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## Celebrating Easter: He is Risen

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### Easter Message from Archbishop Bernard

Archbishop Bernard Longley gave his Easter Message from St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, following the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

His Grace discussed the Easter season and how we think very much of members of our own communities, but also communities elsewhere who are struggling and finding life challenging and difficult.

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### Pope at Easter Urbi et Orbi: Christ is truly risen, hope is reborn for all!

In his Easter message, Pope Francis began by proclaiming the joyous message of this day, "*Christ is risen; he is truly risen!*".

The Pope declared that in Jesus, the passage of humanity from death to life, sin to grace, fear to confidence and desolation to communion has been made, wishing everyone a Happy Easter.

In particular, he greeted the sick, the poor, the elderly and all those suffering that they may experience the passage from affliction to consolation.

[www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-at-easter-urbi-et-orbi-2023/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-at-easter-urbi-et-orbi-2023/)



## Next Monday - 'Being a Welcoming Church' session 2 - Refugees

All are invited to join the next session of this exciting new project.

**Monday 17 April**, online at 7.30pm.

Father Hudson's Care (FHC) is working with the Archdiocese on the project, Being a Welcoming Church. It is a call for action around four areas of great need - Older People, Disability, Refugees and Homelessness.

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## Revisit Holy Week and the Easter Triduum at St Chad's Cathedral

Thousands of people marked Holy Week at St Chad's Cathedral and in parishes across the Archdiocese.

The ceremonies began with Palm Sunday and continued with the Sacred Three Days (Triduum) of Holy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon and Holy Saturday evening.

These are some of the most beautiful and precious moments of prayer in the whole year as we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Read the Homilies and browse the photographs taken at these significant events.

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## TOMORROW! Can you help to move Tabor Living to its new home?

Volunteers please join us tomorrow, **Friday 14 April**, from 12-4pm at 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 (for example).

Please contact Sharon McCall [SharonMcCall@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:SharonMcCall@fatherhudsons.org.uk) to confirm attendance.

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.



## Next Week: Bishop David McGough's Funeral at St Chad's Cathedral

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.

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## Invite: LOUDfence is coming to St Chad's Cathedral next month

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

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

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

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## Join the Walsingham Pilgrimage, May

All welcome to join this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on **Saturday 13 May**.

The Principal Celebrant is Bishop David Evans.

Our afternoon programme starts from 12noon with Arrival at the Shrine.

1.30pm - Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation.

3pm - Procession to the Priory ruins, and prayers at the site of the Holy House.

5pm - Depart

followed by procession to the Priory Grounds for prayer at the site of the Holy House.

For further information please contact pilgrim organiser, Fr Philip Griffin, via [walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@rcaob.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:collette.mcgovern@cbcew.org.uk)

**Application deadline: Tuesday 9 May 2023**

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



## Registration now open - Restore summer training course

Restore is motivating for action with our next training course for those interested in befriending or wanting to learn more about refugee issues.

Our next training sessions will take place on:

**Wednesday evenings**  
**7, 14 and 21 June 2023**  
7:15 pm – 9:15 pm

The three sessions will take place in person at Birmingham Repertory Theatre, Centenary Square, Broad Street.

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## This Sunday: 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](mailto:lol.hednesford@rcaob.org.uk)



## This Saturday: 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](mailto:sarahandrews1970@yahoo.co.uk)



## Register now for 'Eternity' - what's next?

What happens to us after we die? How can a knowledge of eternity help us to live well now?

Join The Art of Dying Well for an interfaith conversation about eternity at the Niksham Centre, Soho Road, Birmingham on **Thursday 27 April.**



Speakers include:

- The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham
- Rabbi Yossi Jacobs, The Chief Minister of the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, Singers Hill Synagogue
- Simon Romer, Teacher of Buddhism
- Anjana Shelat, Midland region coordinator of Hindu Mandir Network UK, Trustee at Shree Laxmi Narayan Temple
- Dr Gopinder Sagoo, from the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewa Jatha community in Birmingham.

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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 **Tuesday 2 May**.

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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**.

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## 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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## 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.

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