

## **Jesuit Parishes Conference June 2017 – St Wilfrid's, Preston Action Plan**

**Overview of Parish:** St Wilfrid's is a vibrant city centre Parish located in Preston. The community it serves is diverse and parishioners do not necessarily reside in the actual parish. The Parish Group felt that St Wilfrid's already does a great deal but the challenge would be for it to deepen and strengthen these talents rather than look at spending time and resources on finding new ventures.

### **Evangelii Gaudium**

#### **Present Situation:**

- We are very welcoming/space for prayer and reflection/beacon in city centre
- Work with local agencies and charities – drop in centre and soup kitchen
- Work with outreach groups/ACE
- Work with Students
- Ascent Group, SVP and Faith and Justice Group/Metanoia Group
- Music and Liturgy – Taize – Advent and Lenten Services
- Parish Council
- Rosary recited prior to 12.15pm week day mass
- Night Fever/Open Doors events
- Formation Classes

#### **Action Plan:**

- Living the Gospel – take the Gospel out – not just share it with our familiar crowds
- Use social media more – what about the Jesuit Forum which Ruth Morris, Digital Communications Manager for the Jesuits, presented at the Conference – did anyone leave their email address with Ruth?
- More formation courses – we have the Metanoia Group but what about Maria Hall – she has already run course for the Diocese of Salford – Understanding the Mass and the Eucharist is a recent one she has delivered in Salford.
- Community Days – Flag Market Preston. Contact the Council to find out more and have a stand
- Volunteer census – in place of the homily ask those present at all masses to complete a simple but concise questionnaire on what they would like to do, see happen etc
- Sale of Talents – again in place of the homily, groups to give a brief presentation on what they do and encourage others to come forward to volunteer or make suggestions
- More Social Events – get to know each other – international food event
- Use Winckley Square gardens as a venue for social events.

### **Laudato Si**

#### **Preston Situation:**

- Recently installed new LED Lighting – 80% reduction in energy consumption
- Recycling
- Series of talks provided on Laudato Si building up to this conference – various Jesuits invited to provide these talks

**Action Plan:**

- Ecological/Environmental Audit using the Eco-Check Questionnaire
- Solar Panels
- Investment into Eco-Research Organisations
- Support Jesuit Missions – already do this along with the Refugee Service
- Credit Union – join or seek support from Blackpool branch

**Amoris Laetitia****Present Situation:**

- Children's Liturgy/Small Church
- Social Events – Quiz nights/Christmas Fair
- Dance Group
- Music
- Sacramental preparation

**Action Plan:**

- Mass for families/married couples – to mention or prayer for married couples as part of the bidding prayers or homily. Designate a year or a month to Married Couples and Families
- Sign up to Christian Life Communities
- Parenting skills to include grandparents as well/Support groups for broken and relationships that causing pain
- Signposting – in all areas of support as sometimes people just want to know where to go, they don't necessarily want to talk
- Couples for Christ – another service to consider working with
- Family days out – family walks
- Divorcees – make them know they have nothing to be ashamed off – make them feel welcome
- LGBT partnerships – make them know they are welcome
- Healing Masses
- Include quotes from Amoris Laetitia in newsletters or homilies
- Consider a visit to the World Meeting of Families Day in Dublin in August 2018.  
<http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/> I have signed up for the newsletter and have registered an interest in volunteering. SFX Liverpool are looking at organising a day trip flying out from Liverpool and returning the same day to keep costs down. The dates are 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and although it is not yet confirmed, it is hoped that Pope Francis will attend on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Even if we don't attend there are ways of participating remotely as in prayer.