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Vocations Sunday, join the Walsingham Pilgrimage, access new Mustard Seeds educational programme

This month: Walsingham Pilgrimage

Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 14 May.

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 month's pilgrimage is advised to speak to their parish priest in the first instance, to join a coach organised locally.

Or contact pilgrimage director, Fr Philip Griffin, directly on 01384 395308 or via email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk

[Walsingham Pilgrimage](#)

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Join us in prayer on Sunday 8 May as we pray for all vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life.

The Diocesan Vocations Office has produced materials for parishes, schools and universities to use.

[Vocations Sunday](#)

A second collection to support those seeking safety in the Archdiocese from Ukraine

Many parish communities in our Archdiocese have already been most generous in their support – financial and through prayer - for those who are suffering because of the war in Ukraine.

Archbishop Bernard has asked parishes to hold a second collection on or around the **14/15 May 2022** to support our ability to respond to the many needs connected with this work of welcome.

We have already seen, in St Chad's Sanctuary, many Ukrainian families coming for support as they have not yet received a destitution fund. Our Ukrainian communities in Wolverhampton and Coventry have held successful orientation and community events for Ukrainian refugees. We want to expand this work and support across the Diocese.

[Response to Ukraine](#)

Job opportunity - Director of Education Services, Archdiocese of Birmingham

We are recruiting for a visionary Director of Education Services who, along with a capable and committed education team, will help realise the enormous potential within a forward-thinking Diocesan family of schools working in solidarity with one another.

Other opportunities currently listed on our website include:

- **NEW: Operations Manager** - Brushstrokes charity
- **NEW: Fundraising Manager** - Father Hudson's Care
- **Programme Leader** at Soli House
- **Development Director** for CIGB - Workplace chaplaincy
- **Administration Assistant Apprentice**, Columban Missionaries
- **Newman University**, Council Members
- **Trustees** for Father Hudson's Care
- **Communications and Administrative Officer**, at Restore

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New Women in Scripture podcast

What do Miriam and Mary have in common? Find out in the latest Women in Scripture podcast with Natalie

Orefice and this month's guest, Dr Angela Costley, St Mary's College, Oscott.

Discover the latest Podcasts

Mustard Seeds programme is live

A new visual educational resource to aid our Catholic faith journey has been launched for school and parish use.

Chris Noonan, a parishioner at All Souls Church, Coventry, has created 'Mustard Seeds' and will be producing a series of short films on various topics connected to the Catholic faith.

Access Mustard Seeds

Prepare for Pentecost

Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday 5 June 2022, fifty days after Easter Sunday.

It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles.

Please visit our website for prayers, resources and reflections.

Celebrating Pentecost

Charity launches Pentecost Challenge

Ecumenical charity Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) has launched a new vocational scholarship programme, Road to Success, to help Christians become less dependent on tourism and move into skills gaps in the region.

You're invited to help raise funds for the charity's vital work in the Holy Land by virtually walking, running, cycling or swimming the 100-mile pilgrimage route from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Pentecost Challenge

Join the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians

Taking place on the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 22 May.

The annual International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians enables Eastern and Western Christians to come together in prayer during Easter. The event unites the Roman Catholic Church in Europe with the Eastern Catholic Churches in union with the Bishop of Rome.

All welcome to join in prayer and/or donate.

Support Eastern Christians

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sun 8 May: [Vocations Sunday](#)

Tue 10 May: [Quo Vadis? Blessed Carlo Acutis](#)

Thurs 12 May: [An Evening at St Chad's Cathedral with Sarah Kroger & Dom Quaglia](#)

Fri 13 - Sun 15 May: [The God Who Calls](#)

Fri 13 - Sun 15 May: ['The Breathing of the Air' weekend retreat](#)

Sat 14 May: [Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham](#)

Sat 14 May: [Divine Renovation Open House - Salford](#)

Sat 14 May: [Catholics in Health and Social Care: Event 3](#)

Sun 15 May: [Healing Garden open day, Northampton](#)

Mon 16 May: [Quo Vadis? Blessed Chiara Badano](#)

Tues 17 May: [Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse](#)

Sun 22 May: [International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians](#)

Tue 24 May: [Science and Faith in the Second City - Event 2](#)

Thurs 26 May: [Quo Vadis? Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati](#)

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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