

St Richard Gwyn Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC)

Minutes 02.10.19

Present: Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP., Anne Lloyd, Muriel Silverston, Maria Pizzoni, Geraldine Gilbert, Sue Barnett, Kay Jones, and Jo Lawton Hillyard

Apologies: Brian Eadon, Alice Zulu and Christine Jones.

1. Prayers and welcome - Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP.

2. Introduction by Fr. Anthony Nnamah MSP in the absence of Chairperson, Brian Eadon

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting were declared to be a true representation.

4. Matter Arising:

- **Silver Jubilee:** Fr Anthony stated that Fr Moses was delighted and expressed his gratitude for the massive support and gift by the parish on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee.
- It was positively commented that the cost of the new Newsletter has reduced whilst still keeping the important messages.

Ruabon Coffee Morning – next date 2nd November.

Time Well Spent Club – held on every 3rd Friday of the month from 11.00 – 15.00 hrs, The Club is for all – volunteers also needed to serve.

Ruabon Church. It was suggested that the Ruabon church is to be left open every day. Discussions about keeping valuables safe, surveillance cameras etc., are still on.

Retiring Collections – Some parishioners have commented on the frequency of retiring collections. They would like a little guideline on the organisations requesting such collections. Fr Anthony stated that all the retiring collections and their dates are contained in the Diocesan Calendar. It is a voluntary collection.

P.A.C. Sub-committees Fr. Anthony asked if there is any need for them. The members suggested one or two. They asked Fr. Anthony to see to it.

Advent Christmas Programme - Fr. Anthony distributed a comprehensive Advent Calendar for 2019. It was discussed and reviewed.

- **Children/Youth party 2019** arranged for Saturday 28th December on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, slight amendments made to the timings of the children's party to be held from 11.00 – 2pm
- **Epiphany Lunch** to be held on 6th Jan. 2020 in Llangollen.

CAFOD Live Simply Initiative

Maria spoke about the CAFOD Live Simply Initiative.

The three chosen areas for our Parish were:

- * Reducing our use of plastics
- * Promoting more recycling
- * Energy use and conservation

The Live Simply parish group are asking for support to go ahead with

- Doing a survey of how we have already performed in these areas.
- Asking the congregation for their current actions in these areas at home and at work.
- Organising events to promote the areas of action, including prayer and worship. Possibly cloth exchanges, displaying substitutes for plastic etc.

Christmas Tree Festival to be held in the Methodist chapel in Llangollen on November 30th, 2019, festival start time to be confirmed.

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- **Priest's meeting in Ruabon** October 22nd from 11am – 4pm. The Bishop and Approximately 16 Foreign Priests will be attending. Lunch will be provided by the Parish. Anne Lloyd, Kay Jones and Christine Jones to coordinate.
- Maria asked a question about the 2020 Year of "The God who speaks". Fr. Anthony mentioned that a meeting on that is planned in Nov. with the Bishop and Priests of the diocese.
- Anne explained the need for Prego as a mixed group of all denominations. All are welcome to join. Meets every other Wednesday at 3pm.

Closing: Fr Anthony thanked all PAC members for attending the meeting.

Next meeting – Annual General Meeting on Wed. 27th Nov at 7.30pm.

- **Closing Prayers** at 21.23 hours.