

"ECO-JUSTICE" Winter Issue 2019

News from the Catholic Parish of Hastings Environmental and Social Justice Group (ESJ)

Our Vision :

We recognise
Justice issues

as

Gospel questions.

Justice includes

Social

and

Environmental

Issues.

*"Justice demands
that we listen to
the cry of the
Earth and the cry
of the Poor."*

Pope Francis

Winter Reflection :



In the midst of winter I
found an invincible Spring.

Reaching Out!

A WELCOME CUPPA!

EVERY WEDNESDAY we will be offering a welcome cup of tea or coffee along with light refreshments in the foyer of Sacred Heart Church each week between 10 and 11am.



This is a ministry we can use to reach out to others of different faiths such as our Muslim brothers and sisters and the members of the Anglican and Greek Orthodox churches and other faith communities.

We are also reaching out to those who are lonely, new to the area, or those who just would love a welcome cup of tea and a chat.

Joshua O'Shea, one of the members of our ESJ Group has helped us create a really great bill board sign which will stand on the pavement in front of the Church each Wednesday between 10 and 11am.

**Do you know someone who would benefit from this-
Let them know ! Come along as well!**



An Environmental Challenge!

WRITERS FOR CHANGE are

People making a difference

Writing on a particular issue

Targeting a particular group

During a given time frame SEE OVER.....



Anyone can be part of this action!!

(For more information phone 06 873 5947)

WRITERS FOR CHANGE

What's our Topic?

Asking big companies to stop stocking goods pre-wrapped in plastic .

What address do I use?

Start with: Mitre 10 , Hastings, Manager Mr Matt Suckling

614 Karamu Rd North, Hastings, email: matt.suckling@mitre10.co.nz

When are we Writing?



During July - August 2019

A Good News Story

AN EVENING AT THE MOSQUE

On Sunday 19th of May we were invited to join our Muslim brethren for a 5pm ceremony where they broke their daily fast during the month of Ramadan.

Some prayers were said and then light refreshments were passed around to break the fast. This was followed by another short prayer service and then the main meal was served. Prepared and cooked by Sayeed, it was a splendid meal of lamb and rice along with a delicious coleslaw and this was followed by the serving of an unusual sweet biscuit.

We felt honoured to be invited and it truly seems we have opened a door which will never be closed again.

Assalamu Alaykum!

Our
Neighbours



Coming Soon:

Follow our Board :

"What's on, What's needed" Let's match Events with Skills.

Coming in September:

A Season of Creation.

Let's appreciate the gift of creation .



Outreach to Families

THERMALS FOR CHILDREN

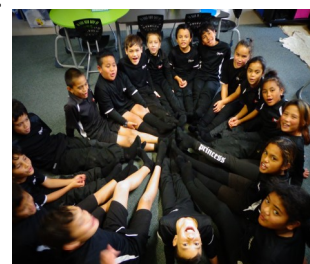
This has been hugely successful with a total of over 700 tops and trackpants provided to 17 schools. It's been a rewarding collaboration of parishioners, St Vincent de Paul members, the Child Health team attached to our Hospital and the Wharariki trust.

Feedback has been gratifying. Here's an example from the principal of Raureka Primary:

"Thank you very much for providing us with the extra warm clothing for our children. We have had numerous parents and care-givers come in and say how grateful they were for the help. Please pass this on to the rest of your group.

Your support has meant so much to them.

Once again, thank you very much for your kind donation of the clothing."



A full report will be provided in 2-3 weeks."

Let's Make July

Plastic Awareness Month

Each week be aware of a new area:

Food Shopping , Bathroom, Kitchen, Clothing
Watch out for Newsletter Tips!