

LITURGY MINUTES CPH 5 30pm 1st April 2024 at the Mission Centre.

Present –Fr Vijay, Julie, Kathy, Cathy, Annamma, Bernadette, and Jasmi.

Apologies – Moira and Ave.

Prayer -- Fr Vijay.

Previous minutes. 1st Julie – 2nd Bernadette.

Matters arising – Nil.

General business.

Critique of Easter and Anzac.

Some aspects of the Easter ceremonies of Holy Thurs.& Sat Vigil did not go smoothly. Decisions for next year; Begin planning early.

Identify a co-ordinator for each service.

Perhaps divide the Sat Vigil into sections e.g. Liturgy of the Word with a planner responsible for each section.

Planning meeting with co-ordinators, planners, and priests.

Identify roles e.g. the youth etc so there are no gaps in plans.

Good Friday services and Anzac Masses went well.

A few at OLOL have requested a different time for Mass on Anzac Day so there will be no clash with the civic service. A later Mass at 11am is not possible but an 8 30am Mass has been offered.

The two ecumenical **walks with the cross** each had 60+ walkers & about 200 took part in the CPH walk. Successful events.

Feast Days for May.

Ascension. At OLOL the cross, shroud and crown of thorns are processed out prior to Mass. To discuss with the priest prior to Mass as to the exact timing. Sunday the 12th will also be **Mothers' Day**, and each community will organise some celebration.

Pentecost. The three Sunday morning Masses will have the liturgy of lighting the 7 red candles with prayers for the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. If possible, organise the POF to be said in different languages.

S.H. 5.50pm Mass. P.O.F. to be said in different languages. All are invited to wear their national costumes. There will be hospitality after Mass.

Exposition at SH, to prepare for Pentecost, begins after mid-day Mass on Fri. 17th and finishes before 8.30am Sat Mass. Clipboards will be in all churches to fill in participation.

Holy Trinity and **The Body and Blood of Christ** (often 1st communion day). If able put-up displays in the church.

Anointing Mass. Plans going well. Can Hastings's parishioners provide rides for those from SH & SPC to attend. Announce at Sun 5th that there is no 9am Mass at OLOL Tues.

Choir. -- S.H. has a long-standing choir.

-- The choir is for everybody.

-- The choir's role is to lead the people in liturgical music.

-- Jasmi clarified details regarding the Indian Community's choir participation.

* The community would like to take part in the regular choir for Sun 9am Mass at S.H.

*The Indian community would like to provide a choir at the 9am Mass at S.H. every second month on the 2nd Sun beginning in July.

Security at OLOL church. Robbery of tenant's car from the premises and reports of cars parking at night and alcohol consumption there. Possibility of security cameras. Discuss via a different avenue e.g. maintenance /finance.

Vestments. Churches have large collections of unmatching vestments and stoles. Sacristans to review and try to match items and identify need of any new vestments. Fr Marcus has his own set. Fr Vijay uses the church vestments. Each church need a complete range of liturgical colours.

Art displays at SH. An enthusiastic artist is required for this ministry. Try multimedia approach i.e. newsletter, request at Mass announcements, add on the apt and shoulder tap.

Ciborium veil. Some churches are using this/ some aren't. Need to clarify if these are needed. To ask Fr Marcus this question.

Memorial Mass for parents/family to commemorate / remember children who passed away before birth, cot death etc. A request from VFL by Kathy. This had been held a few years ago and is a comfort to all especially those whose loss was not handled well i.e. didn't see the baby or get to have a funeral service. Maybe in July or August. To ask Fr Marcus re this. Maybe in July or August.

Memorial Mass. A parish event for all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. People can bring photos of loved ones. Fr Vijay reported that other parishes have this event. To ask Fr Marcus about this.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. When on the sanctuary waiting to distribute/receive communion all should remain standing including at the time of receiving communion.

Remaining precious blood can be consumed by the EMC.

The priest will clean the Holy Vessels. No need to wash the vessels after Mass.

Hospital singing. This is no longer happening. Can this be recommenced. Good idea but no ideas as to who could do this.

Photo of deceased on the overhead at Mass. This was requested so people can identify the departed prior to the funeral. Parish does not have photos and only obtains these from the funeral program so not a possibility but a good idea.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Next meeting Wed June 5th at 5.30 at the Mission Centre.