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Welcoming the new Vice Rector, nominate your parish for a national award, pray for Sea Sunday

New Vice Rector for Oscott College

Fr Michael Dolman, Rector of St Mary's College, Oscott is delighted to announce that Fr Andrew Allman is the new Vice Rector.

Fr Andrew, of Lancaster Diocese, will take up his appointment on Wednesday 3 August. He is currently the parish priest at St Clare's, Preston and the chaplain at the Royal Preston Hospital.

St Mary's College, Oscott, the seminary of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, forms men for the priesthood from 15 dioceses in England, Wales and Scotland, as well as Religious Congregations. It also prepares men for ministry as permanent deacons for five dioceses.

Fr Andrew takes over from Fr Paul Keane, who has been appointed as Catholic Chaplain to the University of Cambridge.

New Vice Rector for Oscott

Ignatian Spirituality- A Deep Dive

Monday 11 July, St John the Evangelist Banbury.

This summer join a conversation on contemplation: on what it is and how we can do it.

An introduction to prayer and contemplation through the teaching of St Ignatius of Loyola. Suitable for beginners or as a refresher.

With guest speakers to guide us through, be part of the journey.

Ignatian Spirituality & Everyday Life

Faith Alliance Summit Coventry

The Faith Alliance Summit is taking place at Coventry Cathedral on Wednesday 13 July.

This Summit is the first ever gathering of faith leaders from across the West Midlands with a pledge to end youth violence.

The event takes place at Coventry Cathedral and will feature keynote speakers and inspirational young people sharing messages of hope, action and building flourishing futures for our communities.

Faith Alliance Summit

Help us plan events to keep your parish

Fit for Function

Fit for Function is a working group made up from the Anglican dioceses of Coventry, Hereford, Gloucester, Birmingham, Worcester, Lichfield and the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Through our shared experience of church buildings and the projects that we are asked to offer help and support for, we know that it's not always easy to work out what is possible, where to start, and what help churches can get to achieve this.

Whether it is repairs, renovations or advice on community use, we would like to plan a conference that is useful to you and people like you, who care about their church buildings and their future.

To help plan for future events please would you take a few minutes to respond to our questionnaire by Sunday 31 July.

Fit for Function

Celebrating 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines

This special celebration takes place on Friday 8 July at 7pm.

Arranged by Fr Fretch Ballesteros SDV, Filipino Chaplain, together with Fr Vitalis SDV, Parish Priest at Corpus Christi, Stechford.

Archbishop Bernard Longley is the Principal celebrant.

500 Years of Christianity in the
Philippines

This Sunday is Sea Sunday

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

Lifeteen Summer Camp - limited number of spaces left!

Sunday 24 - Thursday 28 July - Ten remaining spots for Young People from our Archdiocese.

Do you have your first week of the summer holidays planned? If not, then please join over us for five days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships.

Stay in our beautiful Alton Castle! Home-cooked food, wild and crazy games. You can enjoy a day at Alton Towers, spend time biking and trekking, celebrate daily Mass and have the opportunity for reconciliation. This year we have archery, campfires and a surprise day trip to a secret location and so much more.

An amazing opportunity for anyone aged 12-18 years! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Summer Camp

Nominations open for the National Church Awards

The first ever National Church Awards to celebrate churches and the people who use and look after them are now open for entries.

The categories for the 2022 awards are:

- Church architecture
- Church maintenance
- Church volunteers
- Church tourism

Entry deadline is Monday 1 August.

A special prize for the UK's 'Church of the Year' also

forms part of the awards, being run by the National Churches Trust.

The National Church Awards are open to any church, chapel or meeting house in the UK and are free to enter. Nominations will be judged by a team of church and heritage professionals. Churches can enter for as many categories as they wish.

The Awards will culminate in a high profile ceremony, including a glorious high tea, to be held at the historic Mercers Company Livery Hall in the City of London in October 2022.

National Church Awards

New job opportunities in the network

Office and Facilities Manager Brushstrokes, Smethwick

Brushstrokes Community Project is an award-winning project delivered through Father Hudson's Care, founded in partnership with the Infant Jesus Sisters, Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd Sisters and the parish of St Philip Neri, Smethwick.

The project is well established with a proven track record in supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Sandwell and surrounding areas. Apply by **Thursday 21 July 2022**.

Communications and Administrative Officer at Restore

An opportunity to join a small busy staff team committed to working towards Restore's vision of a society into which all refugees and asylum seekers are welcomed, valued and integrated.

Restore is a project of Birmingham Churches Together. Apply by **Tuesday 19 July 2022**.

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YouCAN on Fire!

The Centre for Catholic Studies, CCS, is partnering with the Young Catholic Adult Network in the UK, YouCAN, to host an exciting conference in Durham, 9-11 September 2022: YouCAN On Fire!

YouCAN on Fire! is a two-day conference exploring Catholic Christian calling to evangelise the whole world with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It will feature speakers from the Benedictines, the Dominicans, Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Voices, including a training workshop, SVP, CAFOD.

YouCAN on Fire

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Fri 8 July: [Mass to Celebrate 500 Years of Christianity in the Philippines](#)

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](#)

Mon 1 - Fri 5 Aug: [New Dawn in the Church Conference](#)

Wed 3 - Sat 6 Aug: [Society of St Gregory Summer School](#)

Thu 4 - Sun 7 Aug: [Catholicism & Contemporary Culture](#)

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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.

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