

SFOAO Parish Liturgy Group
MINUTES 29 October 2024, 7 p.m., Parish Office

Chair: Solomon Concessio. **Minutes:** David Dobson.

Apologies: Ana Baice, Fr. Gerard.

Present: Fr. Alfred, Joe Green, Margie Crook, Robyn Radomski, Solomon Concessio, David Dobson.

Opening Prayer: Joe.

(1) Previous Minutes: Taken as read.

(2) Matters Arising:

- a) Sacristans' meeting (13 October) was postponed due to ill health. A new date has not been set, but Joe will contact Colleen to set a new date. The meeting will welcome interested parties, as well as those already in the Ministry.
- b) The website relating to Liturgy and Liturgy groups will be reviewed, but in the wider context the reference to Liturgy Groups (plural) is valid, as a number of people do become involved in planning for specific liturgies.

(3) Further topics:

Liturgical celebrations for All Saints, All Souls, World Day of the Poor, Christ the King, and the Remembrance Mass were reviewed, and confirmed, as all were noted in the previous Minutes. There was discussion about Challenge's involvement with "World Day of the Poor", and David will contact Ana about this.

Weekday Masses/Liturgies 26 Dec-end Jan 2025 will, as usual, be suspended.

Advent reflections: As in the past, individual parishioners and Ministries are welcome to set these up, consulting the parish office for timings.

Communal Reconciliation:

After discussion of options available, it was decided that Rite 1 would be offered before and after Tuesday and Wednesday Masses from a date to be announced. There should be a number of nearby parishes offering Rite 2, subject to availability of priests.

Christmas Masses:

Nativity Scene (crib): Solomon is willing to be involved with this, and the meeting recognised that those previously doing this must be contacted to see if they still wish to be involved. The crib will be set up hard against the altar to create as much space as possible and to ensure safety. Similarly, the Jesse tree will be placed near the ambo, but in a safe space.

The meeting decided that any children's involvement should be in an active way, not in video or film format.

Ministers and Proclaimers are a roster issue and should be dealt with in a practice approaching the normal set-ups. Wendy is available to assist at any of the three Masses.

Format for pre-Mass carols: It is the responsibility of the musicians to ensure a smooth flow of the 'event', liaising with the Mass co-ordinator and others involved.

There will be no Challenge 2000 involvement and late Mass, at least in the Parish Church.

National Liturgical Calendar 2025 was tabled and will be considered at the next meeting.

Rosters: There was considerable discussion about rosters, including a replacement for Wendy by the end of the year. Joe and Alfred, working with the new office volunteer (Belle), will work on this issue.

Training of Ministers: There have been technical difficulties with the Bridgeman videos. Once sorted, Joe will move this training forward.

General Business:

1. Posting of Minutes for the Parish: in hand.
2. 1st Sunday of Advent: Rite of Acceptance for our Catechumenates. The opening order of the Mass will be different to the usual.
3. In Lent 2025, because the parish has Catechumenates, readings will be Year A, not the designated Year C.
4. There was some discussion around the 'publication' of deaths in the parish, as some have missed knowing about such deaths until after the Requiem or Liturgy. It was considered a very difficult matter, as the families' wishes would take priority over any publication – they might not wish for this to happen. Privacy issues also need to be considered.

Next Meeting: 19 November, Chair and Prayer leader tba. Limited Agenda.