

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 6 September 2023 5.30pm in Parish Centre

PRESENT: Kathy Kavanagh (Chairperson), Fr Trung, Fr Paul, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Jasmi Joseph, Moir Begley, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary)

Opening Prayer: Parish prayer recited together

APOLOGIES: Annamma

MINUTES of August 2023 Moved C McGrath 2nd Fr
Trung

MATTERS ARISING FROM August MEETING:

MUSIC MEETING: Things are going quite smoothly with musicians planning for Masses and informing the office. The group is currently informal, but they are looking at getting a person from Palmerston to come and meet with the musicians when free to do so

MEETING PROTOCOL: Meeting asked to -Keep to the topic - -One person to speak at a time. - -To address the chair. Please.

PRIESTS REPORT: FR TRUNG:

There is a need to have more people trained in ministries so they can fill in when others are unavailable.

At school masses, students from St Mary's and St Joseph's have received the Sacrament of Baptism – 25 from St M and 11 from St J. Their families as well their class mates have been with them. We need to pray for them all.

37 are to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, with 7 Baptisms. 8 are involved in RCIA while Confirmation is to be held in November.

CORRESPONDENCE In:
Out:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CHAIRPERSON: As there were no nominations for this position, Kathy agreed to carry on for the present.

CLAPPING GLORIA: Moira also mentioned the clapping Gloria during Mass. She feels it is out of place. How do we change this? Matt Brebner to be approached for ideas. We await direction and information from our new Bishop. At present there is no Deanery meeting to discuss different matters - this could change with Bishop John. One solution would be to not use this particular Gloria.

STANDING/KNEELING DURING CONSECRATION: Discussed again with the outcome being to await on a decision from Bishop John.

RECEIVING COMMUNION: Dipping of the Host in the Precious blood was discussed again. Dipping the host is not correct as the precious blood (and the host) should be given, not taken. It is a personal choice to receive the precious blood or not, but it should be drunk from the chalice. Fr Trung will put an article of explanation in the newsletter

LITURGY DECISIONS: Making changes to liturgy should be discussed at the liturgy meetings and changes made in consultation with the committee and the priests. Individual people should not make decisions on their own. The re-introduction of the use of the bells at OLOL was used as an example.

ANNOINTING MASS: Fr Trung suggested perhaps this could be held in the morning and a luncheon provided for those attending. As this gathering is coordinated by St Vincent de Paul they would need to be consulted

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY: OLOL rosary before Mass, Indian/Philippino families reciting rosary around different homes, Tongan reciting in own language

INVITING PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO MASS: How do we go about this? Since covid numbers have fallen away.

CHRISTMAS: Moira asked that Christmas be discussed at the October meeting.

TO BE DONE:

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

Fr Trung: Notice in newsletter about taking of Precious Blood

Anointings Mass suggestion from Trung. Talk to St Vincent de Paul community.

At October meeting to discuss Christmas Moira

Closing Prayer: Together and blessing from Fr Paul

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 4 October, 5.30 pm in Parish Centre