

DIOCESAN NOTICES 29/11/20

NO PERU COMMISSION APPEAL THIS YEAR: This year, please support the people of Peru with your prayers. Any donations received can still be forwarded to the Peru Commission.

ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY! : For Advent 2020 we invite you to Prepare the Way for the coming of Christ with Gospel readings and reflections for each day. These will also be posted on the Youth Service social media pages each day: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/youth/meet-the-team/>

ADVENT SERVICE: 'He Comes, He is Revealed'. Sat 12th December at 4pm (on Zoom) Growing Old Grace-fully invites you to join a short reflective Advent Service, with readings, hymns, reflections and recordings from our Diocesan choirs. To book please go to www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk and see the link on the home page.

CATHOLIC CARE'S COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP FOR REFUGEES: Things are a little difficult at the moment. For those groups part way through the process and those thinking about it please bear with us, we are committed to the cause and are optimistic of what 2021 might bring. For further details please contact Sue Parsons 07702 255 113 sue.parsons@catholic-care.org.uk

VACANCY: Headteacher - Barkston Ash Catholic Primary School. Salary: L8 – L14. Required from 12th April 2021. Closing Date: Monday 7th December. For further information please email admin@barkstonash.n-yorks.sch.uk.

VACANCY: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Leeds KS2 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover) Required from January 2021. Closing Date: Friday 4th December. Further info at <https://www.eteach.com/job/lower-ks2-class-teacher-1121977>.

ONLINE ADVENT SYCAMORE COURSE: Monday evenings in Advent (from 7-8.30 pm), a short "Sycamore" course via Zoom. A chance to discover and grow in faith through relaxed discussion, based around attractive videos (see www.sycamore.fm). Catechists interested in running Sycamore in their own parishes may also benefit from attending. For more information and an invitation email: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE SERVICE: Are you finding lockdown isolating and would welcome some support? Catholic Care have organised a number of initiatives that are designed to help. We have weekly relax and revive sessions, a telephone befriending service or an online social group with different themes and speakers each week. For more details contact Catholic Care 0113 3885400 or Janet 07739 975008.

CATHOLIC CARE'S COMMUNITY MARKETS: The COVID-19 pandemic is bringing untold economic hardship, the impact of which is leaving many feeling unable to feed their families for the first time. Supporting families positively with dignity is the aim of our Community Markets. If you are interested in supporting us with this work please contact Janet Kent 07739 975 008 janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk. Further information attached.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND - SILENT NIGHTS IN BETHLEHEM:

At 7.00pm on **Thursday 3 December**. Peter Rand, FHL's Vice Chairman is running a Zoom session for our Diocese to share and take questions about Christian in the Holy Land, especially in the pandemic. Please email Peter at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk and for the link to access the meeting.

Also at 10am on **Saturday 5 December**, FHL are organizing a live cookery demonstration by zoom of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal, prepared by the ladies at St. Martha's House, a Day Care Centre in Bethlehem, supported by FHL. Again, please email Peter who will send you the link.

EVENTS AT THE BRIERY

The Briery Retreat Centre: 'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Recollection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4th December and repeated on Saturday 5th December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch. To book a place please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

The Briery Retreat Centre: 'The Ever-Coming God' an Advent Preached Retreat given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp beginning Friday 11th December until Sunday 13 December. The suggested offering for the weekend is £175.00 per person, to include all meals. To book a place please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

The Briery Retreat Centre: A Zoom Meditation is held every Thursday, 7.30pm – 8.15pm. This is free and open to everyone. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83610083525>
Meeting ID: 836 1008 3525. Looking forward to seeing you.

MISSIO ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Fridays in Advent at 10.30am, online. Reflections on the Sunday Gospels.