

**MISSION CENTRE**

**Present:** Fr Marcus, Fr Vijay, Kathy Kavanagh, Cathy McGrath, Annamma Roshan, Joan Thompson, Ronnie Lundall, Katey Jewell (minutes).

**Apologies:** Deacon Tavita, Bernadette Avison, Julie McCracken, Jasmi Joseph, Moira Begley.

**Prayer:** Fr Marcus

**Previous minutes:** 1<sup>st</sup> Kathy Kavanagh, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Marcus.

**Matters arising (group discussion):**

- **Mass preparation:** OLOL have been having the Rosary before Mass, this is going well. However, it has sometimes felt rushed if it is starting too close to the start of the Mass. Need to begin at least 20 minutes before Mass starts. Overall, they are hearing less socialising and seeing more people engaging in prayer time. They have tried incense, which they will try again and are looking at instrumental music to play quietly too. Sometimes people will talk louder with music playing so what is playing and how it is playing, can be a factor. Each congregation will continue to intentionally invite people to focus on preparing for the Mass. The Rosary at SPC will continue before Mass – this went well in October, the month of the Rosary.
- Over Summer as people attend different Masses, we may see new ways of doing things and come up with ideas. E.g. on screens and other sensory experiences, that remind people they are in a sacred space.
- **Mission Sunday** – good turn out and teamwork. SJC was brought up as an option for Mission Sunday in the future. There is access to the SJC gym facility if the weather isn't good (this has been the venue for Mission Sunday in the past). The Mission Sunday Mass time will change next year to 9.00am to reflect the usual Sunday Mass time at SH. There will be a group debrief for both Mission Sunday and Brush for Faith on Friday after Holy Hour – SH – 7.00pm, 08/11.
- **Anointing Masses confirmed:**
  - OLOL – Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm
  - SPC – Tuesday, 19th November at 5.30pm

**Group discussion:**

**Rite 11 Reconciliation:**

- Held at SPC in 2023 – discussion for how many will be offered this year. Usually, one is held for the whole parish. Could have both priests available during Holy Hour on Wednesdays at SPC and Fridays at SH (Rite 1), and the option of highlighting three

consecutive evenings (E.g. 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>), where a priest is available (Rite 1), also discussed – details/time/date, TBC.

- Filipino devotion – 9 days before Christmas
- Blessings for Advent – No Ecumenical blessing. OLOL have a blessing of the Advent wreath (The First Sunday of Advent) where they light each candle prior to Mass and they have the Jesse tree – children put the symbols on the tree, and they read a small prayer for each symbol (after the liturgical welcome). SPC also have their Jesse tree, prior to the Children’s Liturgy. Perhaps there is an opportunity to learn about the symbols the week prior, with prayers emailed out to the parents.
- Christmas decorations to be put out after Gaudete Sunday (the third Sunday of Advent). The first part of Advent is a time of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ and the second part is a time of preparation for Christmas, the commemoration of the First Coming of Christ. From a liturgical perspective this is enacting a change in the season. There is no Gloria during this time (penitential nature of the liturgical season) – to remind the schools to leave out the Gloria for the end of year Masses.
- The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is on a Monday this year:
  - ❖ 9am OLOL
  - ❖ 5.30pm SPC
- Musicians for Christmas carols – finding ways to invite participation. Steph has sent out a roster for the musicians to organise among themselves.
- The Nativity displays for the two SVdP stores – as these are not a liturgical space, they can go up anytime. Nativity displays in the church – SH could have the youth do this with Carmen Testa coordinating? Christmas trees could be set up with the lights and as people are leaving from the Mass, they could place a decoration on the tree. For OLOL, this happens on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent after the Jesse tree is taken down. OLOL decorate their tree part way through the carols. They have a small reading and invite everyone to come up and put a decoration on the tree on Christmas Eve whilst continuing with the carols.
- Gifting trees – set up to allow time for SVdP to wrap them.
- Ministers of Communion – if there aren’t enough ministers over Christmas with people away, to just go down to one wine.

- Ministers of Communion to the Sick – at any time if people are wanting Reconciliation, contact the priest. For Anointings if you perceive that the person would benefit, you are able to suggest this. Ideally for ministers to accompany the priest. If any ministers are going to be absent for a long period, to notify the office – priests can always do these visits too, if needed. If anyone is interested in becoming a reserve, Kathy Kavanagh is happy to support them in this role.
- Tabernacle key – found in the SH Tabernacle after Labour weekend. Concerns around this being accessible to the public. Mass coordinators need to remember to do a check of the churches after each Mass.
- Question about whether the Corporal can be left on the alter – it should be taken off – Fr Marcus.
- Liturgy of the Word – question around handwashing – the ministers to sanitise as a practical wash but not mimicking the priest as a ritual wash – Fr Marcus.
- There will be a Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> - time TBC.
- Music ministry – to look at working towards having a liaison for when we have larger celebrations. With the goal of presenting inspiring and participatory pieces, whilst creating a joint choir. Working towards a specific event could be a good start.
- RCIA – Rite of Election – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>, OLOL - 9.30am. As part of the Mass.

Meeting closed with prayer – Fr Marcus

**Next meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025**