



*JUSTICE, PEACE  
& INTEGRITY OF CREATION  
(JPIC)*

The next JPIC Zoom Meeting will take place on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** at **10.30am** for approximately 2 hours

The topic will be **'The Plight of the Street Children of Rio de Janeiro'**.

The speaker will be **Fr Des McGillicuddy MHM**

Fr Des is an intellectual who is the most incredibly humble person. He speaks at least 5 languages and did a Doctorate at the University of Münster, Germany, having to argue his doctoral thesis in that language on the subject of Basic Ecclesial Communities and Development. He has served for many years as a missionary priest in Chile and Brazil. He has directed Pastoral Formation for Mill Hill as well as Justice and Development Officer for all Irish Missionary Societies. He is passionate about Justice and Peace being the Coordinator for Mill Hill worldwide. In 1997, being an expert on Food Security, he spoke to the United Nations on behalf of a number of NGOs. Fr Des has also served on the General Council of Mill Hill Missionaries as the Vicar General and Councillor for Europe & Americas, for Associates and for Finance. Among other mission-support activities, he is currently the Editor of St Joseph's Advocate, the magazine of Mill Hill Missionaries in Ireland. He spends a few months of each year as a volunteer in the Associação Beneficente São Martinho in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We are delighted that he has agreed to speak to us from Ireland.

The meeting will start with the Cantic of the Creatures prayer.

After short introductions Fr Des will present his talk

A 5 minutes comfort break will allow time to stretch our legs or make a refreshment.

There will then be ample time for a question and answer session.

I will send the ID and Passcode for the Zoom meeting nearer the time.

Those who are interested in joining the group must email their details to [veraicon@btinternet.com](mailto:veraicon@btinternet.com) so that they can be added to the mailing list to receive articles and details of future meetings, as well as being contacted with the meeting codes.

Many thanks. Pax et Bonum, Veronica