

# Jesmond St Mary Partnership Minutes

23 January 2020

## 1 Opening Prayer led by Rachael

## 2 Attendance, Apologies

In attendance:

Rachael Blackburn (Chair), Fr David (Dean), Bill Brown, Amy Cameron, Fr Michael, Julia Firbank, Fr Sean, Veronica Hargreaves, Catherine Hearne, Julia Henzell, Dave McGee, Mike Potts, Jennifer Richardson and Jane Riley. Ellen O'Brien and Martha McGregor St Mary's JP11 Award recipients. Barbara Cooper (mins)

Apologies: Kathleen Hanson, Michael Howard, Fr Mariadass, Fr John

## 3 Minutes of last Meeting and Matters Arising

Description	Action / Discussion
Minutes and Matters Arising	JF had contacted BC to correct an error in the minutes. The service on 01/12/2019 was not a penitential service but a service entitled " <i>A time of prayer and reflection</i> ". This had been notified by JF to all JSM members at the time and before the actual service. JF reported that it was a disappointing turnout with only 17 Attending including leaders and musicians. It had been an icy day deterring some people and St Anthony had a Christmas Fayre. This led to a suggestion that events ought to be diaried, carefully timed and co-ordinated to avoid duplication and maximise attendance. RB reported that the confirmation programme was running well. The remainder of the minutes from 24 October 2019 were accepted as a true record with no other matters arising

## 4 Supporting Young People in the Partnership

Description	Action / Discussion
Guest young people on JP11 Award, Guest speaker on Youth Group, small group work	RB introduced EO'B and MMcG , year 13 pupils who had recently completed the JP11 award. The girls spoke about the reason for starting the programme as a natural progression from their involvement in services and liturgies throughout the year. They moved on to consider the community aspects of the award, something universities recognised. They spent a number of hours with the Holy Name Church cleaning windows, polishing brass ware, cleaning candle wax from candle sticks, carry out some administration, welcoming at Sunday mass, embroidering altar cloths and volunteering at the recent 90 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations where they helped with the children's quiz and served tea and coffee. They also supported at the Charles Parsons Christmas party and attended the Flame conference. The benefits include improving interpersonal skills, time management, building relationships with people and balancing work loads. They were inspired by the previous year 13, attended an assembly on the award and saw it as an opportunity to gain the award whilst enjoying the challenge.

### Supporting Young People continued

Description	Action / Discussion
	RB explained that participants can move on from the Gold award to earn a Papal

Youth Group	<p>award which required more hours to achieve. A medal and a certificate are issued for the Gold award and a plaque for the Papal award.</p> <p>There are currently 14 students working towards the Gold award but not all have links with a parish</p> <p>Click here for more information. <a href="https://thepopejohnpauliaward.com/">https://thepopejohnpauliaward.com/</a></p> <p>JH explained how she has set up a youth group based at St Aidan's that meets every 4-6 weeks on a Sunday evening. Activities include social aspects such as pizza night or parties alongside spiritual activities around prayer and exploring faith. They are looking at agreeing a focus such as Dementia and would like to open the group up to more parishes. Currently St Aidan, St Teresa and Holy Name young people attend the youth group. An average of 15 young people from a list of around 30 young people aged from year 5 to 19 attend each meeting. The group seeks more adult support and it was agreed that an entry be placed in all newsletters advertising the group. (the entry was emailed to members on 24/01/2020)</p>
Small group work	<p>CH offered to meet up with JH to further the work of the youth group.</p> <p>RB issued a template to capture four areas:</p> <p>What would you like to see for young people in our partnership?</p> <p>What do you currently offer young people that we could invite others to (including dates and venues)</p> <p>Any events or activities that you would like to know more about</p> <p>Any other ideas or comments.</p> <p>Following a 15 minute exercise, the following comments were received.</p> <p>Children and young people should feel connected with the wider Catholic community.</p> <p>Young people want something practical to action such as a coffee morning or a discussion group.</p> <p>We should make a point of inviting and including young people when we seek volunteers for parish roles or activities rather than just ask for a volunteer.</p> <p>It would be useful to have a list of events that would interest young people.</p> <p>We should advertise "The Source" within our parishes as this is an excellent social event for young people. The Source takes place at St. Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, from 7.00pm – 8.45pm. This is a chance for Praise and Worship, Prayer, Live Music, Faith Sharing, Socialising and Refreshments. The Source is aimed at young people in Year 9 and above, but everyone is welcome!. Next event is on Wednesday 12 Feb 2020.</p> <p>Citizens UK was raised as something people wanted to know more about. Click here for more information <a href="https://www.citizensuk.org/">https://www.citizensuk.org/</a></p> <p>The annual Lourdes trip requires fundraising and DS explained how hard young people worked to raise the money needed for their trip.</p> <p>The Youth Ministry Trust have an excellent web site. Click here <a href="http://www.ymt.org/">http://www.ymt.org/</a></p> <p>CH suggested that the Centre for Catholic Studies, who are working with Holy Name to deliver lectures, may be interested in delivering an event aimed at young people.</p> <p>AC suggested people look at "P2C Philosophy to the Catechism" Click here for more information. <a href="https://issuu.com/clephane/docs/book">https://issuu.com/clephane/docs/book</a></p>

