

St. John Fisher Justice & Peace Group
15th October, 2013

Venue: Julie's, 85, Northway

Present: Bishop Tripp, Julie, Sheila, Barbara, Teresa and Beryl

Prayer: Bishop Tripp

Meditation: Julie read from Pope Francis prayer at the Vigil of Prayer for Peace. He emphasised 'encounter not confrontation. Discussion, dialogue and reconciliation.

Informing Ourselves: We read Fundamental Features of our Society, page 10, paras:36-38. Next meeting: paras 39-40.

Informing Others: Julie reported that we had collected £365. It was decided that the money be sent straight to Mary's Meals. Julie will contact the Newsletter thanking the parish for their generosity. We need to have a sorting morning for the backpacks. Julie was thanked for her work as was Christine for her generous hospitality for the Mary's Meals lunch.

Archbishop Romero: Several members attended the service at Southwark Cathedral in honour of Archbishop Romero. It was agreed that given permission we would use material, if permission given, for the Peace Service in the New Year.

Parish Council: Bishop Tripp had attended the Parish Council and handed round a copy of the report.

Autumn Assembly: Sadly no members are free to attend this.

Meeting: It was agreed that we will hold the next meeting during the day time. A lively discussion followed as to how to attract young people to the group. The consensus was that because most of us are elderly it is not an attractive proposition for young people. It was decided to disband the group. This would be announced after the Peace Service.

Prisoners of Conscience: 17th November. Julie has bought cards. To meet one morning to sort envelopes. Ask Deacon Tom to refer to it as he will be preaching that day. Rota: 6pm Teresa, 8am Beryl, 9.30am Julie, 11am Cathy, 6.30pm?

Peace Service: Date: Bishop will confer with the Canon, hopefully 1st January.

Treasurer's Report: £185. Next meeting, Sheila's, 73, Queen Mary's Avenue, 10.30am. Meditation; Teresa. Chair: Barbara. Minutes: Julie.