

## Your latest Diocesan News and Updates - April

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## April newsletter

### Coronavirus Pandemic

The situation continues to escalate and all are encouraged to keep up-to-date with the news and the latest [Government guidelines](#). We pray for all affected by this disease.

During this challenging time we are providing regular updates on the [Archdiocese website](#), together with our social media channels, to keep in touch with you and share important messages.

Please continue to visit the website and share information with those who cannot easily get online. It is vital we work together and look after each other.

### Holy Week: Live Masses online

Holy Week will obviously be very different for us all this year.

Although you cannot attend Holy Week services in person you will be able to watch them online.

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating all principal ceremonies in St Chad's Cathedral, starting at 11am on Palm Sunday. If your parish does not offer live streaming then please join the services taking place at our diocesan Mother Church.

[St Chad's Cathedral live streaming](#)

### Resources online

To complement live streaming, and help you on your faith journey at home, please make use of the resources available online.

We have compiled a huge list, from podcasts and videos to personal reflection and Children's Liturgy, for your #ChurchAtHome whilst you #StayAtHome.

Here's a selection:

Daily Homilies from Fr Julian Green, Our Lady of Grace parishes, in north Staffordshire. Fr Julian is now including questions for reflection at the end of his YouTube homilies for individuals and groups at home to think about/discuss.

#### [Fr Julian on YouTube](#)

Pause for Faith - Join Fr Stephen Wang each day as he live streams on YouTube. An informal conversation about living the Christian faith, with Catholic history and spirituality, the lives of the saints, Christian teaching, practical tips for everyday life, contemporary issues facing the Church and the world, some Q&A and interviews.

#### [Pause for Faith](#)

Children's Liturgy resources - A mum in Westminster Diocese creates a children's liturgy video on Saturday evenings for use on Sunday.

#### [Colour and Shape](#)

Divine Renovation has produced a parish Response Kit to the current situation that we are all in. Download for free.

#### [Response Kit](#)

### [Full list of online resources](#)

## **Holy Week Retreat for parishioners not online**

A retreat you can print off and post to someone who is unable to access the web for themselves.

#### [Print off and post Holy Week Retreat](#)

## **Easter Sunday Mass to be aired on all BBC local radio stations**

Please tell all your friends and family who are not online!

On Easter Sunday (12 April) BBC radio will broadcast a Catholic service celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

The service for Easter Sunday will be broadcast at 8am on the BBC's 39 local radio stations.

In our area that includes BBC Oxford, Coventry and Warwickshire, Hereford and Worcester, Stoke, and WM.



## The God Who Speaks - meditation and picture reflections

Our involvement in this national scripture campaign continues with a weekly invite to pray and reflect.

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week.

Please read the latest meditation and picture reflection of this weekend's Gospel by St Matthew.

The weekly meditation is by Fr Dries van den Akker SJ on the unique paintings of Catholic artist Peter Clare.

[The God Who Speaks in our Archdiocese](#)



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It's great to see information coming into us which we can share with others, please keep it coming!

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