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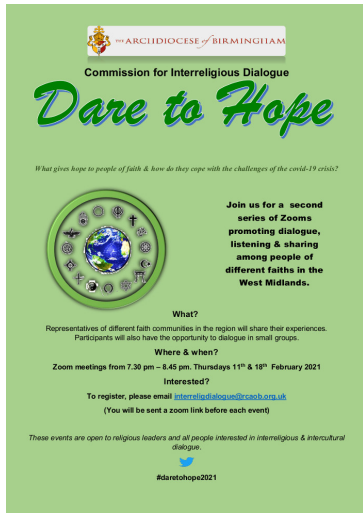
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In this edition: Take part in online events, have your say in a survey on air pollution and join a Mass for Vocations at St Chad's Cathedral



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM
Commission for Interreligious Dialogue

Dare to Hope

What gives hope to people of faith & how do they cope with the challenges of the covid-19 crisis?

Join us for a second series of Zooms promoting dialogue, listening & sharing among people of different faiths in the West Midlands.

What?
Representatives of different faith communities in the region will share their experiences. Participants will also have the opportunity to dialogue in small groups.

Where & when?
Zoom meetings from 7.30 pm - 8.45 pm. Thursdays 11th & 18th February 2021

Interested?
To register, please email interrel@dialogue@rcaob.org.uk
(You will be sent a zoom link before each event)

These events are open to religious leaders and all people interested in interreligious & intercultural dialogue

#daretohope2021

#daretohope 2021

Dare to Hope is hosted by the Commission for Interreligious Dialogue.

All are welcome to join for a second series of online discussion promoting dialogue, listening and sharing among people of different faiths in the West Midlands.

Two sessions are planned on Thursday 11 and Thursday 18 February.

Sign up for [#daretohope 2021](#)



Faith groups invited to take part in survey

Sustrans, the national transport charity, are providing information to Birmingham City Council with regard to air pollution in the city.

The charity is currently working with communities across Birmingham to raise awareness of air pollution and its health risks.

A survey for faith groups has been produced to gain an idea of people's travel habits.

This survey is also a chance for people to have their say about how air pollution affects them, changes they would like to see and their thoughts on any measures taken.

Everyone who fills in the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a free bike. The closing date is May 31.

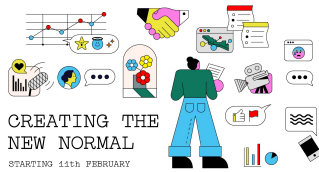
[Take pollution survey](#)



Racial Justice Sunday 2021

This year's Racial Justice Sunday, 31 January, is more important than ever and we need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

[Information and resources for RJS](#)



FaithJustice present: Creating the New Normal

A series of discussions for young adults on a series of topics, starting Thursday 11 February.

Join FaithJustice to talk about where we are now, and where we want to be in coming months and years.

[FaithJustice: New Normal](#)



Let the Children Live!

Please find attached a newsletter from the Catholic Men's Society of Great Britain giving an update on their work with Let the Children Live! A Christian charity of last resort for children from the streets and shanty-towns of Colombia.

Thank you to all who support.

[Catholic Men's Society](#)



Online Marriage Enrichment Experience

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, January 30 - 31.

Online Marriage Enrichment Experience with Bishop David Evans.

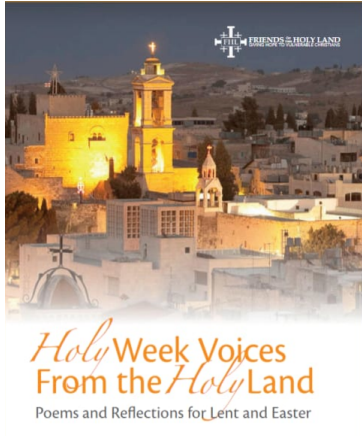
An opportunity for couples to enrich their relationship, regardless of the length of time they have been together.

