

Social Justice Meeting 4 April 2018

Present: Dan Umali, Evelyn Umali, David Hair, Fay Hair, Therese Briggs, and Elizabeth Mulrennan

Apologies: Maria Fiatarone Singh, Tim Nelson, Belinda Morrissey.

We opened with a prayer from Laudato Si.

Fay suggested that we begin each meeting with a reflection on our reading of Laudato Si.

For next Month we will read Parts 1-3 of Chapter 1 (to page 40)

Therese & Elizabeth had attended the Parish council to discuss the Caring for Creation thorough Solar project. Parish Council members were extremely supportive of the idea

We discussed the [Caring for Creation though Solar](#) initiative of the Justice & Peace office. Some Social Justice members will be attending the meetings in town

It is important that we hold the Parish Information's session soon as the sign-up date expires May 31.

Parish group to set up a meeting at St.Columba's are

Tim Nelson (P & F)

David Hair (SJ group)

Renata Popovic-Tomac (Parish Council)

Mark Breen (St. Vincent de Paul)

David will organise a meeting

We discussed the Social Justice Page on the Parish website. We need to write an Introduction to our page.

Therese will ask Marcia if we can have a column in the Parish Bulletin also

Therese will ask Adrian who can author it

Fay mentioned that she had met Oliver White, UNICEF Australia Senior Policy Advisor, Forced Migration. At a meeting and that he may be

willing to talk to the Parish around the time of Refugee week. She will take up the matter with Fr. Peter and Oliver

Fay told us that she & David had been invited to be on a panel at the next Peace and Justice meeting, sharing their experience of being part of a parish based Social Justice group. She asked if anyone else might be interested in joining them (May 5?) Therese indicated that she might be available.

Fay stated that she would be meeting with the Catholic Education Office along with Therese and Mouna (head of Religious Educators) to discuss schools' engagement with the Welcome centre.

She also mentioned other items from the Justice and Peace [newsletter](#).

Therese updated us on the Care program; it continues to connect people who wish to help, with those who need a visit. Sue Draysey will be contacting a to a group at Pymble Parish which expressed interest in what happens at St. Columba's.

Desiree has kindly forwarded the following information:

* Desiree has helped organise and wanted to share information about a fundraising dinner for the Eden School and Community Centre on the tiny Indonesian island of Sabu-Raijua is to be held on Saturday 14 April at La Bua Thai Restaurant 134 Marion Street Leichhardt. The cost is \$30 per head.

This charity was established by Andrew Chan and his wife Feby in memory of Andrew. Andrew was one of the Bali 9 who with Myuran Sukumaran was executed in February 2015.

If you'd like to read more about Feby and Andrew's story here is a link <http://www.whimn.com.au/talk/people/andrew-chans-widow-there-were-times-i-wanted-to-die/news-story/145cf4f546cfd33698f5b6a3cebcb3dd>

Next Meeting Wednesday 2 May