



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN JUNE 2021

Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk). The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

## Rosa Lewis, Caritas Development Worker for North London, writes:



May started with the Feast of St Joseph the Worker and then two weeks later *Rerum Novarum* - the seminal encyclical on the rights and dignity of workers - celebrated its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Against this backdrop, Westminster J&P convened a gathering on *The Catholic Vision of Work*. *Rerum Novarum*, nearly a century and a half later, remains as pertinent as ever – some of its calls have been enculturated into working practices whilst other, gloomier portents have become even more acute. The gathering provided a space for people across the archdiocese to look at the contemporary reality of work and how the Catholic vision of work can interact with and transform that reality.

The gathering (chaired by Fr Dominic Robinson) was led in prayer by the Diocesan Evangelisation Team and opened by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Dr Pat Jones, Vincent Fernandes, Kathy Margerison, and Fr Chris Vipers shared their perspectives on the topic before the plenary took place. Daisy Srblin, Director Million Minutes, summarised, before the event was closed by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

**So what is the Catholic vision of work?** This question first requires us to question our assumptions of what work is and what it looks like, perhaps even reflect upon what our past experiences of work have been like. Has work been an experience of injustice, enjoyment or perhaps both? The Catholic vision of work might require us to change our working practices and habits of consumption – this is a necessary challenge.

Work, by its nature, is solid; even if sometimes it seems ephemeral or non-tangible – the act of making, doing and influencing change the reality around us. As such, the Catholic vision of work requires us to be creative and dare to imagine the kind of world we would like to see. It becomes incumbent on us to be discerning and responsible co-creators with God, and in so doing create the conditions in which others can flourish.

I found the input from speakers and attendees alike so inspiring, with each contribution shedding new light on the function and meaning of work. It is conversations like these that will shape the future of work and influence the trajectory for the sesquicentenary of *Rerum Novarum* - ten years from now!

[Read Reports from the Forum – The Catholic Vision of Work](#)

### Action this month:

[Call for a lasting peace in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel | CAFOD](#)

Write to your MP today for a renewed commitment to lasting peace, justice and human rights in occupied Palestinian territory.



### 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

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

**1<sup>st</sup> June, 7pm: Faiths Forum for London** (in Partnership with Faith for the Climate, Faiths United Youth Network and The Royal Parks) - **Where Nature Meets Faith: from a Jewish Perspective.** Online talk with Rabbi Mark Goldsmith <http://faithsforum.com/event/where-nature-meets-faith-webinar-series/>

**2<sup>nd</sup> June, 6:30-8pm: Diocese of Westminster Social Action Awards 2020/21.** You are invited to join the celebrations in Volunteers Week, recognising the efforts of outstanding volunteers across the Diocese of Westminster in the past year. Awards will be made in four categories. Dress up for the night and bring your own drinks! [Register with Eventbrite to attend the Awards online](#)

**5<sup>th</sup> June: World Environment Day**

**London & South East Lunchtime Briefings on Catholic Environment & Climate Action**

Every Monday Lunchtime in 2021 - 1.00-1.45pm on Zoom - open to all

Full details on [website](#)

To join the Briefing or receive the weekly newsletter, please contact:

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**5<sup>th</sup> June, 11am: Interfaith Virtual Meeting for World Environment Day - World Zoroastrian Organisation** (based in Feltham). To register attendance email [shahinbekhradnia@hotmail.com](mailto:shahinbekhradnia@hotmail.com)

**10<sup>th</sup> June, 7:00pm: Faith Leaders speaking at Live Event from Truro Cathedral** - ahead of G7 Summit (11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June in Cornwall) <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/G7-interfaith-event-Truro>

**13<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> November: Young Christian Climate Network Relay – from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow.** Ecumenical relay led by 18-30s. Older adults and accompanied children can join in support. Join walkers along the route for a day or more. Residencies in 10 cities along the way, including London 5-8 Aug. Sign up to walk or offer support as a volunteer - <https://www.yccn.uk/>

