

Dear friends,

For your attention and action where appropriate: (this information can also be found on our website <http://bit.ly/2udGQts>)

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Assembly so interesting. Migration issues effect most sections of society, so it was good to learn more about the issues around this subject. The PowerPoint presentations are available on our website. Please see below two of our discussion questions, which you may still want to discuss in your groups.

- ✚ What practical steps can you and your local Justice and Peace group take to extend welcome to the stranger in your locality?
- ✚ How might welcoming the stranger benefit both the person being welcomed and the local community that is doing the welcoming?

Our next big event will be our Lenten Retreat which will take place on Saturday 16th March at Selly Park Convent, Selly Park. Birmingham B29 7 LL. which will be led by Fr Martin Newell CP.

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Link article regarding Oscar Romero's Canonisation

<https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/35801#.W8NPsOPuqkw.facebook>

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Greetings from the Oblate Retreat Centre.

I just want to let you know that I leave the Centre at the end of the week. I have been appointed as leader of the Sisters of Holy Family of Bordeaux in Britain and Ireland. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation and support in providing all the information that ensured your visits to the Oblate Retreat Centre ran smoothly. I pray God's blessing on your work for Justice and Peace.

Fr Brian remains your point of contact.

Best wishes  
Catherine

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On our website you will find links to:

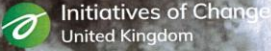

Coventry Night Shelter Autumn Newsletter, NJPN Newsletter as well as new letters from other organisations. <https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/>

Our calendar page contains information about events in our dioceses and beyond including Stop the War Coalition Events.

<https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/calendar.html>



Please see below some events that you may be interested in supporting.  
<https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/calendar.html>

## The Man Who Built Peace


### The Frank Buchman Story

How do we restore trust and bridge divides in a world of increasing uncertainty?

The Man Who Built Peace is a new documentary which shows how Frank Buchman's message inspired a worldwide movement of changemakers in conflict resolution, peacebuilding and social cohesion, which is profoundly relevant today. This event is held in partnership with Coventry Lord Mayor's Committee for Peace and Reconciliation and Initiatives of Change UK, part of the Coventry Peace Festival 2018.

**10 November 2018 | 14.00**  
 Free event with light refreshments

St Michael's House,  
 11 Priory Row, Coventry  
 CV1 5EX  
 Registration: [bit.ly/coxpeacefilm](http://bit.ly/coxpeacefilm)



# Restorative Justice Conference

RJ helps both victims and offenders.  
 How can we make it more available within Coventry?

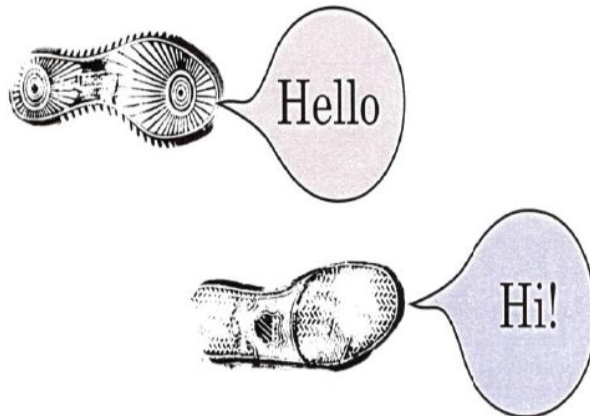


2pm 14 November  
 Coventry Council House  
 Book your free seat at [c1.covrj.uk](http://c1.covrj.uk)



# Twalk Together for Peace

Walk and Talk with somebody from a different culture, religion, race, age  
 Take some steps towards peaceful relationships



1pm 11 November Meet in Park & Ride  
 Look for UN flag



CONFERENCE

# ECO CHURCH: FROM THE GROUND UP

A day to get grounded in the purpose and pursuit of Eco Church.  
Join us to explore every aspect of Eco Church from the ground up  
- how to get started and how to get from Bronze to Gold!

November 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

10am – 4pm

Solihull Methodist Church

Blossomfield Road

Solihull, B91 1LG

**Keynote speaker** – Andy Lester,  
Conservation Director, A Rocha UK.

**Workshops** – aspects of Eco Church

**Stories** – a chance to hear from other Eco  
Churches at various stages of their journey

Book your tickets and  
find out more at  
[arocha.uk/ECCConf-Nov18](http://arocha.uk/ECCConf-Nov18)



Tickets are free,  
but booking is  
essential!

[ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)



At our Assembly we also tried to encourage everyone to think about using bio-degradable items instead of plastic. We also took some samples along to the Celebration Mass led by the Arch-Bishop and again talked to people about the Commission and about taking more care of our environment. Two recent television programmes highlighted many issues.

**Drowning in Plastic** – looked at the environmental impact plastic is having on our rivers, seas, oceans and marine life.

<http://bit.ly/2yvjqev>

**Stacey Dooley investigates Fashions Dirty Secrets** highlighted the impact on the environment of commercially growing cotton.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S6CPu8yYrg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-S6CPu8yYrg)

Both programmes highlight how we abuse our planet. I am sure that you have seen other TV programmes that have spurred you into action.

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To help you keep abreast of what is going on in the diocese our Website is updated 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.

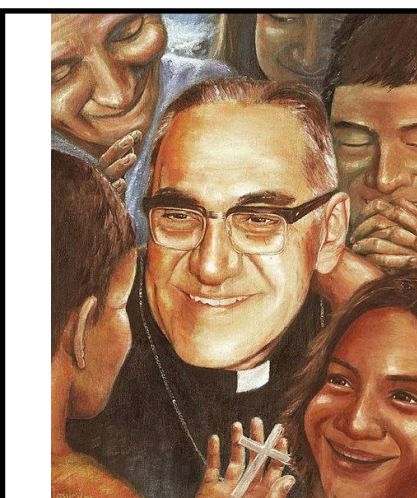
We are also looking for articles for next months News Letter, so please send us information about what you have been doing or what you feel would be interesting to others.

*With best wishes as always,*

Janet Vaughan

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

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“ We know that every effort to **better society**, especially when injustice and sin are so ingrained, is an effort that **God blesses**, that **God wants**, that **God demands of us.**”

The Archbishop  
**Romero Trust**

For information resources and reflections [www.romerotrusted.org.uk](http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk)

Romero News <http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk/news/saints-together-romero-news-22>