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Diocesan response to Ukraine – update

It is now eight months on from the start of the war and there is no sign of it coming to an end. We continue to pray for all those caught up in the conflict.

The parish appeal held in May raised £33,429, which assisted in the recruitment of Liudmyla Sadova, a Ukrainian Refugees' Support Coordinator and which established a crisis fund to support families when they arrive.

You are invited to:

Meet the Staffordshire couple who opened their hearts and their home to a Ukrainian mum and daughter, and their dog!

Find out about the new Ukrainian Refugees' Support Coordinator and digest the latest stats and facts from Father Hudson's Care (leading the Diocesan response).

Become a host/sponsor in the New Year to our existing Ukrainian families.

[Ukraine - Diocesan Response](#)

Tears and Joy: Reliving St Bernadette's Relics Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette journeyed on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time.

Several thousand visitors came to venerate the relics at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Immaculate

Conception, Bicester and St Chad's Cathedral in the Archdiocese.

Highlights of the Tour are encapsulated in a series of videos. A Pilgrimage of Hope, the final video, opens with the visit to St Chad's Cathedral and highlights the journey of the tens of thousands of petitions back to the Grotto where they were dedicated on Wednesday 9 November.

Reliving the Relics Tour

'Neighbours without Borders' Lecture Series at Oscott College

7.30-9.30pm. This series of evening lectures at St Mary's College, Oscott explores the role of the Church and dialogue in building a culture of encounter in service to humanity.

On **Thursday November 17**, Dr John Chesworth's lecture is titled: Writing about each other: Christian-Muslim Relations. A Bibliographical History 600-1914.

Neighbours Without Borders

Applications Open for Christian Leadership Formation programme for Sixth Formers

The Christian Heritage Centre is now opening applications for 2023's Christian Leadership Formation programme for Sixth Formers.

The programme is a unique opportunity for students currently in Lower Sixth, who are committed to their faith and who wish to pursue public-facing careers.

It provides philosophical and theological formation around fundamental themes that underpin the common good, as well as spiritual accompaniment and training in practical skills. It aims to prepare them to become passionate defenders of the faith in the vocation they choose.

Christian Leadership Formation

More Data Protection Course Dates Added

Following the success of the previous Introduction to GDPR and Working Safely sessions, more dates have been released.

Debbie Jones, our Diocesan Data Compliance Manager will be hosting online sessions on:

7:30 pm Thursday 17 November
7:30 pm Wednesday 23 November
10:30 am Thursday 24 November

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.

If you would like to sign up to a session please contact Debbie on 0121 230 6271 or via email: [\[mailto:debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk ? subject=Introduction%20to%20GDPR%20and%20Working%20Safely%20Sessions\]](mailto:debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk)**debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk**

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sat 12 Nov: [Worcester Walk of Witness for COP27](#)

Sat 12 Nov: [Online School of Prayer, November session](#)

Sun 13 Nov: [World Day of the Poor 2022](#)

Wed 16 Nov: [Lunchtime discussion - 'Should we baptise E.T.?'](#)

Wed 16 Nov: [Science and Faith in the Second City: event 6](#)

Thu 17 Nov: ['Neighbours without borders' evening lecture 3](#)

Fri 18 Nov: [Webinar hosted by Divine Renovation and Alpha](#)

Fri 18 - Sun 20 Nov: [Marriage Encounter Weekend Coventry](#)

Sat 19 Nov: ['Where are you Christians' - Day of Reflection](#)

Sun 20 Nov: [World Youth Sunday 2022](#)

Tues 22 Nov: [Good Shepherd Ministry 50th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving](#)

Wed 23 Nov: [SSG Wednesday Workshop - Children and Christmas](#)

Thu 24 Nov: ['Neighbours without borders' evening lecture 4](#)

Mon 28 Nov: [Craigmyle Lecture hosted by Catholic Union](#)

Thu 1 Dec: [Live organ recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Wed 7 Dec: [SSG Wednesday Workshop - The Word of God at Christmas](#)

Thu 8 December: ["My Parish isn't Missional!": How to lead when you are not in charge](#)

Tue 13 December: [Online School of Prayer, December session](#)

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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