

Synod Members Meeting Minutes

Saturday 15th November, 2025

St Mary's Catholic College

Attendees: Lucy Aisa, Elisha-Vi Barker, Vicki Bell, Gerard Bennett, Ron Blake, Barbara Bortalanza, Paul Brady, Gail Bromell, Peter Buckley, Bishop Joe Caddy, Mark Cavicchiolo, Anne Chellingworth, Janine Connolly, Dr Chris Cotter, Fr Barry Craig, Fr Kerry Crowley, Peter de Haas, Bill Dixon, Lucas Felstead, Damian Flynn, Toni Foley, Andrea Fogarty, Alison Forster, Maureen Gaul, Fr Frank Gordon, Martha Horgan, Br John Horgan, Susan Hoad, Mitch Humphries, Meeka Jones, Peter Jordan, Fr Joby Jose, Fr Sabu Kalapurackal, Felicity Keyes, Fr Martin Kenny, Melanie King, Kimberley Lemke, Anita Lundie, Matt Lachlan, Melanie Lindsay, Joe McCaffrey, Michelle McLellan Susan Meade, Fr Neil Muir, Fr Roy Neervilil, Tom O'Donnell, Fr Dariusz Osinski, Patricia O'Neill, Matthew Paolacci, Gina Rossbach, Samantha Santos, John Shay, Peter Steane, Pauline Thambu, Vicki Torrisi, Anita Veivers, Chris Warner, Leanne Webster, Fr Josh Whitehead, Kirby Will, Wayne Wood

Minutes: Merinda Brock

Apologies: William Churchward, Maureen Fields, Andrea Fogarty, Kathryn Gilmore-White, Dewmini Kumarage, Kerry Manders, Fr Nathan McKay, Diarmuid O'Riordan, Margo Robinson, Anne Serra, Cathy Spencer, Fr Michael Szymanski

When:	What:
9.00am	Mass
9.45am	Anne Chellingworth, Catholic Diocese of Cairns Pastoral Ministry Engagement Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Country • Housekeeping • Introduction of Observers and Guests: Paul Brady of Baha'i Faith, Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission & Pastoral Life, Diocese of Sandhurst & Fr Josh Whitehead, Caloundra Parish Priest, Archdiocese of Brisbane
10.00am	Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission & Pastoral Life, Diocese of Sandhurst <p><i>Diocesan Pastoral Councils & Sandhurst Parish Visitation Program</i></p>





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	<p>Facilitated Conversations:</p> <p>Question one: What brings a sense of encouragement and hope? What brings challenge and disturbance?</p> <p>Question two: How does this [information] shape your understanding of “mutual accountability” in a truly Synodal Church?</p>
12.40pm	Lunch
1.10pm	<p>Fr Josh Whitehead, Caloundra Parish Priest, Archdiocese of Brisbane</p> <p><i>Parish Leadership Principles</i></p> <p>Facilitated Conversations:</p> <p>Question one: Which of these [presented] principles resonates most with your parish context and why?</p> <p>Question two: Where is leadership thriving? Where is it stuck?</p>
4.00pm	Panel with Bishop Joe, Dr Chris Cotter, Fr Josh Whitehead & Anne Chellingworth
Next meeting:	Saturday 14 th February, 2026



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