



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN APRIL 2023

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 27th April 2023.

**May you be uplifted by God's eternal love this Easter.
Peace, blessings and a Happy Easter to You!**



From the Justice & Peace Commission

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DIARY OF EVENTS

4 April, 11.15-11.50am: Radio Maria - 'Enlarging the Space of Your Tent'. Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Colette Joyce present the last of their Lent Faith-Sharing series on Peace. [More details](#)

17 April, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish (J & P) barbarakentish@talktalk.net

19 April, 2-3.30 p.m: Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group – 'Who is my neighbour?' Monthly discussions on *Fratelli Tutti*, the encyclical on fraternity and social friendship by Pope Francis. Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1 1EN. This session: Chapter 4 "A heart open to the whole world". For more details contact John Woodhouse woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

19 April-10 May: Laudato Si' Animator Training. Weekly online international course with the Laudato Si' Movement. "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible" ~ St. Francis of Assisi. <https://laudatosianimators.org/>

21 April: The Big One – Climate Service and Rally. Westminster Justice & Peace will be joining [CAFOD](#), [Faith for the Climate](#), [Christian Aid](#), [Christian Climate Action](#) and many other religious and civic groups for the largest climate rally yet. Faith groups' action will centre around an ecumenical 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' service at St Johns, Waterloo Rd, London, SE1 8TY, 12noon, after which we will walk together via the Shell HQ to join the main rally outside the Houses of Parliament. Bring prayers for climate justice on a placard, which you can hold up as we walk. Look for the Justice & Peace banner if you want to walk with us. [Register your interest with CAFOD](#)

22 April: Earth Day. Theme 'Invest in Our Planet'. [Earth Day](#)

26 April, 7.30-9.10pm: Orion Orchestra presents an Earth Day Concert - St James Spanish Place, 22 George St, London, W1U 3DE. Mahler - *Das Lied von der Erde (The Song of the Earth)* For Soloists and Chamber Orchestra, arr. Iain Farrington. Conductor: Nicholas Daniel. Soloist: Nicky Spence. <https://www.sjrcc.org.uk/event-details/feast-of-st-james>

1 May, 12pm: Mass for Migrants - St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB
The Mass this year is hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood on behalf of the Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster. The celebrant is Bishop Alan Williams, sm, Bishop of Brentwood. Banner bearers please gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15am for refreshments and preparations ready for the banner procession at 12noon.

4 May, 7-9pm: Catholics and the Monarchy in Britain - London Jesuit Centre. 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. At the coronation of Charles III, join a discussion about the relationship between Catholics and the Monarchy. Dr Aidan Cottrell-Boyce with Mary Kenny, Peter Stamford and Jon Crudas MP. £10 suggested contribution. [Book in advance](#)

6 May - 30 July: St Francis of Assisi Exhibition, National Gallery, Trafalgar Square. Art and imagery of Saint Francis (1182–1226) from the 13th century to today. Paintings from the National Gallery Collection by [Sassetta](#), [Botticelli](#), and [Zurbarán](#) with international loans including works by



Caravaggio, Josefa de Óbidos, Stanley Spencer, Antony Gormley, Giuseppe Penone, Andrea Büttner, and a new commission from Richard Long. [Saint Francis of Assisi](#)

13 May 10.15am-4.30pm: A Climate Retreat with Ruth Valerio. The Royal Foundation of St. Katharine – 2 Butcher Row, London, E14 8DS. An opportunity to be refreshed and re-envisioned amidst our current climate crisis. Ruth Valerio is an environmentalist, theologian and social activist. Cost £45. [Bookings with Eventbrite](#)

15 May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Update on the [Guardians of Creation](#) Project. Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

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24 May: 8th Anniversary of Laudato Si' – [Laudato Si Week 21-28 May](#)

24 May, 6-8.30pm: PACT Harold Hood Lecture - "Is there a Christian answer to the problems of the criminal justice system?" Speaker: Dr Chijioke Nwalozie (Senior Lecturer in Criminology at De Montfort University.) Maria Fidelis Catholic School, Drummond Crescent, London NW1 1LY. Music by Soul Sanctuary Gospel Choir. Free. Optional £25 suggested donation towards the support of prisoners and their families, if you can afford it. More details from [PACT](#)

10 June, 10.15-4.00pm: God is not a white man and other revelations: A Quiet Day with Chine McDonald. The Royal Foundation of St. Katharine – 2 Butcher Row, London, E14 8DS. An opportunity to explore the impact of white supremacy while diving into the theological responses to Black Lives Matter and anti-racism within the Church. Cost £45. [Bookings with Eventbrite](#)

10-18 June: [Great Big Green Week](#) Celebrating environmental action across the UK.

20-26 June 2023: Refugee Week <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

21-23 July: National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference 'Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown?' Consideration of the UN Sustainability Goals. Families welcome. The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. [National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference](#)

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation. Theme 'Let Justice and Peace Flow'. [Website](#)

30 November – 12 December: COP28 – United Arab Emirates. [COP28](#)

