

Last Friday we gathered as a community, along with our Covenant partners from Christ Church, South Yarra, to celebrate our sixth Joint Mission Dinner. The focus this year was on support of refugees and migrants, specifically through Sisterworks. As a community, we are super proud to be supporting this amazing local agency,. As well as raising much needed funds for them, a number of our parishioners are volunteering their time, energy, and expertise to support women newly arrived in this country. As Luz said in her presentation, they (and therefore we) are all about “Sharing hope and creating dreams...”

Luz (Founder), Jordie (Operations manager), Vanessa (Entrepreneur) and Ifrin (Volunteer) shared a wonderful evening with the welcoming parishioners of St Martin’s and Christ Church. Fr. Richard prayed a heartfelt grace praying for the well-being of all people seeking asylum and refugees. We enjoyed a delicious dinner, and then turned the floor over to Luz. She inspired us with the 'SisterWorks Journey' talk, and had everyone inspired by it



As Luz says, “the partnership between SisterWorks and St Martin’s Hawksburn strengthens both communities and enriches our organisation, and we are most thankful for a wonderful evening.” (Luz even got to try a traditional Aussie trifle for the first time! Her verdict?? Delicious!!

An enormous thanks to all who put so much time and effort into our raffle, which was also drawn that night. All of the prizes went to people outside of the parish, with first and third prize tickets being sold in and around the Hawksburn shops. To everyone, from those who donated prizes, who volunteered to sell tickets in the community, to those who bought **many** tickets themselves – thank-you. We have raised around \$19K for our mission and outreach efforts in the future.



May Thomas, John Fisher, and all the Saints walk with you this week... *Sam*