



JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN APRIL 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 **30 April 2025**.

Monday, 5 May 2025, 2.30pm
Mass for Migrants
Westminster Cathedral
Banner Procession from 2pm

You are warmly invited to join the three 'London' Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster on Bank Holiday Monday to celebrate the contribution made by migrants to life, work and faith in the capital.

This Mass for St Joseph the Worker is prepared by the Justice & Peace Commissions, Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three Dioceses.

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. Parishes and Catholic organisations are welcome to bring banners for the procession. Gather from 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to wear national dress. We will also be joined by community organisers from London Citizens.

Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald.

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JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

LAUDATO SI'

ON THE CARE OF
OUR COMMON HOME



24 May 2025 sees the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'.

Celebrate the anniversary of Pope Francis signing Laudato Si' in 2015. The encyclical builds on two millennia of Catholic teaching about creation and crucially urges that the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' are one and the same thing (LS 49). You are invited to revisit the text at this time for yourself or with a parish group to refresh our commitment to the earth and one another.

24-31 May: Laudato Si' Week Unite with people around the world to celebrate **Laudato Si' Week**



DIARY OF EVENTS

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

3 April 6.30-8.00pm: 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. [More details on Catholic Union](#)
Join webinar here - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84283598975>

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 renewed fighting 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](#)

6 April, 4.00-5.00pm: Holy Hour for Life. Please join us in response to Cardinal Vincent Nichols plea for prayer as the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill reaches a significant stage in its passage through Parliament. Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Participate via livestream - <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream>

7 April, 7.30-9.00pm: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) - Opening the Doors to Refugees and Asylum Seekers. Part of the Jubilee 'Opening Doors' series from the NJPN to learn a little more about the sudden and forced movement of people to the UK in 2025 and how you, as a 'Pilgrim of Hope', can play your part in shining a light their hostile welcome as we "Welcome The Stranger". Register here - <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/>

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](#)

20 April – EASTER SUNDAY

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' Dioceses 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. Parishes and Catholic organisations are welcome to bring banners for the procession. Gather from 1.30pm. Everyone is invited to wear national dress. Celebrant: Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald.

8 May, 1-7pm: British Palestine 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. Speakers include Lady Hale and Sam Rose, Acting Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza. British Palestine Project is the new name for the Balfour Project. [Booking](#)



8 May, 7-9pm: A Celebration of Laudato Si' – Join the Northern Dioceses Environment Group and the Southern Dioceses Environment Network for this evening of celebration for the 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si' - On the Care of Our Common Home*. Our guest speaker and facilitator will be Catholic journalist and papal biographer, Austen Ivereigh.

[Register with Eventbrite](#)

10 May: National Justice and Peace Network: 'Opening Doors to a Sustainable Future for All People.' Networking day in London. Speakers include Maria Finnerty, Lead Economist at CAFOD, and Dr Shanon Shah, Director of Faith for the Climate. Visioning Session facilitated by Paul Kelly and Colette Joyce. Romero House (CAFOD Office), 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7JB. Free to attend. Registration opening soon <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings/>

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. 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, 2.00-5.00pm: 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. Preparation for the Season of Creation. [Southern Dioceses Environment Network](#)

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

9 July: *Save the date* Mass Lobby of Parliament for the Climate. Organised by the Climate Coalition. CAFOD, Faith for the Climate and Westminster Justice and Peace Commission will be among the communities taking part. [The Climate Coalition](#)



12 July: *Save the date* Westminster Pilgrimage Day for the Jubilee – at St Edmund's College, Ware. Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. [Jubilee 2025](#)

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](#)

6 August: 80th Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima

9 August: 80th Anniversary of the Bombing of Nagasaki

1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation. This year's theme is 'Peace with 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.

