

Liturgy Meeting Minutes.

1st June at 5.30om Mission centre.

Romano stood in as chair and Kathy as minute taker.

Romano welcomed all and the parish prayer was prayed.

Present – Bernadette, Cathy, Julie. Shirley, Moyra, Fr Anthony, Fr Toothill, Romano, and Kathy.

Apologies – Sefo, Joan, and Tevita.

Minutes of last meeting – accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous meeting.

moved: Shirley – Seconded; Moyra.

N.B. Moyra did not receive the minutes by e-mail.

Matters arising.

Sacred silence – The overhead requesting sacred silence has been displayed at SPC but not the other churches.

Greeting and welcoming people with some respectful silence before Mass is needed.

Need to get the correct balance

Some differences as to whether greeting chat should be in the gathering space or church.

The need for soft music or silence at communion time was mentioned.

Moyra spoke to this and gave us some information on the times during Mass when sacred silence is observed.

Good to share opinions and work out what is appropriate in the liturgy. (Chair)

Orange Traffic lights -- No further notice regarding this has been received.

Children's liturgy – this is to recommence.

Ecumenical Pentecost Service – This had not been acted upon and no communication had been received from the other Churches. Will act on this next year. The event was explained i.e., shared prayer and song to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Need to re-establish the Priests/Ministers regular meetings.

Fr Anthony's report.

All is going well with the help of Fr Toothill.

Fr expressed disappointment in the Mass participation and time at St Johns College.

Fr Toothill.

Received welcomes from the communities and had been given assistance by key people.

He has had some difficulty with speakers.

Fr Anthony will purchase a collar mic from J-cars for SPC. Fr Stated that OLOL has a collar mic.

Fr Toothill was pleased to see young people reading at Mass.

Singing and Music.

It was reported that the music at SPC is sometimes in a key which is difficult for all to sing. There is a need to play the music in a key in which all can participate. Romano offered to address this.

Discussion points regarding liturgical music:

Music should fit the celebration and timing in the liturgy.

Music is not a performance so known hymns should be chosen.

Entrance Hymn – Usually two verses but to play until Fr is ready to commence Mass.

Alleluia: is begun when the priest stands for the Gospel.

The offertory hymn ends at the washing of the hands.

Communion hymn or Music ends as the last people receive the Host.

Quiet time is then observed.

The concluding hymn: 3 verses only should be sung.

Special feasts days may require slightly longer hymns.

Moyra will inform the musicians of these details.

Microphones.

Noise from microphones is a problem.

Need to be reset after use??

Control and management of the sound is needed.

Often too loud. Romano offered to address this at SPC.

Gifts of the Spirit

Will have the usual presentation of 7 red candles representing the gifts of the spirit. Discussion as to which words to use for the gifts. Discussion on the word to use to identify the gifts. It was decided to use the words introduced post Vatican 2

Prayers for a Bishop for our diocese – this should be included in the P.O.F.

Fr Craddock -- will say Mass at SH 9am and SPC 10 39am. Please assist with local processes.

Other feast days. – be aware of the Sundays following Pentecost i.e., Trinity Sun and the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Sacred Heart feast – There will be Masses at 7pm for 3days prior to the SH feast and on the feast day the celebrations will include the litany of the SH.

Actions

1. To reconnect with the Ecumenical community – Priests.
2. Key of sung music and volume of speakers at SPC – Romano.
3. Inform Musicians of liturgical details for music –Moyra.
4. Preparation for feast days in June – each church's working group.
5. Advertise extra Mass and devotions for S.H. feast in the newsletter. – Fr Anthony.
6. Ask writers of the POF to include a prayer for a Bishop for our Diocese – Kathy.
7. Fr Anthony will investigate purchasing a collar mic for SPC church.
8. Children's liturgy is to recommence.

The next meeting will be on the 1st Wed in August at 5 30pm