

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 2 March 2022, 7.00 pm in Parish Centre

Present: Sefo Nimarota (Chairperson), Fr Anthony, Fr Trung, Catherine McGrath, Bernadette Avison, Joan Thompson, Julie McCracken, Steven Bot, Shirley Costello, Tevita Faka'osi, Romano, Pat Taylor (Minute Secretary)

Sefo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Kathy Kavanagh, Moira Begley Catherine McGrath advised that Mike Malone has resigned from the Liturgy Committee

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer recited by all

Minutes from February 2022 Meeting: Moved: Joan 2nd Steven

Matters Arising:

Te Ara a Maria Hikoi: Romano reported on the meeting he had attended with regard to the Hikoi. He outlined the programme for when it is in CPH. The programme and Novena were in the Newsletter 27th February. All are encouraged to make time to view the icon, offer prayers and say the 9-day Novena. There would be a Mass in each location where the icon is to be viewed.

Fr Anthony: had tried to speak to those of concern re covid. He said it was important not to exclude these people as they cannot be denied the Sacraments – they are very sincere people

Training People for Ministries: Each community had different people carrying out this task. After discussion it was felt the Priests should carry out training. To let Priests know name and telephone number of people wishing to be trained in ministries

Priests Report

Fr Anthony: It is very quiet at present, all going well. We need to understand each other and the Priests are there to serve the community

Fr Trung: Day in day out, much the same.

Correspondence In: Correspondence Out:

General Business:

Easter Ceremonies: With the covid situation under red traffic lights, a decision was made where each Community would host Good Friday at 3pm – Deacon Tevita SPC, Fr Anthony SH, Fr Trung OLOL.

The Easter Vigil ceremony will be held at SH and OLOL beginning at 7.30 pm. There will be several baptisms at SH during the Easter Vigil

Music At Mass: With covid restrictions and no singing at Mass, there is no reason instrumental music, recorded music cannot be used. Each community to do their own thing

Anointing Mass: This Mass is usually held during Lent but with covid restriction it could be difficult. If those to be anointed could come to Mass it could go ahead, otherwise perhaps the Priests could visit the Rest Home or a home. To let the Priests know.

Sefo: Thanked the Priests for what they are doing for us and that we need to help each other. Also expressed the opinion that the Ministers of Communion have become too casual?

Fr Anthony: mentioned that Fr Arthur Tootill may be available to help out at different times. He is based in Marist Community house in Taradale.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence: The question was asked of the article included with the Newsletter in late February - who was responsible for it and did it not have us going backwards. Fr Anthony said he was responsible and that it was Cannon Law.

Closing Prayer: Sefo

TO BE ACTIONED

Each Community: to advise Priests re Anointing Mass

April/May Meeting: Look at planning for Pentecost.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 6 April 2022, 5.30 PM IN PARISH Centre