

Information, news and events across the Diocese

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Your September newsletter



Welcome back

WATCH! A video message from Archbishop Bernard Longley welcoming back our schools and parishes after summer.

[Watch video](#)



Ordinations to the Priesthood

Starting this weekend 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.

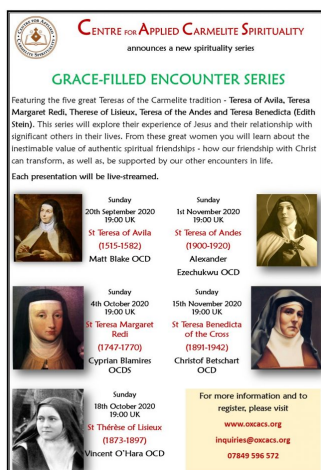
On Saturday 12 September at 12noon Clive Dytor and Alex Taylor will be ordained.

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](#)



Grace-filled Encounter Series

Featuring the five great Teresas of the Carmelite tradition – Teresa of Avila, Teresa Margaret Redi, Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of the Andes and Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein).

Live streamed talks start on September 20 and conclude on November 15.

Hosted by The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS), Oxford.

Book your place

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).

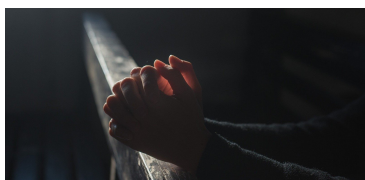
We are at an important juncture in the delivery of education across the Archdiocese. The Diocesan Academy Strategy of ensuring each one of our 234 schools is part of a family within a multi academy offers a unique opportunity for our community to take real strategic ownership of our schools and how we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

Reopening our Churches



Email - Sacred Heart Church Droitwich - Outlook

The majority of our churches across the Archdiocese have now reopened for individual prayer and/or public worship.

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](#)

24 Sep. [Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters \(online talks to Dec\)](#)

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

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