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NEWS ROUND-UP

FORUM ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

More than 100 people from most Christian denominations gathered for a Forum on Human Trafficking meeting held at Frodsham Methodist Church. They discussed human trafficking in the UK and internationally and what can be done to combat it.

Human trafficking is trade in human beings – most commonly for the purpose of sexual slavery, forced labour or commercial sexual exploitation. Another motive behind the trade is the extraction of organs or tissues. Human trafficking is condemned as a violation of human rights by international conventions. At the Frodsham forum – held on Saturday 29 March – it was explained how trafficking works, what is being done to stop it and how Christians can step up support for victims.

Major Anne Read from the Salvation Army Headquarters led the day. Anne was supported by her colleague Major Gladys Ljungholm from the North Western Division. Other speakers included the local MP Graham Evans and Hannah Flint from International Justice Mission. Discussion in the afternoon was chaired by the Methodist Minister, the Revd Denise Harding. The forum was supported by Frodsham and Cheshire Churches Together. It sought to inform individuals and encourage them to discuss and identify positive forms of action.

If you are concerned that someone may have been trafficked, phone the police via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 or The Salvation Army on 0300 3038151. For further information about the forum email enquiries to frodshamforuminfo@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Pope Francis spoke at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences April 10 to participants in an international conference on combating human trafficking, organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster. Human trafficking "is a crime against humanity" that requires continued global and local cooperation between the Catholic Church and law enforcement, Pope Francis said.

The April 9-10 gathering of 120 people representing national and international police agencies, women and men religious and humanitarian workers aiding victims was the second international conference on trafficking hosted by the bishops of England and Wales at the Vatican.

The conference focused on showcasing a joint initiative between police and the Church that began in London three years ago; it is a model the bishops of England and Wales hope will be copied and adopted around the world. Detective Inspector Kevin Hyland of Scotland Yard's trafficking and organised crime unit explained in his talk how, when the police conduct raids on suspected brothels and potential crime scenes, they ask a group of nuns to speak to the women found inside because the women often don't want to talk to the police, but they do open up to the sisters.

At the end of the meeting, "The Santa Marta Group," an international group of senior law enforcement chiefs, was formally established. The group – named after the Domus Sanctae Marthae residence where the conference participants stayed and where the Pope lives – will be led by Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police. More than 20 police chiefs signed the new group's declaration of commitment and pledged to meet again in London in November to share expertise, training and "practical things we can do" to fight human trafficking.

Ronald Noble, secretary-general of Interpol, said modern-day slavery is a huge business. The United Nations estimates 2.4 million people are trafficked at any given time and generate US\$32 billion in annual profits for criminals. But, he said, it's the real human being, "a name, a face, a voice crying for help," that should move people into action, not the statistics. "Police and spiritual leaders have different roles, but walk the same streets" and need to work together, he said.

Full report: <http://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/660/0/pope-praises-groundbreaking-police-church-network-to-fight-global-scourge-of-human-trafficking>

HIGH RENTS KEEPING PEOPLE STUCK IN HOMELESSNESS

Homeless people are finding it difficult to move on from homelessness and hostels because of a shortage of affordable housing, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has warned. The network said rents have risen in some London boroughs by 20 per cent in the last year and that around 32 per cent of people being supported by homeless agencies who want to move on from hostels and shelters into their own accommodation are unable to do so. They are being prevented from making the move because of a combination of high rents and the requirement of a large deposit, often two months' rent.

The current housing market has added to the challenges many homeless people already face in finding employment, with the result being that they have to remain in homeless services. CSAN surveyed over 450 homeless agencies last year and found that only 10 per cent of clients had successfully entered into paid employment.

CSAN's Chief Executive, Helen O'Brien said: "To learn that over a third of people in homeless shelters are restricted by a lack of affordable housing is shocking. This is not only a drain on the services for those most in need, but highlights even more the necessity for housing that people can afford. "We're talking here about families and wage-earners being forced to rely on homeless services, simply because cost to rent has spiralled out of control. To be emotionally and spiritually ready to move from a shelter into your own home yet to be held back by staggering rent prices, must be truly heartbreaking."

