

## St Columba's Social Justice Group Minutes: Wednesday August 1, 2018

Attendance: Therese Briggs, Maria Fiatarone Singh, David Hair, Fay Hair, Maree Lucas, Father Peter, Evelyn Umali, Dan Umali

Apologies: Julianna Bates, Belinda Morrissey, Tim Nelson, Sue Draysey

ITEM		ACTION/BY WHOM
Acknowledgement of Country		
Opening prayer	A Prayer for Creation, Laudato Si	
Reflection: Ch 3, Laudato Si		September meeting: Chapter 4, Laudato Si. 1:1 reflection.
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>		
(i) Meeting with PPC re Social Justice Diary	(i) Therese reported that PPC agreed in principle to form a working group to plan 2019 themes for liturgy, awareness and action for the parish. PPC will discuss and get back to Therese.	(i) <b>Therese</b> to liaise with PPC and report back to SJG
(ii) Meeting with Vinnies re World Day of Poor	(ii) Therese reported that she will continue to liaise with Vinnies about possible actions re World Day of the Poor. -Focus will be on reflection and raising awareness, including through short articles in the Mass Bulletin, and presenting challenges such as using only one light at night, technology-free periods, very simple meals. -Other possibilities include speakers at Mass, Vinnies video, symbols on altar	(ii) <b>Therese</b> to liaise with Vinnies
(iii) Use of glass cupboards at Church entrance	(iii) Therese reported cupboards will be used for: St Columba's Street Library, various items for sale from RockyRoad 4 Refugees, Bali items for Andrew Chan charity (via Desiree), and books for children to look at during Mass	(iii) <b>All</b> to bring in adult's and children's books for library ( <b>Fay and Dave</b> to organise temporary storage in Office) Sign for Library - <b>Fay and Dave</b> RockyRoad 4 Refugees - <b>Therese</b> to coordinate Bali items for sale – <b>Desiree</b> to coordinate
(iv) Community Garden	(iv) Community Garden – Evelyn reported lots of planting. Some problems with water flows.	Offertory procession at Masses on September 8/9: children to present street library books ( <b>Fr Peter</b> to liaise with Gail - 5pm, Colleen 8am and Amanda 10am)
(v) SSI Employment Opportunity Poster	(v) SSI Employment opportunity poster – arranged and now on noticeboard	(iv) Community Garden (ongoing maintenance - <b>Evelyn</b> . Adjust water flow - <b>Fr Peter</b> )
(vi) Sending out information on SRSS funding cuts	(vi) Information on SRSS funding cuts – sent to SG and info included in Mass Bulletin	(v) No further action
(vii) Contact with Anti-Slavery Taskforce	(vii) Email sent to Katherine Moloney to arrange new meeting date. Waiting response.	(vi) No further action (vii) <b>Fr Peter</b> to speak to Katherine

<p><b>REPORT ON FORUM: SRSS FUNDING CUTS</b></p>	<p>Fay and Dave outlined implications of cuts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employment, accommodation, mental health and financial stress.</li> <li>- Load falling on local councils and charities to help</li> <li>- up to 3,700 people will be affected</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of possible parish response included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Donations of goods/gift cards</li> <li>- ‘Adopting’ families (preferred option)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fay and Dave</b> to discuss options our parish could support people seeking asylum with JRS Community Engagement Officer</p>
<p><b>“OCCUPATION NATIVE” DVD AND DISCUSSION GROUPS</b></p>	<p>Discussion deferred until next meeting</p>	
<p><b>REDUCE, RECYCLE AND REUSE – PARISH ECO FAIR</b></p>	<p>Discussion of ideas for a possible Eco Fair in 2019, e.g., fashion parades of recycled clothes, worm farms, solar panel display.</p> <p>NB: Possible clash with Primary School fair(s). Further discussion needed.</p>	<p>Continue discussion at next meeting, including finding an appropriate time and theme.</p>
<p><b>ADMIN AND COMMUNICATION</b></p>	<p>Fay and Dave took over preparation of SJG Bulletin column from Therese.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion on rotating the writing of Bulletin among members</li> <li>- Need ideas for Caring for Creation, plus links to articles of interest etc</li> </ul> <p>Agenda, Minutes and chairing meetings</p> <p>-Good idea to take turns and have shared responsibility</p>	<p><b>Fay and Dave:</b> Write SJG page for Mass Bulletin – trial for a 3 month block.</p> <p><b>ALL:</b> Send ideas and links for Bulletin to Dave and Fay.</p> <p><b>ALL:</b> Rotate preparation of Agenda, Minutes and Chairing of meetings.</p>
<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>(i) Maria raised concerns over Real Bodies Exhibition, and organ trafficking in China.</p> <p>(ii) David brought up the prosecution of Bernard Collaery/Witness K in relation to Australia spying on the Timor-Leste Cabinet during their discussions on Timor-Leste maritime boundary.</p> <p>(iii) Fay advised that the annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Groups Gathering is on 22 August. All SJG are invited.</p> <p>(iv) Meal at next meeting discussed.</p>	<p>(i) <b>Fr Peter</b> to raise issue with Sydney Catholic Schools.</p> <p>(ii) <b>Dave and Fay</b> to provide updates on Collaery case in Mass Bulletin.</p> <p>(iii) <b>Fay</b> to send RSVP for Evelyn and herself and Dave to attend Tri-Diocesan Gathering.</p> <p>(iv) <b>Maree</b> to order pizzas for next meeting (all to share cost)</p>