

TIME TO ACT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY

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A passion for justice, a desire for peace and a concern for the integrity of God's creation are all essential to the living out of the Gospel. They are not optional extras, but core components of Christian faith.

Despite the transformational potential of agroecology to tackle the climate crisis and reduce poverty, it does not yet have a central place in UK international development policies nor in its climate strategy. But 2022 is a year of opportunity during which the UK government can support transformational action on food systems. In our Catholic communities it is important to remember that the desire that everyone has 'daily bread' is mentioned in the Lord's prayer. In the Eucharist, when we bring bread and wine to the altar we bring 'the fruits of the earth' and 'work of human hands' representing crops and vineyards, sunshine and rain, the God-given bounty of Earth, intended for all to share.

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FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

CAFOD's new food campaign is urging the UK government to keep the promises it made at the COP26 climate talks last year and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and support local communities first. There is also an excellent guide for leading workshops on this issue in parishes or schools.

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CHALLENGE THE REFUGEES TO RWANDA PLAN

Funds are being raised to take legal action over government plans to ship refugees to Rwanda. Treating people who are seeking safety from torture and war as if they're a problem is immoral.

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START PLANNING FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. Bishops' Conference site and international site: <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Lord, may your Spirit inspire us and lead us as we seek change, so that hunger and poverty are no longer a scar and a scandal in our world. May your Spirit guide us as we seek change, so everybody has enough food to flourish and a place at the table you spread for all.
Amen.

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