

Monkwearmouth Partnership

September 2018

The PDG for Monkwearmouth Catholic Partnership have continued to meet regularly and are currently working towards completing a Development Plan for the Partnership. Please find below of a summary of some of the progress we have made so far.

Finance

- A Partnership Account has been created and a Finance Committee has been selected to oversee it.
- The PDG are currently in the process of assessing what the Partnership's financial priorities are.

Communication

- We have released three Magazines in the last year, one last Christmas, one at Easter and a Summer Edition. All have been very well received, and we have tried to showcase through them the vibrancy and diversity of activities and events that are occurring across Monkwearmouth. The next edition of the Magazine will be released in Advent, any news or content should be emailed to monkwearmouthcatholic@gmail.com before 26th October.
- As well as the Magazine, we have been making good progress in developing a Partnership Website, we hope this to be ready before the new year.

Formation

- The PDG has encouraged each of our 11 worshipping communities to organise a formation event over the next year. The events will be monthly and held at a different church each month. The first one on *Becoming Missionary Disciples* will be led by Amy Cameron and held on 4th October 7-8pm at St Joseph's.
- On the 8th November 7-8pm, there will be a formation event at Sacred Heart & St John Bosco on the theme of *Remembrance and the Holy Souls*.
- On 6th December, 6:30-7:30 at Immaculate Heart of Mary there will be a formation evening the theme *Mary, Mother in Waiting*.
- The Partnership are organising a Partnership Confirmation course, as a part of this we are encouraging older young Catholics to help take an active role in leading it.
- An evening of *Devotions and Sacred Music in Honour of Our Lady* will be held at St Joseph's on 23rd October, with music by the Westland singers, 7-8pm.
- A day retreat open to the whole Partnership is being organised for Spring 2019.

Youth

- Alongside the initiatives that the Partnership youth development group, led by Sr. Josepha, are undertaking, the Partnership are also planning to run a monthly youth event at St Joseph's.
- We hope to provide transport for young people from the Partnership to both the Source and the Event.

Social and Pastoral Outreach

- The PDG Social Group are currently organising a Partnership Christmas Social, date and venue to be announced soon.