

St Mary's Foxton Liturgy Meeting 10th August, 2023 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

PRESENT: Priscilla O'Dea, Eleanor Jacobs, Fr Vijay Dungdung, Chris Mawby, Heather Toy, Trish Wilkin Mary Culling

The meeting began with a prayer from Fr Vijay and was then chaired by Chris Mawby

APOLOGIES: Joan Hendry

MINUTES: A verbal account of the previous minutes was given and all those who had attended agreed this was a correct record. Moved Priscilla; Seconded, Mary

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

DISCUSSIONS:

Three Masses:

1. Traditional Mass: The mass celebrated most Sundays in St Mary's, Foxton. We talked about what was happening before mass began and the role of the greeter. Parishioners will be encouraged to converse with each other in the gathering area rather than in the body of the church – acknowledge those already seated but this is not the time and place for full conversations, but rather a time for reflection.

Before mass begins all ministers for the day will assemble in the gathering area with the presiding priest for a prayer. **While this is taking place Chris will begin playing the gathering song or chant. The greeter will then proceed to the lectern and wait for the music to soften and for people to give their attention before announcing the information re the readings for the day – for example:**

**WELCOME EVERYONE TO MASS FOR THIS 19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME.
TODAY OUR READINGS FROM THE 1ST BOOK OF KINGS, ROMANS AND THE GOSPEL
OF MATHEW WILL INVITE US TO REFLECT UPON OUR FAITH IN GOD
I INVITE YOU TO NOW STAND AS WE CONTINUE WITH OUR GATHERING SONG.**

2. Lively Singing Mass – Filipino Group. Tacy Taylor will organise this when Chris Mawby is away.
3. Children's Mass – will be held twice a term and arranged by Phil Gunn. The next children's mass will be on Sunday, 3rd September.

Altar Cloths: Frances Roache washes and irons the altar cloths. Dympna Crase has offered to wash the hand towel used by the priest and Eucharistic Ministers can help by taking the purifying cloths to wash.

Ministries Roster – sending reminders: Walter Brown will text a reminder to all ministers involved in Sunday's mass on the Friday before.

Mass of Our Lady's Assumption: This will be held on Tuesday 15th, August at 10.30. Following mass we will share morning tea with the school.

The meeting closed at 12.00 with a prayer. The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be notified.