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Synod conversations, Cursillo encounter opportunities and Peace Sunday

The Synod: Now's the time to get talking

Have conversations started in your parish about the Synod?

If not now's a good time to make a start! We are all invited to journey together on this experience.

Please download the Diocesan guide from our website to help kickstart discussions in parishes and communities.

The 'Walking Together' handbook is a step-by-step guide of what to do as parish meetings get underway.

You can also watch back information talks held online.

And if you need help please email synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk

Walking Together

Cursillo Encounter Day and Weekend

All are invited to encounter Cursillo at Diocesan events in January and March.

'Cursillo' began in Spain in the 1940's and the name simply means 'a short course'. It has become a worldwide, tried and tested method of adult faith development. It is a way of making our discipleship effective and furthering the mission of the Church. The movement has papal approval and the support of our Archbishop.

An Encounter Day will be held on on Saturday 22 January at St Mary's the Mount Pastoral Centre, Walsall. From 10.30am to 2.30pm.

A three-day Cursillo Weekend will take place in March.

Cursillo information and booking

Peace Sunday – 16 January 2022

Theme of Pope Francis' World Peace Day:
*Education, work and dialogue between generations:
tools for building lasting peace.*

Once again Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, has produced a variety of online and paper resources to celebrate the theme. While there are some limits as to how we come together, we have materials for parishes, communities and families - allowing for as much creativity as possible, this is not limited to one day or place!

Peace Sunday

Pray24Brum

An invite from Birmingham Churches Together.

Pray24Brum enters its seventh year of hosting 24 hours of prayer for the City during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The 24 hours of prayer takes place between 8am and 8pm on Friday 21 January and between 8am and 8pm on Saturday 22 January 2022.

Take part in Pray24Brum

Good Neighbours initiative

Good Neighbours is looking for volunteers to visit lonely, vulnerable older people in Coventry and Bedworth. Could this be you?

A visit only needs to be 30 minutes every one/two weeks.

To find out more visit the website link below or email goodneighbours@hopecoventry.org.uk

Good Neighbours website

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sun 16 Jan: [Peace Sunday](#).

Mon 17 Jan: [Online lecture](#), [Expand the Place of your Tent](#)

Starts Tues 18 Jan: [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#).

Thurs 20 Jan: [Time4Change prayer meeting](#)

Thurs 20 Jan: [Alpha UK, Catholics Campaign Call](#)

Starts Fri 21 Jan: [Pray24Brum](#)

Starts Sat 22 Jan: [Course: Letting Teresa Speak](#)

Sat 22 Jan: [Cursillo Encounter Day](#)

Tue 25 Jan: [Divine Renovation Webinar: Rethinking Sacramental Preparation](#)

Wed 26 Jan: [The Common Good - 25 Years On](#)

Starts Wed 26 Jan: [Papal Talk Series](#)

Sat 29 Jan: [Kenelm Charity Gala](#)

Sun 30 Jan: [World Leprosy Day](#)

Tue 1 Feb: [Restore Training Course](#)

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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.

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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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