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# Embrace Friendliness in your parish, Climate Change and Catholic Action, Holy Week

## 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.

This week it's Lent and Easter at the Movies, presented by the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

[Diocese Life Blog](#)

## Fill your street with Friendliness

### As One - free resources and Community Partnership

You may already have seen some of the 2,000 large vinyl banners "Fill your street with Friendliness" that are starting to be displayed around Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley and across Worcestershire.

What you may not know is that this highly innovative partnership with the four local authorities, schools, GP surgeries and others, has actually been initiated by churches or all denominations working together.

Although not overtly religious, there is something of seizing the moment of the Commonwealth Games in the Midlands this summer as well as the national events to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Especially in the light of two years where opportunities for parish gatherings have been limited, this summer and these events might suggest the possibility of an outdoor occasion (e.g. picnic lunch) in your parishes and neighbourhoods.

If you would like to request a free banner for your church or school, simply send a message to the nearest location to you from this list below:

[birmingham@as-one.uk](mailto:birmingham@as-one.uk)  
[walsall@as-one.uk](mailto:walsall@as-one.uk)  
[dudley@as-one.uk](mailto:dudley@as-one.uk)  
[worcestershire@as-one.uk](mailto:worcestershire@as-one.uk)

Fill Your Street with Friendliness

## Climate Change and Catholic Action

All welcome to join next week's online talk hosted by ACTA (A Call to Action).

Carlos Zepeda, deputy director of The Laudato Si' institute in Oxford, will be speaking on the theme of how we as Catholics can respond to the greatest threat to our world - climate change.

The talk is on Friday 8 April from 2pm to 3.15pm.

Sign up for talk

## Ukraine: Our Diocesan Response

The Archdiocese is holding regular meetings with local Ukrainian communities, Fr Hudson's Care, Caritas Social Action Network and other agencies as we look at the best way for us to respond to the government's Homes for Ukraine programme.

All updates on this response will be published on the Diocesan website as and when they are available.

Response to Ukraine

## Young Adults' Cross Walk - Wolverhampton to Cefn Lea

The Lay Community of St Benedict is organising three Holy Week pilgrimages for teenagers, young adults, and older adults, walking to Cefn Lea.

A Cross Walk, or Holy Week pilgrimage, is a unique experience to journey together across the beautiful Welsh countryside, carrying a wooden cross.

It is a walk of witness, a chance to build new friendships in faith, while preparing to celebrate the Easter Triduum with the Lay Community of St Benedict at Cefn Lea Park, Dolfor, mid-Wales.

Full details and book for Cross Walk

## Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at St Chad's Cathedral

Please find below details of this year's services at our Diocesan Mother Church, St Chad's Cathedral.

You are also welcome to join via the cathedral's live stream facility on its website.

**Palm Sunday** - Sunday 10 April - Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am.

**Mass of Chrism** - Wednesday 13 April at 11.30am  
*(Clergy only this year)*

**Mass of Last Supper** - Thursday 14 April at 7.30pm.

**Walk of Witness** - Good Friday 15 April. Starting at The Church at Carrs Lane at 10am.

**Solemn Liturgy** - Good Friday 15 April at 3pm.

**Easter Vigil** - Saturday 16 April at 8pm.

**Easter Sunday** - Sunday 17 April - Masses at 9.30am & 11.30am.

**Easter Monday** - Monday 18 April - Easter Monday Men's Mass at 10am. Open to all.

[St Chad's Cathedral website](#)

## Good Friday Walk of Witness, Birmingham

All are welcome to attend this year's Good Friday Walk of Witness in Birmingham city centre.

The ecumenical event makes a welcome in-person return. Virtual Walk of Witnesses were held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

The event marks Christ's journey to the cross, starting from The Church at Carrs Lane and finishing at our Diocesan Mother Church, St Chad's Cathedral.

[Walk of Witness](#)

## Restore Training Course - book now!

Restore is motivating for action with our next training course for those interested in befriending or wanting to learn more about refugee issues.

Our next online training course will take place over three evenings in June - 9, 16 and 23 from 7.15pm – 8.45pm.

Bookings now being taken.

[More information and book for Restore](#)

## **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.

Book your tickets now!

[Secrecy and Subterfuge](#)

## **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](mailto:maria.bracken@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

## **Latest vacancies**

Opportunities currently listed on our website include:

- Chief Executive Officer, Pax Christi
- Administration Assistant apprentice, Columban Missionaries
- Assistant Subject Leader Religious Education
- Roman Catholic Chaplain

- Newman University Council Members
- New Trustees for Father Hudson's Care
- Governance Clerks

Visit Jobs webpage

## Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

**Fri 8 April:** [ACTA host talk on Climate Change and Catholic Action](#)

**Sat 9 April:** [Proud2Profess 2022](#)

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

**Sat 9 to Thurs 14 April:** [Young Adults' Cross Walk](#)

**Fri 15 April:** [Good Friday Walk of Witness in Birmingham](#)

**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](#)

**Wed 27 April:** [DR Webinar: Putting on the Full Armour of God](#)

**Wed 27 April:** [Society of St Gregory Scripture Workshop](#)

**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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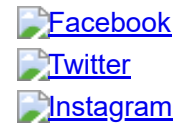
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