Chief Executive of Housing Justice, Alison Gelder appealed to churches to respond to the crisis. "The word 'homeless' is most obviously associated with rough sleeping and it is the most visible way society encounters and understands housing need," she said. "But homelessness has many faces – and shelters, supported housing and overflow B&Bs accommodate many people who are navigating their way between street and a home of their own. Housing Justice is calling on churches and parishioners to do all they can to increase the supply of genuinely affordable housing. Without adequate and affordable housing, re-entering society is like trying to climb a ladder without rungs or foot holes."

<http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=24620>

NEW CATHOLIC BISHOP CHOOSES TO LIVE IN DEPRIVED HOUSING SCHEME

The newly-appointed Bishop of Paisley, John Keenan, who grew up in a high-rise in Maryhill, Glasgow, has shunned a more comfortable address to move into a parish house in a housing scheme in an area of multiple deprivation. Explaining his decision, Bishop Keenan said the Catholic Church was going through a cultural shift and would have to "adapt and change in order to be close to the people of our times." Bishop Keenan spoke of his concern that those in destitution have been "abandoned by society and the church", adding he would reflect "a church out on the street not one that's comfortable in the chapel."

Bishop Keenan said there were still structures within the church restricting its ability to reach out to those on the margins of society, commenting that "exclusion is a scandal for a country that calls itself Christian." He has also spoken of the need to strip some power and responsibility in the church away from the clergy and hand it to lay members, adding he supported the Pontiff's call for a "new reformation" within Catholicism. "I celebrate the parish Mass and am getting to know the people and that's perfect for me." He said: "Francis dreams, and so do I, of a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets and not clinging to its own security. When people see a church not just giving to the poor and the excluded but being among them and living with them joyfully, then they will really begin to believe there is a way out of the vicious cycle of living for yourself in your own little bubble."

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/home-news/new-catholic-bishop-chooses-to-live-in-deprived-housing-scheme.23937263>

DEIR YASSIN REMEMBERED 2014

Anne Candlin writes: Deir Yassin is the name of a Palestinian village destroyed on 9 April 1948 when the State of Israel was set up. Most of its inhabitants, about 150 villagers, were massacred by Jewish Irgun and Stern Gangs. Deir Yassin lay outside the boundary of the land allocated to the State of Israel. The massacre took place before the Declaration of the Israeli State was made. It was the first of 500 Palestinian villages to be destroyed and emptied of their 700,000 mainly Moslem and Christian population. The expulsion of Palestinians from their towns and villages is known as The Nakba, or "Great Catastrophe."

On 7 April 2014 we were privileged to welcome some of the descendants of Deir Yassin survivors to our home in Dalton, Wigan, for a commemoration of Deir Yassin: Omar Shalabi, General Secretary of the Fatah Party in Jerusalem, his wife Mona, and Thair Anis, Director of Deir Yassin Remembered in Ramallah.

Each year we arrange commemorations around the UK in order to make the Nakba and the plight of the Palestinians better known. If you would like know more about Deir Yassin Remembered, or to organise an event in your home, parish or community, in the North-West, please contact me for more information: anne.candlin1@btinternet.com

DESCENDANTS TO HONOUR FIRST WORLD WAR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

Descendants of 50 First World War conscientious objectors will take part in this year's International Conscientious Objectors' Day commemoration in Tavistock Square, London WC1, on Thursday, 15 May. Some of these are daughters and sons of men who endured repeated imprisonment and force-feeding for their anti-war convictions, or worked with Friends' Ambulance and War Victim Relief services. The ceremony at 12 noon will include the naming of each CO by family members who will bring their photographs and lay flowers at the granite memorial to conscientious objectors. In all there were an estimated 20,000 COs to the First World War, many motivated by religious faith, many by political and socialist convictions, and often by a combination of these beliefs. The CO ceremony is being organised by the First World War Peace Forum - a coalition made up of Conscience, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Network for Peace, Pax Christi, Peace News, Peace Pledge Union, Quaker Peace and Social Witness, the Right to Refuse to Kill group and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Full report, including biographies of COs and speakers: <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=24639>

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS MAY 22ND 2014

The Catholic Bishops of Europe have published a Statement in view of the upcoming European elections. In the text, they reaffirm their support for the European project and encourage all citizens of the European Union to go to the polling booths on 22 May. Also, they recommend starting to engage, during the run-up to the election, in constructive dialogue with their MEP's and those who are candidates for seats. Information on the election issues and policy questions: www.ecumenicalvoices2014.eu

HOPE NOT HATE

The Hope not Hate campaign was founded in 2004 to provide a positive antidote to the politics of hate. We combine first class research with community organising & grassroots actions to defeat hate groups at elections and to build community resilience against extremism. Hate is often the consequence of a loss of hope and a political articulation of despair, but given an alternative, especially one that understands and addresses their anger, most people will choose Hope over hate. Our job is to expose and undermine groups that preach hate, intolerance and division whilst uniting communities around what they have in common - building a society that celebrates rather than scapegoats our differences.

