

St Columba's Social Justice
Minutes 6 June 2018

Attendees: Fay Hair, David Hair, Evelyn Umali, Belinda Morrissey, Therese Briggs

Apologies: Maria Fiataroni Singh, Desiree Leone, Tim Nelson, Dan Umali, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Julianan Bates, Sue Draysey

Item		Action
Welcome to Country	Everyone agreed with Fay's suggestion that we include the recognition of the original owners of the land.	Include the welcome at the beginning of each meeting
Prayer and reflection	The group prayed "A prayer for our Earth" from Laudato Si	
Laudato Si	The group reflected on and discussed chapters IV to VII and agreed to read chapter 2 for the next meeting	All to read chapter 2 of Laudato Si. Therese to arrange additional copies of Laudato Si
Caring for Creation through Solar	David reported that approx 15 turned up to the presentation with about 3 signing up. The offer closed on the 31 May. Further presentations are offers are planned for the future.	
Report back on the JPO Social Justice gathering on 5 May 2018	Fay and David reported that about 40 attendees from a variety of parishes and institutions. The vent was very useful for sharing information on purpose, establishing running and maintaining a social justice group	
Antislavery task force	This was the other key theme of the SJ day on 5 May. Speakers included Sr Noleen (from ACRATH) and Catherine Maloney. The latter provided information on ethical trading. She promoted Baptist World Aid 2018 Ethical Fashion Guide https://baptistworldaid.org.au/	Fay to approach the PC inviting Catherine to come and work with/or speak with the St Columba's community and school
Refugee Welcome Centre - update	"New Beginnings" The Spirit of Welcome is an event at the Refugee Welcome Centre to mark Refugee Week. This is in effect a launch for the centre and runs from the 20 to 24 June. All agreed to promote and attend the event where possible. Notice has been put in the bulletin and on Facebook https://www.newbeginningsfestival.com.au/ In addition new catering/kitchen items have been bought for the venue.	All
Video from Hava	Fay agreed to share with the group a short video she'd received from Hava about life in Iran for Afghanistan refugees.	Fay to distribute video
Refugee week - parish events	To coincide with Refugee Week the Parish will be hosting two guests speakers who will speak at masses on 23 and 24 June and share their stories. In addition there will be a RR4Refugees stall UNHCR. This coincides with 'cuppa after mass'.	Fay and Therese to co-ordinate

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Meeting with CEO office on asylum seekers and refugees	Fay and Therese will meet with Mouna, Family Educator Policy Officer about starting a “table talk”.	Fay and Therese meeting with Mouna on the 8 June
“Pope Francis, a Man of His Word”	Elizabeth recommended this film and also considering it as a film night. Belinda suggested that Documentary Australia Foundation might be the source from some interesting and themed documentaries for a film night.	
Day of the Poor 18 November 2018	Events are planned for this day including a meal for the poor in the forecourt of St Marys. Therese suggested to meet with Vinnies to find out what’s planned and if there might be something that we can do with them or for them on that day.	Therese meet with Vinnies on 11 June 2018
Managing communication	Therese advised that she would be away from 1 September to 1 November. Fay agreed to undertake the minutes. Belinda has agreed to manage the web and other communication (eg:face book) in conjunction with Marcia. Adrian Overs has offered to train SJ members in web management.	Therese to contact Adrian re training for SJ members
Call out for Women’s refuge Glebe	Jamie Parker is co-ordinating an urgent call for donations for a Women’s Refuge in Glebe. A notice will be placed in ST Columba’s bulletin. Donations from the members of the SJ group will be delivered Thursday or Friday.	Notice for the bulletin and collection point for St Columba’s
Our logo	There’s a new logo option. The group on the night recognised that while we had agreed on an earlier design they all agreed this was a better option and one to use for the future. Therese to provide a copy to Marcia for the bulletin and to distribute a copy to all members of the SJ group	Therese provide a copy for Marcia by 7 June. Therese to distribute a copy of the new logo to all.
10 great ideas	SJ members were asked to keep their “10 great ideas” and other items they’d like added to the bulletin, facebook and or the church foyer.	All
Other items	Social Justice Diary Fay suggested that we get an ACSJC Social Justice diary for our group. It diarises all the significant religious and secular events with explanations. It will be helpful for raising awareness, planning events, updating our bulletin column and other communications. For example Naidoc starts week 1 July and we’d like to mark that event.	Therese to liaise wit Fr Peter re the diaries

Next meeting

Wednesday 4 July 2018 6pm in the Parish Office.