

News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham in October

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Pastoral Letter on The Synod, Data Protection Training offer, prayer campaign for Laudato Si'



Pastoral Letter: The Synod 2021 - 2023

This weekend a Pastoral Letter on the Diocesan response to the recently launched Synod will be read out in churches.

A video and audio recording of Archbishop Bernard's letter will also be available on our website.

The overall theme is '*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission*'.

A Mass to mark the Opening of the Synodal Pathway in the Archdiocese of Birmingham will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 17 October, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. **All are welcome to join via the Cathedral live stream.**

The work to be undertaken across the Archdiocese during the Synodal process will be done in conjunction with the ongoing implementation of the *Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God's Plan*.

[Join the Synod journey](#)

Data Protection Training with Debbie - enquire now

Debbie Jones, the new Data Compliance Manager for the Archdiocese, is on hand to provide help and support on any data protection and privacy matters.



One of Debbie's first priorities will be to deliver data protection training across the diocese. Initially this will be online, but training can be offered in person where necessary.

Debbie is hoping to tailor training to suit what people are looking for, so this could be delivered to certain teams, people that perform a particular role or a group of volunteers performing different roles in a parish.

If you haven't had data protection training, or you think you would benefit from refresher training, please get in touch with Debbie via debbie.jones@rcaob.org.uk or by phone 0121 230 6271.

Please provide Debbie with brief details about your role and where you are based. Also, if you have any areas that you would like her to include or any data protection issues or concerns.

Pope Francis launches prayer campaign for Laudato Si'



On Sunday 14 November, the World Day of Prayer for the Poor, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will begin offering Laudato Si' Planning Guides.

Laudato Si' Planning Guides help you discern and implement your response to Laudato Si'.

Your institution, community, or family is invited to make an early commitment to the planning process.

Sign up to the Laudato Si' Action Platform



Sign up for Sight Loss Friendly Church online Tasters

Helping churches to welcome blind and partially sighted people.

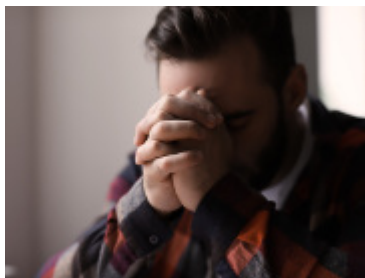
Every six minutes someone in the UK starts to lose their sight. Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC), from Torch Trust, the UK Christian sight loss charity, are pleased to announce further dates of our popular Tasters.

These 30-minute Zoom sessions offer the opportunity to hear all the benefits of SLFC, meet the SLFC team and ask your questions. Sessions available are:

Tuesday 26 October at 2pm
 Wednesday 10 November at 2pm
 Tuesday 16 November at 11am
 Wednesday 12 January 2022 at 2pm
 Monday 24 January 2022 at 2pm

For more information please email
SLFC@torchtrust.org.uk

Register for taster session



National Novena to St John Paul II now underway

Ahead of the Assisted Dying Bill which is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22 October there is a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls.

It started yesterday and runs until 22 October.

The Novena Prayer:

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

Assisted Dying Bill



Taster sessions: Prayer and Life Workshops. Sat 16 Oct and Sat 23 Oct.

All are welcome to a taster session for the launch of a series of Prayer and Life Workshops on Saturday 16 October (north Staffordshire) and Saturday 23 October (Birmingham/Wolverhampton).

Prayer and Life Workshops is an international initiative started in Chile by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Franciscan friar, in the 1980s, and has since spread worldwide.

The programme consists of a weekly two-hour workshop and daily prayer resources.

Prayer and Life Workshops in the
Archdiocese

Annual Intercultural Mass - tomorrow!

The Annual Intercultural Mass is back and will be celebrated at St Osburg's Church, Coventry, so linking



to Coventry's designation as "City of Culture" this year and marking One World Week and World Mission Sunday.

Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Mass, on Saturday 16 October at 12.30pm, followed by a social gathering. All are welcome and asked to bring food from your country of origin to share.

This year the schools in partnership with Immaculate Conception School in Beirut will participate. The theme of "One World Week" is the environment: Act Now for Our Children's World.

Annual Intercultural Mass



Out now: The Basilican magazine

The Autumn edition (Issue 36) of The Basilican magazine is now available to buy.

The Basilican is the magazine of the St Chad's Cathedral Association and is published twice a year, keeping readers updated with news from the cathedral, and across the Archdiocese of Birmingham and beyond.

In this edition: Read the fascinating account of the restoration of the the first Station of the Cross. Can you support the fundraising project?

The Basilican



A week to go on crowdfunding campaign

Eternal Wall's Crowdfunding campaign has seven days left to run!

Every donation, no matter how big or small, helps us to start building - can you help us spread the word?

If you haven't done so already, you can find out more and [donate here](#). Why not [watch ITV Central's news feature](#) about Eternal Wall.

The piece of public art will be constructed using one million bricks, with each brick featuring an answered prayer. It will be visible from over six miles away and will be built within the Archdiocese of Birmingham at Coleshill.

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Sat 16 Oct: [Welcoming people with special needs and learning disabilities](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [ACTA National Conference](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [Annual Intercultural Mass](#)

Sat 16 Oct: [Taster session for Prayer and Life Workshops \(north staffordshire\)](#)

Sun 17 Oct: [Time for Change Racial Reconciliation Service](#)

Mon 18 Oct: [Reflection Evening with Cursillos in Christianity](#)

Thu 21 - Sun 24: [Retrouvaille Lifeline for Marriage Course Virtual Weekend](#)

Sat 23 Oct: [Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for Sanctity of Life Walsingham](#)

Sat 23 Oct: [Taster session for Prayer and Life Workshops \(Birmingham/Wolverhampton\)](#)

Sun 24 Oct: [World Mission Sunday](#)

Mon 25 Oct: [Marriage Care - Certificate in Relationship Counselling \(CRC\) open event](#)

Thurs 4 Nov: [Monthly organ recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

Sat 6 Nov: [Training and Formation for Ministers to the Liturgy: Day for Ministers of Holy Communion](#)

Sat 6 Nov: [The Diocese of Portsmouth hosts an online Symposium on Politics and Religion](#)

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Live Masses online

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If your parish does not offer a live streaming facility please join us.

Online Masses at St Chad's

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