

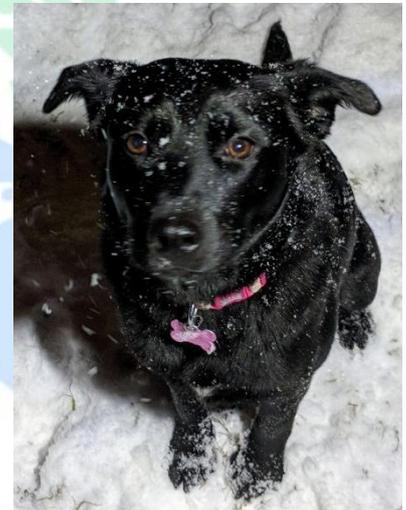
Dear Justice and Peace Supporter,

### Travels of a Social Justice Co-ordinator

With Christmas and New Year my recent travels have been a bit truncated! This wasn't helped by the winter weather (which is back with the #BeastfromtheEast currently settling over the country!) and my car windscreen splitting on my way back from Elgin. I did go, for the second time on Ash Wednesday up to Faslane with members of the Glasgow Catholic Worker. While it was 'slightly raining' in Glasgow when we set off by the time we got up to Faslane it was almost 'Noah-esque' levels of rain (and we even got a rainbow on the way back!!) I was struck by the unique circumstances at Faslane, that Scotland; a nation which as a people and a Parliament have rejected nuclear arms, and yet their presence is maintained on our soil. We gathered in the car-park, marked with ash, like so many in churches and schools were doing, calling for repentance against the power to destroy life, and our own repentance as we begin the journey of Lent. This witness at Faslane, regularly performed by both Glasgow Catholic Worker, SCANA, and the permanent peace camp always makes me think of the prophets of the Old Testament – pleading, shouting, and imploring the people of Israel to turn back to God and give up on destruction. The Nobel Peace Prize awarded last year to ICAN, and the Ban Treaty being taken up by the United Nations make the abolition of these weapons seem closer than ever before. My other journey (not related to work) came after a text from my parents who having "just been to have a look" had adopted a new puppy from a rescue centre..... (this is only mentioned as a picture of a snowy dog seems appropriate given the weather!!) Everyone take care over the next few days!

*Danny* (Social Justice Co-ordinator)

**NEWSLETTER**  
**February 2018**



### **Solidarity Gathering at Dungavel Detention Centre – Sunday 11th March at 1pm.**

Solidarity Gathering for Mother's Day at **Dungavel** Detention Centre Assemble at 1pm at the bottom of the road leading up to Dungavel

*Address: Dungavel Detention Centre Strathaven ML10 6RF.*

### **Scotland Endangered: The Hazards of Nuclear - Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 AM - 6 PM**

This 2018 **Helensburgh CND Conference** will show that the people of Scotland are endangered by the various known hazards associated with nuclear weapons regardless of whether or not anyone ever actually pushes the button. Radioactive materials are transported on our roads, from our airports and on our railways, and our air and water are contaminated by radioactive elements and processes.

Helensburgh Parish Church Halls, Colquhoun Street, Helensburgh, G84 8UP – register to attend at the link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotland-endangered-the-hazards-of-nuclear-tickets-42910670972?aff=efbeventix>





## Join the Great British Spring Clean! - 2nd – 4th March 2018

Join our growing army of #LitterHeroes over the weekend 2nd – 4th March to give your beach a spring clean and collect much needed information on beach litter. Register for a beach clean near you at this link.

[https://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/events?utm\\_source=marine%20conservation%20society%20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=9141746\\_2018%2002%20GBSC%20and%20river%20cleans&utm\\_content=beach%20clean%20event%20page&dm\\_i=104K,5FXTE,QIT4VJ,L2SIP,1](https://www.mcsuk.org/beachwatch/events?utm_source=marine%20conservation%20society%20&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9141746_2018%2002%20GBSC%20and%20river%20cleans&utm_content=beach%20clean%20event%20page&dm_i=104K,5FXTE,QIT4VJ,L2SIP,1)

## Clean Up Scotland - Spring Clean

Spring Clean is happening between April and May 2018. Clean Up Scotland is Keep Scotland Beautiful's national campaign building community pride to make Scotland the cleanest country in Europe. With litter and flytipping levels at the highest recorded in a decade we need your help with the national push to make Scotland's environment cleaner for everyone to enjoy.



Register to join a clean up or register your own clean up at this link

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/events/local-environmental-quality/clean-up-scotland/spring-clean-april/>

## Glasgow March Against Racism - UN Anti-Racism Day – Saturday 17th March 2018 – 11.30 am

Assemble Holland St, Glasgow at 11.30, then march to George Square rally

We are facing a massive rise in racism in Britain and across the globe. Migrants and refugees are being scapegoated for the effects of austerity, while EU nationals are used as bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations. The whipping up of anti-Muslim hysteria in the press has led to a dramatic rise in Islamophobic attacks in the wake of terror attacks in London and Manchester, with visible Muslim women the primary target.



