

Partnership of Jesmond St Mary

Based on the responses after our Away Day, our vision for our partnership is for us to be a community of communities consisting of members whose discipleship has its source in the joy of the gospel and who:

- share the peace and joy of Christ;
- encourage others to a personal encounter with Him;
- centre their lives in the spirituality, prayer and liturgy of the Church;
- work together as equal partners in the mission to promote the Kingdom of God, responding positively to all who are in need and being ready to reach out to other communities of all faiths and none;
- are welcoming and life giving to all;
- respond to opportunities for personal and group formation.

In accordance with this vision, we initially established working groups on Communications, Formation and Prayer and Spirituality. These are ongoing and we have started to look at how to support and build upon existing good practice in the areas of Young People and Outreach to Those in Need.

As a result:

- We had a Partnership Litany from the outset; as well as being used at services and meetings, this is to be printed as a bookmark.
- A Local Network for Prayer & Spirituality is established.
- An evening for First Communion Catechesis at St Mary's High School on Thursday 12th July, initially proposed for our Partnership, was offered to other Partnerships
- A *Come to the Well and Drink* course will begin on 20 September at St Lawrence's, Byker for 6 weeks.
- A *Liturgy of Mercy* will take place at St Teresa's Heaton on the 2nd Sunday of Lent, 17 March 2019.
- All parishes have been offered a check list for Hospitality and Welcome.

We are planning to ensure that, as far as possible, partnership events will take place in different parishes in turn.

One of our concerns is to maintain the individuality of each community – as stated in our Vision, to be 'a community of communities.'



A Prayer for Partnerships

Risen Christ
from your
abundant grace
pour out afresh your
Holy Spirit upon our
Diocese

As we build on the
deep foundations
of faith
laid by the countless
saints of these
Northern Lands
by Aidan and Cuthbert
Hilda and Bede
may our Partnerships
continue the mission
of building your
Kingdom on the earth
to give living witness
to your love
and to your
compassion and hope
for our world

We pray in trustful
confidence
that your power
working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or
imagine

Through the same
Christ our Lord

Amen

Jesmond St Mary Partnership
Our Lady and St Vincent
St Aidan
St Anthony of Padua
St Dominic's Priory Church
St Lawrence
St Mary
St Teresa of the Infant Jesus
Holy Name



Litany for Jesmond St Mary Partnership

Holy Name of Jesus
Have mercy on us

St Mary, Help of Christians
Pray for us

St Mary of the Rosary
Pray for us

Our Lady & St Vincent
Pray for us

St Stephen
Pray for us

St Lawrence
Pray for us

St Alban
Pray for us

St Aidan
Pray for us

St Dominic
Pray for us

St Anthony of Padua
Pray for us

St Catherine
Pray for us

St Teresa of the Infant Jesus
Pray for us

St Mary of Jesmond
Pray for us

**Lord
have mercy on us
and bless our
parishes, schools
and partnership**

Amen