**22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2:00 – 3:30pm: Caritas - Diocese of Westminster Network Quarterly Meeting for all who welcome Refugees and Migrants.** Online. An opportunity for all parishes, schools and organisations who seek to welcome migrants and refugees, to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. With Sophie Cartwright from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and Bishop Paul McAleenan. [Register with Eventbrite](#)

**26<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July: London Climate Action Week – Harnessing the Power of London for Global Climate Action.** Talks, events and workshops from dozens of organisations including businesses, educational institutes, political, charitable, faith-based and cultural groups. Schools Climate Summit 29<sup>th</sup> June, 9.00am. <https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org/events>

**27<sup>th</sup> June: 3-5pm – Tree Walk with Colette Joyce.** Meet outside Westminster Cathedral. This walk will include reflection on the importance of trees within the Christian tradition, the wondrous nature and purpose of trees in providing a stable climate and invite contemplation of some of the many beautiful trees within easy walking distance of the Cathedral. Part of [London Climate Action Week](#). Family-friendly. Children welcome. [Register with Eventbrite](#)



# Diocese of Westminster

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION



**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.](#)

**5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August: Young Christian Climate Network – G7 to COP26 Relay: London Residency.** Opportunities to meet up with the YCCN relay for climate actions in London <https://www.yccn.uk>

**6<sup>th</sup> August: Hiroshima Day.** More details to follow.

**9<sup>th</sup> August: Nagasaki Day.** More details to follow.

**9<sup>th</sup> August, 6:30pm: Franz Jaggerstatter Service** - For further details please visit [Pax Christi](#)

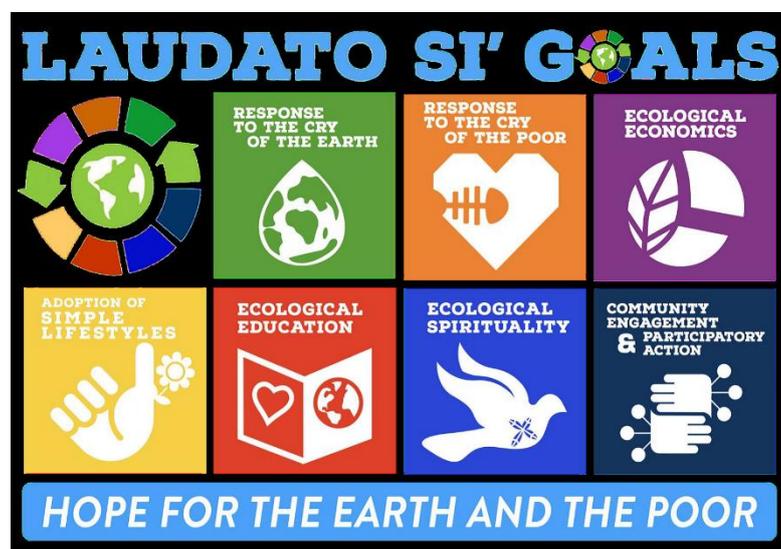
**1<sup>st</sup> September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** Theme - 'A Home for All'. Diocesan Season of Creation Video Competition for all schools and parishes [Deadline for entries 1<sup>st</sup> October.](#)

**5<sup>th</sup> September: Climate Sunday** Worship and Services for the Climate can be held any Sunday between now and 5<sup>th</sup> September, culminating in a national event at Glasgow Cathedral. For further details please see <https://www.climatesunday.org>

**14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September: Pax Christi – DSEI Arms Fair in London.** Action being planned.

**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/>



The Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development has launched an online platform to help Catholic institutions implement Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home

[Visit the Laudato Si' Action Platform!](#)

For families, parishes, dioceses, educational institutions, healthcare institutions, organisations, communities, communication centres, NGOs, businesses, farms & religious