



Welcome to A&B eNews  
I write this following the recent atrocity in Manchester and I am sure the prayers of the people of the Diocese will join with Pope Francis (see below) and thousands of others across the world for those hurt, injured and killed in the bomb blast. Sadly this joins the long list of those of all faiths and none who have lost their lives to terrorist violence over the last few decades from Sudan to Afghanistan, and France to USA and many other countries of the world. Please remember them all in your prayers over the coming period.

There is still an election to take place and below you will see a news release from the Bishops of England & Wales together with links to their

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of  
Arundel & Brighton



The information contained in this email is included in good faith. Please take up any

letter on the election and some suitable resources. CAFOD also have some useful questions on social justice to put to candidates on their [website](#) a does the LIFE charity [website](#) on life issues.

Finally, I would also remind you that you are welcome to share this eNewsletter with others and invite them to subscribe by sending me an [email](#) - you can unsubscribe at any time. You can also add events and courses on the [Diocesan Website](#) at any time.

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

queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.



Pope Francis said he was deeply saddened to learn of the injury and tragic loss of life caused by the barbaric attack in Manchester. Read full text here:

<http://catholicnews.org.uk/pope-manchester-attack-230517>



## Bishops issue election guidance with encouragement to vote

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter to Catholics on the

forthcoming general election, which has been distributed to all parishes across all dioceses.

The letter is an encouragement to all Catholics to play an active part in the election. While voting for any particular political party is a matter of conscience, the bishops encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations, as we prepare to leave the European Union. The letter lays out broad principles to guide our thinking in the run-up to the election, **taken from Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium.**

**“To a great extent the outcome of this election will determine the approach taken on how this (leaving the European Union) is achieved, the priorities we pursue and the values we wish to treasure as our own in the UK and as partners with countries around the world. It will determine how we can heal divisions in our society, care for the vulnerable, how our public services are run and whether we can remain a united kingdom.”**

The letter then moves from these broad guiding principles to some more specific questions for consideration and to raise with candidates, including questions on how best to encourage and enable families to flourish, promote freedom of religion across the world and care for refugees and asylum seekers.

The letter concludes with a prayer:

**“Lord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace.”**

The full letter is downloadable from <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17-bishops-message-news>. Other resources can be found at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17>.

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s): 'Discerning God's Call in my life' from 26th - 28th May 2017 in Broadstairs, Kent. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

Big Church Day Out: Annual Christian Gathering at Wiston House, West Sussex from 27 - 28 May. For more information [visit their website](#). If booking contact Diocesan Youth Adviser, [Jack Regan](#) who will organise group discounts.

World Communications Day of Prayer 2017: This takes place on Sunday 28 May. The theme this year is 'Communicating Hope and Trust in our Time'. Read the Papal Message for the day [here](#).

**A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has **helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels** including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the programme - commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June 2017 in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham - email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) : call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

Divine Renovation: moving your parish from maintenance to mission: The author, Fr James Mallon, is visiting Portsmouth Diocese on **Thursday 15 June 2017** from 3.30 – 7:30pm at De Vere Beaumont Estate, Burfield Road, Old Windsor, SL4 2JJ. To apply for tickets go to the [Booking Website](#). If tickets have sold out then you can contact David Wills, Arundel & Brighton

Evangelisation & Catechesis Adviser who may have spare tickets:

[david.wills@dabnet.org](mailto:david.wills@dabnet.org) or tel: 01293 651157

**Day for Life - 18 June:** This is the annual day in the Church is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In October 2017 it will be 50 years since the 1967 **Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This year's Day for Life** provides us with an opportunity to pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and to offer practical and emotional support to women and men who are worried and concerned about an unexpected pregnancy. For information and resources see the [Day for Life Website](#).

Natural Family Planning Training Offer: The Natural Family Planning Teacher Training Association invites those involved in Marriage Preparation Courses and similar to train to become NFP Teachers and learn the latest methods available. They will run courses in July in Manchester or London or Birmingham. To book, for costs and to find out more information visit their [website](#).

