

Catholic Parish of Hastings

Minutes of Liturgy Meetings 11 June 2020

Item	Discussion/Information	Action
Opening Prayer	The Parish Prayer was recited. Also prayed for Paul Martin and a parishioner who is about to undergo significant surgery	
Present	Jill Frizzell (Chair) Fr Marcus Fr Anthony, Dean Tevita, Moira Begley Bernadette Avison, Mike Malone, Joan Thompson, Kathy Kavanagh, Joan Thompson, Susan Doohan, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken	
Apologies	Fr Trung, Bev Durney	
Matters Arising from March Meeting	Minutes were accepted as read. Several matters discussed in the March meeting were not able to be dealt with because of lockdown	Review outstanding matters
Correspondence in	Letter of Resignation from Gemma McIvor, Alter-Servers' Coordinator, Sacred Heart Church was tabled. Gemma's resignation is effective December 2020 Laurie Nicol: withdrawing from Counters' Roster	Jill Frizzell will send letter of thanks to Gemma McIvor on behalf of Liturgy Committee
Correspondence out	Nil	
Reports from priests	Fr Marcus: The arrival of Fr Trung gives us 3 priests under 60, a healthy position for the parish. Thank you to the organizers of masses during lockdown. This has given us momentum for Level 1. Meeting DRSs and Principals to commit with them a way of working with children at the schools in living out the sacraments. Cf with 'catholic events', so child baptism and other sacramental experiences become events of choice. The shift in paradigm will be discussed to see how we acknowledge Pope Francis's leadership on this. Need to re-set and understand the way forward: must listen to needs of schools rather than give the schools a fait accompli. Reconfiguration of Day Chapel at Sacred Heart: unification of symbols of altar, crucifix,	

	<p>tabernacle, eucharist. (Bernadette Avison reported success of this reconfiguration.) School masses to resume. Fr Anthony: During lockdown, experienced everyday prayer of church with the community and beautiful cooperation between people.</p>	
<p>General Business Agenda items</p>	<p>1. Defer Trung’s welcome as he is ‘in demand’ elsewhere.</p> <p>2. Reconciliation Rite 2. Unanimous support for this. Schools: approximately 50 children, not all at catholic schools, made first reconciliation in December. They may like to have a Reconciliation Rite 2 now before their First Communion.</p> <p>3. Review of Covid 19 masses: General consensus that these went extremely well. Thank you to those who organized.</p> <p>4. Weekday Mass timetable: Certain times not well attended. Aim to have Sacred Heart as fixed mass mid-day (i.e. not cancelled for funerals etc) School masses will not interfere with this mid-day mass. Fr Trung is keen to celebrate an early mass on weekdays. Need to consider needs of individual communities and must make better use of resources. Should examine the particular needs of each community. Also need to consider the devotional life of the parish and find ways of encouraging younger people to participate. H/N has 20 + at mass on Tuesdays and 30 + on Thursdays. The fellowship after mass here is important in building and maintaining community. Tuesday night mass at St Peter Chanel quite well attended.</p> <p>5. Signage in churches: Concern was expressed about the growing number of posters, photos and so on in the body of church; “foyer creep” more likely where there is limited gathering space (as in OLOL). Discomfort expressed about the way Sacred Heart gathering space was being used. What should be in the church itself, and what should be outside?</p>	<p>Fr Marcus will ask Napier priests for support with this and offer same to them. Will also speak with schools.</p> <p>It was agreed that consultation and further consideration is needed before changes are made to weekday mass timetable.</p> <p>This needs further discussion.</p>

	<p>6. Paschal Candle: Fr Marcus questioned whether we needed a Paschal candle in each church. The Church gives us options for use: can stay on the altar, or can be brought from sacristy for baptisms, confirmations, funerals. Perhaps we could have one Paschal candle for the parish which is shared as a symbol of unity within the parish and move the candle around.</p> <p>Feedback: Difficult to transport for funerals. May need to be in 2 places at once. H/N candle has not been expensive. Have had same one for 20 years, just putting in new inserts. Likewise at St Peter Chanel.</p> <p>In response to a question about the number of candles to be lit for masses, Fr Anthony pointed out that the Church allows for different numbers, and this can be determined by the particular celebration of the mass (e.g. 8 candles when bishop is celebrant).</p> <p>7. Fr Marcus: our pastoral approach will be to be an evangelising church, to make Sacred Heart presbytery a hub from which missionary discipleship stems, not necessarily based inside the church, but in the community. The presbytery space can be reconfigured when all priests in the parish are housed at St Peter Chanel. Will maintain a guest room for visiting priests at Sacred Heart and Fr Trung may use a space for administration. The configuration of the remaining space can be well-used for the Alpha programme.</p> <p>Question: why not use existing facilities at H/N and St Peter Chanel? Question: why not rent out the presbytery to a family? The income would support parish activities.</p> <p>8. Visits to church: A decline in the number of people paying visits to the church was noted. However, it was pointed out that people find conversation with God elsewhere than inside the church, e.g. in the garden, so less need to 'visit church' as such.</p> <p>Fr Anthony: recommends <i>The Mass</i> (Dr Tom Curran) to understand why we need to be a community together within a church.</p>	<p>This needs further discussion</p>
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<p>Next meeting</p>	<p>9. Question: Can we name Cardinal John Dew in the prayers for the Bishops? Fr Anthony explained instruction on this. Expanded on by Fr Marcus. We can pray for both Cardinal Dew, and Bishop Charles, but technically, in the current conditions, both of these are covered by prayer for “The Order of Bishops”.</p> <p>10. Mass times: Temporary times in place at moment but Fr Marcus will take consensus and set a new timetable to be operational as from July. Saturday night and Sunday night masses discussed. It was suggested that having fewer options leads to a stronger sense of community.</p> <p>11. Farewell for Deb Lucy (postponed because of Covid)</p> <p>12. At Covid Level 1, almost back to normal. Collection and singing back. But no holy water, Eucharist in one form only, on the hand, and sign of peace as a gesture, not handshake.</p> <p>13. Multi-cultural mass coordinator no longer available at St Peter Chanel.</p> <p>14 . The Holy Oils from last year are beginning to turn rancid.</p> <p>15. Hibernian Mass at OLOL 28 June Memorial masses: Basil Coates OLOL July 13 June Ward OLOL July 16</p> <p>5.30 p.m. Thursday 2nd July</p>	<p>Fr Marcus will take consensus</p> <p>Fr Marcus will consult with Deb</p> <p>Need to appoint new coordinator</p> <p>Fr Marcus will check new supply</p>
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