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New £2.5m grant programme launched, preaching the gospel in a multifaith society

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](#)

New £2.5 million Catholic grant programme launched

The Charles Plater Trust has launched a new £2.5 million grant programme which hopes to offer up to £500,000 in grants for good causes, annually, for the next five years.

It is calling on all registered charities who share its Catholic Social Teaching values to apply for grants for social action, lay leadership or applied research projects for up to £50,000 per grant.

Parishes and communities interested in applying are encouraged to contact Jane Bamber, Community Development and Fundraising Manager for the Archdiocese of Birmingham, for help and advice on moving forward with an application.

[Charles Plater Trust](#)

Nurses for Lourdes

If you would like to join the nursing team for Birmingham's 80th pilgrimage to Lourdes 29 May - 3 June 2022, please get in touch:

chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

07503 898 991

Useful dates:

Training Day: 26/03

Nursing team handover: 22/05

Preaching the Gospel in a Multifaith Society

A Call to Action (ACTA) Birmingham is holding a Zoom meeting with the theme 'Preaching the Gospel in a Multifaith Society'.

Mission is one of the themes of the synodality process and walking together leads inevitably to the mission of the Church.

Dr Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Principal of Redcliffe College, will be speaking on the theme of Mission in a Multifaith and Multicultural Society.

Sunday 20 February from 2.30pm - 4pm. To get the link to join the Zoom meeting, please email actabhm@gmail.com

ACTA Online Event

Four Approaches to Edith Stein

A NEW mini online course from the Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Oxford.

Dates: **3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March 2022**

Time: 7pm-8.30pm

Instructor: Professor Peter Tyler

Prof Peter Tyler is Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality.

Carmelite Friars

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

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

Our Synod journey

What is God Saying to the Church? (Online event)

Divine Renovation and Alpha invite you to a live online event with Fr. James Mallon, Bishop Robert Barron, and Revd. Nicky Gumbel where they'll discuss: what is God saying to the Church?

This is a FREE event for parish leaders – clergy and laypeople alike – on the topic of mission, evangelization, and parish renewal, happening on **Tuesday, March 1, 2022**, at 6pm.

To learn more about this event and to register, visit:

Divine Renovation Event

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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.

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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

Please follow us online

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

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