

The Catholic Parish of Hastings
Parish Council Committee Minutes
Meeting held on Tuesday 4th February 2020
7pm at the Parish Office

Welcome: Deb welcomed the committee to the first meeting for 2020 and welcomed Fr Marcus and Fr Anthony.

Opening Prayer: Committee members recited the Parish Prayer

Present: Deb Lucy (acting chair, minutes), Alma del Rosario, Fr Marcus Francis, Fr Anthony Htun, Fr Brian Carmine, Deacon Tevita Faka'osi, Lynn Hill and Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Coordinator)

Apologies: Mike Flynn, Charles Ropitini

Minutes of the November meeting were tabled. Alma

Matters arising from the August minutes:

- Pastoral Council retreat – Fr John O'Connor – it was decided at the Council meeting that with Fr John O'Connor not being well known here in Hastings, numbers could be underwhelming to warrant the cost. Lynn to contact Fr Brian Traynor on dates he is available. Fr Marcus commented that the committee could call on himself and Fr Anthony to lead retreats sessions.
- Youth retreat – Saturday 28th November 9am to 5.30pm so the youth can attend the SPC mass, after which a meal will be shared (Christmas theme). Faaki to contact Izzy from the diocese and book the SPC hall. Fr Marcus also suggested to contact Nick Wilson from the diocese as he may be able to help or suggest people to help and reminded the group that Trung will also be in Hastings by then. Committee agreed that Yr 7-8 children should be encouraged to attend.
- Social Gatherings – to look at organising a Mass at St John's College on Pentecost, (31st May) this would also coincide with the Diocese 40th Jubilee.
- Panel for young parents: to discuss at the March meeting
- Social Media Sunday: also, to discuss and fine tune at the March meeting
- Deanery Agenda: Confirmation (Fr Marcus)

Correspondence Inwards:

- Resignation letter from Charles Roptini. Mike to send a letter of thanks to Charles. Committee discussed that a representative from Paki Paki had been essential for communication and hoped someone else from the Paki Paki church would step up. Fr Marcus to mention at Mass in on a Sunday morning.
- Email from Fr Brian, deferred to March meeting
- Letter from Richard Jennings re: Star at Sacred Heart. Fr Marcus to arrange a meeting with Richard to discuss the star.
- Letter from Richard Jennings regarding nominations was deferred to March meeting due to Mike being away.

- Copy of thank you letters to St Mary's school from OLOL group. (Senior students made Christmas cards for people in rest homes/elderly in our parish)
- Organ Recital – Christopher Hainsworth, request for any money left over to be given to the Thermal drive. Fr Marcus was happy for the parish to support the people/organist with a venue and advertise in newsletter but any financial costings i.e. printing etc. needed to be organised by them, not the parish and any money left over is how ever they wish to use. Comment from Fr Marcus, *'We are a charity; we do not give to charity'*. Deb to contact Margaret Armstrong.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Paki Paki Report tabled and attached to minutes.

General Business:

- Fr Marcus informed the group that starting from Next Sunday 16th February, Fr Marcus and Fr Anthony will be alternating Sundays in writing the reflection for the front page of the Newsletter. Fr Marcus will be meeting with the group who has in the past been doing this ministry. Fr Marcus commented that he finds writing the reflection is a big part of his communication to the parish. A Parish Blog may be set up soon for parishioners to contribute too.

Closing Prayer: Deb Lucy

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March, 7pm at the Parish office.

To be actioned:

Fr Marcus:

- Reflections for Newsletter
- Meet with Richard Jennings regarding the Star at SH
- Confirmation – to discuss at Deanery

Mike:

- Letter of thanks to Charles

Faaki:

- Contact Izzy and Nick Wilson (Diocese)
- Book hall (SPC)

Deb:

- Contact Margaret Armstrong

Agenda for March meeting

- Nominations
- Email from Fr Brian
- Social Media day
- Panel for young adults
- Pentecost Sunday – Mass at St John's

The Catholic Parish of Hastings
Liturgy Committee Minutes
13th February 2020

Present: Jill Frizzell (chair), Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Fr Marcus Francis, Fr Anthony Htun, Susan Doohan, Kathy Kavanagh, Moira Begley, Deacon Tevita Faka'osi, Bernadette Avison, Mike Malone Fr Brian, Joan Thompson and Deb Lucy (minutes)

Apologies: None

Opening Prayer: Liturgy prayer read by all.

