

St John the Apostle Church, Kippax and St Thomas Aquinas Church, Charnwood Joint Steering Committee

Minutes of Meeting, Wednesday February 26 2025.

1. Meeting Commenced 7:00 pm.
2. Opening Prayer and Reflection – Fr Tru
3. Apologies:
4. Attendance: Fr Tru, Carl Madsen, Di Bruce, Gerri Blesser, Michael Carberry, Rod Goodisson, Marg Hourigan, Marian England, John Drury, Jenny McGee
5. Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved by Di Bruce, Seconded by Carl Madsen.
6. The main item of business was the drafting of the script concerning the Steering Group’s recommendation regarding the proposed merger of the two parishes for Parishioners.
7. Three different draft scripts had been circulated for consideration, written by Jenny McGee, Michael Carberry and Di Bruce respectively.
 - Draft by JM considered too long, and in some parts too emotional
 - Decision made to combine elements of the drats proposed by MC and DB with the following points:
 - No need to mention the Facilitator by name
 - Add prayer to the Holy Spirit at the end
8. Discussion of presentation of the script to Parishioners:
 - It should be announced at all masses at both STA & SJA on the same weekend (Mar 22 & Mar 23)
 - A representative from both SJA and STA should be present at both announcements
 - Steering group members should make themselves available to answer questions, discuss concerns with parishioners after each Mass
 - Notices to be included in the weekly Bulletin at both Parishes
 - Information to be uploaded to both websites
 - Article to go into KIT

9. Roster of presenters compiled for both Mass sites:

	St John the Apostle	St Thomas Aquinas
Sat 22 Mar		
○ 5:00 pm	Di Bruce & Gerri Blesser	
○ 6:00 pm		Michael Carberry & Jenny McGee
Sun 23 Mar		
○ 8:30 am	John Drury / Carl Madsen (tbd) & Rod Goodisson	
○ 9:00 am		Michael Carberry & Jenny McGee
○ 10:00 am		Jenny McGee** & Marg Hourigan
○ 6:00 pm		Carl Madsen & Michael Carberry

**NB: I’ve just realized I’m down for both 9:00 am @ Charnwood and 10:00 am @ Kippax on the Sunday. This should be doable but will mean I will be late to the 10:00 am mass and will need to know where to meet Marg.

10. Final prayer led by Fr Tru. Meeting closed 9:20 pm.
11. ACTION ITEMS:
 - Michael C. to finalise draft
 - Di B. to prepare dot points for slides
 - Jenny M. (?) to prepare draft for KIT