<http://www.hopenothate.org.uk/>

LOAVES & FISHES - PENTECOST WEEK, 7-15 JUNE 2014

Lancaster Diocesan Faith & Justice Commission is working with the Environment Group of Blackburn Diocese, Churches Together in Cumbria Environment Group and with CAFOD Lancaster on a 'Loaves & Fishes' celebration embracing the whole of Morecambe Bay. Every coastal community and school between Barrow and Fleetwood will be encouraged to host a meal open to people of all faiths or none, sharing fish, seafood and bread in a shore-side picnic, school or parish hall party. Said Canon John Rodwell, Chair of Blackburn Diocese Environment Group, "This is an opportunity for getting to know our neighbours and to celebrate together our dependency on the gifts of creation for our nourishment and inspiration. We want to welcome those who know little about the wildlife and culinary delights of the sea and shore, who hesitate to cook and eat together or who cannot afford a decent meal."

'Loaves & Fishes' is working with the Marine Stewardship Council and the Real Bread Campaign to encourage people to think about sustainable food production and local sourcing. The project will also provide an opportunity for fishing & seafood enterprises, fishmongers, bakers and local restaurants and cafes to promote their wares within the frame of sustainable enjoyment of the fruits of Creation.

The project has the blessing of all the bishops of the dioceses around the Bay and will involve Blackburn and Lancaster Cathedrals with displays from local schools. Associated liturgical material and graces will also be provided for worship and blessing. For more information contact: lfjc@talktalk.net or loavesfishes2014@yahoo.co.uk

REPORTS

Ellen Teague writes: Columban JPIC and lay missionaries challenged military spending in Whitehall, Central London, 14 April 2014. Fr Peter Hughes, Ellen Teague and James Trewby were joined by Nathalie Marytsch, a lay missionary based in Birmingham, and Beth Sabado of the Lay Missionary Programme leadership team in Hong Kong.

'NHS not Trident' 'Jobs not Trident' 'Homes not Trident' 'Climate not Trident' were among the banners heading down a sunny Whitehall on the morning of 14 April. It was the Global Day of Action on Military Spending and representatives of the UK-based coalition – including Pax Christi, Christian CND, the National Justice and Peace Network, the Iona Community and Columban JPIC – were visiting five government departments to urge that military spending be shifted towards social and environmental needs. They wanted the money to be spent on tackling poverty, improving health, and protecting the environment. While the British government is protecting the military budget, vital public services are subject to drastic spending cuts.

Pat Gaffney, General Secretary of Pax Christi and one of the organisers, led the group of around 60 people first to the Department for International Development (DFID) at 22 Whitehall. She explained that the UK plans to spend £38 billion on its military in 2014/15. Along with John Hilary of War on Want, she tried to hand in a large cheque for £38 billion to DFID, explaining that the money should be used to promote peace and development, rather than military projects. DFID refused to accept it. There was better fortune at the Department of Energy and Climate Change across the road, which took its cheque for £38 billion plus a letter urging that money be devoted to addressing climate impacts and flood defences rather than military expenditure. Pat Gaffney and Ellen Teague of Columban JPIC were greeted warmly and thanked.

Then it was a walk past Downing Street to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office where Bruce Kent, a Vice president of Pax Christi, handed in another cheque for £38 billion, and deplored world military expenditure of a massive \$1.75 trillion. He urged the big development agencies such as CAFOD, Christian Aid, and Save the Children Fund to be more forthright in condemning hefty military expenditure. He expressed surprise that in the current context of global socio-economic crisis, few have voiced indignation regarding the disproportionate levels of military spending.

