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## Queen Elizabeth II, Rest in Peace

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Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham prays for the Repose of the Soul of Queen Elizabeth II and for the new monarch, King Charles III and the Queen Consort.

"Although the Queen's life has been long and full, this is still a time of sadness, first of all for her family, but also for so many people who have admired the Queen's dignity and dedication throughout her life.

"In particular, as people of faith, we have valued her frequent references to her own faith in Christ, which has given her strength and guidance in all the circumstances of her life."

You can read his message in full and watch the Mass for the Repose of the soul of the Queen from Friday 9 September on the Archdiocese website.

Many of our churches and parishes will be holding Masses for the repose of the Queen's soul, including a further Mass at St Chad's Cathedral with Archbishop Bernard this Sunday 18 September.

Oxford Oratory has announced that the 11am Mass on Sunday 18 September will be a Solemn Requiem Mass in the Extraordinary Form for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. All Masses offered on Monday 19 September will be Requiem Masses for the late Queen.

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**Relics of St Bernadette Tour**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate St Bernadette and venerate her relics as they visit three venues across the Archdiocese in October.

The relics will be visiting *St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham*, *Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford* and the *Immaculate Conception in Bicester* over the weekend of **7 - 10 October**.

The national pilgrimage tour started in Westminster last weekend and is now making its way around the country.

Please take a look at the timetable for the three venues and choose when and where you'd like to venerate the relics, and/or attend special Masses.

Please register the time you wish to attend (*this helps the venues anticipate numbers, it is not a timeslot - entry to venues will be via queuing*).

### Venues to Visit and Register

## Guild of St Stephen Mass for Altar Servers

The Holy Mass of thanksgiving for Altar Servers at St Chad's Cathedral is at 12noon on Saturday 1 October, during which altar servers will have the opportunity to renew their promises. Our principal celebrant and homilist this year is Bishop David Evans.

Details of how to register your attendance have been issued to all parishes, please liaise with your Parish Priest in the first instance.

### Mass of Thanksgiving

## Season of Creation Biodiversity Podcasts

'Jubilee for the Earth' is a podcast mini-series about biodiversity and our sacred story produced by the Missionary Society of St Columban.

Over the course of six weekly episodes the beauty of biodiversity and the threats it faces will be explored.

### Jubilee for the Earth Podcast

## Cafod Online Mass for Family Fast Day

### Friday, 23 September 7 - 8pm

Join CAFOD online for a special Mass live from Nairobi, Kenya on Friday 23 September at 7pm celebrated by Fr Simon Asira Lipuku, Regional Superior of the Salesians of St John Bosco for East Africa from the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Nairobi.

In Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival as they face a

food crisis that could be worse than any we've lived through.

All are welcome. Register here to receive the link.

## Cafod Fast Day Mass

### **Cafod Family Fast Day**

**Harvest – World Food Crisis Appeal. 7 October**

Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD.

## Family Fast Day

### **Vacancy: Head of Safeguarding**

We are seeking a Head of Safeguarding for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The post holder will manage the operations of the safeguarding team, who operate in accordance with the statutory framework and the Catholic Church's safeguarding policies and procedures.

Following a period of significant change and improvement, now is an exciting time for an experienced safeguarding professional to join this friendly and creative team to further develop and embed excellence in safeguarding practice.

This will be a rewarding role for an experienced safeguarding professional.

## Find out More: Jobs Page

### **Vacancy: Chief Executive Officer for Pax Christi**

Pax Christi is an international Catholic movement for peace, based on the gospel, inspired by faith and Catholic Social Teaching.

The well-established British section of Pax Christi works within the Church, with ecumenical partners and with all who are putting into practice the work of peace, built on justice, reconciliation, and active nonviolence.

They are looking to appoint a creative and energetic peacemaker to be responsible for developing, co ordinating and implementing the work of this membership organisation.

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## **Catholic laymen encouraged to join the Catenian Association**

The Catenian Association is an international body of Catholic laymen who meet at least once a month in local units called Circles. They are committed to their Faith, their families, to those in need and to each other.

Membership offers deep and lasting friendship and support to Catholic men at all stages of their lives, whether married or single.

The Catenians welcome new members and are actively encouraging Catholic laymen to find out more about the organisation.

David Prescott, from the Kenilworth Circle 202, has been a Catenian for 12 years.

“Membership is very much a personal thing for each individual but our support for one another in faith is the biggest thing for me,” said David. “The monthly meeting provides a time for relaxed enjoyment among supportive and faithful friends... Whatever difficulties you face in life there will be members and their wives committed to helping you.”

Discover the Catenians

## **Harvington Hall to feature in new series on the 40 Martyrs**

**Wednesday 22 September at 9.30pm.**

Harvington Hall in Worcestershire will feature in episode 6 of a new series on the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales by Shalom World TV.

The episode will look at St Nicholas Owen, whose skill and ingenuity in the building of priest holes saved hundreds of lives during the Reformation.

Thus far the series has told the stories of St Margaret Clitheroe, St. Edmund Campion, St. John Southworth and St. Philip Howard.

Shalom World says:  
We bring you the incredible stories of men and women who stood strong amidst the trials! Shalom World presents '40 Martyrs of England and Wales'

40 Martyrs Series

## **Justice and Peace Assembly 2022 DATE CHANGE**

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.

Out of respect for our late Queen we have rescheduled our session on *Tax Justice: What? Why? For Whom?* Instead of it taking place on Monday 19th September, the day of the Queen's funeral, it will now take place on **Monday 10th October at 7pm**

## Book Justice and Peace Assembly

### Diggers start digging at Eternal Wall site

Work on the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer has begun with a new video for supporters to watch.

The video shows the work that has begun on the access road. The Wall now has nearly 14,000 backers.

Eternal Wall Founder Richard Gamble project says: "We are now a colossal step nearer to declaring to millions that Jesus is alive, He listens and He answers.

"There's still some way to go, but stick with us, keep praying, keep sharing stories of answered prayer, keep volunteering and keep donating. Together we can do this, and share the hope of Jesus for generations to come."

### Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer Update

### Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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

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

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

**Sun 18 Sep:** [Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Queen Elizabeth II St Chad's Cathedral](#)

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

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

**Wed 21 Sep:** [The Parables of Luke online talk](#)

**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?](#)

**Fri 23 Sep:** [Cafod Online Food Crisis Mass](#)

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

**Sat 24 Sep:** [JustPeople Workshop](#)

**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](#)

**Sat 1 Oct:** [Guild of Saint Stephen Mass of Thanksgiving](#)

**Mon 3 Oct:** [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 3](#)

**Thu 6 Oct:** [Thursday Live Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

**Fri 7 and Sat 8 Oct:** [Building Back Greener Conference](#)

**Sun 9 Oct:** [Prisoners' Sunday](#)

**Mon 10 Oct:** [Justice and Peace Comision Annual Assembly Session 1](#)

**Wed 12 Oct:** [Science and Faith in the Second City Event 5](#)

**Sun 16 Oct:** [Sight Loss Sunday](#)

**Sun 16 Oct:** [Pause for Hope Ecumenical Service Birmingham](#)

## 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.

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