

Sept-Oct
2011

Upcoming Events:

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Fri 7th October

The Banking Crisis

Wed 19th October, 7-9pm
St Joseph's College, Swindon

Money and morality - an insider's story: HBOS Whistleblower Paul Moore, Catholic and former head of Group Regulatory Risk at HBOS, will speak on The HBOS Story: why he spoke out, the role of his faith, and the lessons learned. All welcome to this highly topical talk; admission free.

One World Week 2011

Wed 26th October, 7pm,
Pilgrim Centre

Swindon Interfaith group celebration on the OWW theme (Living for One World) with content from most faiths

Thurs 27th October, 7:30pm,
Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill

Amnesty International: Human Rights in Syria

Fri 18th November, 7pm,
Pilgrim Centre

'Restorative Justice' - conversation with 3 speakers including local MP Robert Buckland. Free but please request tickets in advance from Vernon Griffiths at: v.griffiths815@btinternet.com

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

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Mark Donovan, 01793-522709

Next J&P Group meetings:

Next meetings: 4th Oct, 8th Nov, and 5th Dec, 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

Partnership blossoms with Kenya

Following the death of Martin Oluoch during post-election violence in Ulufo, Kenya in December 2007, the Swindon J&P Group raised money to support his and other bereaved families, and raised his case to our local MP. The funds were used at a receiving centre for internally displaced persons, helping families that were evicted from their houses or who had flown for fear of their lives.

Since then, a partnership has emerged between Swindon and Ulufo, initiated by Martin's sister Winnie from St Peter's parish, and other members of the Kenyan diaspora community living in Swindon, aimed at helping young people in both towns to engage in productive activities.

In August this year, Rose Waringa visited Swindon and told the J&P Group of the work of the Precious Tears Initiative Organisation in Kisumu, Kenya, which supports HIV/AIDS orphans among many other activities. Rose is hoping to strengthen links with schools and other institutions in Swindon. Two must-read reports on this work are on the J&P webpage listed above.



Above, seated second from right: Rose Waringa from Kenya visiting the J&P Group recently.

Run4Home Success for Threshold

By Shaun Mochan

On the 9th of July I took part in a run-bike relay from Runnymede, near Windsor, to Swindon. It was in aid of the charity 'Threshold Housing Link' who work with people on the fringes of Swindon's community. The route charted the journey of a homeless ex-serviceman who was given care and support by the Threshold charity. In all, nearly £2,000 was raised for the Threshold, and we had a great time.

We built this house—in Rwanda

By Julia Starczewski

Angelique and Bosco, both secondary school teachers at Christ-Roi College in Rwanda, were really grateful for their new home. Our group of 12 volunteers met the newly married couple as we were approaching the end of our stay in Rwanda. In three weeks we had helped build their new small four-roomed house. Apart from helping on site, we also had to cook our own food and boil water for drinking - all on charcoal!

The 540 students at Christ-Roi College in Nyanza now have two new maths teachers. Thanks to many generous donations, particularly from St Joseph's Catholic College and Holy Rood Parish, we were able to raise the £9,500 needed to buy the materials for the building and pay the local labourers.



Above, far left: Julia Starczewski, J&P Group Chair, with the volunteers in Rwanda.

