



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2021

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 29th November 2021.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson writes:

What is the pandemic teaching us about the call to Social Justice and Peace? That was the question with which we launched into our first online Forum last Advent. *What is the Catholic vision of work?* launched the second Forum in May. And what rich fruits these questions reaped!

We heard in the first gathering about the extraordinary food outreach achieved in this Diocese. We heard both the pain and joy experienced by people of colour through belonging to a West London parish. We heard the call for a 'radical reset' of our social and economic systems. We heard in the second event how much parishes stand to learn from Catholic Social Teaching. In short, we were learning from each other what it means to be Church! We were beginning to see how much more we need to do to become more truly Church. But we lacked the vocabulary to tell each other that what we had embarked on was, in fact, a Synodal process. Now we realise we had!



On Thursday 4th November, 7-9pm, the Forum reconvenes and invites you to deepen the Synodal conversation. The Forum is hosting a 'Listening Event' online in which we shall continue this process we began 11 months ago - of listening to our experience of what it means to be Church. It will be a marvellous opportunity to come together with others who share a passion for Social Justice and Peace - to hear from one another what the Spirit seems to be saying to the Church.

Then we will be encouraged to take the process into the different groups we represent and given guidance as to how then to feed this back into the centre towards a Diocesan submission. Do encourage all those with whom you share a yearning for the Church to realise her vocation to Social Justice and Peace to come and be a part of this Listening Event. I look forward to joining you there on this next stage of the journey!

UN Climate Conference - COP26



**UN CLIMATE
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UK 2021**
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There are two special opportunities to join with other Catholics in London to raise your voices for climate action while the politicians and business leaders are meeting in Glasgow for COP26 between 1st -12th November.

1) 1st November, 6pm – Candle-lit vigil and procession to pray for successful climate negotiations at COP26. From Westminster Cathedral to Farm Street Church via Buckingham Palace.

2) 6th November, 11am – Rally for the Climate with many other groups from civic society. Meet with CAFOD and Westminster Justice & Peace at St Mary Moorfields Church. Bring a banner.



DIARY OF EVENTS 2021

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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30th October, 6pm - YCCN Relay to COP26 Closing Service at St George's Church of Scotland Church, Tron. Sign up [here](#) to attend online!

31st October, 2-3pm - Interfaith Scotland Service for COP26. Join online in prayer:

<https://interfaithglasgow.org/cop26/>

1st-12th November: UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CONFERENCE OF PARTIES 26 - Scottish Events Campus, Glasgow, UK. Follow all the developments on the website <https://ukcop26.org/>

1st November, 6pm: Candle-lit Vigil and Procession to pray for successful climate negotiations at COP26. We are walking from Westminster Cathedral via Buckingham Palace to Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, where we will be welcomed for refreshments. Gather on Westminster Piazza or attend the **5.30pm Mass** after which there will be a blessing of the Procession by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Bring a candle you can carry safely or led nightlights provided. Organised by the London Jesuit Centre, Jesuit Missions and Westminster Justice & Peace. Just come along or sign up at <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cop-26-candle-lit-procession>

4th November, 7-9pm: Social Justice & Peace Forum Online Listening Event as part of the Westminster Synodal Pathway - with Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan, Caritas Westminster, Westminster Justice & Peace and everyone involved in social action, advocacy or peace-making. Please register in advance to join this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEIdyepqT0sHtXs6rdr5VGKURqWARz4qUgc>

5th November, 11am – 6th November 11am: Justice & Peace Scotland - 24 Hours for the Climate. Global online vigil to pray for the success of COP26. Join with those gathered in Glasgow from wherever you are: <https://www.24hoursfortheclimate.org/livestream>

6th November: Global Day of Climate Action <https://cop26coalition.org/>

6th November, 11am: Global Day of Action for Climate Justice. Join CAFOD at St. Mary Moorfields Church, 4-5 Eldon St, London, EC2M 7LS, and raise your voice for strong climate action. While governments and businesses are meeting for COP26 in Glasgow, we will be joining the rally in London. Bring a banner!!! Sign up in advance with CAFOD to get all the details <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021>

6th November, 11am-4pm: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) AGM [More Details](#)

7th November, 4pm - Ecumenical Service for COP 26 St. Mungo's Cathedral. Join online at <https://www.glasgowcathedral.org/>



7th-10th November: COP26 Climate Coalition – People’s Summit for Climate

Justice. Interactive workshops, panel discussions, strategy sessions, artistic and cultural contributions, constituency assemblies and more. Join in online from anywhere in the world. <https://cop26coalition.org/peoples-summit/>

8th November, 4.15-5.15pm – Challenging the Military Carbon Footprint. COP26 Coalition online discussion with Stuart Parkinson ([Scientists for Global Responsibility UK](#)), Nnimmo Bassey ([Health of Mother Earth Foundation Nigeria](#)), Nancy Mancias ([CODEPINK](#), US), Tim Wallis ([World BEYOND War](#), US) and Hilary Evens ([Movement for the Abolition of War](#), UK) <https://demilitarize.org.uk/event/challenging-the-military-carbon-footprint/#more-3047>

11th November, 7pm – Climate Justice is Migrant Justice. Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) and Migrants Organising for Rights and Empowerment (More). Online panel discussion. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gvvvD7EsRy-kyuO42iqmSQ

13th November: National Justice and Peace Network Open Networking Day – Reflection and Response to COP26. On Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend Justice & Peace national networking meetings as an individual. You do not have to represent any particular group or diocese. Just book and come along! <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/>

14th November: Launch of the Laudato Si’ Platform on the World Day of the Poor. <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>

14th November – World Day of the Poor. [Message from Pope Francis](#)

15th November, 2-4pm: The Why: Prayer, Reflection & Discernment - Session 4 - Preferential Option for the Poor. Online workshop with Caritas Westminster reflecting we plan and deliver services in our parishes, schools or charities in the light of the values and calls of Catholic Social Teaching. [Register with Eventbrite](#)

17th November, 7-8pm: CAFOD COP26 Round up - ‘So what really happened in Glasgow!’ With Neil Thorns and Robin Mace-Snaith. Hear a detailed report of the outcomes from the COP26 in Glasgow. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the latest discussions at the global united Nations summit about climate change and how countries are planning to tackle it. <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/COP26-Round-up>

9th December, 2-3.30pm: Diocese of Westminster Network Quarterly Meeting for all who welcome Refugees and Migrants - An opportunity for all parish and schools who seek to welcome and empower migrants and refugees, to meet together, share best practice and ideas, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. At this meeting we will find out more about Community Sponsorship. [Sign up on Eventbrite](#)

10th December, 6.30pm: Human Rights Day 2021 – Online Event with CAFOD. Learn more about human rights defenders in Latin America, hear inspiring stories first hand and how we in the UK can stand in solidarity with them. <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/CAFOD-2021-Human-Rights-Day>