At the Department of Health, the cheque was again accepted and staff there were challenged to consider that "military spending is bad for health", and "a militarised world is bad for health". A speaker from MEDACT said that "if Trident was scrapped, the saving of £100 billion could go towards the NHS and social care". It was felt to be scandalous that 1 in 4 children in the UK grow up in poverty, that 20,000 disabled people will lose support for the basics in life when the Independent Living Fund closes, and that thirteen times more people are relying on foodbanks to survive than did five years ago. Meanwhile, the UK's military spending is among the highest in the world.

The Ministry of Defence in nearby Horseguards Avenue took in a cancelled cheque for £38 billion from Pat Gaffney and Kate Hudson, Chair of CND, who said she was "proud to be part of this coalition against military spending". She continued: "While the British public are living through the deepest spending cuts in recent history, the government still sees fit to waste over £100bn on a Cold War weapons system and to spend £38bn on the military this year alone. The Global Day of Action on Military Spending is a vital challenge to the skewed priorities of this government, and governments around the world who choose weapons of war over the welfare of their people." The protest concluded with Pat Gaffney underlining that military expenditure threatens human security. She particularly called for Britain to reject plans to renew its Trident nuclear weapons system. Given the numerous crises facing the planet – environmental, economic, health, diplomatic – it is necessary to strengthen and expand the global movement to shift military spending to human needs. She pointed out that similar actions took place in Oxford, Coventry, Leeds, Bristol and other cities and in 35 countries around the world on 14 April, the annual global day to challenge military expenditure.

Beth Sabado reflected afterwards: "It was good to create this noise – helping people to hear what we have to say about spending on the military." <http://www.columbans.co.uk/news/cut-military-spending-fund-human-needs/>

* Nuclear weapons are still a threat. The Criminality of Nuclear Weapons Campaign is working to abolish nuclear weapons through the law because they violate our human values. Concerned citizens are invited to pledge their conviction that any use of nuclear weapons would be a crime. Go to <http://nuclearweapons-warcrimes.org/>

LONDON MARATHON SUCCESS

Congratulations to Housing Justice's Alison Gelder who competed in this year's London Marathon, raising a total of £3599.00 to date. You can still donate to Housing Justice by clicking: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AlisonGelder1>

LIVE BELOW THE LINE CHALLENGE REPORT FROM CHRISTIAN AID NORTH WEST

Posted 30 April: Joey, our intern, is now on day 2 of living below the line. Not only is he living on just £1 a day, he is also sleeping on the floor of his Church hall and facing daily challenges. Yesterday afternoon, he faced two challenges. Like so many communities across the world have to do every day, his first challenge was to walk 20 minutes to get water. His second challenge was far more isolating: Joey had to stay in a 2m sq area for 2 hours, because he was in a conflict zone. Joey said 'it really made him rethink the essentials: "I carry with me: wallet, iPad, phone, keys. Why hadn't I packed water?"' You can see read more about Joey's Live Below the Line challenge on his blog

<https://www.livebelowtheline.com/me/joeyknock#sthash.4lbNFaBC.dpuf>livebelowtheline.com/me/joeyknock

YOUTH RESOURCES

Protest songs on a range of issues from ONE's agit8 campaign at: <http://www.one.org/protestsongs/?page=req&num=1> including an acoustic version of *The Universal Soldier* by rising star Jake Bugg <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAkOgKq9oRE> A good song to use as a backdrop to WW1 material is *Cannons* from Kaiser Chiefs' new album *Education, Education, Education and War*.

JUSTICE AND PEACE CALENDAR

16-22 June Refugee Week *Different pasts, shared future*

This year, Refugee Week will focus on children and young refugees, to celebrate the important part they play in our shared futures, the wonderful contributions they are making to our society, and to recognise the resilience and determination they show when rebuilding their lives in a strange, new country. Refugee Week is therefore looking for bright, passionate young refugees to join their team and inspire other young people by sharing their experiences, and speaking out about life in the UK. All children and young people aged 16-25 are welcome to apply to be a Young Ambassador. We are particularly keen to hear from young refugees and asylum seekers, including those who have come to the UK on their own, children who have come here with their families, or those who are survivors of trafficking.

<http://www.refugeeweek.org.uk/News/News/Refugee+Week+2014+Young+Ambassadors>

22 June Feast of St Thomas More

This feast day is an opportunity to remember in prayer the many people worldwide who suffer in prison for their beliefs.

