

Archdiocese of Southwark
Commission for
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation



JPIC Update February 2013

February 22nd – CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Hungry for change is continuing, alongside the IF campaign

CAFOD Director Chris Bain says “Thousands of Catholics up and down the country have already signed up to Hungry for Change. Joining Enough Food for Everyone IF means that the incredible commitment of our supporters and volunteers will play a vital part in this joint campaign.”



What is the IF campaign calling for?

The IF Movement challenges David Cameron and world leaders to tackle 4 big IFs to make 2013 the year when we begin to end the global hunger crisis:

- IF** we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger, and help the poorest people feed themselves through investment in small farmers
 - IF** we force governments and big corporations to be honest and open about their actions that stop people getting enough food
 - IF** we stop big companies dodging taxes in poor countries, so that millions of people can free themselves from hunger
 - IF** we stop poor farmers being forced off their land, and use crops to feed people, not fuel cars
- ...then there really will be enough food for everyone**

Fairtrade Fortnight 25 February - 10 March: How far will you go for Fairtrade in 2013?

Despite producing 70% of the world's food, over half of the world's hungriest people are smallholder farmers. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for these farmers and for farm workers in the developing world.



The aim of Fairtrade Fortnight 2013 is to take Fairtrade further, and everyone's help is needed to reach more farmers and workers who urgently need a better deal from trade. Please see what you can do to raise awareness of the great good Fairtrade is doing throughout the world and, of course, look for the Fairtrade label whenever you are shopping yourself. There are lots of material available, free, from the Fairtrade Foundation at www.fairtrade.org.uk/resources.

March 1st - Women's World Day of Prayer - "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

The annual ecumenical day of prayer prepared, this year, by the women of France. For resources and more information contact Women's World Day of Prayer, Commercial Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2RR
Tel: 01892 541411 Email: office@wwdp-natcomm.org

March 4th to 10th - Climate Week 2013

Organisations and churches across the UK are signing up to take part in the UK's biggest climate change campaign. You could enter the Climate Week Challenge – a competition for teams of 4-6 in schools and workplaces or your parish group could run a Climate Week event. You can register your event on line, see other events registered so far and view the Climate Week film at www.climateweek.com.

For more information e-mail info@climateweek.com or call 020 3397 2601

Depaul UK Lent appeal 2013

Among the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer for this Lenten season are the needy and hungry of the world, and penitents and wanderers. Of course we rightly remember the needy and the hungry of the developing world but we should not overlook the needy and the wanderers who are closer to home.

Started at the initiative of Cardinal Basil Hume in 1989 with a single 14-bed hostel in London, Depaul UK has grown to work with over 3,000 young people, from 16 to 25 years of age, every year. Certainly they are needy, frequently they are wanderers and often they are hungry.

The Depaul lent resource pack is available from www.depauluk.org/lent or phone 020 7939 1270.

EVENTS TO ATTEND

February 19th - Progressio Training - how to lobby your MP

You don't have to go it alone – invite your MP to come to your church or youth group, university or work-place. Get a few friends together and get strength in numbers. I attended an earlier session and found it most worthwhile. 5pm to 8pm at Progressio offices - Units 9-12, The Stableyard, Broomgrove Road, London SW9 9TL . E-mail daniel@progressio.org.uk or phone 020 7326 2008 to book a place.

February 26th - Lambeth Faiths Together - Faith and Sustainability

5.30 for 6pm until 8.30pm at London Shambhala Meditation Centre, 27 Belmont Close, SW4 6AY. Come and learn about some of the sustainability issues affecting local communities, and some practical steps which faith communities can take to create more resilient communities, create less waste and save money.

February 28th – Traidcraft - Simple Justice

An evening worship and an address by Lord Leslie Griffiths, former President of the Methodist Conference, about the importance of challenging the global economic order and taking action for trade justice. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about Traidcraft and to meet like-minded supporters and campaigners. 6 pm to 8pm at Wesley's Chapel, 49 City Road, London EC1.

To confirm your attendance e-mail jemmab@traidcraft.co.uk or phone 0191 497 6458

March 2nd - NJPN Open Networking Day

10.30am – 4.00pm at St Paul's Comprehensive School, Phoenix Drive, Leadenhall, Milton Keynes MK6 5EN. (about 1.5 miles from Milton Keynes Central railway station) Speaker: Bishop William Kenney on the future of Europe. Plus opportunities to network with justice and peace activists from around the country and get updates on campaigns from national agencies. Free to attend, no need to book.

More information from admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk, 020 7901 4864

March 9th - CAAT (Campaign against the Arms Trade) National Gathering

10.30am-4.30pm (Registration from 10am) at Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London, WC1R 4RL. Vital public services are being cut, yet UK military spending is among the highest in the world. Gain ideas and inspiration to make an impact on the arms trade. Cost (includes tea, coffee and a delicious veggie lunch): £7 waged / £3 unwaged. You can book on-line at www.caat.org.uk/events

March 23rd - Romero: Prophet of Peace for Our Times

The annual ecumenical service marking the 33rd anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Oscar Romero. 11am at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JJ.

Preacher: Marie Dennis, Co-President of Pax Christi International.

Contact: romerotrust@btinternet.com website: www.romerotrust.org.uk

OUR SPRING ASSEMBLY - Saturday May 11th

At The Franciscan International Study Centre, Giles Lane, Canterbury, CT2 7NA.

“Blessed are the Poor? – Social Justice in The Year of Faith”

**We have a number of inspiring speakers already arranged and an excellent venue booked.
Too far away for you? - well why not make a weekend of it in this great historic city.**

“Practical Engagement in Justice & Peace” – Saturday 22nd June

A day of Training and Workshops organised by the three London dioceses at Cathedral Halls, Brentwood

**We are planning four workshops focussing on: Catholic Social Teaching, Human trafficking,
How the scripture relates to work in the community and Lobbying your MP. Choose 2 from 4.**

AUTUMN ASSEMBLY – Saturday 19th October

At The Salvation Army Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London WC1 2DJ

“Justice & Peace – Mission beyond the Year of Faith”

**This year's Autumn Assembly is being organised jointly by J&P Commissions in the three London dioceses
Speakers will include Bishop Pat Lynch, Bruce Kent and Mgr James Cronin (Director of Missio)**

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