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2022 Lourdes Pilgrimage, vacancies, Christmas and Advent resources

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

Will take place from Sunday 29 May - Friday 3 June 2022.

We are pleased to announce that the leadership team for the Lourdes Pilgrimage is actively planning for the pilgrimage next year.

Lourdes has always been an important part of Diocesan life and therefore after two years absence we feel that we must make every effort to be present in Lourdes in 2022.

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022

Sign up: Volunteer-led balance programme for older people

Parishes are invited to participate in a volunteer-led balance programme for older people.

Dr Sheeba Rosewilliam is a physiotherapist and lecturer at the University of Birmingham and has developed a programme to prevent falls in older members of church congregations, which can be run by volunteers after they have received appropriate training.

The programme, which initially involved a number of churches in the Wolverhampton area, was very successful but has been interrupted by the pandemic.

An expansion of the programme is now underway and it is hoped even more churches will take part.

For more information please see the attached document from Dr Rosewilliam and contact her via email:

s.b.rosewilliam@bham.ac.uk

Diocesan Vision - the Season of Christmas

Christmas Explained: Why the Season of Christmas is important in our Christian life, when it is and what richness does it hold for us? With Mgr Tim Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral Birmingham.

As the Synod asks us to take a greater part in the life of the Church, these seasonal videos remind us of things that are basic but important or teach us things we didn't know and so enhance the faith of ordinary people.

The Liturgy and Worship Group's second video is on the season of Christmas and its importance in our Christian lives.

Season of Christmas video

Farewell to Steve

Steve Baylis our Head of Development will be leaving us in the early new year. Steve has decided to move to Wales for a major change in lifestyle.

Over the last six years Steve and the Development Team have brought in over £6m in external funding for our diocese and a further £6m to support capital works for other dioceses around the country.

During this time, we have also become the first diocese in the country to pilot contactless devices. Steve has become a regular visitor and supporter of parishes and will be missed by many across the Archdiocese.

Latest Women in Scripture Podcast

Fleur Dorrell, Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager from Bible Society and the Catholic Bishops' Conference, speaks to Natalie Orefice about a lesser known biblical woman - Sarah, from the book of Tobit.

Listen now for free via Soundcloud, Spotify or iTunes

Women in Scripture Podcast

Vacancies: Social Welfare Advisor,

Prison Chaplain, University Council Members, positions at KYT

New vacancies are available on the Diocesan jobs page.

We are seeking to recruit a part-time Social Welfare Advisor who will provide information, advice and practical assistance on social welfare issues to our Clergy or to those retiring/retired.

Newman University is looking for new members of its University Council (governors, trustees and company members).

HM Prison & Probation Service is seeking a Roman Catholic Chaplain.

Several positions are available at the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT).

Find out more on our jobs page.

[Jobs Page](#)

Diocesan handbook on the Synod

A guide to help kickstart conversations in parishes and communities is now available to download from our website.

The 'Walking Together' handbook is a step-by-step guide of what to do as parish meetings start to take place.

You can also watch back recent information talks held online.

[Synod handbook](#)

Resources for Advent and Christmas

As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

Please make use of Advent resources, reflections, videos and prayers now available on our website.

[Advent resources](#)

Dates for your diary:

Fri 24 Dec: [Midnight Mass broadcast on BBC from St Chad's Cathedral](#)

[Visit our Events page](#)

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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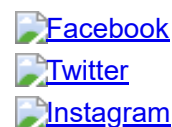
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