

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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Wishing you all a safe, joyful and peaceful Christmas 2020



Christmas Message from Archbishop Bernard Longley

Watch this year's Christmas Message from His Grace,
filmed in St Chad's Cathedral.

[Archbishop's Christmas Message](#)

Advent and Christmas 2020



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

Including details of the live stream Carol Service at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 20 December, and the 10pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Plus the BBC schedule for religious programming on television and radio over the festive period.

Advent and Christmas resources



Harvington Hall

REOPENING

Harvington Hall is due to reopen in March after a period of closure due to urgent building work.

Deacon Paul O'Connor made the announcement in a Christmas video message:

[Deacon Paul O'Connor announces Harvington reopening](#)

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Hall is organising a radical re-structuring programme and is looking for a new committed team to develop its Management Committee. Applications by 12 February. Find out more:

[Management Committee Information and applications](#)

CATERING TENDER OPEN

Caterers are also invited to tender to run the Hall's cafe-applications needed by January 15. Find out more:

[Harvington Cafe Catering Tender](#)

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



Standing Tall- ending homelessness

Standing Tall is a Birmingham charity matching individuals experiencing homelessness into stable jobs in local business. At the same time we ensure they have a safe home to come back to at the end of the day.

From 1st December to Christmas Eve, Standing Tall is doing a 24 hour Christmas campaign going out on the Birmingham streets having conversations about homelessness and sharing videos of these conversations on social media.

At the same time we are trying to raise £6000 to enable 3 people to start a stable job in the new year and move off the Birmingham streets for good.

Please share and donate if you can – www.crowdfunder.co.uk/standingtall

Standing Tall



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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



Send us your photo to:
office@vocations.org.uk

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

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

Sunday 20 Dec. [Online Carol Service at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

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

Thurs 14 Jan. [Online information evening: Christian Life Community](#)

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.

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