

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes, Thursday 4 February 2021, 5.30 pm in Parish Office

Present: Jill Frizzell (Chair), Frs Marcus and Anthony, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Joan Thompson, Tevita Fakaosi, Bernadette Avison, Romano Tikotikoca

Apologies: Mike Malone, Moira Begley, Kathy Kavanagh, Fr Trung

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Minutes from November 2020 Meeting:

Moved Tevita 2nd Bernadette

Matters arising:

- **Bereavement Community Groups:**
OLOL and SPC doing well, but SH has not as yet had a funeral
- **Carol singing in Advent at New World:**
This did not take place as youth were involved in the concert at SH.
- **Ecumenical Service - Blessing of Advent Wreaths:**
All ministers took part in this service and was well attended
- **Youth Concert at SH:**
A large number of people attended and items by youth and different cultures were enjoyed by all. The time needs to be looked at as the evening turned very cold
- **Review of Christmas Liturgies and Mass Times:**
SH - Midnight Mass was only ½ full. The feeling of parishioners was that it was too late
OLOL - the time for this Mass had in the past been 7.30 pm – parents with young children thought 8 pm was too late. Christmas Day Mass was fine.
SPC – The evening Mass was overcrowded and people had to be turned away, especially those who came late. In the future, could the hall be setup with video feed? Fr Marcus to revisit this situation.
Communication as to who is taking part in this celebration needs clarification and more communication. All groups involved need to know who is doing what.
When other cultural traditions are included in Mass, an explanation at the beginning of Mass for the congregation was important so they understood the meaning of actions. Which church the evening Mass should be held was discussed? Both SH and SPC hold similar numbers. Fr Marcus to look at Warrant of Fitness numbers for each church.
Further discussions about Christmas Mass times to be held later in the year. October meeting
- **Advent Discussion Groups:**
Due to material not being available, these groups did not meet
- **Combined Mass 14th February:**
Fr Trung has organisation well underway. Concern expressed by elderly and other parishioners that there is no other Mass available to them. This to be kept in mind for future dates. A family picnic to be held in the school grounds after Mass.

Priest's Report:

Fr Anthony: All going well. The prayer for Suzanne Aubert needs to be the same in all churches. The instructions as to when to bow and for how long at the Creed needs clarification. We need to be uniform in what we do.

Fr Marcus: Liturgy going well in spite of not having music on the odd occasion. Trish Sharp has been appointed Safe Guarding Officer. Every 3 years those involved with young people, the elderly and volunteers need to sign a Code of Conduct. All involved also have to be police vetted.

Communion to the Sick: Those taking Communion to sick parishioners need to understand the importance of carrying the Lord in an appropriate manner. Pyx were available in the CPH but seemed to be mislaid. Those borrowed needed to be returned - 2 new pyx to be ordered for each church. Jill to see Parish Office.

Correspondence In: Letter from Faaki Tuanaki: **Correspondence Out:** Nil

General Business:

- **Letter from Youth Coordinator:** Faaki met with Priests to discuss number of Mass the youth would be involved in. Due to school and other commitments they would participate in one Mass a month at SH
- **Susan Aubert Celebrations:** Only one celebration – what would big Mass look like. Full discussion to be held over to March meeting.
- **Missal Guidelines:** Each Mass make various changes. To make Liturgy at each church the same. To process the Book of Gospels in at each Mass. Draft version March meeting.
- **Celebration for Volunteers:** 10 am Mass on Saturday 20th February will be held at SPC followed by a luncheon to thank all volunteers for their generosity. Priests will provide, although if anyone could bring a plate if they wished. Someone to speak at each Mass to advertise this.
- **Bowing during Creed:** To be revisited so that all churches are doing same
- **Holy Communion routines:** To be revisited
- **Ash Wednesday & Lent:** Palms are being burnt at St Mary's School and Mass times in the Newsletter. For those who hold Lenten Meeting Caritas literature is available from the office. No flowers during Lent although Fr felt Mary should have some.
- **Proposed shift of Our Lady's statue at Sacred Heart:** Fr Marcus discussed the moving of the statues of St. Joseph and Our Lady. As it is the year of St Joseph, he felt a more prominent placing was important and that Mary should be visible for whole congregation. When asking how many of the committee had seen the statue of Our Lady, not many had. (On bended knees) Bernadette implored Fr not to start moving things around. It had taken them many years to get things where they are in the church.
- **Suggestion of a statue of St Joseph for OLOL:** With it being the year of St Joseph Fr felt OLOL should have a statue of St Joseph. To be looked into
- **Using the crib as a dynamic Catechetical Tool:** Fr Marcus discussed the time when figures around the crib should be placed and then removed. The crib looks cluttered and the main focus is missed.
- The question was asked about sermon /reflection at week-day Mass. When people attend lunch-time Mass they are pushed for time and feel a short few word would be appropriate
- **OLOL Feast Day:** Following Mass at 9.30 am morning tea is being provided

Meeting Day Change: After discussion the Liturgy Meeting may be changed to a
Wednesday evening

Closing Prayer: Fr Marcus:

TO BE ACTIONED

Fr Marcus: Check on WOF of all Churches
Draft version Missal Guidelines
Holy Communion routines
When to bow in the Creed
Statue of St Joseph for OLOL

Jill: See Office to get 6 pyx ordered – two for each Community – from Pleroma
Notice for Newsletter – to ask those who have a pyx belonging to CPH to please return.

March Meeting - Discus - Suzanne Aubert Celebrations

October Meeting: Discuss Christmas Mass times