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Season of Creation, Love Christmas, refugee befriending course, Mass for marriage and more



Second Season of Creation Study Day at Gidea Park 2 October

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1 September to the feast of St Francis on 4 October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home.

Gidea Park's study day on Saturday 2 October from 11am to 12.30pm is to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (Laudato si'), and the promotion of global solidarity (Fratelli Tutti).

These study days, 'The Cry of Creation' and 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham.

Season of Creation Study Day



Love Christmas Webinar

Love Christmas is a national initiative to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated.

Are you looking for a way for your parish to reach out this Christmas?

Join Divine Renovation's Love Christmas webinar on Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm to hear more and to find out how to get involved.

Love Christmas Webinar



Restore Training Course

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

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

Booking required

Restore Course



Dare to Hope

An opportunity for people of different faiths to share thoughts and understanding about climate change and our responsibility to care for creation.

How does religious belief impact upon attitudes towards the environment? What can be achieved together?

Zoom events Thurs 7th Oct and Thurs 14th Oct 2021
To register & receive a link, please contact:

Email Interreligious dialogue



Training and formation for ministers to the Liturgy: Day for Readers

St Nicholas Boldmere is holding a series of training days for readers, ministers of Holy Communion and leaders of prayer. **9 October is the Day for Readers.**

Those who serve the Church by assisting with the worthy celebration of her liturgy are called to work collaboratively within their particular ministry teams and with those others who assist the Church at prayer. In order to do this we all need to have a good understanding of what we are doing as ministers, and how it relates to what others do, and what we all do as the Church at prayer.

Day to day guidance and support for ministers is always available. But a broader formation is also necessary, and inevitably because of the organisation involved this is offered less regularly.

Training Days are being offered in Autumn 2021 for readers, ministers of Holy Communion and leaders of

Prayer.

Training Day for Readers



Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2021

This year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral is now at capacity so please send in the details of your anniversary and join us online via the Cathedral Website livestream.

It will take place on Saturday 9 October 2021 at 12noon, celebrated by Bishop David Evans.

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.

St Chad's Cathedral Livestream



Annual Intercultural Mass

The Annual Intercultural Mass is back with the Mass taking place in St Osburg's Church, Coventry, so linking to Coventry's designation as "City of Culture" this year and marking One World Week and World Mission Sunday.

Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Mass, beginning at 12.30pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome and asked to bring food from your country of origin to share.

This year the schools in partnership with Immaculate Conception School in Beirut will participate. The theme of "One World Week" is the environment: Act Now for Our Children's World

Annual Intercultural Mass

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Fri 1 Oct. [CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day](#)

Starts Sat 2 Oct. [Manresa Link Prayer Guide basic training course](#)

Sat 2 Oct. [Proximity- Altar Servers event](#)

Sat 2 Oct: [Season of Creation Study Day 2: The Cry of the Poor](#)

Sat 2 Oct: [Economy of Francesco Global Event for Young People: London](#)

Wed 6 Oct: [Love Christmas outreach webinar](#)

Starts Wed 6 Oct: [Restore training course](#)

Thu 7 Oct: [Organ recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Thu 7 Oct: [Dare to Hope - Caring for our Common Home](#)

Sat 9 Oct: [Training and Formation for Ministers to the Liturgy: Day for Readers](#)

Sat 9 Oct: [Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [Welcoming people with special needs and learning disabilities](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [Charity Gala at Alton Castle](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [ACTA National Conference](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [Annual Intercultural Mass](#)

Sun 17 Oct: [Time for Change Racial Reconciliation Service](#)

Thu 21 - Sun 24: [Retrouvaille Lifeline for Marriage Course Virtual Weekend](#)

Sat 23 Oct: [Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for Sanctity of Life Walsingham](#)

Sat 6 Nov: [Training and Formation for Ministers to the Liturgy: Day for Ministers of Holy Communion](#)

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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



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If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

Online Masses at St Chad's



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