



# Sanctuaries for the Thirsty

Archdiocesan Assembly | 22 August 2026



*Come,*  
take your place on our  
Archdiocesan journey.

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## Welcome

to our Archdiocesan Assembly

All are welcome on our pilgrim journey as an Archdiocese.

The Archdiocesan Assembly gathers the Church on our journey of synodal evangelisation. It is an opportunity to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern how we are called to walk together in life and mission.

Inspired by the words of Jesus — “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk” (John 5:8) — this Assembly invites us to respond to Christ’s call to create ‘sanctuaries for the thirsty’ where all are invited to encounter Christ, be formed as disciples, and sent on mission.

Building on the discernment of parish assemblies, come join as we seek to animate our Church to become more fully a ‘community of communities’ and a ‘centre of constant missionary outreach.

## Archdiocesan Assembly **Core Information**

*We invite all to prayerfully discern:  
‘How can our Church become a ‘Sanctuary for the Thirsty?’*



### When?

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be held on Saturday 22 August (9:00am - 4:00pm) 2026. A series of experiences in the ‘Assembly Festival’ will be hosted in the lead into the Assembly. This includes an Ecumenical Prayer Experience (Friday 21 August).



### Where?

The Archdiocesan Assembly will be offered in ‘Hubs’ across the Archdiocese, including: Canberra, Goulburn, Temora, Tumut, Batehaven, Bega and Cooma. There will also be a ‘digital’ experience offered to all in the Archdiocese.



### Who?

The Assembly is a gathering of leaders and members of our parishes, schools, ministries, movements, communities and agencies. It is anticipated that over 600 people will gather in-person in the Hubs and many more online.

# How can I engage with the Archdiocesan Assembly?

There are three approaches for people in the Archdiocese to be involved in the Assembly.



## Invitation

To ensure representation from communities across the Archdiocese, invitations will be made through the leaders of each Parish, school, community or organisation.



## Nomination

Additional members of the Archdiocese may be nominated or nominate themselves. These nominations will be reviewed by the Archdiocesan Interim Discernment Group.



## Participation

All in the Archdiocese will be able to participate through the online live stream of the Assembly. This will also feature an online portal for contributions.

**All the Church,  
proclaiming all the Gospel,  
to all people,  
all the time.**



## *Inviting*

all the Church to 'Get Up! Listen! Go!'

I invite all on this pilgrim journey towards our Archdiocesan Assembly in our year: "Get Up! Listen! Go!" We continue our synodal pilgrimage as an Archdiocese, following in the footsteps of the early Church, as we follow the footsteps of the Risen Lord Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Let us gather as we animate a vision to become: "a community of communities, a sanctuary for the thirsty and a centre of constant missionary outreach."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse





## What is involved in the Archdiocesan Assembly?

The Archdiocesan Assembly is a chance for all to gather, discuss and discern the Holy Spirit at work in our midst.



Prayer, Worship  
and Sacraments



Conversations in  
the Spirit



Inputs and  
Testimonies



Contributions  
and Reporting

## Next steps to engage with the Archdiocesan Assembly

If you want to explore more information on the Archdiocesan Assembly, register or express your interest to participate, then please visit the [cgevangelisation.org.au](http://cgevangelisation.org.au) website.



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[cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly](http://cgevangelisation.org.au/assembly)

The CG Evangelisation website includes all core information, formation materials, roadmaps, frequently asked questions and registration information for the Archdiocesan Assembly.



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