

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes, Wednesday 7

April 2021, 5.30 pm in Parish Office

Present: Jill Frizzell (Chair), Frs Marcus, Anthony, Moira Begley, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Bernadette Avison, Romano Tikotikoca, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Fr Trung, Tevita Faka'osi

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Jill congratulated the Priests and all co-ordinators of Easter ceremonies on very meaningful and spiritual celebrations

Minutes from March 2021 Meeting: Moved Julie 2nd Bernadette

Correction to March Minutes: Priests Report: Fr Anthony: The item re washing of chalice was incorrect. Should have been - 'As only one Chalice is being used, the Priests are happy to clean them'.

Matters Arising:

Discussion on Mass Format for all Communities - Issues that need addressing will be discussed. Each Mass centre operates differently, so Fr will talk to Liturgy Support Group in each community - relocation of Mary's statue SH, preparation of altar at OLOL, funerals. Holy Communion routines, location of altar servers and Ministers of Communion, lector's routine and bowing during the Creed will be discussed at community meetings. Fr Marcus to contact groups in each community, meeting with smaller groups first then the wider community.

WOF FOR EACH CHURCH: Fr still working on this. OLOL allows 249, SH and SPC still to be found out. WOF covers fire regulations and other issues.

STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH: The statue of St Joseph for OLOL has arrived

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, 1ST MAY As this feast falls on a Saturday no special celebration will be held. Suggested St Joseph be included in the prayers of the Sunday Mass, using the Pope's prayer, and perhaps flowers by his statue.

EASTER SERVICES:

HOLY THURSDAY: Julie found it difficult working in another church where she is not familiar with processes. She did not want to take over Bernadette's roll – each has their own way of doing things. Communication was necessary – she would prefer that each community had their own celebration.

There had been complaints from parishioners around the overuse of the incense - taking away from the devotional atmosphere. It should not be used over used.

The sound system at SH is shocking - humming, echoing. It is embarrassing especially at funerals. Unfortunately, people do not check the system before use. There are so many buttons to push – the system needs to be simple. Readers need to learn how to project their voice. The system needs looking at and to find out what is required to improve/replace.

Bernadette reported that the Youth were to do reading but only 1 turned up. She would not ask them again. Once more lack of communication.

GOOD FRIDAY: OLOL experienced a big crowd, all went well with only a few glitches. The feed through to the hall did not go well. They urgently need their TV returned. Why was it not back in place?

SH: Was okay – Bernadette never 100% happy. A different cross was used this year and its simplicity was so effective. If people changed their cell phone numbers, could they please advise the office. She spent considerable time trying to contact those rostered to take part over Easter. Complaints about board with all Ministries on it is too low - could the printout of names be enlarged?

SPC: All went well

YOUTH WALK: Up to 50 people took part in the walk.

ECUMENICAL WALK: Around 20/30 Catholics took part with 80-90 people in all. It was a beautiful walk with the Anglican and Presbyterian Ministers present, but unfortunately no Priest. Perhaps next year one could take part? It is important we are ecumenical and join together.

EASTER SATURDAY: As we missed out on this ceremony last year due to covid, things were a little rusty. The collection was not taken up and insufficient candles. It was a truly spiritual experience. Emergency lighting and safety an issue. Whole preparation needed to happen earlier with volunteers being called to do the readings as they are more likely to turn up. Options for the Altar of Repose need looking into and time given for prayer. Could the Mission Centre possibly be used?

EASTER SUNDAY: All churches were packed. Equipment needs to be checked before the beginning of Mass.

PURPLE COVERING OF STATUES : Kathy read an article covering this. It is an old custom of the Church and is an option. In some instances, the Cross is not unveiled until during the Easter Ceremonies. It is a visual reminder.

AMINATOR: Jill has still to talk to Sister Mary about this. The use of an animator would not be a regular happening but only where necessary.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH: Fr Marcus to talk to Steph about the prayer to St Joseph being included in the Mass prayers with Suzanne Aubert being rested. When the prayer for Suzanne Aubert returns, could it be a revised version - just the one page.

Priest's Report:

Fr Anthony: Incorrect statement in March Minutes (Secretary to correct) 'As only one Chalise is being used, the Priests are happy to clean them.

Fr Marcus: Wondered where the CPH banner was? Nothing else to add

GENERAL BUSINESS

SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATIONS: The PPC are working on this and there will be consultation with the wider community as to what should happen

ANZAC DAY: As it is a Sunday this year, 3rd Sunday of Easter, no special Mass. Prayers of Faithful, hymns and flag could be included. Fr Marcus to find out what is happening in the Diocese.

NEWSLETTER: A notice to go in the newsletter thanking all those involved in so many ways in the Easter ceremonies. A job well done.

MASS/LITURGY FOR CHILDREN: This is to be used during children's Mass in the CPH as well as Madonna Maria - special Children's Liturgy to be used. Children cannot concentrate with big words.

ALTAR SERVERS/CROSS BEARERS: Yes, girls can be altar servers as well as Cross carrier into Mass.

LATIN IN THE MASS: General discussion held why so much Latin is creeping into the Mass – people cannot understand why. Latin is the language of the Church and must be made use of. Priests still study Latin.

Correspondence In: Sr Mary, ESJ Group, 2 suggestions: Community Newspaper & Helping Hand Ministry
Correspondence Out: Nil

As Fr Marcus was not happy with the meeting, he asked that it be closed

Fr Anthony Closed the meeting with a prayer

TO BE ACTIONED

- Fr Marcus: Check on WOF of all Churches
Meeting each community to discuss issues
Statue of St Joseph for OLOL
Talk to Steph for a prayer to St Joseph to be included in Mass, giving Suzanne Aubert a rest.
- Jill: Talk to Sister Mary
- Bernadette: See about revision of position of rosters on board and enlarging same
- All: Consider suitable people in your community to be animators
- October Meeting: Discuss Christmas Mass times

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY 5.30 PM IN PARISH OFFICE