

SFOAO Parish Liturgy Group
Minutes of Meeting 18 FEBRUARY 2025, 7 p.m., Parish Office

Minutes: David Dobson.

Apologies: Nil

Present: Fr. Gerard, Margie Crook, Kitty McKinley, Robyn Radomski, Solomon Concessio, Resty Sales, David Dobson, Fr. Alfred (after Alpha meeting).

1. Opening Prayer: Kitty McKinley.

2. Previous Minutes and matters arising:

General Business, item 4: change “sexist language” to “inclusive language” – agreed by consensus.

Minutes, with alteration as above, accepted as correct by consensus.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

a) Ash Wednesday, 5 March:

Ecumenical Service to be held at St John the Evangelist Church, 7.30pm.

Usual weekday 11am Mass to be celebrated as usual.

School Masses and Liturgies not confirmed at this time.

b) Year A readings for Lent. After considerable discussion, centred around the importance of Baptism, our Catechumenates, and the education/understanding of our congregations, it was decided that 1st and 2nd Readings (and Psalm) would remain as for Year C, but the Gospels would be proclaimed from the Year A readings.

c) STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Fridays, 6.30pm: Solomon will coordinate this.

d) Challenge may lead a commemoration celebration of St Patrick on March 17 and of Saint Oscar Romero on March 24th. Times to be advised.

e) The Feast days of St Joseph and the Annunciation will be celebrated at Masses on those days.

f) Palm Sunday (13 April): Robyn will coordinate Passion readers for the Vigil and the Sunday Masses. The Blessing and Procession of Palms will begin outside the church if weather permits.

g) Holy Week: Suggestions as to whom might represent the Parish at the Mass of Chrism centred around possible youth or people aged 25 (Year of Jubilee), rather than better known members of our congregation. No decisions were made. Invitations for “**Helpers in Holy Week**” should go in the newsletter ASAP.

h) Holy Thursday: Challenge will coordinate this **7pm Mass**.

i) Good Friday: Solomon will take responsibility for

Stations of the Cross: 10am, Walk of the Cross 11am.

Resty and Kitty will coordinate

Services at 3pm and 5pm.

- j) **Holy Saturday: Vigil, 7pm.** Coordinators tba.
- k) **Easter Sunday: Mass, 10am.** Fr Gerard will investigate the possibility of an 8am Mass, as well.
- l) **ANZAC Day: Challenge will present this Liturgy.** As it falls on Friday this year, efforts will be made to acknowledge this day in Masses of the following weekend.

4. General Business.

1. Correspondence: David replied to Mr Paul Gini, thanking him for his concern and advising that “Christmas” would be placed on our June agenda to allow plenty of time to call for more people, especially children, to be involved.
2. Sacristans: Fr. Gerard will convene a meeting of all interested in this Ministry.
3. Musicians Meeting: There was little interest shown in the suggestion (on behalf of Fr. Alfred) made when David sent out the last roster. By agreement, when the next roster is sent, he will specify items which need to be considered.
4. Kitty will advise of Ana Baice’s contact details, so that collective and personal thanks can be made for her contribution to the Liturgy Committee.
5. Those interested in training Altar Servers have been asked to contact Fr. Gerard. Members of the Committee are encouraged to ‘plant the seed’ in their contact with parishioners and school to invite others to consider this Ministry.
6. There will be a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers scheduled later in 2025.
7. **RECONCILIATION** will be available concurrently with the Friday Stations of the Cross in Lent.

Retained ‘live’ in the Minutes:

1. Training of Ministers: There have been technical difficulties with the Bridgeman videos.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: 18 March, 7pm.

...To include consideration of a more fluent collection/offertory procession.

The meeting concluded about 8.40pm, with prayer and readings presented by Robyn.