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# World Day of the Sick, Courses and Conferences, Modern Slavery project relaunch

## Pope Francis' Message for World Day of the Sick February 11

The Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 30th World Day of the Sick Friday 11 February 2022 is available now via the Archdiocese website.

*"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).  
Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity"*

Message for World Day of the Sick

## Theology Conference - Exploring the Synodal Church

St Mary's College, Oscott, working with St Mary's University, London, is hosting a conference exploring the Synodal Church on **Friday 11 March – Saturday 12 March 2022**.

Building on the communion ecclesiology of Lumen Gentium, Pope Francis has launched a vision of a Synodal Church, which calls all the baptised - lay faithful, priests and religious to exercise co-responsibility together for the Church's mission.

This Theology Symposium offers a forum to begin to reflect theologically on this vision. It will integrate insights from ecclesiology, pastoral theology, spirituality, sociology, history and canon law.

It offers an opportunity for questions such as:

- How new is this vision and what are its theological and historical roots?

- What opportunities does it hold for evangelisation and mission?
- How will this Synodal process work in practice?
- How can we discern the voice of the Spirit in the local churches?

## Theology Conference: Synodal Church

### Look Up Modern Slavery 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](#)

### Free Virtual Academic Forum

Join Maryvale online on **Wednesday 16th February 2022 at 6.00 pm** for the St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology's Online Academic Forum, the latest in a series of occasional, public seminars by Maryvale academics.

This time, Dr Jeremy Pilch will be discussing *Eastern Orthodoxy*

[Register for Maryvale Forum](#)

### 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

### **YouCAN Birmingham retreat - Seeking the Face of Christ**

**Saturday 5 March, 10am to 6.30pm** at Belmont Abbey, Hereford.

Aimed at young Catholics aged 18 to 35. YouCAN Birmingham invites YOU to join us and learn about the faces of Christ in Western art in the contemplative calm of a Benedictine monastery.

## YouCAN Retreat

### **Apply now for CIGB Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy.**

CIGB Workplace Chaplaincy is an ecumenical charity which trains, places and supports voluntary Workplace Chaplains throughout Birmingham and Solihull.

CIGB Workplace Chaplaincy runs two Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy training courses each year.

Weekly two-hour sessions are held over seven weeks and aim to cover a wide variety of topics relating to Workplace Chaplaincy.

The Spring course begins on Thursday 3 March, 5pm – 7pm at an easily-accessible city centre venue.

**The closing date for applications Friday 18 February.**

## CIGB Workplace Chaplaincy

### **Kenelm Jubilee Charity Gala**

A gala to celebrate 25 years of Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT).

Charity Gala at Alton Castle on **Saturday 16 July 2022, 6pm.**

Join the KYT team at Alton Castle for a celebration of 25 years of Alton Castle and its ministry to children and young people.

The black tie event starts with a champagne reception followed by dinner and dancing.

Proceeds from the evening will help support the work of KYT in reaching out to all young people.

## Book KYT Gala Tickets

### Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

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

**Fri 11 Feb:** [World Day of the Sick](#)

**Sun 13 Feb:** [Racial Justice Sunday](#)

**Wed 16 Feb:** [Maryvale Virtual Academic Forum](#)

**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?](#)

**Thu 3 Mar:** [Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy Training Course](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [YouCAN Birmingham Retreat](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [Pact JustPeople Online Workshop Part 2](#)

**Sat 5 Mar:** [Lenten Retreat](#)

**Fri 11 - Sat 12 Mar:** [Theology Conference - Exploring the Synodal Church](#)

## More Events

### 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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