

Information, news and events across the Diocese

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Ordinations at St Chad's Cathedral, Season of Creation and Harvington Hall pilgrimage online



Ordinations to the Priesthood

Next month our four transitional Deacons will be ordained by Archbishop Bernard Longley at St Chad's Cathedral.

You're invited to take part by watching online.

On Saturday 12 September at 12noon Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor will be ordained.

The following weekend will see Sean Gough and Benedict Skipper ordained on Sunday 20 September at 3pm.

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishops Elect David Evans and Stephen Wright will also take place in October.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

Watch the Ordinations

Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL): A new type of leader for our families of schools

The Birmingham Diocesan Education Service is launching an initiative to find a new style of executive leader for our multi academy companies (MACs).

We are at an important juncture in the delivery of education across the Archdiocese. The Diocesan Academy Strategy of ensuring each one of our 234 schools is part of a family within a multi academy offers a unique opportunity for our community to take real strategic ownership of our schools and how we deliver a Catholic education in the very broadest of senses.

That is why we have developed a new post, the Catholic Senior Executive Leader (CSEL), to lead these and other new and growing MACs. This is a CEO level position, but the job description goes beyond that. It is about delivering a Catholic strategy and ethos and a collective approach to enable our children and our faith to thrive.

While the role demands a range of skills, CSELs don't necessarily have to be "educationalists" themselves but will need to have an inclusive leadership style. We are looking for Christ-centred servant leaders who are passionate about the transformative effect a Catholic education can have.

Becoming a CSEL



Get ready for the Season of Creation

Beginning on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and ending on October 4, the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi.

To help parishes prepare for this year's Season of Creation the Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission has pulled together a useful guide.

The Commission is also now taking bookings for its annual Assembly, which takes place online this year.

Get involved in the Season of Creation



Annual Harvington Hall Pilgrimage online

This year's pilgrimage will be aired on the Archdiocese website and Facebook page at 3pm, Sunday 6 September.

Mass will be celebrated by Mgr John Moran in the Hall's chapel - a unique room with a historic hide, which at one time would have been used to conceal any evidence of Mass in the event of a house search.

Watch the pilgrimage online



GDPR update

A focus on emails and how to avoid data breaches has been issued.

This timely reminder from our Data Compliance Managers, along with lots of GDPR help and guidance for parishes, can be found on the Archdiocese website.

Be GDPR compliant



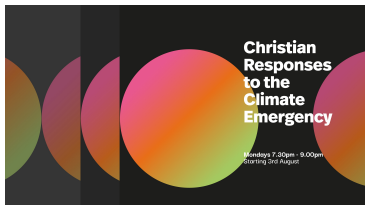
Alpha Online - three sessions in September

Alpha - Catholic Context UK has developed a new training package.

It will help parishes to run Alpha Online so that they can be fully equipped to continue the Church's mission of evangelisation even in the midst of the current pandemic.

Three sessions, starting Thursday 3 September.

Sign up for Alpha Online



Christian Responses to the Climate Emergency

Two remaining sessions on Zoom.

Mondays: 7.30pm - 9.00pm, with social time afterwards for those who wish.

31 Aug: Taking Non-Violent Direct Action

7 Sept: Sustainable living

Sign up at FaithJustice.org.uk



Reopening our Churches

Over 200 churches across the Archdiocese have now reopened for individual prayer and/or public worship and it is a delight to see people coming through the doors.

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 have undertaken a thorough Risk Assessment before they open.

When you visit a church please follow the guidance in place to ensure safety at all times.

Churches reopening



Live Masses Online

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

Dates for your Diary - online events

13 Sep. [Grandparents Pilgrimage online](#)

16 Sep. [CYMFed Youth Ministry Talk](#)

28 Sep - 4 Oct. [Justice and Peace Assembly 2020](#)

[Visit our Events page](#)



Supporting Your Parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish during the pandemic.

Parishes 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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