

Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

<http://www.sjf-justiceandpeace.org.uk/>

Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 8 April 2014 at 8:00pm

Venue: 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Present: Beryl Shannon (Chair), Bishop Tripp, Teresa Pollard, Sheila Johnstone, Julie Sheahan,

Apologies: Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden, Cathie Honour, Christine Davis,

Minutes: Julie

Meditation: Beryl read a commentary on today's gospel by Richard Rohr

Informing Ourselves

We discussed **The Common Good** paras. 90-93, The World of Work,

Next month we will continue this with paras. 94-97, focussing on Trade Unions.

We were reminded of our **Responsibility to vote** and to question candidates for both the local and European elections particularly on their policies with regard to Peace, the Immigrant and the Poor. There is a multi-faith meeting on Tuesday 29th April at Karibu Education Centre, 7 Gresham Road, Brixton, 5.30 for 6pm until 8pm when we can meet the candidates who are seeking to be one of the 8 London MEPs.

Beryl will investigate the cost of a large cab to go there; Beryl will ask a question about trafficking. We will advertise the meeting with a poster on our board and ask Canon Acton to mention it in the newsletter.

The Catholic Bishops of Europe have published a Statement concerning the European elections. The Bishops' statements can be read at <http://www.comece.eu/site/en/activities/events/article/6431.html>

Charity of the Year – The Passage

Beryl will host a social event on Tuesday 24th June, either in the morning or possibly evening. To be organised in May. Margaret Duffy, who has volunteered at The Passage, to be invited. We should advertise at the Sacred Heart.

Relaunch of Group: Bishop Tripp has spoken to Terry Brown, Justice and Peace Coordinator, Archdiocese of Southwark, who is willing to come and talk at all Masses in September. Bishop will ask Canon Acton if we can organise this on the weekend of September 20th – 21st. We should also plan a follow up meeting the following week, Bishop to also ask Canon Acton if the hall would be free for such a meeting on Tuesday or even Monday. We would need to publicise this in advance, have people at all Masses to take names of those interested and possibly leaflet them about the meeting to be sure they come.

Spring Assembly: "Solidarity with the Poor"

Speakers: Alison Gelder from Housing Justice - "Why Welfare Reform matters to Christians"

Rev. Paul Nicolson from Taxpayers Alliance against Poverty- "Benefits, Debt and Ill Health"

Jackie McLoughlin from National Board of Catholic Women - "Lobbying your MP"

Saturday May 17th 10.30am to 4.00pm

at Holy Innocents Primary School, Mitchell Road, Orpington BR6 9JT

No charge to attend, Tea & Coffee provided, Bring Lunch

Treasurer's report: £199.25

Next meeting: Tuesday 20th May at 8.00 pm

Chair: Teresa

Minutes: Beryl

Venue: Sheila's

Meditation: Sheila

Bishop Tripp led us in prayer for the Harnett family.

Grace was said