

# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN MAY 2024

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 27 May 2024.



## THE LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS AND THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER

*Celebrating the valuable contribution migrants make to life in our city of London*

hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark,  
the Diocese of Westminster and  
the Diocese of Brentwood  
supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, London Ethnic Chaplaincies and  
Citizens UK

on **Monday 6th May at 12.30pm**  
at **St George's Cathedral,**  
**Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR**

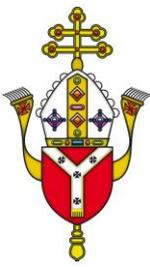
Presider: Archbishop John Wilson  
Concelebrants: Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and the Bishop of Brentwood.

St Joseph like Our Blessed Mother said yes to all, as worker, carpenter, foster father, spouse of Our Blessed Mother, patron of our universal church and patron of migrants. A determined and trustworthy leader, consistently blessed by God.

Come in honour of St Joseph to celebrate the important contribution migrant workers make to our evolving multigenerational places of work & home across the London boroughs.

Those attending are advised to be seated by 12 noon for a banner procession at 12.15pm. Those taking part in the banner procession please gather outside Amigo Hall at 12 noon.  
Everyone is invited to attend in their national dress.





## DIARY OF EVENTS

**2 May: Mayor of London, Local and London Assembly Elections.** Watch the video message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols here – [Please do vote!](#) <https://www.londonelects.org.uk/>

**2 May, 6.45 – 9.30pm: Santa Marta Group - Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking - Communities and Parishes.** By kind invitation of Bishop Paul McAleenan all are invited to attend a presentation and discussion. Church of Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph 1, King Edward's Road, Ware, Herts, SG12 7EJ. All are welcome to attend. Any enquiries to Ms Catharina Schaufler-Mendez. Email: [schauflermendezc@santamartagroup.org](mailto:schauflermendezc@santamartagroup.org)

**3-11 May: We Are Not Numbers Exhibition.** An exhibition featuring works from talented Palestinian artists and storytellers, offering visitors a glimpse into the rich culture, heritage, and struggles of Palestinians' stories– the real life stories behind the media statistics. In addition to the visual displays, there will be panel discussions, film screenings, and interactive workshops exploring various aspects of Palestinian life, history, and activism. P21 Gallery, 21-27 Chalton Street, London NW1 1JD. <https://p21.gallery/exhibitions/we-are-not-numbers>

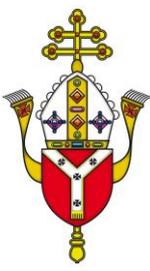
**3 May – 5 July, 7.30-9.00pm: The Music of Justice and Peace.** A new series of Friday evening drop-in sessions at the London Catholic Worker house. Entrance from the old St Augustine's Church on Mattison Road, N4 1BG. The focus will be on hymns and worship songs for prayer and liturgy, but with a few secular songs here and there as well. Voices and instruments welcome. Bring your favourite music to share. No expertise needed, just an interest in playing, singing and praying together. Children under 18 are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Westminster Justice and Peace Co-ordinator. Mobile: 07593 434905

**4 May, 11am-1pm: CAFOD - 'Using our Catholic Voice at the Next Election' - Online Training Session.** Along with the Society of St Vincent de Paul, CAFOD are launching a new initiative called 'A Year of Encounter' that aims to get the Catholic community engaging with their local candidates ahead of the election. This is not about party politics, but making sure that those who want to represent us in the next Parliament hear loud and clear that their constituents want action on poverty, hunger and injustice. This new online training session will take you step-by-step through the process of how your parish can engage with your local candidates in simple ways. <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/using-our-catholic-voice-at-the-next-election-training-session>

**6 May, 12 noon: Mass for Migrants – St George's Cathedral Southwark.** Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7HY. The three Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster come together annually around the Feast of St Joseph the Worker to give thanks for the contribution made by migrant communities to London and the South-East. All are welcome, whether you are of a migrant or non-migrant background, for this joyful celebration of many cultures. The liturgy is prepared by the Justice & Peace Commissions and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three Dioceses.

**6 – 10 May: Creation Retreat at Buckfast Abbey.** Led by Paula Pearce. Reflection on creation in the light of Franciscan thought and mission. 4 nights half-board from £525. Buckfast, Devon, TQ11 0EE. [www.buckfast.org.uk](http://www.buckfast.org.uk)

**6-12 May: Deaf Awareness Week.** <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/deafservice/>



**7 May: Free BSL Lessons with the British Deaf Association. On MS Teams.** Whether you're a complete beginner, previously attendee or looking to brush up on your skills, everyone is welcome! 10am - 11am lesson: [Register Now](#) 2pm - 3pm lesson: [Register Now](#)

**9 May, 7-8.30pm: Westminster Holy Land Roundtable.** All are welcome to join us for our third meeting at Our Lady of Victories Parish Centre, 235a Kensington High Street. We are currently setting up a Working Party to be responsible for the Roundtable and facilitating Diocesan responses in five main areas: 1) Muslim, Christian & Jewish relations; 2) Supporting local parish responses to the conflict; 3) Promoting prayer and liturgy for peace; 4) Assisting Christians and other communities in the Holy Land; 5) Campaigning for a ceasefire and ending weapons sales. Please do come along to find out more or get in touch with Colette [colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk)

