

MISSION CENTRE

Present: Fr Marcus, Fr Vijay, Deacon Tavita, Kathy Kavanagh, Julie McCracken, Bernadette Avison, Cathy McGrath, Jasmi Joseph, Joan Thompson, Ronnie Lundall, Katey Jewell (minutes).

Apologies: Annamma Roshan, Moira Begley.

Prayer: Fr Marcus

Previous minutes: 1st Kathy Kavanagh, 2nd Cathy McGrath.

Matters arising (group discussion):

- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – Tuesday 11 February at 9am. Musician – Ronnie. Morning tea provided afterwards.
- One new Minister of Communion to the Sick.
- Reminder about vigilance returning the Tabernacle key at Sacred Heart.
- Christmas review: all Masses went well. Full churches – Christmas Day less crowded at Sacred Heart. To look at Mass times again when planning Masses for next Christmas.
- Holiday Mass times were confusing for people. To look at having one Mass time at one church for consistency and clarity over this period (E.g. 8.30am daily at Sacred Heart). A better multimedia approach to sharing the change of Mass times over the holiday period.

Group discussion:

- Jubilee prayer (prayer for the Year of Hope) to be said throughout the year (doesn't need to be said at every Mass).
- Organisation for February 23rd Papal Award Mass – A subcommittee will be arranging this. There will be no 10.30am Mass at SPC. The Papal Award Mass will be held in the St Joseph's School field at 9am. This will be advertised in the newsletter and on the parish app. – Fr Marcus.
- St Mary's School Mass for February 23rd may be moved to March 2nd to reduce overcrowding at the Papal Award Mass – St Mary's has since confirmed they are joining the Papal Award Mass on February 23rd (10/02/25).
- Ash Wednesday – sprinkling of ashes or a cross on the head. Cross on the head decided to be more traditional for our parish. Ashes to the home bound can be as part of Ministry of Communion to the Sick.

- Psalms for funeral Masses - a Psalm should be either a canticle (a New Testament song) or a Psalm from the Old Testament. For example, The Lord is my Shepherd is a sacred song and can be sung for a funeral service or sung within the Mass if requested, but it isn't to be used to replace the Psalm part of the Mass. Psalm 23 or another Psalm from the Bible can be used for the Mass. – Fr Marcus.
- Sacristy committee for Sacred Heart needed – Fr Marcus to ask at the synodal meeting on Saturday if anyone may be interested.
- There is some concern about the large numbers of hosts being kept in the ciborium. It's ideal for the people to receive hosts consecrated at the Mass they are attending. The ciborium is used on Sunday to prevent too many hosts from being kept in the tabernacle.
- E Te Ariki from the sanctuary – not ideal for the priest to have to do this but who ever is leading it needs to be prepared to say it after the priest's intention. Ronnie shared about another congregation who will pause after the intention and say "we pray" followed by the whole congregation singing "E Te Ariki.." This is something we could try and change the PowerPoint to guide.
- Reinstating the children's blessing – each church/community to decide.
- Fr Vijay is training Altar Servers, and we are looking into the number and quality of gowns. It would be nice to have 3 Altar Servers on at a Mass.
- Ministers of the sick are asking others to collect the host for them. This is ok if we know who they are and where the host is going. – Fr Marcus.
- Ciborium to be left on the altar during communion for replenishing hosts.
- Offertory procession SPC being rushed – increase the number of baskets and the presider will wait so that the collections can come up with the gifts.
- Rite 11 Reconciliation for Lent: catechesis may be needed for some communities to understand Rite 11. Can this be held at each church? – TBC.
- Collecting of pyx by the Ministers of Communion to the Sick – prayer to be said with the ministers not prior.
- Celebrant, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers to remember eye contact during communion at Mass.
- Joint parish choir – went well for the Christmas Eve Mass. Looking ahead they would like to have this group, made up of singers from each church, to support major parish events.

Meeting closed with prayer – Fr Marcus

Next meeting: Wednesday 12th March 2025