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## Experience Lourdes at this weekend's Hednesford Pilgrimage

### **THIS SUNDAY: All welcome at the Hednesford Pilgrimage - Live stream also available**

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford, Staffordshire, is this Sunday (3 July).

- 1pm refreshments available
- 2.15 - 3.45pm Confessions
- 3pm Rosary
- 4pm Mass with Anointing - Celebrant Bishop David Evans.

Please bring a chair!

The Rosary and Mass will be available on live stream - please join online if you cannot come in person.

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Hednesford Pilgrimage 2022

### **National Synthesis Document Released**

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has published the National Synthesis on the Synod.

This reflects on Synod reports submitted by dioceses, including the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reflecting on the theme "*For a Synodal Church: communion, participation, mission*".

National Synthesis

## **Support Sea Sunday, 10 July**

Sea Sunday will be held this year on 10 July. Please kindly remember seafarers and fishers in your prayers.

Many parishes will hold a second collection for Catholic charity Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea).

This organisation provides pastoral and spiritual support to seafarers and fishers. The war in Ukraine is once again highlighting the importance of seafarers to the world economy.

Stella Maris is providing practical and pastoral support to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world, including those affected by the war in Ukraine. Your prayers and support are greatly needed.

Sea Sunday

## **Book for ecumenical Service of Praise**

The Commonwealth Games are just weeks away.

All are invited to join a 'Service of Praise: The churches of Birmingham welcome the Commonwealth Games' at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 24 July.

We will be joined by the Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the High Sheriff of the West Midlands (former athlete David Moorcroft).

Archbishop Bernard Longley will introduce the service and Bishop Mike Royal (General Secretary of Churches Together in England) will be the Preacher.

A varied programme of music will be provided by the Cathedral organist, a worship band and the Birmingham City Council Workplace Choir.

Book your free ticket for the Service of Praise

## **Christian Heritage Centre Summer Courses, book now**

**Catholicism & Contemporary Culture, 4 – 7 August**

Explore the themes of truth, sacramentality and the symbolic in Catholicism and the challenges from contemporary culture.

**The Search for Happiness, 26– 29 August**

Explore the four pillars of the good life – the cardinal virtues – and how they structure our search for happiness, through the philosophy and theology of St Thomas Aquinas.

CHC events

## **New Dawn residential conference**

**New Dawn in the Church** is a Catholic Family Pilgrimage Conference taking place between Monday 1 - Friday 5 August 2022 at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

This will be the 36th conference and for the first time the main adult programme will take place within the Shrine and Basilica grounds.

[Book for New Dawn](#)

## **Closing date looming: Fundraising Co-Ordinator sought for the Venerable English College Heritage Collections**

The Venerable English College (VEC) in Rome is a Catholic seminary established by the Holy See in 1579 and has historic collections of international significance dating back to 1362 which include a collection of some 15,000 rare books and numerous works of art.

The College is seeking a fundraising co-ordinator to raise additional funding from a variety of sources and to help shape the ongoing fundraising strategy.

This is a self-employed consultancy position for an anticipated twelve-month period.

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## **Dates for your diary: the month ahead**

**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](#)

**Sun 10 July:** [Sea Sunday](#)

**Mon 11 July:** [Ignatian Spirituality - A Deep Dive, session 5](#)

**Wed 13 July:** [Faith Alliance Summit](#)

**Sat 16 July:** [Kenelm Charity Gala](#)

**Fri 22 - Sun 24 July:** [Annual Justice and Peace Conference](#)

**Thu 23 July:** [Catholic Union Summer Gathering](#)

**Sun 24 July:** [Second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly](#)

**Sun 24 July:** [Service of Praise: The churches of Birmingham welcome the Commonwealth Games](#)

**Sun 24 July:** [KYT Summer Camp](#)

**Tues 26 July - Thurs 4 Aug:** [YouCAN Pilgrimage to the Holy Land](#)

**Wed 27 July - Mon 1 Aug:** [Retreat with the Jesuits](#)

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## More Events

### Supporting your parish

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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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