



## MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Life from Conception - No Exception!

### Pulpit Announcement for March for Life/ Lifefest 18

This year is the 50th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. To date approximately 9 million unborn babies have legally died through abortion in the UK since the law was passed, leaving behind many deeply hurting women and men. Whatever problems a woman or couple face we don't believe the answer is abortion as helping a woman to take the life of her own child is not a loving response to her situation. This has prompted the theme for this year's March for Life UK which is: 'Every Life Deserves Love'. So far March for Life has been held in Birmingham but this year we are moving to London on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

We want to encourage you to take some responsibility for changing this country for the better and one of the best ways to start is by attending March for Life. If you've never attended a March for Life before then here's what to expect: In the morning there are Masses & Christian services available which are taking place around London. 'LifeFest18' (the pro-life festival part) starts early at 9.30am in 'The Connaught Rooms' in Covent Garden. During the morning there will be workshops, pro-life stalls, merchandise, live music, a prayer room for prayer ministry and Confessions. A children's craft area with face-painting for the children (and adults), some inspiring testimonies and other surprises to be unveiled on the day.

The morning festival will finish at 1.00 which will then lead straight on to the BIG MARCH. We will have a joy filled 'march' or procession through the streets of Westminster proclaiming our central message of 'Life from conception - No exception' before we come together for a time of quiet reflection and our keynote speakers in Parliament Square. To be pro-life is to be pro-active about what we believe. Maybe you are not quite sure whether you are pro-life yet or have a few niggling questions . . . then come to March for Life as you will have your questions answered and your doubts put to flight. Maybe you have never done anything pro-life before . . . then come to March for Life as this is an easy way to start and once you get there you will find plenty of ideas of how to continue some pro-life activity. Maybe you used to do pro-life work but have had a break . . . then come to March for Life and let this be the year you take up the baton again - everyone is needed whatever your age or skills. Maybe you already participate in pro-life work . . . then March for Life is for you because all the pro-life groups from across the UK will be coming together as one voice.

So, how can you help? Come to this year's 'Lifefest' on 5th May and be a voice for the voiceless! If you can come together as a group or parish even better! March for Life costs around £40,000 to host so any donations made via our website [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk) will be greatly appreciated no matter how small - think of your donation as an investment in the future of this country. Link with us via our website or our social media platforms. Lastly and most importantly could you pray for us, our work is for the Glory of God, we can do nothing without His help! Thank you.

(For Catholic churches). I will end with a quote from Pope John Paul II. He once told us: "You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion." — Pope St John Paul II

If you are organizing a coach then add: I am organising a coach from this area which will be leaving from ..... (location), at .....(time) and will cost .....(price per seat). Please talk to me after Mass/the service if you are interested in finding out more.