

St.John Fisher Justice and Peace Group
Minutes – 14th January, 2014

Venue: Sheila's

Present: Bishop Tripp, Sheila, Cathy, Julie, Teresa, Mark, Liam, Christine and Beryl

Meditation: Liam read from Basil Hume's 'To Be A Pilgrim. 'They know not what they Do'.

Informing Ourselves. The Common Good: paras. 44-47. A very lively and stimulating discussion followed which Julie finally had to terminate. Paras.48-50 next meeting. Beryl encouraged everyone who had not already read Pope Francis' letter to do so.

Peace Meeting: Bishop Tripp was thanked and congratulated on the Peace service. About sixty people attended. Not as many as last year but the weather was very inclement.

Christian Care: Food collection: 25th/26 January. 6pm Mass, Teresa and Beryl, 8am, Beryl, 9,30am, Liam and Barbara, 11am, Sheila and Cathy, 6.30pm, Liam and Barbara. Christine has kindly agreed for the collection to be taken to her house. Sorting dates to be arranged.

Fair Trade Fortnight: February 24th-March 9th. Julie to contact the Canon re selling Fair Trade goods on Sunday, 16th. Barbara to contact Christine Towner. The programme on the growing of tea was brought up and the use of child labour. Everyone was encouraged to buy Fair Trade Tea. The encouragement of buying Fair Trade chocolate at Easter will be printed in the next Talkabout.

Charity of the year: Mary's Meals: It was agreed that Beryl would get in touch with Mary's Meals re the collection of goods to be collected from her loft and Christine's living room. She will be advised of the phone number and Email address. After discussion it was agreed to choose the Charity of the Year at the next meeting in order to research our favoured charity and decide on one at the next meeting.

Relaunch of the Group: The bishop will contact the Canon re when a speaker (Terry Brown) might be allowed to speak at all the Sunday masses.

A.O.B. Holocaust Memorial Service, Civic Centre, 27th January, 7pm to 9pm. Julie, Teresa, Cathy and Beryl will attend. Thursday, 27th January, a Public meeting at Amigo Hall, Housing for the Common Good.

Ethical Banks: Triodos and CAF bank. Ethical investment only.

Stamp Collection: The Bishop took three very full bags of used stamps to the Jesuit Missions where they were received gratefully.

Treasurer;s Report: £150. 45p.

Next meeting: Sheila,s, 73, Queen May Avenue.

Minutes: Mark

Meditation Sheila.

The Grace was joyfully recited by all.