

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham

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The realities of multi-church parishes plus parish Coronation events, workshops and more.

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Credo - the Maryvale Sessions

Maryvale academics on radio Maria England.

Tune into Radio Maria England on **Mondays between 4pm and 5pm during February and March 2023.**

During each episode of *Credo*, speakers share topics of "Giving our heart to Jesus". This may be through prayer, through service or through mission. Speakers come from a variety of vocations and share how they live out the Creed through their lives.

Monday 13 February's show focuses on Suffering and Forgiveness, with Dcn Dr Harry Schnitker.

Radio Maria England is a Christian voice in your home, broadcasting Christian music, prayer and teaching, on digital radio (in Cambridge and London) and online.

[Maryvale on the Radio](#)

Navigating the Realities of Multi-Church Parishes

A free online event with Divine Renovation.



Parish closures, mergers, and the increase in multi-church parishes are realities we've been facing more and more in recent years. But with fewer priests, many are asking: how do we navigate this period well?

How do you avoid spreading yourself too thin? What are some tips and practical approaches to leadership that allow both priests and lay leaders to support each other in this type of parish ministry?

Join Fr. Michael Doyle, Fr. Kieron O'Brien, and DR Leadership Coach Rob McDowell in this online event on **Thursday 2 March** to learn how.

Multi-Church Parishes



Parish and Community Events for the King's Coronation

The Coronation ceremony for His Majesty King Charles III will take place on 6 May at Westminster Abbey.

To mark the Coronation, you may wish to think about holding an event in your own place of worship or community centre, perhaps encouraging younger members of your community to get involved.

Ideas which parishes communities and families may wish to explore to mark the occasion include The Coronation Big Lunch and The Big Help Out.

Coronation Events



Online Academic Forum: St Paul, the New Perspective and Supersessionism

St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology Presents:

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

Join online on **Wednesday 15 February at 6pm** for the St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology's Online Academic Forum, the latest in a series of occasional, public seminars by Maryvale academics.

Online Academic Forum

'Come and See' Weekend

Invitation for young men to a 'Come and See Weekend' hosted by the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram.



Explore the gift of vocation to the religious life and priesthood.

Friday evening 24 to Sunday afternoon 26 February
at Shallowford Retreat Centre, Shallowford, Stone,
Staffordshire.

Come and See Weekend



GIFT Lenten Course 2023 for couples

'Growing in Faith Together' is a new online course developed in collaboration with the Sowerth Marriage and Family Life team, the Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore. It is a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang.

Growing in Faith Together consists of hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for:

- married couples to enrich their friendship and love
- engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together
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The Lenten course runs on Tuesday evenings **from 8-9pm beginning 28 February 2023** and continuing on March 7, 14, 21, 28 and 4 April 2023.

GIFT Lenten Course



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.

JustPeople Workshop



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.

Jobs and Opportunities

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Thu 9 Feb: [Introduction to Voluntary Workplace Chaplaincy Bham & Solihull](#)

Thur 9 Feb: [Taking Liturgy Seriously 2](#)

Sat 11 Feb: ['Sharing the Church's Story' conference](#)

Mon 13 Feb: [Maryvale on the Radio: Session 2](#)

Wed 15 Feb: [Restore Training Course - Session 3](#)

Wed 15 Feb: [Online Academic Forum: St Paul, the New Perspective & Supersessionism](#)

Thu 16 Feb: [Westminster Charity Concert](#)

Sat 18 Feb: [Online PACT JustPeople Workshop](#)

Sat 18 Feb: [Annual Intercultural Mass](#)

Mon 20 Feb: [Maryvale on the Radio - Session 3](#)

Fri 24 - Sun 26 Feb: ['Come and See Weekend'](#)

Mon 27 Feb: [Maryvale on the Radio - Session 4](#)

Tue 28 Feb: [GIFT Lenten Course for Couples](#)

Thu 2 March: [DR Online Event: Navigating the Realities of Multi-Church Parishes](#)

Thu 2 March: [North Staffs Deanery Vocations Mass](#)

Mon 6 March: [Maryvale on the Radio - Session 5](#)

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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