



Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton

Today begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and you can see information below including links to resources as well as a possible bidding prayer to use this weekend.

If you are thinking of renewing your Parish website then the Diocese is able to offer you *Parish Portal*, a reasonably priced and easy to administer website, in association with *allinteractive.com*. There is currently a special offer of free setup if you order your site before 1st March 2018. You can find information about this special offer at [parishportal.net](http://parishportal.net).



The information contained in this email is included in good faith.

Please do share this eNewsletter with others and invite people to subscribe by sending me an [email](#) - you can unsubscribe at any time. Also a reminder that you can also add parish and other events and courses on the [Diocesan Website](#) at any time.

Finally, please remember Fr David Weston RIP in your prayers who died recently and whose funeral will be at 11.30am on 26 January at St George's, Court Farm Rd, West Blatchington, Hove BN3 7QR. Reception of his body will be at 4pm with a Vigil Mass at 7.30pm. Priests wishing to concelebrate at either Mass kindly notify: [rota@stgeorges-hove.org.uk](mailto:rota@stgeorges-hove.org.uk).

With every prayer and blessing,  
Mark Woods

Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.

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Items marked in red are new additions since the last eNewsletter.



Please pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life in the Diocese.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 18-25 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs every year from 18th-25th January, ending on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Please pray for unity of all Christians in doctrine, life and worship regularly, but, most especially during this week of prayer.

Resources for the week can be found on the following links:

[Churches together in Britain and Ireland](#) and [Vatican website](#)

And you can find prayer intentions for each day [here](#).

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## Closure of DABCEC Bookshop



The DABCEC Bookshop has ceased trading to the general public. Parishes will still be able to order some material (sacramental programmes, course materials, Bibles, Hymnals etc.) by contacting [bookshop@dabnet.org](mailto:bookshop@dabnet.org). Advice about material and suppliers can also be obtained by contacting the same email address.

Any repositories interested in buying remaining stock at a very reduced rate can contact [bookshop@dabnet.org](mailto:bookshop@dabnet.org) in order to arrange a date to view the available material. Stock on sale includes CTS booklets, cards (including Mass cards, sympathy cards First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards),

children's books, rosaries, gift items for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, Bibles, prayer books and some Missals.

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## National & International Events

**Holocaust Memorial Day 2018:** Please note that Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 falls on 27 January. This is a day when we remember all those countless numbers of people who have been affected by genocide. You can find information and resources [here](#).

**Racial Justice Sunday:** This falls on Sunday 28 January. On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. You can find resources and more information [here](#).

**Homeless Sunday:** This falls on Sunday 28 January (same as Racial Justice Sunday). You can find resources and more information [here](#).

**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](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com).

**National Justice & Peace Open Networking Day:** On Saturday 10 February from 10.30 – 4pm - **'Saving Food and Changing Lives' with FareShare East Midlands** at Holy Cross, Wellington Street, Leicester LE1 6HW.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** is on Friday 23 of February. For information and resources see the [CAFOD website](#). This year the government is again offering matched funding for any monies raised for CAFOD during Lent.

**Landings Programme Annual Lecture:** The second annual lecture of the recently relaunched **Landings** Programme for Returning Catholics which will take place at the **Landings UK** Centre at Farm Street Church Hall, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH on 6 March at 7:00pm. Dr Austen Ivereigh, papal biographer and Catholic Voices co-founder will address the subject: '**Close and Concrete: Pope Francis on how to Evangelise in a World in Flux**'. Mass in the church at 6:00pm; Buffet reception to follow. To book a place please contact Mr Scott McCombe at [farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:farmstreetoffice@rcdow.org.uk) or on (020) 7529 4829. Recommended donation: £7

**Romero Trust Lectures 2018 with Rubén Zamora:** Cardiff, Thursday 15 March, Cambridge, Friday 16 March, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday 17 March, Liverpool, Monday 19 March and Leeds, Tuesday 20 March. Rubén Zamora a distinguished Salvadorean diplomat, academic and social democratic politician with close links to the UK. Please keep your eye on [www.romerotrusted.org.uk](http://www.romerotrusted.org.uk) for details of times and venues.

Altar Servers Rome Pilgrimage: At the invitation of the Holy Father, the Archconfraternity of St Stephen (Guild of Altar Servers) is organising a five-day trip to Rome in July, 2018. For more information and to book go to <http://www.paxtravel.co.uk/guild-of-st-stephen>.

