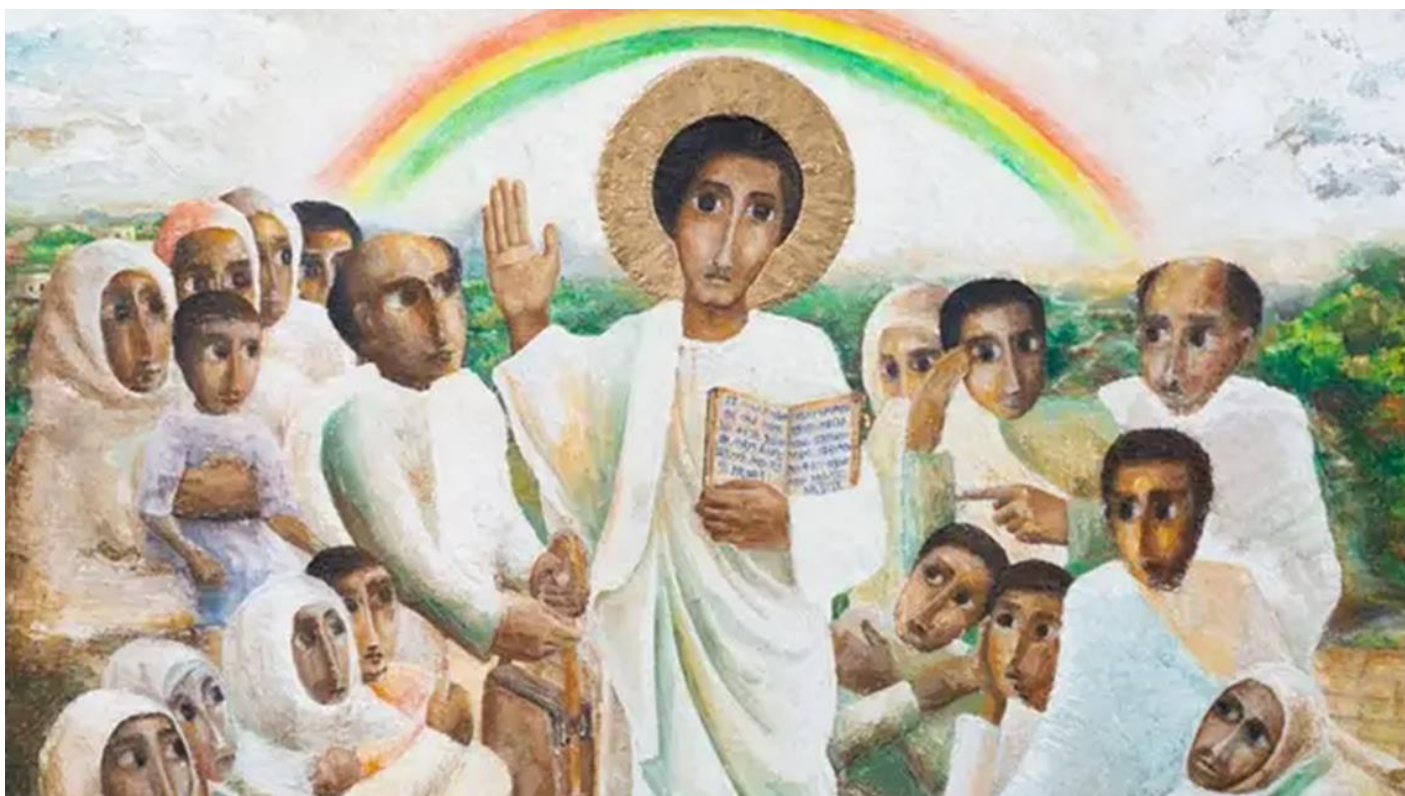




JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

MARCH 2025

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 March 2025**.



This Jubilee icon was commissioned by CAFOD and painted by Mulugeta Araya from Ethiopia. The icon interprets Jesus' teaching of healing and liberation in the Synagogue in Luke 4:16-21, which refers to Isaiah 61:1-2. This passage is particularly relevant to the Jubilee given its emphasis on bringing good news to those who are poor, and liberty to those who are captive or oppressed. The icon is touring the country and will be in the Diocese of Westminster from 9-28 December 2025.

HOLY YEAR 2025

The theme for this year is "Pilgrims of Hope"

At a difficult moment in human history, the Jubilee Year is an invitation to all people to experience the joy and strength in coming together as we respond to God's call for a reset, a renewal of faith and a recommitment to a just world. We invite you to participate in one of the many events listed in our E-Bulletin for this coming year and so renew your own commitment to being a pilgrim of hope.

