FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Feast of Divine Mercy

Will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church **on Sunday 11th April**, starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 3.30pm. (A seat can be booked using the diocesan booking system 7 days before the Feast Day) *Tell ailing mankind to draw close to My merciful heart and I will fill them with my peace. Mankind will not find Peace until it turns with confidence to My mercy and love.* **Quote from Saint Faustina's Diary**

National day of Reflection Tuesday 23rd March 1st Anniversary of the First National Lockdown.

A National Day of Reflection which the Prime Minister has asked for on the 1st anniversary of the first lockdown back in March 2020.

You will see that Cardinal Vincent and Archbishop Malcolm have asked that, as Catholics, we make this day, **23 March 2021**, a day of prayer and reflection and that as many of our churches as possible are open for private prayer.

Our two Churches Holy Cross and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will be open from **11am until 1pm and 5pm until 7pm**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in both Churches. My friends where you can please respond generously and take 10-15 minutes before the Blessed Sacrament, mindful that we have to adhere to social distancing and in order to allow everyone to make their visit.

Exploring the Directory for Catechesis Conference – Maryvale Institute March/April/May 2021

About the Conference: Maryvale Institute, on behalf of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, is delighted to announce a free, virtual conference that will focus on the new *Directory for Catechesis*. There is **no cost** to register and attend all sessions of the Conference, although delegates are encouraged to consider a **donation** of **£5** or **£10** or more towards scholarships for those enrolling on Maryvale Institute's adult formation courses, to help support and train the **catechists of the future**. The conference offers an opportunity for those either involved with or interested in catechesis, to explore the main themes and key emphases of this important text, and to reflect on its implications for their work in the Church and the world. The conference will take place across 3 sessions, focusing on different aspects of the directory: For more information please visit: <u>https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/conference-2021.html</u> or contact <u>marketing@maryvale.ac.uk</u> To register: <u>https://bit.ly/222KqlX</u>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - New Online Experience for Marriage Encounter - England and Wales - *Embrace your life together in love* – 20th- 21st March and 15th -16th May

The Marriage Encounter experience is normally available as a residential or non-residential weekend but in response to the ongoing restrictions of the COVID pandemic, it is now available as a live, Online Experience. The new format has proved popular, especially with younger couples and is being rolled out during 2021, the first was in January and is followed by 20-21stMarch and 15-16th May. To book or to find out more information about WWME follow the link: www.wwme.org.uk