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# Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

**The Season of Creation has started today, Thursday 1 September, on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

*Pray with us:*

Father, Lord of all creation,  
we praise you with all your creatures  
and the whole universe that comes forth from the work  
of Your hands.  
We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility  
that You give us as stewards of Your creation.  
In our ignorance we have done damage to our common  
home  
and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son  
guide and direct us to prepare for a better future.  
Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the  
universe,  
for all things speak of You.  
Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all  
You have created,  
using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit,  
who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew  
order out of the chaos  
help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and  
beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out.

You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.

Season of Creation

## The Archdiocese and the Environment

Be a part of the Archdiocese's dialogue on mitigating climate change and achieving net zero carbon

emissions.

Find out more about the work of the Diocesan Climate Action Group and achievements to date.

## Environment

### Join us this weekend for the 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

### Justice and Peace Assembly 2022

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

Once again it will be hosted online via Zoom.

It will take place **over three Monday evenings** at 7pm, starting with the first session on **Monday 19 September**:

Tax Justice: What? Why? For Whom?

## Book Justice and Peace Assembly

### Craigmyle Lecture 2022 hosted by Catholic Union

**Monday 19 September**, 6.30pm in person in London and live streamed.

Baroness Sheila Hollins will deliver the annual Catholic Union Craigmyle Lecture on *'Keeping Children and Vulnerable Adults Safe – Insights from the Vatican'*.

All welcome, free to attend and followed by a drinks reception.

## Catholic Union Lecture

## JustPeople online workshop

Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust) invites you to join them at an online JustPeople Workshop taking place on **Saturday 17 September**, 9.30am – 3pm, via Zoom.

Free to attend, it offers an opportunity to reflect upon Scripture, Church Teaching and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment in the Archdiocese of Birmingham and beyond.

[Register for workshop](#)

## ADoRE online spiritual mini-retreat

**Saturday 17 September**, 10am -1pm. Hosted by ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal, Hampshire).

Theme: 'Deliver us from evil' - we overcome evil through the victory of Christ.

Special guest speaker is Ros Powell - Catholic evangelist with a powerful Prophetic and Healing ministry; well-known and gifted speaker at national conferences.

[Online mini-retreat](#)

## MACS Awareness Week

MACS is the national charity supporting children and adults born with one of, or sometimes a combination of, three rare eye conditions: Microphthalmia (small eye), Anophthalmia (no eye) and Coloboma (cleft or gap in the eye structure).

MACS is asking churches to support this year's MACS Awareness Week, which runs from 12 to 18 September, in any of the following ways:

- Taking some literature to pass out to your congregation
- Hosting a MACS Coffee Morning
- Holding a collection
- Planning your own event in aid of MACS

Please contact [enquiries@macs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@macs.org.uk) for more information.

[Find out more on the MACS website](#)

## Transition Retreats, Oxford

Hosted by the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford, **Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 October 2022**.

Three individual retreats, a full-day for each retreat, either as a day participant, residential or online. The

retreats are also available as a three-day event.

The themes are: Navigating Life Transitions; Seeking integration through the mid-life transition; The ultimate transition: facing up to death.

## Explore Transition Retreats

### Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

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](#)

Tues 6 Sep: [Reflections and Prayer with the Holy Trinity Laudato Si Group \(Newcastle-under-Lyme\)](#)

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 \(London\)](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [JustPeople Workshop](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [ADoRE online spiritual mini-retreat](#)

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

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

Mon 19 Sep: [Catholic Union lecture](#)

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

Wed 21 Sep: [Ecumenical Service on UN International Day of Peace, Coventry](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Conference: Why End of Life Companionship Matters](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Online launch of 'Gathered' - Diocesan Parish Youth Leaders Network](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Online event hosted by Divine Renovation: What's next after Alpha?](#)

Sat 24 Sep: [SVP Festival Mass and Gathering](#)

Sun 25 Sep: [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#)

Mon 26 Sep: [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 2](#)

Thu 29 Sep: [Science & Faith event 4 - My mental health and spirituality](#)

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## 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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