



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN DECEMBER 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 31st December 2021.



Wishing you a season of hope and encouragement.

*From everyone at the Diocese of Westminster
Justice and Peace Commission*



DIARY OF EVENTS 2021

Westminster Synodal Pathway: Area Listening Events:

1st December, 7.00pm - 9.00pm Northern Area Synod Listening Event - with Bishop John Sherrington at Golders Green Parish, 700 Finchley Road, London NW11 7NE

2nd December, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Western Area Synod Listening Event - with Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Ealing Abbey, Charlbury Grove, London W5 2DY

8th December, 7.00pm – 9.00pm Central Area Synod Listening Event - with Bishop Nicholas Hudson at Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London, SW1P 1QL. BSL interpretation available.

Each of these gatherings will be an opportunity to reflect in an organised and structured way on the themes of this worldwide Synodal Pathway, listening together with our Bishops to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we share our stories, our hopes, our dreams. They will be led by the Bishops and facilitated by Danny Curtin, and all – priests and people – are most welcome to join the conversation. Pre-booking required for each of these events through catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

London & South East Care of Creation – Climate and Environment Briefings

Last two meetings of 2021!!

Mondays 6th and 13th December, 1.00-1.45pm on Zoom - open to all

Full details on [website](#)

To join the Briefing please contact: colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk / 07593 434905

1st December, 18.00: World AIDS Day Mass - Farm Street Jesuit Church, 114 Mount Street, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH. Monsignor Martin Hayes, Vicar-General - Westminster Diocese, will preside. The 2021 World AIDS Day theme is: *Equal Care - Listening to Every Voice*. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Arrupe Hall. ALL ARE WELCOME! Further Details: lgbtcatholicswestminster@gmail.com

7th December, 7pm: Jesuit Refugee Service Advent Service at Farm Street Church. It will be livestreamed through the Farm Street Church website <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

7th December, 7-8.30pm: Million Minutes, 'Exploring the Experiences of Young Women in the Catholic Church.' Online webinar with Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ and a panel of young women. Chaired by CEO Daisy Srblin. Register in advance - <https://millionminutes.org/events>

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](#)

9th December, 7-9pm: PACT Christmas Carol Service at Farm Street Church. With the Catholic Bishop for Prisons, Richard Moth, and Anglican Bishop for Prisons, Rachel Treweek.



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>

13th December, 12.30-1.30pm: Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for the 27 people who lost their lives in the English Channel on 24th November. There will be prayers outside the Home Office on the third Monday of every month in 2022, that these deaths may not have been in vain but lead to justice for those seeking sanctuary. Contact barbarakentish@talktalk.net and johanmaertens@hotmail.com

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10th January, 12.45-2.00pm: Launch of the Southern Dioceses Environment Network
Catholics from London and the South-East have been meeting throughout the year during 2021 for prayer, sharing, discussion and mutual support on the Care of Creation. We are now moving into a new phase with a new name, meeting monthly online on the second Monday of the month and also organising in-person events when possible during the year. We will be liaising with the Northern Dioceses Environment Group as we all work together to animate the Catholic community in the long-term task of stabilising our climate and protecting our Common Home. Participants include CAFOD staff and volunteers, Justice and Peace, Caritas, clergy, religious, parishioners, Laudato Si' Animators, Journey to 2030, Christian Climate Action (XR), environmental charities, activists, and interested individuals. All welcome to join us for the launch event. Register with Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/launch-of-southern-dioceses-environment-network-tickets-220575847297>

16th January: Peace Sunday – The theme from Pope Francis is “Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace.” <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

18th-23rd: January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

5th February - CAFOD 60th anniversary. There will be an event in each diocese which will include celebrating together and activities both online and in person.

13th February: Racial Justice Sunday

21st February - 6th March: Fairtrade Fortnight <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

4th March: World Day of Prayer Prepared by Women of England Wales and N Ireland - ‘I know what plans I have for you.’ <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2022-wdp-free-resources-to-download/>

11th March: CAFOD Lent Fast Day

22nd-24th July: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference – Theme ‘Hope! A verb with its sleeves rolled up.’ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire.

7th-18th November: COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.