

DISCERN & PLAN TOGETHER...

Focus again on our lighting candle – May Christ always be our Light

Call upon the Holy Spirit -

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit, revive and renew us
Come, Holy Spirit, inspire and enthuse us
Come, Holy Spirit, unbind and release us

Spend some time in silence...

Then share on the following questions;

1. **In all we have considered, what do we feel called to do?** What could we plan for and make a priority in the year ahead in the area of social justice? Can we name two or three objectives?

Now, or when we next gather together, share on the following questions;

2. **How can we best go about it?** What actions will we need to take to achieve the agreed objectives? Who will be responsible for the action and in what timeframe?
3. **Would it be best done in our partnership of parishes?** Would we be stronger together? Could we learn from each other in the partnership? Are there projects/actions which we might together undertake in our partnership of parishes?

PRAY TOGETHER SLOWLY

A BLESSING FOR BUILDING HOPE

May the Holy Spirit working in and through us
do much more than we can dare to imagine
as we live out our baptismal calling
in humble and loving service.

We make this our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

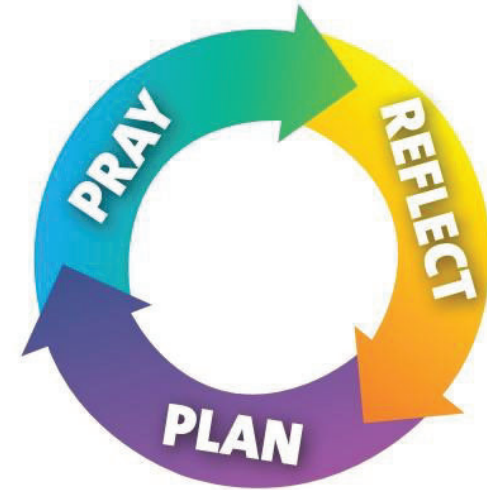
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

St Laurence O'Toole, pray for us.

St Kevin, pray for us.

St Brigid, pray for us.

Building Hope



SOCIAL JUSTICE

An Invitation to Dialogue

**Pastoral Aid for
Partnership/Parish Pastoral Councils**

Archdiocese of Dublin

WELCOME & INVITATION TO PRAYER

Lighting of candle - May Christ always be our Light

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“If the whole Church takes up this missionary impulse, she has to go forth to everyone without exception. But to whom should she go first? When we read the Gospel we find a clear indication: not so much our friends and wealthy neighbours, but above all the poor and the sick, those who are usually despised and overlooked, “those who cannot repay you” (Lk 14:14).
Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 46.

Pause for silent reflection...

SHARE a comment/a word on what stays with you from Pope Francis' words.

Take time to listen to each other.

PRAY TOGETHER SLOWLY

Pilgrim God, we give you thanks and praise.
You constantly journey with us even in our darkness and doubts.
We seek your way of loving kindness to walk together as one family.

Open our eyes to recognise you in the faces of one another,
in the breaking of bread and in the splendour of creation.

May the risen Christ sow seeds of hope and new life deep within us.
May our hearts and minds be filled with your Word,
bringing forth truth, justice and peace.

“Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel”
Justice in the World, Synod of Bishops, 1971, 6.

REFLECT on SOCIAL JUSTICE within the FRAMEWORK for PASTORAL RENEWAL ...

Ground all we do as communities of faith in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ...



Some things to consider as we begin to reflect together on social justice:

1. **Who are we now, as parish?** How has our community changed? Do we actively reach out to all?
2. **What are our needs in this area?** What are the needs of our parish community – our elderly, sick, vulnerable, our young people, our young families? What are the needs of those beyond our church doors - those on the margins of our community?
3. **What social justice groups are active in our parish?** Have we a St Vincent de Paul (SVP) group, a bereavement group, a visitors group, friendship / active retirement group?
4. **How do we reach out to support the poorest?** Have we local initiatives? Do we support Crosscare, Focus Ireland, Trócaire?
5. **How can we raise awareness of social justice issues and challenge social injustices?** Do we have a Justice & Peace group? ...a Care of Creation or Eco group? Would we consider starting a Justice, Peace & Integration of Creation (JPIC) group (or subgroup of the PPC) to focus initially on education and awareness of our mission as people of God to further justice in the world?