



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

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Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk. The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is 26th April 2021.

Colette Joyce, Justice & Peace Co-ordinator, writes:

We have journeyed together with Jesus and each other and the whole of creation throughout the six weeks of Lent. Now, as we approach Holy Week, we enter into the deepest of the Christian mysteries – the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

This year, more than ever, I am reminded of the backdrop of nature to the passion story, beginning this Sunday with the palm fronds gathered by the crowds to lay in front of Jesus during his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then there is the wood of the cross on which he was crucified. And finally on Easter Sunday morning he greets Mary Magdalene outside the tomb in a garden.

When we return after the Easter break there will be much to do to protect and care for God's great gift of life as we continue to prepare for the UN climate conference, COP26, hosted by the UK government in Glasgow, 1-12 November 2021. Many ways to show our care for creation and one another can be found in the Diary listings. For this holy time, however, let us stay close to the Lord, ready to join him in the joy of resurrection and new life, just as we have shared in the season of sorrow and suffering.



Recommended Petitions this month:

New Routes Now for Refugees – Safe Passage

Ask Priti Patel to help child refugees in Europe by providing new safe routes for them to reach safety in the UK.

Do not restrict our rights to peaceful protest –

Petition Parliament The right to peaceful assembly and protest are fundamental principles of any democracy. Remove the proposed part of the Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill that gives the police new powers to tackle 'disruptive' peaceful protests.



CAFOD continue to push UK Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, and other world leaders to show the climate ambition we need to keep temperature rises below the disastrous 1.5-degree threshold. [Sign and join campaign](#)



DIARY OF EVENTS 2021

Care of Creation London & South East - Monday Lunchtime Briefings for 2021, 1.00-1.45pm
Every Monday on Zoom. *To join us, please message: colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk / 07593 434905.*
No meetings on 29th March or 5th April for Easter Break. Full details on [website](#)

27th March: Vaccine Confidence Webinar, 10.00-11.30am – Organised by BAME clergy and healthcare professionals in the Diocese with support from local authorities. Encouraging take-up of the covid vaccine in all our communities. Registration not required. Zoom <https://t.co/xDal14uWmw>

27th March: Romero Anniversary Mass, St. George's Cathedral, Southwark 12.30pm - with Archbishop John Wilson. Mass of St Oscar Romero and Installation of Guardians of the Diocesan Shrine of St Oscar Romero. [Livestream on YouTube.](#)

10th April: CAFOD - How to organise a successful online meeting with your MP, 11am-12.30pm
All welcome to attend one of two sessions <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/MP-meeting-training>

17th April, 10.00-11.30am: Central London Climate Events Planning Meeting, Zoom – All talents needed! 'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life virtue; it is not optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.' (Laudato Si' 217) [Help us with ideas](#)

1st May: Migrants Mass, 12.30pm St William of York, Forest Hill, 4 Brockley Park, London, SE23 1PS and streamed online. Hosted by the Diocese of Southwark. Feast of St Joseph the Worker.

22nd May: Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – The Catholic Vision of Work, 11.00am – 1.30pm on Zoom. Speakers include Dr Pat Jones and Fr Chris Vipers. There will be an opportunity for discussion and shaping feedback to the Archbishop's Council. Hosted by Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/148333763279>

27th May: Caritas Quarterly Diocese of Westminster Homeless Networking Meeting, 3.30-5.00pm. An opportunity for all parish and school homelessness projects to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. [Register](#)

28th May – 13th June: The Great British Spring Clean – Keep Britain Tidy. [Pledge a litter-pick.](#)

26th June – 4th July: London Climate Action Week – Harnessing the Power of London for Global Climate Action. Schools Assembly on 29th June. <https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org/>

23rd-25th July: National Justice and Peace Network Annual Conference – Action for Life on Earth 2021, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU. Undertaking a profound ecological conversion is becoming essential for the very survival of life on earth. With Lorna Gold, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Mark Rotherham & Bishop John Arnold. Workshops. Family-friendly with programmes for children and teenagers. Chair: Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. [Bookings open](#)

1st-12th November: United Nations Climate Conference of Parties 26 (COP26) - Scottish Events Campus, Glasgow, UK. Follow all the developments on the website <https://ukcop26.org/>

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