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# Latest Covid guidance, Project relaunch, Lourdes Pilgrimage, Synod resources

## Covid-19 update

The latest guidance for churches regarding Covid-19 has been issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference, with effect from Thursday 27 January.

The restrictions placed on public worship and the celebration of Mass, social activities and home visits have been reduced considerably.

[Latest guidance](#)

## Look Up project relaunched

All are invited to join the relaunch of the Look Up project in February.

The Archdiocese joined forces with the Medaille Trust to launch a six-year Look Up awareness campaign in February 2019, to work together to combat modern slavery in our communities.

This partnership is now being relaunched at a special online event on the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of Victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

All are invited to join the relaunch to hear about modern slavery in the West Midlands, how Medaille Trust are supporting victims and survivors and what you and your congregation can do to help.

The event takes place on **Tuesday 8 February from 6pm to 7pm.**

[Join Look Up relaunch event](#)

## Pact JustPeople workshop- date change

Would you like to put your faith into action by reaching out in a practical way to some of the most socially disadvantaged people in our community?

Pact's JustPeople workshops offer an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching, through the lens of people affected by imprisonment.

Online Workshop:

Part 1 - 19th February 2022 10am-1pm

Part 2 - 5th March 2022 10am-1pm

(N.B. Part 2 is a continuation of the first session)

JustPeople Workshop

## Join us for Lourdes 2022

Interested in joining this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Then register your interest today!

The leadership team for the Lourdes Pilgrimage is now actively planning for the pilgrimage.

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

## The Synod - new resource available

The latest resource to assist your Synod journey is from Diocesan Parish Priest, Fr Robert Taylerson.

His podcast introduces Spiritual Discernment in the context of Walking Together. Reflections to help with our Synod journey.

This, together with many other resources, can be found under 'Synod Resources' on our Synod webpage (click box below).

The deadline to receive feedback from Synod conversations is **Monday 28 February**.

If you need support at any stage of your Synod journey please ask for help by emailing [synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:synodalpathway@rcaob.org.uk)

Our Synod

## Job opportunities

A part-time Academic Administrator is sought at St Mary's College, Oscott, the Seminary in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

This role combines office-based administrative responsibilities with support and assistance for teaching staff and seminarians.

HM Prison & Probation Service are also recruiting for a part-time Roman Catholic Chaplain at HM Prison, Long Lartin, Evesham.

## Job and volunteering opportunities

## What does it mean to be a Sight Loss Friendly Church?

Every six minutes someone in the UK starts losing their sight.

Christian charity Torch Trust are pleased to announce further dates of their popular online Tasters.

These 30-minute Zoom sessions will give you the opportunity to learn about the benefits of being a Sight Loss Friendly Church as well as meeting the SLFC team and an opportunity to ask questions.

Tasters are easy to sign up for and held on the following dates:

Thursday 10 February, 2pm  
Thursday 17 February, 7pm  
Monday 14 March, 2pm  
Wednesday 23 March, 2pm

## Book Taster session

## Divine Renovation and Alpha Event: What is God Saying to the Church?

**Tuesday 1 March 2022.** A live online event to inspire you in your work in parish renewal, mission and evangelisation.

As we slowly emerge into a post-pandemic world, mission-minded parish leaders know we have an incredible opportunity to recommit our energies to finding bold and new ways to evangelise. But there are important questions many are wrestling with:

- What is the most urgent call for the Church?
- What have the past two years revealed about the Church and how she is fulfilling her mission?
- What are we being called to repent of, to turn from, and to turn towards?

Join Fr James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron and Rev Nicky Gumbel for a conversation on What is God Saying to the Church? This is a FREE online event.

Event registration and watch party packs are now available via the Divine Renovation website. Sign up today!

## What is God Saying to the Church

### Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

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

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

**Sat 5 Feb:** [Pact: Just People online workshop part 2](#)

**Sat 5 Feb:** [Resting in God and from Self - Living Prayer Lecture series](#)

**Tues 8 Feb:** [Relaunch of Look Up project with Medaille Trust](#)

**Thu 17 Feb:** [North Staffs Deanery Vocations Mass](#)

**Sat 19 Feb:** [Pact: Just People online workshop part 1](#)

**Tue 1 Mar:** [Divine Renovation and Alpha: What is God saying to the Church?](#)

[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

### Please follow us online

If you are on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram please follow the Archdiocese of Birmingham online.

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