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‘He must rise from the dead.’

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A Reflection for Easter Sunday

Every Easter Sunday morning an old man climbs up to a balcony and proclaims, for all the world to hear, that the Lord is risen, He is risen indeed, alleluia!

That man is the Pope. Giving his blessing to the City and to the World, Urbi et Orbi, he proclaims once more the Church’s life-saving, world-changing message – that death does not have the last word, that life is victorious, that love lives again.

By Fr Chris Vipers. The Catholic Bishops' Conference's Lenten Project brings us a series of reflections throughout Lent.

Fr Chris was ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Westminster in 1997.

Read the full reflection via the link below.
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Bishop David McGough Funeral Details

Of your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Right Reverend David Christopher McGough Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese, who died on Saturday 25 March, 2023.

Bishop McGough’s body will be received into Sacred Heart RC Church, Queens Avenue, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 6EE, on Wednesday 19 April at 6pm, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass.

The Funeral Mass will take place at St Chad’s Cathedral on Thursday 20 April at 12 Noon. Archbishop Bernard Longley presiding.



Good Friday Walk of Witness

The annual Birmingham Walk of Witness will again be taking place this **Good Friday, 7 April** from 10am, starting at The Church at Carrs Lane and finishing at St Chad's Cathedral.

Come and walk with Our Lord and remember the events of Good Friday with ecumenical friends from across the City of Birmingham.

Will your parish also be holding a Walk of Witness? Please send any photos over to communications@rcaob.org.uk

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Easter Monday Masses

Come and celebrate the Good News!

There will be an Easter Monday Mass at 10am at the following churches:

St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
Sacred Heart Church, Tunstall
St Osburg's, Coventry.

All are welcome for the diocesan Masses.



April God Who Speaks Resources

Resources from the God Who Speaks Scripture Initiative can be accessed via our website. Including new resources for the Easter season:

- Easter Triduum: what is it and what happens?
- Seven Last Sayings of Jesus: what were they and why are they so powerful?
- Art and Bible video for Good Friday on The Merciful Knight
- Art and Bible video for Eastertide on Doubting Thomas
- Queens in the Bible: Were they good or bad and what did they do? Neil Rees gives us a royal tour
- Primary School Poetry Challenge: Let the Scriptures Speak for World Poetry Day
- Sunday Reflections continue with David Jackson

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Friendships: The heart of ecumenical witness

Wednesday 24 May. Hosted by Churches Together in England with Dr Clare Watkins and Dr James Butler.



A webinar of reflections from research into Catholic and Methodists working together in social action.

Friendship is at the heart of much ecumenical engagement in social action, according to recent research carried out at the University of Roehampton.

In this CTE-hosted webinar, Dr Clare Watkins and Dr James Butler share the findings of their research project about how Catholics and Methodists engaged together in social action.

The webinar will present themes and insights from the research before opening up into wider conversations about ecumenism, social action, tradition and friendship

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'The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me' online mini retreat

Invite from ADoRE (Alton Day of Renewal), a monthly meeting of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

Dr Maria Heath, leader of the country's Catholic Charismatic Renewal service, will be the guest speaker at this month's "ADoRE" mini-retreat morning for spiritual renewal.

This is the latest part of a Zoom (online) course to inspire Parish Evangelisation: "Proclaim the Good News - we are called to be Missionary Disciples" which is running until November, usually on the fourth Saturday of each month.

This month's "ADoRE" session is on Saturday 22 April 10am - 1pm and is all about receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit, so that we can have the inspiration and power to be involved with sharing the good news of God's Kingdom. Participants are asked to register in advance.

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Day for Life Collection and Grants

Following a recovery in income to the Day for Life Fund post-pandemic, the Department for Social Justice is pleased to be able to open the grants process once more.

Applications are welcome from projects seeking to promote the Gospel of Life and uphold human dignity across the life spectrum, but a special preference will be given to those works which focus on start or end of life issues.

If you have any projects that might benefit from such funding, in the first instance we ask that you express an initial interest to Collette McGovern, Day for Life Coordinator, by email at

collette.mcgovern@cbcew.org.uk

Application deadline: 9 May 2023

This year's Day for Life collection will take place in all churches on the weekend of Sunday 18 June 2023.



Volunteer Request- can you help to move Tabor Living to its new home?

Friday 14 April 12-4pm

Address: St Catherine's of Siena, postcode B5 7BE

Please come along to help Tabor Living get set up in their new location at St Catherine of Siena. We need your help cleaning, sorting out moving boxes and making beds (as examples).

Please contact Sharon McCall SharonMcCall@fatherhudsons.org.uk to confirm that you can attend. We would be very grateful for any assistance you can offer as we settle into our new home.

Donations needed: Plates, cups, glasses, pans and cutlery. We're looking for good quality new or second hand items that Tabor Living can use in their bigger premises at St Catherine of Siena.

