

MISSION CENTRE

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

Apologies: Deacon Tavita, Annamma Roshan

Prayer: Fr Marcus

Previous minutes: 1st Julie McCracken – 2nd Kathy Kavanagh

Matters arising:

- Easter ceremonies – planning early and identifying coordinators for each service. To revisit at Easter. – Fr Vijay
- Choir – Indian choir has commenced and are rostered every second Sunday, every 2 months. – Jasmi

General business:

Fr Marcus:

- Synodality in October – inviting people to participate in the liturgy meetings using the synodal process which encourages our community to be part of decision-making for the parish as a whole and enact synodality. This will include prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament and questions for people to respond to as guided by the Holy Spirit.
- Parish Renewal Programme – Divine Renovation Open House – November 22nd | 23rd in New Plymouth. This will include practical workshops and resources to help spread concepts of renewal and how we can build and transform parish life. A senior leadership team will be going, with registrations also open to all parishioners.
- Preparation around Mass - looking at the time of preparation before and after Mass and how this could look with worship and prayer. Fr Vijay used Life Teen as an example - having a period of music and then quiet before the Mass begins. Synodality will look at how people experience the Mass and what barriers there are to them attending Mass, attending on time to experience the whole Mass, and being involved in liturgy. How can we do things better and utilise different resources to support our multicultural communities?

- Joint school Masses (overcrowding/safety issue) – proposed to still have these but in smaller groups i.e. could we have one for the junior school and one for the senior school instead? – Fr Marcus to speak to the schools to organise something.

Fr Vijay:

- October, Month of the Holy Rosary.
Starting on October 1st at SPC. There will be a 5.30pm Mass followed by the rosary. There will be two groups with statues of Our Lady in their homes. Those who want to welcome Our Lady into their homes can book the date – this will be advertised in the newsletter*. On October 31st there will be a rosary procession from SPC to SH, followed by Mass and a shared dinner (time TBC). Jojie is organising a procession and Mass on October 7th (details and time TBC) – The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
*Jojie has booked everyone in over August so there will be no booking system advertised – confirmed with Jojie and Fr Vijay 13/09
- Mission Sunday – October 20th
Outdoor combined Mass at SH (time TBC). A Koha, on entry, will be collected for Mission Sunday. All Mass times to be cancelled for that weekend except SPC Vigil (5.30pm) and OLOL (9.30am).

Kathy Kavanagh:

- October, Month of the Holy Rosary – OLOL will have the Rosary before each weekday Mass – SH will also have the Rosary prior to the midday Masses – confirmed by Bernadette 13/09
- Record and training of Ministers of Communion – we need to keep a record and follow the safeguarding processes through the parish office (volunteer agreement, code of conduct, police vetting). If someone has not taken communion to the sick, can they have a small training session prior, for consistency.
- Anointing Mass in November (date/time TBC) organised by OLOL St Vincent De Paul – no resources to pick up people from Hastings – Fr Marcus has suggested an anointing Mass at SPC in October (date/time TBC – usually 1.30pm/2.00pm followed by afternoon tea).
- Fr Vijay and Kathy are working on a plan to anoint the bedridden people in retirement villages before the anointing Mass at OLOL.
- Ecumenical prayer service held once a month at Mary Doyle – OLOL is rostered on 6 monthly on behalf of the CPOH.

Jasmi Joseph:

- Can we have Mass prior to adoration on Wednesday (SPC) and Friday (SH) – Fr Marcus has declined at this time with perhaps the exception of special Feast Days.
- Requested to consider having a cloth screen as an infection prevention measure in the reconciliation room at SPC – Fr Marcus to speak with Fr Vijay.

All Saints Day

Friday November 1st

TBC

All Souls' Day

Saturday November 2nd

SH: 8.30am Mass – Hastings Cemetery

LOL: 9.00am Mass – Havelock North Cemetery

SPC: Mass time TBC – Mangaroa Cemetery

Christmas Mass Timetable: (confirmed Fr Marcus 19/9)

Christmas Eve - Tuesday December 24th

Christmas Day - Wednesday December 25th

LOL:

Christmas Eve – 6.30pm carols | 7.00pm Mass – Fr John Craddock

Christmas Day – 8.00am carols | 8.30am Mass – Fr David Kennerly

SPC:

Christmas Eve – 5.30pm carols | 6.00pm Mass – Fr Vijay Dung Dung

Christmas Day – 8.00am carols | 8.30am Mass – Fr Vijay Dung Dung

SH:

Christmas Eve – 5.30pm carols | 6.00pm Mass – Fr Marcus Francis

Christmas Day – 8.30am carols | 9.00am Mass – Fr Marcus Francis

PAKI PAKI:

Christmas Eve – 9.30pm carols | 10.00pm Mass – Fr Mike Wooller

New Year's Eve:

Tuesday 31st December

SPC:

Midnight Mass – Fr Vijay Dung Dung

New Year's Day:

Wednesday 1st January

SH:

12.05pm – Fr Vijay Dung Dung

LOL:

9am – Fr Marcus Francis

Syro-Malabar Mass: SPC – usually on the last Saturday of December (date and time TBC).

Musicians – check resources over Christmas - musicians can sign up once Mass times are published.

Weekday Mass Timetable:

Boxing Day - December 26th – January 26th, 2025

LOL:

Wednesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 9.30am

SPC:

Tuesday – 5.30pm

SH:

Friday – 12.05pm

Sat – 8.30am

Meeting closed with prayer – Fr Marcus

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th October – 5.30pm Mission Centre