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Fasting on Fridays is saving carbon and Quick Wins to reduce parish costs

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Friday fast saves 55,000 tonnes of carbon per year

A recent study from the University of Cambridge found that one quarter of Catholics observed the Friday abstinence from meat. This translates into a saving of 55,000 tonnes of carbon per year.

If all Catholics did this, we would be saving 220,000 tonnes each year. If we all had a second meat free day, that could be 440,000 tonnes saved.

The monthly Responding to the Call of Creation newsletter is now available with more information and tips like the above.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/resources-to-care-for-creation



Mass for Marriage 2023

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2023? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings?

If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage.

Saturday 12noon, April 29 at Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room.

For more information, contact Paul Northam by emailing marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk or call him on (0121) 321 5148.



Quick Wins to help reduce parish costs

The Property Team's Building Maintenance Surgery on **Thursday 30 March** at 2pm will be looking at providing your parish with the tools to make small changes to help save you money.

If you have any ideas or thoughts you would like to share with the group that have worked for your parish, please bring them to the surgery.

As before, if you wish to attend, please email rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk and we will send you a link to join.

Tom and Tarnia are always available for any property related matters, just drop us an email:

Tom Stockwell: tom.stockwell@rcaob.org.uk

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Journeying through Lent

Prayers, reflections, family activities and more for your Lenten journey are now available on the Archdiocese website page for Lent and Easter.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lent-and-easter



Online conversation with Divine Renovation and Alpha

Clothed in Power: Transforming Parishes Through the Holy Spirit

Join online on **Tuesday 21 March** at 8pm.

Parish renewal takes a lot of work and perseverance.

But the reality is, hard work alone can only get you so far - and it's easy to be discouraged when it doesn't bear the fruit you had hoped for.

What if something - or someone - is missing?

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/events



Community Iftar at Newman University

Newman University and CitizensUK Birmingham invite you to join a Community Iftar preceded by a special event exploring *Preventing Hate*.

All welcome on **Tuesday 28 March**. Event starts at 6.30pm, Iftar at 7.30pm approx.

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Starts this month: Being a Welcoming Church - New Workshops

Father Hudson's Care (FHC) is working with the Archdiocese on a new project: Being a Welcoming Church.

It is a call for action around four areas of great need:

- Older People
- Disability
- Refugees
- Homelessness.

FHC has commissioned the making of four short films around these themes. The first is Older People.

This will be launched via Zoom on **Monday 20 March** at 7.30pm and will last for one hour.

The workshops will envision how parishes can live their faith and mission more deeply through charitable action, and equip parishes with new ideas and opportunities to serve those in need.

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New! Group for autistic Catholic adults

A first meeting for autistic Catholic adults is to be held at Our Lady and St Rose of Lima, Weoley Castle, Birmingham on **Thursday 23 March** at 7pm in the parish centre.

All Catholics who are either diagnosed as being non-neurotypical or think they might be are more than welcome.

For further details, please contact Deacon Mark Paine at dcn.mark.paine@rcaob.org.uk



Jobs in the Archdiocese

Human Resources Co-ordinator

The Archdiocese is seeking to recruit an experienced HR professional to support the Chief Operating Officer in the delivery of the Diocesan Vision.

Offering the successful applicant a two-year contract, on a self-employed basis, working two days a week.

Application deadline is **Monday 6 March**.

Facilities Manager

Father Hudson's Care, Coleshill, is seeking a Facilities Manager to maintain multi occupied properties and St George's Head Office.

Application deadline is **Tuesday 7 March**.

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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.

You can donate via standing order or single donation.

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