

# Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 7 June 2023 5.30pm in Parish Centre

PRESENT: Kathy Kavanagh (Chairperson), Fr Trung, Bernadette Avison, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Ave Faka'osi, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary)

Opening Prayer: Parish recited together

APOLOGIES: Fr Paul, Joan Thompson, Ronnie Lundell

MINUTES of June 2023 Moved Bernadette 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Julie

MATTERS ARISING FROM June MEETING:

MUSIC MEETING: A committee has been formed and met, but no further word on what is happening

SH Children's Liturgy Helper: Bernadette had been approached by Thomas Jensen who is keen to help. Fr Trung advised that he must be over 18 for this ministry

PRIESTS REPORT: FR TRUNG:

We need to encourage/involve young families in each community to become engaged in what is happening, even if in small ways. A great need to have people know follow-up procedures in all ministry roles for when needed.

We are all human and if a mistake is made at any level during celebration, care to be taken in how it is addressed. People are very sensitive and can be discouraged and give up. Keep asking/encouraging people to become involved

As Fr Trung can often be away, Fr Paul will celebrate Mass otherwise Liturgy of the Word and Communion will take place

We should not be discouraged with media attention on Catholic Church. Not to open a conversation or give an opinion to any media – direct them to the correct authorities

To once again have the ministers involved in the mass process in with the priest. Readers to sit at front of church so that they can easily and promptly approach the lectern for the readings, not come from anywhere in the congregation. After readings over to return to place in church.

The Mass is for the universal church, not for the priest. The cleaning of the chalice after communion by the Priest as an act of service

CORRESPONDENCE In:  
Out:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

**USE OF BELLS:** A reminder of important things to happen. There is no right or wrong. Now that the Mass is celebrated in such a way that people can see, hear, and understand what is happening at the altar, the need to attract their attention by ringing a bell no longer exists.

**STANDING/KNEELING DURING CONSECRATION:** With each community divided on this topic we are advised that a decision will be made by the new Bishop of Palmerston North when installed. Overseas especially Australia, all kneel. A suggestion made that when children attend mass at Madonna, they be asked to sit as so often small children are behind a teacher or taller children and cannot see the priest or altar. You would stand if an important person presents why not at the Consecration.

**MORNING TEA:** Ave advised that she is going to offer morning tea after Sunday morning Mass at SPC on the last Sunday of each month. On the feast of Christ the King a multicultural Mass and celebration followed by morning tea is to be held.

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION/RECONCILIATION PREPARATION:** Why is the preparation in CPH for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Reconciliation only a few weeks while in other Diocese it is 12 weeks and if one session missed you are out. That is the programme used in the CPH

**MINISTRY OF WORD AND COMMUNION:** When it is communion time, the minister celebrating does not give communion to him/her self but asks another person to administer to her. The positioning on the altar during service discussed. The booklet indicates positions but once again, there is no right or wrong.

**RECEIVING COMMUNION:** Dipping the Sacred Body in the Precious Blood is not permitted. To advise Fr Trung of people involved and he will approach them. We must be aware of cultural sensitives.

**QUESTION FROM RONNIE"** Ronnie's concerns were discussed. psalms can be sung from the body of the choir not necessarily on the altar. It can be embarrassing for younger singers in front of everyone. Prayers of the Faithful can come from the congregation.

The choir is not supposed to sing alone, it is for all the congregation. Fr Trung to speak to Ronnie about his concerns

**TO BE DONE:**

Kathy: Prayer card for Steph

All: Advise Fr Trung of those who dip host in wine

All: Keep asking/encouraging others to become involved in different ministries

**Closing Prayer:** Together and blessing from Trung

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 6 September, 5.30  
pm in Parish Centre