

P A C Minutes 12.06.19

Attendance: Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP., Chairperson Brian Eadon, Maria Pizzoni, Geraldine Gilbert, Christine Jones, Sue Barnett, Maurice Growney, Kay Jones, Alice Zulu and Jo Lawton Hillyard.

Apologies: Anne Lloyd, Muriel Silverston.

Prayers and welcome by Fr. Anthony.

Introduction and Welcome by the Chairperson - Brian Eadon.

- Each member of the PAC introduced him/herself
- It was announced that Geoff Bullen would no longer be attending the meetings as ex-officio.
- Minutes of the Last Meeting were read and declared to be a true representation. Fr Anthony stated that the Easter Vigil Mass had been appreciated and enjoyed by the children and their families. The tradition of the 7.30 pm Easter Vigil Mass will be maintained in the future.
- It was commented that some individuals would have preferred the Good Friday Stations of The Cross not to have been directly prior to the Veneration Service. However, the details and timings of all the Services had been adequately planned and advertised.
It was agreed that due to the practicalities of commuting for all Parishioners, especially those travelling distances from Chirk and Llangollen it would be inappropriate to alter the timings or locations of the Services as it is now.

- **Matters Arising: Live Simply**

Maria spoke about the CAFOD Live Simply Initiative. Explaining that the *livesimply* award is an opportunity for Catholic parishes to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living: • Simply. • In solidarity with people in poverty. • Sustainably with creation.

Maria shared a CAFOD activity poster "Reimagine our common home" The poster inspired discussion about how our community can do a few simple things to live more sustainably and cut carbon.

Brian produced a "promise sheet" for discussion, so that participating parishioners would "try" to do a number of positive actions towards Living Simply.

Coffee morning Saturday 13.07.19. Collette from CAFOD will give a brief talk about LivingSimply and share ideas.

Creation Mass to bring the parish together followed by food and discussion about climate change to be held in Chick, outside in the garden during the "Feast of the Sacred Heart", date to be confirmed by Fr Anthony when weather is more settled.

- **Silver Jubilee of Fr Moses.**

Parishioners' names to be put forward by Sunday 16.06.19 for those wishing to attend the Silver Jubilee celebration Mass. A monetary gift is to be presented to Fr Moses from all the parishioners, there will be a retiring collection for Fr Moses on 23.06.19.

- **Newsletter Cost:**

The newsletter cost is constantly rising, and Fr Anthony is trying to find a way to reduce costs, whilst still keeping the important messages. He therefore suggested the parish produce a 1-page document, similar to Llay parish, which would include Reflections, the Readings, Gospel and Sermon. The order of the Mass could be laminated and reused. This would result in a great saving and also comply with the Live Simply ethos, less paper and printing. All notices would still be accessible online.

- **Risk Assessment's Committee:**

The risk assessment committee is to oversee all parish buildings, halls, presbyteries and Churches to learn and understand about risk hazards and how to solve the issues. Fr Anthony presented Brian with the folder containing all relevant information for Brian and the rest of the risk assessment committee.

- **Holiday Supply:**

It is becoming very difficult to find supply Priests to cover holidays, especially weekday masses. A Government initiative now demands that all priests from abroad need a licence to preach and require a visa for employment. To that effect, in the absence of the Priest, only weekend Masses will be available for the Parishioners.

AOB:

- Kay Jones asked if it would be possible to apply for a grant to raise money for maintenance of the Ruabon Church. Apparently previously a grant has been obtained for the repair of the stained-glass windows. Currently Sunday Mass collections do not cover the needs of the Church and maintenance costs. Fr Anthony was very grateful for all collections, gift aid and direct debit support.
- Maria shared information about Thy Kingdom Come global prayer initiative which invites Christians around the world to pray during the 11 days from Ascension to Pentecost.
- Christine Jones talked about Dementia Friendly initiative. She said that Margaret Hinton from Bishops House would be prepared to give a talk to explain more about the resources and information available to help individuals and families with dementia to feel welcome within the parishes
- Fr Anthony thanked all PAC members for attending the meeting and reiterated that “the purpose of the Pastoral Council is to advise and collaborate with the Parish Priest in any way for the good management of the Parish.” To promote mission, unity and joy.
- The First Holy Communion is this year will be on the 23rd of June. A big thank you to the teachers, Catechists and the Children's Liturgy group. There will be tea, coffee and cake after the First Communion Mass. All are invited.
- Suggested word limit for the Newsletter, information to be concise with a maximum of 2 to 3 lines.

Next meeting – 19.30 hrs on Wednesday 02.10.19.

- **Closing Prayers** was at 9.00 p.m.