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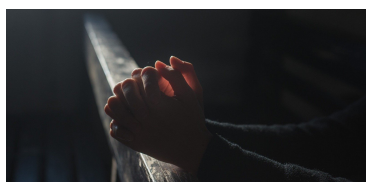
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Reopening our Churches for individual prayer and funeral services

Over 100 churches across the Archdiocese have now reopened for individual prayer.

Churches are opening at different times and on different days and you are advised to check the parish website, or call ahead, to ensure it is open before you travel.

All parishes must undertake a thorough Risk Assessment before they open.

Funeral Services (not Masses) can also now take place.

However, Public Masses are still unable to take place and this must be accessed via live stream.

Guidance on churches reopening for Public Masses from July 4th has yet to be published.

Churches reopening

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

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Trust Secretary needed

The Archdiocese is seeking a voluntary part time Trust Secretary to assist the Trustees in good "corporate practices". Details can be found on the Diocesan website.

[Diocese Jobs Page](#)

**PRAYING THROUGH THE STORM:
THE EXPERIENCE
OF ST TERESA**
by Fr Liam Finnerty, OCD



"Lord to whom we shall go"
"You have the words of Eternal Life."
(John 6:68)

These are difficult times and people are searching for solutions. Our trainings and sophisticated systems and our faith all seem inadequate in the light of the present crisis. In the face of our helplessness, we ask the same question as did the disciples: to whom shall we go? Who do we turn to? Where shall we find help in this day of trouble? Where shall we find rest for our wearied souls? In this presentation, Liam Finnerty, a Carmelite priest, will explore these questions, drawing insights from Carmelite spirituality especially the guidance of Saint Teresa of Jesus, who also faced challenging times and left us a wealth of teaching in her writings on how one can pray through the storms of life.

4th July 2020 Live Stream 10:30 UK Time
Presented by the
Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality
from
The Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford

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SELS
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Join online - Praying through the Storm: The Experience of St Teresa

The Spiritual Enrichment Lecture Series (SELS)
presents Fr Liam Finnerty OCD.

Join on Saturday 4 July at 10.30am for this live stream event.

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS) at the Carmelite Priory, Oxford, engages top academics, experts, authors and practitioners in the field of Carmelite spirituality for the SELS.

Participants will hear keynote speakers who will explore the practice of contemplative prayer and spiritual guidance in the Carmelite tradition.

These talks will be particularly suited to those who wish to know more about contemplative prayer or to deepen their experience of it. They will also be of great

relevance to anyone whose ministry involves accompanying others in prayer and spiritual direction.

Book Praying Through the Storm



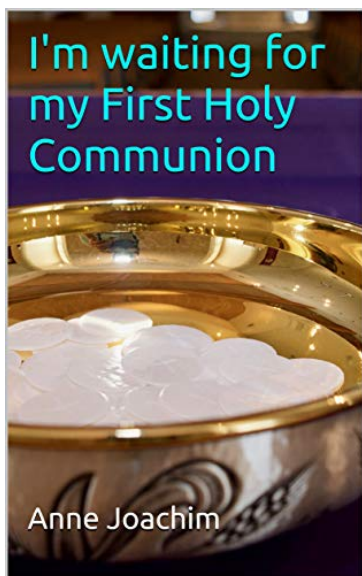
National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

Christians in Parliament

The prayer breakfast is online this year, on Tuesday 30 June, which gives a unique opportunity for as many church leaders and Christians across the UK to participate.

This year's theme is 'Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering'.

Book Prayer Breakfast



New book: 'I'm waiting for my First Holy Communion'

This book seeks to help children remain connected to their First Holy Communion classes, and keep on looking forward to receiving Jesus, during this time of pandemic.

Buy now



The Magnificat

Many people are following Masses being streamed online.

A useful resource with the prayers and readings for each day can be found on the Magnificat website.

The Magnificat



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.

Online Masses at St Chad's



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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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