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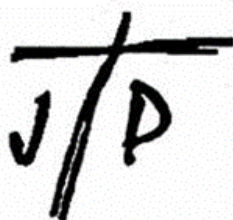
Christian Life Community

There is an Information Session on the Christian Life Community (CLC) on **Saturday 20 May** at 2:00 pm at Manresa House, 10 Albert Road, Harborne, Birmingham, B17 0AN. CLC is a world-wide organisation for lay people, who meet in small groups, usually in their own homes, for helping them with prayer, sharing their faith with others, exploring how to live their daily lives in the spirit of the Gospel and for mutual support, inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius. If you would like to attend or find out more, please contact **Ann Kelly** clcmidlandsregion@clcew.org.uk or call 07399 549901



Birmingham Archdiocese Justice & Peace Forum

Our next Forum is on **Tuesday 23 May 2023** at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The question is: *"Where is Catholic Social Teaching evident in our Society today?"* An attempt to discover the principles of CST at work in our society; where these are being followed or applied; and where they could improve society in cases where these are absent. Please use link to book on https://bit.ly/JandP_Forum_May2023



Janet Vaughan

Pentecost party

All parishioners are invited to a Pentecost party **Sunday 28 May** at 1:00 pm in St. Peter's parish hall to welcome into our parish family Matthew, Jesus and Mostafa, who will become full members of the Catholic Church at the 11:15 am Mass that day.

This will be a shared lunch, so we ask you to bring a plate of food for the shared table – savoury or sweet – if possible, from your country of origin.

Our three new members have been faithfully attending the weekly RCIA 'Come and See' sessions since October 2022. Mostafa says: *"I have been attending the Come and See sessions and have been deeply moved by the sense of community and the love of God that I have found here. I have been drawn to the beauty of the Catholic liturgy and the richness of its teachings."*

If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out about the Catholic Faith or if you would like to refresh your faith, new sessions will begin in October. Further details from rcia.cathleam@gmail.com or Margaret 01926 428399.

Margaret Dimambro

SPAN Open Evening

SPAN would like to invite you to its Open Evening – including cheese and wine refreshments – on **Thursday 8 June** at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Hall. We would like to share with the parish some of the ways in which SPAN has spent your money and the charities that have benefitted

We also want your help in deciding how to spend legacy money, left to us by Frank Garvey, a St Peter's parishioner for many years and whom many people will remember. Frank wanted some of his money to go to charities working with the poorest in Africa where the money will make a great impact. It is important that we think carefully about this, and we would value your contribution to the discussion. Please make a note in your diary and come and join us

Lenten Alms

SPAN sent almost £2000 as grocery vouchers to the Catholic primary schools as a result of the Lenten Alms appeal. These were very gratefully received by the schools as the cost of living problems are looming very large for many families. We are still assessing the results of the appeal as a whole and final donations to the other beneficiaries will be made soon. Other appeals for local families have been granted from our monthly appeals fund. Many thanks to everyone who donated despite the many calls on your generosity



Paul Hayden



KINDAID



The Week before the Coronation of King Charles III, Kindaid held 'A Right Royal Celebration' for over sixty parishioners and friends at Our Lady's church

The hall was splendidly dressed for the occasion in red white and blue bunting, flags, balloons and table decorations. We had a two course dinner which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and there were a couple of royal themed table quizzes, and we mustn't forget the obligatory raffle with many royal inspired prizes

The highlight of the evening was the sing song assisted by our 'resident' pianists Liz and Martin. There was a medley of songs including a rap by Liz, this was followed by a toast to His Majesty and ended in two choruses of the national anthem

Once again the Kindaid team did a fantastic job which raised £900 for our charities. The committee cooked and donated all the food for the evening and the only expense was for stocking up the wine. A big thank you also to the wonderful ladies who helped with the washing up

Thank you so much to everyone for making the evening worthwhile. We really appreciate your support.

