

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting of the Parish Liturgy Committee

Christ the King Parish, Thursday March 16th 2023 at 7.30pm in P D Room.

Tea and Cake were shared as the members gathered.

Father Nicholas led us in the Opening Prayer, and welcomed everyone.

Those present : Father Nicholas, Nigel Anstead, Liz Duggan, Trisha Baxter, Lynn Bunting Gray, Jon Foster, Teresa Williams, Sister Dympna, Teresa Lovell, Celia Robb, Rosemarie Langley, Ursula Brookes, Nigel Anstead

Volunteer for Chair : Nigel A. Volunteer for Minutes : Rosemarie and Celia

Sister Dympna distributed the Agenda sheets and the document " Office for Worship Guidelines for Parish Liturgy Committees".

Members present who are Ministers within the Liturgy :

- Eucharistic Ministers : Sister Dympna, Teresa L., Teresa W. , Ursula, Rosemarie, Nigel, Jon
- Readers ministry : Celia, Rosemarie, Sister Dympna, Teresa L, Teresa W, Nigel, Liz, Ursula
- Altar Servers Ministry :
- Welcomers, Greeters, Ushers : Teresa W
- Music Ministry : Trisha, Jon, Teresa L,
- IT / communications/ Newsletters Ministry : Jon
- Sacristan Ministry
- Flowers and Décor ministry : Teresa L
- Church and Sanctuary cleaning Ministry :
- Linens, curtains, cassocks and cottas Ministry : Trisha, Teresa W
- Admin for Sacramental bookings / users of the church : Liz
- First Holy Communion catechists : Liz
- Confirmation Catechists and RCIA : Ursula
- Liturgy for Sacrament of Reconciliation : Liz
- Weekly collections : Celia, Liz, Nigel

Apologies were received from Katherine Smith, Rachel Kirkham, Chris Brookes

Eucharistic Ministers : Teresa W queried whether the Childrens Liturgy might be re-started – an organised session for young children based on the gospel story held in another room, and the children process into church at the Offertory procession with their pictures etc. DBS checks would be needed, and training. Jon queried that the use of the Chalice at Mass will be permitted after Easter, but Father N says that it's not the right time yet. Jon prepares the Rota for the Eucharistic Ministers who assist the priest at Communion time. Teresa L queried whether the Eucharistic Minister should give a child a blessing when they come up with parents – it was agreed that an announcement will be made at the beginning of Mass to say, "if you wish your child to be blessed at Holy Communion time, please go to the priest." This will also be put in the newsletter.

Readers Ministry : there are 2 different systems for the two Masses, the 6pm Saturday, and the 11am Sunday. Rotas to be sent to Jon, by Lynn for the 6 pm Mass, and by Nigel for the 11 am . Discussion followed on the formal carrying of the Gospel Book in procession at the beginning of Mass – no conclusion was reached. Discussion followed on the Response to the Psalm : can the Reader say " the Response to the Psalm is ...", and it was agreed that this is appropriate. However Father said it would be good to have the words of the Response in the weekly newsletter.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS TO BE PLANNED

PALM SUNDAY it was decided to meet under the willow tree by the statue of our Lady and the infant Jesus before Mass on Palm Sunday, and process around the lawn and into the church, singing all the while "Ride on Ride on in Majesty"

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM Nigel will have the Readers Rota ready for all the Easter services. Lynn suggested that Narrators have a copy of the Gospel the week before the Service. Nigel suggested offering to take the parish coach to the Cathedral for the Maundy Thursday Mass in the morning, he will try to get this in the newsletter if possible.

Spy Wednesday from 4 till 6 pm the cleaning and arranging party will be busy. Nigel with Liz and her boys will remove Latin Mass kneelers out of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, in readiness for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday night. Also there are wheel chairs there which might be useful if available.

Maundy Thursday – 7 pm is the new time for the Mass. The re-dedication of Ministers of the Eucharist and of the Word will take place during the Maundy Thursday Mass. Also people will be invited to have their feet washed during the Mass – needing the bowl and the towels to be ready.

Good Friday - service at 3 pm. there will be the Veneration of the Cross during the service, but people are asked to bow to the cross and to kiss the cross on their own rosary. Two Eucharistic Ministers will be needed. People leave the church in Solemn Silence.

Holy Saturday - times of Masses will be 5 pm for families, and 7 pm for socially distanced, and the Vigil Service at 10pm. Pascal Fire will be lit by John Duah, and candles available for the people. There will be blessing of the Holy Water. It is wonderful that there will be 1 person receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation, and 2 persons receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil.

Easter Sunday - Mass at 11 am.

6 WEEKS OF EASTERTIDE

Hope to have a prayer time in the parish

LITURGY FOR PENTECOST

People invited to wear national costume, and to have national languages for the Bidding Prayers, and Offertory Procession and the Our Father.

A.O.B.

Lynn asked about the poster for Easter from the Knights – not yet available. A Holy Week list of Services will be provided with Penitential Services in other parishes as well as here, which will be Tuesday.

Jon said that Catriona had asked for an organist to share the role, but now we have the media player, there will be music available.

Teresa W asked that the people say “HOLY CHURCH” in the response

Sister Dympna asked that the Guidelines Document should be read at home and we can share our thoughts at the next meeting.

Teresa L will be augmenting the silk flowers for Easter – Father agreed that there will be a collection for this, using the collecting baskets, and not a plate by the door. Teresa will offer a training session for new people wishing to learn flower arranging for church and sanctuary.

First Holy Communion Sundays will be 2.30 pm Mass on Sunday 11 June, 18th and 25th June 2023.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday June 1st at 7pm

The meeting finished with prayer and a blessing from Father Nicholas. Big thanks to Sue for the lemon drizzle cake.