanks and close
Next meeting:	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025