

## Holy Rood Liturgy Group meeting Number 20

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 10.15 at 21 Woodside Avenue.

**Present:** Canon John Cunningham (JC), Fr Dominic Findlay- Wilson (DF), Deacon Jonathan Ager (JA) Dorothy Ager (DA), Julia Arkell (JBA), Frances Corrigan (FC), Noreen Bint (NB), Marguerite Holliday (MH)

1. **Prayer and Welcome:** Marguerite

2. **Minutes of Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> October 2014:** Previously circulated and revised.

3. **Matters Arising:**

a) **Music review meeting** had been a good start to co-operation.

Mass settings a) Both 9.30 choir and Laudate group were beginning to use St Brélade Mass by CS Olding. b) MH would liaise with leaders of 11oclock choir re use of the whole of the new setting of the Plymouth Mass i.e. including Lamb of God. c) JBA asked if it would be possible for Credo 3 and Missa de Angelis to be introduced at 11oclock Mass. DA said a number of members of that choir would be able to do this. Perhaps the choir could work towards this after Easter.

4. **Review of past services and events:**

a. **Advent Penitential Service.** Disappointing attendance. Many parishioners had been away, others had severe colds. However a number of those attending the preceding Konkani prayer group left and returned for confession the next day. The fact that a Service of Reconciliation includes confession is still not universally understood. In future would try to arrange the Advent service on a Saturday morning. JA based the service on the Magnificat – very beautiful but too lengthy. Penitents did return to the main body of the church for thanksgiving.

b. **First Reconciliation** on 2 Saturdays of Advent had worked well despite some technical difficulties with the overhead projector.

c. **Christmas Eve. 5.30pm** The exodus for celebrations of St Francis Xavier had had an effect on the rehearsals and composition of the New Life Choir.

**'Midnight Mass'** Went well. Good marshalling in main body of the church but too few stewards for the numbers in the porch.

**Day time Masses.** Numbers attending fewer than on a normal Sunday. The usual difficulties of recruiting readers, ministers etc.

d. **New Years Day:** Although numbers less than normal still needed masses at both 8 and 9.30am. All doors open at end of each Mass to allow for orderly exit. Worshippers for the following Mass were asked to stay outside until the church was cleared.

5. **Forthcoming Liturgies**

a. **Ash Wednesday.** Masses 8am, 12.45 and 7pm. Readers, ministers to help with administering ashes and Ministers of communion had already been allocated.

b. **Lenten Penitential Service.** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. 7pm. JA to lead with a theme based on Stations of the Cross.

c. **Stations of the Cross. Lent Fridays at 7pm:** 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. CJ; 27<sup>th</sup> Feb- no stations owing to Fr Souji's retreat; 6<sup>th</sup> March. HRYAA- DF would contact; 13<sup>th</sup> March. Adult Formation gp; 20<sup>th</sup> March. Goan prayer gp. CJ would contact Pedro; **Good Friday Morning** JA

- d. **Palm Sunday.** Procession at 9.30am from the main porch- celebrant, servers and choir. 11am Procession from garden, if fine, if not from porch. Route through small gate next to parish room directly into main entrance. 'Ride on in majesty' to begin as soon as crucifer enters porch. Other Masses, blessing of palms etc from the back of church. Passion read with 3 voices Christ read by deacon, when present otherwise by priest.
  - e. **Chrism Mass. Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 11am** Cathedral. Coach to be organised. CJ. CJ would remind Canon Finlay of our desire for Mass setting of Paul the Apostle at this and other events for the whole diocese.
  - f. **Holy Thursday.** Washing of feet as in previous years. JBA and NB to recruit a representative mixture of parishioners to have feet washed. Watching before the altar of repose to finish at 11pm with Night Prayer. JBA to provide copies. Reserved Sacrament to be taken away and altar stripped then.
  - g. **Good Friday.** Instructions to be given about veneration of the cross before the service. Passion read in 3 parts as before. Choir to allow some times for silent reflection between reproaches etc. Members of the congregation venerate by a deep bow as the cross held up before their section of the crowd. Simon to precede deacon as he carries the cross round the church, inside and out, Deacon to be flanked by 2 strong men- **suggest Vicente Lourenco and John Fernandes.** Each minister of communion to be accompanied into the porch and outside the church by a strong person for protection and to organise those coming to receive. Suggest priests who are not main celebrant go outside. Individual veneration of the cross to begin 5-10 minutes after the end of the service. To approach the cross from the middle aisle and leave by the side. Clear instructions to be given not to queue until those who wish to leave the church have done so.
  - h. **Holy Saturday Morning.** Office of Readings and Morning Prayer. Chairs to be arranged in 2 choirs facing one another on the red carpet, as last year.
  - i. **Easter Vigil** JA to sing Exultet. Candles would be extinguished at the end of the exulted. Litany of the Saints would be sung even though no baptisms to take place- setting by Mike Stanley. Gospel would be read from the centre of the church at this and any Easter Day mass when deacon present.
  - j. **Easter Day Masses.** Begin with sprinkling rite
6. **Alleluia Procession.** From Easter night onwards Book of the Gospel to be processed whenever a deacon present at mass. At all masses including those with a cantor, readers and priest/deacon during the alleluia- readers and cantors move during the alleluia after the verse so that priest/deacon can be at lectern by the time the singing ends. DA to alert Bob and cantors. Servers to be instructed .
7. **Confirmation 12<sup>th</sup> May.** Bishop Declan was prepared to celebrate 2 masses but with 92 candidates all should be fitted into one celebration. Pupils/ staff of St Joseph's College to be invited to join new life choir rehearsals so that singing is led by one choir only. Choice of music to reflect the giving of the Holy Spirit.
8. **First Communions. Sundays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June.** Special Masses at 3pm. FC and MH would liaise re choirs to lead the music.

**9. Over head projection.** DF considered that the recent technical difficulties could be a lap top fault rather than the system as a whole. It was hoped to have everything sorted for the teaching on reverent reception of communion scheduled for all masses on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Neil and or Nick to be asked to provide easy set of written instructions so that all who needed would be able to use the apparatus. NB asked if an easier system than 'easislides' could be purchased. MH would ask Neil/Nick to investigate. CJ would be willing to pay £100/£200 for an easy workable system.

**10. Matters to be discussed at the next meeting** will include: Family Mass, Altar Servers.

**11. Date of next meeting: at 10.15 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 3 Raglan Close.**