



Diocese of Westminster
JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN NOVEMBER 2024

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 **28 November 2024**.



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DIARY OF EVENTS

1 November, 7pm: Inaugural Westminster Justice and Peace Lecture. Speaker Baroness Scotland, Commonwealth Secretary General – Delivering Peace in a Multi Polar World. Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. £5 suggested donation for refreshments. View on livestream <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

7 November, 11am -1pm: Service of Commemoration for those who have died homeless in the last year – ‘Coming Home’. St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square.

7 November, 6.00pm: Peace Through Law Lecture - Juan E. Mendez “Prevention of Mass Atrocities”. University of Notre Dame (USA) in England, 1-4 Suffolk Street, SW1Y 4HG. Reception to follow. [Register here](#)

10 – 17 November: Interfaith Week <https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

11 November, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Laudato Si’ Centre, Wardley Hall. Speaker Dr Emma Gardner, Head of Environment for the Diocese of Salford. Includes updates on care of creation resources, events and activities, and reports from the Diocesan Environment Leads meetings. All welcome to join the mailing list as a member or attend as a one-off. New participants welcome. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

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

12 November, 5.30-8.30pm: Westminster Interfaith - People of Faith: A Young Adult (18-35) Dialogue. At St Mary's University, Twickenham. Find out more here <https://rcdow.org.uk/interfaith/>

13 November, 6.15-7.30pm: Hounslow Friends of Faith, Interfaith Week Celebrations - Video screening of a recent performance of Hindu Healing music. Jitubhai Dave, trustee and High Hindu Vedic Priest at the Hanuman Temple will give a short introduction. Euro Datta Yoga Church Centre, (Hanuman Hindu Temple), 51 Beech Avenue, Brentford, TW8 8NQ. RSVP to info@hounslowfriendsoffait.org

18 November, 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 and remember those who have lost their lives attempting these long, perilous journeys. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

19 November, 6.00-8.30pm: Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture - Professor Tom Shakespeare, Professor of Disability Research ‘Make a level path for my feet: disability equality, and love’. Chair: Baroness Hollins, Catholic Union President. The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception where the conversation can be continued. The event is being kindly sponsored by CCLA. Any queries please contact info@catholicunion.org.uk Free to attend but tickets must be [booked in advance on Eventbrite](#) as space is limited.



20 November: #RedWednesday - Day of awareness and support for persecuted Christians around the world. [Aid to the Church in Need](#)

20 November: 6.30-9.30pm – Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday Mass. Please join us for Holy Mass, followed by a special evening of talks, an award presentation and reception. The Brompton Oratory, London, SW7 2RP. [Aid to the Church in Need](#)

23 November: 10.00am-2.30pm: CAFOD's Annual Online Campaigners' Conference – 'Being Pilgrims of Hope in 2025.' We'll look ahead to campaigning on the new debt crisis in the Jubilee Year 2025 with debt expert Sandun Thudugala from Sri Lanka and CAFOD's Lead Economist, Maria Finnerty. We'll hear from our climate change policy expert Liz Cronin live from COP29 in Azerbaijan, and we'll be joined by new MP Florence Eshalomi. [Sign up](#)

26 November, 6pm: World AIDS Day Mass - Farm Street Jesuit Church, 114 Mount Street W1K 3AH. Celebrant: Fr Brendan Callaghan SJ. <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

27 November, 6-8pm: Westminster Interfaith 'Every Day I Praise You: Female Perspectives on Prayer' - London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Prayer is a central part in the lives of both Christians and Muslims. As women of faith, Sr Cathy Jones and Shaykha Saleha share their perspectives on prayer, exploring not only how and why they pray, but the impact this makes in their daily lives. The talk will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and refreshments. [Book your free place](#)

4 December, 3.00-7.00pm: London Churches Refugee Network – Carol Singing at Highbury and Islington Station. Come for any length of time. Non-singers also needed to shake collection tins. Santa hats provided! <https://www.lcrf.org.uk/>

6 December, 6.00pm: Pax Christi Advent Peace Service. St Aloysius Church, Euston NW1 1TA. Music: Julie McCann. Calling singers and musicians. Please email Julie McCann with your interest: jpmccann106@gmail.com

9 December, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Advent Reflection and Christmas Fun. Includes updates on care of creation resources, events and activities and reports from the Diocesan Environment Leads meetings. All welcome to join the mailing list as a member or attend as a one-off. New participants welcome. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

16 December, 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 and remember those who have lost their lives attempting these long, perilous journeys. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

16 December, 7.00-9.00pm: Westminster Holy Land Roundtable. All are welcome to join us at the next Roundtable meeting at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH for discussion and action in response to the war in Gaza. New participants welcome. Please do come



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HOLY YEAR 2025

24 December 2024 - Feast of the Epiphany 2026. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year 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/>

1 January: World Day of Peace. The theme this year is 'Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace'.

19 January: Peace Sunday – Resources from <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2025/>

'Inspired in particular by the Encyclical Letters Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti, and above all by the concepts of Hope and Forgiveness, which are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation and peace.'

'Only from a genuine conversion on all levels – personal, local and international – will true peace be able to flourish, not only in the cessation of conflicts but also in a new reality in which wounds are healed and each person's dignity is recognised.'

(Vatican announcement of Peace Sunday theme)

5 May, 2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. It is our turn to host this annual event, shared with the three 'London' Diocese of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, celebrating the contribution made by migrants to the life and work of our capital city and country. The Mass is prepared by the Justice & Peace Commissions, Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three Dioceses, together with participation from London Citizens. Do consider coming to support the Mass while it is in our Diocese, whether or not you are from a migrant background, and especially if you have never been before! It is always a colourful and a lively occasion.

24 May: 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis encyclical Laudato Si' (2015)

7-15 June: Great Big Green Week – [The Climate Coalition](#)

10-25 November: COP30 – Belem, Brazil.