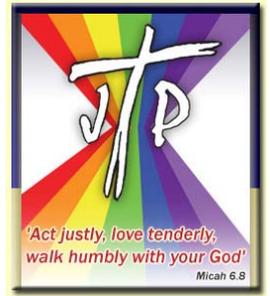




# Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

The Diocese of Portsmouth covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, the Channel Isles and parts of Berkshire, Dorset and Oxfordshire



## Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility

### June Bulletin

#### Laudato si – one year on, so much to do!

*"Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (#49)*

#### Charities and Outreach Group Conference

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."*

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at St Bede's Basingstoke 10-2pm

Please come- 7 speakers, stalls and shared lunch

Book at: [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



#### National Justice and Peace Network

On 14<sup>th</sup> May I attended the J&P networks AGM, this is one of four meetings a year they offer; a chance to meet up with other campaigners, charities and religious to share experience and resources. It's a great opportunity to find out much of what is going on in different catholic charities and parishes plus they always have an interesting speaker. Most of the information shared in this bulletin comes from this meeting.

Individuals can join the network for £12 a year and for that you receive a quarterly newsletter. Also you can sign up for e-news on

[www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/](http://www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk/)

#### Annual conference

***Justice, Power and Responsibility: How Can Democracy Work for the Common Good?***

[www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference](http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference)

Swanwick, Derbyshire from the 15-17 July.

There was much discussion about the annual conference, the speakers and whatever the outcome of the EU referendum there will be opportunities to discuss and debate the common good within whatever political structures the future holds.

Please, if your able to come along for the weekend book with Ann at [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk). Let us at the JPSR team know too, so we can get together. Individuals, families and groups welcome.

#### Working group -Help please

Currently the network is looking to update resources to support **Justice Awareness Action** groups. If at a parish meeting you might take a few minutes to discuss:

1. What resources, you have found helpful?
2. What information you think a new group starting might need?
3. What would be most helpful for you now?

Please send your responses to Maureen [JPSR@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:JPSR@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**See-Judge- Act -Celebrate**

The speaker was Danny McNamara from **Pact**, a charity that supports people affected with imprisonment, offering practical and emotional support for prisoners and their families. He spoke about the work they do supporting families, making sure particularly children could stay in contact with the parents, prison visiting and a parish support scheme they run to help people not re-offend after they leave prison.

He asked for particular help with a campaign they are working on to support children. Having done research with children who have had the frightening experience of a family member arrested and imprisoned they produced a charter they would like agencies to sign up to and put into practice.

**Action** [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/ourvoice](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/ourvoice)  
Please sign up online if you can, or even better ask for a paper petition and get everyone at Mass to support the campaign. Danny also asked particularly for our prayers, "this is challenging work and we are in need of grace."

### Refugee week -20<sup>th</sup> -26 June

Phil Kerton from **Seeking Sanctuary** in Dover is still appealing for support for those in Calais, their website has a weekly "want list" of what is currently needed and if you can help you can contact him for advice on delivery.

<http://seekingsanctuary.weebly.com/>

Aidan Cantwell highlighted a wonderful walk in July from Canterbury to Westminster; an opportunity to reflect on the long and dangerous journeys refugees make [www.refugeetales.org/](http://www.refugeetales.org/)

Also look out for a very moving book about to be published on 4<sup>th</sup> June called "**Refugee Tales**"

### Lampedusa Cross



Maybe you cannot walk for a week, but if you would like to have a special prayer vigil in solidarity with refugees the **Year of Mercy Pilgrimage** resource is very moving and a cross made from broken refugee boats from the island of Lampedusa, Italy has been given by CAFOD to St John's Cathedral

[www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Year-of-Mercy)

### A Laudato Si' Week (June 12-19)

Called by Catholic Climate Movement, we are starting to see many actions across the Diocese, for example: **-Climate Change: what can I do?** Immaculate Conception Church, 346 Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. A series for 4 talks on Sunday afternoons contact 023 80554697 for details.

Maybe this anniversary could give all of us a boost to respond to our Bishop's "environmental alert" with action. There are lots of resources-this one is great online course:

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/online-course-laudato-si/>

### Prayer for Pact

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*Living God, show to all who work in our prisons your new and living way to live and to work. Restore them with fresh confidence and vision and give to them the grace and energy to share in Christ's new life and inspire others to follow your way. May they know that they have faithful companions on the way of love and service that leads to new life.*



*Loving God, your son went about healing the sick and comforting those in distress we lift to you the families of both the victims and the perpetrators of crime. Send your Holy Spirit and give to them fresh hopes and visions to work for new, life affirming ways into your future, keep them strong in their commitment and in their love. Amen*

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