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## Annual Intercultural Mass, Marriage Preparation, Pilgrimages and Performances

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### Annual Intercultural Mass

**Saturday 18 February at 12 noon** at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

The Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions gather in collaboration with the local deanery, parishes and schools to celebrate our unity with the Chair of Peter.

Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright, will be followed by a social time in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to wear traditional dress and bring flags to display in the church and to bring food to share afterwards.

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### New: Parish Pilgrimages to Harvington

Harvington Hall in Worcestershire can now be booked for parish pilgrimages.

Harvington Hall gives us the chance to revitalise our faith as we remember the persecution, and often martyrdom, of Catholics during the English Reformation.

This beautiful Elizabethan moated Hall could be the setting of your next parish pilgrimage.

Pilgrimages for up to 30 people can be booked for the second Sunday and Thursday of each month.

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/harvington-hall](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/harvington-hall)



## Faith in Action Forum: Cost of Living-Food

How are you finding the challenge of supporting your community?

Many faith and community leaders are facing three key challenges:

- How do I respond well to the issues like food and fuel poverty, to debt and to high levels of anxiety?
- How can we do things differently - we need new solutions - where can we find resources, fresh ideas, support etc?
- How will I know if my new initiative is working well? Can I improve it and adapt to changing needs?

Join the first Cost of Living Virtual Forum on **Tuesday 7 February: 5.30-6.15pm**

The Forum is run by the Faith Strategic Partnership Group representing faiths across the region, working with WMCA and other partners.

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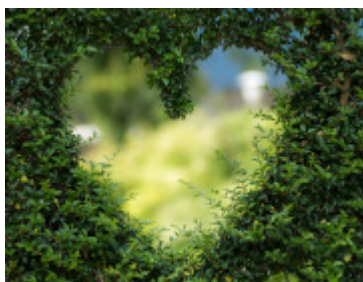
## Online JustPeople Workshop

Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) invites you to join them at an online JustPeople Workshop taking place on **Saturday 18 February, 9am – 1pm.**

Discern the Lord's call to social justice as we join together to promote the Common Good in our communities, reflecting upon Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching through the lens of people affected by imprisonment.

Find out more about how you can support our brothers and sisters who are affected by imprisonment.

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## Responding to the Call of Creation

February's newsletter with facts, tips and opportunities has been sent out to parishes and can also be accessed via the Archdiocese of Birmingham's Environment page.

This month you can join the Green Heart Campaign, an initiative run by the Climate Coalition - the UK's largest group of people dedicated to climate action

Show the love for our planet this Valentine's Day by making and wearing a green heart to promote conversations, and get involved further by writing to your MP asking them to champion action on the climate, nature and cost of living crises - you can find more information in the February edition of Responding to the Call of Creation.

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/environment](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/environment)



## **HOSANNA! Join a story for Easter in song and mime.**

**Saturday 18 March 2023**

This is a presentation of the events of Holy Week from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the devastating crucifixion on Good Friday, with a hint of what happened next...

### **Would you like to join in?**

'HOSANNA', has been written by Anne Ward and is performed in mime, with narrators telling the story. There is a part for everyone – whether you love drama or are happier as part of the crowd, whatever your age or ability - we need you! We are particularly inviting people with intellectual disabilities to join in with us for this event. We will rehearse and then perform Hosanna on the same day.

### **Where?**

Our Lady's, 170 Valley Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa CV32 7SJ

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## **Knock Pilgrimage**

A Diocesan pilgrimage, led by Mgr Daniel McHugh, to Knock Shrine, Ireland, from **Monday 27 March 2023**.

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included.

Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum.

Single supplement £150.00.

Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

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## **Do you have a great parish magazine?**

The search is on for Britain's best church magazine. Entries are now invited for the annual competition run by the Association for Church Editors (ACE), which is an independent, not for profit organisation.

For the 2023 competition, which closes on **Monday 3 April**, awards will be made for any size of magazine using just black and white printing.

<https://churchmag.uk/2023-awards/>





## WARNING: Metal theft on the rise

The Diocesan property team wishes to advise all parishes to be vigilant. A recent metal theft has occurred at a church on a main road. Do not be complacent and think it won't happen to you. Please consider your parish's security arrangements. Make sure ladders are not left for easy access. Do you have a person on site at all times?

If you require any help or advice in this matter, please contact Tarnia or Tom:

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## Jobs and Opportunities

- Prison Chaplain, Eccleshall. Roman Catholic Ordained Priest/Roman Catholic Ordained Deacon, Brother, Sister, Lay Person.
- Fr Hudson's Care: Vacancies are currently available in our various Community projects (various locations), St Catherine's Bungalows, Domiciliary Care, and St Joseph's Care Home based in Coleshill.

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## 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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