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Starts tomorrow! #Pray24Brum at St Chad's Cathedral and online

Every year #Pray24Brum, organised by Birmingham Churches Together, takes place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and provides an opportunity to celebrate unity across different Christian traditions.

This year's 24-hour prayer relay theme is 'Do Good, Seek Justice' and starts tomorrow (Fri) at 8am and will run throughout tomorrow and Saturday.

Each hour of prayer will be led by a different person/group. All are welcome to any hour of prayer they can make either in-person online.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity started yesterday (Wed) and runs until Wednesday 25 January.

The theme this year is *Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice*.

For this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we seek to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society.

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Wonder and Awe: How Eco-Spirituality Can Inspire Us in 2023

The Laudato Si' Action Platform has announced its new monthly webinar series — *Journeying with the Laudato Si' Action Platform* — dedicated to you and your path towards integral ecology.

The first webinar in the series, “Wonder and Awe: How Eco-Spirituality Can Inspire Us in 2023”, kicks off on **Monday 23 January** at 1pm in the UK.

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New! Online Drop-in Building Maintenance Surgery

Tarnia and Tom from the Diocesan Property Team would like to invite you, or your parish buildings representative, to join them online on the last Thursday of each month at 2pm to ask any questions about all things building maintenance and repair-related.

The drop-in surgery is a trial and the first session will take place on **Thursday 23 February** and will be an open session.

Thereon, if a particular topic or question comes to mind, please email it to rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk in advance of the surgery.

To register your interest in attending next month's surgery, and obtain the link to join, please email rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk

If access to emails is limited please call either Tom (07787 988453) or Tarnia (07717 711382) with your questions for the surgery.

Next month: Retreat for Young Adults

'*Discovering the Divine Office*' retreat, **Friday 3 - Sunday 5 February**, Bromsgrove.

Weekend hosted by the Lay Community of St Benedict and The Weave of Manquehue Prayer.



The aim is to be in community for a weekend and to experience the joy and richness of praying the Divine Office together.

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All invited to join Online Academic Forum

Presented by the St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology at Maryvale Institute on **Wednesday 15 February.**

St Paul, the New Perspective and Supersessionism by Rev Dr Richard Ounsworth, OP.

The latest in a series of occasional, public seminars by Maryvale academics.

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Book your place on this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

We are pleased to announce booking for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open.

The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June.

To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel, via our tour operator Tangney Tours.

A full breakdown of costs, and what you get for your money, is available on the Diocesan website.

We hope to see many pilgrims, old and new, joining this year's trip.

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Book now for March for Life UK event

March for Life UK are hosting an event at St Mary's College, Oscott, on **Saturday 4 February** called 'Time to Rethink Abortion Day'.

An engaging, informative, interactive day, designed to equip people to speak about abortion in the kinds of

situations they find themselves in every day.

Bookings must be made by Wednesday 25 January.

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