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Register now for Relics Tour, emergency appeal for Pakistan

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Pakistan Floods Appeal: How you can help

Record monsoon rains and flash flooding across Pakistan has killed at least 1,100 people so far, with millions more displaced from their homes. Roads, crops, homes and bridges have all been washed away, in a situation described by Pakistan's climate change minister Shery Rehman as 'a climate-induced humanitarian disaster of epic proportions.'

You can donate to Cafod's Pakistan Floods Appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts who are already working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your gift will support people with immediate food and emergency medical assistance.

[Pakistan floods appeal](#)

Relics of St Bernadette Tour

We are honoured that relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, Bernadette Soubirous, are coming to the Archdiocese of Birmingham in a month's time.

The relics will be visiting *St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford and the Immaculate Conception in Bicester* over the weekend of **7 - 10 October**.

The national pilgrimage tour started in Westminster last weekend and will make its way around the country.

Please take a look at the timetable for the three venues and choose when and where you'd like to venerate the relics, and/or attend special Masses.

Please register the time you wish to attend (this helps the venues anticipate numbers, it is not a timeslot - entry to venues will be via queuing).

Venues to Visit and Register

Women in Scripture podcast: Susannah

Natalie Orefice is joined by Gilli Robbine for the latest Women in Scripture podcast, available this weekend.

We learn about Susannah, from the Book of Daniel, Chapter 13.

Gilli describes Susannah as a woman who 'risks death rather than violate her religion and moral integrity'.

Next Tuesday, 13 September, Natalie will be discussing the Women in Scripture podcast live on Radio Maria at around 9am.

[Tune in to Radio Maria](#)

Listen to the latest podcast

Diocesan churches open for Heritage Open Days scheme

Several Diocesan churches are open as part of the nationwide history and culture festival.

Running from **Friday 9 to Sunday 18 September** churches in Stoke-on-Trent; the West Midlands; Birmingham and Warwickshire will be open for visitors to explore.

Included in that list is Our Lady's at Lillington, Leamington Spa (pictured).

Heritage Open Days

Online Faith Talk: The Parables of Luke

Wednesday 21 September at 7pm.

With Deacon Sean Loone, of Our Lady of the Wayside parish in Shirley.

Luke's gospel, which we are reading on Sundays in 2022, contains some of the most beautiful and moving parables of Jesus.

The Parables of Luke

Justice and Peace Assembly 2022

You are invited to the Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission's Annual Assembly 2022.

Once again it will be hosted online via Zoom.

It will take place over **three Monday evenings at 7pm**, starting with the first session on **Monday 19 September**:

Tax Justice: What? Why? For Whom?

Book Justice and Peace Assembly

Maryvale Online Academic Forum

Join Maryvale online on **Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 6pm** for the St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology's Online Academic Forum, the latest in a series of occasional, public seminars by Maryvale academics.

This time, Dr Eddie Howells will be asking: "What is Mystical Theology?"

Academic Forum

Oasis of Peace in the Season of Creation

A time for prayer, for peace and for our common home during the Season of Creation, which runs until Tuesday 4 October.

With holy hour and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation there will be quiet prayer and short reflections.

All welcome on **Friday 30 September, 6-7 pm**, at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Banbury.

Oasis of Peace

Pause for Hope Ecumenical Service

Sunday 16 October at 3pm.

A Pause for Hope service of prayer and music, for all those affected by cancer, will be held in St Dunstan's Church, High Street, Kings Heath.

Organised by Churches Together in Kings Heath, Birmingham.

Pause for Hope

Dates for your diary: the month ahead

Fri 9 Sep: [YouCAN on Fire! Conference](#)

Sat 10 Sep: [Refresher Day for Parish Liturgical Ministers](#)

Sun 11 Sep: [Celebrating Education Sunday](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [Sharing the Church's Story with Bishop Robert Barron \(London\)](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [JustPeople Workshop](#)

Sat 17 Sep: [ADoRE online spiritual mini-retreat](#)

Sun 18 Sep: [Evangelii Gaudium Sunday](#)

Mon 19 Sep: [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 1](#)

Mon 19 Sep: [Catholic Union lecture](#)

Tue 20 Sep: [Green Christian Host Deep Waters Online Course](#)

Wed 21 Sep: [Ecumenical Service on UN International Day of Peace, Coventry](#)

Wed 21 Sep: [The Parables of Luke online talk](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Conference: Why End of Life Companionship Matters](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Online launch of 'Gathered' - Diocesan Parish Youth Leaders Network](#)

Thu 22 Sep: [Online event hosted by Divine Renovation: What's next after Alpha?](#)

Sat 24 Sep: [SVP Festival Mass and Gathering](#)

Sun 25 Sep: [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#)

Mon 26 Sep: [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 2](#)

Thu 29 Sep: [Science & Faith event 4 - My mental health and spirituality](#)

Sat 1 Oct: [Guild of Saint Stephen Mass of Thanksgiving](#)

Mon 3 Oct: [Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly Session 3](#)

Thu 6 Oct: [Thursday Live Organ Recital at St Chad's Cathedral](#)

More Events

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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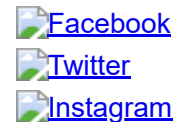
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