

Parish Pastoral Council 28 April, 2021
Report on Ecumenism

Continuing with our plans to hold an Aboriginal Mass this year, Sarah and I had a meeting on Monday 12 April with Glenda Merritt, an Elder in the Aboriginal community in Yass, who works in the construction industry in Sydney, in a role which requires liaison and advice concerning indigenous issues.

We had a most productive discussion about the numerous issues we have recognised and then adjourned to have a close look at the site on which the Lovat Chapel stands. We discussed the appropriate place for the plaque which Sarah obtained from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council and the suitability of the site for an outdoor Mass, among many other related issues.

Sarah had a meeting with Sally Fitzgerald on Monday last to continue the discussion we have begun with her on holding an Aboriginal Mass this year. I was out of town that day and gave my apology for not being there.

Prayer in the Spirit of Taizé has continued with another face to face service held on Sunday 11 April at 5pm at the Clonakilla Winery cellar door in Murrumbateman. There are plans to continue these services on a monthly basis throughout 2021, with the venue alternating between the two communities in Murrumbateman and Yass. Ecumenical participation and any suggestions in order to bring this about would be most welcome.

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