

## Birmingham Justice & Peace Mini Newsletter No 28 – August 2018

(this information can also be found on our website <http://bit.ly/2udGQts>)



### World Day of Prayer for the Care Of Creation

Following the example of the Orthodox Church, in 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 as the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. According to Pope Francis, “This offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” Many resources for Creation Time can be found at <http://www.columbans.co.uk/justice-peace-jpic-2/creation-time/>

and <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Laudato-Si-encyclical>

Explore Pope Francis' encyclical in these **animations for children and young people** at

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Secondary-and-youth-resources/Care-for-our-common-home>

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-animation>



If you are having a Creation Day Mass or doing anything during September for Creation Time please let me know so that I can add it to the Justice and Peace Website Calendar.

The fight against fracking is hotting up in the UK, with our government pushing harder than ever before to kickstart the industry.

It's crucial we stand with communities on the frontlines of this destructive practice. But our fight in the UK is also part of a global struggle against the fossil fuel industry.

**To stop fracking, we can't wait for drills to arrive on our doorsteps.** We have to go on the offensive and hit the industry where it hurts – their public image, financial backing, and political support.

Here in the UK, big fossil fuel companies like BP and Shell care too much about their image to get involved in fracking. But they have no problem getting their hands dirty in other countries. **Our local councils are investing in these companies - and by investing, they're supporting the fracking industry worldwide -- with our money. Enough is enough.**

**[Demand your council stands against fracking and divests from fossil fuels.](#)**

Fracking is a global industry, having global impacts. From Australia to Argentina – projects are threatening communities, destroying local landscapes, and fuelling the climate crisis. We need to stop fracking everywhere, and take on the vested interests behind it.

**On September 8th, join the Rise for Climate global day of action.** Put pressure on local politicians to show leadership and divest from the industry behind fracking.

**[Join a Divest Fracking action or add yours to the map on September 8th.](#)**

Across the world, a movement of people is standing up to the companies behind the climate crisis and demanding a Fossil Free future. Hundreds of people everywhere are already planning events for the Rise day of action. **[Join them and demand your council shows climate leadership this September 8th.](#)**

<https://riseforclimate.org/#map>

Information supplied by Julian Todd

From Christian CND:



We're really looking forward to visiting Coventry for our Conference and AGM in October. We will have a speaker from Coventry Cathedral, a speaker from Tearfund and an expert on the Nuclear Ban Treaty. Along with workshops and plenty of time for discussion and prayer.

It's all free but it helps if you can register in advance  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christian-cnd-agm-and-conference-2018-tickets-47987553063>

Our Assembly 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018, at St. Peter's in Solihull. Our topic is Migration, speakers have been arranged. We are now inviting people to run workshops and have stands/tables. Once these things have been finalised I will send out registration forms and programmes. Please put this date in your diary. Also please discuss the subject of Migration in your groups, with parishioners, etc. and bring along their thoughts on this so we can participate in meaningful discussions.

Next year's Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday 16th March at Selly Park Convent, Selly Park. Birmingham B29 7 LL. Fr Martin Newell CP will be leading our retreat.

To help you keep abreast of what is going on in the dioceses our Website is updated on a regularly. We also now have a twitter account so please follow us. Don't forget if you are running any Justice and Peace related events or holding Justice and Peace related meetings email me the details so that they can be added to the Justice and Peace Website Calendar.

*With best wishes as always,*

Janet Vaughan

*Administrator, on behalf of the Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission*

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	<p>“ We know that every effort to <b>better society</b>, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that <b>God blesses</b>, that <b>God wants</b>, that <b>God demands of us.</b>”</p> <p>The Archbishop <b>Romero Trust</b></p> <p>Canonisation Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome 14th October 2018 For information resources and reflections <a href="http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk">www.romerotrusted.org.uk</a> Romero News <a href="http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk/news/saints-together-romero-news-22">http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk/news/saints-together-romero-news-22</a></p>
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