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**Meeting 124**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Notes**

**Those present were:** Jenny Armstrong, Brian Austin, Christa-Maria Cross, Anne Elson, Wilf Feely, Anna Godwin, Lynda Gould, Jonathan Holden, and Alan Pratten.

**Apologies:** Janice Austin, Sioned Hammond-Jones, and Mary Wilde.

The meeting opened with the SPAN prayer and a reflection on the gospel for Easter Sunday (Mass of the Day), John 20: 1-9.

**1. Minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- Brian advised of one correction to the minutes: the Saturday Friendship Group church appeal would be on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April (not 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>).

**2. Matters arising from the meeting**

- Jenny reported that the proceeds of the **Fair Trade** stalls after masses at Our Lady's and St Peter's on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> March had been about £160. There is still a shortage of volunteers to run stalls each month at St Peter's.
- Brian said they had virtually completed their **Laudato Si'** course before having to postpone the last meeting summing up the results of the course because of bad weather; it would now be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April in the Flint Room at St Peter's. Anne said she would like to attend that meeting to help her prepare a poster on *Laudato Si'* for the W D Faiths Forum.
- Noting that it had been agreed to share J&P initiatives between St Peter's and St Joseph's, Jonathan asked for contact details for Amy Cawood (Chairing St Joseph's J&P Group) to offer to include any news or announcements from them on the J&P page of the Catholic Leamington website.

**Jenny to give Jonathan the email address so that he can make this offer.**

**3. Rosary intention for April**

- 'We pray for the victims of human trafficking and all those in any kind of slavery, especially young people.'

**Lynda to put on the J&P noticeboard in the church; Jonathan to enter in the Newsletter and on the website.**

**4. Poverty and Homelessness**

- Brian confirmed that Janice had organized an appeal for the SFG at all six masses on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> April; Yvonne McKinnon would be introduced at the 11 am mass at St Peter's.
- Alan reported that the Leamington Night Shelter was being closed for 2 nights because a needle left in a sleeping bag had injured a volunteer with security training, requiring hospital treatment, and had destroyed 5 sleeping bags in the washing machine. He said that, when night-time temperatures fell below a certain level, the District Council were supporting the opening of the W S Night Shelter and of Helping Hands' soup kitchen and shelter on nights when there was no other provision.

**5. LiveSimply Week (April 22-29)**

- Jenny asked where she might obtain posters on reducing plastics in the environment.
- She outlined a plan for St Peter's and Our Lady's parishioners to register the miles they walk on 'Walk to Church Sunday' (April 22<sup>nd</sup>) on CAFOD 'Share the Journey' cards – Brian had

ordered 125 such cards to provide one per family. The Live*Simply* team would give the information about 'Walk to Church' weekend to St Joseph's and they might care to make their own arrangements. There was some discussion of a proposal to gather people at 4 mustering points one mile North, South, East and West of St Peter's so that they could walk the last mile to church together, but it was felt to be too complicated to organise.

**6. Peace Festival (June 16-17)**

- Brian had requested a microphone slot between 12 and 2 pm on each of the two days of the Festival, but had yet to receive confirmation.
- Lynda had emailed Jo Hewitt (Director of Lifelong Learning and Catholic Life at Trinity, successor to Trudy Pabor) and then, on learning that Jo was on maternity leave, had forwarded it to Head Teacher Chris Gabbett, asking for a meeting with Trinity students about preparing a display on a peace theme as in past years. She had not yet had a reply. It was suggested that Lynda should contact Erin Doughty either to pursue the matter with Trinity or to ask her own Parish Youth Group to take on the task.

**Lynda to contact Erin on this.**

**7. Any Other Business**

- Brian reported on the adoption of the J&P Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's: since the contemporary pictures are all projected onto the same wall space, they decided that the introduction to each Station including the scripture reading and the description of the picture should be given by the 'Leader', and the 'Reader' at the lectern should present the rest of the reflection and prayers. This seemed to work well.
- He mentioned also that a visiting Jesuit brother at his CLC meeting the previous week had visited the church and been very impressed with the Stations there.

**8. Future Meetings**

- The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, when the reflection will be on the gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B), John 15: 1-8.
- Subsequent meetings in 2018 will be at 7.30pm (in the Flint Room except as shown) on: May 21<sup>st</sup>; June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 4<sup>th</sup> (Davenport Room at 2 pm - review of the year), September 24<sup>th</sup> (St Joseph's church hall, jointly with the St Joseph's J&P Group), October 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with the Pax Christi prayer.