

DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON THE
19th May 2006

Welcome

Bishop John Hine on his visitation to the Parish was given a warm welcome.

Apologies: John Wilkins, John and Anna Houlahan, Tony Roberts and Owen Sweeney.

In Attendance: Bishop John Hine, Alma Payne, Father Doug Bull, Deacon Aian and Josie Boxall, Janet and Stephan Nastally, Majella Shackelford, June Dante, Marilyn Stephenson, Clifford Mickleburgh and Charlie Dog Mickleburgh, Theresa Derham, Delia Back and Clare Connolly.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Father Doug made a presentation based on further sections of the General Instruction on the Roman Missal.

Handouts were circulated and used during the discussion mainly to be read at home.

Some points were outlined and discussed as follows:

Fr Doug Bull gave talk on the General Instruction on the Roman Missal

- 1 As per GRIM's recommendation we will seek a published set of 'Introductions to The readings' if nothing suitable is found Fr Doug will begin to put his own together. These can then be read out at Mass.
- 2 Reminder, in the bidding prayers, to pause after the intentions before: 'Lord in your mercy'
- 3 The Hail Mary, as a 'devotional prayer' it is not 'supposed' to be in the bidding prayers but we will include it most of the time as part of our 'bidding' for the prayers of the saints.
- 4 Offertory hymns do not have to be about bread, wine or gifts. They can reflect the theme of the Mass
- 5 There is a beautiful expression about the desirability of receiving 'under both kinds'. Fr Doug will emphasise this experience preaching or in the magazine. Likewise with the spiritual understanding of queuing for communion.
- 6 Purification of the vessels must be brief and not constitute a distraction from prayer. Fr Doug will revise our Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion dismissals.

Matters Arising form the Minutes of the last meeting.

- 1 Item 3 of Fr Doug's Report: 'Incensing the Celebrant.' He clarified that the Deacon incenses the Celebrant and the Thurifer then incenses everyone else (in one go) and this includes the ministers who are on the sanctuary i. e. Deacon and other Ministers.

Review of Services since the last meeting

- 1 Palm Sunday
 - (a) The sound system worked well.
 - (b) Processional Hymn needs a leader. This will be looked into.
- 2 Maundy Thursday. The chairs for the washing of feet were to close to each other; this will be attended to in future.

- 3 Good Friday Very Good report from all for both churches.
- 4 Easter Vigil. There seemed to be all women and no men reading also S1 Peter's was not included at St Thomas's. In past years St Peter's and St Thomas'~ have alternated in this responsibility however for the future this will be discussed with Tony Roberts to gain a better balance each year.
- 5 Children's Stations. Very happy with this which will be continued. The parent! are very appreciative.
- 6 Many thanks were given for June Dante and the choir group for the Easter Vigil music.

Future Dates

Saturday 20th May - Sacrament of the sick

Thursday 25th May - Ascension of Our Lord. Holy Hour after 10am Mass.

Sunday 4th June - Pentecost

Thursday 15th June - Corpus Christi

Saturday 17th Sunday 18th June - Renewal of Commitment for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

Friday 23rd June - Confirmation by Bishop John

Tuesday 15th August - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday

26th September - Sacrament of Reconciliation 8pm Thomas's

Churches Together Twydall

Good Friday Ecumenical service was well attended.

It is still an on going problem to get to the Sunday services, which clash, with mass times.

Community youth work. Fr Doug will meet and support this if he is able.

Rainham

Lent talks very good

Women's' world day of Prayer: Talk available on our new Web site.

Global Day to be held in the Dockyard Church on 4th June.

St Margaret's' patronal festival on 28th July.

Pentecost Nothing is happening.

Fabric of the Church

There was a report from John Wilkins on the Hymn books. Our present books are only available in light plastic covers and are not very durable. We should investigate other Hymn books.

Bishop John spoke to the meeting

- 1 He attended the Bishop's conference and re affirmed the increasing role of the laity. He was pleased to see how Rainham have taken on so many roles and participate so well in the running of the parish.
- 2 He spoke about the revised Roman Missal, Revised Standard Version.
- 3 The lectionary, revised Standard version and the very large task that has been taken on by the conference of Bishops to complete this, but it is difficult to say when they will be completed. In conclusion he stated that it would make our worship better re establishing some of the original meanings prior to the translation from Latin to English.

AOB

Blessing of Graves: It was mentioned that the publication of the date was to late for some to attend. This will be rectified next time.

Gillingham will again be arranging a day in November this year. This will be published in our newsletter and website.

The newsletter Psalm responses are sometimes different to our Sung ones. This may happen and it will be looked into to inform the congregation at the time.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING Friday 6th October 2006