London Bible Week, Day Conference: During the course of a full day conference, **Living like Jesus**, on Saturday 22nd July at the Emmanuel Centre in London, they will be looking at what the Bible says about how we can live **more like Jesus in four key areas. You'll be joined by** Tom Wright, Calvin Samuel, Vaughan Roberts and Celia Apaegyeyi-Collins to lead us deeper into the scriptures and help us experience the Bible brought to life as never before! For more information see the [website](#).

Annual National Justice & Peace Conference: 21—23 July 2017 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire on **'A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor: The Challenge of Pope Francis**. For more information contact: Email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk); Tel : 0207 901 4864

Welcome to Paradise: Chemin Neuf are running a Youth Festival (18-30 years old) in Hautecombe Abbey, Savoy, France. It's an international Festival between 1200-1500 people for one week with opportunity to worship, for talks, workshops, sports and much more from 6-13 August. You can find out more [here](#).

**Romero Centenary Pilgrimage to El Salvador:** The Archbishop Romero Trust has organized a third pilgrimage to El Salvador to coincide with the Centenary of Blessed Oscar Romero's birth which is being celebrated throughout 2017. It will take place from 13-25 November 2017. Bookings are now open but will close in June. For further information and to make a booking or to reserve a place on the pilgrimage please contact by **mid-June**: Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX. Tel: 020 7431 3414 Fax: 020 7794 7803. Email: [arctc@btinternet.com](mailto:arctc@btinternet.com)

**World Meeting of Families 2018 In Ireland:** Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August 2018 and we have already started to prepare for this event.

[Please click here to be included in future newsletters from them.](#)

You are now able to apply to volunteer for the Meeting on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer).

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National and International Appeals and Programmes

**The Art of Dying Well** website has received a very positive response from the public and the media. It was described in the Guardian as ***“making a positive contribution to society’s communal wellbeing.”*** Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the final journey. Thank you to those of you who have already added a short piece about the Art of Dying Well to your parish website. We need to keep up the momentum, so if you haven't had the chance to add a link to your site – [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://www.artofdyingwell.org)

– Adding the link will boost how the Art of Dying Well website ranks in Google searches for terms related to death and dying, thereby helping people to easily find the site when they are searching for help with these issues.

**The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network** is the new name for the well-known and popular Apostleship of Prayer, a Pontifical service that's been entrusted to the Jesuits for over a century. In Britain, in various innovative ways, all the faithful are being invited to be Apostles of Prayer. This can be done by sharing the Monthly Intention of the Holy Father [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org) and his new, "Urgent Action" intentions announced each month; there will also be, in some dioceses, a local intention too. There's no cost to join, but there are lots of resources, online and printed – see [www.popesglobalprayer.net](http://www.popesglobalprayer.net) where you'll also find a reflection on each month's Intentions that can be used in parish bulletins and websites. Fr. David Stewart SJ is ready to visit parishes and Chaplaincies to promote the network in your Catholic community – just ask him: [dstewart@jesuit.org.uk](mailto:dstewart@jesuit.org.uk) @jesuitsinbritain

Mega Youth Poll – Pope Francis is calling on YOU



Pope Francis is calling on YOU Young people of the Church to share your thoughts on Life, Faith and Vocational Discernment (what God is calling you to be). Click on the link below to complete the online survey and make your voice count! Your answers will form part of Pope Francis' Synod on Youth in 2018 and will contribute to YOUR Church of the future.

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll)

Whatever your religious belief, feelings about the Catholic Church or circumstances we want to hear from you because you are important to us.

This Mega Youth Poll should take between 15 and 20 minutes to complete, depending on how much you want to tell us. We have kept the poll anonymous to give you the freedom to be open, without fear of criticism. This poll will be closed on Monday 5th June 2017 and the responses we receive will be used in a report that will be sent to the Vatican in preparation for

the Synod led by Pope Francis.

[Watch the video here](#)

**The Shack** tells the story of Mack Phillips (Sam Worthington), a man who has an extraordinary encounter with God in the wake of a family tragedy. The film is coming to UK cinemas on 9th June. Damaris Media are providing free booklets for church groups to engage with the film. Email: [hello@damaris.org](mailto:hello@damaris.org) if you would like to receive some for your parish or school. You could also arrange a private screening of the movie. For more information visit [theshackmovieuk.com/privatescreenings](http://theshackmovieuk.com/privatescreenings).