Amnesty International www.amnesty.org.uk Christians Against Torture www.acatuk.org.uk

26 June UN Day for Victims of Torture *Fighting Impunity*

The United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, on 26 June, gives us the opportunity to stand united and remind the world that torture is a cruel violation of human rights. *Fighting Impunity* is the theme for the 26 June 2014 campaign. Everywhere and every day, crimes of torture are committed against men, women and children and, in most cases, no one is prosecuted or punished for them. These crimes are committed with impunity. Impunity is the failure of the state to fully investigate violations; to bring to justice and punish perpetrators; to provide victims with effective remedies; and to take all necessary steps to prevent a recurrence of the violation. The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) offer a range of resources including a campaign guide, posters and logos, factsheets, a global reading, and other materials.

<http://www.ircct.org/our-work/day-against-torture-on-26-june.aspx>

8 July Sea Sunday

Seafarers are commonly recruited from poorer countries where wages are lower. Seafarers work in difficult and often dangerous conditions suffering from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain, reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support and care.

Independent Catholic News posted this report on 29 April <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=24636>

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) has visited the abandoned crew of a Turkish ship which has been detained in Fowey, Cornwall since early this month. The general cargo vessel, Munzur, was detained by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for various health and safety issues. Its crew have been able to get ashore for limited periods. The ship was found to be in a shocking condition, with dirty bathroom facilities, unsuitable food storage, corroded pipework, broken lights and inadequate laundry facilities. Some crew members had also not been paid their wages.

With the help of a local boatman, AoS Fowey port chaplain John Pinhay was able to go on board the detained ship. "I spent an hour with the Turkish captain who was quite distressed as he had signed up for a one-month contract and three months later he is not able to return home to his wife and three sons. He has not been paid, but he is not concerned for himself, but for his mixed crew of 11," John said. "Although not a Catholic, he was pleased to receive some of my faith resources and I was able to hand over chocolate bars and the remainder of my stock of Easter Eggs. He said there were Christians in the crew so he will share the resources with his men. "I also met four crew, who had little or no English, but I had a warmth coming back to me that said 'we have not been forgotten,'" John said.

Following intervention by the International Transport Workers Federation and the local Mission to Seafarers, the crew have been supplied with food and two washing machines. Those who have not been paid are expected to receive their wages once the MCA inspects the vessel and gives it the all clear. For more information on the AoS see: <http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/>

18 -20 July NATIONAL J&P CONFERENCE for 2014 *Called to life in all its fullness*

Organised by NJPN Executive Committee with Christians Aware and Vincentians in Partnership. A conference to: empower lay people to accept the responsibility of their baptism; provide an opportunity to bring our life experiences and relate them to our baptismal call; be a celebration of life and a renewal of vision. Speakers Sarah Teather MP; Mary Colwell; Gemma Simmonds CJ; Clare Dixon; Chair: Rev Ruth Gee. The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking forms now available to download from the NJPN website www.justice-and-peace.org.uk **Book before 16 May to avoid late booking surcharge**

23-28 July World Youth Day *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven*

Pope Francis has chosen the beatitudes from the fifth chapter of the Gospel of St Matthew as the themes for World Youth Day 2014-2016. This year and next, World Youth Day will be celebrated on a local level – on Palm Sunday by the Vatican – and in 2016 it will be an international gathering in Krakow, Poland.

