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Take part in a new Covid-19 impact survey; the Census is coming, lots to get involved in online



New Covid-19 impact survey

Please share your experience of faith during the pandemic.

We want to hear from all across the Archdiocese about the impact the last 12 months has had, and how we can learn from it and move forward.

The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.

[Complete survey](#)



Census 2021 is coming! Have you got your census letter?

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey which ensures everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed such as doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes.

Census day is on Sunday 21 March, but households will now be receiving letters with online codes explaining how they can complete their forms. Paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them.

There's a wide range of support services such as

language support and accessible census guidance. You can also get help from census staff in the contact centre over phone, in a web chat or on social media.

For more information, and to find out how to get help, visit census.gov.uk or call the contact centre on 0800 141 2021.

Visit the Census website



Dementia Prayer Week, 12 - 19 March

The annual Dementia Prayer Week initiative takes place this month.

The prayer card can be used every day at Mass, or in any setting, and is available in small or large packs.

For information and resources please see attached news release and visit:

Redemptorist Publications



Lent and Easter 2021

The Lenten season is now underway.

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.

Your Lenten Journey



Fr Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal

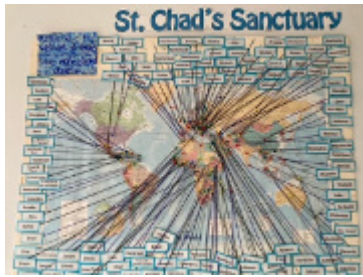
The annual Good Shepherd Appeal has a new look for 2021 and is leaving the classroom thanks to a host of new digital resources.

A range of educational materials have been developed, each focusing on a different area of work.

A Stations of the Cross resource to help children reflect on Christ's journey to the cross is also available online.

Good Shepherd Appeal

Support St Chad's Sanctuary



Can you help our friends?

Like many other charitable organisations St Chad's Sanctuary has been hit hard by the pandemic.

Financial backing is desperately needed to continue helping asylum seekers and refugees.

St Chad's Sanctuary Appeal



Join in this weekend! 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



Awaken with Hope - A virtual day of recollection for women

Organised by Women of Birmingham Archdiocese and facilitated by Jo Boyce (CJM Music).

An opportunity to pray, reflect and share on how God is calling us today - locked in, socially isolated but awakening to the future with hope and new vision.

Saturday 20 March: 9.45am – 2.30pm.

Sign up for the Day of Recollection



Join the Novena of St Joseph

On 8th December 2020 Pope Francis announced a Year of St Joseph. St Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church and we are seeking his intercession.

During March, the month traditionally dedicated to St Joseph, and in the days leading up to the Feast of St Joseph please join us in praying the novena for the evangelisation of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

A novena is a prayer prayed over nine days. Between 10th-18th March we will send you a daily prayer so you can pray the novena with us.

Sign up for the Novena



Get involved in Sycamore

Evangelisation team invite you to join in a webinar 'Sycamore: an online tool for evangelisation'.

We will be joined by Fr Stephen Wang and Susan Longhurst from Sycamore who will let us know how Sycamore is being used in parishes, schools, and chaplaincies to connect and engage online with their local communities.

You may be experienced at running Sycamore, you may have only just begun or looking to start - all are welcome! We will look particularly at:

- Advertising and Invitation
- Tips for running the sessions
- Thoughts for follow on

Who is it for: Parish clergy and religious, catechists of sacramental programmes, teachers, parishioners & all those interested or involved in faith formation or evangelisation.

To book your place, please email:

natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk

Book onto the Sycamore webinar



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.



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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

Mayo Connections

Genealogy: Do you have ancestors or relatives with Mayo connections? If you would like to find out more about your Mayo roots, the [North Mayo Heritage Centre](#) can help.

Contact 00 353 9631809, write to us at Enniscoe, Castlehill, Ballina, Co.Mayo, F26FR94 or email northmayo@gmail.com.

Heaven's Road Catholic Online Radio

Heaven's Road is an online radio broadcasting features like prayers, interviews and music to appeal to a Catholic audience – they also have many podcasts and broadcast over 40 daily live Masses from 15 churches in England and Ireland from the [Heaven's Road website](#)

Dates for your diary

Mon 8 Mar. [Fr James Mallon and Nicky Gumbel in conversation online](#)

Tues 9 Mar. [Virtual lecture: Using the Bible Constructively](#)

Tues 23 Mar. [Birmingham Conversations: Celebrating the Festivals](#)

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

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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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