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## World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Relics arrive in two weeks

### Relics of St Bernadette arrive in the Archdiocese soon!

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**.

This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes.

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

### World Day of Migrants and Refugees

#### Sunday 25 September 2022

The 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 is celebrated on 25 September - the last Sunday of the month. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees'.

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It's always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many

challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

## World Day of Migrants and Refugees

### **Listen to the Voice of Creation: Pakistan**

**Monday 3 October 2022 5-6pm**

In July, Sindh Province in Pakistan received a staggering 500% increase in rainfall, causing catastrophic floods.

This event offers you the chance to hear directly from Pakistan about the effect of these floods, an opportunity to ask questions and to pray for Pakistan in this online event, hosted by the Archdiocese.

[Register for Voice of Creation: Pakistan](#)

### **Second Small Grants initiative launched**

The Charles Plater Trust (CPT) has opened its 2022 small grants programme, **closing 10 October**.

It is calling on all small sized charities who have an imaginative proposal for a social action, lay leadership or applied research project with a specific community or group, to apply for a grant for up to £5,000.

The grant can be used to fund responses to local need in parishes, deprived communities or with marginalised groups and is for a one-year period.

[CPT Small Grants Programme](#)

### **ACTA National Conference 2022 Online**

The Parish? The Now and Future Church, **22nd October 10:30-16:30**

In the aftermath of the Covid pandemic and following the Synodality process, this year's A Call to Action (ACTA) annual conference will be focussed on the future of the Parish with Dr Phyllis Zagano as key note speaker.

She is a well-recognised theologian and a member of the Study Commission on the Women's Diaconate established by Pope Francis. Please do book your place soon so that the organisers can work on the practicalities of the day.

[ACTA Conference](#)

### **Oscott Lectures: Neighbours Without Borders**

The title "Neighbours without borders" comes from Pope Francis' encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti - On Fraternity and

Social Friendship, 80). Reflecting on the globalised world of today, he notes that “the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading” and yet it is “the culture of encounter...which is the way to restore hope and bring about renewal” (FT, 30).

This series of evening lectures to be held at **Oscott College in November** explores the role of the Church and dialogue in building such a culture of encounter in service to humanity.

## Neighbours without Borders Lectures

### **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](#)

### **Dates for your diary: the month ahead**

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](#)

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](#)

Mon 3 Oct: [Listen to the Voice of Creation: Pakistan](#)

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

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

Fr 7 Oct: [Cafod Family Fast Day](#)

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

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

Mon 10 Oct: [St Bernadette Relic Tour Livestream for Schools](#)

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](#)

Tue 18 Oct: [Workshop on Faith and Science for Christian Leaders](#)

Tue 18- Thu 20 Oct: [Transition Retreats- Carmelite Priory Oxford](#)

Wed 19 Oct: [Maryvale Online Forum](#)

Sat 22 Oct: [ACTA 9th Annual Conference](#)

## 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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