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Workshops, Training and Events in the Diocese



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](#)



FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers - tickets now available!

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.

More details and tickets are now available via the Archdiocese website.

[Discover FLORILEGIUM](#)

Fr Jeremy Howard to be new Lourdes



Pilgrimage Director

Fr Jeremy Howard has been appointed to the role of Lourdes Pilgrimage Director with immediate effect.

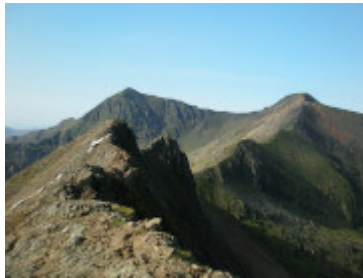
The role, by appointment of Archbishop Bernard Longley, has been vacant following the death of Canon Gerry Breen in December 2019.

Initial preparations are already underway for the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022, which will hopefully see a return to the holy site.

Fr Jeremy is currently parish priest at Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford, Staffordshire, which is home to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

He has been there for four years and hosts the annual Hednesford Pilgrimage in July.

New Pilgrimage Director



Snowdon Charity Trek

Father Hudson's Care is looking for people to sign up for this epic adventure taking place on Saturday 16th October.

With support and expertise from experienced mountain guides we will trek to the peak of Mount Snowdon whilst getting to see the beautiful sunrise and breathtaking views of the mountains.

No experience is necessary other than a basic level of fitness and you will need to raise the minimum sponsorship of £325.

For more information or to sign up please contact eloisedavidson@fatherhudsons.org.uk.

Fr Hudson's Care



Father Hudson's Volunteers

Father Hudson's care is looking to recruit a Father Hudson's Ambassador in each Parish.

The volunteer will be provided with training to speak to groups and regular updates so that if anyone has questions about the wide variety of work we undertake.

They can raise awareness of our work and the projects.

If you are interested in this project, please email: libbymusgrave@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Restore Training Course Autumn 2021



Email - Sacred Heart Church Droitwich - Outlook

Restore is motivating for action with their next training course for those interested in befriending or wanting to learn more about refugee issues.

The next training session will take place on:
Wednesday evenings
6th, 13th and 20th October 2021
7:15pm – 8:45pm

The three sessions will take place on Zoom. Places must be booked in order to attend.

Restore Training Course



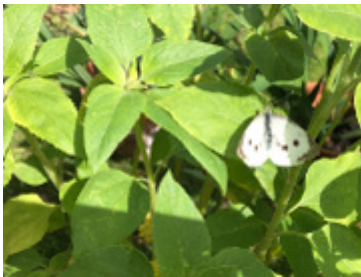
Pilgrims from YCCN Receive Blessing at St Chad's

Pilgrims from the Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) were given a moving send off from St Chad's Cathedral on Friday as they continue their journey north. Members of the Relay to COP26 were in Birmingham for four days.

They will now continue their journey from Cornwall to Glasgow, arriving in time for the November meeting of World Leaders at the Climate Change Conference (COP26).

On their route the pilgrims are joined by local walkers and draw attention to the climate crisis.

Farewell to YCCN 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

Harvington Pilgrimage

The 2021 Harvington Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 12 September. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans at 3pm.



Given the ongoing Covid-19 situation this year's Pilgrimage has been significantly reduced in scale, with **only** parishes from the Deaneries of Kidderminster, Dudley and Worcester invited to attend in person.

However, all are welcome to watch the pilgrimage via livestream.

Harvington Pilgrimage



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

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sat 4 Sept. [Season of Creation Study Day](#)

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

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

Sat 11 Sept. [Charity abseil](#)

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

Sat 11 Sept. [CAFOD Faith in Action Day](#)

Sun 12 Sept. [Harvington Pilgrimage](#)

20-22 Sept. [John Henry Newman online symposium](#)

20-22 Sept. [Interreligious Dialogue: End of Summer School](#)

Wed 22 Sept. [Life in the Spirit series starts](#)

23-25 Sept. [FLORILEGIUM: A festival of Scripture, Art and Flowers](#)

24-26 Sept. [YOU CAN Family Retreat for Catholic families](#)

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

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

Sun 26 Sept. [Clergy Training Fund Mass of Thanksgiving](#)

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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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