**List of Parish Outreach Ministries - 2024**

**Interested in joining one of the listed ministries? To find out more….. Contact the Ministry leaders by phoning or emailing the Parish Office**

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**CAFOD** the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, works to raise awareness and equipe people with skills/ tools to combat poverty, the consequences of conflict and climate change.

**Care Home Visiting** is a befriending and social care initiative supporting those in local care homes offering companionship and spiritual fellowship.

**Caritas** is the social action agency of the diocese responding to local needs through social action projects especially reaching out to those who are most marginalised and vulnerable.

**Catenians** are a men’s fellowship organisation that supports young people through the Catenian Bursary Fund, and many other youth-related initiatives.

**Catholic Women’s League (CWL)** is a women’s friendship group which meets regularly and supports local charitable needs.

**Covenant with the Poor (CWP)** group meets regularly to plan and organise four parish-wide appeals each year supporting both international and local-based projects.

**Family Fridays** is a parish initiative to help young families who are increasingly in need because of the rise in the cost of living. This provides an opportunity for our Parish to support these families.

**Filipino International Healthcare Community** is a vibrant, thriving community in Winchester offering unity and support through financial, emotional and spiritual fellowship.

**Laudato si’** group follows the messages in the Pope’s Laudato si’ and Laudate Diem encyclicals to inform parishioners on safeguarding God’s creation by focusing on climate-change issues

**Prison Mass Support Group** assists the Winchester Prison Chaplain at the weekly Saturday Mass and aims to assist prisoners in their faith through discussion and by providing materials and prayers.

**St Peter**’**s Sanctuary Welcome Hub** provides a welcome meeting place for refugees and all people seeking sanctuary.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** visits and provides needed practical and emotional support and provides Christmas parcels to a range of individuals and families living in and around Winchester.

**Street Pastors** meet each week in St Peter’s Parish Centre to patrol the streets of Winchester every Friday and Saturday night and to assist and pray for the people that they meet.

**Welcome and Hospitality** is a team that welcomes all who come into our church community.

**Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy** befriends and supports people of all faiths and of none, acting as a ‘listening ear’, on a pastoral basis, in shops and offices and the Court.

**Sunday 10.30 Minibus** Team provides a lift to the 10.30 Mass at St Peter’s Church on the first Sunday of each month for those parishioners who would otherwise be unable to attend and celebrate mass with others in the community.

Other Outreach and Service organisations supported by parishioners include:

* **BOAZ,**
* **Churches Together in Winchester and Alresford,**
* **MHA Communities,**
* **Christians against Poverty (CAP),**
* **Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group ,**
* **Trinity Centre,**
* **New Foundations and**
* **Winchester Beacon**.

**How does Outreach Ministry relate to Catholic Social Teaching (CST) ?**

CST reflects Matthew Chapter 25 in which Jesus’ teaches us about serving the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the unclothed, the sick and the imprisoned.

CST has six key principles..

**The Dignity of the Human Person**: The focal point of CST is the human person, made in the image of God, and so having fundamental freedom and dignity and this is the basis for human rights. Recognising this image in our neighbour, the teaching rejects any policy or social/political system that reduces people to economic units or passive dependence.

**The Common Good:** Every individual has a duty to share in promoting the welfare of the community and a right to benefit from that welfare. This applies at every level: local, national and international. Public authorities exist mainly to promote the common good and to ensure that no section of the population is excluded.

**Solidarity:** Solidarity acknowledges our interconnectedness and interdependence and our fundamental bond of unity with our fellow human beings. We are called to participate in society. We have responsibilities and duties to one another. This includes welcoming the stranger, and looking after the needs of the poor.

**Subsidiarity:** All power and decision-making in society should be at the most local level compatible with the common good. We recognise the autonomy of others; we do not just act for the poor, we work with them.

We hold these two themes of Solidarity and Subsidiarity together in balance between the rights of society or the state to intervene and the rights of the individual to determine their own future.

**The Universal Destination of Goods:** God intends that the goods off the earth are for all. Private property is a right but its use and regulation need to keep in mind this key principle.

**The Preferential Option for the Poor:** This preferential option gives us a new perspective. We need to keep in mind how any decision we make might impact on the poor. And it also means that we need to put the poor at the centre of our thinking.