To be poor in spirit, the Pope told young people, they must learn to be free or detached from material things, living simply, being concerned about the essentials, but “learning to do without all those unneeded extras.” Poverty in spirit also requires “a conversion in the way we see the poor,” which means meeting them, listening to them, caring for them and offering them both material and spiritual assistance, he said. Living according to the beatitude also means recognising that the poor “have much to offer us and to teach us,” particularly that “people’s value is not measured by their possessions or how much money they have in the bank.” <http://www.laici.va/content/laici/en/media/notizie/comunicato-messaggio-gmq-2014.html>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 3** Spirituality day with Fr Jim Clarke, director of spiritual formation in the diocese of Los Angeles. St Joseph’s, Chorley PR6 0HR 10am – 3.30pm. Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 6** The Justice and Peace Association (Caritas, Diocese of Salford) working to promote justice and peace matters in the diocese of Salford, regular bi-monthly meeting at 7.00pm in the Servite Priory, 500 Bury New Road, Salford M7 4ND. New members always welcome. Enquiries phone Jean on 0161 792 9771. Email faithandjustice@ymail.com
- 7** Catholic Social Teaching (CAFOD/Katherine House) Led by Phil Doyle and Joy Wanless Katherine House, 26 Singleton Road, Salford, M7 4WL 1.30pm-4pm 0161 708 9744 khousefcj@hotmail.com www.katherinehousefcj.org
- 8** ECO FASHION SHOW 7.30pm John Prescott Theatre, West Cheshire College, Sutton Way, Ellesmere Port CH65 7BF. Profits will fund Malawi Women to do tailoring courses. Taking part – College Students, Chifundo Fashion, Save the Children Chester Shop Volunteers. Tickets £6 Adults and £3 for 19 years and under from College Reception, Save the Children Chester Shop and Chifundo 01244 381490
- 9** Novena for Peace 7pm at St Mary’s, 70 High St, Madeley, Telford, Shropshire F7 5AH. Organised by CAFOD Shrewsbury from March - November 2014 following Bishop Mark’s invitation to make 2014 a “Year of Prayer for Peace.” Over the next 8 months, we will continue to pray for the troubled parts of the world, that a way can be found to end conflict and establish peace and also for all those working in so many ways for peace and reconciliation. Tel 01244 677594
- 10** NJPN AGM and Open Networking Day CAFOD Romero House 55 Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark London SE1 7JB 10.30am -4.00pm *Joy of the Gospel Our response to Pope Francis’ call to be “a Church for the Poor”*. Speaker: David McLoughlin Senior Lecturer in Theology at Newman University. There will be opportunity to hear about justice and peace activities from groups around the country. Representatives of Catholic/Christian Agencies will report on their work and suggest practical ways of becoming involved in campaigning for social justice. Tea and coffee provided, bring your own lunch. Further details: Ann Kelly 020 7901 4864 admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk
- 11-17** Christian Aid Week 2014 www.christianaid.org.uk
- 13** Chester World Development Forum AGM 6:45 pm - 9:00 pm The Unity Centre, *Cuppin Street Chester, CH1 2BN* CWDF’s AGM, our first to be held at The Unity Centre. Contact 01244 350323 www.chestercwdf.org.uk
- 12-16** Walk to Work Week <http://walktoworkweek.org.uk/>
- 14** Catholic Social Teaching Event repeated from 7 May in the evening 7pm-9.30pm - same details as above
- 15** International Conscientious Objector Day www.wri-irg.org Pax Christi has been working hard with others to prepare for this. Descendants of 50 First World War COS will be taking part in this year’s event. Information here <http://bit.ly/1m8rVaF>
- 15** “The day that shook the world – the Christmas Truce” 7-9pm at St Michael’s, West Derby Rd, Liverpool L6 5EH 7-9pm Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 18** Greater Manchester Run. Manchester City Centre 10.30am-12.30pm. CAFOD is looking to recruit runners for their team in this 10km event. To register, go to www.cafod.org.uk/sponsoredevents
- 19-23** Walk to School Week <http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-with-us/walk-to-school/walk-to-school-week-2014#sthash.mX9Ct28v.dpuf>
- 20** Merseyside And Region Church Action on Poverty (MARCAP) monthly meeting 10.30-11.30am SFX, Salisbury St, Liverpool L3 8DR
- 20** Talk: “The Politics of Dissent” - Donald Mitchell on Edmund Morel, the early 20th Century campaigner for justice in the Congo, 6-8pm at St Anne’s, Overbury St, Edge Hill, Liverpool L7 3HJ
- 21** Bl Franz Jagerstatter Feast Day Pax Christi www.paxchristi.org.uk
- 22** European Elections in the UK – European Bishops’ Statement: <http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=24388>
- 22** Housing Justice Roadshow 9.30am-4pm, Quaker Meeting House, L 1 3BT Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 22** International Day for Biodiversity. This year focusing on Marine Biodiversity to raise awareness of the number of known marine species and the need to protect them. <http://www.greeningtheblue.org/event/international-day-biodiversity-22-may-2014>
- 24** PAX CHRISTI AGM at the Catholic Chaplaincy 30 Catherine Street, Liverpool L8 7NL. Business in the morning. Symon Hill, writer and peace campaigner, speaking at 2pm. RSVP to admin@paxchristi.org.uk

