



## LOVE THE STRANGER

Scripture tells us: "Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Deuteronomy 10;19) People making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are also called by various names: 'refugees', 'asylum seekers', 'migrants', and often by more derogatory terms.

"[Love the Stranger](#)", a document released in March this year by the Bishops of England and Wales, articulates our Christian duty to look beyond such labels and recognise 'that trafficking and slavery are exacerbated by a lack of accessible alternatives for migration and seeking sanctuary'. The booklet is a remarkably radical statement of Catholic Social Teaching on refugees and migrants that all Catholics should know about.

**"Every migrant has a name, a face, and a story"**  
(Pope Francis)

## DSEI -12-15 September 2023 - Excel London

DSEI (Defence and Security Equipment International) is one of the world's largest arms fairs. It takes place in London Docklands every two years bringing together governments and military delegations from across the world with more than 1,500 companies selling guns, bombs and other weaponry. In 2021 the Catholic Bishops from across the UK took up the call of Pope Francis to end the arms trade. They signed a statement that emphasised "how conflicts fuelled by the trade harm the world's poorest communities with devastating consequences for our environment". And they recall the Pope's message that arms are sold simply for money, "money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade."

## NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK

Thank you to everyone at **Christ the King** parish for your continued and generous support of the foodbank programme. But what happens at the foodbank and how is it organised?

Find out more on the parish website [here](#).



Climate Change [factsheet](#)

All web links in this newsletter can be found on the Our Common Home page of the parish website.

## COP28 UAE

We are at a halfway point.

It has been 7 years since the Paris agreement, with 7 years to go to 2030.

From November 30 to December 12, 2023, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The aims of **COP28** are set out [here](#).

Follow the links to find out more about [COP26](#) (held in Glasgow) and [COP27](#) (held in Sharm el-Sheikh).

## SEASON OF CREATION - 1st Sep to 4 Oct 2023

During this month, with the worldwide Church, we will be celebrating this season. On Saturday 30 September there will be a **Nature Walk** in Trent Park finishing with a picnic. We will celebrate God's Creation at 11am Mass on Sunday 1st October. More details to follow.

Find out more about the Season of Creation [here](#).

## FREE BOILER GRANT SCHEME

Currently On Benefits?

Is Your Boiler 15+ Years Old?

You could get a New Boiler for FREE under the Government-Backed Scheme.

Find out more [here](#).

## COME AND JOIN US!

New members of the Our Common Home Team are always welcome. Please come to our next meeting with your ideas or to find out how you can help. Our next meetings are:

**17th September, 15th October,  
12th November and 10th December.**

We meet in the parish library at 10am for one hour before 11am Mass.

