

Dear Justice and Peace Supporter,

Travels of a Social Justice Co-ordinator

My travels recently took me to Liverpool. This wasn't work, and given my recollection is that when asked my answer was "if you really need people let me know and I'll check" I think it only *just* squeezes under the bar of "volunteered". Either way, I was down to assist with the Youth Congress taking place as part of Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress. With the recent press coverage of the US church's divisions feeling unrelenting I saw social media speculation as to whether anyone would want to attend such a gathering at a time when the church feels very fractured and hurting. I don't know about the main congress, but the youth event was sold out, and over 800 young people attended for a day of thought, reflection and worship together. Being there to help I was involved with setting up, welcoming people and being one of the Salesian Youth Ministry team helping with the day. Even though I was there working, and spent a good part of the afternoon backstage there is something life-giving about the chance to contribute to these type of events. It was the same when we completed our 'Beyond the Walls' event here in Scotland at the start of September. A new project for J&P Scotland we bought together 8 organisations (including other Bishops' Conference offices and Scottish Catholic charities) with students from 10 schools to explore Catholic Social Teaching and some of the charisms and missions of catholic groups whose work bears witness to the church in the world. Its been a very busy, but very rewarding few weeks.

Danny (Social Justice Co-ordinator)

NEWSLETTER
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Upcoming Events



**NAE NUKES ANYWHERE! –
International Rally at
Faslane , 22nd September
2018**

In our last newsletter we highlighted the Nae Nukes Anywhere International march and rally at Faslane this coming weekend, **Saturday 22nd September**. Some are gathering at **12noon at the peace camp to walk the one mile together** to the North Gate at Faslane, others will go straight to **North Gate for the start of the rally at around 12.30**. We hope to see many of you there! We are hoping for a great turnout to highlight our opposition to Scotland having to host weapons of mass destruction against its will. Transport is available from St Alloysius, Rose Street Glasgow G3 6RE contact Michael at Glasgow Catholic Worker to book a place on the bus - email glw@catholicworker.org.uk

Refugee Photographic Exhibition

The **Refugee Photographic Exhibition** continues to tour Scotland. Since being launched in Glasgow on World Refugee Day on 20th June it has been to Galloway diocese, Aberdeen diocese and it is currently touring around the Diocese of Argyll & the Isles. It will be at various venues in Argyll & Isles until 9th October before moving to St Andrews & Edinburgh where it will stay until 6th November. Keep an eye on our website for new dates and venues and make sure you see it when it comes to a church near you!



<https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Home/ctl/details/itemid/2502/mid/531/refugee-photographic-exhibition-to-visit-all-eight-scottish-dioceses>

Catholic Mission and Solidarity on the Margins

Sunday 30th September 2018 12-4pm (Tea and Coffee from 11:30am)

A day for discernment, reflection and planning for action on issues of poverty across Scotland.

Including sessions on 'Contextual Bible Study - Exploring Poverty in Scotland through God's Word' and 'Poverty in Catholic Social Teaching and the Vision of Pope Francis', along with time for prayer and networking.

CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK
CHALLENGE POVERTY IN SCOTLAND - AYE, WE CAN!

Free for all. Registration essential. Contact : anna@confortiinstitute.org
Xaverian Missionaries—Conforti, Coatbridge, ML5 4JS



Catholic Mission and Solidarity on the Margins

30th September 12 – 4pm, Xaverian Missionaries – Conforti

As part of **Challenge Poverty Week 2018** Justice and Peace Scotland in conjunction with the UK Province of the Xaverian

Missionaries and the Society of St Vincent de Paul Scotland, are delighted to be delivering a day conference to explore issues of poverty, faith, and our response to situations of injustice. It is **free to attend** however **places are limited** so book today to avoid disappointment.

Dungavel Solidarity Gathering – Sunday 25th November 2018

Another date for your diary! **Sunday 25th November 2018 at 1pm.** Please join us at **Dungavel Immigration Detention Centre** for the last solidarity gathering of 2018. At this gathering we will come together in peaceful protest to show our opposition to immigration detention and to call for reform of the immigration detention policy in the UK. We hope to have some of our MSPs present as well as, fingers crossed, one other distinguished guest! Please join the growing call to end immigration detention and join us on Sunday 25th November.



unseen **modern slavery helpline**

The new Unseen App is out now. Spot the signs of modern slavery and report it to our Helpline.

