

St Columba's Social Justice  
Minutes 3 April 2019

Attendees: Fay Hair, David Hair, Evelyn Umali, Dan Umali, Therese Briggs, Anne-Marie Whelan, Maree Lucas, Maria Fiataroni Singh, Vasile Tiano, Julianne Bates, Carmel Shaw

Apologies: Fr Peter Smith, Elizabeth Mulrennan, Belinda Morrisey, Desiree Leone, Tim Nelson, Maria Panuccio,

Item	Action	
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>	Evelyn Umali read acknowledgement	
<b>Prayer and reflection</b>	Prayer was said in thanks and celebration of our shared meal	Maree Lucas agreed to lead next prayer.
<b>Attendees, apologies and welcome new members</b>	New members were welcomed	
<b>Shop for Good</b>	Therese ran through the concept for the new members. Also advised that she'd contacted Marcia about parish supplies. She advised to contact Gail who purchases morning tea items for the parish. All agreed to wait until the parish supplies were confirmed before distributing posters.	Therese - to ask Marcia if Gail is aware of the preferred purchasing tea, coffee etc for the parish.  Fay distributed to the school and will wait for an update from the parish
<b>Sydney Alliance Housing and Energy Assembly</b>	Therese read a message from Elizabeth about the assembly on the 14 March. The email also contained a message from Kim Doyle from Peace and Justice office. All agreed to distribute this information amongst the SJ group.	
<b>Jesuit Refugee Service: Parish Support</b>	Following the "call out" for JRS David and Fay advised that they delivered 68 kgs of basmati rice to JRS at Westmead. JRS very thankful and so pleased to be making a specific connection with a parish. Fay also advised that 3 mobile phones had been donated. Other requests remain outstanding. members of the SJ Group offered specific services and Fay and David agreed to take them to JRS. SJ group agreed to put a specific request in the bulletin for volunteers for future deliveries for eg. Fay and David also advised that St Cols and the Anglican parish at Dulwich Hill would be looking at opportunities to work together to assist JRS	Fay to include a request in the bulletin for volunteers.
<b>Fundraising for Eden School</b>	Therese and Desiree met and Therese was able to share with the group about upcoming opportunities to assist Feby Chan and her work with Eden School at Sabu. There will be a stall after each mass at St Columba's on the 27 and 28 April. There is also an art exhibition at Marrickville on the 13 and 14 of April.	Therese and Desiree staff the stall on the 27 and 28.  Therese to write an article for the bulletin of the 6 and 7 of April to promote both stall and art exhibition.

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<b>Raising awareness of people seeking asylum at St Cols School</b>	Fay advised that the Table Talks started at St Columba's school on March 12 with staff only and were very successful. In August there will be a staff spirituality event at the refugee welcome centre at Callan Park. The principal has also supports table talks for year 5 and 6 and Parents and Friends. The school is also very "on board" with JRS.	Fay will keep the SJ team updated
<b>Palm Sunday march</b>	Palm Sunday rally "Say Yes to Refugees" 2pm Sunday 14 April. JRS is working with St Colomba's painting banners for the event on Sunday 7 April 2 until 4.	Invitation in the bulletin to join the Palm Sunday Rally and make banners.
<b>Refugee Welcome Centre</b>	Members of the SJ group, with others continue to work and support the Refugee Welcome Centre and mention will be made in the SSI newsletter. Special mention was made of celebrations around the Nowruz which is the Persian New Year.	
<b>Refugee week 16 to 22 June</b>	<p>SJ group discussed some options for Refugee week. Including "Welcome Dinner Project", film screening, "Ration Challenge:eat like a refugee".</p> <p>Vasile invited members of the SJ to meet with the liturgy group (first Tuesday after Easter) and bring forward ideas about refugee week.</p>	<p>All members of the SJ are asked to keep in mind and share ideas to recognise and celebrate Refugee week. Send ideas to Therese.</p> <p>All - consider attending liturgy group meeting on 23 April.</p>
<b>Island off the Coast of Asia</b>	Professor Clinton Fernandes' book "Island off the Coast of Asia" will be launched on Saturday, 13 April 3-5 p.m. at Monte Sant' Angelo College, 128 Miller Street, North Sydney. Witness K's lawyer Bernard Collaery will be doing the honours.	Therese to send email with details to SJ Group.
<b>Bridges - St Columban's mission society</b>	<p><b>Bridges</b> is the quarterly newsletter of the Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations (CCCMR). It offers current news and views on Christian-Muslim Relations, Islam and Interreligious Dialogue. These will be particularly helpful and relevant following the traumatic events in the mosques in in NZ last month.</p> <p><a href="https://www.columban.org.au/our-work/interfaith-relations/bridges-newsletter">https://www.columban.org.au/our-work/interfaith-relations/bridges-newsletter</a></p>	Therese to distribute information and site address to SJ members.

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<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Fay - raised 1millionwomen which is a worldwide movement of women and girls building a lifestyle revolution to fight the climate crisis. They are celebrating their 10 birthday with a concert on 25 May at Carriageworks.</p> <p>www.1millionwomen.com.au</p> <p>Carmel - mentioned "Overcoming Silence" which is a movement about making women's voices heard in the church. You might be interested in signing up (men as well!) "More than half of Catholics are women. However, decisions that affect all Catholics are made only by men". <a href="https://overcomingsilence.com">https://overcomingsilence.com</a></p> <p>Following recent events and the catholic church's response to child sexual assault the SJ group after much discussion thought that a special liturgy such as a healing mass may be a way for the parish community to support each other and reinforce their faith. All agreed to take the proposal to the next PPC.</p>	<p>Therese to distribute information about the event to SJ members.</p> <p>Therese to distribute to SJ members.</p> <p>David (and any other SJ members attending) to take the proposal to the PPC on the 30 April</p>
<b>Administration PPC delegate Weekly bulletin</b>	<p>Bulletin - Fay and David compile the column for the 13 and 14 April. Therese compile the column for the 20, 21, 27 and 28 April. Volunteer required for the column 4 and 5 May. Ongoing responsibility/roster will be discussed at next meeting 1 May.</p> <p>PPC - David attending PPC on 30 April. Any other SJ members are welcome.</p> <p>Prayer and reflection - Anne Marie</p> <p>Minutes - Therese</p>	<p>All - send articles and points of interest for the Bulletin to Fay or Therese - in particular any ideas on Laudato Si/ care of environment. NB: volunteer required for the column for 4 and 5 May</p> <p>All - any SJ members welcome to attend PPC with David.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<p>Chair - David Minutes - Therese</p> <p>Meal - order pizza Castle Mola (agreed closer to the time)</p>	

Next meeting

Wednesday 1 May 6.30 pm in the Parish Hall.