

Parishes in England and Wales Embrace Connect2 Peru

A message from Ruth Flores. Ruth works in the CAFOD Andes Team, closely liaising with our Connect2 Peru partners, Warmi Huasi and CEAS.



I have been really enjoying hearing about how Connect2 Peru parishes are building this project into their parish life. In Lewes, the Parish of St Pancras Mothers Prayers group sent a message explaining how they pray together and are praying for all the children, mums and coordinators involved in the Warmi Huasi project, and shared a prayer.

Kay, Rosa, Pauline, Maggie and Penny explained:

"We enjoyed reading all about Peru and we found it beautiful and fascinating. We are full of admiration for the dedication and passion of all the narrators, but we are especially touched by the work you are doing at Warmi Huasi."

The parish also shared some information on the area surrounding Lewes, within the South Downs Park, how farming works in Sussex, including what crops are grown and how, and some more details on the rearing of cows and sheep amongst other interesting details which draws interesting parallels with those farming in Cruz de Mayo, and has been shared with CEAS to share back with the community.

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In St Laurence's parish in Cambridge, Connect2:Peru was launched at all masses as well as a party complete with Pisco Sours, Empanadas (Peru's version of pasties) and cakes using recipes from CAFOD partners in Lima, and a number of after-mass talks.



Petra preparing Pisco Sours, at St Laurence

Illari, Peru Programme Officer speaking to Jim at the Launch party



"This event was just right for us. The consequence of enduring so much bad news from around the world has to be a sense of discouragement and helplessness. You are telling the parish that it is a real community, a caring community, and one with the means of changing lives for the better. Small is beautiful - these relatively modest projects and the way we can see, hear and identify with them by means of the pictures and videos and talks, make us feel we can own them." Assistant Priest Fr Bob Eccles

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*CAFOD Parish rep
Mary Watkins
passing around
empanadas as St.
Laurence
parishoners gather
for a talk.*

Member of the parish and CAFOD parish representative, Mary Watkins said, "Ruth and Illari from CAFOD's Latin American team were invited to give a Homily at all Masses and this enabled a more considered view of the project to reach many more parishioners than usual. The Homily was thought provoking and very well received." St Laurence's have agreed to have a monthly "Pound for Peru" collection where each family is invited to donate a pound, and it is possible to gift aid this.

During Lent, the parish also made Connect2:Peru the theme of their regular 'Simple Supper' fundraising and reflection event – with another delicious Peruvian inspired meal (stew of potatoes, corn, peppers, mango and coriander with a salad and a rice pudding) quiz and discussion of ideas of how they can creatively share information about their parish life back with the communities in Peru.

I look forward to hearing more news from Connect2 Peru parishes.

Send a message to the Connect2 Peru communities

Our Connect2 communities really value hearing from parishes in England and Wales. If you would like to send a message to the Connect2 Peru communities please email Eleanor at ehans-glogowska@cafod.org.uk or post them to Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB.



Organise a Peruvian event in your parish



If you are inspired by the great work at St Laurence's and St Pancras why not have a look at our Connect2 Peru resources which will help you pray and fundraise for the Connect2 Peru scheme.

Visit cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising/Connect2/Connect2-Peru