

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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A week to go until the Relics of St Bernadette arrive in the Archdiocese

Arriving in the Archdiocese next week!

The Relics of St Bernadette.

There's still time to register for this 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 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

Listen to the Voice of Creation: Pakistan

Join us on Monday 3 October, 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](#)

Supporting the LOUDfence initiative

Ribbons, messages and prayers will be displayed along Colmore Row, Birmingham, next week (Monday 3 – Sunday 9 October), as a sign of visible solidarity with survivors of abuse.

The initiative, known as LOUDfence, is being hosted by St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, with the support of various partners, including survivor-led charity Survivors Voices and the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham.

Members of our Diocesan Safeguarding Team are set to attend various events.

[Get involved in LOUDfence](#)

Vacancy: Head of Safeguarding

Closing date for applications is Monday 3 October

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: Registry Assistant, Maryvale Institute

A new opportunity has opened in the Archdiocese for a Registry Assistant at Maryvale Institute.

The post holder will work as part of a small team of administrative staff supporting the Institute's higher degree, degree and adult formation programmes. .

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Restore Training Course, Autumn

Who is fleeing persecution and seeking sanctuary?

This free training, online over three weeks in October, is open to anyone who wants to find out more about refugee issues or who wants to explore the possibility of befriending a refugee or asylum seeker through Restore.

The first session is on **Monday 3 October at 7.15pm.**

Its focus is Global refugee issues, overview of the situation in the UK, introduction to Restore and befriending including input from a volunteer befriender.

Restore Training

Calling all Diocesan Secondary Schools!

The Columban Missionaries in Britain and Ireland have launched their latest Schools Media Competition - *'Building Peaceful Futures'*.

The competition is aimed at students aged between 13-18 years old who are invited to demonstrate an awareness and an understanding of conflict and peacemaking in the world today through the submission of either a written article or an original image.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning entrants and the first prize is an impressive £300.

Schools Media Competition

Training day for Youth and Children's Leaders, Leamington Spa

Saturday 1 October, 10am-4pm

Thrive Youth Ministries are hosting a one-day conference at Whitnash Methodist Church, Leamington Spa, for all those who help in youth & children's work.

There will be seminars and workshops, led by various youth & children's ministry specialists, to help you grow as a leader and to discover new ways of investing in children and young people.

Topics include how to be the best leader you can be, reaching and keeping children, enabling young people to worship, and running a young group built on relationships, not activity.

Book for Conference

Lunchtime Webinar: 'Can we improve on God's design?'

Wednesday 12 October, 12.30pm

Fr David Goodill OP - 'Can we improve on God's design?'

Transhumanism is a modern movement that seeks to 'upgrade' humans, including through genetic modification or creating electronic interfaces with our brains or bodies. However, is it blasphemous to attempt to improve on God's creation, which he declared 'good'? Is it even wise? To what extent are we free to see our bodies as a blank canvas or a raw material to be altered according to our own whims?

Join Webinar

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

- 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](#)
- Mon 3 Oct:** [Restore Training Course, Autumn, week 1](#)
- Wed 5 Oct:** [Online talk: Understanding Sacred Art](#)
- Thu 6 Oct:** [Thursday Live Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)
- Fri 7 and Sat 8 Oct:** [Building Back Greener Conference](#)
- Fri 7 Oct:** [Cafod Family Fast Day](#)
- Sun 9 Oct:** [Prisoners' Sunday](#)
- Sun 9 Oct:** [Ecumenical Service to mark Prisons Week](#)
- Mon 10 Oct:** [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 1](#)
- Mon 10 Oct:** [St Bernadette Relic Tour live stream for Schools](#)
- Mon 10 Oct:** [Restore Training Course, Autumn, week 2](#)
- Wed 12 Oct:** [Science and Faith in the Second City Event 5](#)
- Wed 12 Oct:** [Webinar: 'Can we improve on God's design?'](#)
- Sun 16 Oct:** [Sight Loss Sunday](#)
- Sun 16 Oct:** [Pause for Hope Ecumenical Service Birmingham](#)
- Mon 17 Oct:** [Restore Training Course, Autumn, week 3](#)
- 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.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

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