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# Racial Justice Sunday, prepare for Lent and Easter, job opportunity at St Chad's Cathedral

## Lent and Easter resources

The start of Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday falling on 2 March this year.

We are compiling a useful guide of activities, resources and retreats on the diocesan website.

Suitable for individual, family, parish and school use.

[Lent and Easter resources](#)

## Job opportunity at St Chad's Cathedral

A vacancy has arisen for a Cathedral Steward at our Diocesan Mother Church, St Chad's Cathedral.

Full-time position (35 hours per week) available.

[Jobs and volunteering opportunities](#)

## Racial Justice Sunday, 13 February

This year's theme, In the Image and Likeness of God, celebrates presentations of the Holy Family from different cultures.

This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday about the importance of everyone being able to see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life.

[Racial Justice Resources](#)

## Refresher Day for parish liturgical ministers

To be held at St Nicholas, Boldmere, on **Saturday 5 March**, this day is arranged particularly for ministers from parishes in the northern part of Birmingham North and East - but all ministers are welcome.

A day of talks, Q and As and Holy Hour.

[Register for Refresher Day](#)

## Lydia of Thyatira: Latest Women in Scripture Podcast Out Now

A brand new episode of the Women in Scripture podcast is out this weekend - Jenny Pilkington, from Thame, speaks to Natalie about Lydia of Thyatira.

[Women in Scripture Podcast](#)

## The Synod - deadline approaching for parish feedback

Thank you to all who are taking part in conversations on the Synod in our parishes and communities.

The deadline to receive feedback 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)

Please make use of all the resources available on our website, including the Diocesan handbook.

[Our Synod journey](#)

## 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**.

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

## Free Virtual Academic Forum

Join Maryvale online on **Wednesday 16 February at 6pm** 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

## Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

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

Wed 16 Feb: [Scripture workshop hosted by Society of St Gregory](#)

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

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

Sun 20 Feb: [Online meeting with A Call to Action \(ACTA\) Birmingham](#)

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

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

Fri 4 Mar: [World Day of Prayer](#)

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

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

Sat 5 Mar: [Lenten Retreat](#)

Sat 5 Mar: [Refresher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

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

### Please follow us online

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

Our accounts are being used more than ever before to share news, events and information.

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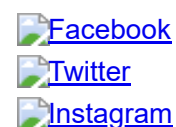
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