

# Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 5.30 pm in Parish Centre

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

The new Chairperson of the Liturgy Committee was welcomed to the meeting. Sefo introduced himself and gave a short resume.

**Apologies:** Mike Malone

**Opening Prayer:** Parish Prayer recited by all

**Minutes from December 2021 Meeting:** Moved: Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup> Catherine

**Matters Arising:**

**Prayer cards:** Fr Anthony advised that these had arrived

**Christmas Ceremonies:** SPC: the Vigil Mass went very well, and the music was great OLOL: Was down on numbers but all went well with good music. SH: There were good numbers at the 10.30 Mass as well as the 7pm

**Suzanne Aubert:** There is a new prayer for Suzanne Aubert as well as a Novena taking place. Her cause is at an important stage.

**Animator:** After general discussion the decision was made that the person "welcoming" at beginning of Mass would also carry out this role. It is not part of the Mass and would not take place every Sunday only when there were important announcement or happenings so the animator would carry out this task - it is an important role as people do not always read their Newsletter and coming from a lay person has greater impact.

**Covid:** Concern was expressed regarding the failure of some to comply with the covid infection control measures as directed by the diocese. This is causing concern especially among those with health issues and is resulting in some staying away from Mass. Regardless of the choice people have made all should be responsible for their choice and carry out the required infection control measures.

The issue was deferred to general business.

## Priests Report

**Fr Anthony:** Fr thanked Sefo for undertaking the Chairpersons role.

Fr has had his booster and tested negative to covid.

The Priests are more than happy to celebrate Mass for each community on their Feast Day.

For Lent, in preparation for Easter, every Friday there will be Adoration, Spirituality and Reconciliation over 2 hours. Each community to let the Priests know if they feel there is a need for Rite 2 Reconciliation.

The Priests are going to hold 3 Lenten seminars - Passion, Death and Resurrection. This is a new initiative and won't replace Caritas. The Flaxmere event last Lent did not go well. Fr is happy with help from everyone. SH needs people to help with power point - training will be given

**Fr Trung:** Life as normal and busy with pastoral work.

**Correspondence In:** Letter from Fr Craig re Te Ara a Maria Hikoi Wairua. This is New Zealand Bishops Conference initiative to commemorate the rededication of Aotearoa NZ to Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven

**Correspondence Out:** Card and letter of thanks to Jill for her years of service to Liturgy and Catholic Parish of Hastings

### General Business:

**Covid Action:** Kathy will write an article for the parish news about the covid infection prevention measures. Fr Anthony will write a statement about the infection control regulations to go on the overhead at the beginning of every Mass in the parish.

**Te Ara a Maria Hikoi Wairua:** Fr Craig's letter contained times and places this exhibition will be held in each Parish. Romano and Sefo will work together for when the images tour our Parish and schools

**Tonga:** St Vincent de Paul are organising for suitable items and have a list of what is needed. Money contributions also needed.

**Liturgy of the Word with Communion:** There are many parishioners who have trained for this Ministry. With Covid cases rising there is a need to have a list available if our Priests are unable to say Mass. We need more people involved so a notice to go in the Newsletter.

**Easter Ceremonies:** Discussion held as to where each ceremony would be held. Romano suggested that the Altar of Repose not be held in SH Day Chapel as it is too small for those wanting to visit. Further discussion on this issue to be held at the March meeting.

**Purple Drapes:** These go up on the Saturday before Palm Sunday

**Prayers:** Fr asked for prayers for a new Bishop for our Diocese

**Closing Prayer:** Sefo

**March Meeting:** Discussion on venues of Easter Ceremonies

### TO BE ACTIONED

**Fr Anthony:** Notice for overhead re requirements for attending Mass

**Fr Anthony:** Speak to parishioners not obeying covid rules

**April/May Meeting:** Look at planning for Pentecost.

**NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 2 March 2022, 5.30 PM IN PARISH Centre**