

Annual General meeting – St. Richard Gwyn Parish.

AGM MINUTES 2018

Welcome and prayer – Fr Anthony

Present: Fr. Anthony, Geoff Bullen (Chirk), Barbara Wilcock, Veda Williams, Sue Barnett, Margaret Williams, Brian Eadon, Maurice Growney, David Connolly, Muriel Silverston, Anne Lloyd, Kay Jones, Geraldine Gilbert, Emma Williams, Christine Jones, Maria Pizzoni, Alice Zulu.

Apologies - Nora Bircham, Jo Hillyard, Halina Burgess.

Minutes of the last AGM accepted by those who were there.

Ann Lloyd thanked Fr Anthony for keeping and shepherding the three Communities together. The same sentiment was echoed by the people present.

Matters arising – It was suggested that 7pm is too early for people that work. In the future – evening meetings should start at 7.30pm and to finish at 9.00pm.

Review of the Year – what have we done well and what have we not done so well?

Time Well Spent group: Invites everyone on the 3rd Friday of every month. Men & Women who are 50+, who are isolated in the community are encouraged to come. They present all who participate palatable Home-cooked food, entertainment and an opportunity to socialise. The kitchen was improved with a grant from the Wrexham Council.

Bulletin: Fr. Anthony sends copies of the Bulletin through Email for all who are interested. If you are interested, please contact him. It was suggested that we revert to a larger size copy of the Bulletin. All agreed that it would be too expensive.

House Masses

The House Mass at Aberdingle Care-home in Llangollen was a great success. Many more House Masses will be organised. This may affect some weekday Masses. Some House-Masses may need just a few Christians due to the smallness of the rooms and the health of the person.

Weekday Masses: It is becoming more difficult to get supply-priest when the Parish Priest is on break. Weekday Masses may be celebrated depending on the availability of Supply-Priests. The normal Saturday and Sunday Masses are assured.

Advent Season: We shall be having the Divine Office (morning prayers) during the weekday masses. We shall have the prayers during Advent and Lenten seasons. The morning prayers does not prolong the normal Weekday Masses.

Dial in prayers: Margaret Williams will be starting the Dial-in evening prayers in the Parish. Interested persons will be asked to dial-in a certain number at about 8.00 p.m. Margaret will produce a flier with instructions to that effect.

Children Party: The Children's Liturgy will be organising an Epiphany party for children and youth on Saturday 5th January 2019. It will start at 11.00 a.m. and end at 3.30 p.m.

Christmas-Eve Mass: It was suggested that the Christmas-Eve Mass should start with some Carol Songs before the Mass. During the Mass, the Children Liturgy will present the Christmas Carol from different countries and culture. Five countries have indicated interest in the Carol this year. Each will have a maximal of Five minutes.

Epiphany Lunch: The Parish Epiphany Lunch this year will be in Llangollen Hand Hotel on 7th Jan 2019 at 12.00 for 12.30. The Price is being negotiated, probably £8.50 each.

Parish keys: All those who have Parish Keys (Presbytery, Church, Church Hall, Church Rooms) are asked to write down their names with the Parish Priest. This is very important for the good of the Parish and Insurance.

Easter Vigil: It was suggested that Easter Vigil ceremony should start when it is dark. It was noted that when the Easter ceremony falls a bit late in the year, one finds that at 7.00 p.m., the Sun is still shining. On the other hand, children who participate in the ceremony should also be considered. It was suggested that the Easter ceremony start at 8.00pm next year.

Prayer request book: It was suggested that the Prayer request books in Llangollen and Ruabon should be carried to

the Altar before Mass or during the offertory gifts. This, however, should not replace the official Mass request.

Christmas Fundraising quiz: There will be a Christmas Quiz in Llangollen. This will help raise funds for the Parish. All are asked to participate actively. Some prizes for the raffle draws are needed.

Liturgy: The issue of singing in the Church was raised. Barbara was asked of the possibility to repeat the workshop to learn the German Mass again. There is a need to sit closer together to get the impact of the singing especially in Llangollen and Ruabon. It is more difficult to feel a united singing community in Ruabon. Priests are affected by the lack of responses at Mass and the participation in Singing. People should be encouraged to move forward in Ruabon. The idea of getting some singers to sit together near the front may also help to motivate others to sing along.

New PAC members: The people elected by different communities are:

Chirk: Maurice Gowney, Brian Eadon, Sue Barnett

Ruabon: Kay Jones, Maria Pizzoni, Joachim Wiesinger.

Llangollen: Ann Lloyd, Johann Hildyard, Muriel Silverston.

Ruabon Joint Council: Michael Jones, Margaret Davies, Andrea Matthews

The next AGM meeting will be in November 2019.

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