

The Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Minutes

Thursday 2 July 2020, 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Office

Present: Jill Frizzell (chair), Bernadette Avison, Julie McCracken, Catherine McGrath, Mike Moloney, Kathy Kavanagh, Fathers Marcus, Anthony, Trung, Pat Taylor (Secretary) Joan Thompson

Apologies: Bev Durney, Moira Begley

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the June 2020 meeting were discussed.

Moved: Bernadette **Seconded:** Mike

Matters Arising from Minutes:

- **Weekday Mass Timetable** -to be discussed in General Business
- **Signage** - both internal and external items are obviously redundant. To consider how prayerful places are and suitability of signage. OLOL Parish banner should be retired as they are no longer a parish - SH have retired theirs. Visual noise in danger of intruding into space to clutter, distract. Positioning of organ, statues also discussed – how many actually see the lovely statues? – should they be in the foyer. People must be happy with decisions made.
- **Multi-cultural Mass** - Discussion as to whether it be a normal Sunday Mass. Joan Thompson was looking into finding a new co-ordinator for multicultural group. Perhaps one community could do the Liturgy and hospitality. Youth Mass has become stressful for those involved. In the future could it be in one Community (most youth are from SPC) Fr Marcus to discuss with Faki.
- **Farewell for Deb** - Julie and Jill will approach Deb re farewell. As Mike Flynn, Alma Del Rosario, Charles Ropitini have also resigned from Parish Council, Fr Marcus suggested they also be included in farewell. A gathering after 10 am Mass, people to bring a plate with date to be confirmed. No plans were finalised.
- **Jill on behalf of the committee**, welcomed Trung – long may he be happy with us.
- **Reconciliation Rite 2** - will be held at a future date
- **Holy Oils** - Fr Marcus has this under control. Oils will be consecrated in Our Lady of Kapiti new church, brought to Palmerston North then to our Parish to be distributed
- **Anointing Mass:** This is to be held at OLOL on 12 November.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Letter to Jemma McIvor thanking her for the training of Altar-servers. Trung will undertake this mission from now on.

Letter of thanks to Laurie Nicol and Gwen Mardle for their faithful service to our Parish.

PRIEST'S REPORT:

Fr Anthony:

All is going well; he has no complaints and has been doing serious reading. He is looking forward to be introduced to people around the area. He expressed the need for prayers for vocations.

Fr Trung:

He is getting to know people – having been in the Parish before there are familiar faces. In the training of altar servers, he would like to gather all together (from both schools) after school. On the first Thursday of each month, he would like to celebrate Benediction in SPC from 7 – 8 p.m., praying for vocations. A notice will go in the Newsletter

Fr Marcus:

Fr once again explained about the Blessed oils.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **The Presbytery** and meeting rooms are being changed around. Faki's room is to become an interview room as there is not privacy in the Office for discussion. Faki will move into a bedroom in the Presbytery, while a room will be set aside for the Bishop when he visits and Marcus hoped to hold the Alpha programme there. Fathers Anthony and Trung are also to have office space there.
- **Sunday Liturgy of the Word:** To bring someone in when our Priests are not available is very expensive. Can the Liturgy of the Word be shared around different communities? On occasions Mass times can be shifted. The question was asked if there is no Mass only Liturgy of the Word does a person have to go where there is a Mass. This is not necessarily the case – age – health are considerations.
- **Saturday Mass:** it was felt 9.00 am was too late – could 8.30 be a compromise? How many attend this Mass. How has rosary before this Mass crept in – Fr indicated that verbally praying before Mass does not suit everyone.
- **Tuesday Evening Mass:** As shops are open until 5.30 pm it was felt this time was too early – was to be discussed at this meeting before being implemented but has already been changed – Marcus to reconsider the time.
- **Mass Time Changes:** There seems to have been a lack of communication over Mass times – the way we let people know – allowing people to know and accept changes. If we want to become a united Catholic parish of Hastings communication is the key – this seems to be lacking at present. Kathy Kavanagh asked if the Tuesday OLOL Mass could be reinstated as it was from this Mass that parishioners took the Sacred Eucharist to those house-bound or in retirement villages. Marcus to take this into consideration.
- **Staff Meeting:** Trish and Jean-Anne are doing well. Fr felt someone should be employed to know both their rolls and undertake social media.
- **Re-emerging with {Purpose after Covid 19":** This meeting was very positive although the people who were there are already involved – no new faces. It is a challenge to get people excited. Shaun Bell is keen to do Alpha. It is a big commitment covering 10 weeks, then 10 weeks a new group bringing someone along.
- **Schools & Sacraments:** How can we as a Parish help them. Greater flexibility needed, ownership of things. 2021 to reset the ways in which Sacraments for children are organised. How well are things working now, and what has been done in the past?
- **Diverse Cultures in the Mass:** To talk to the leaders of ethnic communities to see what they want. What are we doing at present and how effective is it? Marcus to talk with them. Priests to go out and ask them to join committees.

