

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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## Celebrating love and marriage, the Season of Creation and much more



### The Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan

As parishes move forward and begin to embrace the Diocesan Vision we all are invited to pray the Diocesan Vision Prayer daily with Archbishop Bernard.

How can you be part of the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan?

[Pray with His Grace](#)



### Pilgrims from YCCN arriving in Coventry and Birmingham ahead of COP26

Pilgrims from the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) are walking 750 miles, in relays, from St Ives in Cornwall to Glasgow, arriving in November for the meeting of World Leaders at the G7 Climate Change Conference.

They will be in the Birmingham District for 10 days, arriving in Coventry this Saturday (21 Aug) before moving on to Birmingham on Monday (23 Aug).

A series of events are planned. All welcome.

[Welcome the Pilgrims](#)



## Season of Creation

The Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission invite all our Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation, 1 September to 4 October.

It is especially important this year given two forthcoming United Nations Conferences of great importance.

COP15 on Biodiversity will take place in China in October, and COP26 on Climate Change in Glasgow in November.

Lots of resources are now available to help you start planning.

[Join in the Season of Creation](#)



## Season of Creation Study Days

Hosted by the parish of Gidea Park, Diocese of Brentwood.

Two study days – on Saturday 4 September and Saturday 2 October from 11am to 12.30pm – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (Laudato Si'), and the promotion of global solidarity (Fratelli Tutti).

[Sign up to Study Days](#)



## Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

Celebrating a milestone anniversary this year? Or getting married next year?

Please join the Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 9 October.

The search is now on to find the longest married couple in the Archdiocese (over 70 years in both 2019 and 2020).

All couples celebrating a milestone anniversary, from their 1st and every five years up to 60 years, as well as every married year over 60, will be listed in the commemorative Mass booklet.

[Join the Marriage Mass](#)

## CAFOD Faith in Action Day 2021



All welcome to join online on Saturday 11 September 11am – 4pm.

A day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home.

[Sign up for Faith in Action](#)



## Clergy Training Fund Mass of Thanksgiving

All are invited to join the Vocations Team for the annual celebration at St Mary's College, Oscott.

It will take place on Sunday 26 September 2021 at 3pm.

The Mass will be followed by the AGM and an opportunity for all Clergy Training Fund (CTF) parish secretaries to meet together. The event is also an opportunity to welcome anyone interested in finding out more about the Clergy Training Fund and how to get involved.

[Join CTF celebration](#)



## John Henry Newman: Scholar, Sage, Saint

Three-day online Symposium on Saint John Henry Newman organised in the United States.

Running 20-22 September 2021 from the National Institute for Newman Studies.

[Join the Symposium](#)



## FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers

The Archdiocese is hosting a unique festival next month to celebrate the Word of God.

FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers will be held at Carrs Lane Centre and St Michael's Catholic Church, Birmingham, between Thursday 23 and Saturday 25 September. Save the date, tickets will be available soon.

To make the Festival a great success we need volunteers for a variety of roles, can you help?

## Discover FLORILEGIUM



### Coming soon: Life in the Spirit series

The Birmingham Charis Renewal group (Charis Diocesan Service of Communion Birmingham) for the Archdiocese is preparing to host an online Life in the Spirit course.

Local people will play a key role in helping to deliver the course, as they give talks and lead discussions in smaller groups in support of the weekly seminars.

Please consider volunteering, various roles available.

Embrace Life in the Spirit



### Charity abseil at Alton Castle

Sister Geraldine Sweeney, a Sister of Mercy based in Newcastle-under-Lyme and a member of staff at St Gregory's Catholic Academy in Longton, will be abseiling 45 metres down the side of Alton Castle, a retreat centre of the Archdiocese of Birmingham (and a former Mercy convent), on Saturday 11 September.

She will be joined by some of her work colleagues from St Gregory's and supporters of the Whispers of Hope charity, which was granted charitable status in February this year.

Support the charity abseil



### IRD: End of Summer School

Book your place now for the Inter-Religious Dialogue: End of Summer School.

Three sessions will be held online, via Zoom, on the evenings of 20,21, 22 September.

The theme is 'We are the same, we are different'.

Sign up now

### Dates for your diary

Starts Sept. [New course: Taking Liturgy Seriously](#)

Tues 7 Sept. [Webinar - Welcome Home](#)

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

**Sat 11 Sept.** [JBMS Centenary Pilgrimage Walk](#)

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

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

**Sat 25 Sept.** [JBMS Centenary Celebration Concert](#)

**From Oct.** [Manresa Link retreats](#)

**Sat 2 Oct.** [Proximity 2021 - a new annual event for altar servers](#)

**Summer 2022** [YouCAN Pilgrimage to the Holy Land for young Catholic adults](#)

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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.

Support your Parish



## 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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