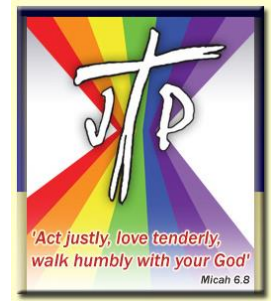




Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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 July Bulletin

Peter: "God knows the hearts of all men.... He has made no difference between them and us." (Acts 15 8-9)

Paul "Now I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that all of you should be in agreement and there should be no divisions among you and that you should be united in the same mind and same purpose...**to proclaim the Gospel.**"
(1corninthians 10-17)

Sea Sunday 10th July

On this day we are called to remember all those that work at sea, think of all the goods being shipped throughout the world. This can be hard lonely work with low pay and many risks and dangers. We are asked to support the pastoral work of the **Apostleship of the Sea**, financially and in our prayers. Also, this may be an opportunity for parishes to look at campaigning issues to support seaman's safety and rules about working conditions. Talks and film resources on

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk
www.missiontoseafarers.org/



**Apostleship
of the Sea**

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

As we enter this new political era not only shipping but all trade negotiations will come into the spotlight; how **just** will they be? We have opportunities here to make our voices heard, for example:

Fairtrade Newsflash

Michael Gidney writes "The result of the European Union referendum won't just affect the UK. **It will have a huge impact on the lives of the farmers and workers in developing countries who grow our food, too.**

How that plays out – positive or negative – is in part down to all of us. Put simply, as the UK begins to reshape its relationship with the EU, it will need to renegotiate how it trades with other countries, both in Europe and the rest of the world.



That could put farmers and workers in a vulnerable position. Too often in the past, trade has been structured and regulated in a way that has given too much to those with power and wealth and too little to those who are powerless and poor. **Your support is needed now more than ever.**

Global Justice Now is another useful source of information, it campaigns for an alternative – a more equal, sustainable democratic world- Looking at ending poverty by campaigning on trade rules.

www.globaljustice.org.uk

Annual Conference

Polly Jones from Global Justice Now is one of the speakers at the National Justice & Peace conference, **15th -17th July**. Other speakers include Jon Cruddas MP and Jenny Sinclair from **Together for the Common Good**. The theme for the conference is **Justice, Power and the Common Good-How can democracy work for the common good?** – this may be a great opportunity for reflection on civic responsibility and there are a few places still left contact Ann at admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

Laudato Si Week

From the Bishops e-news it's clear many of you have been active in responding to the Pope's call for our common home. Perhaps you would like to share some of your experience with the **Green Christian Magazine**. They are looking for any innovative ideas to encourage sustainable living? "For the next issue of Green Christian, we are looking at creative ways of engaging with both church communities and the wider community. We want to illustrate some examples with photos or anecdotes. Small steps are appreciated e.g. starting up a gardening group or making recycling fun. How can a vision of living sustainably, as a way of life and worship be attractively communicated?"



Please get in touch with any ideas (hopes and dreams acceptable too) by emailing editors@greenchristian.org.uk Pictures particularly welcome!"

Thinking of written sources of information on social justice, have you seen the justice and peace column in the **Universe** each week – if not, please buy a copy and look our Catholic papers need support. Also online for a more in-depth read there is the Catholic Quarterly **Justice Magazine** www.justicemagazine.org

Prayer by Apostleship of the Sea

O Eternal Lord God,

Creator of earth and sky and sea

Be pleased to receive into your protection all who go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters.

Preserve them in body and soul; Prosper their labours with good success; in all times of danger be their defence and bring them to the haven where they would be; through Christ our Lord, **Amen**



Welcome the Stranger



In June the **Jesuit Refugee Service** have launched a new welcome programme. Called **At home** they are calling on religious communities and parishes to host for a short time a destitute asylum seeker. This service offers invaluable friendship, a lifeline at a time of great difficulty. Could your community become part of this growing network? Contact uk@jrs.net.

This organisation has other ways to help on their website plus information about campaigning for greater justice and compassion for the many persecuted and displaced people.

A different opportunity to offer friendship might be through the **Cinnamon Trust** welcome box scheme. Could your Church offer a Christian welcome by taking a gift box to a new migrant or refugee in your community and offer friendship while the settle in a new country?

www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/welcome-box-training/



If you have any questions, ideas or campaigns to share, please contact us on jpsr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk