

The Diocesan Justice and Peace website always has some interesting articles and is well worth a read if you get the chance. It is at [Justice & Peace - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Justice & Peace - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))



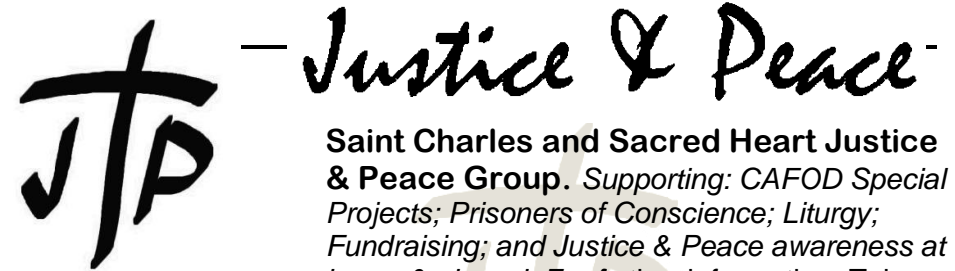
Hassockfield (Derwentside) Immigration Detention Centre – An interfaith prayer vigil takes place on every month, usually on the first Sunday at 3pm). For more information, see the Diocesan website [Interfaith Prayer Vigil - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Interfaith Prayer Vigil - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk)) . An online version of the prayer vigil can be found [here](#). Usually about 30-40 people attend. You can find out more by going to [No To Hassockfield –](#)



The DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT [Justice & Peace Refugee Project - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Justice & Peace Refugee Project - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk)) is always in need of help. Food donations can be left in the church porch. The full list of items that are needed is available [here](#). Azad Hazan, who manages the project, issues regular reports on the progress. The April 2024 report can be found on the project webpage by following the link [here](#).

National Justice and Peace Conference 2024

The National Justice and Peace Network Annual Conference will take place at Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire from 19- 21 July 2024. The theme for the weekend is 'Just Politics' and the aim to explore the need for truth and integrity in public life. Sir John Battle will chair the conference, bringing his vast knowledge and experience of Catholic Social Teaching in action both in the political sphere and community engagement. More details will be contained in the May newsletter.



Saint Charles and Sacred Heart Justice & Peace Group. *Supporting: CAFOD Special Projects; Prisoners of Conscience; Liturgy; Fundraising; and Justice & Peace awareness at home & abroad.* For further information: Tel 07427837813 or visit the parish websites at www.stcharlesgosforth.org.uk

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or
[Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth \(sacredheartng.org.uk\)](http://Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth (sacredheartng.org.uk))

Upcoming events:



Tyne & Wear citizens

MAYORAL ASSEMBLY

22nd April 6-8pm

Join us & the Mayoral candidates at this important moment for democracy and power in the North East!

Devolution provides an exciting new opportunity to tackle some of the vital areas and issues that affect people's lives. It brings huge investment and opportunity to the region - and we want you to have a say.

At this Assembly, mayoral candidates will be asked to respond to some of the issues that Tyne & Wear Citizens have been campaigning on after extensive listening across the region - this includes the **cost of living** and **housing** crises, **racial justice**, **mental health** and **transport**.

We are seeking positive commitments and an ongoing working relationship with the new mayor.

Will you join us?

The Tyne Mayoral Assembly takes place on Monday 22nd April at the Tyne Theatre and Opera House. You can register for a place at [Tyne and Wear Citizens Mayoral Assembly - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Tyne and Wear Citizens Mayoral Assembly - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))

Justice and Peace Group Accounts

Our Financial Officer, Maria MacKenzie has published the annual accounts for the year ending December 2023.

Annual J&P accounts for the year ending December 2023

Brought forward	£280.85
Income	£989.68
Expenditure	£1206
Balance carried forward	£ 64.53

Income

Coffee mornings	£410.55
Homeless bookstall	£223.79
One World Lunch	£241
Jo Cox Event	£114.34

Expenditure donations to

Cedarwood Trust	£100
CAFOD (One World Lunch)	£241
Changing Lives	£100
Emmaus	£100
J&P Refugee Project	£250
Crisis	£50
Nightstop NE	£50
Peoples Kitchen	£100
SVP Blackfriars	£215
(includes Jo Cox event money)	

Total	989.68	£1206
Total with money brought forward	£1270.53	

Bookstall for the Homeless: Donations to our bookstall support 6 local homeless charities: NightstopNE (De Paul Trust), Emmaus, Changing Lives (Cyrenians), Crisis, the People's Kitchen, and SVP.

The funds raised during the ceilidh in November 2023 have not been reported in the annual accounts as the money, £554, was sent directly to the charities involved: the Hazlerigg Food Bank and the SVP at St Dominics.

Holy Island Pilgrimage 2024

All are welcome to join CAFOD in partnership with the Archbishop Romero Trust on the pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday 13 July 2024, from 10.00am.

Full details can be found by following the link [here](#).

2024 General Election: Using our Catholic Voice

Ahead of the general election, CAFOD will be launching a new initiative called A Year of Encounter. This is an SVP and CAFOD joint initiative aiming at mobilising parishes to reach out to candidates and draw attention to some of the issues that matter to us as Catholics. This initiative is based on three activities:

- asking parishioners to email their candidates
- attending hustings
- being ready to ask key questions if candidates knock on parishioners' doors.

In order to support parishes as much as possible to participate in this initiative, CAFOD is putting together joint resources. This sits really with the subject of this year's NJPN conference, Just Politics. You can find out more at [2024 UK General Election: Using our Catholic voice | St Vincent de Paul Society \(svp.org.uk\)](#)



The bookstall at St Charles is ongoing - bring and buy and your donations will help 6 homeless charities.