

REPORT TO THE PARISH

OUR LADY OF GRACES

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP

FOR

CALENDAR YEAR 2020

The year 2020 proved to be a challenging one for the Parish's Social Justice Group. Like many our activities planned for 2020 were impacted by the Corona virus. Despite these difficulties the Social Justice Group met as schedule 11 times during 2020 albeit 9 of these were by teleconference. Members of the Social Justice Group also attended meetings held on the Brisbane East Deanery Council (BED), the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement for 2020/2021 and one member participated in Zoom Meetings of the Queensland Community Alliance. During the year the Social Justice Group raised issues educated and informed the parish community through the parish newsletter Spread the Word as follows:-.

2 February to 1 March 2020 published the Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World progressively in Spread the Word;

17 May 2020 article published on Family and Domestic Violence in Spread the Word;

14 June 2020 article published on World Refugee Week in Spread the Word;

5 July 2020 article published in Spread the Word advising NAIDOC Week has been transferred to 8-15 November 2020;

19 August 2020 two members of Social Justice Group attended the launch of the Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2020/21 "Live Life to the Full-Mental Health in Australian Today" at St James Church Coorparoo;

30 August 2020 article published in Spread the Word to inform and educate parish community about Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2020/21;

20 September 2020 article published in Spread the Word to inform and educate parish community on the issue of "Problem Gambling";

11 October 2020 article published in Spread the Word to inform and educate the parish community on the issue of "Mental Health" and to recognise Mental Health Day 2020;

8 November 2020 article published in Spread the Word to recognise and celebrate NAIDOC Week 2020 and its theme "Always Was Always Will Be" from 8-15 November 2020;

15 November 2020 article published in Spread the Word to inform and educate parish community about some facts and statistics on family and domestic violence;

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Chair

Our Lady of Graces Social Justice Committee