Please take any items to Father Hudson's Care office at St George's House, Gerard's Way, Coleshill B46 3FG.



Raising the Roof Concert at Hednesford

The Diocesan Shrine of Hednesford has nearly completed its fundraising for a new roof.

Songbirds in Harmony is a Hednesford-based ladies choir who rehearse at our primary school, St Joseph's, and on a few occasions they have rehearsed in our church when the school is unavailable.

As a thank you, they have offered to put on this concert, with all proceeds going to our church roof repair fund. The parish has a fundraising target of £10,000 and has raised £9,400 so far (which includes several grants). All welcome to the concert on **Sunday 16 April at 2.30pm.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Hednesford.
Tickets £7 including tea/coffee/cake
lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk

Annual Mass to celebrate England's first Marian Shrine

An Annual Mass to celebrate the first Marian Shrine in England will take place on **Tuesday 2 May at 2.30pm at The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin's RC**



Church, Evesham. Organised by Catholic Women's League CIO Birmingham. All are welcome.

Each year on the first Tuesday of May the Catholic Women's League (CWL) of the Archdiocese of Birmingham make pilgrimage to Evesham to celebrate Mass. The service begins with Rosary. There is an optional Shared Afternoon Tea in the hall afterwards.

The CWL is a worldwide charity formed in 1906 and are united in friendship and love, where members use and develop their talents in projects for the parish community, the diocese, the nation and the world.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has several sections so please get in touch to find out more. (Women of any faith welcome) Email: natsec@cwlhq.org.uk



Disaster Relief Talk

Saturday 15 April, The Grimshaw Room at St Chad's Cathedral. Disaster Relief Talk by Jim McParland, West Midlands Fire Service Technical Rescue Unit Watch Commander.

Jim has been a member of the UK International Search and Rescue (UKISAR) team for nearly 20 years, helping to co-ordinate rescue efforts in disaster zones around the world.

He will show and tell us about search and rescue efforts in Turkey following the devastating earthquake as well as his most recent mission rescuing hundreds of people in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Freddy which unleashed havoc in Malawi.

Join Catholic Women's League in for refreshments at 10.30am with the talk from 10.45am-11.45am.

Donation for Relief Charities on the door. No need to book but you can express your interest and request information from Sarah (Branch President) by emailing: sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk



LOUDfence is coming to St Chad's Cathedral this May

A LOUDfence involves tying LOUD (brightly coloured) ribbons and messages of support in public spaces to show support to all victims and survivors of child abuse.

The aim is to give survivors a voice, create awareness in the community and work to end child abuse.

LOUDfence will be hosted at St Chad's Cathedral from Sunday 7 to Saturday 13 May.

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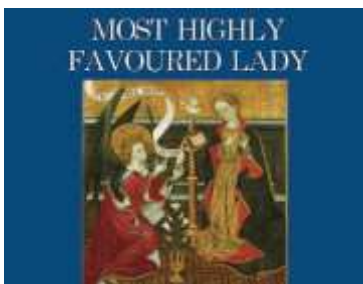
Mass for Marriage - register your interest

There's still time to register to attend this wonderful event celebrating love and marriage across our Archdiocese.

This year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage takes place on **Saturday 29 April** at 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023, or are engaged to be married this year, or would simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings, please do attend.

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Most Highly Favoured Lady

2023 Festival Tuesday 2 May - Thursday 4 May, Walthamstow. The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Led by Mgr Keith Newton.
Keynote Speaker: The Rev Mother Winsome SBVM of Maryvale.

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Latest vacancies

The **Archdiocese of Birmingham** is delighted to have secured funding for its Schools Singing Programme. We are seeking up to five enthusiastic **Choral Directors** to work with the Programme Director to implement, deliver and develop the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese.

Closing date for applications is **Monday 24 April**.

The **Kenelm Youth Trust** is currently recruiting for two positions:

- **Retreat Centre Director:** for July 2023 start.
- **Digital Ministry Worker:** for August 2023 start.

Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 11 April**.

There is a **Prison Chaplain vacancy** at HMYOI Drake Hall in Eccleshall, Staffordshire.

The successful applicant will provide for the religious care of prisoners and staff in the Roman Catholic faith tradition including (for ordained priests) sacramental provision, and appropriate pastoral care for all irrespective of faith or tradition.

The closing date is **Friday 14 April**.

Priest College Chaplain

Mount St Mary's College is a secondary school in the Jesuit tradition. We are seeking to appoint a priest chaplain to our Roman Catholic college.

This role would suit a retired priest who would like to continue to be engaged in some active ministry, in the sharing of daily Mass in particular, whilst also enjoying a slower pace of life in our rural setting.

Closing date: **Friday 21 April 2023**.

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It's great to see information coming into us which we can share with others, please keep it coming!

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