

Social Justice update: Just to add, the high of our AS lunch was the return of Ibi, who now has refugee status, but the low was the refusal of the application by one of our AS friends who seems to be afflicted with mental health problems. As our endeavours on their behalf, and their own, may yet result in a few more settling locally, or transferring to accommodation not too far distant, the support of Asylum Seekers in one form or another may continue.

The Monday Bread and Soup lunches have continued, we have a loyal team of 5/6 soup makers, and most weeks between 12 and 20 attending. I managed to register us as a Warm Hub, and applied for a grant from Caritas which was awarded. Last week we welcomed Sr Silvana and Callum from Caritas, Westminster.

We had reminders in the newsletter a couple of times before the Lent Family Fast Day, and despite misunderstandings about distribution of CAFOD envelopes we nevertheless managed collections at each of the Masses. So, with quite a few parishioners giving regular support to CAFOD and others saying they will bring back this weekend, we should be sending about £400 to support the vital work of CAFOD. That said, my experience of this Fast Day was sufficient to prove the need for a parish Justice and Peace group, as suggested by Fr Francis shortly before he left for Ghana.

I had a message from Jane, Monica King's daughter, asking us to spread news of the Requiem Mass for Monica at Ss Alban and Stephen's next Thursday 7th March at 10am. We can continue to take inspiration from the peace witness of this remarkable lady, a truly great centenarian