

Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes, Wednesday 12

May 2021, 5.30 pm in Parish Office

Present: Jill Frizzell (Chair), Fr. Marcus, Moira Begley, Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Bernadette Avison, Romano Tikotikoca, Mike Malone, Joan Thompson, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary)

Apologies: Frs Trung and Anthony

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Minutes from April 2021 Meeting: Moved Kathy 2nd Bernadette

Matters Arising:

Re the purple drapes--the drapes on the cross only can be removed after the Good Friday service and the covers of other statues be removed during the Easter vigil, (just an option in the use of the Lenten drapes)

Easter Sunday not Saturday evening, the sound connection to the hall for the overflow of people did not work.

Discussion on Mass Format for all Communities - Fr. Marcus has still to meet with each group

AMINATOR: Jill has met with Sr. Mary to discuss this matter. An Animator would bring to the attention of parishioner's points of importance or event coming up, quite separate from the reader and Communion helpers. The meeting agreed that it is a very important roll – Jill had several names and would tap these people on the shoulder. It would not necessarily be every Sunday but when a need. It would happen before the final blessing.

Priest's Report:

Fr Marcus: Fr Trung to represent CPH at a meeting with Ministers in Havelock North at Pentecost. Perhaps Father could take along some of his young people?

Children's Liturgy of the Word: A need to update the material used for this ministry and new material purchased has been expressed – also that the Mission Centre be used for this purpose. A meeting to be held on Saturday 22 May at 3 pm to discuss the Children's Liturgy and see what resources are on hand and what is needed.

Alteration to Parish Centre: Fr. Marcus talked about changes to the centre. Bill Pepping was at present looking what could be achieved to make it more user friendly. Both the youth as well as ALPHA could use the centre. Jill questioned if this was a good idea as in the future, we could be back to one church only and the use would once more change – changes can be easily reversed.

Church Patronal Feasts: Discussion held on the ways in which each community celebrates their patrons feast day.

SHC: Will hold a Mass at 5.30 pm on the Friday evening – perhaps the youth can give items. On the Sunday, parishioners attending Mass asked to wear red and to bring a plate of food for hospitality.

SPC: The attendance at the last feast of St Peter Chanel was disappointing. Perhaps next time the feast be celebrated on a Sunday followed by drinks and nibbles.

LOL: Hold a Mass on the actual feast day and another on the following Sunday.,
There are not many feast day celebrations in New Zealand so we need to make more of each community feast. On CPH feast day all helpers need to be acknowledged.

Pentecost Sunday: Pentecost is the end of Easter Tide. Each community discussed what processes they followed. Good ideas shared.

“24 Hours for the Lord” Fr Trung is organising for the feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June “24 Hours for the Lord”. It will begin at SPC 5.30 pm on the Friday and conclude at 5.30 pm on Saturday, followed by the usual Saturday evening Mass.

Ministers of Communion: Kathy presented a brochure which features the processes for Ministers of Communion to the Sick. There is a pamphlet for the giver as well as one for the receiver. This is an excellent resource – to ask office to order several of these for each community.

Reader Training: The need for formal training of readers is important. It is a ministry, so correct training is important. Perhaps a person trained in public speaking could be approached to offer this training. Eileen von Dadelszen and Adele Cochrane mentioned.

Moving of Mary’s Statue: Jill had attended this meeting. There are two communities with different ideas as to where Mary should be placed. We all need to be open minded about this. Fr Marcus has sent out information as well as holding a community meeting explaining the reason for the shift. Srs Mary and Lucille also explained the history in a handout on why Mary should not be moved. The focus of the Mass is not on Mary but the Word and Eucharist. Mary’s statue seems a distraction from the Eucharist as is the organ on the other side. Fr Graylin not in favour of having Mary up the front. Mary’s statue where it is placed at present, is not seen. Perhaps put it on a plinth where it is now so that it is more easily seen.

Ramono found, after moving to New Zealand from the islands - when he walked into SH Church, it felt empty – no tabernacle – a building more like a theatre just crowded with objects. The altar and sanctuary are the place for the Mass.

The Indian community reverence their statue at SPC as do the Filipino community placing flowers each week at Mary’s statue outside SPC.

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

TO BE ACTIONED

Fr Marcus: Meeting each community to discuss issues
Material for Children Liturgy of the Word

All: Consider suitable people in your community to be animators

Jill: Orders resources for Ministers for Communion to the Sick for each community

Jill: Persons to act as Animators
Training for Readers at Mass

October Meeting: Discuss Christmas Mass times

March Meeting: Look at planning for Pentecost.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE 5.30 PM IN PARISH OFFICE