

Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News. First of all I would direct you below to the World Day of the Poor on 19th November initiated by Pope Francis. You will see below links to resources you can use in the parish.

Advent is approaching and to support parish prayer life the Advent Reflection Booklet is now available to either order or download for use in groups or by individuals from the [Diocesan Website](#).

Please do share this eNewsletter with others and invite people to subscribe by sending me an [email](#) - you can unsubscribe at any time.

A reminder that you can also add parish and other events and courses

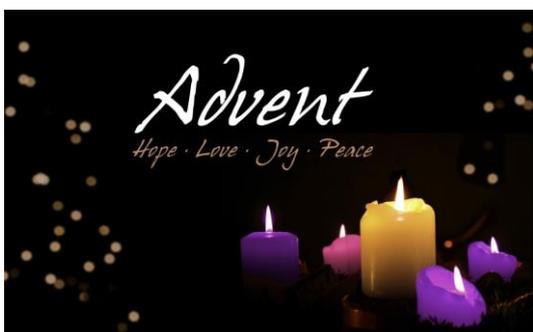


Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton



The information contained in this email is included in good faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the

diocese with those who have provided it.



Advent books, calendars and materials are available from the Diocesan Bookshop in Crawley. See [website](#) for opening times and how to order online.

Job Vacancy

Buildings Officer Post - Arundel & Brighton Diocese

Reporting to the Financial Secretary, the Buildings Officer assists with the management of Diocesan property, ensuring that all sites are appropriately maintained, residential property is appropriately let, and Parish Priests are assisted with the selection of suitable third parties for support with property matters locally.

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton covers the city of Brighton & Hove, the counties of East and West Sussex, and Surrey outside the London boroughs. We have 85 parishes and 65 schools serving our Catholic

community. The Diocesan Trust is a substantial charity with approximately 500 employees (excluding clergy).

This role is a central resource for monitoring the five-yearly programme of parish condition surveys and following up with parishes to support and encourage the completion of appropriate works. The Buildings Officer is responsible for updating a database of Diocesan properties and monitoring issues such as the need to remind parishes where tenancy renewals are due.

In addition, the post holder is a key member of the Diocesan Health and Safety Committee, the first line of support for parishes and Diocesan agencies in ensuring that compliance with Health and Safety is maintained and documented within our online system. Helping parishes to observe Health and Safety requirements is a key aspect of this role, including promoting awareness and compliance with 2015 Construction Design and Management regulations.

Suitable training and support will be given in all these areas where required.

The Buildings Officer is also responsible for communicating developments in Diocesan guidance on property matters, including updating the property sections of the Parish Administration Manual. The development and maintenance of a list of approved suppliers for parish maintenance work, quinquennial surveys and various inspections is also an ongoing task for this role.

The Buildings Officer should be sympathetic towards the aims and ethos of the Catholic Church.

The remuneration package comprises a competitive salary and a 15% non-contributory pension scheme. This is a full-time **role based in the Diocese's** administrative office in Hove.

Please contact Sarah Kilmartin: telephone: 01273 859705 or email: finance@dabnet.org for an application form and job description.

Closing date: 24th November 2017, interviews in Hove on 30th November.

National & International Events

Pax Christi Seminars - Non-Violence Works!: October 2 is the International Day of Nonviolence. As the call to the Christian community to engage in study, formation and the practice of nonviolence is being reaffirmed by Pope Francis, Pax Christi are offering a series of days on Non-Violence. For details on dates and how to book go to their [website](#).

National Celebration of the Young Christian Workers in England & Wales: YCW will be celebrating their 80th year in England and Wales on 18th November 2017 from 4pm, with a Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist in Salford, followed by a celebration in the Cathedral Assembly Room.

In England and Wales, the first YCW group was founded in Wigan in 1937, with Father Gerry Rimmer as the Chaplain and Patrick Keegan, a young factory worker, as President. Patrick would go on to become the first lay man to address an Ecumenical Council of the Church when he addressed the Second Vatican Council on the role of the laity.

All members, past and present, friends and supporters are welcome.

First World Day of the Poor: Instituted by Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy in 2016 on 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time which this year is on 19 November. You can read his message for the day [here](#). The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) have prepared very useful resources, including liturgy resources, on their website: <http://www.csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor/> . There are also Prayers of the Faithful under Social Action on the Resources page of the [Diocesan Website](#).

