

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan eNewsletter with News and Updates about the Diocese and beyond.

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Welcome to A&B eNews

Welcome to this further edition of the A&B eNewsletter.

Firstly, many congratulations to the two new Canons of the Cathedral, Canon Tony Churchil and Canon Colin Wolczak who were installed during Vespers for the Friends of Arundel Cathedral on Sunday 4 December. You can see photographs from the event on the [Diocesan Flickr site](#).

A further reminder about The Bishops' Conference of England

and Wales new resource [The Art of Dying Well](#) which has brought the medieval manuscript *Ars Moriendi* – The Art of Dying – into the digital age, with a [website](#) aimed at helping terminally ill people and their loved ones deal with death.

You may be thinking of renewing your parish website in which case you could do no worse than come along to our day on 19 January on the Parish Portal which will provide a no obligation introduction to the website for parishes being offered by *all interactive* and supported by the Diocese. For more information and to book online see [Diocesan Website](#).

Finally, from February 2017 there will be a new structure for **A&B News** following the retirement of long time volunteer editor, Pauline Groves. An A&B News Editorial Board will be formed under the direction of the Bishop and the Communications Commission. The Communications Officer, Mark Woods will take on the role of General Manager for the A&B News team with a new Volunteer Editor, Harry Robertson who together with other current and new volunteers will take forward production and publication of the paper each month. Ruth Gerun will continue to offer secretarial support and the email address for contact and stories will continue to be abnews@dabnet.org. We wish Pauline every blessing for the future and grateful thanks for all her work over many, many years.

With every prayer and blessing,
Mark Woods - [Communications Officer](#)

Diocesan Information

- [Parish Portal Website Training](#), 19 January, Crawley
- [How to bring our Parishes from Maintenance to Mission](#), 21 January, Crawley

- [Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#) (for 11-18), early 2017, various venues
- [Bereavement Course](#), early 2017, Crawley
- [A&B Justice and Peace Assembly](#), 28 January 2017
- [Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting](#), 11 February 2017
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2016/17 - See [website](#)
- [Learning to be an Interpreter for the Deaf](#), Dates to be confirmed.
- [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - The Redshirts](#), applications now open.

[Parish Portal Website Training](#): On 19 January in either 1:45pm - 3:30pm. An introduction with James Godaby on how to set and use Parish Portal. an effective and easy to use template website for parishes. For more information contact Mark Woods on 0752 843 8042 or email: communications@dabnet.org. To book online go to the [Diocesan Website Courses](#) and click on Communications button.

[How to bring our Parishes from Maintenance to Mission](#): On Saturday 21 January from 10am-4pm, at DABCEC, Crawley. Guest Speaker: Michael Roche (Alpha in a Catholic Context). He will explore how we can make our parishes more responsive to the call of the New Evangelisation. He will draw on lessons from the "Divine Renovation" books. These make suggestions as to how we might change the culture within our Parishes, so as to create the right conditions for Evangelisation to take place. To book phone 01293 651157 or email david.wills@dabnet.org or [book online](#).

[Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#) He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:
 Saturday January 21st - St John's Seminary, Womersley
 Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill
 Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill
 Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is

absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser Jack.Regan@dabnet.org. Jack will confirm whether there is space. He assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

[Bereavement Course](#): The full course for those ministering to the bereaved will run Wednesday 25 January, Monday 30 January, Monday 6 February, Wednesday 22 February and Monday 27 February. Support of Parish Priest required to book on the course. For more details please contact Katherine Bergin, Marriage & Family Life Adviser, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, RH10 6RP. Tel: 01293 651152 Email katherine.bergin@dabnet.org and www.dabnet.org

[A&B Justice & Peace Assembly 2017](#): 'Am I A Good Neighbour? - Globalisation and the Fair Society' with Bishop Richard, Fr Augusto Zampini-Davies and Jenny Sinclair on Saturday 28 January, 10am-4pm at Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. To book a place email ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or book online on the Diocesan Website.

[Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting](#): The Diocese invites you to a Formation Day on Saturday 11 February 2017 Christian Education Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP with Austen Ivereigh, Papal Biographer, Coordinator and Co-Founder of Catholic Voices and a contributing editor for Crux. The day begins at 9.30am (coffee and registration from 9am). Ends at 3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome to attend. You can book online or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or email: communications@dabnet.org

[Dates for Diocesan Musicians for 2016/17](#): See [Diocesan Website](#) for dates of rehearsals for musicians for Rite of Election, Chrism Mass etc. For more information contact [Catherine Christmas](#).

[Learning To Become an Interpreter for People Who Are Deaf](#): Intended for Clergy and parishioners interested in learning British Sign Language and Liturgical Signs in order

to Communicate with Deaf People in our Churches and Parishes. As with learning any new language this course will start at a basic level and then progress through the levels as appropriate. It is hoped that people who have followed the course through the levels will eventually be able interpret and communicate to deaf people in Liturgies and sacramental preparation, when required. If you are interested in finding out more about this course please contact: Margaret Fraher, Inclusion Adviser, on 01293 651196 (direct telephone line) or by email at margaret.fraher@dabnet.org

[A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - The Redshirts](#): Young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the [A&B Lourdes Website](#).



St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information

Programme for 2016-17

See full details of their **new programme** for the year on their [website](#).

Residential Retreats coming up are:

Saturday 24th December - Tuesday 27th December: St Cuthman's Christmas Retreat.

Friday 6th January - Sunday 8th January: 'Spiritual Gifts of Ageing'

Monday 16th January - Tuesday 17th January: 'Listening with the Ear of the Heart' with Bishop Richard Moth focussing on teaching and practical experience of Lectio Divina.

Friday 3rd February - Sunday 5th February: Women in the Bible Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla and Sarah: Exploring Original Paintings by Silvia Dimitrova. Led by Bishop Graham Kings from

For more information on all these and other events, and to book individual private retreats and quiet days visit www.dabnet.org. To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: stcuthmans@dabnet.org

Local & Parish Events and Information in the Diocese

Wintershall Estate Events: Please note following dates in your diary: Nativity at Wintershall, 14-18 December 2016 and Life of Christ 20-24 June 2017. [See their website for more information.](#)

Quiet Days: Led by Chemin Neuf Community at Storrington Priory, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LN

Wednesdays: 1st February, 29th March, 10th May from 10am-4pm. Simple lunch provided. More details: storrington@chemin-neuf.org or see the [website](#).

Icon Retreat at the **Poor Clare Convent**, Crossbush, Arundel BN18 9PJ from 5th-11th March. You will deepen your relationship with the Lord through writing (painting) an Icon, have an Icon to

take home at the end of the retreat. No artistic skill needed with hands on tuition by Sr. Maria. Contact Ms Frances Fogg for more details and booking on frances.fogg@phe.gov.uk.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community. See [website](#) for more information or Email: storrington@chemin-neuf.org

Please consider becoming a CAFOD volunteer in your parish. They NEED YOU! Just contact Martin or Jo at the Arundel and Brighton volunteer Centre for more information on 01483 898866 or email arundelandsouthampton@cafod.org.uk.

Apostleship of the Sea wants Ship Visitors: They need ship visitors in Shoreham, Portsmouth and Southampton. Interested? Please contact Deacon Roger Stone on 07963 345 618 or rogerstone@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

SVP Caravan in Bognor: The SVP in Arundel & Brighton supports deserving families with a break during school holidays. To assist in covering running costs, they are offering parishioners the opportunity to enjoy a week outside of the school holidays for the reasonable cost of £250 from April to October. The accommodation offers: a 3 bedroom, 6 berth caravan. Please check the facilities on the website or Riverside Caravan Park: www.rivcentre.co.uk. Enquires to your local SVP Member or contact: Laurence Kelly tel: 07788963909, or Ray Hingerton tel: 07767013629.

Refugee Stations of the Cross and Photo Display Available: St Mary of the Angels, Worthing J&P group has a Refugee Stations of the Cross made up of a black & white photo display available through an organisation called 'Journey Together' who work to reunite & keep refugee families together. They were taken by professional photographer Marksteen Adamson. You can see more on a [website](#). If you would wish to borrow them contact Mr Dereck Prentis by [email](#).

