



Justice and Peace at Catholic Leamington

Churches of St Peter's and Our Lady's, Lillington

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2017-2018

We are a FairTrade and LiveSimply Parish

This year we have tried to reach out to the three Churches in Catholic Leamington (St Peter's, Our Lady's and St Joseph's) Joint ventures included 'Walk to Church' Sunday. and Stations of the Cross for Justice and Peace during Lent.

We have introduced a **J&P calendar** with important dates and actions month-by-month for the year ahead, to help with our planning. We now have our own webpage on the Catholic Leamington website: www.catholicleamington.org.uk/justice-and-peace

Our **monthly meetings** are open to all. We reflect on the **Sunday Gospel** of the week to guide our thoughts and ideas.

Rosary Intention each month – as appropriate to current issues published in the newsletter and on the notice board.

We correspond with our **MP, Matt Western** and hope to have a meeting to discuss the policies around **Climate Change**.

We take an active interest in **the local poverty issues: Night Shelter** and our own **Saturday Friendship Group (sfg) in partnership with the Salvation Army**. sfg is represented on the local **Poverty Forum**, which has resulted in a new helpful publication which highlights all the **help available** in the area.

Each month at Our Lady's there is a **Fair Trade Stall**.

CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas Cards to Prisoners of Conscience - 75 cards, using the ACAT list, were sent from St Peter's and Our Lady's –

CAFOD World Gifts were promoted before Christmas at all 3 Churches.

Peace Sunday in January – Penitential Rite, bidding prayers and communal prayer for peace at Masses and A Holy Hour for Peace

LENT

A **Hunger Lunch** in aid of CAFOD was held in Lent.

Justice and Peace Stations of the Cross were held both at St Peter's and St Joseph's. Photographs and texts relating to current issues of migration, poverty, war and natural disasters These stations were put up again during the **Peace Festival** in June.

Laudato Si course run at Our Lady's Church (8 attended.)

A **Lenten advent-style calendar** was distributed to all parishioners (StP & OL) with weekly actions based on LS.

The Film '**An Inconvenient Sequel**' was shown during Lent about the effects of Climate Change. (20 attended.)

Fair Trade Fortnight -- Fair Trade Stalls at Our Lady's and St Peter's were held during the fortnight. and information given out.

LIVE SIMPLY-

During April we had a '**Walk to Church**' Weekend for all 3 Churches We also asked people to fill in **CAFOD 'Share the Journey' cards** to join in their campaign in support of migrants worldwide. The total mileage of 145 miles was added and sent to CAFOD.

We issued two **Suggestion Sheets** on '**living simply**' and '**living sustainably**' have been issued to all Mass goers in January and April.

SUMMER

Annual Peace Festival – 16/17 June - St Peter's was open and **welcoming visitors** from the Peace Festival. The Church **displayed work on Peace** by St Anthony's School and the **J and P Stations of the Cross**. 5-min **peace talks** were given at the festival on Saturday and Sunday. All parishioners **prayed for peace** together at the weekend Masses with penitential rite, bidding prayers, communal prayer together and peace hymn.

In **July – 3 mile walk** where we used the CAFOD '**Share the Journey**' material - and boosted our mileage towards the total as well as praying for migrants worldwide.

Justice and Peace work is promoted on the **notice board** in St Peter's, in the **newsletter** and via our email **Googlegroup** and the Catholic Leamington **website**

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