

# The Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Minutes

## Thursday 3 September 2020, 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Office

**Present:** Jill Frizzell (chair), Bernadette Avison, Catherine McGrath, Mike Malone, Father Marcus, Father Anthony, Joan Thompson, Moira Begley, Kathy Kavanagh, Tevita Faka'osi, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary)

**Apologies:** Julie McCracken, Bev Durney has resigned from Liturgy Committee

**Opening Prayer:** Parish Prayer read by all

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

**Moved:** Bernadette                      **Seconded:** Mike

### Matters Arising from Minutes:

#### Fr Marcus:

**Multicultural Meeting:** Outcome to look at where the different ethnic groups in the Parish are at. Further meeting to be held Wednesday 9 September, 7 pm, Gordon Road. Father recognition the progress being made – there have been some difficulties with people accepting what has happened.

**Aubert Centre Open Day:** Saturday 19 September, 2-4 pm, asking people to come and see, hear the history of the centre and look around. Meeting relevant to whole Parish, Aubert Centre and PakiPaki. To identify, generate part of the Mass specific to them. Fr Marcus explained the different rites in the Church.

**Aubert Centre:** Tevita has a vision for a more formal relationship with Family Violence and Kainga Pasifika in Flaxmere. What can we do? Cannot go back to a Mass due to fire regulations. The ecumenical aspect will require setting up properly through Church in regard to worker safety and becoming a safe place with alarm upgrade. Pasifika people feel connected to Aubert Centre, they feel safe there.

**Music:** Discussion arose over the issue of groups preparing readings and music for a Mass, only to find when they arrived that the school was doing the Mass. Most upsetting when time and effort have been put into preparation. Jill to meet with School Principals re Mass dates and times.

**Altar Servers Training:** With Fr Trung absent, Fr Marcus reported that Fr Trung was talking with children from St Mary's who serve at SPC. He will look at lighting and extinguishing of candles. Fr Marcus indicated that the lectern candle is redundant when there are two servers standing with lighted candles. He also explained the different rites of the Church, history and importance of candles – if altar candles are lit before Mass there is no distraction. Candles represent the solemnity of the occasion. Priests to consider what is the best practice and what they recommend to bring back to the Liturgy Committee. Some things are non-negotiable, others have significance to those involved. Fr Trung needs to speak Susan Doohan who is training the altar-servers at OLOL.

**Eileen Von Dadelszen:** Fr Marcus to talk to Eileen re issues about music.

**ALPHA:** An encounter with Christ, share joy - Conversion, Discipleship, Communion, Mission, restore all things to Christ. There are 5 elements of mission (this is my prayer, Pope Francis). Draw Charism to mission and discipleship. This is the overall strategy of our Parish,

sharing joy, accompanying one another on our journey. ALPHA does not replace RCIA but the hope is that those who have attended ALPHA will build up enthusiasm to join other groups. What next, Connect Groups? 2 RCIA candidates at present.

## **PRIEST'S REPORT:**

### **Fr Anthony:**

All is going well. Best wishes for his driving licence

### **Fr Marcus:**

Trish Sharp: Trish has resigned from her full-time position. When she has recovered, she could be employed part-time when necessary. Stephanie who has been employed for media work could perhaps help out.

Jill mentioned the honour Julie McCracken and Betty Ho had received in the Mayoral Awards. Also, that a blessing for the Priests on Father's Day was being prepared by Julie.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**Mass and Morning Tea:** Bernadette suggested a Mass followed by morning tea be held to recognise those who are doing things for the CPH Church. After discussion felt this should be held in February 2021.

**Sacred Heart Feast Day:** This has always been a Sunday Mass, with people wearing red to celebrate this, followed by a shared lunch.

**Template for Funerals:** Kathy explained how the Bereavement Ministry had been working – Priest would visit first, then team members would follow up offering help in preparation of service and other arrangements - a month later they would make a follow-up visit. Before unification, OLOL team had worked very well as had the team from SPC. SH team were not involved. What was everyone doing now, what was the protocol. Priests to look at the system and report back to the Committee.

**Multicultural Mass:** In the past, at SPC and SH a large multicultural Mass has been held. Different ethnic groups dressed in their traditional costume, appropriate prayers and hymns followed by song and dance.

## **TO BE ACTIONED:**

### **Fr MARCUS:**

- February, Mass of Thanksgiving for all workers involved in CPH
- Susan Doohan, altar server trainer OLOL – get Trung to contact her
- Funeral Bereavement teams – where are they at? To report back to the Committee
- Talk to Eileen Van Dadszen about concert
- Lighting and extinguishing candles at Mass

Next Meeting      Thursday 1 October 2020, 5.30 pm in Parish Office