

Holy Cross

Liturgy Meeting

Wednesday, 16th October, 2024

Minutes

Present: Fr. Richard, Martin Ashiedu, Daria Blaj, Coleen Diuk, Sergiy Diuk, Vivien Flynn, William Flynn, Chris Wisniewski.

Apologies: Paul Glover

The meeting was opened with prayer and as it was the first meeting everyone introduced themselves in turn.

The following observations and decisions were made concerning the Liturgical calendar up to the 2nd February 2025:

1. November: Friday 1st. All Saints Day of Obligation Mass at 12 pm. , as usual
Saturday, 2nd. All Souls Mass at 11 am., at Our Lady's
Remembrance Sunday 10th., with the wreath to be carried by a young
Person.
Christ the King (Youth Day) 24th., Daria to organise parish Christ the
King School pupils to do the readings.
2. December: Advent 1st - 24th with the Carol Concert on the 22nd (4th Sunday), for
Which the Organising Committee will print tickets with entry Free of
Charge, but with a donation towards the heating collection plate at the
end of the concert as people leave. to encourage more
parish attendance. Fr. Richard pointed out that the hymn 'O Come
Emmanuel', should be sung after the 17th.
3. Christmastide: Christmas Day Mass (Wednesday), at usual time of 9 am.; Feast of
St. Stephen no Mass as Fr. Richard is away; New Year's Mass at
Our Lady's; Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord, as usual.
Presentation of the Lord 2nd February; Fr. Richard suggested that
a blessing of the church candles (votive, acolyte, altar, etc.) takes
Place during Mass.
It was agreed that the Offertory Procession should be reinstated, possibly
led those who have booked the Mass and a list of the offering presenters
Is to be drawn up.

4. New Lectionary: will come into use on the 1st. Sunday of Advent. The four books of the Lectionary will be brought up to the altar at the entry procession by four readers to be blessed by Fr. Richard.

5. Jubilee Year 2025: will officially begin with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve. Although nothing special is being programmed for this event in our parish, it was suggested that during the Jubilee Week of the Poor (in November 2025), some fund-raising initiative could be done, together with a specific liturgical event.

6. Bible Study Group proposal: Sergiy presented the suggestion of the Group to hold a different kind of meeting on the Bible that would encourage more people to explore our Catholic faith and tradition. It was suggested to try out this initiative on the Advent Sundays, at 3 pm. In the parish meeting room. Depending on the level of interest, this could developed Into either regular weekly meetings, or to cover major liturgical events. The proposal was approved by all.

It was suggested to hold the next meeting on the 26th February 2025.

Fr. Richard concluded the meeting with a prayer