Bingo

B I N G O

In March we held our very first bingo evening which was a great success. A big thank you to Steven Stamps for his excellent bingo calling skills. We made £286.55

14	26	37	53	63
3	21	39	57	74
6	16	★	48	72
8	22	38	54	70
9	29	42	50	69

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Cake sales



Don't forget that we have a regular cake sale after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. No change? don't worry, we have been gifted a card reader linked to the Kindaid account.

Once again thank you for your very generous support

Sue Sugars



Big thanks from Pastimes

Our grateful thanks for the huge support we received for our Jumble Sale. It couldn't have happened without the wonderful donation of items, nor the helpers both before, during and after the sale with the task of clearing away. We raised £1253.50 towards the boiler repair/replacement costs

We are planning a **Cream Tea in early June** to keep up the fundraising flow. Dates and ticket prices will be available shortly so watch this space

Also remember Pastimes is a **Community Hub** and, as such, we have obtained some funding from Warwick Council to support this endeavour. Every Tuesday from 11-3.00 pm. We provide a welcome to all-comers and provide refreshments, a place to relax or take part in our activities

Mary Curran

Positive support for the homeless at Tabor Living

A new space to support the homeless get back into work and to move on positively has opened at St Catherine of Siena church in Birmingham. Previously located in Digbeth, as Tabor House, Tabor Living offers shelter and safety to people experiencing homelessness, supporting residents to move away from the streets to build positive futures

After seventeen months and £500,000 investment, Tabor Living's new-look space has nine emergency beds, 11 'next steps' rooms, and additional spaces for community activity, more than doubling the rooms it can offer. Project Manager Sharon Fear said that the team originally started Tabor House in Digbeth and found that what they were doing was really working. She said: *"We help the people who tend to get overlooked because they're functioning in some ways, but still need support and help."* The project has a 75% success rate and hope to increase this with the new resources available at St Catherine of Siena Church. In addition to St Catherine of Siena, the organisation's existing three-bedroom Tabor Cottage in Digbeth, has become a long-term tenancy location

Sharon Fear

Love the Stranger: migrants and refugees

'*Love the Stranger*' is a new document from the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It places the human being at the heart of our pastoral outreach, looking beyond statistics and policies to the person – each with a name, a face and a story

Caring for people on the move has always been an important aspect of how we live out our faith. As Pope Pius XII reflected in *Exsul Familia Nazarethana*: “*There never has been a period during which the Church has not been active on behalf of migrants, exiles and refugees.*” Today there are over 280 million migrants and refugees worldwide, more than at any point in history. Quoting the Gospel of St. Matthew, Pope Francis calls on us to respond by welcoming and protecting people, with the reminder that: “*Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43)*”

This document outlines Catholic social teaching on migrants and refugees. It then draws upon that teaching to highlight some specific principles that the Church in England and Wales can apply when engaging with the contemporary political and social context. It is intended to complement the documents produced by the Vatican Migrants and Refugees Section for use by the Universal Church, including the pastoral action points on responding to migrants and refugees, as well as the pastoral orientations on refugees and forcibly displaced persons, human trafficking, internally displaced people, climate displaced people, and intercultural migrant ministry. Throughout, the document is rooted in our calling to uphold the sanctity of life and human dignity. The Bishops of England and Wales last year emphasised the “*fundamental principle of the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God*”

The CBCEW is publishing *Love the Stranger* at a time when these issues are once again being discussed widely in the political sphere and in the media. It offers a framework which it hopes will help those involved in politics, including voters, as they consider public policy. Of course, our response to migrants and refugees is not solely a question of policy. It is incumbent on all individuals and institutions to welcome those who come to our country.

Because of our particular history, the Catholic Church in England and Wales has been greatly enriched by those migrating from other countries throughout the ages, and it is a blessing that this process of enrichment has continued in recent years. It is intended that this document will assist our local churches in the process of walking together as one, therefore adding to the significance of our participation in the Universal Church's synodal process. (The document is available on the website).

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