



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Sandra Carolan, Mike Carolan, Peter Nash, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Teresa Pollard, Beryl Shannon, Fr. Matthias, Marie Bullard

Meditation: Julie read the Prayer of St. John Paul II for Everlasting Peace. This prayer was prayed all around the coast when the country was encircled in prayer at the Rosary on the Coast.

Food Collections: This month's collection for Wimbledon Foodbank was good, despite the bank holiday. Sr. Catherine reported that a few tins were past their expiry date. We may need to remind people to check this before donating.

Fairtrade Sale: The rest of the summer is very busy with First Communions and then school holidays. We will ask Anne and Fr. David if we can do a pre-Christmas sale in the autumn – before the snow!

Ethical Actions:

May: Avoid using disposable wipes, use cotton wool or washable flannels

June: Grow your own salad - cress, lettuce, tomatoes, radishes etc.

Merton Citizens launched on Thursday 19th April at St Mark's Academy, Mitcham. We will continue to look out for information about this.

JPIC joint meeting: Saturday 21st April at St Hugh's Bermondsey. Peter attended the meeting organised jointly by Southwark JPIC and the Integrity of Creation Department of the Anglican Diocese of Southwark. There were a variety of speakers on Homelessness, Peace and the Environment. The two faiths hope to work together on projects such as the Winter Night Shelters, rather than organising big ecumenical events.

Mary's Meals: A collection of Bedding and Clothing is planned on Sunday 13th May. We are asked to help after Mass, if possible. We will also forward the Backpack items, collected some time ago.

Treasurer's report: We have £102.45. There was no expenditure. The bag was circulated.

Any Other Business:

Recruitment: We should consider a recruitment drive in September to attract new members. We also discussed how the Hall could be made more user-friendly. Sandra will pass on ideas to Simon Bruton.

We discussed the forthcoming Abortion referendum in Ireland, the Irish bishops have urged Catholics to "pray earnestly that the people of Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country".

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 8.00 pm
Venue: 30 Eastway
Meditation: Peter
Chair: Michael

Grace was said.

Prayer of St John Paul II for Everlasting Peace

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to instil into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.