

Social Justice Meeting 7 March 2018

Present

David Hair, Fay Hair, Therese Briggs, Maria Fiatarone Singh, Tim Nelson, Elizabeth Mulrennan

Apologies:

Belinda Morrissey, Evelyn Umali, Dan Umali

The meeting opened with a reading and prayer from Laudato Si. Thank you Fay for this reading and reflection.

Tim presented information from the programme being offered by the Justice & Peace Office "Caring for creation through Solar". Briefly:

The [Caring for Creation Through Solar](#) program includes:

- Sourcing of high quality solar panel systems at discounted bulk buy prices negotiated for Sydney's Catholic community.
- Providing independent advice and guidance through the process.
- Free information sessions on solar and battery storage options, held in your communities.
- Information sessions will also bring together these practical elements of solar with spiritual insights and traditions of the Gospel and Church teachings that prompt us to act in this way.

(Downloaded from The Justice & Peace website 9 March 9, 18)

The programme promoters are keen for a few pilot Parishes to offer this to their school and residents.

After discussion around many considerations and options, the Social Justice group agreed that:

We would present it to the next Parish Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March (Therese & Elizabeth)

Tim would present it on 15<sup>th</sup> March to the P & F meeting.

That promoting this initiative and program would best be a joint activity of the Social Justice group, the Parish Council, The P & F and the local Vinnie's group. David Hair offered to be the Social Justice representative.

The goal is to hold a Community Information night in the first half of 2018. Tim offered to get a Climate science guest speaker for the occasion.

We welcomed Maria to the group.

Other business:

There are 22 Students on the Human Rights training programme for Volunteers at the Rozelle Welcome Centre. Eight of them are connected to St. Columba's parish.

And something to look forward to:

[New Café](#) soon to open in Summer Hill.

