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Liturgies and resources for Advent, new support centre opens

A printable PDF of this newsletter is attached for sharing.

Prepare your heart to celebrate

The Mark 10 Mission, in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, is an exciting new project for Catholic schools.

This Advent, we pray that you can use these liturgies to prepare your heart to celebrate when the Word became flesh on the first Christmas and to welcome Him when He comes again.

You can find this and more readings, reflections, liturgy and prayer on our Advent and Christmas Resources page.

[Prayers and Reflections for Advent](#)

New SVP Support Centre opens in south Birmingham

A new Support Centre run by the St Vincent de Paul Society opened its doors in south Birmingham on 2 December.

The centre is based at Manningford Hall, Druids Heath, and will support those in need in the area, initially being open for three days a week.

It opens as a 'warm place' this winter, offering a warm refuge where people can enjoy a cuppa and a light

lunch if they are unable to heat their own house or flat.

[New SVP Support Centre: Read More](#)

St Chad's at Christmas

Cathedral Carol Service: 5pm, Sunday 18 December

Christmas Vigil Mass: 7.30pm, Saturday 24 December

Midnight Mass and Blessing of the crib: 11:45 pm,
Saturday 24 December

Christmas Day Masses: 9.30am and 11.30am, Sunday
25 December

[Christmas and Advent 2022](#)

Volunteer at Lourdes 2023

Volunteer your skills to look after our Accueil (assisted) pilgrims on next year's Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Applications to join the Lourdes Nursing and Medical Team or the Handmaids and Brancardiers for the 2023 Diocesan Pilgrimage are now open.

Next year's pilgrimage takes place from Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June 2023 in Lourdes, France. The pilgrimage theme is "...to build a chapel here..."

[Volunteer for Lourdes 2023](#)

Book sales hit target for charity

Four inspirational books written by Deacon Sean Loone have now raised £5,560 for charity, surpassing his hope to donate £5,000 from the proceeds by the end of the year.

Deacon Sean, who serves at Our Lady of the Wayside in Shirley and also lectures part-time at St Mary's College, Oscott, is donating profits from four of his books written in the last two years.

Deacon Sean has donated to CAFOD, the Father O'Mahony Memorial Trust, Father Hudson's Care. and CAFOD's Ukraine appeal.

Deacon Sean made his pledge earlier this year:

[Book Sales Raise over £5k for Charities](#)

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

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](#)

Thu 15 Dec: Good Shepherd Ministry, Wolverhampton: [Ecumenical Service to mark 50th Anniversary Year](#)

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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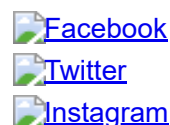
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