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May 2020 - Virtual pilgrimages to Walsingham and Lourdes, Masses for Bishop Leo McCartie and funding for parishes



Join us online for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

We may not physically be able to attend the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, but we can certainly join in virtually!

This Saturday, 9 May, we are delighted that Monsignor John Armitage, Rector of the Catholic Shrine at Walsingham, will be welcoming Birmingham Archdiocese pilgrims to the Walsingham Shrine Mass at 12noon.

The Mass will include a message from Archbishop Bernard Longley, and we invite you to send in any prayer petitions, which will be presented by Mgr John during the Mass.

Afterwards there is a programme of events in which Archdiocese of Birmingham pilgrims are invited to participate.

[Join our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham virtually.](#)

Bishop Leo McCartie RIP



Please join us at live streamed Masses next week as we pray for the Respose of the Soul of Patrick Leo McCarty, who died on St George's Day, Thursday 23 April.

Bishop Leo was titular bishop of Elmhama and auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, then tenth bishop of Northampton.

He was ordained bishop in 1977 and was a priest for over 70 years. A former Administrator of St Chad's Cathedral, he lived most of his priestly life in the Archdiocese of Birmingham and retired first to Aston Hall in Staffordshire and then to Birmingham itself.

On Monday 11 May a Diocesan Mass for Bishop Leo will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral at 5pm.

On Tuesday 12 May a Requiem Mass for Bishop Leo will be live streamed from Northampton Cathedral at 12.30pm.

[Join the Mass at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

[Join the Mass at Northampton Cathedral](#)



Coming soon! Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Submit your Hail Mary

Although we cannot join together in Lourdes this year, we can join in a spiritual pilgrimage to the Sanctuary and we ask you to form part of the Marian Procession.

As part of a daily liturgy programme, we will have a virtual procession every evening and invite you to add your voice to the prayers.

We ask for a Hail Mary, Glory Be and Our Father - in three separate videos.

Find out how to join and keep an eye out for the developing online programme on the [Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage page](#)

The virtual pilgrimage will start with a Mass on Sunday

24 May at 3pm, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley from [St Chad's Cathedral](#)



Parishes invited to apply for Awards for All funding

The Archdiocese's Development Team is on hand to help parishes access funding during the pandemic.

The team is particularly looking to support parishes to apply to the Awards for All programme.

[Find out more about applying for funding](#)

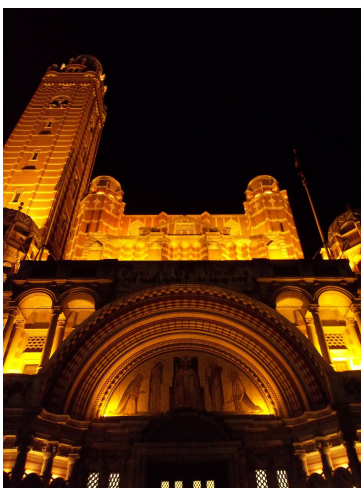


Supporting Your Parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic. Parishes and charities still greatly need your support, even more so without their weekly congregations and visitors.

We do though recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so.

[You can donate via standing order or single donation](#)



Series of special Masses

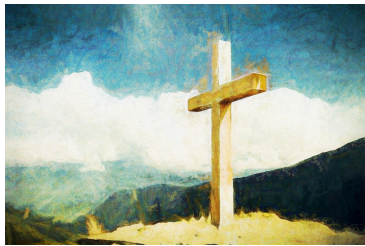
A series of special Thursday evening Masses for the sick, their families, NHS staff and those working in Social Care continues every Thursday at 7pm, having started at Westminster Cathedral.

Join in this week's, to be broadcast from Leeds Cathedral, which will take place before the weekly 8pm 'Clap for Carers'.

[Join the live stream from Leeds Cathedral](#)

Easter to Pentecost

A selection of resources for use between Easter and Pentecost as we #StayAtHome and #PrayAtHome.



[Access resources](#)



Sharing Good News

There are lots of great initiatives taking place in parishes and schools across the Archdiocese as we look after each other at this difficult time.

Take a few moments to read some of the 'good news' stories on our website including:

[Coffee time online in Thame](#)

[The Hospital Chaplain in an hour of need](#)

[Staffordshire college contributes to national PPE effort](#)

[Vespers via Zoom in Coventry](#)

[Vietnamese Chaplaincy donates PPE](#)

You may even be inspired to set something similar up in your own parish, or share your good news stories with us at communications@rc-birmingham.org

[Keep up-to-date with news from across the Archdiocese](#)



Live Masses Online

Daily live streaming of Masses continues at St Chad's Cathedral.

If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

[Masses at St Chad's Cathedral](#)



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