

PAC Minutes of 19th Feb 2020

Present: Fr Anthony Nnamah MSP, Chairperson: Maurice Growney, Sue Barnett, Geraldine Gilbert, Christine Jones, Alice Zulu, Muriel Silverston, Anne Lloyd

Apologies: Jo Hillyard (Sec.), Kay Jones, Maria Pizzoni.

1. Welcome by Chairperson Maurice Growney with Opening Prayers led by Fr Anthony.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were read out by Maurice. Point 9 was discussed and clarified to the 'sharing amongst the three parishes' referring to information of how to set up a 100 Club and not the sharing of proceeds, where upon the minutes were declared to be accurate.
3. It was agreed that for historical reference, approximate numbers attending Parish functions etc and location and cost should be recorded in the minutes.
4. The Parish Children's Christmas Party held in Ruabon Church rooms was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion approx. 16 children attended. Thanks to all organisers and attendees.
5. The Parish Epiphany Lunch held at The Hand Hotel, Llangollen Mon 6 Jan. was successful despite the low number of approx. 30 persons, due mainly to illness. The lunch was a great success with all who attended having a great time.
6. Guidance on Coronavirus/Flu: To reduce risk of potential spread of infections, it was discussed and agreed that during the time of the virus crisis, Fr Anthony to announce at mass: -
 - a. Eucharistic Wine would not be served at mass.
 - b. That the 'Sign of Peace' should be carried out by a non-tactile acknowledgement i.e. a wave, nod of the head, smile instead of a handshake.
 - c. A bottle of hand sanitiser to be placed near the entrance to each church – placed by Sue B in Chirk, Christine J in Ruabon and Muriel S in Llangollen.

d. Geraldine is going to arrange for the laminated mass cards in Ruabon to be wiped by anti-bacterial wipes and Anne L to do the same in Llangollen.

7. Fr Anthony's Anniversary Celebrations April 25th and June 23rd are significant dates this year with the former being his 60th Birthday and the latter the 30 years ordination of his being a priest.

Bishop Peter will celebrate Holy Mass at Ruabon Church to commemorate these two special days on Friday 5 June at 7.00pm – refreshments will be served after mass in the church hall. The planning and co-ordination of this occasion will be done in conjunction with Fr Anthony.

8. Lenten Programme: Fr Anthony provided the details which were read and accepted. He is going to post one up on the notice board in each church as well as provide an A5 sheets for the bulletin and distribution in the Churches.

9. Finance Committee's Lent Fundraising Programme: Fr Anthony read out a section of the minutes from a recent meeting of priests and explained that ongoing parish fund raising is urgently needed by the Parish. The Finance Council will explain more on that issue.

10. Collections: The subject of Gift Aid and Direct Debits chips were asked to be re-introduced with the use of clean green milk bottle tops to be in a basket at the back of each church for those who contribute via the bank to have something to place in the collection. The question of a suggested figure of approx. how much might we contribute weekly per person was raised. Fr. Anthony explained that we need at least £980 a week to run the Parish.

11. Retiring Collections: Fr Anthony informed us that as per Bishop Peter, only 5 of these collections are compulsory. Fr A has accepted to implement 3 or 4 others which will be spread across the year i.e. once a month.

12. Risk Assessment Committee: This was put in abeyance in the absence of Halina.

A.O.B.

1. 24 Hours with The Lord: 20th March 1.00pm – 3.00pm in Sacred Heart Chirk Exposition and Confessions (Easter Duties). Those unable to attend are to be advised to ask Fr A to personally arrange for confession.
2. GDPR – Data Protection: For those who would like to receive a copy of the weekly Bulletin or other written communication by email or text then a form is available to be completed giving authority for contact.
3. V Day Celebrations: The Wrexham Council sent letters to different organisations telling them that some funds are available to be applied for this celebration. Fr. Anthony was not keen in applying for such fund. The majority of the PAC voted also not to apply for this funding or to celebrate the VDAY.
4. Diocesan Website: The Diocese plans to set up an 'Intranet' and a new Website.
5. Live Simply Committee: A company in Exeter is happy to accept all used tea lights and candle stumps for recycling however as postage would require to be covered by the church it was decided not to participate.
A 'Calendar of Donations' poster will be placed in each of the 3 churches high-lighting a topic of the month i.e. January ~ Unwanted Christmas Gifts, to help streamline the various collections and to avoid 'donation fatigue'.
6. Name Tag Day: It was suggested that in order to get to know each other in the Parish, one Saturday, Sunday or at parish Celebration Mass, that we make and wear our own Christian name badges. This will help us to know each other.
7. MSP Annual Appeal: We shall be having the annual appeal by the Missionaries of St. Paul for training of Seminarians to become Priests. An MSP Priest, who is working in Botswana will be here to do the Appeal.

8. Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 20th May 2020 at 7.30pm in Ruabon
9. The Chairman thanked those who attended the meeting.
The meeting closed with prayers led by Fr Anthony.