

# Catholic Parish of Hastings Liturgy Committee Minutes,

Wednesday 6 April 2022, 5.30 pm in Parish Centre

Present: Pat Taylor (Acting Chair), Fr Anthony, Fr Trung, Bernadette Avison, Joan Thompson, Julie McCracken, Romano, Sefo

Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Kathy Kavanagh, Moira Begley, Catherine McGrath

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer recited by all

Minutes from March 2022 Meeting: Moved: Romano 2<sup>nd</sup> Fr Trung

Matters Arising:

**Te Ara a Maria Hikoi:** The Icon visited many sites in the CPH and was truly beautiful and inspirational. Romano receiving thanks from those accompanying the Icon for the warm welcome they received. Over 50 people (adults and children) accompanied the Icon from SPC to SH, reciting the Rosary on their way. People along the road watched the procession with interest while some asked questions.

**Anointing Mass:** Fr Anthony presided over the anointing Mass. He explained that persons over 65 can be fully anointed while those under that age received a blessing. A good number of parishioners attended with fellowship following the Mass.

**Easter Ceremonies:** With the instructions from Cardinal Dew as to how Palm Sunday and the Easter ceremonies are to be conducted, discussion took place to clear matters of concern. Fr Anthony asked that SPC help out Deacon Tevita on Good Friday as this is his first time on his own carrying out this ceremony.

**Animator:** It is hard for those who are to read out any items of interest at Mass (welcomer) to be enthusiastic as they only see the list before Mass. Perhaps this needs to be looked at again as to how this enthusiasm can be achieved.

**Priests Report**

**Fr Anthony:** It is very quiet at present with nothing special happening. Fr advised that Fr Arthur Tootill is available to help out in CPH when necessary. He will be covering Easter Sunday Mass at SH. Fr John Craddock will cover Mass on the 24<sup>th</sup>. When Fr Trung is away later in the year Fr Arthur will cover for him also.

Fr Anthony advised that he will be out of action from 21<sup>st</sup> April for approximately 3 weeks. During this time Fr Arthur will live in the presbytery and cover Fr Anthony's duties.

Fr Anthony was advised by Priests Council there would be no Rite 2 Reconciliation this year.

Reconciliation is available during the Adoration on Friday night. If anyone who cannot attend this and would like to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation, they can ring the doorbell at the presbytery and the Priests will help them

Fr Trung: Nothing special. Trung was congratulated on the success of the Icon of Mary walk.

Correspondence In: Resignation from Steven Bott

Correspondence Out:

## General Business:

ANZAC Day: 25<sup>th</sup> April. Fr Anthony will not be available this day so Fr Trung to make a decision. There would be only one Mass in CPH and would be advertised in the newsletter.

Sacred Silence: Romano spoke to this. There are times before Mass and after the last procession that there should be sacred silence in the church, also during Liturgy. People are praying at these times. There should be sacred silence where the Tabernacle is kept, while the foyer is for greeting and welcoming people. How this can be achieved was discussed –a note on the overhead (please observe silence) or the Priest to mention it. Those closing the church after Mass should be aware that some parishioners like to continue to pray after Mass and not be in a hurry to close up.

Good Friday Walk: The committee was asked if it was appropriate for Jill to advertise in the newsletter the Good Friday Walk involving St Andrews, St Matthews and CPH. As this would involve different aged parishioners from those involved in the Youth there was no problem.

Singing during Easter Ceremonies: There will be no congregation singing during Easter ceremonies, only the appointed choir

Closing Prayer: Hail Mary by all then blessing by Frs Anthony and Trung

## TO BE ACTIONED

Notice for overhead “Please observe silence in church before and after Mass”

May Meeting: Look at planning for Pentecost.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 4 May 2022, 5.30 PM IN PARISH Centre