

St John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
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Tuesday 12th November at 9.30 am

In the Presbytery

Minutes

Chair: Barbara
Apologies: Margaret
Minutes: Julie

Informing Ourselves: We were very pleased to welcome Roisin Werner, a new parishioner who works for De Paul Group. Roisin told us about the wide ranging work of this group, particularly among the young homeless. She agreed to write an article about the group for the spring issue of Talkabout. Tom will ask her to highlight the work among young homeless and the Nightstop project.

Reports:

Food Collections: Christine delivered the good collection to Faith in Action on Wednesday. Peter will take £100 cash in tomorrow.

Next month is the collection for Christian Care Christmas parcels on 7/8th December. The collection will need to be stored in the bar on Sunday after Mass. As there is a deanery meeting in the hall on Tuesday, we will meet on Monday afternoon 9th December, at 2 pm, to sort and pack the bags. We may need to check dates on donations.

Fairtrade Sale: Christine passed the profit of £56 to Rehana for Christian Care Family Support.

Planning

Red Wednesday – 20th November

Canute will light the back of the Church red in the evening. We will join the rosary, wearing red, at 8.30, followed by Mass. Julie will pass prayers for the Persecuted to Breda for the rosary. Julie has informed the Scouts, who meet on Wednesday evening and Margaret will tell the guides.

The London service is at Brompton Oratory at 6.30 for 7pm Mass. Some of the group hope to go.

Christmas cards for Persecuted = Sunday 16th November

Julie has bought and prepared cards. She will bring the cards to Church on Friday morning. We will aim to distribute cards before and after Mass.

6pm: Teresa, Peter

After 8 am: and before 9.30: Julie, Tom

After 9.30 and before and after 11: Teresa, Margaret, (Christine)

6.30 Julie

Julie will ask Fr. Francis if clergy can mention this in the notices at the end of Mass.

Charity of the Year 2025: We agreed to make De Paul UK our Charity for 2025. Roisin will advise us how the group might support the Charity.

Peace Service – Wednesday 1st January at 4 pm.

We will meet on Tuesday 3rd December after Mass to plan the service.

The theme for the 58th World Day of Peace on January 1, 2025 is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace". The theme highlights the importance of forgiveness, hope, and conversion to promote peace

Treasurer's report: £154.52, after Margaret has given Julie £52 for Christmas cards.

Any other business: Peter reported that at the Parish Council meeting, Fr Francis thanked all members of the group for all their work.

Next meetings: Tuesday 3rd December at 9.30 to plan Peace Service
Tuesday 10th December, (possibly in Day Chapel)
Chair: Peter

The Grace was said