



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 29th September 2021.

The Walk

On Monday 25th October 2021, 2.00-3.00pm, Little Amal will be visiting Westminster Cathedral and the Catholic community are invited to turn out to give her a warm welcome.

Amal is a 3.5 metre puppet of a nine-year-old Syrian refugee girl who is on an 8,000 km journey from the Syrian border to Manchester in search of her mother, visiting many places of cultural and religious significance along the way.

On 10th September she met Pope Francis in Rome where he blessed her and wished her well on her journey and her search. The Pope has been deeply engaged in the plight of refugees over recent years including many who fled war-torn Syria in search of safety. "Among migrants, says Pope Francis, "children like Amal constitute the most vulnerable group, because as they face the life ahead of them, they are invisible and voiceless. Amal invites us to open our eyes and hear their voices."



Little Amal meets Pope Francis

She is an emblem of the millions of displaced refugee children separated from their families. Embodying the urgent message "Don't forget about us", her journey shines a light on the stories of the refugee children she represents. At each stage of her journey she is being welcomed by artistic and cultural events created by and reflective of the communities she visits.

At Westminster Cathedral she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, representatives from the ethnic chaplaincies, refugee projects, Caritas, Justice & Peace, and parishioners from across the Diocese. School children are especially invited to come and meet her. Join us in making her feel welcome, and along with her, all those who seek sanctuary on these shores.

1st November Candle-lit Procession & 6th November Global Day of Action for COP26



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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

There will be 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.

Full details in the Diary of Events below...



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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13th June – 1st November: Young Christian Climate Network Relay (YCCN) – from the G7 in Cornwall to COP26 in Glasgow. Ecumenical Relay led by 18-30s. Older adults and accompanied children can walk in support. YCCN events in 10 cities along the way included London 5th -8th August. An Ecumenical Climate Prayer Service was held at Westminster Cathedral on Friday 6th August. Support the Relay for the rest of the journey! <https://www.yccn.uk/>. Follow on Twitter @YCCNetwork

1st September – 4 October: Season of Creation. Theme - 'A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God.' Celebrating our call to cherish and protect our common home. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

1st October: CAFOD Family Fast Day. Collection on Sunday 3rd October.

1st -31st October: Black History Month <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

2nd October: The Cry of the Poor talk, Diocese of Brentwood. 11.00 to 12.30. Exploring the encyclical Fratelli Tutti, by Fr Ashley Beck Ashley Beck from the Archdiocese of Southwark. Will be livestreamed on and available shortly after. No registration needed.

5th October: Prayer Vigil hosted by the 'London Catholic Worker', Home Office, Marsham Street. 12.30-1.30 pm. For the welcome of refugees to this country, when Parliament is debating the new Nationality and Borders Bill making access to the UK even more difficult.

5th October, 7.30-8.30pm – Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. 'Mum, Dad, what did you do during the Great Warming?' Online sustainability workshop. Pope Francis calls us to revise our entire way of life. Join us for an hour to see if you agree and what you can do. Presented by Dr David Ko and Richard Busellato of Rethinking Choices. Everyone welcome from other parishes. Free. [Register with Eventbrite](#)

5th October, 7-9pm – The Church in the Shadow of Covid. London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. In person event. Panel discussion with Prof Stephen McKinney, Glasgow University, Fr Philip Dyer-Perry, travel blogger and parish priest of Our Lady of the Rosary in Staines, Gareth Rowe, a fellow at the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, Durham University. His research, conducted in partnership with CAFOD, focuses on food systems and environmentalism in the context of the global economic recovery from the pandemic. [More details](#)

12th October, 7-9pm – Is There a Specifically Christian/Catholic Response to the Climate Crisis? London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Dr Keith Chappell, tutor in Religion, Politics and Society at the University of Leeds and a fellow of the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion at the University of Birmingham. <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cop-26>



17th- 18th October: Faiths 4 Climate Justice. A global multi-religious weekend of action.
<https://www.faithfortheclimate.org.uk/>

20th October, 4.30-6.30pm: Refugees Welcome Rally – Parliament Square. [Details](#)

23rd October: Little Amal in Central London - waking up on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral and being welcomed by many faith leaders <https://www.walkwithamal.org/events/amal-sees-the-city/>

25th October, 2-3pm: Little Amal at Westminster Cathedral. <https://www.walkwithamal.org/>

25th October, 7-9pm – Catholics in the Struggle for Racial Justice in the UK (1970-2021), Black History Month Lecture. London Jesuit Centre 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH.
Speakers Yogi Sutton and Richard Zipfel, chair and trustee of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice. <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/black-history-month-lecture>

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/>

1st November, 6pm: Candle-lit Vigil and Procession to pray for successful climate negotiations at COP26. Gather on Westminster Piazza after the 5.30pm Mass. We are walking via Buckingham Palace to Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH, where we will be welcomed for refreshments. Organised by the London Jesuit Centre, Jesuit Missions and Westminster Justice & Peace. Just come on the day [or let us know in advance](#) for an idea of numbers. Bring a candle you can carry safely.

5th November, 11am – 6th November 11am: Justice & Peace Scotland - 24 Hours for the Climate. Online vigil to pray for the success of COP26. This live broadcast will be an opportunity to learn from communities suffering from climate change, pray for the future of our common home, and write messages that will be delivered to COP26 negotiators. [More Details](#)

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-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/>

13th November: National Justice and Peace Network Open Networking Day, on Zoom. <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/> 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!