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**Meeting 118**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Notes**

**Those present were:** Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Janice Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Lynda Gould, and Jonathan Holden. Jane Knight joined us for item 1 only.

**Apologies:** Anna Godwin.

The meeting opened with the CAFOD Lent Fast Day 2015 prayer and a reflection on the gospel for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of year A, Matthew 13: 44-52.

**1. Closure of Children's Centres**

- Jane Knight reported that Warwickshire County Council were holding a **public consultation until 11 September** on plans to 'reshape services for children and families' under pressure of budget cuts by central government. She stressed the value of the work of the 9 local children's centres in Warwick District, helping families and single parents in need without social stigma, which could be lost if they were reduced to 3 'family hubs'. She belonged to an 'Early Years Action Group' preparing responses to WCC, and she urged as many people as possible to take part in the consultation through a 12-page questionnaire or emails or letters to the Council.

**2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

- Brian reported that he had not yet received a reply from **Matt Western MP** to his letter.
- Lynda had studied the Columbans' magazine and website, which provided a lot of **resources for 'Creation Time'** (1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October), including a mass for 1<sup>st</sup> September (Pope Francis' World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation). It was proposed that we use some of them in the J&P mass at 12.30 on Tuesday 5 September, which might even be a 'mass for various occasions' (or a votive mass) for peace & justice; Brian suggested also that we provide bidding prayers for the 5 Sundays of 'Creation Time'.

**Lynda to draft bidding prayers for the 5<sup>th</sup> September mass.  
Jenny to offer them to Fr John with the added suggestion of a special mass for peace and justice, and agree with him that she should give a brief talk at the end of mass.**

**Lynda to put some of the Columbans' resources on the J&P notice board.  
Brian to draft bidding prayers for the Sundays of Creation Time and offer them to Fr Noel.**

**3. Rosary Intention for August**

- 'We pray for young people facing change at this time of the year, that their future may be one of peace, growth and concern for others.'

**Lynda to put the intention on the J&P noticeboard and in the Prayer Intentions Book;  
Jonathan to include in the newsletter.**

**4. Poverty and Homelessness**

- Janice reported that the **Salvation Army hostel** had reopened with 10 beds, and that referrals must be made to Yvonne (of the Way Ahead Project) who would allocate rooms. The **Helping Hands 'Lighthouse'** drop-in centre and soup kitchen would be open from 7 to 9 on Mondays, 10 - 12 and 6 - 7 on Tuesdays, and 6 - 7 on Thursdays.

**5. Climate Change / LiveSimply**

- Brian had proposed to the parish CAFOD team support for the new **'Power to Be' campaign** by making available at St Peter's (and hopefully Our Lady's) CAFOD cards with a tear-off

page asking the UK executive director at the World Bank to allocate a higher proportion of their existing funding of energy in developing countries to local renewables.

**Brian and the parish CAFOD coordination team to organise and advertise this initiative.**

- Jenny announced that the planned **LiveSimply grandparents' picnic** would be delayed as the original date clashed with another parish picnic.

#### **6. Christmas cards for Prisoners of Conscience**

- Jenny and Diana O'Reilly had talked to 5 members of Mary Grayling's **confirmation group** about the card signing later in the year. They had shown interest and asked questions, At their next meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November they hoped to design some cards for this event.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

- It was suggested that selected people or groups (such as Kindaid) in Our Lady's and St Joseph's parishes should be **invited to the review meeting** on 5 September.  
**Jenny to send invitations.**
- Brian noted that **Joanna Hewitt** would be taking over Trudie Pabor's job at Trinity College from next term.

#### **9. Future Meetings**

- The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday 5 September (Review of the Year, in the Davenport Room) following the mass at 12.30. ***The meeting on 25 September is cancelled*** as several key people will be unavailable at that time, but a special meeting might be convened on Thursday 28 September if an urgent need for it is identified in the 5 September review.
- Subsequent meetings (in the Flint Room) will be at 7.30 p.m. on Mondays 23 October and 27 November 2017.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.