

Minutes of St Joseph's Justice and Peace Group – 19th November, 2013-11-23

Venue: Sheila's

Apologies: Julie, Christine and Barbara

Meditation: Sheila read a prayer from a Celtic book of daily prayer. It was suggested that it be sent to Talkabout. Beryl will do that.

Informing ourselves: .There was a lengthy and interesting discussion on Paras. 39 and 40 - ..the intimate relationship between social and political liberation.... From this there arose the concept of being a Justice and Peace parish rather than a parish with a J&P group. Next meeting: paras.41-43.

Informing Others: Christine would like help with the sorting of the gifts for the backpacks: we will do this next Thursday, November 21 after the morning mass. A letter of thanks was received from Mary's Meals for the donation sent.

Peace Service: This will be arranged at the next meeting. Date- January 1.

Parish Council: The notice of the retiring of the present J&P group will be announced at the AGM. It was agreed that, given permission, Anne Towner would be asked to talk at all massed to encourage others to come forward to take over. The group will disband on June 30.
Cathy suggested that we should encourage the parish to become a Living Simply Parish. Beryl will get in touch with Barbara Leigh who is a L.S promoter.

Prisoners of conscience: All 300 cards went. Sadly there were none left for the 6.30pm mass. Beryl will send a 'thank you to the parish in the Newsletter.

A.O.B. Cathy brought up the question of the effect of smart metres on the environment and on health. It was decided that we needed more information.

Treasurer's Report: The cards cost £60. There now remains a balance of £135.00.

Chair: Beryl

Meditation: Liam

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Minutes; Julie

Next meeting: 17th December. As Cathy will be away for two months it was decided to postpone the Christmas jollifications.

Sheila was thanked for her hospitality and the Grace was said.