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Prayer and LOUD support for victims and survivors of abuse.

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Funeral Mass for Bishop David McGough

The funeral Mass for Bishop David McGough was held at St Chad's Cathedral today at noon in the presence of his family and friends, clergy and colleagues.

The Mass was live streamed and can be watched via the Diocesan website.

Bishop David, Requiescat in Pace.

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Let's Journey Together

The Isaiah Journey group (who prepare resources for the Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse) are promoting a week of Online Guided prayer from **11-17 May** for all who have been affected by clerical abuse in the Catholic Church

The Day of Prayer this year will be on **9 May**, which is the Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter. It is proposed as a day of prayer for those who have been abused in a season of hope and new life.

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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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Last chance to book: Ecology and Creation Theology

This one-day Symposium at St Mary's College, Oscott, presents an opportunity to delve into the Ecology and Theology of Creation, with reference to Scripture, Christology, Mariology, Eucharistic theology, Sacramentology, Christian spirituality, and participative metaphysics.

Papers will focus on:

- The relationship between Christ and Creation
- A philosophical understanding of the relationship between God and Creation
- The relationship between Mary, Creation and the Sacraments
- Human beings and God in everyday life (providence)
- The place of human beings in relation to all Creation (integral ecology)

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New Dawn in the Church - Walsingham 2023

New Dawn in the Church is a Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference that takes place each year at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham.

This year the conference will take place from **Monday 31 July - Friday 4 August** and offers an outstanding programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship, teaching, workshops, age-appropriate ministries (creche, children and youth), fellowship, and community. We will be joined by several renowned speakers, over twenty workshops, and various exhibitors.

As Liaison Bishop for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, His Grace, Bishop David Oakley of Northampton Diocese will be joining for the entire week.

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Deadline approaching for Choral Director roles.

The Archdiocese of Birmingham is delighted to be able to offer up to five roles as it creates its own inclusive world-class music programme for children in our Catholic state schools.

Thanks to funding from the Hamish Ogsten foundation we will be implementing, delivering and developing the National Schools Singing Programme within the Archdiocese- starting in Coventry and Staffordshire.

Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 2 May**.

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Maintenance Surgery

Thursday 27 April at 2pm

Tom and Tarnia from the Diocesan property team are maintaining their last Thursday of the month surgeries where it gives you the opportunity to ask any building-related questions. This surgery will be an open one, so come along and share your thoughts.

From May onwards, they aim to provide specific advice, tailored around each month of the year to give you time to prepare for any repair and maintenance tasks that will be up and coming.

As always, you can contact either Tom or Tarnia directly at:

Tom: tom.stockwell@rcaob.org.uk

Tarnia: tarnia.mcalester@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

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.



Celebration for the Man who could be England's next Saint

John Bradburne held Buckfast Abbey as a special place in his heart, as this was where he converted to Catholicism.

The Cause for Beatification for Bradburne is now in full swing and he is likely to become England's next Saint. This is a rare opportunity to learn about Bradburne's Saintly life and meet the people making this happen. The John Bradburne Memorial Society will be hosting an event at Buckfast Abbey, South Devon on **Saturday 10 June at 12noon**, to commemorate his 102nd Birthday.

This ticketed event will involve a Mass, lunch, talks, music and an exhibition.

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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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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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Part time RC Chaplain at HMYOI Swinfen Hall, Lichfield

Part time: 18.5 hours. Salary: £30,938 - £32,424 Pro rata.

The job holder 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.

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