

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 6 October 2021, 5.30 pm in Parish Office

Present: Jill Frizzell, Fr. Anthony, Fr Trung, Julie McCracken, Bernadette Avison, Shirley Costello, Mike Malone, Steven Bot, Carmen Testa (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Kathy Kavanagh, Catherine McGrath, Pat Taylor

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Minutes from September 2021 Meeting: Moved Julie 2nd Bernadette

Matters Arising:

Farewell for Moira Begley: Kathy Kavanagh organised a farewell morning tea after a Thursday Mass at OLOL. Kathy had made and decorated a cake for Moira and also gave her a bunch of flowers

Eileen Van Dadelszen is planning a 'Thank You' after a Sunday Mass at OLOL.

Julie McCracken will contact Moira to see what date suits her for a 'thank you' gathering. An afternoon tea will be held at SPC Centre for anyone who would like to attend.

Suzanne Aubert Celebrations: This is on hold due to Covid. Charles Ropitini is keeping us informed.

Feast of Assumption: This went well in all communities.

March for Life Saturday 4 December: There is a free bus to Wellington and returning the same day. Details on bookings etc are in the Newsletter and on the CPH website

Priests Report

Fr Anthony: 10October: Support Life Sunday

12-18 October: World Peace Week. A prayer service will be held every day during this week.

31 October: World Mission Sunday. Fr Anthony would like to do something in our liturgy to make people aware of Mission Sunday - Prayers of the Faithful, Music, Homily

14 November: World Day for the Poor as announced by Pope Francis.

Ministers of Communion: Ministers need to be aware that (ref. Canon Law 935) 'It is not lawful to keep the Blessed Eucharist in personal custody or to carry it around, unless there is an urgent pastoral need and the prescription of the Diocesan Bishop is observed'.

Communion should be taken directly to the person receiving Communion for the Sick. (This paper was from New York). This was discussed by the committee with the decision made to continue as we are doing now.

Rosary Group: Offer made to say the Rosary in Church if the person hosting is not comfortable having it at home due to Covid restrictions.

Christmas Midnight Masses: It was felt that we do not need two midnight Masses.

- Pakipaki was packed (we keep it the same)
- SH was only half full (we will look at an earlier Mass, maybe with carols at 9.30 pm then Mass at 10 pm
OLOL prefer carols at 7 pm with Mass at 8 pm)

Altar Cloths: Fr Anthony suggested that the colour of the altar cloths (green, white, purple) as per the Liturgical Calendar we used at OLOL and SH so that people will be aware of which part of the Liturgical Year we are in (not urgent)

Holy Communion on the Tongue: Julie indicated that this should not be allowed (in letter from Cardinal Dew as well as from Fr Craig Butler)

A person can receive the host on a dish and slide it into his/her mouth. We prefer the Priests for health and safety reasons not to give communion on the tongue.

Fr Anthony felt uncomfortable denying communion on the tongue if the person did not accept the host when offered in the hand – he felt the person was just receiving a blessing. If the person came up last, he felt it was okay to give it on the tongue.

The committee unanimously felt unhappy with communion on the tongue – it is the communities decision. Safety first

Julie put a motion to the Meeting:

“Holy Communion is to be distributed only on the hand. Ministers and Priests are not free to place the host on a person’s tongue (ref. Cardinal Dew’s Letter, Fr Craig Butlers letter 21 September 2021)”

The motion was passed unanimously (the Priests did not participate) Jill spoke strongly to the motion.

Suggested: To insert Minutes of the Meeting in the newsletter or maybe a summary.

Closing Prayer: Fr Trung closed the meeting with a prayer which included Joy Watson and Terry Longley who passed away during the week.

To be actioned:

Jill to contact Cardinal Dew in regard to the Canon Law 935 re Ministers of Communion to the Sick to check if this is applicable to us. The paper Fr Anthony presented was from New York