



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN MAY 2021

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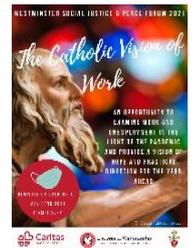
**Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Lead Bishop for Justice & Peace in Westminster, writes:**

**WHAT WILL WORK BE LIKE AFTER THE PANDEMIC?** That's a question people are asking from a wide range of perspectives. Concerns vary in urgency and import: some anticipate adapting to more home-working; others remain furloughed but belong to a sector where employment seems likely to be reduced; still others have already lost the job they relied on - to pay the rent, feed the children, socialise and flourish.

Human flourishing is at the heart of the *Catholic Vision of Work*. "The right to share in the work which makes wise use of the earth's material resources, and to derive from that work the means to support oneself and one's dependants" – this the Catholic Church holds as nothing less than a "human right" (Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus* 47). We seek, in the next Social Justice & Peace Forum, to hold this *Catholic Vision of Work* in dialogue with our own experience of how work looks to have been altered by these last fourteen months of Pandemic, how we anticipate it looking in the future.

"Life to the full" is the message and aspiration of this Easter time. By the time we meet in Forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> May, society will have moved one further significant step towards normalisation. But what will be the net balance on the scale of human flourishing?: some re-skilled, others de-skilled; some with priorities reordered towards a better quality of life, others left with the sense of a life diminished. If some emerge stronger for work, others will find the decline of their physical and mental health, the stress of strained relationships at home, months of isolation leaves them frighteningly incapable. Loneliness, economic uncertainty, changed work-conditions will all have taken their toll.

These issues are all in play as we emerge from this third lockdown. They combine to make us ask fundamental questions: what is the value of work? what is proper remuneration? what is work for? What we are about in this Forum is nothing less than asking, "What is the fullness of the Catholic Vision of Work?" **[We encourage you to join in the discussion on 22<sup>nd</sup> May!](#)**



## Action this month:

Read – ['Being Human in the Asylum System'](#)

New report from the Jesuit Refugee Service calling for a society that welcomes sanctuary seekers as neighbours.



## PARLIAMENT IN YOUR PARISH

Organise an online climate lobby of your MP!  
[All the how-to details are on the CAFOD website](#)



## DIARY OF EVENTS 2021

**1<sup>st</sup> May: Mass for Migrants, 12.30pm** St William of York, Forest Hill, 4 Brockley Park, London, SE23 1PS and streamed online. Hosted by the Diocese of Southwark, with joint participation from Brentwood and Westminster. Supported by London Citizens. Celebrant: Bishop Paul McAleenan. Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Watch online: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

**5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May: Rerum Novarum 130 Years On ~ The Future of the World of Work. St Mary's University, Twickenham.** Online international conference inspired by Pope Leo XIII's encyclical addressing working conditions. Open to all and free of charge. To register contact the Rev Dr Ashley Beck: [ashley.beck@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:ashley.beck@stmarys.ac.uk). [Poster and Speaker Details](#)

**6<sup>th</sup> May: Caritas Diocese of Westminster Quarterly Meeting of Food Projects, 11am-12.30pm.** An opportunity for all parishes, schools, and other community groups in the diocese, who run any kind of food provision project or would like to, to meet together and share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. [Register in advance with Eventbrite](#)

**8<sup>th</sup> May: NJPN Networking Day & AGM, 11am-3pm** Includes talk on 'Post-lockdown ramifications for schools' by Professor Anthony Towey and Matthew Dell, both from St Mary's University, Twickenham. [Register with Zoom](#)

**9<sup>th</sup> May: South London Interfaith Group - Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, 7:00pm - 8:00pm.** A discussion of the document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb. Speakers are Julie Siddiqi MBE, Archbishop Emeritus Kevin McDonald, Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald and Sheikh Dr Mohammad Ali Shomali. Discussion followed by prayers, charity presentations and a virtual iftar (breaking the fast.) [Register on Eventbrite](#)

### Care of Creation London & South East Briefings on the Environment & Climate Action

Every Monday in 2021, 1.00-1.45pm on Zoom.

