

The Catholic Parish of Hastings
Liturgy Committee Minutes
3rd October 2019

Present: Jill Frizzell (chair), Catherine McGrath, Julie McCracken, Fr Vince 'Onesi, May Magdaro, Kathy Kavanagh, Bernadette Avison, Mike Malone and Deb Lucy (minutes)

Apologies: Fr Brian, Moira Begley, Annette Moran, Tevita Faka'osi and Bev Wheoki, Joan Thompson.

Opening Prayer: Parish prayer read by all. *The Parish Council are keen for us to read this prayer at either the opening or closing of our meeting.*

Minutes of Previous meeting: The minutes of the September meeting were taken as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mike Malone

Seconded: Fr Vince 'Onesi

Matters arising from the minutes:

Reflections for Advent – Caritas: Emmaus Journey or Online Ignatius Meditation sessions – both free – *People to contact Deb to get copies.*

Napier uses/supports Caritas at Lent – Leaders to decide which one they wish to use.

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Nativity Set: Has been purchased.

Strategic Planning:

Committee is asked to think about which retreats they would like to see happening in our parish.

Some suggestions:

- Kopua retreat
- Speakers on interesting topics
- Spiritual – meditation retreat
- Week long retreat, morning and evening – sessions to suit all ages.
- Greeters at SH, re letter received from Janet V, This has been sorted.

All Souls Day mass times – SH 8am, OLOL 9am, SPC 5.30pm – Cemetery services 7pm

All Saints Day mass times – OLOL 9am, Madonna 9.15am, SH 12.05pm

During the month of November, it was decided a special candle would be included in the procession in remembrance of those who have already passed from this life. It will then be placed in the remembrance display by the Altar. Parishioners are most welcome to place a photo of a loved one on the display. Trish will advertise this in the Newsletter.

LOLO Anointing Mass: 2pm, 7th November- St Vincent de Paul Havelock North branch are organizing this.

Correspondence In:

Email from Janet van Hooijdonk regarding Reflections for Advent– Jill to speak with Janet

Jessie Tree – SPC and OLOL have their own symbols that they wish to use. SH will use the symbols Fr Brian has organised. A big thank you to the Indian community who are colouring in the symbols for Sacred heart.

Alpha Sessions: Parish Council is looking to have people trained to lead this programme.

Respect for Life: 13th October, insert for Newsletter has been organised.

Correspondence Out: Nil

General Business:

Children's Mass: A parishioner has shown interest in starting up a Children's Mass at SH once a month. Deb to contact and arrange a meeting

Committee's get-together in December- Tuesday 3rd December, starting with Mass at 6pm

Power Points for Christmas and January – due 1st week of December to Trish.

Christmas Crib displayed in the information centre – This has been organised – with thanks to Cat Kynoch and Ricky Jensen. Jill to send a thank you letter.

Star for SH – Richard Jennings is organising a star (solar lights) to be erected on the SH roof. Parish Council chair Mike Flynn is meeting with Richard to check out all health & safety issues.

Flash Mob for Christmas – Deb informed the Liturgy members that this was discussed at the parish council meeting. Outcome: two Hymns – Silent Night and Joy to the World – needing people to participate, all are welcome, more the merrier to travel to various points, Clock Tower, The Warehouse and Kmart on a night (one night only) to sing these hymns. It was discussed that this would truly make a witness to the Birth of Jesus in all the hustle & bustle at Christmas. This will be a reminder to what Christmas is truly about. We will be having a practice so watch for Advert in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

This will replace the Ecumenical Christmas Carols.

Fr Vince informed the committee that one idea received for the strategic planning was for the priest to announce at the mass that people could say the 'Our Father' in their own language. Fr Vince discussed this with Fr Brian and it was decided that for time frame purposes it was not recommended. English is a unified language and this suggestion is only appropriate to Pentecost Sunday.

Another suggestion was the Priest Homily to be on the website, both Fr Vince and Fr Brian were not in favour of this idea.

Fr Vince informed the committee that his father had sent his regards to all.

Jill commented that it was good to have Fr Vince back.

Parish Prayer: to be displayed on the power point before mass starts. Deb to inform Trish.

Kathy read an explanation about the history of the Advent Wreath. Kathy to type up and it be placed in the Newsletter nearer the time to Advent. It was a very interesting article. This led to discussing the prayer when lighting the Advent Candles each week. The committee agreed that having a silent time while lighting the candle and having the prayer on the power point for parishioners to read, may make it more prayerful and meaningful.

Meeting Closed with a prayer: Fr Vince

Next Meeting Thursday, 5th November, 7pm at the Parish Office.