

SACRED HEART DROITWICH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

We are a small group meeting monthly on 1st Wed. of the month, from 4 - 10 in attendance numbers; outside speakers well publicized can swell numbers to 25 - 30.

We struggle on, death and sickness have made life difficult for survivors, and we have not yet managed to any persuade younger generation to join us. Average attendance now 4.

The notable event last year was in October when CAFOD Speaker Clare spoke about Oscar Romero to a meeting of some 60 people; this was managed by huge local publicity / leaflets, posters, Churches Together, visits to neighbouring parishes and of course local CAFOD groups and leaning on all our friends

1. We are a **Fairtrade parish** with a Fairtrade Stall
2. We have regular events every year. For instance, **CARDS TO PRISONERS** in Advent - we send to Long Lartin Prison near Evesham through the kind services of the Prison Chaplain, and for a few years now have sent around 100 cards. This year, via **Churches Together**, invitations are going out to other churches in Droitwich to join us in this, as interest is expressed and we have the necessary route in.
3. 8 years ago we had a special parish week called **Caring for Creation** - a Christian perspective on Climate Change, very much fore-shadowing LAUDATE SI and every year at this time we revisit the theme. This year we have started the (mammoth) task of producing short plain English extracts from Laudate Si in our Parish Newsletter every week: this is a considerable effort, and will take about a year to complete.
4. In Lent we take over **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Sunday in Lent, and link the stations to **Justice and Peace themes**; we have made up our own, and also used others including Romero's Stations.
5. We liaise when we can with **other J & P Groups** i.e. Bromsgrove, Stourport, deanery, also **CAFOD**;

We need more members but have good support from the parish when action is required.

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