

**Nov-Dec
2011**

Upcoming Events:

**Threshold Housing
Fundraising Sleep-out**

**Fri 2nd Dec, car park of
Immanuel Church, Upham Road**

For details or to offer sponsorship,
call 524661 or email Linda on
adminthreshold@thl.org.uk

**The Harbour Project
Curry Night & Auction
Mon 5th Dec, Jewel in The
Crown Restaurant**

Tickets £20 from The Harbour
Office: harbouroffice1@aol.com or
611682. Only 60 places available.

**Pantomime Visit for
Refugees & Asylum Seekers**

**Thurs 12th Jan, 7:30pm
Immanuel Church, Upham Rd.**

We shall be taking parents &
children from Swindon's refugee &
asylum seeker community to see
Robin Hood. Please contact us if
you can help give lifts.

Peace Hour

**Sun 15th Jan, 3-4pm
Presentation Convent, Marlowe
Ave (next to Holy Family church)**

Theme: "Educating Young People
in Justice & Peace." Come along
for an hour of prayers, readings,
and quiet reflection on peace.

Deanery J&P Contacts:

- **Holy Rood**
Noreen Bint (CAFOD Rep)
Julia Starczewski (J&P Group Chair)
- **Holy Family**
Margaret Evans (CAFOD Rep)
George Timuri
- **St Thomas More, Marlborough**
Matthew Devlin (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Joseph's, Wroughton**
Steve Aftelak
- **St Mary's**
Roger Dyson (CAFOD Rep)
- **St Peter's**
Elizabeth & Robert Barrett,
John Bennett (CAFOD Rep),
Clare-Marie Burchall, Louise Burke,
Gitti & Eric Hayes, Winnie Oluoch, and
Sameh Salar

Deanery CAFOD Representative:
Mark Donovan, 01793-522709

Next J&P Group meetings:

Next meetings: 5th Dec, 3rd Jan, 7th Feb,
all from 7:30-9:00pm. For details of
meeting venues, please email Julia at:
chaplain@stjosephs.swindon.sch.uk

**Swindon Catholic Deanery
Justice & Peace Group
Newsletter**

Chair: Julia Starczewski

Website: www.swindoncatholicdeanery.co.uk/J+PGroup.htm

Insights from Whistleblower Paul Moore

Paul Moore, the HBOS whistle-blower, addressed more than 70 of us in St Joseph's College main hall on October 19th. He started with a short series of clips from the media showing how he gave evidence to the Treasury Select Committee on the banking crisis after he had been fired for pointing out the excessive risk in the sales targeting of HBOS in 2004.

His talk was a mixture of reflection on his own experience of risk management in a large bank together with thoughts on the relevance of faith to life in a business world driven by profit and sales targets. He quoted frequently from Pope Benedict's encyclical "Caritas in Veritate", for example:

"Once profit becomes the exclusive goal, if it is produced by improper means and without the common good as its ultimate end, it risks destroying wealth and creating poverty."

The meeting drew overwhelming positive comment. In the audience were a significant number of senior professionals from the financial services world, including a manager from Nationwide, an American manager of derivatives trading, a senior audit specialist and an actuary. Perhaps that contributed to the particularly perceptive questions that followed the talk.

Paul also spent time with pupils at St Jo's during the day. The J&P group have already invited him to return to us next year for a further meeting. Thanks are particularly due to St Joseph's College for supporting the event.



Paul Moore (right) with J&P Group member Steve Aftelak

Future In Our Hands: 4 Peaks Challenge

By Michael Stewart

On September 24th a group of 13 intrepid adventurers all with St Joseph's connections climbed up 4 mountains in the Brecon Beacons. It was very wet and we had very poor visibility so we got limited views on the peaks. It took the group about 7 hours to complete the trek, which had been organized by the Swindon charity FIOH: Future in Our Hands.



We decided to do this challenge to raise money for the GLORES project in Cameroon to build a clinic for disabled children. We realised how lucky we were to be able to complete such a difficult challenge. Instead of us being the voice for the poor we were the legs for the poor on this occasion. We certainly had the blisters and aches to prove it. Many thanks go out to our numerous sponsors.



Christmas is coming and CAFOD are once again offering World Gifts to delight friends and family and make a huge difference to people in developing countries. This year they have over 30 gifts — why not try shrimp ponds!