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 page](#)



Lenten retreat with Holy Week Voices

This Lent join the Evangelisation Office for prayers and reflections on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beginning the first week of Lent, we will be meeting each Friday to use the *Holy Week Voices From the Holy Land* book as our guide.

All meetings are on Zoom for up to an hour. Participants are encouraged to buy *Holy Week Voices From the Holy Land* -all proceeds go towards supporting CHristians in the Holy Land, struggling due to the loss of pilgrimages.

Holy Week Voices, Friday 19 February-Friday 26 March 1.30-2.30pm.

To join, contact natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk

[Buy Holy Week Voices](#)



Harvington Hall

Reopening

Harvington Hall is due to reopen in 2021 after a period of closure due to urgent building work.

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

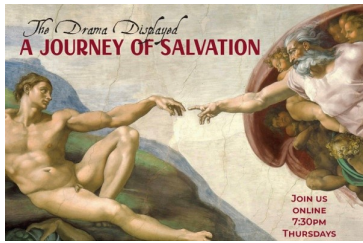
[Deacon Paul O'Connor announces Harvington reopening](#)

Management Committee Deadline Approaches

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.

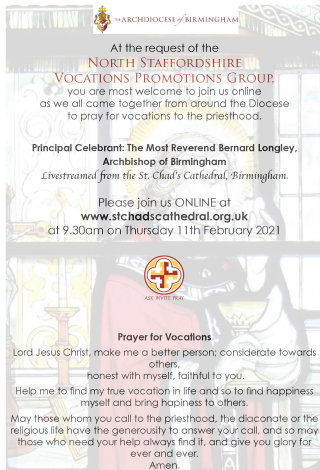
The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A range of speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art.

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 be 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

New BBC faith documentary needs you



The BBC is developing a faith-based documentary which celebrates and explores how Christians mark some of life's biggest moments.

They are interested in speaking to people who are currently reaching a milestone e.g. baptism, confirmation, end of life preparations.

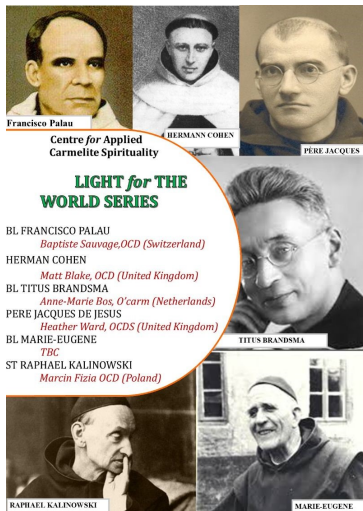
There would be a small amount of respectful filming at the given service followed by an interview about the role that the individual's faith has played throughout their life, particularly in regards to this new chapter.

Please get in touch with faith.casting@wbtv.uk

Can you help?

The Pastor of a local church in Halesowen is searching for an old or spare wooden podium that is no longer needed.

If any churches are selling one please contact Philip Bennett via email: philiproyal@aol.com



New series of lectures

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS) in Oxford is launching a new spirituality series next month (Feb).

LIGHT for THE WORLD will feature six exceptional Carmelites - Fransisco Palau, Herman Cohen, Pièrre Jacques de Jésus, Titus Brandsma, Marie-Eugene and Raphael Kalinowski - who lived at a time of much political and social strife yet witnessed to the spirit of true Carmelite humanism.

Discover series

Dates for your diary

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

Sun 31 Jan. [World Leprosy Day](#)

Tues 9 Feb. [An Invitation to Hope: Mission through Prayer and Lament](#)

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](#)



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



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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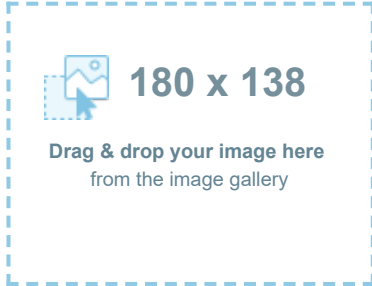
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