Pope Pius XII Memorabilia: Would anyone be interested in books and memorabilia of Pope Pius? If so please contact Michael Rycroft at ms@mandsrycroft.plus.com

Matthew's Gospel Resource Book: The Catholic Bible School has a new resource book. A guide for small groups and individuals to really pray with and study Matthew's Gospel for the new liturgical year beginning this Advent. Copies are available to order from their [website now](#) - including a downloadable free copy of chapter one.

Mary's Dowry Productions - this Sussex based company produces DVDs on the lives of Saints, many of them British saints and martyrs . Their latest DVD is on St Joan of Arc. For more information and to buy their DVDs go to their [website](#).

Pax Christi
Peace Sunday
15 January 2017



'Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace'
Pope Francis - World Peace Message 2017

Promoted by Pax Christi with the support of the International Affairs Department, Catholic Bishops' Conference, England and Wales

Peace Sunday on 15 January - 'Nonviolence: a style of politics for peace'. Resources produced by Pax Christi are available on their [website](#). This include homily resources provided by A&B priest Fr Rob Esdaile.



Flame 2017: Annual national Youth event on 11 March at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Matt Redman (grammy award winning Christian artist) will be leading the music, and speakers include Cardinal Bo of Burma, Fr Augusto Zampini-Davis (theological adviser to Pope Francis, and one of the key people behind Laudato Sii), and Sarah Teather (former Minister of State for Children, and now director of the Jesuit Refugee Service). To book and for information visit [CYMFED Flame 2017 website](#).



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Bishop Richard Moth, 5th
Bishop of the Diocese of
Arundel & Brighton
Read his current Pastoral
Letter on Spiritual Works of
Mercy [here](#) from Saturday.
Read his Diary [here](#)



For more on the Year of Mercy see the [Diocesan](#) and [Vatican](#) Websites

Diocesan Education Service
Information



For information about and for vacancies in our Diocesan Schools see [Diocesan Education Service website](#).
More House School, Frensham is seeking a Chaplain. More information on their [website](#).

[Add an Event to the Website](#)

You can add events to the Diocesan Website by going to [www.dabnet.org/Coursesandsubmitting your event](http://www.dabnet.org/Coursesandsubmittingyour.event).

Arundel Cathedral Information and Events



For further information on Arundel Cathedral and events at the Cathedral see the [website](#).

National & International Events

Holocaust Memorial Day 27 January 2017: Every year the Holocaust and other genocides are commemorated on the 27th January. The support of Churches is warmly welcomed, in the simplest way this could involve displaying their themed posters and booklets. The theme for 2017 is 'How can life go on'?

To find out more and to order a free activity pack please visit www.hmd.org.uk

Thirteenth National Conference for Rural Catholics 13-15 February 2017 at Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE. For

more information and to book contact Fr Robert Miller, Catholic Bishops' Conference National Rural Officer on rwhm274@btinternet.com.

Poverty Sunday on 26 February. How can we allow God to transform us into what Pope Francis has called a "poor Church for the poor"? For more information and resources see [CAP website](#).

Beginning Experience: Are you single again through separation, divorce or the death of a partner? A weekend programme to help you move to have a future with renewed hope on 17th to 19th March at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For an informal chat about what happens on the weekend contact Freda 01322 838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Taizé Birmingham 2017 Hidden Treasure - Inner Life and Solidarity: In cooperation with the churches of the city, the Taizé Community will be facilitating a young adult gathering in Birmingham next year, over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, 28 April -1 May 2017. Brother Alois, Prior of the community will take part. Information see - www.taize.fr/birmingham; Contact: taizebirmingham@gmail.com

National and International Appeals and Programmes

Redemptorist Publications are seeking a Marketing Assistant. Send your CV and covering letter to: helen@rpbooks.co.uk by the 12th December 2016.

Caritas Portsmouth are seeking a Director to lead their work in the Diocese on poverty and social exclusion. For more information see their [website](#). To apply for this exciting role, please e-mail your CV with a Supporting Statement to Jenny Warner, Managing Director, Charisma Recruitment Ltd, to info@charismarecruitment.co.uk quoting reference 1611-13 by 15 January 2017.

