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Being a Welcoming Church: New Project Launched

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Journeying through Lent

The Catholic Bishops' Conference's Lenten Project brings us a series of reflections throughout Lent. It started on Ash Wednesday with a reflection by Bishop Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth. Read more at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news

You can find prayers, reflections, family activities and more for your Lenten journey on the Archdiocese's page for Lent and Easter.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter

Mass for Missio

11 March 12.00 noon at St Chad's Cathedral.

Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission and supports the Church in greatest need, where it is growing and where it is suffering.

All supporters of Missio, through prayer, through giving to the Red Box, as local secretaries are invited to a Diocesan Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on 11 March with Archbishop Bernard Longley and representatives from Missio and Mill Hill Missionaries.

This will be a wonderful occasion to thank God for the work of Missio and to pray for the important work of the Church's Mission to the whole world.

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Being a Welcoming Church: New Workshops

Father Hudson's Care (FHC) is working with the Archdiocese on a new project: Being a Welcoming Church.

It is a call for action around four areas of great need:

- Older People
- Disability
- Refugees
- Homelessness.

FHC has commissioned the making of four short films around these themes. The first is Older People. This will be launched via Zoom on **Monday 20 March at 7.30pm** and will last for one hour.

The workshops will envision how parishes can live their faith and mission more deeply through charitable action, and equip parishes with new ideas and opportunities to serve those in need.

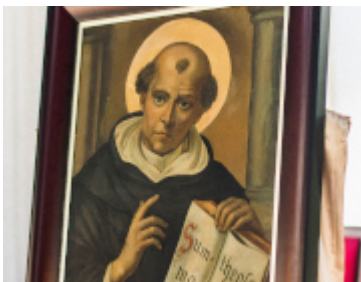
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New group for autistic Catholic adults

A first meeting for autistic Catholic adults to be held at Our Lady and St Rose of Lima, Weoley Castle, Birmingham will be on **Thursday 23 March at 7pm** in the parish centre.

All Catholics who are either diagnosed as being non-neurotypical or think they might be are more than welcome. For further details, please contact Deacon Mark Paine at dcn.mark.paine@rcaob.org.uk



St Thomas Aquinas on Christ's Priesthood

Public lecture by Rev Dr Kevin O' Reilly OP, **Friday 24 March** at St Mary's College Oscott in Birmingham.

Fr Kevin O'Reilly is an Irish Priest of the Dominican Order who lectures in moral theology at the Angelicum, Rome.

The lecture will take place in Aula Spencer with time for discussion afterwards. Car parking is available free of charge at the college.

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Human Resources Co-ordinator- Archdiocese of Birmingham

The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an experienced HR professional to support the Chief Operating Officer in the delivery of the Diocesan Vision.

Offering the successful applicant a two-year contract, on a self-employed basis, working two days a week.



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Synod: Continental Stage complete

The Continental Assembly, part of the Catholic Church's ongoing synodal journey, recently took place in Prague.

As part of our ongoing contribution to the Synod the Archdiocese had completed and submitted a Diocesan Response for the Continental Stage.

A delegation from England and Wales made interventions at the Continental Assembly. In October the Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome for the first of two gatherings.

Our work on the Synod continues in line with the Diocesan Vision.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023



Marriage Preparation course

The Christian Heritage Centre is offering a residential marriage preparation course at Clitheroe, Lancashire from **Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March**.

The weekend course is a fantastic opportunity to engage more deeply, individually and as a couple, with the Catholic vision of marriage. Allowing a greater space and time to reflect, it will offer each couple much to consider in the lead up to and into their marriage.

The weekend is fully-catered, with a framework of prayer, input, discussion and social time to allow for a rich experience and meditation on the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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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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