

St Columba's Social Justice Group Minutes: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Attendance: Maria Panuccio, Dan and Evelyn Umali, Maria Fiatarone Singh, Father Peter, Fay and David Hair

Apologies: Therese Briggs, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Julianne Greenfield, Anne-Marie Whelan, Esther Geretto, Nicola Connors, Vasile Tiano, Juliana Bates, Maree Lucas

ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	ACTION/BY WHOM
Acknowledgement of Country		
Opening prayer	Led by Fay	
Reports JRS Social Justice Resources Climate Strike	October – toiletries. Two more volunteers have come forward to transport items to JRS at Westmead. Father Peter advised that Sydney Catholic Schools has funding to provide free education for refugees and people seeking asylum. Also free places in Early Childhood Care.	Fay to invite a JRS person to say thanks at Masses for our parish support. It would be 2 minutes at the end of Mass. Fay to send Fr Peter possible dates. List to be added to parish website by David. Fay and David reported on their experience of taking part in the strike.
2019 – 2020 Social Justice Statement	All are encouraged to attend the Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering 10.30am - 3pm, October 19, St Columba's Parish Hall, where Statement will be featured.	Fr Peter to speak about the Statement at Masses on this coming weekend (5/6 October). Also to distribute copies of the Statement and play the promotional video.
2020 Parish Event – guest speakers	Discussion held over to next meeting	Sub committee to be formed at next meeting.
World Day of the Poor	Father Peter reported that Street Feast to be held Friday, November 15 in both Sydney and Paramatta.	Advertise in Mass Bulletin. Ask for volunteers to help on the day.
Review of Social Justice column in the Mass Bulletin	Fay led discussion on seeking feedback on the value and purpose of the Social Justice column in the Weekly Bulletin.	All members to seek feedback from parishioners as the opportunity arises. Can we each ask up to 3, and report to next meeting?
Other Business	Fay noted formation of new group, Inner West for Refugees, inaugural meeting October 19.	Fay and David to find out more information about this group.

	<p>Fay asked how much of the information she receives about social justice issues should be passed on to members.</p>	<p>Decided that urgent issues should be passed on by email to members. Other issues to be noted in the Mass Bulletin.</p>
<p>Administration</p>		<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 7pm</p> <p>Prayer/Reflection: Maria Panuccio</p> <p>Chair/Agenda: David and Fay</p> <p>Minutes: David</p> <p>Meal: Evelyn</p> <p>Mass Bulletin: Maria Panuccio 19/20, 26/27 October, 2/3 November. Other weekends: Fay and David</p>