VMM International formerly the Volunteer Missionary Movement has launched its **short-term volunteering** programme for 2016/17, offering the chance of a three-to-six-week placement in Africa tailored to the individual applicant. For this and other volunteer opportunities overseas go to their [website](#).

Marriage Matters is an online collection of 60-word snippets, adapted from the Sunday Mass Scripture Reading reflections found in ***I Am With You*** Year A. These can be placed in a newsletter, bulletin, website or blog. The idea is to support, encourage, inspire, challenge and motivate couples to deepen their relationship with one another and with God. See [website](#).

Premier is running its "**Christmas Alone**" initiative where they create a database of events happening on Christmas Day, so that people who would otherwise be alone can find somewhere to go. To register your event go to www.premier.org.uk/christmasalone.

Million Minutes - a Catholic Youth organisation inspired by Catholic Social Teaching is offering **small grants** for projects which support youth-led activities linked to Catholic Social Teaching. See their [website](#) for more details and information.

Do support and help promote '[We're all Equal](#)' and '[Don't Screen Us Out](#)' two important campaigns; one to remove disability as a

ground for abortion and the other to ensure Down's syndrome babies are not screened out by a new test.

Watch out for the new film *Silence*, in cinemas January 1st 2017. Directed by Martin Scorsese, and based on the classic novel of the same name by Shusaku Endo. The film tells the story of two young Jesuit priests, Father Rodrigues and Father Garrpe, who travel to Japan in the early 17th Century. In a country where Catholicism has been banned and Christians face terrible persecution, the two men go in search of their missing mentor, Father Ferreira. Parish resources for the film are available from [Damaris Media](#).

Through its [Syria: Peace is Possible campaign](#), the Catholic agency Caritas is urging its supporters around the world to put pressure on their governments to: Ensure all sides of the conflict come together to find a peaceful solution Support the millions of people affected by the war, Give Syrians inside and outside the country dignity and hope.

Film - Sing a Little Louder: This film challenges us to live out our faith ensuring the dignity of the human person from the womb to the tomb. You can view this short film [online](#).

Apostleship of the Sea has launched a new scheme to help isolated and lonely seafarers. It's easy and involves sending a card to a seafarer with a short message inside. You don't have to include your address, so you won't receive a reply. To send a card to a seafarer, click [here](#) for more details, including where to send the cards to.

ACAT-UK Christmas Cards: Every year Action by Christians against Torture compiles a list of prisoners and where appropriate their families and supporters, and invites Christians to send

them cards in support. For a list of individuals to mail see their [Website](#).

Fathers Prayers: This is a world wide movement aimed at fathers (between two and ten per group) joining together on a weekly/monthly basis. Find out more on www.fathersprayers.org and/ or contact John Murphy direct (07903683227) if you wish to start a group or register a group that already meets.

PACT (prison's charity) is looking for volunteers: To support their work with prisoners and their families across England and Wales. They have a number of opportunities. Training is provided to all volunteers. If you are interested get in touch with them on 0207 735 9535 or [click here](#) to see what they have available.

Faith Inside: a guide for Catholics in prison - A new resource for Prison Chaplains and Catholic prisoners available from Redemptorist Publications via

DoCat: This is a catechism on the **Church's social teachings** enriched and developed particularly since Pope Leo XII's forceful expression of the doctrine in the 19th century. You can get DoCAT as an app [here](#)

Interreligious Newsletter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference; You can subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/cavnJ9>. It is a newsletter aimed at Catholics who are interested in interreligious matters, and their friends.

LIFE Charity Pregnancy Help: Through their network of Care Centres around the UK, National Helpline or Text to Talk service, LIFE Care provides counselling and support for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy,

suffering the loss of a baby or coping after abortion. Just click on the [Life Website](#).

Readings in different languages - Handy downloadable (pdf) Sunday readings in about a dozen European languages, for those who have different language groups in their parish. Download [here](#).

Papal Blessings for weddings, anniversaries etc - As from January 2015 only available online from the Vatican @ www.elemosinaria.va

Boarbank Hall, Cumbria run by Augustinian Canonesses offers courses throughout the year. See their [website](#).

Sarum College Courses and Events in Coming Months. [See their website](#).

Ammerdown Retreat Centre- Various events and retreats. [See their website](#).