

**Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group**

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**Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 8:00pm**

**Venue:** Sheila's

**Present:** Bishop Tripp, Teresa Pollard (Chair), Christine Davis, Sheila Johnstone, Julie Sheahan,

**Apologies:** Liam Harnett, Barbara Harnett, Mark Eaden,

**Minutes:** Julie

**Meditation:** Sheila read and meditated on Sunday's gospel, and its message of hope.

**Informing Ourselves**

We discussed **The Common Good** paras. 94-98, focussing on Trade Unions and a lively discussion followed.

Next month we will continue this with paras. 99-101 on Europe.

**Charity of the Year – The Passage**

Beryl has kindly offered to host a coffee morning on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Sheila will invite Margaret Duffy, who has volunteered at The Passage. She will need a lift. When Beryl returns from Cornwall members will need to organise publicity. It was previously agreed we should advertise at the Sacred Heart. We agreed that if each member personally invited two others we should get a good number.

**Relaunch of Group:** Unfortunately 20 -21<sup>st</sup> September was not suitable for Canon Acton and 27-28<sup>th</sup> did not suit Terry Brown. Bishop Tripp will continue to negotiate with both to find a suitable date. Canon has agreed that the hall would be free for a follow up meeting on a Tuesday. We would need to have people at all Masses to take names of those interested.

**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"

Unfortunately Paul Nicolson did not manage to attend but the other two speakers were excellent.

**Hustings in Brixton:** Bishop Tripp attended; Catholics were well represented. Five MEP candidates were present. The meeting was interesting, if a little disorganised.

**Ethical Actions:** July: Eat local, seasonal fruit and vegetables

August: Save water, always turn off tap when washing hands, or teeth

September: Dispose of fat and oil safely, never down the drain. (Fat can be cooled and then put in the food waste, oil in a container in the dustbin.)

**Treasurer's report:** £199.25

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 17 June at 8.00 pm

Chair: Sheila

Minutes: Beryl

Venue: Sheila's, 73 Queen Mary Avenue

Meditation: Teresa

Grace was said