CAFOD Gap Year Programme: Applications are still open in a couple of **placements for CAFOD's gap year programme**. For anyone aged 18 – 30: an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit [www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year](http://www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year) or email [cjones@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cjones@cafod.org.uk)

Catholic Women Preach: A new website offering reflections on the Sunday readings by Catholic women. An additional resources for preparation for Sunday Mass. Click on [www.catholicwomenpreach.org](http://www.catholicwomenpreach.org)

**Live Streaming of Mass**: This is now possible and cheap to do. So if you are **thinking of broadcasting your services onto people's computers and mobile devices**, as they happen, you can now do it through Live Streaming. However, if you are planning to stream the whole service including the music you will need to ensure you have the appropriate copyright license to ensure you are not broadcasting without being covered. You can read a little article on [this website](#) on **How to Live Stream** and the **license** you will need to do it. Though this information only applies to services streamed via a UK based company and not Ireland or elsewhere.

Holy Land E-Action: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has an e-action asking you to write to your MP concerning the occupation of the Palestinian Territories (East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza) which is now in

its 50<sup>th</sup> year. As there is now an election taking place this a good time to act. To take this action [click here](#).

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](#).

Life have recently launched a new Social media page aimed at reaching people who really need their support. To help them to find LIFE log on to our Facebook page to “Like” and “Share” us! <https://www.facebook.com/pregnancymatters/>

Churchmarketplace is a national collaborative buying group, a not-for-profit organisation, created by the Catholic Church to help our community. They have negotiated contracts you can trust, saving you time and money on all your purchasing needs. To find out more, please visit the website [www.churchmarketplace.org.uk](http://www.churchmarketplace.org.uk)

Cinnamon Network aims to make it as easy as possible for local churches to transform their communities by reaching out to those in greatest need. They help churches respond by providing a menu of best-practice Cinnamon Recognised Projects that can easily be replicated. Alongside the projects **they offer advice, funding, support and leadership training**. For more information go to their [website](#).

National Churches Trust: The National Churches Trust have launched an initiative. It is the new maintenance grant. This is a fantastic grant that can/will help those who are in the planning stages of a project to get access to some hard found start up funds. More [here](#) on this and other funding.

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](#).

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.

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors now has its own [website](#) for you to view. You may also be interested in The Centre for Child Protection which is part of the Pontifical Gregorian University which also has a [website](#).

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.

Stonor House in Oxofrdshire: The Stonor family who remained Catholic from the Reformation until today welcome parish groups by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays during April to the end of September with exclusive use of house, gardens and park. You can also arrange Mass in the Chapel. For more information see their [website](#).

This Worldpriest website has one overarching aim – to unite priests and laity so that everyone can come into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. They want [www.worldpriest.com](http://www.worldpriest.com) to be a place where you receive answers to questions of faith, where you can find information on church teaching, resources to support our priests, prayers for all occasions and where you can discover the truth of our faith – that God loves us and provides for us on a daily basis, in every situation. You can also sign up for their regular newsletters.

The Global Rosary Relay for Priests begins at the stroke of midnight on 23 June (the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) this year, commencing in East Asia as it begins its journey around the world. We thank you for making this worldwide prayer event a success in the past as we now look forward to sharing in a greatly enhanced event for 2017, when over 100 lead shrines in more than 50 countries around the world will pray the rosary in their local language at their allocated time. See [website](#) for more information.

The Ephatta website puts in touch people looking for a temporary accommodation with other people willing to open their door and welcome them. Members can list a couch, a private room or an entire home. Hospitality can be provided for any event: holidays, pilgrimages, gatherings, **professional trips...** They created the [Ephatta website](#) because welcoming and travelling are unique ways to make meaningful encounters and strengthen our faith. As [Ephatta](#) means “**be opened**”, **the website gathers** those who want to open to others, whoever they are.

Maryvale Institute: The Institute offers various long-distance formation courses especially in evangelisation and catechetics from ongoing education courses to undergraduate and post graduate degrees including an Ecclesiastical Licence in Catechetics recognised by the Holy See. For more information on all their courses visit 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](http://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.

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.

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.elemosineria.va](http://www.elemosineria.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](#).