To find out more visit the Diocese of Westminster webpages: [Jubilee 2025](#)



DIARY OF EVENTS

5 March: CAFOD Big Lent Walk: Take action and raise money for CAFOD this Lent. [Sign up now!](#)

5 March, 1-1.45pm: Together With Refugees Campaign Organising Network. Join the national coalition's online call to find out how we can work together to win a fair new plan for refugees. [Register here](#)

5 March, 11.00am: Ash Wednesday Service, No Faith in Fossil Fuels. St John's Church, Waterloo, SE1 8TY. Organised by Christian Climate Action and others. Followed by Overnight Vigil outside the Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero. [Green Christian No Faith in Fossil Fuels](#)

5 March, 3.30pm: Ash Wednesday Witness with Pax Christi. Meet outside the Ministry of Defence on the green on the west side of Horseguards Avenue (river side) for a vigil of repentance and of prayer for peace and an end to war. For more details email info@paxchristi.org.uk

10 March, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network – Lent, the Holy Year and Reconciliation. 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](#)

14 March: CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: This year with a focus on Kenya. [CAFOD website](#)

17 March, 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 homeofficevigil@gmail.com

26 March, 10.30am-4.30pm: Africa, Christianity and Human Rights Colloquium - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) and University of Birmingham at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Keynote speaker Bishop Wilfred Anagbe of Makurdi Diocese, Nigeria. Free. [Book via Eventbrite](#)

3 April 6.30-.800pm: Catholic Union - Hard Cases Don't Make Good Law. Zoom Webinar on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Chair Baroness Hollins, Catholic Union President. Panel: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes. [Please register attendance here](#)

5 April, 4.00-6.00pm: Westminster Holy Land Roundtable. Bishop Jim Curry will share his thoughts on his recent Holy Land Co-ordination visit. All are welcome to join us for this open meeting to discuss our diocesan response to the ceasefire in Gaza. Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. New participants welcome. Colette Joyce. Mobile: 07593 434905 / Email: colettejoyce@rcdow.org.uk [Register with Eventbrite](#)

10 April, 5-7pm: Interfaith Event - "The Beauty of the Earth: A Dialogue on Creation". Waldegrave Suite at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Listen to Catholic, Hindu and humanist perspectives, with plenty of opportunity to have your say. [Register with Eventbrite](#)



28 April*, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. *NB *Fourth Monday* of the month, owing to Easter Bank Holiday. Contact Barbara Kentish homeofficevigil@gmail.com

5 May, 2.30pm (Banner Procession from 2pm): Mass for Migrants - Westminster Cathedral. Join the three 'London' Diocese of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster, and celebrate the contribution made by migrants to life, work and faith in the capital. This Mass is prepared by the Justice & Peace Commissions, Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three Dioceses. We will be joined by community organisers from London Citizens. Do come along and bring the family, whether you are from a migrant background or not! It is always a colourful and a lively occasion. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald.

8 May pm: Balfour Project Annual Conference - The Rule of Law – the route to a better future for Palestinians and Israelis. King's College London, The Strand, and Online. [Booking](#)

10 May: National Justice and Peace Network: 'Opening Doors to a Sustainable Future for All People.' Networking day in London. Speakers include Maria Finney, Lead Economist at CAFOD and Dr Shanon Shah, Director of Faith for the Climate. Venue: Romero House (CAFOD Office), 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7JB. [NJPN](#)

10-18 May: Urban Tree Festival. <https://urbantreefestival.org/>

12 May, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

19 May, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. *NB *Fourth Monday* of the month, owing to Easter Bank Holiday. Contact Barbara Kentish homeofficevigil@gmail.com

24 May: 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si' (2015) - Celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis signing [Laudato Si'](#), the encyclical on climate change and our common home that stands on two millennia of Catholic teaching about creation.

24-31 May: Laudato Si' Week - Unite with people around the world to celebrate [Laudato Si' Week](#)

29 May, 11.00am-4.00pm: Justice and Peace Westminster Way Pilgrimage – Join Colette Joyce and Fr Dominic Robinson SJ to walk the Westminster Way from English Martyrs, Tower Hill to Westminster Cathedral. As it is Laudato Si' Week, we will also be celebrating the fauna and flora of London as we go along! [Register with Eventbrite](#)

7 June, 2.00pm tbc: Care of Creation Laudato Si' Celebration: Join friends from across the Diocese to mark the 10th anniversary of the papal encyclical, Laudato Si'. FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA.

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

9 June, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)



21 June, 12:00pm-5:00pm: Westminster Interfaith Jubilee Pilgrimage. Details to follow.

14 July, 12.45-2.00pm: Southern Dioceses Environment Network. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

25-27 July: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference. Theme: 'A Just Peace'. The Hayes Conference Centre, Hayes Ln, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1AU. Booking now online! [NJPN Conference 2025](#)

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation

4 October: Feast of St Francis of Assisi – celebrate 800 years since St Francis wrote his famous 'Canticle of the Creatures' praising God for the wonders of creation, beginning with the words 'Laudato Si'.

10-25 November: COP30 – Belem, Brazil.

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.

