

# 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 01.05.19  
Present: J. Dunne, P. Battersby, A. Hardy, K. Little, J. Shepherd, J. Hawthorne, F. Standfield  
K. Maggs and P. Quinn joined the meeting at a later point

## 1. Opening prayer

Partnership Prayer.

## 2. Apologies for absence

R. Wareing, T. Turner, P. Marley, D. Brown

## 3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting.

Proposed by P. Battersby. Seconded by J. Dunne.

## 4. Planning

The issues noted on the agenda were discussed in detail. Fr. Jim has discussed the Partnership's situation with the Episcopal Vicar and the Vicar General and it is not known whether an appointment will be made for St. Paul's. At the moment Fr. P. Carroll is providing cover while Fr. Jim has pastoral responsibility. It is hoped that the situation will be resolved by the summer at which point definite arrangements can be put in place.

## 5. Communications

### i. Bulletin.

Next edition will be published on Saturday 22 June. Items will include publicity for the Bishop's visit to the Partnership, information about outreach activities within the Partnership and Parish profiles for St. John's and Our Lady and St. Joseph.

### ii. IT/Communication developments.

F. Standfield updated the meeting on Diocesan developments. A draft strategy has been written and will be discussed by the Diocesan Board. Implementation will probably be next year. Mgr. A. Faley is the Diocesan lead.

### iii. Social Media.

K. Maggs is an administrator for the Facebook page. The PDG agreed to ask C. Nardini if she would be willing to work with Kathryn in running the Facebook page.

### iv. Diocesan issues

#### a. Council of the Laity.

Suspended awaiting appointment of a new Bishop. Awaiting further information from Bishop Robert.

#### b. Partnership Development Groups.

Existing system will operate for sixth months dating from the appointment of Bishop Robert.

## 6. Spiritual activities/Formation/Outreach

### i. Alpha Courses.

Next course is about to start at Cowpen after 9.00am Mass on Sundays.

### ii. Awayday at Bedlington.

Feedback from this was positive. Fr. Phil has proposed a draft Mission Statement which will form the basis for discussion at the next meeting of the Spirituality Group.

### iii. Diocesan Spirituality Group.

No meeting has been held since last PDG meeting.

#### **iv. Called and Gifted Programme.**

Three members of the Partnership are hoping to be involved in this initiative.

Other Issues discussed were

- Bible Study Course will start at Sacred Heart
- *Immortal Diamond* - run by S. Hartass - has been well attended. Another course based on a R.Rohr book will commence in September.
- *Come To The Well* is currently running.
- F. Nilsson will offer Guided Prayer opportunities in September.

#### **7. Social activities.**

The next PDG Mass and social will be held at St. Wilfrid's on 27.09.19 at 7.00pm.

#### **8. Finance report.**

£833.57 in the bank.

#### **9. Property and facilities.**

Awaiting information from Diocesan pilot schemes. However, the Parish Council at St. Paul's is considering property issues, particularly now that the presbytery is unoccupied. It was advised that they should contact Andrew Gillingham at the Diocesan offices.

#### **10. Matters arising (not covered above)**

- i. Gerry Killen has resigned as the representative of St John the Baptist, Annitsford and K.Maggs, who was standing in for Gerry in his absence, is now the official representative on the PDG for St. John's.
- ii. D. Harrison has resigned from the Finance Committee. St. John's will appoint a new representative to replace him.
- iii. It was suggested that Faith in Action award certificates might be presented when the Bishop visits the Partnership for Mass on July 2. Fr. Jim will check whether there are candidates at St. Peter and Paul's School. Fr. Phil will check whether there are candidates in Blyth.

#### **11. Any other business**

Tyne and Wear Citizens. Henry Box (Sacred Heart) had put forward a proposal that the Partnership might consider membership of this organisation and test the water by taking some training from TWC. F. Standfield placed TWC in its Diocesan context. The matter was discussed but in view of the present uncertainty within the Partnership it was decided that this would not be the opportune moment to commit to supporting this issue.

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

31.07.19. New Hartley. 7.00pm (note the new time).

#### **13. Closing prayer.**

Led by Fr. Jim.