

The Diocesan Justice and Peace website always has some interesting articles and is well worth a read if you get the chance. It is at [Justice & Peace - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](http://Justice & Peace - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle (diocesehn.org.uk))



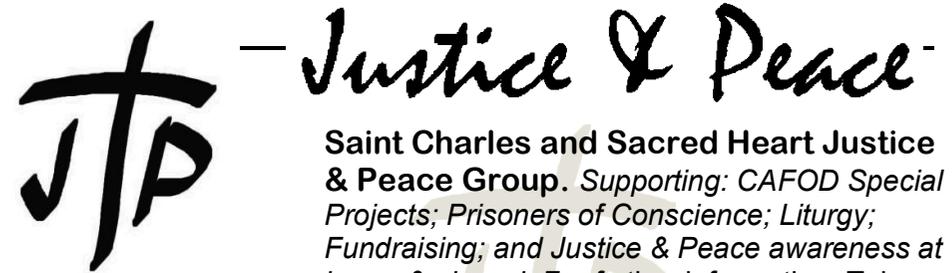
Hassockfield (Derwentside) Immigration Detention Centre – [An interfaith prayer vigil takes place on every month](#), (usually on the first Sunday at 3pm). An online version of the prayer vigil can be found [here](#). Usually about 30-40 people attend. You can find out more by clicking on the above link.



The **DIOCESAN REFUGEE PROJECT** [Justice & Peace Refugee Project - Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle \(diocesehn.org.uk\)](#) is always in need of help. Food donations can be left in the church porch. The full list of items that are needed is available [here](#). Azad Hazan, who manages the project, issues regular reports on the progress. The latest update can be found on the project webpage by following the link [here](#).

Watch these dates:

- An international food festival will also take place in the church hall at Sacred Heart on Sunday 30th November
- The annual Amnesty International card writing coffee morning will take place at St Charles Hall on 26th November.



Saint Charles and Sacred Heart Justice & Peace Group. *Supporting: CAFOD Special Projects; Prisoners of Conscience; Liturgy; Fundraising; and Justice & Peace awareness at home & abroad.* For further information: Tel 07427837813 or visit the parish websites at www.stcharlesgosforth.org.uk

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[Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth \(sacredheartng.org.uk\)](http://Sacred Heart RC Parish, North Gosforth (sacredheartng.org.uk))

COP 30 Global Day of Action: Newcastle, 15th November 2025

Climate Action Newcastle is a community group licenced and supported by Friends of the Earth. [The group is organising a rally](#) to coincide with the meeting of world leaders to debate future climate policies at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

COP30 will take place 10 years after the historic agreement reached in Paris in 2015 to limit global temperature rise to 1.5C, against a background of rising emissions of green- house gases, extreme weather events and hyper-charged geo-politics There is a backlash against concerted climate action in some countries orchestrated by opportunistic politicians supported by the fossil fuel lobby. The fight against this has been given added impetus by the news that 1n 2024, for the first time, [Earth's average temperature climbed to more than 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.](#)

Anyone wishing to attend the rally should meet at the Civic Centre from 11 am on the 15th. A march will take place to St James' Hall where there will be opportunities for networking, refreshments and discussion groups.

The work of the International Crisis Group

The International Crisis Group is an independent organisation working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world. The ICG points out that war is not inevitable; it is always a man-made disaster. They draw attention to conflicts around the world and likely flashpoints for outbreaks of violence. They seek to mobilise political leaders to heed early warnings and take early action to avoid looming conflicts and to build more creative and flexible frameworks for international diplomacy.

[They publish a list](#), regularly updated, of crisis and conflict around the globe.

The Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, world leaders agreed to seventeen Global Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. The goals were: No poverty; Zero Hunger; Good Health; Good Education; Gender Equality; Good Water and Sanitation; Affordable, Clean Energy; Good Work; Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure; Reduce Inequality; Sustainable Communities; Responsible Consumption; Climate Action; Protecting Rivers and Seas; Protecting Life on Land; Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions; and Global Partnerships.

We're beyond the halfway mark to achieving these Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and only three of them are on track. COVID-19, the cost of living, conflict, the climate crisis – such as floods, heatwaves, wildfires – have set everything back.

Global financial institutions like the World Bank and the IMF can help mobilise the funding needed to tackle the polycrisis and achieve the Global Goals, but they need a reboot. And their shareholders – the G20 leaders – are the ones that can make that happen. An open letter to the G20 leaders can be found at [Dear G20 Leaders | A Call To Finance Our Future](#)

Peace in Gaza

The following is an article by Sr Katriona Alton, The National Champion for Pax Christi, writing in Independent Catholic News.

As Donald Trump stood beside Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and announced a 20-point plan to "end" the war in Gaza, there were no Palestinians in the room.

This is not peace. It is "colonialism" rebranded. It echoes what Dietrich Bonhoeffer once called "cheap grace", a grace that demands nothing, changes nothing, costs nothing. Today, we face its cousin: cheap peace.

Cheap peace is a ceasefire without justice, reconstruction without repentance, and diplomacy without dignity. It offers superficial calm while silencing the cries beneath. It's peace on the terms of the powerful. A peace that leaves occupation intact and the oppressed voiceless.

The Gospel calls us not to manage violence politely, but to root it out with truth and mercy. Jesus did not come with empire-endorsed settlements; he stood with the crucified. Today, that means standing with the people of Gaza, not imposing a future upon them, but insisting they are the authors of their own.

Rev Dr Munther Isaac reminds us: "If you fail to call this a genocide, it is on you... a darkness you willingly embrace." His challenge to the Church, to the world, is clear: no neutrality in the face of structural sin.

"No decision about me without me" is not just a political slogan, it is a moral imperative, and it is at the very heart of Christian nonviolence. Real peace - costly peace - demands justice, repentance, and the full dignity of all.



The bookstall at St Charles is ongoing - bring and buy and your donations will help 6 homeless charities.