

Blackfriars Partnership Ministers and Readers Annual Day of Reflection

On Saturday 5 May 80 People gathered in St. Cuthbert's Primary School, Kenton for the Blackfriars Partnership Annual Day of Reflection entitled, "*The Perfect Disciple*". The day was led by Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy who is of the English Province of Spiritans, a branch of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Fr. Eamonn has worked a great deal in Kenya and is now a Parish priest in Manchester.

I have known Fr. Eamonn for several years. I remember the first time he came to do a day for me he said,

"I try to awaken people to the disturbing freshness of Jesus, by reinterpreting familiar events and parables in an unusual way. I hope to rekindle the flame of Faith that for many of us lies dormant. My hope is to help us all to look again at how we belong to the Church and then hopefully to strengthen, deepen and renew the Faith of all who come along, to go out and spread the Word."

This Day was all about Discipleship, its call from Baptism to follow, to grow, but also its challenges and cost. It was a rather apt teaching at this time for those in our Diocese.

Fr. Eamonn speaks with fervour, sincerity, a profound knowledge and obvious love of Scripture. He is funny, can be dramatic, but never shies from truth and challenge.

Those who came gave tremendous enthusiastic and grateful feedback; '*This has been a tremendous Day for us*', '*Inspiring and uplifting*', '*Please ask him to come back next year for a follow-up*'.

I have done and he has agreed.

Pat Kennedy MPS, May 2018