

A note for the parish newsletter



Prisoners' Sunday 20th November 2011

Below is a note that you can include in your parish/group newsletter about Prisoners' Sunday.

We are including some text about **pact's** Basic Caring Communities scheme which is currently operating in Westminster, Southwark, Salford and Clifton Dioceses. We are recruiting volunteers in each of these areas so would welcome your promotion of the scheme through the parish newsletter or other communication methods eg parish website.

In addition we would be delighted if someone in your parish would like to speak in church about **pact's** work. Please ask them to contact Marisa Hartley-Brown for support materials. Tel: 020 7735 9535; e-mail:marisa.hb@prisonadvice.org.uk

If there is someone in your parish (e.g. an SVP conference member) who you could include as a suitable contact point for Prisoners' Sunday or the work of **pact**, please add their name in the newsletter.

Prisoners' Sunday

This Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday, a day for prayer, reflection and action for prisoners, ex-offenders, their children and families, victims of crime, and all those who work in the criminal justice system.

We will be holding a second collection today for **pact** – a charity dedicated to helping these prisoners and families make a fresh start. Please give generously. To find out more about Prisoners' Sunday and what **pact** does visit **www.prisonadvice.org.uk** or speak to _____

Basic Caring Communities

Basic Caring Communities (BaCC) is an initiative of **pact**, a charity which offers free training and support to those who want to put their faith into action to support ex-offenders wanting to make a fresh start on release from prison. Please contact the following if you are interested in the scheme:

(Please insert as appropriate)

For Westminster and Southwark Dioceses :

Patricia Anderson, BaCC Manager on 0207 735 9535; patricia.anderson@prisonadvice.org.uk

For Salford and Clifton Dioceses

Mgr Malachy Keegan, Catholic Bishops' Prisons Adviser on 0207 901 4857 or 0780 1701763; e-mail: malachy.keeganprisonsadviser@cbcew.org.uk

Please note: Although Prisoners' Sunday falls on 20th November this year, we warmly encourage parishes to mark Prisoners' Sunday on any Sunday in November or another Sunday in the year, if the date is not convenient.

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