 **Liturgy Group Minutes **

**Date**

14th November 2024

## **In attendance**

## Paddy Mallan (PM), Amanda Dellar (AD), David Hambley (DH), Kay Frizell (KF), Ben Conway (BC) Fr Syriac (FrS)

## **Agenda**

1) Welcome and opening prayer

2) Apologies and absences

3) Previous minutes

4) Review of October - Month of the Rosary

5) Review of November - Remembrance of the Dead

6) Next Liturgical period Advent; targets and actions

7) Review of current liturgies: identify potential changes/improvements

8) Actions carried over and not covered by agenda items

AOCB

Outstanding Actions

Next meeting date

Closing Prayer

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1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

PM Welcomed everyone and FrS led the opening prayer

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1. **Apologies**

Tim Hall, Tom Condie

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1. **Previous Minutes**

Minutes of last meeting were proposed by KF and seconded by DH

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1. **Review of October – Month of the Rosary**

**Season of Creation** – The Big Picture even linked in, children embraced with pictures on aisles and photographs by all ages.

**Month of the Rosary**

In addition to the daily reading of the Rosary at SM, 2 special evenings were arranged each at SM and HN. The idea was to be an educational and prayerful evening. The article in the bulletin, regarding the Rosary, was helpful for those who couldn’t attend. DH noted his journey to full understanding of the rosary took him some time.

**ACTION: For next year look at reflecting on each decade (look at in May) and to have a special evening each week in October.**

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1. **Review of November – Remembrance of the Dead**

All Saints and All Souls – both well attended

Scottish Poppy Appeal Red Lighting of the Building – will continue all of November. Some excellent photos in the Dunfermline Press.

Remembrance of the Dead – Mass was well attended

Remembrance Sunday - need to relook at the script as there were some minor changes and additional notice for everyone to stand during the Minutes Silence.

16th November – St Margaret’s Day Retreat this coming Saturday.

**ACTION: Everyone to encourage maximum attendance by as many Parishioners as possible**

PM reported that there was an excellent double page spread in this week’s Dunfermline Press, telling St Margaret’s Story. However, no reference was made to our Church, nor the location of the relic here in Dunfermline.

**ACTION: PM to write a letter to Dunfermline Press**

24th November – Christ the King. Big Book of the Gospels in procession to be carried by Reader. SM Primary School involved with the 9.30 Mass with bidding prayers, offertory and artwork.

HN tbc involvement

30th November – St Andrew

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**6. Next Liturgical Period ADVENT; Targets and Actions**

A wide-ranging discussion took place of all the elements that collectively create a successful advent period. Noted below are key events/dates and actions;

Jubilee of Hope starts

Jesse Tree – Learn at Mass and children to co-opted to help with procession at offertory (possibly) and tie in with crib scene figures from 1st Dec

**ACTION: RM to be chased up for script associated with Jesse Tree**

1st Sunday Advent – rededication of Readers

3rd Sunday Advent – rededication of Musicians

Mass for the Sick: to be held at HN 11th December and SM 14th December

16th December Tree goes up

**ACTION: PM to arrange assistance for Fabric Comm members**

A Parish wide Reconciliation Service will be held at SM on 18th December

Christmas Mass Times:

24th Dec Vigil - HN 5.30 carol service; 6pm Mass - SM 7.30 carols, Mass at 8pm

25th Dec Mass of the Day: 9.30am SM and 11am HN

Holy Innocents Mass will be held on 28th Dec

Feast of the Holy Family – invite all the children baptised in the last year with special blessing with tea/coffee & cake (with view to supporting each others)

New Years Day – Mary the Holy Mother of God. Masses will be held SM 10am and HN 12pm

Epiphany 5th Jan – Day of Prayer for Justice and Peace

**ACTION: FrS to speak to Eucharistic Minsters to approach Care Home to offer a Carol Service during Advent Season**

Year of Jubilee going forward has some key events/dates for us to consider;

16-18th Feb – Jubilee of Artists – start with link to FireStation Arts

8-9th March – Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28th March – 24 Hours for the Lord

5-8 April – Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

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**7. Review of current liturgies: identify potential changes/improvements**

FrS further discussed a pre-Mass prayer in the Sacristy before procession.

**ACTION: FrS to implement a pre-Mass prayer in the sacristy for Servers, Readers and Eucharistic Ministers**

RM suggested we consider the use of large projection screens. DH has sent some photos and has other examples to send.

**ACTION; Group Members to supply photos of similar installations**

Kneelers Etiquette: the noise when kneelers lowered/knocked down by feet in front causes a distraction.

**ACTION: PM to add to Fabric Group Actions**

Identification of those who need communion brought to them and are not able to make it to the front benches was discussed. It was noted that HN have sashes which can placed at the end of the aisle to highlight that someone in that row is unable to approach for communion.

**ACTION: FrS to collect sample sashes from HN for use at SM**

**New Lectionary**

AD advised that a briefing to readers at both HN and SM had been completed on 9th and 10th Nov. It was agreed that the new Lectionary will be processed with the Gospel Book

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1. **Actions Carried Over and not covered by Agenda Items**

**ACTION; Liturgy Group to consider how we increase the level of understanding within the Parish of what is meant by Reconciliation to be carried over to nearer Lent**

There was a request that adherence and alignment to the Liturgical Calendar be paramount in each Group’s deliberations

**Action: PM to attach liturgical calendar to all communications with groups and ensure 2025 dates are now included**

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**Any Other Competent Business**

There was no AOCB

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**Next Meeting Date**

16th January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Presbytery

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**Closing Prayer**

DH led the closing prayer