Search 'Unseen UK' or 'Modern Slavery Helpline' in your app store

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Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery

Our current Justice and Peace Scotland campaign is on Human trafficking and

we have a great resource sheet available on our website:

<https://www.justiceandpeacescotland.org.uk/Portals/0/Articles/Modern%20Slavery%20and%20Human%20Trafficking%20Caritas%20Resources.pdf> Why not take a look? Perhaps use it to assist a discussion on human trafficking in your J&P groups / local social action groups or for your own personal study. Either way, we know that raising awareness of human trafficking is one way of beginning to tackle what Pope Francis rightly calls this “*open wound on the body of contemporary society*”

Coming soon we will also share our campaign video on human trafficking – The Open Wound – with you, meantime we urge you to learn the signs of human trafficking, easiest way to do this is by downloading the Unseen app <https://www.unseenuk.org/news/55>

Pax Christi Scotland – Date for your diaries

Pax Christi Scotland is establishing itself as an organisation that focuses on peace building, laying the foundations within the family, the school and the parish. With this in mind, an introductory Pax Christi Scotland event will be held at the Xaverian Missionaries Conforti Centre from **November 23rd-25th**, hopefully attracting up to 30 participants.

Sessions over the weekend will include a family and school presentation, and an introduction to the Pope Francis Award. Catholic Social Teaching of nonviolence will be the key message. Pax Christi Scotland is working towards achieving status as a separate body under the auspices of the Scottish Bishops’ Conference. For more information and details about booking please contact anna@confortiinstitute.org .



Music for Worship

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

Holy, Holy, Holy (Audrey Assad)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgHrNNM23p8>

Audrey Assad is an American singer-songwriter. Growing up in an Arab-American family as part of the Plymouth Brethren church she converted to Catholicism in 2007 and draws on her faith in work.

Pray for a Miracle (Jo Boyce & Mike Stanley) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRFGFIA2_OM

Jo Boyce is one of the UK’s most well known contemporary Catholic songwriters and worship leaders. Along with Mike Stanley she founded CJM who work to bring life to the church through music and liturgy.

Food for thought

Each edition we will try to bring something thought provoking, and perhaps challenging for you to reflect on. With the UN World Day of Peace happening on Friday (21st September) we have focused on issues of peace and nonviolence for this edition.



The first video from film-maker Julia Bacha asks why the world's press ignores stories about nonviolence drawing on her work in the Holy Land.

https://www.ted.com/talks/julia_bacha#t-623357

In 2003, the Palestinian village of Budrus mounted a 10-month-long nonviolent protest to stop a barrier being built across their olive groves. Did you hear about it? Didn't think so. Brazilian filmmaker Julia Bacha asks why we only pay attention to violence in the Israel-Palestine conflict -- and not to the nonviolent leaders who may one day bring peace.

Our second from Jamila Raqib from the Albert Einstein Institution

https://www.ted.com/talks/jamila_raqib_the_secret_to_effective_nonviolent_resistance?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

We're not going to end violence by telling people that it's morally wrong, says Jamila Raqib, executive director of the Albert Einstein Institution. Instead, we must find alternative ways to conduct conflict that are equally powerful and effective. Raqib promotes nonviolent resistance to people living under tyranny -- and there's a lot more to it than street protests. She shares encouraging examples of creative strategies that have led to change around the world and a message of hope for a future without armed conflict. "The greatest hope for humanity lies not in condemning violence but in making violence obsolete," Raqib says.

Our third piece is from Jeremy Gilley on the origins of the Peace One Day – which led to the UN adoption of 21st September as World Day of Peace .

https://www.ted.com/talks/jeremy_gilley_one_day_of_peace

Here's a crazy idea: Persuade the world to try living in peace for just one day, every September 21. In this energetic, honest talk, Jeremy Gilley tells the story of how this crazy idea became real; real enough to help millions of kids in war-torn regions. Peace One Day's website can be found <http://www.peaceoneday.org/>

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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