

**DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON
Friday 6th February 2009**

1 Welcome

Josie Boxall welcomed all in attendance and invited Father Doug to open the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies

Cynthia Johnson, Yvonne Durkan and Maureen Boulton.

3. In Attendance

Fr Doug Bull, Pauline Green, Josie and Alan Boxall, Marylyn Stephenson, Majella Shackelford, Jim and Ann Coleman, Sally Coleman, Theresa Derham, Stephan and Janet Nastaly, Valerie Flisher, Jill O'Neill, Clifford and Charlie Dog Mickleburgh, Anna Houlahan, Mary Bigwood, Alma Payne and June Dante.

4. Minutes of the last Meeting

Were agreed.

5. Matters Arising

Fr Doug said that he had produced a liturgical column for the next magazine.

6. Future Dates

Woman's World Day of prayer. St Peters 2pm Friday 6th March

Maundy Thursday Banners new ones may be organised. Mary Bigwood will action

Good Friday Will contact Delia Back regarding Children's stations

Twydall Green service 10.30am

Easter Vigil It was agreed that Fr Doug's scripts for introducing the vigil readings are to be used. Narrators to be nominated.

Blessing of Graves Woodlands Sunday 19th April

Sacrament of the Sick St Thomas's Saturday 23rd May

Stations of the cross during Lent will be at St Thomas's at 9.30am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 8 pm.

Lent Talks Will be held on Tuesdays starting 3rd March to 31st March inclusive 7.45pm for 8pm at the Millennium Centre Theme 'Gospel of the Land'

7 Mass of Commitment

This was very well done and very meaningful. Bishop John was impressed and said this should be a model for the Diocese.

8 Reading explanations at Mass

There was a suggestion that introductions to the Sundays might be provided in the same style as those written by Fr Doug for the weekday readings. Fr Doug agreed to consider such a project and report back.

9 Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm this will be discussed at the next meeting with Cynthia Johnson.

10 First Holy Communion Masses will be held at weekends of 2nd/3rd April, 2/3rd May and 9th/10th May.

11 Churches Together

Rainham - Rev Alan Vouldson away at last meeting. It was noted that the Christmas Services were not published in the Action Forum as asked. This will be investigated. Information was sent by e-mail.

Lenten Talks were discussed (see above for details) Women's World Day of prayer will be shared with Twydall this year.

Patronal Festival for St Margaret's 20th July. Harvest Supper will be on Sat 30th October in St Thomas's Parish Centre

Twydall Good Friday Service was discussed for Twydall Green 10am.

Christmas Cards were distributed as designed by our Primary School

12 Fabric of The Church Nil Report

- 13 AOB Comment was made on the well organised and celebrated services during the Christmas period with a special mention for Cynthia Johnson who did so well with the children's Mass on Christmas Eve.
- Ash Wednesday as we know is a day of fasting and abstinence. Could this be explained for those who are not sure about the meanings and origins? This will be actioned by Fr Doug.
- Communion Antiphon Is said by a member of the congregation at the 6pm Mass on Saturdays and is still going well.
- Large Host Father Doug spoke about the use of the large host at Sunday masses and the difficulties encountered over the amount of small particles that may be dropped and asked how we felt about this. If necessary we could reduce to a small host. This however would detract from the importance of this moment in the Mass. It was asked if there was a size in between the medium host used at weekday masses. Father Doug will ask Deacon Keith to investigate this.
- Format of Liturgy Meetings
It was asked if further studies (of last years study of GIRM) could be made at meetings. The Catechetical team will consider this.
- Bereavement literature Despite many of the forms being taken from both churches there has been no feed back. A small article will be produced for the newsletter and magazine.
- Proclaiming the Word This internet document has been edited and made easier to understand, it has been printed and made available for use by our readers. Copies were circulated. There are more available by request.
- Holy Communion to the Sick Service Rite. The 'Take and eat' book no longer publishes a simple format for this rite. A small simple pamphlet has been produced by Deacon Alan and is now available.
- Offertory Procession It was asked that Mass stewards inform those involved in the procession ensure that the wine is handed to the priest before any of the other offerings.

14 Date of the next Meeting

Friday 1st May 2009 at 7.30pm