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Diocesan response to Ukraine, join the Holy Hour for Peace plus lots of new opportunities

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.

[Diocese Life Blog](#)

Ukraine: Our Diocesan Response

Many people want to help those who are having to leave their home country of Ukraine, who will be offered refuge in this country until it is safe and possible to return.

The Archdiocese and Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham have asked Father Hudson's Care to coordinate the many generous offers of help.

This is so that we can put in place a welcome that will be so important to the individuals and families in this tragic situation. Click on the link below to find out more.

[Ukraine: Diocesan Response](#)

Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine and Prayer of Consecration in Union with Pope Francis

Tomorrow, Friday 25 March, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Archbishop Bernard Longley will unite the Archdiocese with this Act through the praying of the Act of Consecration in St Chad's Cathedral.

Tomorrow (Fri) at 7pm Archbishop Bernard will lead a Holy Hour of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine.

In union with the Holy Father and with the Bishops of England and Wales and Bishops throughout the world he will pray the prayer of Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace.

Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine

Secrecy and Subterfuge: Catholic Life in Early Modern England

Tuesday 3 May 10-4. A History Day to mark the Feast of the English Martyrs, organised by the Archdiocesan History and Archives Commission in collaboration with Harvington Hall in Worcestershire.

Talks on disguise, concealment and the Elizabethan Catholic Underground of the Reformation Martyrs will take place within the Hall, with an opportunity for tours of the Hall, including its priest hides.

Secrecy and Subterfuge

Newman University Council seeks new members

Could you be a member of the Newman University Council?

Do you have the time to volunteer your time and expertise, making a contribution to the lives of students, staff and the whole Newman Community?

We welcome applicants from all backgrounds, as we believe that everyone has something to offer.

University Council

The Catholic Medical Association Conference and AGM

Taking place at St Mary's University, Twickenham, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 April.

The subject will be Palliative and Terminal care: The Christian Way and will cover ethical, theological, philosophical and practical issues including legal aspects.

Find out more and book

Lourdes - limited spaces and slight date change

We have taken the decision to limit the number of spaces available on the pilgrimage, so if you wish to book, please do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note that there is a date change, with **flights now departing on Saturday 28 May** - at no extra cost.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Sponsor Lourdes t-shirts

Could you support our young pilgrims in Lourdes by sponsoring this year's t-shirts?

Young people are recognised by their distinctive diocesan t-shirt and yellow neckerchief, and also wear the t-shirts at other functions around the Archdiocese.

Visiting Lourdes has a real impact on our young people, many of whom come from Catholic secondary schools across the Archdiocese, and they make a huge contribution to the pilgrimage.

If you are interested in supporting their pilgrimage journey through sponsorship please email Maria at the Kenelm Youth Trust.

maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Latest vacancies

Opportunities currently listed on our website include:

- Modern Slavery Outreach Caseworker
- Assistant Subject Leader Religious Education
- Roman Catholic Chaplain
- Newman University Council Members
- New Trustees for Father Hudson's Care
- Operations Manager, Brushstrokes Community Project
- Governance Clerks

Visit Jobs webpage

Out now! Spring edition of The Basilican

The latest edition of the publication of St Chad's Cathedral Association is now available.

Highlights in this edition include:

- Florilegium: A peripatetic festival of scripture, art and flowers by David McLoughlin and Anne Symonds.
- The Jesuit residence of St George by Michael Hodgetts. Michael is a well-known historian who has had many books published and is a regular contributor to our Basilican magazine.
- From Birmingham to London via Rome, by Fr Jan Nowotnik. Fr Jan tells us about his ecumenical and interreligious work.

The Basilican

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Thu 24 - Sun 27 Mar: [Oxford Three Faiths Encounter](#)

Fri 25 Mar: [Holy Hour for Peace in Ukraine and Prayer of Consecration](#)

Sat 26 Mar: [ReSPECT - A problematic process?](#)

Sat 2 April: [Catholics in Health and Social Care - Event 2](#)

Sat 9 April: [Proud2Profess 2022](#)

Sat 9 April: [Hosanna! A story for Easter in song and mime!](#)

Sat 23 and Sun 24 April: [The Catholic Medical Association Annual Conference & AGM](#)

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

Tue 3 May: [Secrecy and Subterfuge: Catholic Life in Early Modern England](#)

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

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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