

Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Liturgy Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 July 2026

Present: Fr Gerry, David Dobson, John Repanut, Lily Ting, Nandita Srinivasa, Margie Crook

Apologies: Fr Alfred, Kitty McKinley

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Lily.

New members John and Nandita were warmly welcomed to their first meeting.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The last meeting (May 12th) been held before Easter and some members of the committee had since stood down; it was suggested that the Minutes be taken as read: proposed by David and approved by the Committee.

David asked Committee members to acknowledge receipt of the Minutes by a very brief return email, so that he knew that they had been received.

Easter Services

A brief run down of the Easter services held this year was undertaken; basically things had been well organized.

Points noted were that: it had been very hot on Good Friday and there needed to be someone designated to monitor the heat pumps to ensure a comfortable temperature. The Veneration of the Cross had taken considerably longer further back in the church than at the front, and it was agreed that the Veneration arrangements should be reconsidered before next year's service.

Easter Saturday had been very well attended and a 5th Eucharistic minister had been required.

Calendar for the remainder of 2026

A discussion was held regarding some of the upcoming dates in the remaining months of 2026 including:

Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 26th *(The official theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV was "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), chosen as a message of comfort and hope for the elderly, especially those experiencing loneliness or frailty.).* Discussion held about putting the prayer on the overhead for all to read; grandparents/those who take the role of grandparents/elderly to be invited to stand for blessing; special prayer in the Prayers of the Faithful – Wendy to be asked to inform the rostered writer of the prayers.

Liturgy Seminar The seminar to be led by US liturgist and parish priest, Fr Paul Turner, will be held on Saturday 1 August, from 10am to 2:30pm at Connolly Hall, Hill Street, Wellington. David undertook to check the registration details for this seminar and inform Liturgy Committee members.

Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees (now aligned with the global World Day of Migrants and Refugees) – Sunday 27 September. For consideration by the Liturgy Committee at the end of August, subject to the resources having been received at that time.

Day of celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert (Oct 4th)/St Francis of Assisi (Oct 4th)

David undertook to arrange the Liturgy Committee meetings on suitable dates to allow time for discussion of these important calendar events.

Rosary Packs

Explanation: *"Let the Beads do the Talking" is a parish-based programme for praying the Rosary, based around a set of meditations on the mysteries of the Rosary, composed by the Nelson branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross. The Knights have prepared a small kit for each parish which includes: six books of meditations for "Let the Beads Do the Talking"; scripts for two "pulpit talks" describing the programme; four scripts for the parish newsletter during the programme; two crowns of thorns for the Sorrowful Mysteries. To recoup the original cost of production, the cost of the "Let the Beads Do the Talking" pack is \$90. The cost of postage and packing will be met by the Knights of the Southern Cross, Nelson Branch. Extra books can be provided at a cost of \$15 each.'*

It was noted that there are groups within the Parish who already meet to say the Rosary. David will find out more information.

Any Other Business

Fr Gerry raised the question of who is responsible for maintaining the vestments and for the care of the sacred vessels – i.e. the cleaning of the vestments, the washing of the linen, etc. It was agreed that the Committee needed to be aware of who is currently responsible for present arrangements and what work is involved.

Next Meeting

To be advised (update: Meeting held Tuesday 25th August, 7pm)