



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway

Present: Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan, Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Marie Bullard

Apologies:

Meditation: Peter read the Mary's Meals Our Father, which led to interesting discussion of our stewardship of the planet, our sisterhood with everyone and the sharing of resources. We should send this prayer to Talkabout.

Laudato Si Conference

Peter attended this conference, organised by Marie. Southwark JPIC are drafting a Diocesan environmental policy and this was an opportunity to contribute to this policy. Among the issues addressed were Renewable Energy, and ethical energy companies such as BULB and Ecotricity. Also ethical banking and investment such as Traidors Bank.

Ellen Teague, the keynote speaker advised that "The Eucharist is the Sacrament of ecology". "The Fruit of the earth; the work of human hands".

There were suggestions we might use for future ethical actions.

Marie will suggest that some of the notes from this meeting be circulated.

Ethical Actions:

July: Look for an ethical energy supplier

August: Take no single use plastic on picnics, and leave no litter.

So that we can include them in September Talkabout, members should come to the next meeting with suggestions for September, October, November and December. Possible ideas: ethical investment and a Bird feeder.

Adoremus Congress:

The Parish Advisory Council has asked the J&P group to consider how the issues of Justice and Peace can be linked to the Adoremus theme of Mission.

Peter brought to the meeting a document produced by the USA Bishops' Conference on the links between the Sacraments and social justice. We looked briefly at the section on the Eucharist which included quotes from recent Popes on these links. [*Web-master comment: the document is available in the 'documents' section of this site*] This fostered very valuable discussion.

We are reminded that the Mission Statement of our group is:

To inform ourselves and others in the parish on Justice and Peace issues and to initiate prayer and action where appropriate.

To this end we will:

- **Informing ourselves:** use this document for further study at future meetings.
- **Informing Others:** Ask the Parish Priest if we might include one of these eight short paragraphs in the newsletter during the summer, during the eight weeks leading up to the Congress.

- **Prayer and Action:** Ask if we might place a basket in the Church for people to write their own prayer intentions relating to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.
- Offer prayer leaflets with some of these suggestions for people to pray for during Adoration of Christ in the Eucharist.
- Ask for Bidding Prayers on Care of Creation day: Saturday 1st September
- Write to MPs on issues that weigh deeply on us.

Mary's Meals Appeal: The Rags to Riches collection for Mary's Meals raised approx.. £800, enough to feed 61 children in school for a year. We hope this collection may become a regular event. Julie appealed on behalf of Mary's Meals at the 6 pm Mass and J & P members helped with carrying the bags of clothing.

Treasurer's report: There was no expenditure. The bag was circulated.

Any Other Business:

Beryl drew our attention to an app, promoted by Cardinal Nichols to help people spot and report when car washes are using slave labour. Teresa will write a summary of this article for September Talkabout.

Beryl asked for prayers for Sheila who is very ill.

Grace was said.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th July

Meditation: Beryl