

## St Columba's Social Justice Group Minutes: Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Attendance: Maree, Therese, Anne-Marie, Elizabeth, Vasile, Peter, Fay, David,

Apologies: Maria P, Carmel, Julianne, Belinda, Esther, Nicola, Juliana, Desiree, Evelyn, Dan, Valerie, Maria FS

ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	ACTION/BY WHOM
<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>		
<b>Opening prayer</b>	Led by Fay. From Laudato Si	
<b>Reports</b> JRS  Social Justice Resources	(i) Parish continues to support JRS with Grocery items, Wishlist and Notice Board (ii) Planning a parish visit to JRS Westmead in March  Now on parish website on SJG page	Contact Amelia at JRS – arrange visit to coincide with one of their Community Lunches - Fay
<b>Discernment for 2020</b>	All agreed Aboriginal issues to be focus for 2020 – “Six months of the Spirit, from Pentecost to Advent”. Where possible, have an Aboriginal theme for issues that we highlight, eg environment. Continue with support of JRS. Care of Creation – tips in Bulletin (focus in September). Refugee Welcome Centre - ongoing support by parishioners. Support JPO events including: Sydney Street Feast, Social Justice Gathering, Tri-Diocesan Gathering.	Sub Committee
<b>2020 Parish Event</b>	Thalia Anthony (UTS) has agreed to speak. Organising subcommittee to meet soon. Suggestions for subcommittee to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal theme in Liturgy</li> <li>• Symbols important - “hands on” activity for all parishioners (eg, footprints)</li> </ul>	Organise planning meeting - Fay Invite parishioners to Planning Meeting - Fay (via Mass Bulletin) Liaise with Liturgy committee – subcommittee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers to cover wide range of issues, eg, Aboriginal Spirituality, Environment, Uluru Statement, Racism</li> <li>• Format: all-day symposium with a variety of speakers and time for Q &amp;A</li> <li>• Include regular snippets in Bulletin on Aboriginal issues</li> <li>• Useful contacts- Melbourne Aboriginal Catholic Ministry AWAYE (ABC Podcast), Lisa Buxton (Adult Catholic Ministry Sydney).</li> </ul>	
<b>Shopping Trolleys</b>	<p>Elizabeth proposed fund raising to cover the cost of trolleys.</p> <p>All agreed most effective way our parish can support is by individual donations to requests as needs of people seeking asylum will be ongoing.</p>	
<b>Other Business</b>	<p>Peter informed the group about an Inner West Council initiative, <i>Taking Action on Poverty in Inner West</i>, on homelessness. Public Forum on March 4. Initial stage is collecting data. Peter was asked for contacts of interested groups, individuals from St Columba's.</p> <p>All agreed Vinnies best placed to be involved. Elizabeth might also consider involvement.</p>	Peter to forward information to Vinnies Main Office.
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, <u>6:30 pm</u></b>	<p>Prayer/Reflection: Maree</p> <p>Chair/Agenda: David/Fay</p> <p>Minutes: David</p> <p>Meal: All - Please bring a plate</p> <p>Mass Bulletin: Therese until March 4</p>