<https://www.facebook.com/SUTRscot/photos/gm.126173874715799/552517251754117/?type=3>

## SCOTTISH FAITHS ACTION FOR REFUGEES

## Scotland Welcomes Refugees Gathering – Sat 28th April 2018

11.00am – 16.30 Renfield St Stephen's 260 Bath Street  
Glasgow G2 4JP

Scotland Welcomes Refugees Gathering 2018 is for people involved in civil society, grass-roots volunteer or charitable-led work, to connect welcome groups with one another and to be a place for sharing ideas. Listening to and discussing with refugees and refugee-led organisations will be a central part of the event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scotland-welcomes-refugees-gathering-tickets-43439365311>

## Eco-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering 2018

Saturday 28th April 2018, 10:00am – 3:30pm  
Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL

Are you concerned about the environment? Come to the Eco-Congregation Scotland Annual Gathering for inspirational speakers and discussion about caring for God's Creation. The climate is changing. Wildlife is being lost. The seas are filled with plastic. Waste is out of control.

**But that can change. The planet is changing hands. Every day.**

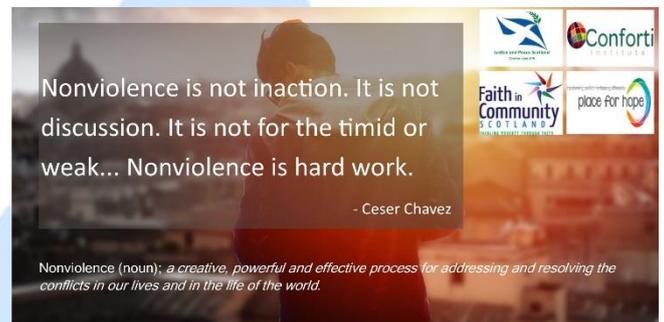
Amazing new personalities, talents, attitudes and ambitions are born every day and in celebration of the Year of Young People 2018, this event focuses on the planet passed on. Every day poses problems of a deteriorating world, but also chances to learn and take action. This event will focus on what we have seen and what we have to say about our shared world and the planet being passed on. What will you give? What will you inherit?

Come along. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/annual-gathering-2018-tickets-41825864286?aff=efbeventtix>



## From Violence to Wholeness Study Programme

A 10-part study and action programme exploring nonviolence as a creative, powerful and effective process for addressing and resolving the conflicts in our lives and in the life of the world. This course is being run over 10 weeks (April – June) at St Bartholomew's, Castlemilk. For more information click [here](#). Details of the course running in Edinburgh will follow shortly. To reserve a space please contact [hugh@confortiinstitute.org](mailto:hugh@confortiinstitute.org).



## #WeeklyCST



Followers on Facebook and Twitter will know that every Sunday we release #weeklyCST – a weekly quote from Catholic Social Teaching, themed to match either the Mass scripture, or a significant social justice event in the coming week. A document with all the CST quotes for 2018 is available [here](#). Please share widely and encourage people to include the quotes in in parish newsletters / bulletins. They are also great for schools (thought for the day), prayer/ study groups, or for private reflection and prayer.

## **Music for Worship**



*A selection of music for praise, thanksgiving, and comfort inspired by faith.*

### **Fr. Martin Poulosom SDB – While my heart beats**

<https://martinpoulosom.bandcamp.com/track/while-my-heart-beats-album-version>

Martin is a Salesian priest, theology lecturer, youth minister and musician. 'While my heart beats' is inspired by the life and personal motto of Sean Deveraux, a teacher and youth worker who was murdered whilst working for the United Nations in Somalia in 1993 and dedicated to his memory. The [Sean Deveraux Children's Fund](#) promotes education for children in Africa in Sean's name.

### **Matt Redman - Mercy** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcps8EQUOt4>

Matt Redman is an internationally known worship leader, composer, and musician.

### **Taize – Stay with me** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCr2tn4yYKY>

The Taize community brings together Christians of all denominations through their music, and retreat programme.

### **Food for thought**

*Each edition we will try to bring something thought provoking, and perhaps challenging for you to reflect on. First from the BBC; Breadline Kids.*

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09rjm87/breadline-kids?suggid=b09rjm87>

According to Child Poverty Action Group figures, a quarter of Scotland's children live in poverty and, shockingly, more than two-thirds of that number come from a family where at least one parent works. This sobering documentary looks at the lives of four families struggling to make ends meet.



*Our second piece is from across the Atlantic. Archbishop Lori of Baltimore has written a pastoral letter reflecting on the enduring power of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s principles of nonviolence.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQ4Dr9piyIU>

In this short film Archbishop Lori speaks about his motivations to write the letter. His letter can be read in full [here](#).

**Don't hesitate to be in touch with the Justice and Peace Scotland office on 0141 333 0238 and please consider printing out a copy of our newsletter and leaving it at the back of your church, or sharing it with a friend in print, or by email.**

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