

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## In this edition: New Chief Operating Officer announced, Lent and Easter resources, new Covid suvey - how are you coping?



### New COO announced

The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham are pleased to announce that Eric Kirwan has been appointed as the Archdiocese's next Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Eric is currently the Chair of Directors at Holy Family Catholic Multi-Academy Company (MAC) in Warwickshire.

[Meet the new COO](#)



### Lent and Easter 2021

Ash Wednesday (17 Feb) will mark the start of the Lenten season.

We have pulled together a wealth of online activities, resources and retreats for your Lenten journey to Easter.

Suitable for individuals, parishes and schools to use.

[Begin your Lenten Journey](#)



## Journey of Faith Podcast

Mgr Daniel McHugh, Co-ordinator of Ethnic Chaplaincies has launched a new podcast starting with a reflection on Ash Wednesday.

His short reflections on the Mass will be released every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and are available on the Archdiocese's new podcasts page.

Podcasts from the Archdiocese



## All invited to take new survey

A new survey has been launched by Catholic Voices:

As we move towards a post-pandemic future, we would like to hear again from clergy and lay people about their current experiences and, crucially, what they feel about that future.

All are encouraged to take part.

Catholic Voices Survey



## Living Laudato Si': Your Parish and Your Planet

Online Zoom retreats in March and April with a number of guest speakers, including Archbishop Bernard Longley (April).

Talks, discussions and practical activities on living the message of Laudato Si' in and through your parish.

Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join.

Laudato Si' Zoom Retreats

## Exploring the Directory for Catechesis Virtual Conference 2021

Maryvale Institute with the Archdiocese of Birmingham presents this three-session conference.



Running over March, April and May.

The conference will focus on the new Directory for Catechesis, published in March 2020.

The Directory makes clear the essential elements in teaching and personal formation required by the mission of catechesis.

## Directory of Catechesis Conference

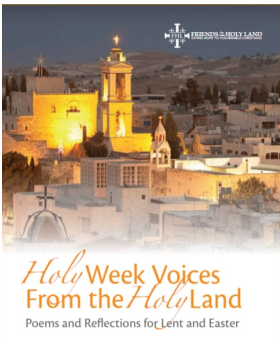


## FaithJustice present: Creating the New Normal

A series of discussions for young adults on a series of topics, now underway.

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

## FaithJustice: New Normal



## 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.oreoffice@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:natalie.oreoffice@rcaob.org.uk)

## Lenten Retreat

## Our Father

## A Biblical Meditation of the Lord's



## Prayer

New book by Sister Claire Waddelove OSB.

This original and imaginative treatment of the Our Father plumbs the scriptural depths of this prayer, so beloved of Christians.

Buy 'Our Father' by Sr Claire



## 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.

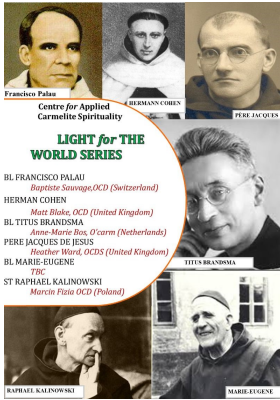
Join in the Guild of St Stephen Mass

## New series of lectures

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS) in Oxford is running a new spirituality series.

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 Carmelite Lecture Series



## Job opportunity

A vacancy has arisen for a Roman Catholic Chaplain at HM Prison Huntercombe, Oxford.

It is a permanent, part-time role. The closing date for applications is Friday 26 February.

[Find out more and apply.](#)

## Dates for your diary

Tues 16 Feb. [February Evangelisation Meeting on Zoom](#)

Sat 20 Feb. [The Big Walk for Water with CAFOD](#)

Fri 26 Feb. [CAFOD Family Fast Day](#)

Sat 20 Mar. [A virtual Day of Recollection for Women](#)

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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