## 5 CAFOD

Description	Action / Discussion
CAFOD Resources	MP introduced an award called "livesimply" which is an opportunity for us to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in Laudato Si' to "work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us". It is awarded to communities that can show how they live simply, in solidarity with people in

	<p>poverty and sustainability with creation. The process involves signing up for the award, developing and implementing a plan, regular review followed by CAFOD assessment and achievement of the award. MP urged the partnership to take up this award. More information can be found by clicking here.</p> <p><a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Livesimply-award">https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/How-to-Campaign/Livesimply-award</a></p>
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## 6 Finance

Description	Action / Discussion
Finance update as at 30/12/2019	<p>BC provided an update (30/12/19) showing the opening balance at 31/03/2019 as £8,336.26. So far this fiscal year the partnership had received £30 towards the cost of the Bishop's visit lunch (18/07/19). Expenditure to date totals £2,758.72 being £1,926.24 on secretarial expenses, £50 on the organist fee for the Bishop's Mass (18/07/19), £317.90 for the Bishop's visit lunch (18/07/19), £97.58 on confirmation letters postage costs, £320 on two Vicariate meetings and £11 on expenses for the Time of Prayer and Reflection Service (01/12/19). This leaves a closing balance at 23/01/2020 of £5,607.54. A further £160 for the forthcoming 12 February Vicariate meeting and £1,308.16 for secretarial expenses were expected before the year end.</p> <p>Partnerships did not have to provide half yearly accounts to the Diocese.</p>

## 7 Any Other Business

Description	Action / Discussion
Easter Resources	JF described Easter resources including reflections, notes for leaders and prayer stations. A pack was available for each parish and would soon be available on the Diocesan website from the Spirituality team.
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	JF reminded members that the " <i>Come to the Well</i> " programme for 2020 had been changed to " <i>Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible</i> " and would take place at Holy Name Parish Hall on Towers Ave, Jesmond starting at 7pm. This eight week programme will run on 16/04, 23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 21/05, 28/05, 04/06 and 25/06. Jeff Cavins book to support the programme is available priced around £7.98
CCS Lecture Series	<p>CH spoke of the series of Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) lectures that Holy Name have and will be hosting the next being on 29 February at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall. Professor Eamon Duffy will speak about Saint John Henry Newman, the subject of his most recent book which offers a "very brief history" about England's newest saint. Bishop Robert Byrne will introduce Professor Duffy. Copies of the book will be on sale afterwards.</p> <p>The next lecture is on Thursday 12 March at 7pm with Dr Anna Rowlands on the subject of "<i>Towards a Politics of the Common good</i>"</p>

### Any Other Business continued

Description	Action / Discussion
Mark Hayes	SH informed members of the sad and untimely death of Mark Hayes last month. Mark was chair of the JSM Finance Committee. Members said a prayer for him.
Gospel Study Day	SH was delivering a session on 25 January at St Mary's School to which 38 had signed up. MC commented that this shows that faith seeking and understanding is what people are wanting and we should as a partnership be addressing this.
Calendar of Events	RB asked that all parishes let her or BC know of any events that are coming up in 2020 with dates and venues so that RB can produce a calendar of events to

Jumbulance	share across the partnership. Please feel free to add to the calendar at any time by contacting BC.  RB had received a letter about the use of the Jumbulance for the summer Lourdes trip. Please see the letter on last page of these minutes.
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8      **Date and Time of Next Meeting** – BC to issue a Doodle Poll for April 2020