

Resources and Courses made available to you through the Diocese and in the comfort of your own homes.

Pastoral Letter - 16th/17th January

A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John to be distributed this weekend [can be found here](#). A voice recording of the letter can be found here: <https://soundcloud.com/salford-diocese/pastoral-letter-for-weekend-16th17th-january-2021>

World Peace Day - 17 January

Please find below a message for circulation from Pax Christi.

You will be aware that Pax Christi's celebration of the Holy Father's World Peace Day message takes place on 17 January, Peace Sunday. As in past years, we have created a wide range of resources to help parishes, communities and families reflect and celebrate peace-making on that day. Aware of the restrictions on gatherings and the limits this has put on parishes, many of the resources have been created for use in a family or community setting.

We hope that you will help us to promote the day and the resources in your Diocese. While special collections are more unlikely this year we very much hope that parishes might make a donation to help us continue with our work.

Details and links to our resources can be found [here](#) and here <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Health and Safety Winter Bulletin

Please find below a winter bulletin from the Health and Safety team which we have been asked to circulate. Please share with anyone in your parishes who may benefit from it.

[Health and Safety Winter Bulletin 2021](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

From 18th January to the 25th January 2021 is Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme this year is " **Abiding in Christ**" and it is taken from the Gospel of John chapter 15: 1-7.

On the CTE website there are listed materials and information that may well prove helpful to Parishes. You can find them here: <https://www.cte.org.uk/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=591118>

There is a county wide celebration in Lancashire, which has been adapted due to COVID. A poster with details of this Zoom event [can be found here](#).

Caritas Sunday 2021

Thank you so much for all that our parishes did in November and December to promote the Caritas Advent Appeal for those without a permanent home this winter.

The work continues and as you will now be aware, Bishop John has prepared a Pastoral Letter for this weekend concerning the annual collection for **Caritas Sunday 31st January 2021**.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing this please and promoting Caritas

Sunday within your parish community, on your website and in your newsletter. The letter and prayer card attached may also be useful.

We are also asking those parishes on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to like and share the work of Caritas Salford in our diocese to support the poor, vulnerable and those experiencing isolation.

Due to the pandemic, we are encouraging people to consider electronic giving. It is now very easy to set up a regular or one-off gift for Caritas, using our website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

For further information or support, please contact Rachel Taylor on 0161 817 2285 or email r.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk

Details of Caritas's parish resources for Lenten Pray-Fast-Give and COVID-secure ways of transferring funds will be available shortly.

Sunday Prayer Resource – “The Lord's Day at Home”

For those still at home and not attending Mass the Liturgy Office has prepared a service called "The Lord's Day at Home", based on the Sunday Scriptures, that you can pray on your own or with your family. It is particularly aimed at those not able to follow a Mass on the internet.

[Lord's Day at Home](#)

[You can also find this on our website](#)

Retrouvaille Marriage Support

We have been asked to share the following newsletter insert with our parishes.

Covid19 is a challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder.

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriageand you don't need to leave home, it comes to you!

For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Directory for Catechesis Reflection

Our Directory for Catechesis reflection will resume in the next few weeks with Reflection #15. Thank you. [Previous installments can be found here.](#)

Talks from the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

We have been asked to share the following two talks series with our parishes. Please share with anyone who may be interested.

The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of

salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

Set Free Summit: the Christian Heritage Centre and ICPE Mission offer a set of six, online sessions to young adults on relationships and sexuality based on John Paul II's teaching. Featuring speakers from across the globe, each session will provide the opportunity to share and ask questions. At 4pm on Sundays from 7th February to 14th March. For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/set-free>

Online Talks

The Adventures of a Biblical Translator Saturday 23rd January 2021, 11am - 12.30pm

An event by The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain

The Adventures of a Biblical Translator by Dom Henry Wansbrough

Editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and most recently the Revised New Jerusalem Bible, Dom Henry has spent a life-time in Bible translation.

To access this live stream event go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the event. Questions for Fr Henry on Bible translation may be emailed beforehand to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

Austen Ivereigh: Let Us Dream! Saturday 30th January 2021, 11am - 12.30pm

This event is being held in collaboration with Brentwood Diocese Interfaith

Let Us Dream! is the first book written by a pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English – by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the multiple coronavirus crises, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership.

Austen Ivereigh

Austen Ivereigh is a writer, journalist and commentator best known for two highly regarded biographies of Pope Francis: *The Great Reformer: Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope* and *Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church*.

To access this live stream event go to www.sppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Event available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Questions for Austen may be emailed beforehand to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org