JUNE

- 2** "The day that shook the world – the Christmas Truce" 1.30-3.30pm at Brothers of Charity, Thingwall Hall, Broadgreen Liverpool L17 7NY Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 5** World Environment Day. This year's theme is Think.Eat.Save. - an anti-food waste and food loss campaign that encourages us to reduce our footprint. Find out more at www.greeningtheblue.org
- 7-15** Wonders Of Morcambe Bay Loaves & Fishes Project. More info: lfjc@talktalk.net or loavesfishes2014@yahoo.co.uk
- 9** Ecumenical event noon on the Bay - details to follow
- 9** "The day that shook the world – the Christmas Truce" 1.30-3.30pm at St Ambrose Barlow, Manchester Rd, Astley, Manchester. M29 7DZ Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 13** Congress: Liverpool, City of Sanctuary. This is an 'invitation only' event aimed at decision makers. Contact John Davis on john.davis@togetherliverpool.org.uk 10am-3pm LACE, Croxteth Drive, Sefton Park, L17 1AA
- 13-15** Northern Catholic Conference Hope University, Hope Park, Liverpool L16 9JD 5.30 Fri – 3.30 Sun
- 14** Concert for Malawi Education Fund 7.30pm at Christ Church, Port Sunlight CH62 5EF. with Weaver Accordion Band and Soundwall. Tickets £6, £3 for under-20s, from 01244 381490
- 16** Workshop: an introduction to Evangelium Gaudii. Fr Tony Slingo and Steve Atherton 7-9pm at St Anne's, Prescot Rd, Ormskirk L39 4TG
- 17** MARCAP monthly meeting 10.30-11.30am SFX, Salisbury St, Liverpool L3 8DR
- 17** Talk: "What counts as J&P?" Steve Atherton talks to UCM meeting 8-10pm. St Aidan's, Holmes House Avenue, Winstanley, Wigan WN6 3EE
- 22** Pennine Run for All: 10km. Burnley from 9.30am. The route starts at the Mechanic's Theatre and takes in Thompson Park and Towneley Hall. CAFOD is looking for sponsored runners. To register, go to www.cafod.org.uk/sponsoredevents

JULY

- 1** The Justice and Peace Association (Caritas, Diocese of Salford) working to promote justice and peace matters in the diocese of Salford, regular bi-monthly meeting at 7.00pm in the Servite Priory, 500 Bury New Road, Salford M7 4ND. New members always welcome. Enquiries 'phone Jean on 0161 792 9771. Email faithandjustice@ymail.com
- 7** Film: "The day that shook the world – the Christmas truce" 7-9pm St Benedict's, Rhodes St, Warrington WA1 2NS Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 10-12** 30th Anniversary Celebration Young People's Congress for World Citizenship: 'Working together for a more just, more equal, more cooperative society' at Liverpool Hope University This 3-day residential gathering will bring together young people from England and Wales (and beyond) to explore their major social, ethical and cultural concerns and ideas. This will be an active and engaged experience with the young people taking responsibility. Cost: £99 - including programme, accommodation and food For more information please email carjcongress@hope.ac.uk
- 12** Liverpool J&P Commission Annual Assembly: "Dwelling in God with No Boundaries" How do we commemorate the centenary of WW1? 10am-4pm at LACE L17 1AA Details 0151 522 1080 s.atherton@rcaol.co.uk
- 15** MARCAP monthly meeting 10.30-11.30am SFX, Salisbury St, Liverpool L3 8DR
- 18-20** NATIONAL J&P CONFERENCE *Called to life in all its fullness* The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire www.justice-and-peace.org.uk
- 21-25** Living Theology Week: "Understanding your everyday beliefs." Registration 9.45am, first talk 10am - 3.30pm daily. The main speaker is Brian O'Leary SJ "Open to the Divine: from Ignatius the Pilgrim to Ignatian Spirituality Today." Liverpool Hope University Everton Campus L3 8BR. Info from Debbie Reynolds on 0151 298 1911.

APOLOGY

In the April e bulletin the Liverpool Pax Christi article on the Ash Wednesday Act of Repentance was wrongly attributed to Jan Davies. It was in fact written by Jan Harper. This error was corrected in the later edition of the bulletin which appeared on most websites but a few incorrect copies may have slipped through the net. Sincere apologies to both Jans for the mix-up.

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