

# SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Parishes of

Our Lady and St. Joseph   Sacred Heart   St. Cuthbert   St. John The Baptist   St. Paul   St. Wilfrid

Minutes of the meeting held at Our Lady and St. Joseph, New Hartley on 12.04.18

**Present :** Fr. Philip Quinn, Paula Battersby, Ken Little, Fr. Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, David Brown, Fr. Lee Barrett

**1. Opening prayer**

Led by Fr. Quinn

**2. Apologies for absence**

Gerry Killen, Deacon Tony Turner, Deacon John Hawthorne, Deacon Rob Wareing, Paul Marley, Anne Hardy, Fr. Richard Harriott

- 3.** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record. Proposed by Fr. Jim. Seconded by Paula Battersby.

**4. Mass Times**

Fr. Jim outlined the present situation: Bishop Séamus has asked that at weekends churches work towards having one Mass in each church. The aim is to achieve an even spread of Masses across Partnerships. There was discussion about what this would mean for the Partnership. Sacred Heart will need to lose one Mass. At the moment Sunday night Mass has the lowest attendance. Consultations will have to be completed in the near future with a view to informing decision making.

**5. Communications.**

i. Bulletin

Thanks were offered to Paula Battersby for her work on the bulletin. Gerard Shepherd has volunteered to take on the task of collating the bulletin. The next publication date was identified as mid/end June to allow for inclusion of schools' news.

Deacon profiles will be included in future bulletins. Deacon John will be asked to offer the first input.

ii. IT Communications

There has been no further information since the meeting with North East Solutions before Christmas.

iii. Social Media

Jo Shepherd will contact Paul Marley concerning Parent Mail with a view to setting up a similar system for the partnership.

Seaton Delaval Catholic Partnership has two Facebook pages - a general page and a Youth page. Material for uploading can be sent to Fr. Lee.

iv. Diocesan Issues

- *Council of the Laity.* Jo Shepherd reported back from the Council of the Laity's inaugural meeting. Key areas are : formation of Lay Leadership, providing support for clergy, work with the Youth Council.
- *In Pursuit.* An opportunity for 16-18 year olds to develop discipleship skills within a supportive community. For further information, contact YMT.
- *Youth Ministry Conference.* 12 May at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn. A practical day to include keynote talk plus workshops. Booking forms are in parishes or on the YMT website.

## **6. Spiritual Activities/Formation**

- A Day of Reflection for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will take place on June 9, at Sacred Heart. Times tbc. There will be a session for younger readers which will run alongside the adult input.
- 33rd Sunday of the Year - the Pope's Initiative. Current involvement in J&P projects was discussed. It was suggested that supporting SVP work at Blackfriars might be a focus. It was noted that New Hartley's Justice and Peace Group is already involved with Blyth. Following discussion, it was felt that it might be possible to focus on one or two churches in the Partnership on the actual day with all church groups contributing to resources for the initiative. Ken Little will seek further information from some of the New Hartley congregation.

## **7. Social Activities**

- 21.04.18 - concert in St. Wilfrid's Church, Blyth.
- 24.04.18 - CAFOD/Christian Aid fund raiser at New Hartley, 4.00pm - pie and peas, beetle drive and raffle. £5 per ticket.
- 27.04.18 - Wine Tasting evening to raise money for various charities - at Sacred Heart.
- 29.04.18 - Rosary on the Beach at Blyth, a national Catholic event, 3.00pm-4.30pm. Meet at Eve Black Coastal Walkway.
- A Safe Families for Children meeting will be held in Blyth.
- Corpus Christi procession in Cramlington - see website for further details.

## **8. Property and Facilities**

A Toolkit will be provided by the Diocese to look at buildings and their use. Further action will be taken when information from the Diocese is available.

## **9. Planning**

A sub group of the Spirituality group has produced a draft statement. This will be presented to the Spirituality Group and then the PDG for ratification

## **10. Matters Arising**

Partnership involvement in the Eucharistic Congress (Adoremus) is being co-ordinated by Fr. Jim. Ken Little will seek further clarification from the Diocese. Graham Wilkinson, Cramlington, will be attending, bringing the number of partnership attendees to three or four. Final number yet to be confirmed by Fr. Jim.

## **11. Any Other Business**

Thanks were offered to Fr. Michael Hickey for the Mission he led during Lent in Blyth.

## **12. Date of the next meeting**

21.06.18, 7.30 pm at Annitsford.

## **13. Closing Prayer**