

Minutes of Music Ministry Committee meeting
7 pm on 21st September, 2022 at St Agatha's Church crying room

Present

Fr Raphael Kimano
Peter Bowron
Ray Fehon
Tim Chan
Graham Hawkins
Beverley de Rosario

Absent

Lucy Roh

Peter opened the meeting at 7:15 pm with the singing of God's Surprise, a Christmas song by Bell and Maude, to the tune of Scarlet Ribbons. Peter offered to purchase digital copies of this for parish use.

The masses for Christmas Eve were confirmed as being at 5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm and midnight and with the usual Sunday mass times for Christmas Day, including the 6 pm mass.

Tim to send an email regarding volunteers for music for the masses.

Peter to confirm format of 5 and 7 pm Christmas Eve masses with Tina Muscat.

Fr Raphael to confirm readings for the various masses.

Advent Wreath lighting ceremony to be confirmed by Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) with Music Committee to be informed if there is to be a musical aspect to the ceremony.

Music suggestions for Advent:

My Soul in Stillness Waits, GA 280 (wk 4)

Gabriel's Message (without last verse)

As a side note, Peter mentioned an Easter version of Gabriel's Message.

The idea of a Christmas concert was put forward as a fund raising event. Possibly for new microphones. This led to a discussion of issues with the current mics, especially those held together with tape. Bev suggested a consultation with the sound engineer at Turramurra Music for new purchases as they would have a better idea of current range of equipment. Fr Raphael suggested asking the opinions of Andrew Kennaugh and Richard Houwing due to their familiarity with IT and also Christian Catsanos.

Graham asked for the reason behind changing the mass settings for different liturgical seasons. Peter explained that it was to highlight the change of liturgical season in a holistic manner.

Mass Shalom was added to the list for feast days.

Peter announced that the PowerPoints for projection of lyrics were being made available on the Parish website for those who wished to prepare composite files for themselves.

It was agreed to arrange a general meeting of the ministry to share and learn music, explain the changes in mass settings on change of liturgical season and share information.

Peter to check date availabilities of music ministers.

Committee members to ponder hymns to share with the others.

Graham mentioned a common vision for everyone in the music ministry.

Tim mentioned that music should support the mass and not distract from it.

Graham spoke of music enhancing and enriching the mass.

Fr Raphael mentioned confusion with the various options of the Penitential Rite causing some groups to miss the Kyrie.

Fr Raphael said that decisions regarding the masses were made by him, with input from the PPC where appropriate. Especially regarding vision for the music ministry and whether a mass should or should not have music.