**11 May, 11.00am-4.00pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Open Network Day and AGM.** Speaker: Margaret Ann Fiske (*former Chair of CARJ*) – 'New definition of Extremism 2024 - what will it mean in practice?' All are very welcome to attend. CAFOD Offices, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/>

**11-19 May: Urban Tree Festival.** <https://urbantreefestival.org/>

**13 May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Climate and the Elections.** Representatives from CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul society will present their preparation materials for the coming Mayoral and General Elections and help us reflect on what involvement in the democratic process means in terms of climate and the environment. Monthly online meeting for prayer, sharing and networking on the Care of Creation. Attend as a one-off or participate regularly. New participants welcome. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

**20 May, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund** to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish [barbarakentish@talktalk.net](mailto:barbarakentish@talktalk.net)

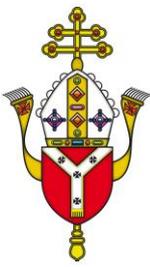
**21 May, 5.30-7.30pm: Faiths for Climate Justice Free Online Workshop**

**22 May, 5.30-7.30pm: Faiths for Climate Justice Free Online Workshop**

Do you want to know what "climate justice" means? Are you keen to find out how a justice-centered approach addresses the climate crisis? Are you looking for a welcoming space where you can bring your unique spiritual and/or religious motivations to tackle the climate emergency? If you're based in the UK, these workshops are designed to help you address these questions and be part of a community of action. **Choose one of these two dates.** [More details and registrations here](#)

**25 May, 10.30am-3.00pm: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event.** Amigo Hall at St George's Cathedral London SE1 7H. CARJ was established 40 years ago on 16 June 1984 at a meeting of approximately 25 'founding members' from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. To mark this important anniversary, CARJ are launching a new 'Racial Justice Agenda for Change.' Open to all and free to attend, with lunch served and a Sung Mass to end the day at 3.00pm. Email your interest to [info@carj.org.uk](mailto:info@carj.org.uk) <https://www.carj.org.uk/>

**25 May, 3.00pm: Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) – 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass.** St George's Cathedral Southwark, Westminster Bridge Road, SE1 7HY. <https://www.carj.org.uk/>



**4 June, 6.30pm: London Churches Refugee Forum (LCRF) Annual Speaker Meeting** - Guest Speaker Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, Founder and President of City of Sanctuary. Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2H. Email: [info@lcrf.org.uk](mailto:info@lcrf.org.uk) [LCRF Website](http://lcrf.org.uk)

**4 June, 6.00pm: Anthony Storey Memorial Peace and Justice Lecture 'The Courage of the White Flag?' Speaker - Fr. Rob Esdaile.** Hosted by Middlesbrough Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission via Zoom. Rob Esdaile is a priest of Arundel and Brighton Diocese. For the past 20 years he has written reflections for Pax Christi for use in Peace Sunday celebrations and he is Priest Adviser on Social Action in Arundel and Brighton Diocese. To register please email Barbara Hungin at [bhungin@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bhungin@yahoo.co.uk)

**8-16 June: Great Big Green Week** <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

**9 June, 1.00-4.00pm: Faith for the Climate Interfaith Picnic** - St John's Church, 73 Waterloo Road, London, SE1 8TY. **1pm** Communal picnic in the garden of St John's Church – including children's activities and faith-based stalls focused on the Great Big Green Week's theme of 'swaps'. Please bring your own picnics. **2.30 pm:** Creative Responses to the Climate Crisis Entertainment including poetry and performances. **3.15 pm:** Interfaith Responses & Commitment. **3.30 pm:** Tea [More details](#)

**22 June, 11am (tbc): \*SAVE THE DATE – RESTORE NATURE NOW\*** Rally in central London to call for the protection of the environment, reversal of nature loss and action on climate change. Backed by a wide-range of nature, wildlife and climate groups and campaigners, including Chris Packham, the demonstration aims to be the biggest-ever gathering of nature and climate supporters in the UK. Christian environment groups will gather first for a service at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. More details to follow in the next E-Bulletin.

**6 July, 11am-5pm: Catholic Union Annual Summer Gathering at Worth Abbey.** The day will include an address from Catholic Union President, Baroness Hollins and a talk by Abbot Christopher Jamison. [More details on Catholic Union website](#)

**19-21 July: National Justice and Peace Network Conference - 'Just Politics'** [NJPN](#)

**22-25 August: Greenbelt Festival 'Somewhere to Come Together.'** A weekend of music, comedy, craft, theatre, dance, food, spirituality, talks, provocation and more. <https://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

**1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** This year's theme is 'To Hope and Act with Creation'. [Season of Creation website](#)

**9-22 September: Fairtrade Fortnight. NB New dates!!** [Fairtrade Foundation](#)

**2-27 October: Synod on Synodality Second Session, Rome.**

**11-24 November: COP29 in Azerbaijan.** UN Climate Change Conference, 29th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 29) [UN COP29 Website](#)

**Advent 2024 - Feast of the Epiphany in 2026: Jubilee Year 2025.** The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>