



Saint John Fisher Justice and Peace Group

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Minutes of meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 8.00 pm

Venue: 30 Eastway
Present: Sandra Carolan, Father Hyacinth Edokwe, Peter Nash, Teresa Pollard, Julie Sheahan,
Apologies: Mike Carolan, John Golden, Deacon Tom Kavanagh, Beryl Shannon,
Chair: Fr. Hyacinth
Minutes: Julie

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Meditation: Beryl had sent copies of a reflection by Henri Nouwen on “Leaving it all to God”. This led to interesting discussion.

Informing Ourselves: We looked at the summary of the Bishop of Truro Report on Persecuted Christians, which highlights the scale of the problem and the lack of coverage in the news. Members are invited to think of recent documents, encyclicals etc. which we could use in the group for further study, and bring ideas, copies to the next meeting.

Informing Others: Again John Golden was unable to attend. The Parish Council are looking to start an “Outreach” group. If there were a journalist in the Parish, we would like to lobby him/her to write up issues of interest.

Christmas cards for prisoners: Julie will ask Fr. Matthias if we could do this on weekend of 16/17th November, she will also order 300 cards from Traidcraft and research potential recipients at Christian Solidarity Worldwide. Teresa offered to help address cards.

Peace Service 2020: Fr. Matthias has confirmed that this is booked for 1st January at 7.30 pm. We will await information from Pax Christi on the theme and suggested service.

Any Other business:

Merton Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2023; Merton is currently developing a strategy and is consulting faith organisations and voluntary sector providers. Merton are obliged to provide a shelter when the temperature falls below a certain level. Charities are endeavouring to find out where this shelter is.

Extraordinary Month of Mission – Missio are encouraging us to follow Pope Francis’ calls to renew our missionary commitment during October, the month of prayer and action.

Year of the Word: Teresa has written up the Year of the Word for Talkabout and will write this issue about the canonisation of Cardinal Newman. We should look for the Biblical Dimension of Justice and Peace.

Computer Game Advertising: Teresa drew our attention to advertisements on buses and bill boards which blasphemous the Sacred Heart. She will send us the link so that we can sign the petition to the Advertising Standards Authority.

Treasurer’s Report: £158.65

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 8.00 pm
Chair: Peter
Meditation: Teresa

Grace was said