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World Day for Grandparents, book now for Oscott tours and Green Christian's 'Deep Waters' course



Safeguarding Review Published

An independent review undertaken by the charity Barnardo's on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in relation to the management of concerns about Joseph Quigley, a priest in the Archdiocese, is now available on the Diocesan website.

The Trustees of the Archdiocese of Birmingham have accepted this review and its 18 recommendations in full and you can also see the full response on the website.

As an institution it is for the present Bishops and Trustees to take corporate responsibility, to apologise, learn and ensure best safeguarding practice now and in the future.

There has been a significant amount of positive change in Diocesan safeguarding practice, however, these recommendations will help inform ongoing learning and improvement within the Archdiocese.

[Diocesan website](#)



This Sunday is the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis' theme of the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly comes from Psalm 92, "**In old age they will still bear fruit**", to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

[World Day of Prayer for Grandparents](#)



Booking open for Green Christian's 'Deep Waters' online course

Starting on September 20, Deep Waters is Green Christian's faith-based eight-session programme for enabling people to express their feelings about climate change.

It seeks to help people navigate climate grief and eco-anxiety, and leads towards a place of active hope. Deep Waters is a practical resource for pastoral needs and is available for churches and other groups.

Deep Waters Course



September tours of Oscott College now bookable

St Mary's College is a residential training college for young men who have entered into the vocation of training to be part of the Catholic Priesthood.

It has been at its present location since 1838 and was decorated by the eminent Victorian architect, Augustus Welby Pugin.

As a residential facility, the College is private property and not normally open to the public.

Tours of the public spaces at the college, finishing with tea and cake, can now be booked for September.

Oscott Tours



Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

Thursday 18 August 2022 marks the beginning of the Diocesan Novena to pray for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi.

The Novena of Prayer lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Friday 26 August.

The annual Novena of Prayer for the Cause of Blessed Dominic Barberi is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

Another saint for our Diocese? Find out more about Bl Dominic:

Novena for Blessed Dominic Barberi

Homes for Ukraine Parish Property



Guidance

To help parishes where all or part of a parish property is to be provided for Ukrainians, the property department has created a guidance note and two precedent draft documents to help with tenancy.

These are available on the Diocesan website along with other documents which you may find helpful.

Property Resources

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Sat 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](#)

Fri 29 July: [Carmelite Friars- Encounter Festival](#)

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](#)

Sun 14 Aug: [Aid to the Church in Need Assumption Pilgrimage](#)

Fri 19 Aug: ['Encounter' Weekend- Summer Residential Conference](#)

Fri 26 - Mon 29 Aug: [Youth 2000 Summer Festival](#)

Fri 26 - Mon 29 Aug: [Summer Course: The Search for Happiness](#)

Sun 4 Sep: [Harvington Pilgrimage](#)

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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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It's great to see information coming into us which we can share with others, please keep it coming!

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