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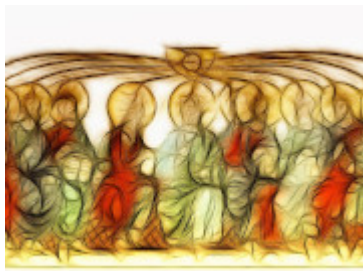
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Let us celebrate Pentecost



Join us in prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday

'That God may raise us up'

Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)

Lift us up with you, Lord Jesus Christ, from the sickness, suffering, fear and grief of these last months.

Bless all that your body, the Church, has achieved through her worship of God and her care of God's children.

Renew the Holy Spirit among us, that, sent like your apostles, to the people of our diocese, all may contribute to the proclamation of God's word and to the growth of God's kingdom.

Amen

Resources for Pentecost



Thy Kingdom Come

The global prayer movement runs from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday and includes the Pentecost Novena, nine days of intercessory prayer for evangelisation and renewal of the Church.

Each day has a dedicated intercession, followed by the Pentecost sequence.

Pray24Brum: Thy Kingdom Come

Churches, groups and individuals across the Archdiocese are being invited to take part in a 24-hour prayer relay as part of Thy Kingdom Come.

Locally Stephanie Neville (Carrs Lane Lived Community), Hilary Johnson (Central England Quakers), Laurence Sharman (World Prayer Centre) and Robert Mountford (Birmingham Churches Together) are organising a 24-hour prayer relay, to take place from **9am on Friday 14 May to 9am on Saturday 15 May**.

Get involved in Thy Kingdom Come



Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

This Saturday and Sunday (8/9 May), the Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, parishes will have a second collection for the [Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East \(FACE\) charity](#), with whom the Archdiocese is building a strong relationship.

In particular, schools in the Archdiocese are starting a pen friend initiative with Immaculate Conception school in Beirut, a school damaged by the 2020 Beirut explosion.

At the 10am Sunday Mass at St Chad's Cathedral Mgr Daniel McHugh, Co-ordinator for Ethnic Chaplaincies in the Archdiocese, will preach to mark this Day of Prayer for the Churches of the East.

Support the Day of Prayer



Friends of the Holy Land launch Pentecost Challenge

The ecumenical charity has launched a sponsored Pentecost Challenge encouraging people to walk or cycle 84 miles, the distance from Bethlehem to Nazareth, to raise funds to help support education across the region and help keep pupils in their schools.

Take part in the Pentecost Challenge



Coming soon! Diocesan virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage

Join us from Sunday 30 May for the diocesan annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will be virtual for the second year running.

The theme of the six-day event is "I Am The Immaculate Conception" and will include daily Masses, virtual Marian Processions, a Service of Healing, Stations of the Cross, a Blessed Sacrament Procession and a Reconciliation Service; together with visits to key locations in and around the holy site in southern France.

More details to follow soon.

Virtual Lourdes Pilgrimage 2021



Congratulations Fr Michael Dolman

Archbishop Bernard Longley recently announced that Fr Michael Dolman is the new Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

Fr Michael, the current Vocations Director and Director of Ongoing Formation of Clergy for the Archdiocese, will take up his appointment on Thursday 1 July 2021.

Please keep him in your prayers.

New Rector at St Mary's, Oscott



Newman: Meditation & Prayer

The Genesis Foundation and The Sixteen announce a special concert inspired by the life and writings of Cardinal Newman, who was canonised as Saint John Henry Newman in 2019. Newman: Meditation & Prayer will take place at **7pm on Thursday 10 June** at Farm Street Church in London's Mayfair (The Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception).

The concert will be live streamed for free on Classic FM's Facebook page and available on demand for a month afterwards; it will feature the world premieres of two new Genesis Foundation choral music commissions by Sir James MacMillan and Will Todd.

Joining them will be Classic FM's flagship morning show presenter Alexander Armstrong, reading the words of Cardinal Newman and the poet and churchman John Donne.

Join the Newman concert

Take a gap year and volunteer with KYT

Young adults aged 18-25 are invited to consider spending a gap year with the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT).

Applications are now being taken for the Mission Team for the new academic year, starting in September 2021.



This great opportunity is aimed at those who may be about to finish their studies at sixth form/college or university.

Find out more about taking a gap year



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

Dates for your diary

Fri 14 May. [Session three of the Exploring the Directory for Catechesis conference](#)

Sat 15 May. [Study Day: 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?'](#)

Sun 16 May. [World Communications Day](#)

10/11 July. [Online Scripture & Spirituality Conference](#)

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

24/26 Sept. [Family Retreat for Catholic families](#)

Sat 25 Sept. [National Mass for the Guild of Saint Stephen](#)

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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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