

## News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham in October

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## Pastoral Letter recordings plus classes, training and courses for all.



### Pastoral Letter: the Synod 2021 - 2023

If you missed Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter on the Diocesan response to the Synod it can be found on our website in video, audio and text form.

Your parish priests are now taking part in Pastoral Area Days with a focus on the Synod, and what all our involvement will be.

More information will be shared with you over the coming weeks.

The overall theme for the Synod is '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*'.

The work to be undertaken across the Archdiocese during the Synodal process will be done in conjunction with the ongoing implementation of the *Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan*.

Join the Synod journey



### Welcome to Latin classes! Sign up now.

Lecturer Philip Marshall will lead a new Latin Programme with weekly, online evening classes, starting Friday 26 November.

This follows the the successful online Latin Summer School hosted by Maryvale Institute in July.

The new weekly evening class is for those wishing to take a Beginners Level certificate in the language.

Sign up for Latin



## Votes needed for Kenelm Youth Trust to win share of £1m

The Kenelm Youth Trust is in the running to win a share of a £1million Persimmon Homes Building Futures fund aimed at supporting under-18s across the UK, but first they need online votes to win.

Persimmon Homes West Midlands is backing The Kenelm Youth Trust to be a prize winner at a special event later this year, where cash awards of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 will be made to those with the most online votes.

Vote for KYT



## Invite from Alpha - Come & See sessions

We have all come through an incredibly difficult 18 months and we know that so many parishes have been wonderful sources of hope and support for their communities in that time.

We also know that many priests and lay leaders are feeling exhausted and perhaps a little nervous about church life as restrictions have been coming to an end around the country. We believe Alpha can play a key role in parishes gaining a sense of mission, building confidence in evangelisation and restoring community.

Whether you are brand new to Alpha or just need a refresher on what it is all about we'd love for you to join the Alpha UK Catholic Context team for an online Come & See session, tailored especially for Catholic parishes, where you will be guided through a sample session and can ask all your questions.

Online sessions in November and December - various dates and times.

Events



## New online course on The Beatitudes

You're invited to join a new course from the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Oxford.

John Dalla Costa is the presenter of The Beatitudes: Holding Fast to The Blessings Promised, a four-week online course about how we can prepare to welcome

Jesus anew, to receive the blessings of His Incarnation and become disciples of blessing ourselves.

Starts Monday 15 November.

## The Beatitudes Course



### Data Protection Training with Debbie - enquire now

Debbie Jones, the new Data Compliance Manager for the Archdiocese, is on hand to provide help and support on any data protection and privacy matters.

One of Debbie's first priorities will be to deliver data protection training across the diocese. Initially this will be online, but training can be offered in person where necessary.

Debbie is hoping to tailor training to suit what people are looking for, so this could be delivered to certain teams, people that perform a particular role or a group of volunteers performing different roles in a parish.

If you haven't had data protection training, or you think you would benefit from refresher training, please get in touch with Debbie via [debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk) or by phone 0121 230 6271.

Please provide Debbie with brief details about your role and where you are based. Also, if you have any areas that you would like her to include or any data protection issues or concerns.

### Pope Francis launches prayer campaign for Laudato Si'



On Sunday 14 November, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will begin offering Laudato Si' Planning Guides.

Laudato Si' Planning Guides help you discern and implement your response to Laudato Si'.

Your institution, community, or family is invited to make an early commitment to the planning process.

Sign up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform

### Sign up for Sight Loss Friendly Church online Tasters

Helping churches to welcome blind and partially sighted people.



Every six minutes someone in the UK starts to lose their sight. Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC), from Torch Trust, the UK Christian sight loss charity, are pleased to announce further dates of our popular Tasters.

These 30-minute Zoom sessions offer the opportunity to hear all the benefits of SLFC, meet the SLFC team and ask your questions. Sessions available are:

Tuesday 26 October at 2pm  
 Wednesday 10 November at 2pm  
 Tuesday 16 November at 11am  
 Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 2pm  
 Monday 24 January 2022 at 2pm

For more information please email  
[SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk](mailto:SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk)

Register for taster session

## Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

**Sat 23 Oct:** [Taster session for Prayer and Life Workshops \(Birmingham/Wolverhampton\)](#)

**Sun 24 Oct:** [World Mission Sunday](#)

**Mon 25 Oct:** [Marriage Care - Certificate in Relationship Counselling \(CRC\) open event](#)

**Thurs 4 Nov:** [Monthly organ recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

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

**Sat 6 Nov:** [The Diocese of Portsmouth hosts an online Symposium on Politics and Religion](#)

**Tues 9 and Sat 13 Nov:** [Alpha online - Come & See sessions](#)

**Tues 16 Nov:** [In conversation - The common good and the role of the Government](#)

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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.

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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