

St Columba's Social Justice - Minutes 5 December 2018

Item	Action	
Attendees and Apologies	Attendees: Fay Hair, David Hair, Evelyn Umali, Dan Umali, Therese Briggs, Belinda Morrissey, Maria Fiataroni Singh, Vasili Tiano (Pastoral Council) Apologies: , Desiree Leone, Maria Panuccio, Tim Nelson, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Juliana Bates, Fr Peter Smith, Marie Lucas, Amy Shipp and Carole.	
Acknowledgement of Country	Read by Evelyn	
Welcome/introductions	The SJ team welcomed Vasile Tiano from St Col's Pastoral Council to our meeting	
Prayer and reflection	The group prayed the words from Justice and Peace Office.	
Laudato Si	Each member reflected on how Laudato Si affected them, what have they learnt and what had they committed to as a result.	
ACTION ITEMS (1) Community garden (2) Rocky Road for refugees and Eden School (3) World Day of the Poor (4) Street Feast to recognise World day of the Poor (5) Sydney Alliance Assembly (6) "Feedback from the PC (a) Social Justice Calendar (b) Invitations to our guests for Christmas lunch (c) Parish Support for people seeking asylum	<p>(1) Evelyn has advised that the garden is going very well. She confirmed that St Columba's primary school will definitely be involved next year starting with worms farm. Evelyn shared (and showed off) her beetroot at our end of year meeting and meal.</p> <p>(2) Therese advised that Rocky Road for Refugees will be on sale in a "pop up store" on the church entry from 8 December until Christmas. Eden school will follow when time and products allow.</p> <p>(3) Pope Francis' encounter message and our talk to the parish community on the 17 and 18 November in recognition of the Day of the Poor was memorable. Many of the community were moved by the reality, the incidence and impact of poverty. A number of people have asked how they can help.</p> <p>(4) Fay and David volunteered at the JPO and Sydney Archdiocese Day of the Poor Street Feast on 16 November. Fay reported that it was an exceptional experience. Hundreds of people welcomed and fed with the help and the generosity of St Merkorious catering.</p> <p>(5) Sydney Alliance Housing Assembly is planned for 14 March 2019. Organisers want 1000 registered by Christmas to send a message to politicians pre election.</p> <p>(6) (a) PC has endorsed using the Social Justice Calendar for set the Parish program for 2019. St Col's primary school would like to have their program tie in with ours. While we are waiting for nominations from the other sub-committees we will ask SJ members for their top 3 or 4 events or dates they would like to be recognised. (b) Hava, Sameh and Moones have been invited to St Cols Christmas lunch. (c) The PC endorses the SJ proposal on ways our parish can help JRS to help people seeking asylum and would like someone from from JRS to speak with the community. The Social Justice Calendar was distributed at the meeting.</p>	

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<p>Next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair - Miniutes - Meal - Bulletin articles 2019 - PPC representative 	<p>Bulletins - Therese advised that the bulletin articles for both 22/23 and 29/30 December have to be submitted by the Wednesday 19 December. There will be no bulletins for January. All agreed they would assist by contributing articles.</p> <p>Therese provided the 2019 meeting program for the Pastoral Council.</p> <p>All other items were left for discussion next meeting.</p>	
Other business	Participants shared "What am I the proudest of" - celebrating the successes of 2018	
Next meeting	Wednesday 30 January 2018 6.15 pm in the Parish Hall. While this is not our usual regime we decided on this date so we could meet the week before Pastoral Council meeting. The meeting after that will be 6 March and then every following first Wednesday.	