



# Liverpool Justice and Peace Newsletter

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## NEW OPEN MEETINGS ACROSS DIOCESE

The Justice and Peace Commission has gone NOMAD.

Just before the summer break, when the Justice and Peace Commission reviewed its work, there was a general feeling that lots of good things had happened during the year but they had tended to involve the same groups of people. The Commission is trying out a simple plan to help it become more available and more accessible to people in the parishes.

It is going to go on the road. The plan has 3 separate strands:

1. Some of the Commission meetings will be held in different parts of the archdiocese as open meetings that aim to inform, encourage and inspire. This involves finding four parishes that will become centres where people can gather locally. They are St Michael's Liverpool, St Therese's Upholland, St Anne's Ormskirk, and one of the churches in Leigh. The hope is that neighbouring parishes and Pastoral Areas will be interested in coming to events that are closer to home.

2. The meetings will follow the same format: opening prayer, brief input on social justice topic, discussion, sharing of ideas, how to respond in daily life, closing prayer.

# Because these meetings are intended to support local people rather than replace them, it's an important part of this way of working that local parishioners are involved in organising the meeting; the topic, the venue, the invitations and the hospitality. (The topics might well include: church teaching on social justice, selling arms to dictators, the impact of the cuts agenda, asylum and refugees, caring for the environment, mental health, the work of CAFOD, the work of Pax Christi, etc)

3. As well as an open meeting, there will be 2 other events at each centre: on 14<sup>th</sup> November the Christmas Card Campaign to victims of torture and to parishes in the Latin Patriarchate will be distributed and then on 18<sup>th</sup> February there will be a Contacts Day where people from the surrounding areas will be invited to come and meet. The centres will also provide the venues for the Romero Mass and the Progressio Lecture.

(At the time of writing we have had one NOMAD meeting in Ormskirk and a CONTACTS DAY at St Teresa's. Both have been very positive experiences and the people involved have chosen to meet again to continue discussion and action-planning.)

The NOMAD plan will be reviewed throughout the year and if it works in practice, then the next step would be to extend into other areas. If you would like to be involved in this development, please contact a member of the Commission or the J&P office.

Current members of the Commission:

Phil Barrett (Warrington), Fr Joe Bibby (Widnes), Elisabeth Campbell (Widnes), Stephen Cooke (Ormskirk), Gerry Corcoran (Nugent Care), Pippa Dawson (South Liverpool), Kevin Duffy (St Helens), Jan Harper (Central Liverpool: chair), Linda Jackson (UCM), Mary Jakulis (Wrightington), Susan O'Halloran (Ormskirk), Denise Parker (Widnes), Terry Phillips (Desmond Tutu Centre), Gerry Poole (South Liverpool), Joe Prendergast (South Liverpool), Tony Rudder (SVP), John Usher (Crosby), Eily May White (Asylum Link).

Office contacts:

Steve Atherton, Maria Hardacre

The full calendar for the Justice and Peace Commission for the year is:

1.	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October '11	J&P Commission meeting: 1	St Anne's, Ormskirk	7.00 - 9.00
2.	Saturday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> October '11	TRIAL CONTACTS DAY	St Teresa's, Upholland	12.00 - 3.00
3.	Monday, 14 <sup>th</sup> November '11	LAUNCH: CHRISTMAS CARD CAMPAIGN MATERIALS	Simultaneously in Leigh, Ormskirk, Upholland,	
4.	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> November '11	J&P Commission meeting: 2 PROGRESSIO LECTURE 'Wonderful Women': returnees from El Salvador and Christine Allen	St Michael's Horne St, followed by refreshments	7.00 - 9.00
5.	Wednesday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December '11	J&P Commission meeting: 3	Lowe House Review	7.00 - 9.00,
6.	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January '12	J&P Commission meeting: 4	LEIGH	7.00 - 9.00
7.	Sunday, 15 <sup>th</sup> January '12	MEMORIAL LECTURE David McLaughlin	LACE	2.00 - 4.00
8.	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February '12	'THE CUTS: FROM RHETORIC TO REALITY' As part of Poverty and Homelessness Week, in association with Merseyside and Region Church Action on Poverty	Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool	2.00 - 4.00
9.	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February '12	J&P Commission meeting: 5	St Therese's Upholland	7.00 - 9.00
10.	Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February '12	CONTACTS DAY	Same event at all 4 hubs. 12.00 - 3.00	
11.	Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February '12	ACT OF PENITENCE	St Luke's, the bombed-out church, Liverpool	
12.	Sunday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March '12	ROMERO MASS	St Anne's, Ormskirk	10.30 - 12.00
13.	Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April '12	J&P Commission meeting: 6	Lowe House	7.00 - 9.00
14.	Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> April '12	Annual Assembly: J&P hosts VIP	LACE	10.00 - 4.00
15.	Friday - Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> May '12	RETREAT (Diarmuid O'Murchu)	Loyola Hall	6.00 - 4.00
16.	Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May '12	J&P Commission meeting: 7	Leigh	7.00 - 9.00
17.	June '12	Northern Catholic Conference	Hope University	Weekend
18.	June '12	SCHOOLS CONFERENCE	LACE	
19.	Saturday - Sunday, June '12	ACAT OVERNIGHT VIGIL	St Teresa's Upholland	5.00 - 12.00
20.	Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July '12	J&P Commission meeting: 8	Lowe House	7.00 - 9.00
21.	4 weekends: 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April 23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> September 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Integrating Life and Faith</b> This course with the Craighead Institute continues. It is very popular with the people who are doing it. <i>If you would like to enrol for the 2011 course, please get in touch with the office.</i>	Loyola Hall, Warrington Rd, Rainhill	