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Join a Novena, new opportunities, free organ recitals during August

Starts next week: 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](#)

New Trustee sought for Father Hudson's Care

Help us change lives for the better. Become a trustee for Father Hudson's Care.

A new member for the Finance, Land and Support services sub committee is needed, particularly someone from an accountancy background.

One of the best ways to help a charity is to provide good and wise governance.

If you would like to talk about this opportunity please contact the Father Hudson's CEO, Andy Quinn, on 07966 935533 or andyquinn@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Father Hudson's Care is the Social Care Agency of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

[Full details on Jobs page](#)

Volunteer coordinator needed at St Chad's Sanctuary, Birmingham

St Chad's Sanctuary is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic Volunteer Coordinator to lead, organise and nurture our large team of volunteers.

You will have experience of working or volunteering in a busy community setting and will have an understanding of the experiences of asylum seekers and refugees.

Since 2010 St Chad's Sanctuary has provided welcome, friendship and practical support for asylum seekers and refugees in need.

Do you have what it takes to join us?

[Visit Jobs page](#)

Pilgrimage to Knock, September

All are welcome to the Ethnic Chaplaincy Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo next month.

The Ethnic Chaplaincies Inaugural Pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

Running from Saturday 3 to Tuesday 6 September.

[Join the Pilgrimage](#)

Diocesan online resources for Parishes

A document on property VAT has been added to the Property Resources section on the Diocesan website.

Value Added Tax, or VAT as it is commonly referred to, is paid on most items and services including those used within the maintenance and repair of parish buildings.

There are some instances when particular works or specific buildings may be entitled to a different VAT rate than the current 20%. There is also the opportunity for listed churches to apply for a grant against the VAT cost of certain works.

The guidance document seeks to outline when this might be the case and how to go about ensuring your parish can benefit.

[Access Property Resources](#)

Free Organ Recitals every Thursday in

August, St Chad's Cathedral

All are welcome to join free 40-minute live Organ Recitals at 1.15pm in St Chad's Cathedral every Thursday during August.

For the duration of the recent Commonwealth Games, Birmingham City Council lit up significant buildings including St Chad's, the Diocesan Mother Church.

Organ Recitals

Sight Loss Sunday, 16 October

Invitation from Torch Trust.

Following the success of our first ever Sight Loss Sunday last year, we're excited to repeat it this year with the theme *Made in God's Image*.

Sight Loss Sunday is an opportunity for churches to put sight loss into focus whether they have someone in their congregation experiencing sight loss or not.

Sight Loss Sunday

Calling all deacons! Join the National Deacon Assembly

2-4 September, Liverpool Hope University

The theme for the 2022 National Deacon Assembly is '*50 years and counting. Permanent Diaconate – past, present....future*'.

The Assembly is open to Deacons, Diaconal aspirants, men in formation, wives, all clergy, in fact anyone who is interested in the Permanent Diaconate.

It marks the renewal of the permanent diaconate as an active, permanent order of ministry and looks forward in a changing world to how the diaconate will continue to be "a driving force for the Church's service or diakonia toward the local Christian communities and a sign or sacrament of the Lord Christ Himself" (Paul VI, Apostolic Letter *Ad Pascendum*, Introduction).

Deacon Assembly

Job Opportunity - Chaplain, HMP Featherstone

HMP Featherstone in Wolverhampton is seeking a full time Catholic chaplain.

The job holder will provide for the religious care of prisoners and staff in the Roman Catholic faith tradition including (for ordained priests) sacramental provision, and appropriate pastoral care for all irrespective of faith or tradition.

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Thu 18 Aug: [Thursday Live Organ Recital with Stefan Klemm](#)

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

Thu 25 Aug: [Thursday Live Organ Recital with David Saint](#)

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

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

Thu 1 Sep: [World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation](#)

Thu 1 Sep: [Thursday Live Organ Recital, September, with Daniel Cook](#)

Fri 2 - Sun 4 Sep: [National Deacon Assembly](#)

Sat 3 - Tues 6 Sep: [Ethnic Chaplaincy Pilgrimage to Knock](#)

Sun 4 Sep: [Harvington Pilgrimage](#)

Fri 9 Sep: [YouCAN on Fire! Conference](#)

Sat 10 Sep: [Refresher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

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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.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

Support your Parish

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