

# CHARTER

## St Kevin's Parish Social Justice Action



### INTRODUCTION

Concluding words at Mass may call those celebrating to:  
*"Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord".*

Apart from how one might privately respond to this call, our Parish provides Social Justice opportunities through **learning** and **engagement** to respond collectively as disciples in following Christ’s example and the Mission we are called to continue:

*“At his Ascension Jesus passes the baton onto us. Can we allow ourselves to be confronted, to be challenged? To move from pretending Christianity is a spectator sport to accepting this is a team sport and we are all called to play the game. To see, to judge, to act – to be Christ’s hands, his feet, his face, his words.”* (From a Homily for The Ascension of the Lord).

### RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

Social justice covers a very wide range of issues in our community, society, and world. No single group can ever or fully address all of these, but by local choice and in keeping with our interests, abilities, aspirations and potential we endeavour to contribute reasonably by pursuing a balance of activities we believe can help make a worthwhile difference.

### RESOURCES

Our Church is firmly based on Catholic Social Justice values and principles. Our primary resource comprises a set of 3 complementary Catholic Annual Social Justice reports to be published on our **website Social Justice Page**. These will be periodically updated, and supplemented with other information on key topical social Justice issues relating to our activities. We also benefit from the particular skills of our group members, and others.

### APPROACH

- Raise** awareness and understanding of Social Justice (SJ) and related issues.
- Provide** a collective opportunity for parishioners to engage across a selected set of manageable SJ activities.
- Work** in systematic and focused ways to progressively contribute and make a difference.
- Periodically** review the way we work, activities we choose to pursue, and their effectiveness.
- Offer** personal development accreditation to participants wanting to benefit from these.
- Operate** synodally (1).

### FOCUS ACTIVITIES (in brief random order and subject to variation)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parishioners needing support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine Orphans (Loyo)</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other disadvantaged</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refugees &amp; Asylum Seekers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special Collection Recommendations</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment &amp; Climate Action</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Justice Resources &amp; News</li> </ul>

(1). Synodality: Described here as an Open, Holy Spirit based process of Listening, Discernment, respectful Dialogue, Consultation, and Collective Contribution towards behaviour and decisions.