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March for Life, Harvington Pilgrimage, Marriage Encounter, Workshops and Assemblies

Starting tonight- 40 Martyrs of England and Wales

Every Thursday evening at 9.30pm Eastern Daylight Time (Fridays 2.30am BST), Shalom World will bring you a new episode featuring the incredible stories of men and women who stood strong amidst their trials.

Filming of a future episode on St Nicholas Owen has just been completed at our own Harvington Hall in Worcestershire.

Shalom World presents '40 Martyrs of England and Wales'

[New Series - 40 Martyrs](#)

March for Life UK

Support this year's March for Life UK on Saturday 3 September in London.

After morning events and Mass, the March starts at 2pm from The Emmanuel Centre. Ends at Parliament Square at 4.30pm.

The theme for this year's event is '10 Million Too Many' as this year we reach the figure of 10,000,000 for the amount of children whose lives have been legally ended by abortion since the Abortion act was passed in 1967.

[March for Life UK 2022](#)

Harvington Pilgrimage

Canon Richard Walker will celebrate a special Mass to commemorate the English Martyrs in the beautiful grounds of Harvington Hall in Worcestershire, **Sunday 4 September.**

A house which holds many secrets, Harvington contains seven priest hides. Humphrey Pakington, who inherited the estate in 1578 was a staunch Catholic and thus subject to the harsh penal laws of the Elizabethan age.

Newcomers are welcome, and the pilgrimage includes free tours of the Hall itself. Bring a picnic for a wonderful reflective day out.

The pilgrimage offers you a chance to reflect on our faith and the persecution, and often martyrdom, of Catholics during the English Reformation.

Harvington Pilgrimage 2022

Marriage Encounter Experiences

Marriage Encounter England and Wales are offering opportunities to couples to experience a life-changing weekend as they prepare to spend their lives together. Couples across the Archdiocese of Birmingham who are married, or preparing to get married, can take part in-person or online.

The next experiences are:

- Marriage Encounter experiences are online on 24 and 25 September 2022 (via Zoom) and then in-person in Rugby from 18 - 20 November 2022.
- Engaged Encounter experiences are on 8 and 9 October 2022 in-person in Hallam, Sheffield and online on 12 and 19 November 2022 (via Zoom).

The Marriage Encounter experience offers the opportunity to refresh, enrich, deepen and bring love back into all relationships.

The experience offers precious quality time to support lifelong relationships, personal and spiritual growth, all in a Catholic faith context.

Marriage Encounter Experiences

Workshop on Faith and Science in the local church for Christian leaders, October 2022

The Science and Faith in the Second City Project in Birmingham is organising a one-day workshop for Christian leaders on the theme of 'Faith and Science in the local church'.

This workshop is in collaboration with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge and some of the speakers are on the staff of the Faraday Institute. The workshop will include talks and discussion on the following broad themes:

- God and Science – stimulating worship, enhancing faith
- Exploring Science and Faith with Children and Young People

- Environmental issues and Climate Change – what should we be doing in the local church?
- Medical Dilemmas at the End of Life
- Stars and Life - Being a scientist and a Christian
- Creation and Evolution – Do we have to choose?

The workshop is for lay/ ordained and small group leaders from any denominational background.

Science and Faith Workshop

Justice and Peace Assembly 2022

You are invited to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission's Annual Assembly 2022.

Once again we are going to be holding our assembly online via Zoom.

It will take place over three Monday evenings at 7.30pm, starting with the first session on Monday 19 September:

Tax Justice: What? Why? For Whom?

Working on a See-Judge-Act process, the session is intending to explore the role tax plays in our creation of a just and life-enhancing society and will look at how public opinions on tax are created and sustained, the social elements that tax enables, the values that it expresses and how our faith speaks to the modern conversation that tax must always be reduced. Some aspects of the campaigning and lobbying work of Church Action for Tax Justice will be introduced.

Book Justice and Peace Assembly

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

Fri 26 - Mon 29 Aug: [Youth 2000 Summer 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 Sep: [March for Life UK](#)

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](#)

Sun 11 Sep: [Celebrating Education Sunday](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [Sharing the Church's Story with Bishop Robert Barron \(London\)](#)

Sun 18 Sep: [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday](#)

Mon 19 Sep: [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 1](#)

Tue 20 Sep: [Green Christian Host Deep Waters Online Course](#)

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