

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## The Season of Advent is here

### Advent 2020

Activities, resources and retreats as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord.

For use individually, in parishes and schools.

[Access Advent here](#)

### Out now! Advent edition of *The Sower*

Read all about it! The latest edition of the diocesan magazine is out now.

Available in parishes, whilst stocks last, and online.

Featuring a great mix of stories from our communities.

[Read The Sower online](#)

### Recruiting for a Chief Operating Officer

There's still time to apply for the above role!

The needs of our communities are changing. While some congregations are shrinking, others are seeing significant growth. Ensuring the Archdiocese manages

its resources to enable it to deliver its Mission is vital, and this is the responsibility of our Chief Operating Officer ("COO").

Do you have what it takes?

Discover the COO role

## **Please take part: Faith Engagement Review**

All are invited to take part in this new review.

Following his appointment as Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Colin Bloom has been asked to lead a review into how best the government should engage with faith groups in England.

Please complete the questionnaire online by 11am on Friday 11 December.

Take part in the Faith Engagement Review

## **Support CAFOD this Christmas**

Many of us have given or received presents from a wide range of virtual World Gifts (a gift that represents and supports an area of CAFOD's work), including popular gifts such as Water for the Family, The Goat that Gives and Chirpy Chickens.

This Christmas these gifts are more important than ever.

Please consider a CAFOD World Gift and change someone's life.

Give a World Gift

## **Scholarship opportunity at Maryvale**

All applying to join the BA (Hons) Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition programme at Maryvale Institute, starting in January 2021, have the chance to receive 50% off 1st year fees.

Applications, along with a short essay on a relevant topic, are eligible for consideration.

The deadline for scholarship applications is Friday 1 January 2021.

[Explore the scholarship opportunity](#)

## **Prison Chaplain Vacancy**

HMP Bullingdon is looking for a Roman Catholic Chaplain. Could this be you? For more information please click the link below:

[Bullingdon Chaplaincy Role](#)

## **Save the date and get involved! Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass**

Altar servers across the Archdiocese are invited to join the live streaming of the Guild of St Stephen Mass next March, and submit a photo of themselves.

The Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 6 March 2021.

As part of the celebration servers (young and old, whether at home or in church, vested or not) are encouraged to send a picture of themselves holding their Guild Medal, so the Vocations team can create a montage poster in lieu of the annual official photo at the Mass.

[Join in the Guild of St Stephen Mass](#)

## **Catholic family release 'Christmas is Coming'**

A Catholic family of eight from the Diocese of Nottingham have written, performed and professionally recorded a song which is available now on iTunes and Amazon.

Christmas is Coming (Our Saviour is Born) is a song which the Braddish Family hope will uplift people and give them hope in these strange times and, despite the talk of Christmas being cancelled, Christmas IS Coming!

Euan (13) plays cello and trombone on the track, Leo (12) drums and violin, Pearce (9) viola, Vincent (8) violin and the youngest Edith & Micah (5&3) on glockenspiels.

Mum, Fiona, sings lead vocals and plays piano, while Dad, Mark, plays the tubular bells adding to the Christmas feel of the song.

You can follow the Braddish Family on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-date information and photos.

Listen and Buy song

## 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

**Thurs 10 Dec.** [Join Advent Evangelisation Meeting](#)

**To 10 Dec.** [Saints, Scholars and Spiritual Masters](#)

**13 - 18 Dec.** [A Winter Pause. Rooted in the Christian Mystical Tradition - a FaithJustice event](#)

**Wednesdays in Jan.** [How the Bible Can Help Us Understand - four sessions](#)

**July/August 2021.** [Holy Land Pilgrimage hosted by the Young Catholic Adult Network](#)

[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.

## Support our Work

### Please follow us online

If you are on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram please follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham online.

Our accounts are being used more than ever before to share news, events and information.

[Twitter/](#) [Facebook/](#) [Instagram/](#) [Web/YouTube](#)

We hope you are finding this e-newsletter useful. **Please share with anyone you think will benefit, and encourage them to subscribe via the website.**

If you have any news, events or information you'd like to share this way please email it to [communications@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:communications@rc-birmingham.org) marked 'For Newsletter'.

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

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