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Relics Tour, celebrating St Chad, join the Sacred Heart Novena

Save the dates! Relics of St Bernadette coming to the Archdiocese

A pilgrimage of the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Bernadette Soubirous, is coming to the Archdiocese of Birmingham this October.

The relics will be visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes in Halesowen and the Immaculate Conception in Bicester over the weekend of 7 - 10 October.

[Relics Tour](#)

Celebrating St Chad - book now

Join us for a day of celebration and history organised collaboratively by St Chad's Cathedral and the Archdiocese of Birmingham History and Archives Commission.

Saturday 18 June, opening with Mass at midday, including the Rite of the Dedication of the Altar.

The historical event, for which advance booking is required, will begin after Mass with light refreshments, and an opportunity to visit a special historical exhibition in the Archives of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Speakers include Dr John Jenkins from University of York, and Dr Judith Champ, Archdiocese of Birmingham.

[Book now for celebrating St Chad](#)

Urgent call for donations of food

St Chad's Sanctuary welcome project for refugees and asylum seekers in Birmingham city centre is running out

of tinned food, pasta and soap, shampoo and toothpaste.

Our schools and parishes have been so generous at providing these items over the years. Recognising these to be difficult times for so many people, demand for these basic items is exceeding supply.

Please consider a school or parish collection of the following items:

Shampoo
Shower gel
Rice
Tinned tomatoes
Pasta

Please try to bring them to St Chad's Sanctuary during opening hours, or you may drop them off at St Chad's Cathedral during daytime office hours.

Thank you for your continuing generosity. These are not luxury items but they could be all that is put in a person's hand when they arrive in our city with nothing.

Support St Chad's Sanctuary

Corpus Christi Procession, Birmingham

All welcome to join this year's Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday 19 June.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi join us for Mass at 1pm at St Michael's on Moor Street.

The procession leaves at 2pm arriving at St Chad's Cathedral around 2.30/2.45pm where there will be a small service with Benediction.

Corpus Christi

Join the Sacred Heart Novena this month

All welcome to join at The Sacred Heart Chapel, Maryvale.

Annual Novena preparing for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 24 June 2022.

Mass and Novena Prayers in Maryvale Chapel each evening at 7pm. From Thursday 16 to Friday 24 June.

A different Celebrant each evening. Includes visits to the Shrine (England's oldest public Chapel of the Sacred Heart).

Sacred Heart Novena

New Women in Scripture podcast

The latest podcast, available from this weekend, focuses on Simon's Mother-in-Law.

Natalie Orefice, Advisor for Parish Evangelisation, is in conversation with Lynda Sanders.

[Tune into Podcast](#)

Book now for 'Sharing the Church's Story'

A one-day conference with Bishop Robert Barron.

Saturday 17 September 2022, 9am to 6pm, London.

Catholic Voices is collaborating with the Word on Fire Institute and the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom to organise this event.

[More information and book](#)

Formation programme offered by CHARIS

Available to pick up at any time.

CHARIS, the Catholic Charismatic Renewal International Service, is offering an Integral Formation Programme.

The two-year programme carries a recommendation from Pope Francis.

The programme is directed to servants, animators, formators, leaders and all those who would like to better understand Jesus and themselves.

We will explore spirituality, vocation, how to communicate and evangelise effectively, how to make our groups grow and remain.

[Explore CHARIS](#)

Ignatian Spirituality talks, all welcome

St John the Evangelist, Banbury, is to host 'Ignatian Spirituality - a Deep Dive'.

The series of in-person talks over five weeks starts on Monday 13 June.

Guest speakers will deliver the introduction to prayer and contemplation through the teaching of St Ignatius of Loyola.

[Join the conversation](#)

Book now for ecumenical 'Service of Praise' to welcome the Games

The Commonwealth Games will be staged at venues across our Archdiocese area from Thursday 28 July to Monday 8 August.

Hundreds of thousands of people will be heading to our region this summer and we extend a very warm welcome to all.

To assist those who wish to visit a Catholic church during their time in the area we have listed all the Catholic churches within the vicinity of the region's Commonwealth Games venues.

An ecumenical 'Service of Praise: The churches of Birmingham welcome the Commonwealth Games' will be held at St Chad's Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday 24 July. Booking now open.

Commonwealth Games in the Diocese

Sign up now for summer events

A host of summer events are taking place over the coming months. Take a look, share in your parish and book your place today!

July: [Together Festival 22](#)

July: [KYT Summer Camp](#)

Late July: [Jesuits in Britain retreat](#)

Late July: [YouCAN Pilgrimage to the Holy Land](#)

August: [Society of Saint Gregory - Summer School](#)

August: ['Encounter' Weekend](#)

August: [Youth 2000 Summer Festival](#)

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Fri 10 - Sun 12 June: [The Climate Emergency: What next?](#)

Mon 13 June: [Ignatian Spirituality - A Deep Dive, session 1](#)

Tue 14 June: [CIGB AGM](#)

Wed 15 June: [Science and Faith in the Second City: Event 3](#)

Wed 15 June: [Seminar - The Man With Two Consciences: A Modern Catholic Horror Story](#)

Starts Thurs 16 June: [Annual Novena preparing for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus](#)

Sat 18 June: [Celebrating St Chad at Altar Dedication](#)

Sat 18 June: [Refresher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

Sun 19 June: [Corpus Christi Procession](#)

Starts Sun 19 June: [The Daughters of Teresa Series](#)

Mon 20 June: [Ignatian Spirituality - A Deep Dive, session 2](#)

Tues 21 June: [Lecture: How the Arts & Crafts brought God down to earth](#)

Wed 22 June: [Fit 4 Function event](#)

Wed 22 - Sun 26 June: [World Meeting of Families 2022](#)

Sat 25 Jun - Fri 1 July: [Ancient Byzantine Iconography Course](#)

Mon 27 June: [Ignatian Spirituality - A Deep Dive, session 3](#)

Thurs 30 June: [Sunday Experience: Revitalising Music Ministry in your Parish](#)

Sat 2 July: [Divine Renovation Connect, Nottingham](#)

Sun 3 July: [Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes Hednesford](#)

Mon 4 July: [Ignatian Spirituality - A Deep Dive, session 4](#)

Fri 8 - Sun 10 July: [Scripture and Spirituality Conference 2022](#)

Sat 9 July: [Together Festival 22](#)

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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.

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