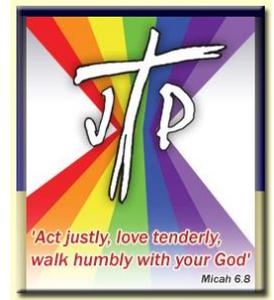




Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

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 November Bulletin

Merciful like the Father

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' (Mat:25.38)

Video sent this week called "Universal Communion" by Michael Trovell may be useful aid to reflecting on Year of Mercy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYjIZY1Xr3w>

Laudato Si Conference 12th November 2016

Still a few places to come along to Winchester for the Day Conference. There will be presentations from two key speakers, Professor Mary Grey and Father Zampini, as well as other speakers talking about the experience of going to Paris climate conference and people from other religious traditions, all chaired by our Bishop Philip. It should be a great opportunity to share a vision for our common home. Book places by e-mailing to laudatosi12nov@gmail.com

National Justice and Peace Open Networking Day

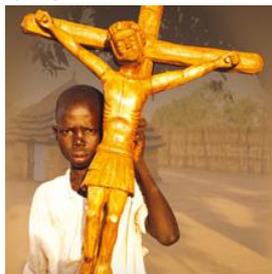
Saturday 19 November 2016 10.30 - 4.00
CAFOD Romero House, 55 Westminster
Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB

Report on Rome Conference on Nonviolence and Just Peace

Pat Gaffney, General Secretary, Pax Christi
Plus, we will be discussing resources to help parishes raise issues and support action on social justice. If you have opinions, please come along to the meeting or contact on jpsr@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk with your thoughts and questions.

Working Together for Fairtrade

Hampshire Forum AGM on Thursday 10th
November **5.30pm-7.30pm at Havant
United Reform Church, North Street,
Havant** Expert speakers



International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church 15th November

Every November, Christians around the world unite to pray for others who suffer for their beliefs. An opportunity to get your church or small group involved in praying for persecuted Christians.

Aid to the Church in Need

In their campaigns section have some thought provoking resources to highlight issues for information, action and prayer. You may also like to advertise their shop for Christmas gifts, Mass offerings, and advent fundraising campaign.

www.acnuk.org.uk

Open Doors have free resource packs for a prayer vigil for Syria. Also for those that like to write they have a resource to help

you to write regular letters of encouragement to a persecuted Christian www.opendoorsuk.org.

Christian solidarity worldwide is another ecumenical organisation who offer information and support to help churches "do justice" in support of persecuted Christians. www.csw.org.uk

Action for Christians against Torture

Each year they produce a Christmas Greetings list of Prisoners suffering torture and persecution. If you could add a few extra cards to your Christmas list this year it could might add a real proclamation of hope in darkness. www.acatuk.org.uk/

International Day for the Elimination of violence against women

25th November marks the beginning of sixteen days until 10th December, Human Rights Day to campaign to end gender violence. Offering a Novena to Mary for women suffering violence through this period could be a good way to open our hearts to this issue. The World Council of churches have resources for this campaign. www.oikoumene.org

Practically maybe have another look at **Caritas Portsmouth** awareness action against trafficking or highlight **White Ribbon Day**, a day for men to wear a white ribbon to show that they stand against gender violence.

www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/

Respecting life Issues

Lord Shinkwin's Disability Equality Bill, which would remove abortion on the grounds of disability from the 1967 Abortion Act, will now go onto Committee Stage in the House of Lords.

Please email your MP asking them to write to the Prime Minister for her assurance that Lord Shinkwin's Disability Equality Bill is given enough time to proceed to the House of Commons and be voted on by MPs. More information at www.allequal.org.uk/

"Unborn babies with disabilities are the most vulnerable members of the human family and most deserving of legal protection. Yet, in the 1967 Abortion Act, they are the only minority group to be singled out and targeted for elimination".



Also, you may wish to support **Aisling Hubert** who courageously stood up against doctors offering 'gender-abortion' and who is now struggling with large legal costs. www.citizengo.org/pl/signit/37719/view

Extract from A Litany of Remembrance and Salvation



Merciful Father-God of Witness and Memory - Vindicator of the Poor - Spirit Bearing Justice

*Let us remember this day all people who are ✘ killed in wars R/**We will not forget** ✘ tortured in jails, ✘ disappeared in the night, ✘ starved for food, ✘ subjected to oppression, ✘ driven from their homes, ✘ unlawfully imprisoned, ✘ denied religious liberty, ✘ excluded from economic opportunity, ✘ marginalized by poverty, ✘ targeted by racial and cultural prejudices, ✘ silenced by violence and injustice.*

*May we hear and remember the tragedy, joy, despair, and hope of the voices that call to us and to history for justice, reconciliation, and peace. Lord in your Mercy -**Hear our Prayer***