Minutes of Previous meeting: The minutes of the November 2019 meeting were taken as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Julie McCracken

Seconded: Mike Malone

Matters arising from the minutes:

Review of Christmas Masses:

LOL: Vigil Mass: went well. Christmas day mass: coordinator had trouble finding people to do the ministries. Roster for ministries needs to be done in advance so this does not happen again. The Mass itself was lovely.

SH: Mass went well. Christmas cake will be cut before the mass this year, so it is ready to be given out straight after the mass.

SPC: Vigil Mass: Hick up with the power point connecting with the TV screens. In the end had to use the portable projector and pull-down slide. Mass started about quarter of an hour late. Julie noted that the music/singing was not as strong as in previous years due to not having a lot of the youth singing.

Fr Brian: We need to look at what we can improve on. That is why it is important to have these reviews. One thing that should not happen again is the youth ministering at the 3 masses. It is too much and we do not want them to burn out.

Christmas Crib at Sacred Heart Church:

The original Baby Jesus turned up, so this one was used. The new baby Jesus is stored carefully away at Sacred Heart. Bernadette has taken home the original baby Jesus to mend the arm and repaint. Once this is done it will be returned for safe storage at Sacred Heart.

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths : Ecumenical service at St Mathew's Church

Lovely service, with a great attendance from the catholic parishioners. Everyone was made very welcome.

1st Reconciliation:

53 children made their 1st Reconciliation last year, followed by a BBQ and swim at St Joseph's school.

Reflections for Advent: Emmaus Resource was used: 3 group. Request to make resource more effective by using colour and putting pictures on the resource took quite a bit of time. Deb asked if it was necessary to do this, as the print is the same and felt that the person leading should be the one to make the session interesting for the people.

Fr Marcus agreed.

Retreats of 2020:

Pastoral Council retreat – Fr John O’Connor – it was decided at the Council meeting that with Fr John O’Connor not being well known here in Hastings, numbers could be underwhelming to warrant the cost. Fr Brian Traynor has offered to come at the start of Lent. Dates will be available at the March meeting.

Priests reports:

Fr Marcus:

Fr Marcus and Fr Anthony popped into the RCIA session to say hello and were very astonished by the great involvement of supporters. The energy felt was a true reflection of the love that these people have for their faith.

The most important parts of the Roman Missal:

the four Presences: People/Word/Blessed Sacrament/Priest

Structure of the Liturgy: Committee members understanding their ministry.
we are doing and why we are doing this ministry?

Future Focus: What

Aubert Centre: Fr Marcus visited Deacon Tevita at the Aubert centre. He was impressed at the work Tevita is doing in the Flaxmere community. Fr Marcus commented that Pope Francis would be disappointed if we didn’t have a presence in Flaxmere. The Aubert centre was an ideal venue to be used as an Evangelisation centre. This may involve some Implications for the Liturgy committee.

Mass Intentions: ‘How do we meet the needs of the community’. With talking to Deb this morning, it was agreed to hold a special mass for people affected by suicide.

This will be discussed more fully at the March meeting.

St John’s Commissioning Mass: A great start to 2020!

Fr Anthony:

GIRM: General Instruction of the Roman Missal

Fr Anthony observed that parishes are not very good at following the Instructions of the Roman Missal. There is a need to abide what the Catholic Church is teaching. It is Important to remember, all to be followers of Christ!

Fr Brian:

Busy visiting schools.

Correspondence In:

- Thank you card from Fr Vince
- Email from Richard Jennings: Sacred Heart Speakers outside were inadequate at the Christmas Midnight mass as they were inaudible and Richard felt this needs to be addressed for future masses.

Fr Marcus asked the members if they had noticed the Christmas Star erected at the front of the SH Church. No one had seen it! Fr Marcus will contact Richard regarding the star.

- Letter from SVDP Sacred Heart Conference: A Request to hold an International Mass to celebrate the diversity of their congregation. It was discussed that a Multi-Cultural mass every 4th Sunday of the month is held at St Peter Chanel. Jill to contact Paul Bailey (president of the SH SVDP)
Fr Marcus: 'the signs/posters/flags in the church from other groups are welcomed but felt that they should be up at certain times of the year and then taken down, i.e. SVDP sign: to go up around the Feast of ST Vincent de Paul. School signs: up for school masses and for promotions. Sometimes this has more impact than having something there all the time'.

Correspondence Out:

Letter to Deb thanking her for organising the Flash mob for Christmas.

General Business:

Fr Marcus stated that in the Council meeting last week, it was decided there would be one Mass of the day held at St John's College on Penetcost Sunday. This mass was to celebrate the 40th Jubilee of the Palmerston North Diocese and to also celebrate in bringing unity to our parish by recognising the diversity and gifts people bring to our parish. It will be followed by light refreshments.

Fr Marcus spoke about the Confirmation programme. In 2019 it had been a bit of a debacle. We may not have a Confirmation sacrament programme this year, as the programme needs a makeover. It is not set in concrete to have Confirmation every year, and we need to do this right.

Easter Triduum:

Fr Marcus queried what the process for Easter was. Jill informed that in the past each church has a turn at hosting Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. Easter Sundays are as normal.

Good Friday has two masses, usually at OLOL and SPC. Easter Vigil takes place at SH where full emersion baptisms for our RCIA Catechumens takes place.

Fr Marcus's preference for the Easter Triduum masses, was that all masses Holy Thursday, Good Friday and The Easter Vigil should take place in the same church as the Altar of Repose. He understands that Good Friday mass at SH may not accommodate everyone so that there may need to be another church to host an extra service.

More discussion/thought is needed.

Priest Swap – Sunday 23rd February: Fr Damien will be celebrating mass at OLOL.

Tongan Mass: 28th February starting at 6pm. Fr Vince will be coming through to celebrate this mass.

Ash Wednesday: 26th February

Change of Mass times/churches

SPC: 6pm – to allow for working people

OLOL: 9am

SH: 12.05pm – St Joseph's school will organise the mass

Ecumenical Service to be hosted by St Luke's Anglican church, 7pm

Burning of the Ashes Liturgy: 25th February, 9am at St Mary's school

Lenten Reflection Groups: 3 groups participating. Caritas Lenten Reflection Resource will be used. Fr Marcus offered to lead Lenten sessions during the 4 weeks of Lent, topics covered could be quite controversial, location and dates were flexible. Session would be 45 mins and then 30mins to allow for questions. It would be along the lines of what he did in Wanganui last year. He asked the committee if there was an appetite for this? A suggestion to advertise interest through the newsletter may be a good idea to get an indication of numbers interested. Fr Marcus to shoulder tap or ask parishioners personally about their thoughts on this.

RCIA:

Rite of Sending: 23rd February

SH: Lara and Pat

SPC: Helen, Carolina and Dinah

Rite of Election: 8th March at the Holy Spirit Cathedral in Palmerston Cathedral

Ordination Anniversaries:

Fr Marcus: 24th February, 19 years

Fr Brian: 26th February, 20yrs

Day of Marriage: Sunday 16th February

Priests to do a blessing for all married couples. Wallet Prayer card to be given out.

Kathy K:

- Inquired about holding a memorial mass for families who have lost children. The mass last year was well attended by not only Catholics. Invitation to the mass would be through the newsletter. Committee opted to defer for discussion to the March meeting.
- Suggestion: During Christmas week, a procession of a Christmas float.

Moira B:

- Asked for a music meeting date to be set. Jill to arrange this.

Joan T:

- Commented on the Christmas crib display in the Information centre. A parishioner from the Anglican church made different posters i.e. Mary travelling on the donkey with Joseph at her side, wise men, shepherds etc. and got permission from shop owners to place them in their front windows. Every week for a month the posters moved closer until the Crib was erected in the Information centre, 24th December.
A special Crib was purchased solely for this.

Bev W:

1st Anniversary of mosque shooting, Christchurch – 15th March. Deb to contact Nicola Green

Meeting Closed with a prayer: The Parish Prayer

Next Meeting Thursday, 5th March, 7pm at the Parish Office.