

Meeting held at Holy Cross Church, Llangollen at 7pm on 1st February 2017

Present: Fr Anthony Nnamah, Geoff Bullen, Hanora Bircham, Sue Barnett, Geraldine Gilbert, Muriel Silverstone, Helen Wiesinger, Veda Williams, David Connolly

1. Fr Anthony opened the meeting with a prayer at 7pm.

2. Apologies: Christine Jones

3. Minutes of the meeting of 1st November had previously been approved.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 Deanery Youth Mass

The Mass was well attended and considered to be a successful event.

Geoff or Hanora to contact Ann Ryan about the lack of attendance at Mass of Moreton Hall pupils.

4.2 Christmas Programme

The Ruabon Mass went very well, especially the contribution of the children. We need to find ways to include children more often.

4.3 Epiphany Lunch

It was very successful. Because the Hand Hotel provided the food, there was no need for the organisers to miss out on enjoying the event. 50 people attended, and this was probably the maximum that could be catered for. The Rotary Club of Llangollen had contributed towards the cost, and had been thanked by Geoff and Fr Anthony.

5. Easter:

Services expected to be the same as last year.

6. Any Other Business:

6.1 The AGM was provisionally arranged for the 7pm 15th of November 2017 at Ruabon.

6.2 The draft Minutes of the 2016 AGM will be circulated soon, and (providing that there are no objections) can be displayed in the churches the next weekend.

6.3 **Geoff** is to look into the problems with heaters in the church at Chirk.

6.4 The Trinity Lunch was planned for Saturday 13th May 2017 at 12 for 12:30.

Veda to investigate holding it at The Chain Bridge Hotel, Llangollen

6.5 Fr Anthony will be going on the Wrexham Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 22nd to 27th May 2017

6.6 Fr Anthony described a scheme to help old and retired people that he was involved in while he was in Germany and he would like to have something similar here. He has had encouragement from the Anglican vicar in Ruabon and will be discussing it with the Joint Council at Ruabon. **Geoff and Hanora** are to help to get things started towards applying for a grant – the application needs to be made by the 11th of this month.

6.7 Details of the “Faith In Action” course will be in the bulletin.

6.8 This year the ‘frugal lunches’ will again be held on Fridays during Lent – but **not** on the first Friday, because it would clash with the “Women’s Day of Action”. Lent starts on the 1st of March.

6.9 Fr Anthony is planning to have Stations of the Cross and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as often as possible during Lent.

6.10 Fr Anthony has had very positive feedback from the Joint Council in Ruabon about changing weekend Masses to allow for a Sunday Mass in Llangollen and is working towards having a trial period.

6.11 Sue asked for parishioners telephone numbers to be made available. **Geoff and Helen** are going to look into producing a questionnaire to collect contact details and to ask for parishioners’ views on changes required in the parish.

6.12 Hanora will be presenting one of a series of Lenten Talks at 7pm on Thursday 9th March in the church at Chirk. Please come!

6.13 **David** to see if he can get links between the website for St Mary’s school in Ruabon and our own website, and to see what can be done to remove confusion with the old website.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th May 2017 at the Presbytery, Ruabon

8. Closing prayer

Fr Anthony closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:35 pm