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UPCOMING EVENTS

July:

- [Sea Sunday](#)
- [NJPN Annual Conference](#)

September:

- [National Environment Conference \(Clifton Diocese\)](#)

CAFOD "The World Can't Wait" London Rally: Saturday 2nd June

[Bishops from Africa, Asia and Europe](#) met Prime Minister Tony Blair in London at the end of April to remind him of Britain's commitment to the pledges made at the Gleneagles G8 summit in 2005. Then world leaders pledged to make poverty history by doubling aid and cancelling poor countries debts. But the G8 countries are not on target to keep their promises.

This June, the British PM will go to summits of European and G8 governments. CAFOD wants to ensure he sets off with the message of "the world can't wait" ringing in his ears.

On [Saturday 2nd June](#), CAFOD asks you to wear white, bring your alarm clocks, phone alarms and voices to rally against poverty on the banks of the River Thames.



**THE WORLD CAN'T WAIT:
time to act to
MAKE POVERTY HISTORY**

World Environment Day: Tuesday 5th June

The theme for this year's [UN World Environment Day](#) is: [Melting Ice - A Hot Topic?](#)

It will focus on the effects that climate change is having on polar ecosystems and communities and the ensuing consequences around the world. We are encouraged to consider carefully the actions which we must take, and then address ourselves to our common task of preserving all life on earth.

The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace recently held a conference on [Climate Change and Development](#), which was attended by Archbishop Patrick Kelly. Commenting on the conference, Pope Benedict invited everyone to adopt "a way of living, models of production and consumption marked by respect for creation and the need for sustainable development of peoples, keeping in mind the universal distribution of goods, as is so often mentioned in the Church's social doctrine."

Refugee Week: 18th-24th June

Refugee Week is a UK-wide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.

Events are organised around the idea that Refugee Week is a **space of encounters** between different communities and an opportunity to use more creative ways to bring refugee experiences closer to wider audiences.

For more information on how to participate or contribute, visit: www.refugeecouncil.org.uk

For further information on migration issues, read the latest [Churches' Refugee Network Newsletter](#).

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