Useful Information

World Communications Day.

Sunday 24th May is World Communications Day. The Bishops' Conference has several resources that can be shared with Parishioners. This includes links to Pope Francis' letter: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/01/Pope-Francis-WCD-2020.pdf
Other prayer resources: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wcd20/wcd20-prayer/
and a donations page: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wcd20/donate-world-communications-day-2020/

Laudato Si

Sunday 24th May also marks the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato si' – 'on care for our common home'. Several resources are available to mark this anniversary including a prayer which people are invited to join in on at noon on Sunday. This prayer is available as a colour prayer card: https://laudatosiweek.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PRAYCARD-DISCATERIO_EN-1.png
and also as a PDF: https://laudatosiweek.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/LSW-Common-Prayer.pdf

Resources for the time between Ascension and Pentecost

The Bishops' Conference has also provided some resources for parish websites focused on preparation for the celebration of Pentecost: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/focus/
Including a text of a Pentecost Novena: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/05/Pentecost-Novena.pdf

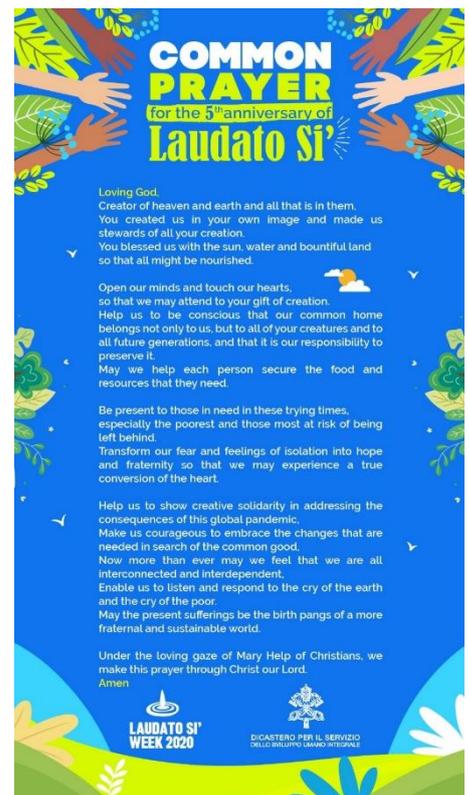
Marriage and Family Life

The Marriage and Family Life Team remain in post during the Lockdown and are providing many of their courses online: they are keen that clergy and parishioners are aware of the following:

Marriage Preparation - We continue to provide marriage preparation on all the scheduled dates using the same online format which worked well and was well received by the couples participating. Please continue to refer couples in the usual way.
Forthcoming dates for the official online Marriage Preparation course in Kent are **June 27th** and **September 19th**. Other dates for courses can be found at www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/marriage_prep_courses.html

Building A Better Marriage - In order to help married couples enrich their marriages we are holding more online courses. 'Dear husband and wife! During the lockdown period an **online** Building a Better Marriage' opportunity is being held on June 6th and July 4th, running from 10am -1pm.

The course offered means that you can attend the course from your own living room and t**here is no group sharing!** For further information contact: Carole - Tel: 07983524727 - email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Passing on The Faith - Parents have a lot more time with their children at the moment. So we felt it timely to offer a programme we have run in the past in several parishes but now as an online service for families. We would be grateful if you would publicise this in your parish/deanery in any way possible. For more details email Lisette Blanchett-Ball on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

National Mass for Keyworkers and Families

The Bishops' Conference have organised a weekly live stream Mass to pray for Keyworkers and their Families. These Masses are celebrated by a different Bishop each Thursday at 7pm from one Cathedrals across the country. Archbishop John will be celebrating the 2nd July Mass. The planned schedule for the next few weeks is:

28 May
Bishop Terence Drainey
St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
YouTube Channel

4 June
Bishop John Arnold
Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Salford
Salford Cathedral on churchservices.tv

11 June
Bishop Patrick McKinney
St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham
Nottingham Cathedral on churchservices.tv

18 June
Archbishop Bernard Longley
St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham
St Chad's on MCN Media

25 June
Bishop Alan Hopes
Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich
YouTube Channel

2 July
Archbishop John Wilson
St George's Cathedral, Southwark
YouTube Channel

9 July
Bishop Tom Williams
Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool
YouTube Channel
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