2017 'Celebrating Young People Awards' - 23 November: The Awards celebrate those young people living out Catholic social teaching in their lives and communities. This year the Award Ceremony is timed to take place just a few days before National youth Sunday in November. A young person or group (aged 11-25) who you nominate could join us for the glittering ceremony in

London, with guest of honour, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon (Chair of the Catholic Education Service).

There are seven categories to nominate people for, including promoting peace and fostering community. There is also an award for an inspiring adult youth leader. Check out the categories and resources to help promote the Awards at millionminutes.org/awards. All young people nominated will be considered for the Pope Francis Award presented by Archbishop McMahon.

It couldn't be easier to nominate. Tell us about your nominee (or group) now - it will only take a few minutes: millionminutes.org/nominate

You will also find all the information about the Awards criteria and resources to use with your young people at millionminutes.org/awards

National Justice & Peace Networking Day: On Saturday 25 November 2017 from 10.30am - 1.00pm at St Thomas More Church, 9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH focusing on the Gypsy, Roma and Travellers' Network Plus: opportunities to network and get updates from justice and peace activists and national agencies. For more information see www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/njpn-meetings or contact Ann at admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk, 020 7901 4864.

Catholic Bible Sunday falls on 10 December 2017 and takes the theme 'Welcome the Word'. In partnership with Bible Society, we've created a resource pack to support scriptural engagement in the Catholic community. These Scripture-focused materials will help each of us to explore Advent, Christmas and beyond. We want to enable every man, woman and child to engage with the Bible in ways that are appropriate to them. Find more information here: <http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/Home/Featured/Catholic-Bible-Sunday-2017>

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018: Please note that Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 falls on January 27th.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018: Please note that Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 falls on January 27th.

Catholic Rural Conference 2018: The conference which runs from Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th February in Garstang, nr. Preston, Lancashire. Any Catholic interested enough to come is welcome. For more information and booking form contact Fr Robert Miller on 01747 870228 or rwhm274@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 can now book to register for the event on their [new website](#).

You are now able to apply to volunteer for the Meeting on www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer.

Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018: The bishops of England and Wales have announced that they plan to hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year (7-9 *September 2018*). Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Participants at the Congress will take part in a series of Catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the first day of the Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for Parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The sessions will focus on Scripture, Ecclesiology, Eucharistic Language and Catechism and a Workshop on the Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration.

The Echo Arena in Liverpool (which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims) will be the home to a six- hour stage programme on the second day of the Congress, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration. On

the final day of the Pilgrimage and Congress, Sunday, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession, open to all.

National and International Appeals and Programmes

Meaningful Chocolate Company - The Real Advent Calendar: Based in the village of Lymm, the meaningful [Chocolate Company](#) make the UK's favourite Fairtrade Easter egg and the UK's only charity Fairtrade Advent calendar. They also make other seasonal goods and a range of chocolate bars. Their Real Advent Calendar, puts the story of Jesus' birth back at the heart of the Advent story. More information about the Advent Calendar, along with additional school resources can be found [here](#). The Calendar also comes with a 24 page Christmas story activity booklet.

CAFOD is part of the DEC Rohingya crisis appeal. You can donate directly to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis or by calling 08085 858 885

New 'Slow TV' series visits three Benedictine monasteries: Three Benedictine monasteries: Pluscarden, Downside and Belmont featured in a new three part TV documentary series shown on BBC Four in October. It is now available to watch on iPlayer. According to an entry on the Pluscarden website, **the genre of this documentary is 'Slow TV'. Following the model of 'Into Great Silence' about La Grande Chartreuse, "the idea is to invite viewers into a world where prayer, meditation, contemplation, worship hold a central place."**

Synod on Youth Website: The Vatican has launched a new website focusing on the upcoming Synod of Bishops on 'Young People, Faith, and Vocational Discernment.' which will take place in October 2018, Please share this website with Youth leaders and Young people

<http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en.html>

The Art of Dying Well website has recently received a media award for its podcasts. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the final journey. Please add a link to your site – 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: Please share the Monthly Intention of the Holy Father 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 **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 @jesuitsinbritain

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

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

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.

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 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 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](#).

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

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](#). They now have a new brochure for the academic year 2017-18 which you can see [here](#).

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