



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN MARCH 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 March 2022.

Fr Richard Nesbitt sends this prayer:

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father,

Your will for your people is peace not war, unity not division.

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe at this time, your Spirit of forgiveness and fraternity.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that they may know your hand in theirs in these days of great fear, panic and despair. Bring hope and help to the widow, the orphan, the refugee and to all those whose lives are being torn apart.

We pray for all those who hold the lives of others in their hands; that they will choose the path of light not darkness. We pray for those who choose war; that they will turn away from the madness and misery of conflict.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they may be inspired by the courage and compassion of Christ. Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to the peacemakers who seek the path of reconciliation and healing.

Lord, we fall to our knees and pray for peace for Ukraine. Bring an end to this terrible suffering. Make silent once more the weapons of war.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Lord have mercy. Amen.





DIARY OF EVENTS 2022

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

2nd March: ASH WEDNESDAY – Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine

2nd March, 3-4.30pm: Pax Christi – London Ash Wednesday Witness - Meet in Whitehall Gardens (closest to Embankment station) and process around the Ministry of Defence. [Details](#)

2nd March – 6th April: *Women in the Catholic Church: Towards the Synod in Dialogue - Online Short Course* Live Zoom Sessions: Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm. Catherine of Siena College in partnership with Roehampton University. £75. [Details](#)

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/>

5th March, 12-2pm: Volunteering Fair, Westminster Cathedral Hall - Lent is a time when we are especially encouraged to share what we have with those in need. Giving your time is a most precious gift. Come and find out what volunteering opportunities there are at the moment. Westminster J & P will be represented at the Fair. [More details](#)

7th March, 7-8.30pm: Pax Christi – Celebrating Non-Violence and Women Peacemakers – Opportunity to hear about nonviolent peace-making from two women peacemakers: Colette Joyce and Patricia Stoat – about what draws them into peace-work and a chance to respond from our own experience. On Zoom. Register for the link https://paxchristi.org.uk/event/celebrating-nonviolence-and-women-peacemakers/?instance_id=1064

8th March, 11-11.45am. Aid to the Church in Need - The Forgotten Women: Persecuted Women and Girls from Religious Minorities' Zoom presentation to Parliamentarians. Fiona Bruce MP speaking. Survivors will also tell their stories. *Tickets:* <https://tinyurl.com/27x9ejmk>

10th March, 2pm- 3:30pm - Asylum Seeker and Refugee Response Network - Schools of Sanctuary. Online. Hosted by Caritas Westminster, sharing ideas and skills to help your parish and school become even more of a place of welcome and inclusion for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees. Speakers Megan (Schools of Sanctuary), Anjali (Newman Catholic College), Ines (Notre Dame Refugee Centre) and Ed (ESOL provider, Twin). [Sign up via Eventbrite](#)

11th March: CAFOD Lent Fast Day <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

14th March, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Nourishment for Lent. Register with Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255432404197>

19th March, 11am: Ecumenical Service for St Oscar Romero at St Martin-in-the-Fields – Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 4JJ. Dr Edgardo Colón-Emeric to give the Address 'Microphones of God - Romero's message for the present time.'

20th March, 6pm: Romero Week Evensong at St Alban's Cathedral, AL1 1BY - Dr Edgardo Colón-Emeric to preach.



21st March, 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, especially those attempting Channel crossings. There will be prayers outside the Home Office on the third Monday of every month in 2022. Contacts Barbara Kentish (J & P) barbarakentish@talktalk.net and Br Johannes Maertens (LCW) johanmaertens@hotmail.com

24th March, 12.30pm: St Oscar Romero Feast Day Mass - at St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 6HR. St Oscar Romero Feast Day Mass. Archbishop John Wilson will preside and present Romero Award certificates.

27th March, 11 am: 'Romero - an ecumenical inspiration for the 2020s' - at Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London EC1Y 1AU. Morning Service. Preacher: Edgardo Colón-Emeric.

5th April, 6.30 - 7.45pm: Westminster Abbey Institute Lecture Series on Trust in Public Life 'The Roots of Trust: theological and political reflections on trust in troubled times' - The Nave, Westminster Abbey. Speaker: Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice. Chair: Revd Dr James Hawkey. [Free but booking is essential](#)

23rd April, 11am – 5pm :CAFOD - RENEW Young Adult Event (18-30). In the face of injustice will you sit back...or step up? Do you hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor...and will you answer? Join us at CAFOD's headquarters in London and find out how you can play your part in challenging the root causes that drive poverty, injustice, and the climate crisis. Fr Martin Newell is our guest speaker. **Don't miss it!** <https://cafodyoungadulteventtickets.eventbrite.co.uk>

26th April 2022, 11:00am-12:30pm: Caritas Quarterly Meeting of Diocesan Food Projects - Please join us to be part of our strong network of Catholic institutions, charities, projects and enthusiastic volunteers creating a society where no one goes hungry! <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocese-of-westminster-caritas-food-collective-tickets-251164338297?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

7th May, 11am-3pm: NJPN Networking Day – CAFOD offices (tbc)

9th May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network - Register with Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/255436105267>

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/>

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