

DRAFT SUMMARY OF THE LITURGY MEETING HELD ON THE 17th May 2007

Welcome

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

Apologies:

Cynthia Johnston, Clifford Mickleburgh, Valerie Flisher, Becky Towler and Maureen Boulton.

In Attendance:

Fr Doug Bull, John and Anna Houlahan, Stephan and Janet Nastaly, Majella Shackelford, Jill O'Neill, Pauline Green, Tony Roberts, Josie and Alan Boxall, June Dante, Mae Kulka, Theresa Derham, and Alma Payne.

Minutes of the last Meeting

Were accepted.

Matters arising

Review of Services

Stations of the cross: There is a microphone for those who wish to use it.

Palm Sunday. Rainham, went well except for people talking at the rear of the procession.

Holy Thursday: Extraordinary ministers renewal did not take place this will be made at Corpus Christi instead.

Good Friday: Very few servers at Twydall. Perhaps more could be made available next year.

Easter Vigil: There were still many people inside the Church before the start. It may be necessary to appoint Ushers to send them into the Hall or the field next year. Bells will be rung as the curtains open before the Gloria.

Celebration of the Baptised: Many couples were seen at the masses.

Blessing of Graves: Went well could have been fewer numbers this year.

First Holy Communion Masses: Were not shown in the newsletter beforehand and there is a need to communicate with the choir director in advance in future.

Future Dates

Saturday 26th May 3pm Sacrament of the Sick

Sunday 20th May Ascension

Sunday 27th May Pentecost

Sunday 3rd June Holy Trinity

Sunday 10th June Corpus Christi Extraordinary Ministers Renewal of commitment at all masses.

Friday 15th June Confirmation

Friday 29th June St Peter and St Paul

Wednesday 15th August Feast of the Assumption

Liturgy and Music: Fr Doug

Offertory

(a) 'Ideally' the hymn, which should be in praise of God not Our Lady, finishes at the same time as the priest is ready to say 'Pray my brothers and sisters.....' Obviously timing is difficult but let's do our best!

(b) At St Peter's the Mass Steward (Agreed as Mae Kulka) should ensure that gifts can be processed immediately, ahead of the children with their gifts. The collection does of course proceed meanwhile and is brought forward immediately after the children's procession.

Bidding prayers

Young readers should read the second reading and not the first so that they are not given the task of the Bidding prayers.

Holy Hours

Will now take place on the first Thursday of each month this also gives an opportunity for prayers will be said for vocations.

Churches Together

Twydall Ecumenical services still clash with our mass times at 11 am
Mae Kulka volunteered to help Alma at meetings.

Rainham

World women's day of prayer: Went well

Lent course: There will be another in Lent next year

Harvest supper: This year will be held in the Methodist Church.

A service during Christian Unity Week was discussed at length and referred to the next meeting.

Jubilee Celebration

29th June or 7th July next year 2008: The Bishop has been invited with these two dates to consider.

Fabric of the Church

Banners for Maundy Thursday: Perhaps these could be replaced. Joe Kulka could be asked to produce these if given some ideas?

The Ambo at St Thomas's was discussed regarding height variation and the mobile step. Father Doug will look into on other alternative way of achieving a better system.

It was asked if St Peter's could have a set of brass rails fitted to hang a purple curtain over the crucified Christ during Holy Week but after discussion it was decided to continue as before.

AOB

Bidding Prayers

It was stated that relatives of parishioners go on the list for two weeks, and parishioners as long as necessary.

At our next meeting the Music Group will give a presentation. In particular will be the consideration of Hymns and the best practice towards the liturgy for those occasions. Also to be considered would be some new music in preparation for our Jubilee in July 2008

Date of the next Meeting: Friday 7th September 2007 at 7.30pm