

## St Columba's Social Justice Group Minutes: Wednesday September 5, 2018

Attendance:, David Hair, Fay Hair, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Maria Panuccio, Father Peter, Evelyn Umali

Apologies: Julianna Bates, Therese Briggs, Maria Fiatarone Singh, Desiree Leone, Maree Lucas, Belinda Morrissey, Tim Nelson, Dan Umali

ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	ACTION/BY WHOM
Acknowledgement of Country		
Opening prayer	A Prayer for Creation, Laudato Si	
Reflection: Ch 4, Laudato Si		October meeting: Chapter 5, Laudato Si. 1:1 reflection.
<p><b>ACTION ITEMS</b></p> <p>(i) Meeting with PPC re Social Justice Diary</p> <p>(ii) Meeting with Vinnies re World Day of Poor</p> <p>(iii) Use of glass cupboards at Church entrance</p> <p>(iv) Community Garden</p> <p>(vii) Contact with Anti-Slavery Taskforce</p> <p>(viii) Real Bodies Exhibition</p> <p>(ix) Tri Diocesan Social Justice Gathering</p>	<p>(i) Therese sent an update: PPC has agreed to proposal that Social Justice Calendar set agenda for following year. Fr Peter noted that any events would need to fit in with liturgical seasons.</p> <p>(ii) Therese sent update: PPC has agreed to proposal to recognise World day of Poor during masses. To be coordinated jointly by Vinnies and SJG</p> <p>(iii) Donated books are ready to be stacked in glass cupboard. Need sign. Need notice in Weekly Bulletin</p> <p>(iv) Community Garden – Evelyn reported that herbs are ready for harvesting</p> <p>(vii) Fr Peter reported that Katherine Moloney is no longer working with Anti-Slavery taskforce. Alison Rahill would be a good contact</p> <p>(viii) Fr Peter reported he contacted Catholic Schools. He informed group about an upcoming Q&amp;A panel on the issue.</p> <p>(ix) Attended by Evelyn, Fay and Dave. Very worthwhile. Key addresses were on homelessness, mental health and care for environment</p>	<p>(i) <b>Therese</b> to continue liaising with PPC</p> <p>(ii) <b>Therese</b> to continue liaising with Vinnies</p> <p>(iii) <b>Dave and Evelyn</b> - Stack books in glass cupboards ready for opening on 8/9 September. Arrange books for Offertory Procession. <b>Dave and Fay</b> – include information in next Church Bulletin <b>Fay and Dave</b> - Sign for Library <b>Fr Peter</b> – Offertory Procession at each Mass <b>Therese and Desiree</b> - will set up RockyRoad 4 Refugees and Eden School fund raising items in November</p> <p>(iv) <b>Fay and Dave</b> to let parishioners know herbs are ready in next bulletin.</p> <p>(vii) <b>Fay and Dave</b> - to write to Alison Rahill to arrange a meeting (send email via Kim Doyle at JPO)</p> <p>(viii) <b>Fay and Dave</b> to advertise Q&amp;A in bulletin</p>

<p><b>Parish support of JRS in response to SRSS funding cuts</b></p>	<p>Fay and Dave reported that they met with Jo Brooke, JRS Community engagement Officer, to discuss parish proposal of “adopting a family” in order to build close connections with parish and refugees.</p> <p>Jo sent a response indicating that this would not be possible due to JRS principles of equity and protection of privacy of their clients. Jo drafted a compromise plan and it was distributed to all members of SJG.</p> <p>SJG agreed it might be possible for parish to provide support in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pro bono Medical consultations (Maria)</li> <li>- Dental and optometry (Fr Peter contacts)</li> <li>- Requests for individual goods</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fay and Dave</b> to discuss further with JRS</p>
<p><b>“OCCUPATION NATIVE” DVD AND DISCUSSION GROUPS</b></p>	<p>Discussion deferred until next meeting</p>	<p><b>All:</b> check out the “Occupation Native” on website</p>
<p><b>REDUCE, RECYCLE AND REUSE – PARISH ECO FAIR</b></p>	<p>Discussion deferred</p>	
<p><b>REFUGEE WELCOME CENTRE: CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p>	<p>Fay had asked Moones if there were ways that St Columba’s could support the Christmas party at the Centre on Dec 14.</p> <p>Group agreed: Parish could be invited to attend the party and ‘bring a plate’</p> <p>Need to ask refugee women what they would need support in</p>	<p><b>Fay:</b> Discuss SJG’s suggestions with Moones and report back to group</p>
<p><b>ADMIN AND COMMUNICATION</b></p>	<p>SJG Bulletin column: SJG members have received positive feedback from parishioners on style/format etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need ideas for Caring for Creation, plus links to articles of interest etc</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fay and Dave:</b> Continue writing SJG page for Mass Bulletin – <b>until early October</b></p> <p><b>ALL:</b> Send ideas and links for Bulletin article to Dave and Fay.</p>
<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rotate chairing and sending out Agenda, Minutes</li> <li>(ii) Attendance at next PPC meeting</li> <li>(iii) Meal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(i) Fay and Dave:</b> Chairing/Agenda and Minutes for the time being</li> <li><b>(ii)</b> Call for volunteer at next meeting</li> <li><b>(iii) Fay and Dave</b> to order takeaway from Castel Molla</li> </ul>