

BULLETIN EXTRA

A prayer for Afghanistan

*Compassionate God,
We hold in your presence the people of Afghanistan.
Be a shelter for those who have been displaced.
Be a comforter for those who are mourning.
Be the peace for those who are afraid,
Be near to those who are hungry.
Be healing for those who are sick.
Be the strength of those working to bring hope.
Open our eyes and hearts, so we may stand in solidarity, and reach out in love, to
our brothers and sisters. May they know they are not forgotten and that we hold
them in our hearts whilst they search for the path to peace?
Amen.*

St Justin Society Meetings: The next meeting will take place on Monday 10th January at 7pm. Please note the new meeting day of Monday. New members always welcome. Why not start the New Year with a new activity? Meetings are every 2 months. Socially distanced in the hall.

Coffees will resume being served after 9.30 Mass today

There is plenty of room for social distancing in the hall. Masks can be worn until seated at table. Please support this fundraising for St Justin Society.

St. Joseph's Parish Dinnington have a lively Live Simply group and they have made a plan for Live Simply January. The full plan is printed out and on the Narthex board. Some of the ideas are local to their parish (like the planned visit to Potteric Carr nature reserve to witness a murmuration of starlings!) but all could be adapted to any parish. Here is a suggestion taken from each of the headings:

Events - Arrange a Vegetarian/Vegan food parish shared table/tasting event.
Help the Poor - Buy from companies that pay the living wage at home and abroad.
(for fair wages at home see:

www.livingwage.org.uk/accredited-living-wage-employers)

Help the Environment - Leave undisturbed wild patches in your garden, piles of leaves and brushwood provide shelter for animals to nest and hibernate in.

Live Simply - Eat more vegetables to improve your health and reduce pressure on the NHS. Substitute half a recipe's meat quantity for lentils or beans or nuts.

See the plan on the board in the Narthex for more ideas.....

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is an international campaign which raises awareness and prays for an end to abortion locally, through prayer, fasting and outreach. The Lenten campaign runs from 2nd March to 10th April. Could you spare one hour to witness for the unborn? In 2020, the Royal Hallamshire Hospital performed 1431 abortions. If you would like more information or to get involved, please contact **Rachel on 07368297872** or 40DforLsheffield@gmail.com,