

A Time for Hope and Healing



In support of the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse in a season of hope and new life the Catholic Diocese of Northampton is holding an event at St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield at 40 Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL between the 17th and 20th May.

You are warmly invited to join Bishop David Oakley and Bishop Alan Wilson, Anglican Bishop of Buckingham for our opening service on 17th May when a LOUDfence will be launched.

LOUDfence is a survivor-led initiative and involves tying colourful ribbons and messages as a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse.

The LOUDfence will be available on 18th and 19th May between 9am and 7pm outside of the Church, which will be open for anyone seeking quiet time and reflection. A mixed team of lay and clergy volunteer listeners and welcomers will be available, as well as members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team should anyone wish to talk.

The LOUDfence will then conclude on the morning of 20th May with a closing service, refreshments and include information from support charities.

Everyone is welcome to join our event which seeks to provide an opportunity for people to gather collectively in support of those who have been impacted by any form of abuse, whether Church related or externally.

If you are unable to come along but would like to participate, you can ask us to tie a ribbon for you or provide a message of support by emailing safeguardingadmin@northamptondiocese.org



Programme of events taking place

- 9th May 7.30pm Mass at St Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield (HP9 2PL) to mark the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse
- 11th - 17th May **Let's Journey Together**
A week of online guided prayer for those affected by Clerical Abuse in the Catholic Church. More information available using this QR code
- 17th May 7pm gathering at St Teresa's
7.30pm opening service - LOUDfence launched
- 18th May LOUDfence available between 9am and 7pm
10.30am Mass at St Teresa's with prayers for survivors
- 19th May LOUDfence available between 9am and 7pm
9.30am Mass at St Teresa's with prayers for survivors
- 20th May 9.30am Mass at St Teresa's with prayers for survivors
11am gathering and closing service at 12pm