Bishop Richard invites you to join him for the World Meeting of Families in Dublin with the Holy Father, Pope Francis: 21-26 August 2018 sees the arrival of the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. The Diocese is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising a pilgrimage for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandparents. We will be staying together in Dublin City

University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach. A three day congress will be followed by a Festival of Families and a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration with Pope Francis.

If you would like more information about the event visit

[www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/)

If you would like to join us on pilgrimage, please speak to your parish priest about how he can support you financially, and for a booking form. Alternatively you can contact Lizzie or Katherine of the Diocesan Pastoral team

[wmof2018@dabnet.org](mailto:wmof2018@dabnet.org)

**Pilgrimage to Malta & Gozo in the footsteps of St Paul:** Fr Tom Grufferty from Portsmouth Diocese invites you to join him on a pilgrimage in the footsteps of St Paul to Malta and Gozo from Saturday 1st –Sunday 9th September. Half Board at [Mount St. Joseph's Retreat House](#) in Mosta, Malta and return flights from Gatwick Airport. Full Programme to include visits to Valletta, which is European City of Culture, the two famous Caravaggio **paintings in the Cathedral, the Three Cities, St. Paul's Bay, Mosta Rotunda Church, the silent City of Mdina, Rabat, Mellieha, Blue Grotto** with a full day in the sister island of Gozo. A walk along the famous promenade in Sliema, St. **Julian's Bay and much more.** Full details [here](#).

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.

A&B Diocesan contact is Fr Tom Traherne who you can contact via his assistant for the event Liz Fitch on 01424 420815 or by email [office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk](mailto:office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk).

**Encountering our Muslim Neighbours:** A retreat with Dom Martin McGee, OSB of Worth Abbey 13th to 23rd October 2018 at the Maison Diocésaine, Viviers, Ardèche, France, where Blessed Charles de Foucauld was ordained priest in 1901. Extending the hand of friendship and love to our Muslim neighbours in Europe today, inspired by the Monks of Tibhirine, made famous by the film *Of Gods and Men*, and Mgr Pierre Claverie, OP – martyrs of Christian-Muslim Encounter. Details from [Retreats Beyond Dover](#). Email: [retreatsdover@gmail.com](mailto:retreatsdover@gmail.com) Tel: 0207 379 7273.

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## National and International Appeals and Programmes

**Church Action on Poverty Job:** *Churches Engagement Officer* for south of England. 14 hours per week. They are seeking someone with experience of working with a range of churches/denominations, and an understanding of how to grow relationships and income through supporter marketing events. The post is available on either a freelance or employed basis. Closing date for

applications: noon, Monday 5 February. Interviews in Oxford on Thursday 15 February. More information and application pack [here](#).

**New App from National Office for Vocations** - God Calls: This free App is designed to help you explore your ultimate purpose, and discover your unique path to heaven. To find out more and download the App go to [www.godcalls.co.uk](http://www.godcalls.co.uk)

Counting our Blessings is a new, simple scripture-based resource produced by the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship at **the Bishops'** Conference of England and Wales, designed for accompanying families in faith. It aims to help families connect their ordinary, everyday living, giving and caring **for life with the sense of being 'blessed'** – i.e. that God who is love is present with them, sharing life with them, in and through their love. *Counting our Blessings* aims to help reveal what Pope Francis calls a "shepherding" in mercy that is going on in family life all the time. (**The Joy of Love** #187). You can order the book from the [Diocesan Bookshop](#).

Funeral Planning for parishioners: Help parishioners to ensure that their wishes for their funeral are known by friends, family and the parish using the form provided by the Pastoral Care Project. See their [website](#) for more information.

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

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>

Boarbank Hall, Cumbria run by Augustinian Canonesses offers courses throughout the year. They have recently published their programme for 2018. See their [website](#) for full details.

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](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:** Please share 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

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)

LIFE is unique in the UK, combing positive alternatives to abortion with prolife advocacy work.

**Pregnancy Matters™** - supports anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after abortion. #pregnancymatters – If you or someone you know needs help please send them to our website – [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

*Life Matters®* - inspiring and informing the next generation to value all human

life from beginning to end. #lifematters (Media, campaigns and education programmes) – please show your support on our Facebook page /lifecharity

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.

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

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](#).