Diocese of Westminster
JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN
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Special double edition

Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk.

Only about a quarter of our parishes Justice & Peace Contacts. It would be great to have more! Follow the link to find out which parishes still have a vacancy if you are interested in volunteering for this role: https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/parish-contacts/

Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees:

Prayer Vigil for Migrants and Refugees Opposite HOME OFFICE, Marsham Street, SW1P 4DF 12.30-1.30pm Monday 15th June. Please contact BarbaraKentish11@gmail.com for more information and to register your interest.

Please join us to pray for those who have died trying to reach the UK, the many victims of current wars, asylum seekers in detention centres and those who are homeless and those who struggle to inject welcome and humanity into our legislation.

THE LONDON CATHOLIC WORKER DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION LONDON CHURCHES REFUGEE FUND

We invite you to join us every third Monday of the month, remembering those who have died, and praying for those who are struggling for safety.

PAX CHRISTI AGM on Saturday 6th June at Maria Fidelis School in Euston. The theme will be "Sowing the Seeds of Hope" and the meeting is open to all, not just members. To register contact the website https://paxchristi.org.uk/agm-2026/

Interfaith Picnic on Sunday 7th June from 1pm at FCJ Centre for Spirituality and Ecojustice, 32 Phoenix Road Euston. Please bring some food to share and enjoy meeting friends from different faiths. To register please contact justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk

WELCOME THE STRANGER website Welcome the stranger: defend the right to asylum | JRS UK

Knife Crime Reduction Forum

Caritas Westminster, in partnership with the Justice & Peace group of St Mellitus RC Church, Tollington Park, is hosting an online Knife Crime Reduction Forum on Thursday 18 June, 7:00pm to 8:15pm.

Knife crime affects communities across London, especially young people and their families. This forum will bring together parishes, schools, families, young people and the wider community to reflect on the issue.
The evening will be a chance to hear what is already happening, share ideas and encourage practical action within parishes.
All are welcome, whether already involved or simply wishing to listen and learn more.
Please register using the Microsoft Teams online link at:

https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event

DIARY OF EVENTS IN JULY:

"Called to Act" - Young Catholics Organising for Change
A Workshop at Ambroseden Hall with Sebastien Chapleau
Tuesday 7th July from 10am
Find out more and register with Citizens UK network

Contact Lucy.Gardner@citizensuk.org

JUSTICE & PEACE BBQ at Holy Apostles Pimlico
Thursday 9th July from 6pm
Come and meet other Justice & Peace representatives from around the Diocese!

National Justice & Peace Conference
24th – 26th July at Swanwick, Derbyshire
Contact admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: The New encyclical released by Pope Leo XIV on 26th May 2026

"In the face of new forms of dehumanisation we have an urgent duty to remain profoundly human, lovingly guarding the magnificent humanity that has been given to us and that no machine can ever replace.

Let us learn to listen to one another, let us courageously face the present challenges and co-operate in building a more human and fraternal society. Please bring with you the commitment to remain awake and as "artisans of hope" to continue to build the construction site of our time."

May the Spirit of the Risen Lord sustain our common work.

Official prayer from Pope Francis for the Jubilee year 2025

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Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.

