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## Lots to get involved with and sign-up for

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### **New - starts next month! Online Drop-in Building Maintenance Surgery**

Tarnia and Tom from the Diocesan Property Team would like to invite you, or your parish buildings representative, to join them online on the last Thursday of each month at 2pm to ask any questions about all things building maintenance and repair-related.

The drop-in surgery is a trial and the first session will take place on **Thursday 23 February** and will be an open session.

Thereon, if a particular topic or question comes to mind, please email it to [rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk) in advance of the surgery.

To register your interest in attending next month's surgery, and obtain the link to join, please email [rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:rcaobproperty@rcaob.org.uk)

If your access to emails is limited please call either Tom (07787 988453) or Tarnia (07717 711382) with your questions for the surgery.

### **Mustard Seeds launch new resource**

Schools and parishes are invited to access a new education resource for the Lenten journey.



'Mustard Seeds' has launched the eight-part series exploring key dates and themes around Lent.

With insights from Archbishop Bernard Longley and cathedral dean Monsignor Timothy Menezes on the liturgical season.

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## Tomorrow, Friday 27 January, is Holocaust Memorial Day

A time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed.

This year's theme is '*Ordinary People*'. Highlighting the ordinary people who let genocide happen, the ordinary people who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted.

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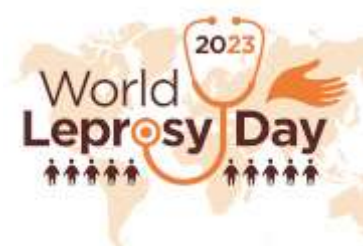
## This Saturday: Christmas Ceilidh for young people

Hosted by the Young Catholic Adult Network (YOUCAN) on **Saturday 28 January**.

Are you 18-35 years old and looking for a fun and unique night out?

Doors open at 5.30pm, Newman House Catholic Chaplaincy, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

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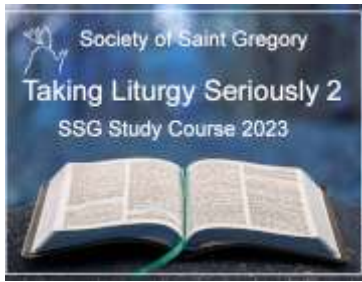
## World Leprosy Day - Sunday 29 January

Help increase public awareness of leprosy.

St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is inviting the Catholic community to support its mission, by dedicating a Sunday Service to, or running a short event for, World Leprosy Day.

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## New online course: Taking Liturgy Seriously 2



Hosted by the Society of Saint Gregory. Starts **Thursday 9 February and runs until November 2023.**

Focusing on all aspects of Eucharist.

Each module will comprise three one-hour sessions, 7.30-8.30pm, offering time for discussion and comments. The course is aimed at all who wish to develop a deeper knowledge of liturgy.

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## All invited to join Online Academic Forum

Presented by the St John Henry Newman Research Centre for Catholic Theology at Maryvale Institute on **Wednesday 15 February.**

*St Paul, the New Perspective and Supersessionism* by Rev Dr Richard Ounsworth, OP.

The latest in a series of occasional, public seminars by Maryvale academics.

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## Book now for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

We are pleased to announce booking for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage is now open.

The pilgrimage runs from **Saturday 27 May to Friday 2 June.**

To travel with the pilgrimage from start to finish you can book your flight or coach, plus preferred hotel, via our tour operator Tangney Tours.

A full breakdown of costs, and what you get for your money, is available on the Diocesan website.

We hope to see many pilgrims, old and new, joining this year's trip.

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes)

## Invite to 'Come and See Weekend'

**Friday 24 to Sunday 26 February** in Stone, Staffordshire.

A 'Come and See Weekend' hosted by the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers of Betharram.



For young men to explore the gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood.

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## 2023 Christian Leadership Formation programme - apply now

Applications are open for students in Lower Sixth wishing to join the Christian Leadership Formation Programme.

This represents a unique opportunity for gifted students who are committed to their faith, and wish to shape a Christian society. The programme offers practical skills intertwined with a strong intellectual and spiritual formation.

Full and part scholarships available. The deadline for applications is **Friday 31 March**.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>



## 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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