

## **UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ANNUAL REPORT 2022** **ST. MARY'S DINAS POWYS**

This is our first report since 2019 due to the disruption of COVID.

Membership at present is 26 and growing.

Quarterly Masses and Diocesan meetings have been missed during the last couple of years but hopefully now that we are up and running again we can attend if at all possible.

Meetings are held on a fortnightly basis every other Wednesday with 15 members on average attending.

Our committee at present remains the same:

Mo McCarthy	President
Chris Llewellyn	Vice President
Liz Martin	Minutes Secretary
Emma White	Treasurer

Chris Clifton, Norma Elguezabal and Pauline Burns as support committee.

Our year began on our first meeting back after two years of COVID restrictions on 23rd February 2022.

The 9th March eighteen members met at The Star and enjoyed a lovely meal and a chat. On 23rd March we met in the hall to discuss our program for 2022. It was also decided that evening that we would send £60 to the Ukraine appeal from our charity fund.

The 6th April we held our Lenten Reflection prepared by Mary McCarthy, several members read the Stations of the Cross then blew out a candle representing each reading. We also celebrated one of our members, Kit Roblins 90th birthday that evening with lovely cakes made by Chris Llewellyn. 27th April, one of our members Pam O'Donnell, lead us all on the journey of singing and dancing through the young 16 year old Pam right up to present day Pam's amazing achievements in showbiz. Such an interesting talk from one of our own members.

On the 11th May, we had a Bingo Session, which was hilarious, as Dinas Powys UCM is well known for being very BAD at this simple game!!! Our meeting began on 25th May with a Reflection to Our Lady again prepared by Mary.

June arrived and, of course, we had to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a celebration party. The hall looked splendid decked out in Union Jack bunting, with a beautiful buffet provided by our members. Jan Hooper supplied a superb jubilee cake. We sang God Save the Queen and raised a glass to her Majesty. Little did we know that it would be the last time. On 22nd June our annual walk was a bit of a disappointment, so we need to have a rethink regarding this event. We also celebrated Norma's 80th, and Emma's 49th that evening with, of course, more cake!!!

Our last meeting before the summer break was on 6th July.

Our first meeting back on 7th September, after six weeks, was at The Star where twenty members enjoyed a great meal and a good catch up to start our Autumn term. On 21st September, Jan Hooper's daughter Mandy came along, at short notice to tell us a little bit about her company Aspiration Stations, coaching and training people about Mindfulness.

October was a fairly quiet month, we had a Mass on 9th October for deceased members of St Marys UCM and on 19th Rhiannon Price gave us

a brilliant talk on her adventure to K2 base camp and glacier, the 2nd highest mountain in the world. The photographs were amazing.

The 2nd November we had a quiz hosted by our own Pam O'Donnell, and on the 16th we all sang Christmas songs and Carols, finished off with coffee and mince pies. On the 30th we had our Advent Reflection beginning with music O Come, O Come Emmanuel, it was beautiful.

The 8th December eight members attended Mass at the Cathedral, and a touch of Latin for us oldies who remember!!!! We finished off our year with twenty five members attending our Christmas meal at The Star.

I would just like to finish off this report by saying we have a fantastic group who always support Mo and the committee in any way they can. Keep up the good work everyone, both friendly and spiritually together into 2023.

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