



Invited

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NOVEMBER



Dear Invited Friends,

The clocks have changed, with the nights now well and truly drawing in. If you haven't already done so, there couldn't be a better time to watch the latest Invited Film series available on our website.

Our Formation Team have received some wonderful feedback from our Invited community over the last three weeks. Fr Stephen Ortiger's film on prayer was described by Monique as "amazing, helpful, instructive and reassuring". Having watched Fr Tony Milner talk about about God's love for us, Margaret said she understood "much better the way the love of God is portrayed and perceived in the Old Testament and, why!" Teresita also commented on this film, highlighting that she looks forward to using the concept of Covenant in her catechism lessons, preparing children for their First Holy Communion.

Thank you to those who have taken the time to share their feedback with us. If you would like to contribute your thoughts on Invited Films One to Five, then please contact our team

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Gospel: John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



Introduction

On Sunday 21 November, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and later enhanced by Pope Paul VI, the Feast was introduced as a response to ever-increasing secularisation, the false hope offered by fascism and communism, and the devastation and desperation which followed World War I.

This annual Solemnity marks National Youth Sunday in England and Wales. This year, it has also been declared World Youth Day by Pope Francis, with the theme: 'Arise! I make you a witness of what you have seen' inspired by Jesus' words to St Paul in Acts 26:16.

Pope Francis regularly acknowledges the challenges young people today face. In a speech to young Catholics in Canada he said:

'The world, the church, are in need of courageous young people, who are not cowed in the face of difficulties, who face their trials and keep their eyes and hearts open to reality, so that no one should be rejected or subjected to injustice or to violence, or deprived...of human dignity.'

Youth Sunday gives us an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, and to affirm their contribution to parish life. During this month we pray for our young people and for those who work with them, catechists, youth workers, teachers in our Catholic schools and our clergy. We pray for the communities within our Diocese whose mission is to develop the potential of young people and, lastly, we pray that our parishes will always be places of welcome to families and the young, so that they may be courageous in their faith.

You can find information on **World Youth Day 2021** [here >>>](#)

To find out more about the **Youth Service** in our Diocese contact the diocesan Youth Adviser:

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Autumn's Invited Films: A brief guide Part 1 – A Deeper Dive into the themes of Season One

God's Love as revealed through the Old Testament

Rev. Dr Anthony Milner is parish priest at St Theresa of Lisieux, Southwick and St George's, Hove, and a former theology tutor at the Venerable English College in Rome. Fr Tony guides us through parts of the Old Testament as he explores God's eternal love for us.

Theology of Human Brokenness

Dr Pia Matthews is a senior lecturer at St Mary's University in Twickenham, and was appointed an expert to the XIV Ordinary General Assembly Synod of Bishops in 2015. Pia talks to us about how, in a Christian context, human brokenness is always spoken of in the same breath as hope.

Salvation – How Jesus Saves Us Through His Cross

Fr Stephen Dingley is the parish priest of Our Lady of Sorrows and Church of the Holy Spirit, Fetcham, and former Professor of Theology at St John's Seminary in Womersley. Fr Stephen explores different theories of salvation, helping us to understand more fully exactly what Jesus has done for us.

Part 2 – How to....

Prayer

Rt Rev. Dom Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB is a Monk of Worth Abbey, Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Diocese and currently Priest in Residence at the parish of Our Lady, Star of the Sea in East Preston. Fr Stephen gently instructs and encourages us in how to establish a routine of prayer in our lives of faith.

Scripture

Fleur Dorrell is Catholic Scripture Engagement Manager for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and Bible Society. She's the national co-ordinator of the 'God who Speaks Campaign', a writer and an applied theologian. Fleur explores how we can develop a way of accessing scripture, and grow in love for the Word of God.