



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN MAY 2022

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 30th May 2022.

Westminster Bishops Synod Report

Everyone is invited to read the Westminster Bishops Report which is based on response to the Diocesan Synodal Pathway and was published on the Diocesan website on 11th April 2022.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/synod/westminster-diocese-bishops-synod-report/>

This report has been submitted to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to contribute to a national report finalised in June and sent to the Synod Office in the Vatican in July. The reports from this global exercise will then form the basis of preparatory documents for the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

The Bishops of Westminster Diocese wish to express their deep gratitude to all who have contributed to this Synodal Process. They write: "We are embarked on a path which will now proceed in two directions - one *ad extra*, the other *ad intra*. *Ad extra*: we Bishops will submit this Synthesis to the English & Welsh Bishops' Conference Secretariat as our Diocesan contribution to a National Report; this National Report will in turn form part of a European Continental submission to the Synod taking place in Rome next year. Meanwhile, *ad intra*: we commit ourselves to continue this process which has been launched - towards discernment of new Priorities for Mission."

New Commission Members

This month we begin our search for new members of the Westminster Justice & Peace Commission. Terms of Reference and an application form are attached to this E-Bulletin, where it is sent as a mailing, or available from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission website.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, 17th June 2022**.

We hope to recruit members who will reflect the full diversity of our Diocese and strongly encourage younger adults and people from ethnic minorities to apply as these groups are currently under-represented across the Justice & Peace network. Commission membership is a voluntary role, involving four meetings a year and offering assistance on a variety of issues in between.

Parish Contacts

At the same time, we are also seeking more Justice & Peace Parish Contacts in those parishes where there is currently no named person in this role. A list of current Contacts and a role description can be found on our website: <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/>





DIARY OF EVENTS 2022

2nd May: Annual Mass for Migrants, Westminster Cathedral - 2.00pm Banner Procession, for 2.30pm Mass for the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark & Westminster.

7th May, 10.30am-3pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – ‘Forging a New Culture of Peace.’ On Zoom. Open to all. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcOGuqzMqEtUwdUv6sSajCy9JJfumBsPK>

9th May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – All Creatures Great and Small: Reflecting on biodiversity. Speakers: John Paul de Quay [Journey to 2030](#) and Mary Colwell [Curlew Media](#) . Register with Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255436105267>

11th May, 7-8pm: CAFOD – Fix the Food System Campaign Launch. Online. Hear what the campaign is all about and how you can be part of it. <https://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/Fix-the-Food-System>

16th May, 12.30-1.30pm: Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office with Westminster Justice & Peace and London Catholic Worker to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Contacts Barbara Kentish (J & P) barbarakentish@talktalk.net and Br Johannes Maertens (LCW) johanmaertens@hotmail.com

16th-22nd May: The Big Plastic Count – National citizen science project. Join thousands across the UK and tally all the plastic packaging you throw away for one week – 16-22 May. Then submit your results via a simple website. Register for an info pack at <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

21st May – 18th September: Kew Gardens – Food Forever. Food: we love it and we can't live without it. But the world is changing, and so is what we eat. Interesting series of talks, exhibitions and events on the future of food at West London's famous botanical gardens. Sustainable food is a current campaign theme for both Caritas Westminster and CAFOD. <https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/whats-on/food-forever>

22nd-29th May: Laudato Si' Week. 'Listening and Journeying Together'. <https://laudatosiweek.org/>
This year is the 7th Anniversary since the publication of *Laudato Si'* on 24th May 2015.

23rd May 9.30-4.00pm: St Paul's Cathedral Events - Rest as Resistance: A retreat day for weary activists: those who are active in serving in their local communities in the name of Christ. In-person event at Royal Foundation of St Katharine, Limehouse, E14 8DS. Led by Natalia-Nana Lester-Bush. There will be opportunities throughout the day to experience a labyrinth as a form of embodied prayer. Ticketed but subsidised places are available. <https://www.stpauls.co.uk/whats-on/rest-resistance-retreat-day-for-weary-activists>

24th May, 10am-12noon: Circular Tree Walk from Westminster Cathedral with Colette Joyce. Free. Book with Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/320637905607>

24th May, 2-4pm: Laudato Si' Study Session with Colette Joyce – at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Free. Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/329853740417>



25th May, 1-3pm: Racial Justice: Where are we now? Updates and discussion with Colette Joyce (J & P Co-ordinator), Elaine Arundell (Primary RE Adviser), Fr Richard Nesbitt (Parish Priest, White City) and Elizabeth Uwalaka (Parishioner, White City). Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Free. Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/330195522697>

26th May, 3.30-5pm: Diocese of Westminster Quarterly Meeting of Homeless Projects. Online. Share best practice, receive training and agree main advocacy issues. [Register with Caritas](#)

7th June, 6.30-8pm: St Paul's Cathedral - A New Beginning? Recovering well after the pandemic. Contributions from Deborah Bull, Stephanie Flanders and Victor Adebowale. Chair: Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London. [In-person or watch online](#). Free.

13th June, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Sustainable Summers. Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/300571967847>

25th June – 3rd July: London Climate Action Week - Harnessing the power of London for global climate action. <https://www.londonclimateactionweek.org/>

11th July, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Preparing for the Season of Creation and COP27. Register with Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/300574134327>

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. Booking- <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference/>

26th August – 29th August: Greenbelt Festival – Boughton House, Kettering. A festival where arts, faith and justice meet. Theme 'Somewhere to Make a Stand'. Bands, workshops and talks. Family friendly. Camping and other accommodation options. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

1st September – 4th October. Season of Creation. Theme – 'Listen to the Voice of Creation.' <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

3rd September, 4.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Mass for the Season of Creation. Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH. Followed by refreshments.

17th September, 10am-1pm: Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum – To Accompany Refugees. St Aloysius, Euston. Hosted by Bishops Nicholas Hudson and Paul McAleenan.

24th September, 11am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – Hosted by Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. Venue in the North-East tbc. Open to all.

24th September – 2nd October: Great Big Green Week. The Climate Coalition – [Step up for climate, nature and people](#)

7th-18th November: COP27, United Nations Conference of Parties - Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

12th November, 11am-4pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Networking Day – Zoom and/or London/South East area tbc. Open to all.