



## “ Snippets” from JPIC “antennae” sisters around the province

### **FAMILIES IN NEED IN BARROW**

*Pierre Dullaghan*

To-day in Barrow there are families struggling to put food on the table for their children. A Food-Bank is being prepared to provide help for those in need. Our parishes are involved in collecting non-perishable food. As soon as sufficient food has been collected vouchers will be issued to Doctors and Care-Centres. These vouchers will be exchanged for 3 days food supply from the Food-Bank. The on-going response to the appeal is very generous. Parcels of food are being left at the Churches and here at our house. We then collect the food and bring it to the nearby Baptist Church where the Food-Bank is being prepared for the distribution.

Please keep this project in your prayers.

**LONDON CITIZENS** - comprising North, South, East (Telco) Manor Park, West Ealing, Shoreditch.

*Dorothy Ward*

This is a power organisation enabling ordinary people to identify and act on problems and to improve civic life and extend social justice.

**Mayoral Accountability Assembly:** For me it was the first time that I had attended such a meeting - what an experience! 2500 people of all ages: young to old, employed and unemployed, professional and inexperienced.

The present mayor had to account to the meeting about how he had responded to his promises of 2008. As it was not a political party meeting we were all reminded to sit, to listen respectfully with no interruptions as to whether we agree or disagree with the candidate. Each candidate, Jenny Jones (Green Party), Ken Livingston (Labour), Boris Johnson (Conservative) and Brian Paddick (Lib Democrat) was given two minutes to respond to the agenda.

### ***THE AGENDA***

*Testimonies of Citizens were given, appropriate to each part of the agenda.*

- 1 A better governed London: Attend at least one London Citizens Assembly giving an annual report.*
- 2 A better housed London: Affordable rents, Land Trusts, use of Olympic Legacy, Constitution for Landlords.*
- 3 A brighter future for Young Londoners – employment, apprenticeships etc.*
- 4 A safer London – City Safe – Protection against street violence, shops to be involved providing a safe haven for those feeling threatened.*
- 5 A living wage for Londoners.*

*PS – Boris Johnson was re-elected!*

### **ECO SCHOOL – LISBURN**

*Kathleen McCartan*

St Joseph's Primary School, Lisburn, recently established an Eco School Committee.

“Our objective is to make our school a greener and healthier place. We are trying to make school dinners and packed lunches a bit healthier, recycle the school's waste and we aim to achieve a bronze award this year, hopefully in the coming years, the silver, gold and green flag. Please help to make our school a greener place.”

(Extract from the School's Website)



### **NO MORE TRAFFIC ON OUR STREETS**

*Kathleen McCartan*

This is an Awareness Campaign against Human Trafficking taking place in Belfast, between 12<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. Activities will be held throughout the city in different venues. For more information:

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