

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## Welcome to 2021...there's lots to look forward to and get involved in!

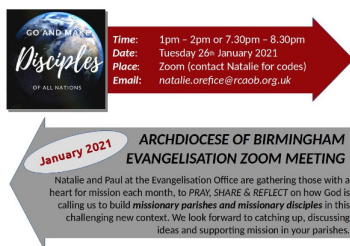


### Celebrate Pax Christi Peace Sunday

There's a host of parish resources now available for celebrating Peace Sunday on 17 January.

You can also join a national online event hosted by Pax Christi to reflect on Pope Francis' World Peace Day message, and explore what this calls us to do as peacemakers.

[Find out more about Peace Sunday](#)



### Do you have a heart for mission across the Archdiocese?

Then please join the Evangelisation Team on Tuesday 26 January.

Paul Northam and Natalie Orefice are hosting another Evangelisation Zoom meeting for those with a heart for mission across the Archdiocese.

Once again there will be a choice of two meetings repeated during the day (1-2pm and 7.30-8.30pm), so hopefully you will be able to make one of them.

[Sign up today for Evangelisation Zoom](#)

**#Pray24Brum is back!**



Every January for the last few years, #Pray24Brum has brought together Christians in Birmingham and beyond to pray for the city.

Taking place early in the calendar year and during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, #Pray24Brum provides an opportunity for Christians of different traditions to witness to our unity as we pray together for Birmingham.

#Pray24Brum takes place from 8am to 8pm on Friday 22 January and from 8am to 8pm on Saturday 23 January.

Due to the lockdown there will be no central venue in which people can gather for prayer. Instead, #Pray24Brum is inviting individuals, households, congregations and Christian communities to set aside 24 minutes during the 24 hours to pray for Birmingham.

Get involved in #Pray24Brum



## Online Marriage Enrichment Experience

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, January 30 - 31.

Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans.

An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together.

Couples can explore their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage.

Other dates for 2021: 20 - 21 March and 15 - 16 May.

More information can be found on the Marriage page of the Archdiocese website.

Visit Marriage



## 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 recent video message:

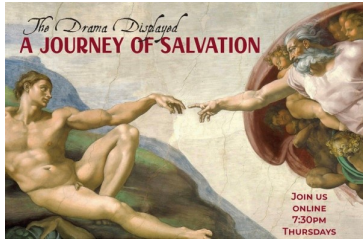
[Deacon Paul O'Connor announces Harvington reopening](#)

### 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](#)



**Online events hosted by The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst**

Running throughout January and February, two online event series.

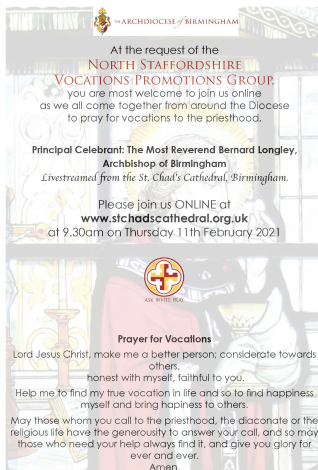
**The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation** A range of speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art.

**Set Free Summit:** the Christian Heritage Centre and ICPE Mission offer a set of six, online sessions to young adults on relationships and sexuality based on John Paul II's teaching.

Featuring speakers from across the globe, each session will provide the opportunity to share and ask questions.

To find out more about both events, and how to get involved, visit our events page.

Events page



**Vocations Mass from St Chad's Cathedral**

A Mass will be held at the request of the North Staffordshire Vocations Promotions Group for vocations to the priesthood on Thursday 11 February.

All are invited to join with Archbishop Bernard Longley at the live streamed Mass and pray for the whole Archdiocese.

Join Vocations Mass



**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 in March, and submit a photo of themselves.

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

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](#)



## **God Who Speaks scripture campaign continues**

The national campaign, led by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Bible Society, is continuing throughout 2021.

Please visit the dedicated section of the Archdiocese website for information and resources, which can be used by parishes, schools or individually.

[Visit the God Who Speaks](#)

## **New Theology of the Body Ministry launches in the UK**



A new Theology of the Body ministry has been launched recently on the feast of Pope St John Paul II - uniquely designed specifically to serve the UK Church.

Eternity Project offers a podcast which aims to take the theological and make it practical, contemplating how John Paul II's teaching is relevant to any and every state of life.

It also offers blog posts and weekly reflections - 'TOB divina' - on small snippets of the TOB texts.

More information can be found on the Family Ministry page of the Archdiocese website.

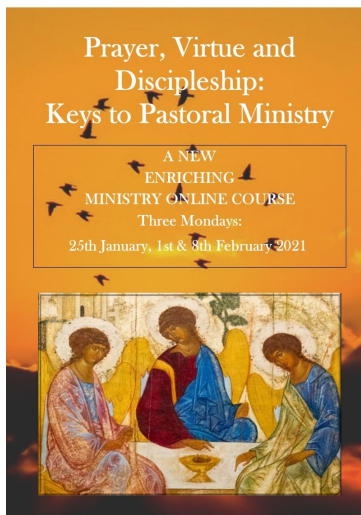
[Visit Family Ministry](#)

## **Prayer, Virtue and Discipleship: Keys to Pastoral Ministry**

New online three-day course hosted by the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Sessions over three Mondays: 25 January, 1 and 8 February.

[Find out more about the course](#)



## 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

Wed 20 Jan. [Conversation series: How the Bible can help us understand...](#)

Sat 23 Jan. [Online talk: The Adventures of a Biblical Translator](#)

Sat 30 Jan. [Online talk: Let Us Dream](#)

Thurs 11 Feb. [Vocations Mass from St Chad's Cathedral](#)

July/August. [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



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