



## CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

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Dear Father,

International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.

On Friday 8 February 2019, Catholics all over the world will celebrate the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking.

This initiative that was pioneered by the Bishops' of England and Wales in February 2013, has become an annual global event for Catholics and this year our focus will be on victims of trafficking in **forced labour and labour exploitation**. The attached resources have been developed for use in parishes and schools to support the valuable work that is already going on the dioceses across the country to raise awareness against human trafficking. Additional information will be available on the website: [www.santamartagroup.com](http://www.santamartagroup.com)

I will be joining Bishop Alan Hopes in East Anglia diocese to celebrate the Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking with the staff and pupils of St John Fisher Secondary School in Peterborough. I wish you a happy St Josephine Bakhita Day and I hope that you will provide assistance by promoting these resources.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes for the New Year

Yours sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Lynch SS. CC." with a small cross symbol to the left.

Rt. Rev. Patrick Lynch SS. CC.  
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