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Walsingham Pilgrimage returns for 2022, Science and Faith in the Second City and more events coming up

Take up Spiritual Weapons for Ukraine

The Bishop of Plymouth, Bishop Mark O'Toole, has strongly urged all Catholics to pray for peace in Ukraine. This follows Pope Francis' call to observe Ash Wednesday, 2 March, as a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace.

"We all feel somewhat impotent," said the Chair of the Department of Evangelisation and Discipleship at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in a Pastoral Message.

The Bishop urges all Catholics to pick up the weapon of prayer: "Physical attendance at Mass, for those who are able, can be a practise that is lived in these days as an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are suffering."

He said that the weapon of fasting: "is an act of solidarity with those who are poor." He described: "how shocking it has been for us to see the scenes of panic food and fuel-buying in Ukraine, of the very real sacrifices forced on people as a result of war. Fasting brings us closer to them."

And the weapon of almsgiving helps us to be in solidarity with "the poorest in our communities" and "more sensitive to the needs of our neighbours, both at home, and in Ukraine."

His hope is that "our countries will be generous in receiving these desperate brothers and sisters fleeing for safety from war in their homeland."

Pray for Ukraine

A Weekly Focus on Lent

To help you to participate in a faith-filled Lent this year, the Diocesan Liturgy and Worship Group will be selecting a different Lent resource for you to explore on the Diocese Life blog every week, starting this week.

[Diocese Life Blog](#)

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Saturday 14 May

Parishes are invited to join this year's Pilgrimage to Walsingham after a two-year break.

On previous pilgrimages to Walsingham most people have travelled by coaches organised by their local parishes.

Anyone who would like to take part in this year's pilgrimage is advised to speak to their parish priest in the first instance, to join a coach organised locally.

[Join the Walsingham Pilgrimage](#)

ReSPECT - Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment

A problematic process?

An event by the Association of Catholic Doctors in association with the Medical Ethics Alliance. There has been a good deal of concern about the way in which Respect forms are used and this will give an opportunity to find out more.

With Dr Adrian Farrell, Consultant rheumatologist, followed by open discussion.

3.30pm, Saturday 26 March at Newman House, 29 Harrisons Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3QR.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and there is no charge.

Science and Faith in the Second City

Many people are of the view that science has 'killed' God, so making the Christian faith irrelevant.

This event series will address many of the questions which emerge from this view and show, how science and the Christian faith are not only compatible but, that the Christian faith has important insights into contemporary scientific and cultural issues.

The Science and Faith project is administered by ChaplaincyPlus and the 'IS FAITH REASONABLE?' partnership.

First event: Tues 26 April

Can science explain everything? ~ Prof John Lennox (University of Oxford)

Science and Faith

Father Hudson's Care launch Good Shepherd Appeal

Father Hudson's Care launched the Good Shepherd Appeal 2022 on Wednesday 2 March.

To support work in schools Father Hudson's have also made available a range of downloadable educational materials and fundraising resources to download from the website.

This year the charity hopes to return to holding a number of Good Shepherd Masses across the Archdiocese.

Money raised by schools during Lent enables Father Hudson's Care to continue their work supporting children, adults and families across the diocese.

Good Shepherd Appeal

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

Sign up for the nursing team

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Tue 8 Mar: [Commonwealth Games prayer event](#)

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

Tues 22 Mar: [Divine Renovation webinar: From Courses to Conversions \(part 2\)](#)

Thu 24 - Sun 27 Mar: [Three-day Cursillo weekend](#)

Tue 26 April: [Science and Faith on the Second City: Event 1](#)

More Events

Supporting your parish

You have asked us how you can continue giving to your parish.

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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