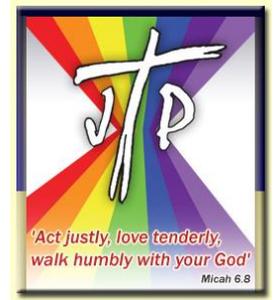




Portsmouth Diocese

Justice Peace and Social Responsibility

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The Fire of Easter

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the "new fire", this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds", and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God's word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, **may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.**

Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2018

Called Anew

Through lent we had time to reflect and renew our commitment to the call of Christ to know, to live and to go out and share the Faith with others – to evangelise. So, at this moment when we are *fired up* we ask you to consider:- **Are you called** to give time and energy to assisting the Bishop as part of the justice, peace and social responsibility team. The brief is to stimulate all Catholics to have a real concern for justice, peace and social responsibility at home, at work and in our society. Encouraging initiatives across the diocese in local groups and parishes linking up campaigners and networking with national groups. The work can be challenging but speaking out for the vulnerable and in justice is at the heart of the Gospel. If you have gifts in communication and a heart for justice, we really need your help. Contact ipsr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you would like to know more.

CALLED & GIFTED

Share the Journey Conference

12th May 2018

at St Edmund the Confessor Church, Chandlers Ford

Speakers include Alan Thomlinson CAFOD's Programme Officer for Syria, Sarah Croft Campaigns Manager for CAFOD, Reverend Trevor Filtness from the Refugee Project in Rowlands Castle and more.

Come along and see what we as a diocese can practically do to help our refugee sisters and brothers
Please book on Eventbrite or email Portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385 Bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee will be provided

Refugee Tales

A call to end indefinite immigration detention

If you would really like to learn more and deepen understanding of what it is really like to be a refugee and work to change much of the injustices they suffer Maybe you could commit to joining the refugee tales walk in July for your holidays.

<http://refugeetales.org/the-walk-of-2018/>

Refugees and Migrants



Share the Journey #sharejourney

This year there is an international campaign to open our hearts and homes to the millions of people on forced journeys from their homes <https://www.sharejourney.org/>

CAFOD and Caritas are leading this campaign in the UK asking us to

grow in understanding and prayer and then into action. <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey>

In our diocese CAFOD/Caritas have organised a day together to help focus both on the international issues and the help needed here in the UK .



60 Years of CND

To mark 60 years since the first march at Aldermaston (an event that mobilised thousands against the Bomb and shaped radical protest for generations) campaigners will be returning to the site on Easter Sunday. Christian CND and Pax Christi have been part of this peace moment since the beginning and continue to campaign. Many individuals have remained active witnesses too throughout the 60 years, they now need a new generation to come forward and continue this witness if you would like to get involved contact Christian CND at <http://christiancnd.org.uk/> or Pax Christi <http://paxchristi.org.uk/>

If you attend this event it would be great to have photos and updates for Bishops e-news.

There is an urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons in full application of the Non-Proliferation Treaty, in letter and in spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons."

Pope Francis 25 September 2015

16-22 April **Global Campaign on Military Spending**
demilitarize.org.uk/paxchristi.org.uk

Romero Week

The talks given to commemorate Archbishop Romero can be found on the Romero trust website www.romerotrust.org.uk/literature/anniversary-homilies-talks

What to Do? - DOCAT

Fun way to read up on catholic social teaching – designed for young people but its fresh and helpful for everyone. Available as an App too!

Prayer of witness

Spirit of God,

We have heard your call to share in building up the Kingdom of God.

Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world.

Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures.

Deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers across the world who endure the burdens of poverty, war, exploitation and persecution.

Let us enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world.

Banish any complacency in our hearts and minds. Teach us to recognise the lack of justice.

May we always act in the Spirit of justice. May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care.

Enlivened by the Spirit, may we go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord. Amen

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

National Justice and Peace Conference



20th -22nd July 2018 many interesting speakers
Booking now open
www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/

ROSARY ON THE COAST For Faith, Life and Peace On 29th April 2018

Could your parish join in this initiative to pray together? Could you make our way to a location on the coast, or a river that will flow to the coast, to say the Rosary in union with Catholics around our country's shores. We are called to pray for three purposes:

- ❖ the renewal of the faith
- ❖ a greater recognition in our culture of the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death,
- ❖ for peace for our country and the world
- ❖ <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk/>

Popes Prayer intention for April

For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Laudato si calls for new economic models, if you are interested in exploring this Kate Raworth *Donut Economics* is interesting. Plus, Blueprint for Business

