

# Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date** 4<sup>th</sup> May 5.30pm.

**Venue:** Mission Centre.

**Present:** Romano, Tevita, Julie, Fr Trung, Bernadette, Shirley, Moira, Sefo, Joan, Kathy.

**Apologies:** Cathy, Pat, Fr Anthony.

**Opening prayer:** Stefo.

**Minutes** from 6<sup>th</sup> April meeting; Moved Romano. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bernadette.

**Matters arising**

**Easter ceremonies:** SPC Julie: all went well at SPC. Attendance was good. Unfortunately, the hall was booked so, the altar of repose had to be moved to the church.

Good Fri walk: Went well with a good attendance by members of different denominations.

S.H. Bernadette and Fr Trung reported that all went well.

OLOL: went well but some last-minute changes added some confusion.

Moira thanked Romano, on behalf of OLOL, for singing the reproches.

**Action:** Book the hall at SPC for the triduum in 2023.

**Sacred silence:** The sign for silence before Mass has been helpful.

Has been some reduction in conversation before Mass but this will take time to achieve. (Romano)

Good to greet each other and recognise the presence of Jesus in all but not have a conversation. (Kathy).

**Action:** continue with the overhead and encourage sacred silence before Mass.

**Priests report:** Fr Trung: Fr Anthony will be back this weekend. Fr Trung will be away for the next month. Fr Arthur Toothill will be helping Fr Anthony during Fr Trung's leave and will stay in the presbytery at SPC. Fr Trung thanked the priests and Tevita for their support, and all who worked hard to prepare the Easter ceremonies.

**Correspondence:** nil.

**General Business:**

**Our Lady of Fatima feast Day.**

There is to be a procession for peace, with the Rosary and candlelight, commencing at 6pm, and processing from SPC to SH. This will take place on Fri 13<sup>th</sup> and will be advertised in the next newsletter.

**Orange Traffic lights.**

There have been no directions from the diocese regarding the current orange traffic light system. People are returning with caution to Mass and attendance is improving.

**Action:** Encourage people to return to Mass.

All ministries to resume including children's liturgy.

**Mother's Day:** Suggestion for a prayer for Mothers to be put on the overhead and prayed at Mass was made (Kathy).

Fr reported that mothers have been included in the prayers of the faithful so no need for a separate prayer. There would also be a blessing for Mothers at each Mass. SPC community will prepare posies for mothers (Julie.)

### **Pentecost.**

#### **Ecumenical Pentecost Service.**

This has not occurred for a couple of years due to covid.

**Action:** Priests will need to contact the ministers of other churches to plan this event.

#### **Pentecost in our churches.**

**Action** the usual presentation of candles representing the gifts of the Spirit. Pentecost display. Last year there had been some confusion over the names of the gifts. Some information regarding the word changes was read out. Four of the gifts were renamed after Vatican 2 but in 2015 the Vatican's congregation for Divine worship returned to the older version of the names. (Kathy). Important that all the communities use the same words. (Fr Trung).

### **Praise and Worship team.**

A team is working on a program of praise and worship which will be held at SPC and will be for 1hr each month. It is for everyone of all ages. When this is finalised, a notice will be put in the newsletter. (Tevita).

### **Purification of the Holy Vessels.**

There was some discussion about this process. This changes with each change of priests (Julie). The GIRM state that the priest should purify his own chalice etc. (Fr Trung). Visiting priests have different ways and the priests within the parish have slightly different approaches to this.

**Action.** Ministers need to be alert to the priests' differences or ask the priest prior to Mass about his requirements, especially visiting priests.

### **Barbeque for the RSE workers.**

This event will be held at SPC church after Mass on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May.

Clothing will be available for the workers.

It would be a good idea to have an event like this to engage with the workers, welcome them and look at ways to involve them in the parish when they first arrive in NZ. (Fr Trung)

A Mass book of the vernacular language of Bislama is available and it was suggested that part of the Mass could be read in this language.

Decision to look at this for the next season as there is a lot on in the parish and little time to plan. (Fr Trung).

**Action:** To engage early in the season with RSE workers

Look at ways to involve the workers in Mass: singing and use of own language.

TO BE ACTIONED:

Ecumenical Pentecost Service:  
to plan this event

All ministries to resume including Children's Liturgy  
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Continue to encourage sacred silence before Mass

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE, 5.30 PM IN PARISH CENTRE