

# Deanery Council

## Deanery Council News

We met via Zoom on Sat Nov 13 and the discussion was fruitful.

Our **Gathering of Talents** workshops (GOT) have been rescheduled for Sunday **April 3rd**. This exiting initiative was torpedoed by the Covid lockdown but we still have the many expressions of interest submitted in May but we plan to resuscitate the concept across the mountain parishes so please await future details and save the date.

1. Carol Teodori (Lawson) reported positively as a delegate to the on-line national **Plenary Council** discernment in October. We await a comprehensive response later this year in preparation for stage 2 to be held in Sydney in July 2022. You may be aware that Pope Francis has called all Bishops to a synod in 2023 so, presumably, our Australian experience will help shape this agenda. See [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)

2. For a number of years the weeklong January **Epiphany pilgrimage** has traversed our mountain's parishes. In 2022 an abbreviated 2 day experience is planned to enable more post-Covid family time but this will be complemented by a Springtime/October pilgrimage. The emerging vision is that this will be ecumenical with a focus on Seasons of Creation and Laudati Si. Further details are available at [www.epiphanypilgrimage.org](http://www.epiphanypilgrimage.org)

4 Other local initiatives include

A. Exploring the possibility of a **Sacramental team** to share resources and programs across the deanery parishes. This may include both the Sacraments of Initiation and the R.C.I.A.

B. Ongoing supporter **faith formation** initiatives. You may be aware of Fr Joe's Theology and Scripture and Glenbrook parish also invites us to their Advent retreat day on Sat Dec 4. Details at [www.stfinbars.org.au](http://www.stfinbars.org.au)

5 Significant Diocesan documents are in the pipeline:

A. A **Statement of Inclusion** regarding marginalised groups is in draft form and

B. A **Review of Governance** in the Diocese is available at [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org)

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