



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN MAY 2023

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 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

## National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference



**Have you ever been to the National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference?**

**Why not consider joining us this year for presentations on the themes of 'Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown?' With opportunities for networking and prayer with Catholics and others from across the country, sharing an interest in world peace and promotion of social justice.**

**The weekend includes consideration of the UN Sustainability Goals and integrity in public life. There will be talks, workshops, 'The Letter' film screening, a Just Fair with stalls from many different charities and organisations, and time for socialising. Speakers include Christine Allen and Brian O'Toole. The Conference Mass will be celebrated by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ.**

**Families welcome. Children and teenagers follow their own programmes.**

**The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU**

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## DIARY OF EVENTS

**5 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](#)

**9 May: Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** - a national day of prayer called by the bishops of England and Wales for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life. [The Isaiah Journey](#) has prepared a range of resources for prayer, action and reflection for use throughout the year, to be launched on the day of prayer. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/>

**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](#)

**13-21 May: Urban Tree Festival** <https://urbantreefestival.org/the-programme-2023>

**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](#)

**15 May, 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](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

**17 May, 11.30am: Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group** - Group visit to the National Gallery to see the St Francis of Assisi exhibition. Free, but please book own tickets in advance.

**17 May, 2-3.30pm: Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group – ‘Who is my neighbour?’** Monthly discussions on *Fratelli Tutti*, the encyclical on fraternity and social friendship by Pope Francis. Chapter 5 “A better kind of politics” with Sheikh Ramzy from Oxford. Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1 1EN. Contact John Woodhouse [woodhousesopten@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhousesopten@btinternet.com)

**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](#)



**24 May, 7pm: London Churches Refugee Fund 'Love the Stranger'** – With Bishop Paul McAleenan (Auxiliary Westminster), Bishop John Perumbalath (Liverpool) and speakers from frontline projects funded by LCRF. Supported by Westminster Justice and Peace with Caritas Westminster. Music by Citizens of the World Choir and Ooberfuse. Church of the Immaculate Conception (Farm Street), 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH <https://www.lcrf.org.uk/>

**27 May, 10:00 – 11:30am: Catholic Association for Racial Justice Webinar - *The Changing Face of Britain – A Brief History 1947-2023***. Contact the Administrator to book [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk)

**30 May & 6 June, 7.30—9.00pm: Laudato Si' Sessions, St John Vianney Parish Live Simply Group** – 'The world is listening to Pope Francis: What is he saying to us?' St John Vianney's Hall, West Green Road, N15 and online. <https://stjohnvianneywestgreen.co.uk/live-simply-group/>

**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.

**12 June, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network** – Celebrating Great Big Green Week. 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](#)

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

**1 July: Catholic Union Summer Gathering at Douai Abbey near Reading.** The day will start with Holy Mass in the Abbey Church at 11am and will conclude after a historical talk and tour of the Abbey at 5pm. [More details from the Catholic Union website](#)

**3-11 July: Institute of Ecumenical Studies of the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine)** - Online Ecumenical School for Dialogue "*The War in Ukraine and Rethinking Peacebuilding Approaches*" The school will be held in English. No participation fees at the ESD thanks to the support of the Diocese of Mainz. Speaker details and application information at: <https://ies.ucu.edu.ua/en/schooling/summer-schools/esd2023/> Registration deadline 31 May.

**21-23 July: National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference 'Sustainability? Survival or Shutdown?'** Consideration of the UN Sustainability Goals. Talks, workshops, 'The Letter' film screening and Just Fair. Conference Mass celebrated by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ. Speakers include Christine Allen and Brian O'Toole. 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](#)

**13-16 September: Catholic Concern for Animals Retreat.** A time to get together to talk and think about animals and nature. At Holland House, Cropthorne, Worcs, WR10 3NB. Cost £308. For more details or to book contact [irene-casey37@gmail.com](mailto:irene-casey37@gmail.com)

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