

## **Minutes of the Parish Advisory Committee held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at the Presbytery, Ruabon**

Mr. Geoff Bullen welcomed everyone and explained the reason for postponement of the meeting from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> March – The Snow was too much.

**OPENING PRAYER.** Father Anthony, we all said together PRAYER BEFORE A MEETING.

**PRESENT.** Father Anthony, Maria, Sue, Geoff, David, Nora, Geraldine, Muriel, Veda and Christine

**APOLOGIES.** Helen

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.** 6 September 2017 approved.

**MATTERS ARISING.** Twinning with Africa- no development. Geoff sent an Email but no response. Father to ask the Priest in Africa if he got the letter written by the Parish.

**TRINITY LUNCH.** Very good at The White Waters Hotel Llangollen – May 2017. Will do it again this year, preferably at The Boathouse, Chirk. Geoff to make enquiries of available Saturdays in May, also the cost, menus etc.

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Working well in Chirk but not yet in Llangollen and Ruabon. Volunteer required to make the announcements. Father explained the need for the people to make the announcements and explain what is in the bulletin.

**INFORMATION.** Co-ordination and information sharing in any Parish is very important. The need for the Priest to be aware of what is happening in the Parish is very essential.

Nora brought to our attention that the Lenten discussions which were held in Chirk, Churches together, were not mentioned in the bulletin. Fr. Anthony apologised.

Fr. Anthony mentioned the need for the Bulletin announcements to be very brief and to the point.

### **PARISH KEYS AND UTILITIES.**

It was agreed that each Parish should make a list of who holds keys to the 3 Churches and Presbytery. Father will organise the list.

Toilets in Ruabon have been unblocked but still need proper care. The roots growing inside the pipes to be cut away. Should be rectified within 2 weeks. A notice to be displayed urging people not to dispose of wet wipes, paper hand towels etc down the toilets. Hand towels to be removed and a hand dryer to be installed.

Heating time in Llangollen HOLY CROSS rooms are now rectified. The problem came from the timer.

HOLY CROSS ROOMS to be advertised for hire. Access to the rooms needs to be improved. Bins, lighting etc. Muriel to discuss this matter with other groups who share the access.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY.** This was a very enjoyable event. The children who attended had all good time.

A Summer party for children and parents to be arranged. Preferably in June. TY MAWR would be a good venue. Christine to make enquiries.

**UPDATE ON TIME WELL SPENT CLUB.** Well attended but there is need for more volunteers from the Catholic community. Next meeting of the Time-Well-Spent is Friday, 20th April.

Father Anthony will be away on leave from middle of July to the middle of August. Need to find a Priest to cover. There may be only weekend Masses.

**MP correspondent for CAFOD.** Training given by CAFOD. GEOFF indicated his interest.

**Parish Faith Development.** It was suggested that we could meet 3-4 times during the year at people's houses.

**A.O.B.**

Gift Aid Boxes: update of addresses and general information required.

David Connolly has been appointed as Finance Man in Llangollen.

Painting of the interior of Holy Cross Church and replacing the bulbs has been suggested.

Repairs and painting of exterior of Sacred Heart church is also being planned.

Palm Sunday procession starting at 09.30 from the village hall in Ruabon, processing to St Mary's, hymns along the way, followed by The Passion of Our Lord in Church. Hot cross buns, tea and coffee after. Mass at 11.00. Collection at The Passion for the Joint Council.

**UPDATE ON SYRIAN REFUGEES.** One family living in Oak St. Llangollen. Brian, the representative from Chirk can give an update. They are getting the help and support they need. They have English courses and meetings in Wrexham.

### **Questions time.**

What do we do if a Priest doesn't turn up to say Mass?

Is there a format?

Father Anthony responded by highlighting the important things: Sing some Hymns, Reading of the Word of God and other prayers.

Is it possible to have a Mass in Latin?

Father Anthony: Yes, if the people can respond also in Latin.

Do we still buy the Hosts from the Carmelite Sisters in Dolgellau?

Father Anthony: Yes.

21.05p.m. - Meeting ended with a prayer.