



# JUSTICE & PEACE E-BULLETIN

## June 2025

Welcome to the e-Bulletin from the Westminster Justice and Peace Commission. Please send Events for inclusion to [justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcdow.org.uk). The deadline for the next e-Bulletin is **27 June 2025**.

Colette writes:

Habemus Papam!

A warm welcome to Pope Leo XIV from everyone involved in Westminster Justice and Peace. Our new Holy Father has sent a very clear message of his concern to promote Catholic Social Teaching in his choice of name, reaching back to Pope Leo XIII who began the modern era of CST with his 1891 encyclical 'Rerum Novarum – On the Rights and Duties of Capital and Labour'. We look forward to his leadership on the modern challenges that confront us in the formation of human societies, especially in areas such as the climate crisis, massive inequality in the distribution of wealth, and the rise of artificial intelligence.



*Justice and Peace Pilgrims at Westminster Cathedral*  
[Read the report on the Westminster Way Pilgrimage](#)

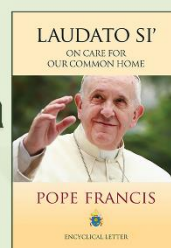
There is still time to register to join us for an exploration of the legacy of Pope Francis as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at our national online event on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. Papal commentator Austen Ivereigh is our special guest speaker and facilitator for the evening.

## Celebrate 10 Years of Laudato Si' Wednesday 4th June 2025 • 7–9pm

Hosted by the Northern & Southern Dioceses Environment Networks

Join us online for a special evening  
with journalist and papal biographer  
→ Austen Ivereigh ←  
as we reflect on our journey  
over the past decade and  
the road ahead in caring for  
our common home.

To register for this online event, go to: <https://shorturl.at/xOOjf>  
or scan the QR code here





## DIARY OF EVENTS

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

**2-8 June: Volunteers Week.** Does your parish have a named [Justice and Peace Contact](#) person other than your parish priest? Perhaps you might like to volunteer for this, if not! Search for other volunteer roles in the Diocese using the Caritas Westminster Volunteer Service <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer/>

**4 June, 7-9pm: \*New Date\* A Celebration of Laudato Si' – Join the Northern Dioceses Environment Group and the Southern Dioceses Environment Network** for this evening of celebration to mark 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](#)

**7 June, 10.30am: Pax Christi AGM.** Guest speaker Oliver McTernan. Maria Fidelis School, Drummond Street, Euston, and online on Zoom <https://paxchristi.org.uk/pax-christi-uk/agm-2025/>

**7 June, 1.30pm-5.00pm: Revisiting Laudato Si':** Join us to spend time together as the Diocese of Westminster to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* and the 800th Anniversary of the Canticle of the Creatures. The event will include conversation, workshops, music and liturgy Speaker: Fr Richard Nesbitt, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima, White City. Organised by Westminster Justice and Peace with the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Animators at the FCJ Spirituality Centre, 32 Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA. [Book here with Eventbrite](#)

**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](#)

**10 June, 2.00pm or 7.00pm: Million Minutes Re-launch of Celebrating Young People: Revival Programme for the 2025/26 academic year.** Schools, parishes, and all those working with young people are warmly invited to a special online event to explore how this FREE, Catholic Social Teaching-based programme can support young people and those who accompany them. Register now to secure your place: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/millionminutes/1679670>

**13 June, 11.00am-4.00pm: Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice (CCSTP) Study and Networking Day – 'Reading the signs of our times with *Fratelli Tutti*'.** London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount St, London, W1K 3AH (in person only). Speakers include Richard Finn OP, Michael Kirwan SJ, Professor Suzanne Mulligan, Helen Pearce, Julian Coman, Patrick O'Dowd and Maria Exall. Free. [Reserve a place](#)

**16-22 June: Refugee Week – Theme: 'Community as a Superpower' <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>**

**16 June, 12.30-1.30pm: Refugee Week 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 to sign up or just come along. [homeofficevigil@gmail.com](mailto:homeofficevigil@gmail.com)



**19 June, 6.30pm: London Churches Refugee Fund (LCRF) – ‘Community as a Superpower’.** Talk by Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Bishop of Dover). St Pancras Church, Euston Road, NW1 2BA. Free. Email [info@lcrf.org.uk](mailto:info@lcrf.org.uk) [Register here](#)

**21 June, 12:00pm-5:00pm: Westminster Interfaith 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage for Peace.** Led by James Holland, Westminster Interfaith Co-ordinator. Start at the Westminster Quaker's Meeting House, 52 St Martin's Ln, WC2N 4EA, walking to Westminster Cathedral for a tour and, after lunch, walking to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park. When we arrive at Battersea Park, you are invited to stay for the Peace Pagoda's 40th anniversary celebrations. Free. [Register with Eventbrite](#)

**30 June, 5.30pm: Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 10th anniversary of [Caritas Bakhita House](#).** The Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at Westminster Cathedral.

**7 July, 6-8pm: Catholic Union Pub Talk ‘Prisons in Crisis: What Does Catholic Social Teaching Have to Offer?’** Guest Speaker Andy Keen-Downs, CEO of Pact, Chair Catherine Pepinster. You can book [here](#).

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

**12 July: Westminster Pilgrimage Day for the Jubilee - St Edmund's College, Ware, SG11 1DS** Led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. <https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/pilgrimage-to-ware/>

11.00am - Pilgrims are invited to arrive and gather. Confessions will be available. There is ample parking.

12.00noon - Solemn Mass for the Jubilee Year celebrated by H.E. Cardinal Nichols in the school grounds.

1.30pm - Picnic Lunch (bring your own). Tours of the College. Adoration and Confessions in the Chapel.

2.45pm - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

4pm - Departures.

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

**14 July, 1.00-5.00pm: Caritas Westminster Conference -They Shall Build up Ancient Ruins.** Explore what's known about land and property re-use and community asset transfer in religious and non-religious settings, with a focus on practical solutions for the future. Speakers include Lord Khan, [Minister for Faith, Communities and Resettlement](#), Annoushka Deighton, [We're Right Here Campaign](#), and Stephen Aldridge, Chief Economist, [Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government](#). The Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London, EC2V 8HE. [Register Here](#)

**25-27 July: National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) Annual Conference.** Theme: 'Towards A Just Peace: Challenging the Inevitability of Violence'. Guest Speakers Dr Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, and Dr Joanna Frew. The Hayes Conference Centre, Hayes Ln, Swanwick, Alfreton DE55 1AU. Booking now online! [NJPN Conference 2025](#)





**6 August: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Hiroshima**

**9 August: 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bombing of Nagasaki**

**1 September – 4 October: Season of Creation.** This year's theme is 'Peace with Creation'.  
<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

**16 September, 6.00pm: Catholic Union's Craigmyle Lecture, Notre Dame University, London.**

**3 October, 6-8pm: Vigil for the Feast of St Francis** – Farm Street Church, 114 Mount St, London, W1K 3AH. A celebration to mark the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canticum of the Creatures.

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

**4 November, 6.00-8.00pm: The Catholic Unions AGM will take place at the London Jesuit Centre, following a Mass at Farm Street.** [More information to follow.](#)

**10-25 November: COP30 – Belem, Brazil.**

## Official prayer from Pope Francis for the Jubilee year 2025

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

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.

