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CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors.

Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather.

Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike.

For more details visit CAFOD's Emergency Appeal online (link below) and pray for all affected by the earthquakes.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news



Aid to the Church in Need appeal

Aid to the Church in Need are sending aid to Syria to support those affected by the earthquake:

"You may have seen the reports on the news of the difficulties of getting help and assistance into Syria. As

we work through the Church we can get aid into Syria while others are struggling to do so.

"We already have projects in Aleppo and the area and as such are working directly through the Church,"

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Watch! Relics Tour Legacy film and book for Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

A film capturing the spirit of the 2022 UK tour of St Bernadette's relics has been released. The film provides an insight into St Bernadette's life and legacy and pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Be inspired by the film and join us in Lourdes this year.

Booking is now open for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which runs from Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June.

You can choose to fly, or travel by coach. A variety of hotel accommodation is available.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes



This Saturday: Annual Intercultural Mass

Saturday 18 February at 12noon at Holy Trinity Church, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The Ethnic Chaplaincies, Eparchies and Missions gather in collaboration with the local deanery, parishes and schools to celebrate our unity with the Chair of Peter.

Mass, celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright, will be followed by social time in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to wear traditional dress and bring flags to display in the church and to bring food to share afterwards.

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Anniversary - Ukraine invasion

We are very saddened that such an anniversary is having to be commemorated at all.

That it is, on **Friday 24 February** at the Ukrainian church in Coventry at 10am, followed at 6.30pm by a candle-lit Vigil for Ukraine in Coventry Cathedral Ruins, we honour the lives of all those brave men and women

who have given their lives defending their country in the name of freedom and independence.

We equally remember the lives of the many innocent civilians - children, women and men, victims of a totally needless war.

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Rite of Election at St Chad's Cathedral

All are welcome to attend the Rite of Election at our Diocesan Mother Church on **Sunday 26 February** at 3pm.

Candidates and catechumens from across the Archdiocese will gather to make a significant step towards their reception into the Catholic Church.

This special Mass marks the beginning of the final period of preparation for the reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Please pray for all involved.



Synod: Continental Stage complete

The Continental Assembly, part of the Catholic Church's ongoing synodal journey, recently took place in Prague.

As part of our ongoing contribution to the Synod the Archdiocese had completed and submitted a Diocesan Response for the Continental Stage.

A delegation from England and Wales made interventions at the Continental Assembly. In October the Synod of Bishops will meet in Rome for the first of two gatherings.

Our work on the Synod continues in line with the Diocesan Vision.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023



HOSANNA! Join a story for Easter in song and mime.

Saturday 18 March

This is a presentation of the events of Holy Week from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, to the devastating crucifixion on Good Friday, with a hint of what happened next...

Would you like to join in?

'HOSANNA' has been written by Anne Ward and is performed in mime, with narrators telling the story. There is a part for everyone – whether you love drama or are happier as part of the crowd, whatever your age or ability - we need you! We are particularly inviting people with intellectual disabilities to join in with us for this event. We will rehearse and then perform Hosanna on the same day.

Where?

Our Lady's, 170 Valley Road, Lillington, Leamington Spa, CV32 7SJ.

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Jobs and Opportunities

- Prison Chaplain, Eccleshall, Staffordshire. Roman Catholic Ordained Priest/Roman Catholic Ordained Deacon, Brother, Sister, Lay Person.
- Fr Hudson's Care: Vacancies are currently available in various Community projects (various locations), St Catherine's Bungalows, Domiciliary Care, and St Joseph's Care Home based in Coleshill.
- Parish Youth Worker at Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge.
- Volunteers needed at Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent shelter.

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West Midlands Irish Business Awards

The West Midlands Irish Business Group in Association with Business Post IE and iQuest are very proud to launch the inaugural West Midlands Irish Business Awards 2023.

The awards will celebrate the outstanding achievements of people within the Irish business community. All entries are reviewed by a panel of independent judges, creating finalists in each category. By submitting a nomination and attending the event you are aligning your business with a powerful group of likeminded business owners and leaders in our region.

Please feel free to nominate your business connections for each of the categories, you are also welcome to nominate your own business or yourself for any of the awards.

Closing date for nominations is **Friday 24 February**.

www.wmibgawards.co.uk/

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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