

## DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON THE 6th October 2006

### Welcome

Josie Boxall welcomed all in attendance and asked Father Doug to say a prayer.

### Apologies:

Mary Bigwood

### In Attendance:

Mae Kulka, Jill O'Neill, Matthew Card, Tony Roberts, Pauline Green, Stephan and Janet Nasally, Revd Alan Boxall and Mrs Josephine Boxall, John Wilkins, Revd Father Doug Bull, Clifford Mickleburg and Charlie Dog, Owen Sweeney, Majella Shackelford, Alma Payne, Maureen Boulton, John and Anna Houlahan, Cynthia Johnson, Marylyn Stephenson and June Dante.

### Minutes of the last Meeting

#### Matters Arising

Reading commentary of the Readings at weekday masses has been successfully received.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion renewal did not take place this year. It will take place on Maundy Thursday next year instead of the feast of Corpus Christi.

#### Bidding prayers

A pause of five seconds will be made before 'Lord have mercy' in order to give the people time to pray the prayer. This will take place from the 1st Sunday in Advent.

#### Review of Services

The First Holy Communion was well organised

Confirmation was also well organised – to see note later on about retaining our people.

3rd Penitential Service was attended by about 60 people

#### Review of the past year

GIRM - well enjoyed by all a valuable insight of what to adopt and what not to adopt as appropriate to our Parish worship.

The Chair asked if we wanted to discuss other aspects of the Church's liturgy.

Owen Sweeney proposed the following four topics for discussion:

1. Children's Liturgy, and Baptism.
2. Music.
3. Churches together discussion on progress.
4. Preparation for Mass. Children's Liturgy and Baptism will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Children's Liturgy

We need a recruitment drive to assist the Catechists. At present there are only 4.5 Catechists. Each weekly session needs at least three, so over two weeks we need six to work every other week.

We also need to increase numbers in the Baptism Group. This will be published by way of an article in the Magazine and Newsletter. Also 'eyeball' confrontation methods may be needed to secure hesitant volunteers.

### Future Dates

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| <b>October</b>                     | Rosary at St Thomas's on Wednesdays and Thursdays before morning Mass.<br><br>St Peter's at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings each week.   |
| <b>Wednesday 1st Nov</b>           | All Saints School Mass 10.45am St Peters 8pm   |
| <b>Sunday 12 Nov</b>               | Remembrance Sunday - Wreaths will be laid at Masses as in previous years.  |
| <b>Sunday 12 Nov</b>               | Cemetery Sunday will be held in Woodlands at 3pm   |
| <b>Sunday 3rd December</b>         | 1st Sunday in Advent   |
| <b>Friday 8 December</b>           | 'Immaculate conception' Holy Hour after morning Mass   |
| <b>Sunday 10th December</b>        | Bible Sunday. Normally this is the renewal Sunday for Readers. It could be possible to improve on this by including other ministries in a weekend of thanks. This will be planned at the next meeting. |
| <b>Sunday 24 December</b>          | Christmas Eve 6pm Mass. St Peters 9pm Carols followed by Mass at 9.30pm.<br>A Carol service prior to Midnight Mass at Rainham will be organised by Mary Bigwood.                                       |
| <b>Monday 25 December</b>          | Christmas Day 10 am Mass at St Thomas's  |
| <b>Tuesday 26th December</b>       | St Stephens Day - 9am Mass   |
| <b>Friday 29th December</b>        | Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury. Coffee/tea after Mass  |
| <b>Sunday 7th January Epiphany</b> | Note: Corpus Christi and Ascension will also be celebrated on Sundays in future.   |

First Holy Communion Group  
Friday 10th November- First Meeting.

## Churches Together

Rainham - Some changes to the committee Janet Nastally is now the Chairman.

Twydall - Over 50's Lunch Club started

## Fabric of the Church

300 Second Hand hymnbooks have been donated to us, which will adequately supplement our present stocks.

New training Albs are required for the servers.

## AOB

- 1 Joe Viotto asked if enough quiet time is given after Holy Communion. Ministers give thanksgiving after their duty. The withdrawal of ministers is part of Holy Communion. After they have gone there is a short period of quiet prayer. Speedy purification of vessels aids the reflective atmosphere.
- 2 Matthew Card asked if any further formation could be achieved for Confirmation candidates who have received Confirmation. At present many are not coming back to Mass and seem to lose interest. Some suggestions were made. At the next meeting Matthew will talk about some ideas that enable our youth to become actively involved in our 'Church community.
- 3 It was raised by Clifford Mickleburg that the Communion antiphon is not always said. The Antiphon should be intoned by the congregation and can be very spasmodic. It is said at weekday masses. On Sundays it is meant to be part of musical element- where possible, it is.

## Date of the next Meeting

Friday 9th February 2007