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Pause for Hope, relive the Relics Tour, volunteers needed

This Sunday: Pause for Hope

Ecumenical Service, Birmingham

A Pause for Hope service of prayer and music, for all those affected by cancer, will be held in St Dunstan's Church, High Street, Kings Heath, on **Sunday 16 October** at 3pm.

Organised by Churches Together in Kings Heath, it is an opportunity to remember loved ones, pray for patients, carers, medical professionals and those searching for the cure to cancer.

[Pause for Hope](#)

Thank you to all pilgrims

Who visited and venerated the Relics of St Bernadette whilst they were in the Archdiocese last weekend.

Thousands of people made the journey to either St Chad's Cathedral, Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford or the Immaculate Conception in Bicester to see them.

It was a blessed experience.

You can read all about the visits, and see photographs, on the news page of the Diocesan website.

[Relive the Relics Tour](#)

An Introduction to GDPR and Working Safely - sign up now

Thank you to those who have already signed up to join a session with Debbie Jones, our Diocesan Data Compliance Manager, on handling data in your parish and the potential pitfalls to avoid.

There are still places available, please do take part.

Debbie will be hosting online sessions on **Thursday 27 October and Friday 28 October** at 10.30am.

The sessions will run for approximately 45 minutes, including time for questions, and will provide guidance, such as where to find useful GDPR resources, what you should do if you think there has been a data breach and much more.

They are **ideal for parish secretaries, new parish staff members, parish safeguarding reps and all others who handle personal data in our parishes.**

Although at the recent Conservative Party Conference changes to the UK GDPR were announced, there will still be obligations for us to manage personal data in the same way as under GDPR. Many of the changes to be introduced in the new Data Reform Bill will not affect us.

If you would like to sign up to a session please contact Debbie on 0121 230 6271 or via email: debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk

Volunteers needed at Tabor House

Could you help to make a difference to people accessing Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent shelter?

Volunteers are urgently required to support a number of shifts across Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Tabor House offers shelter, safety and support to people experiencing homelessness.

See [Jobs & Volunteering page](#)

'Where are you Christians'

Join us for a new Diocesan event at Harvington Hall with Aid to the Church in Need, for the charity's Red Wednesday campaign.

A day of reflection with talks on Hidden Catholicism.

Saturday 19 November, 10am to 5.30pm.

Find out more and book

Webinar: Becoming a Church of

Closeness

Join the next online session hosted by Divine Renovation and Alpha.

Friday 18 November, 6pm.

Becoming a Church of Closeness: The challenges and opportunities of synodality.

- Participate in a discussion with Sr. Nathalie Becquart on synodality and why we're called to become a Church of closeness
- Learn practical ways you can implement synodality in your parish
- Connect with thousands of other Christians from across the world who share a passion for mission and evangelization.

Register for webinar

Job vacancies: New opportunities!

Are you looking for a new challenge? Then please take a look at the latest jobs and volunteering opportunities now available across the Archdiocese area.

- Registry Assistant at Maryvale Institute
- Communications and Marketing Officer at Father Hudson's Care
- Resources Coordinator at Brushstrokes Community Project
- Fundraising, Marketing and Communications Administrator at Father Hudson's Care
- Secretary/PA to the Vicar General, Archdiocese of Birmingham

See Jobs & Volunteering page

Online lecture series: St Titus Brandsma

An exciting new opportunity for biblical and spiritual formation to suit all Christians – clergy, laity and the inquisitive.

Five part series starting in November.

Hosted by the Carmelite Priory, Oxford.

Find out more and register

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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](#)

Thu 3 Nov: ['Neighbours without borders' evening lecture 1](#)

Sat 5 Nov: [The Blessing of Graves at Oscott Cemetery](#)

Thu 10 Nov: ['Neighbours without borders' evening lecture 2](#)

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.

Support your Parish

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