Full details on [website](#)

To join us or receive the newsletter, please message: [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk) / 07593 434905.

**10<sup>th</sup> May: Together With Refugees - Launch of new coalition.** *"How we treat refugees is about who we are. At our best, we are welcoming and kind to those facing difficult times. If any one of us feared for our lives or for our loved ones, we'd want to know that others would help us to safety. Together, we are calling for a better approach to supporting refugees that is more effective, fair and humane. This means standing up for people's ability to seek safety in the UK no matter how they came here and ensuring people can live in dignity while they wait for a decision on their asylum application."* Follow on social media: #WhoWeAre

**13<sup>th</sup> May: The Why? Dignity of Work. Caritas Westminster, 11am-1pm.** An opportunity for parishes, schools and projects to pause, reflect on their work during covid19, and discern the next steps together. Bishop Paul McAleenan attending. [Register in advance with Eventbrite](#)

**15<sup>th</sup> May: Vaccine Confidence Webinar, 10-11.30am.** Organised by the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, together with local authorities. Chair: Bishop Paul McAleenan. Panel of eminent medical experts led by Prof Kevin Fenton, Regional Director of Public Health London. Opportunity to ask questions anonymously. Join <https://zoom.us/j/99627319556> Passcode: 546617



**18<sup>th</sup> May: London Walk, Pilgrimage4Peace - Pax Christi, 11.30am-3pm.** Pat Gaffney will lead a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea. The walk will take in sites that acknowledge peace and women and is approximately 8 miles. [Contact the office if you would like to join the walk](#)

**20<sup>th</sup> May: Cancelling the Debt, 5.30pm. CAFOD.** Speakers - Aisha Dodwell, Head of Campaigns; Dario Kenner, Lead Analyst Sustainable Economic Development; Eileen Hayes, Volunteer Co-ordinator Specialist. [Update on work to aid the poorest nations](#)

**22<sup>nd</sup> May: Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – The Catholic Vision of Work, 11.00am – 1.30pm on Zoom.** Speakers include Dr Pat Jones, Fr Chris Vipers & Vincent Fernandes. 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>

**22<sup>nd</sup> May: Pax Christi AGM, 10.30am.** [Visit Pax Christi Website for more details](#)

**16<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May: Laudato Si' Week.** [Join the official international Laudato Si' Week Events](#)

**24<sup>th</sup> May: Laudato Si' Anniversary.** Marking six years since the publication of Laudato Si' by Pope Francis in 2015. Launch of Platform for Seven-Year Vatican Plan to help Dioceses, parishes and religious implement Laudato Si'. [Download from Laudato Si' Website](#)

**27<sup>th</sup> May: Caritas Quarterly Westminster Homeless Networking Meeting, 3.30-5.00pm.** [Register](#)

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

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

**27<sup>th</sup> June – Tree Walk with Colette Joyce, 3-5pm.** Meet outside Westminster Cathedral. This walk will include reflections on the importance of trees within the Christian tradition and invite contemplation of some of the many beautiful trees within easy walking distance of the Cathedral. Part of London Climate Action Week. [Register](#)

**23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> July: National Justice and Peace Network Annual Conference – Action for Life on Earth 2021, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU.** Profound ecological conversion is becoming essential for the very survival of life on earth. With Lorna Gold, Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Mark Rotherham, Lord Deben & Bishop John Arnold. Liturgy Facilitator: Colette Joyce. Chair: Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD. Workshops. [Booking details on the NJPN website.](#)

**1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** Theme - 'A Home for All'. We are running the video competition again for schools and parishes. [Deadline for entries 1<sup>st</sup> October.](#)

**18<sup>th</sup>– 26<sup>th</sup> September – [The Great Big Green Week organised by The Climate Coalition](#)** Aiming to be the largest event for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. Thousands of events will celebrate how communities are taking action to tackle climate change and protect green spaces.

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