

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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Introducing the Diocesan Vision, launch of a new podcast and access security funding



The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read out at Masses this weekend. It will also be available in video and audio formats.

The Pastoral Letter, marking the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, outlines the vision for the Archdiocese as we move forward.

Our vision is to be a Catholic diocese which is faithful to the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. How can you be part of it?

[Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan](#)



Women in Scripture: New podcast launches on Sunday

The first in a series of new podcasts celebrating the lives and influence of women in scripture goes live on Sunday 13 June.

Natalie Orefice, diocesan Advisor for Parish Evangelisation, presents a monthly podcast with

dynamic women from across the Archdiocese, each focussing on a different woman in the Bible.

The podcast is part of the national God Who Speaks initiative, helping to deepen our faith and love of the scriptures.

Women in Scripture Podcast



New Vocations Director

We are pleased to announce that Fr Craig Szmidt has been appointed by Archbishop Bernard Longley as the new Vocations Director for the Archdiocese.

Fr Craig will take over during the summer as Fr Michael Dolman moves to take up his position as Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott.

New Vocations Director



Apply now: Security funding for Places of Worship

The Final Round of the government-backed protective security funding scheme is now taking applications.

This scheme is intended to reduce the risk and impact of hate crime at places of worship and associated faith community centres.

It provides funding for protective security measures such as CCTV, fencing and intruder alarms, to places of worship and associated faith community centres that are vulnerable to hate crime.

If your parish could benefit from this scheme you have until July 2 to apply.

Security Funding for Places of Worship

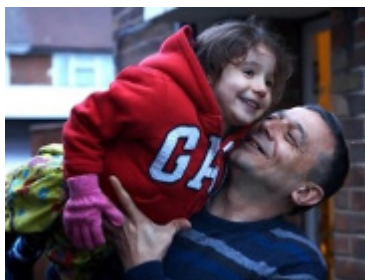


Father Hudson's Care launch new fundraiser

The social care charity is calling on people to take advantage of lockdown easing to get out in support of its new Walk a Mile appeal to help raise funds for people in need across the Archdiocese.

The appeal will see supporters challenge themselves to get out walking, running, cycling or skating while raising funds for Father Hudson's work with vulnerable people.

Join Walk a Mile



Webinar: Community Sponsorship of refugees

Monday 14 June, 6pm to 7.30pm.

The government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes.

All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on June 14 at 6pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and Reset.

CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme’s national training provider.

Community Sponsorship of Refugees webinar



'Putting Laudato Si' into Practice' online talk

Monday 14 June, 7pm to 8.30pm.

Birmingham ACTA present a talk by Dr Sam Ewell, author and Laudato Si' activist, parishioner of St Patrick's in Birmingham.

An opportunity to reflect on how our following of Christ engages us with the current climate change crisis both as individuals and as members of a parish.

Laudato Si' talk



Evangelisation Zoom meeting

Tuesday 15 June, 1 - 2pm or 7.30 - 8.30pm.

Special guest, Canon Michael Leadbeater, joins the diocesan Evangelisation Team to talk about CURSILLO, and how parishes can use this three-day 'little course' as a way to deepen discipleship and invest in the missionary heart of a parish.

Evangelisation Zoom session

Common Good series, event 1

Tuesday 15 June, 6.30pm to 8pm.

The Common Good: What does it mean?

The Common Good is a buzzword related to the character of a society when everyone contributes and is able to reach a better balance of social and economic goals, but it is often misunderstood. Join us to explore its meaning and importance as our country faces complex challenges ahead.

#1 in a new series of four public conversations



6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15 June 2021, online via zoom

For full details and booking, please visit: https://bit.ly/CommonGood_series2021

This is the first of four events in the series 'The Common Good: what does it mean for Britain, society and government' organised in partnership between Together for the Common Good, The Centre for Social Justice, Caritas for a Better Britain and the Russell Kirk Centre at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The series is sponsored by CCLA, one of the UK's largest ethical fund managers, home of the Catholic Investment Fund.



A series of four events exploring the common good.

The first event will be on the subject of "The Common Good: What does it mean?" Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair will be in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly.

Explore the Common Good series



Creation Care course now available to run in parishes

FaithJustice present Creation Care, a new six-session course on Christian responses to the Climate Emergency.

The course can be run by parishes, movements, small groups, or individuals; and it's designed to work either in person or online or as a hybrid.

Find out more about Creation Care



Miracles Come to Malvern

St Joseph's Catholic Church in Newtown Road, Malvern, will be exhibiting the Eucharistic miracles researched by Blessed Carlo Acutis over the weekend of 25 to 27 June.

All are welcome to attend this free exhibition.

Miracles in Malvern

Job and voluntary opportunities

Volunteer for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Apply now. [Find out more](#)

The Society of St Columban in Britain is seeking a part-time Regional Bursar to join its team, based at St Columban's in Solihull. [Find out more](#)

Download now! Latest edition of *The Sower*

If you missed out on picking up a copy at church it's still available to read online.



Read *The Sower* online



Covid-19 impact survey: Ends soon!

Please share your experience of faith during the pandemic if you haven't already done so.

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 and closes on Sunday 4 July.

[Covid-19 impact survey](#)

Dates for your diary

5/9 July. [Scripture and Spirituality Summer School](#)

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

Sun 11 July. [Celebrate Sea Sunday](#)

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

5/8 August. [Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration](#)

Starts 8 Sept. [Spiritual Direction Programme](#)

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

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

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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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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](#)



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