



Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News

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, congratulations to the new Bishop Elect of Lancaster, Canon Paul Swarbrick. You can read more about his appointment [here](#).

With every prayer and blessing for the Lenten Season,
Mark Woods



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



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

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

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

Pope Announces Day of Fasting and Prayer for Congo, South Sudan and all the World

Pope Francis announced on Sunday 4 February that Friday 23rd February – the Friday of the First Week of Lent – has been given this special designation as a Day of Fasting and Prayer for peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and all the World. Read the announcement [here](#).

The Holy Father through the Apostolic Nuncio has asked that the Bishops should take whatever initiative they think opportune to favour the participation of the local churches in this Papal initiative.

This is also the CAFOD Lent Fast day and so could dovetail into this annual work too, especially as CAFOD has projects in both DRC and South Sudan. The additional bonus is that there is matched funding from the UK government for all money raised for CAFOD during Lent so for every £1 you raise the government will match it with an extra £1.

For more information on the CAFOD Fast Day see www.cafod.org.uk

Clergy Appointments

The Bishop has made the following appointments:

Mgr. Benny O'Shea as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Queen of Peace, Rottingdean with St. Patrick's, Woodingdean from The Holy Name, Esher.

Father David King as Parish Priest of The Holy Name, Esher from Our Lady of Sorrows Bognor, where he was an Assistant Priest.

Father Stan Mycek as Assistant Priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis from Arundel Cathedral.

Bishop Richard has also appointed Father Neil Chatfield, a priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, as Parish Priest of Christ the King, Eastbourne following the retirement of Father Barry Anderson.

Rite of Election - Arundel Cathedral



Please note that the Rite of Election for those preparing for baptism or reception into the Catholic Church takes place in Arundel Cathedral on Saturday 17 February at 2.30pm. The Ordo in the Diocesan Directory wrongly states that this is to take place on Sunday 18 February. Parishes are

asked to send in their returns for the Rite of Election even if there will be no one attending from their parish to Ruth Gerun, DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP.

National & International Events

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.

Fairtrade Fortnight: This will take place this year between 26 February and 11 March. Find resources [here](#).

Women's World Day of Prayer: This year it takes place on Friday 2 March. The theme is 'All God's Creation is Very Good', prepared by the women of Suriname. You can find resources [here](#).

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 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 for details of times and venues.

Catholic Medical Association invites you to its Annual Conference: The Catholic Medical Association will be holding its Annual Conference on Saturday 14th April (followed by the AGM on Sunday 15th April) at the Catholic **University of St. Mary's**, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX. The subject of the conference will be **“Conscience Matters in the Workplace”** and will approach the subjects of Conscientious Objection, Conscience Clauses and difficulties which believers of all kinds may be having, or have had, with the exercise of their beliefs while at work in Healthcare.

It is hoped that, during feedback sessions, attendees at our conference will anonymously present any problems or difficulties that they have experienced for discussion and advice so that an open approach and some resolution may be attempted.

You can download a registration form [here](#).

Beginning Experience: There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please telephone Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

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/

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

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: Adoremus ("let us adore") is the title being given to an initiative of all the bishops of England and Wales to create a special opportunity for us to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives.

From 7th to 9th September 2018 there be will a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool called Adoremus. Through this event, and all the preparation taking place before it, we seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society.

You can read more about the Eucharistic Congress [here](#).

A&B Diocesan contact is Canon Tom Treherne whom you can contact via his

assistant for the event Liz Fitch on 01424 420815 or by email 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 Tel: 0207 379 7273.

National and International Appeals and Programmes

Apostleship of the Sea Seeks Chair of Trustees: AoS is looking to appoint a chair during 2018 to lead an effective, stable and well governed charity as it considers embarking upon an exciting period of growth, both at home and overseas. For more information and to apply see [here](#).

The Catholic Women of the Year Luncheon has its Golden Jubilee this year - fifty years of celebrating Catholic women's service to the Church in Britain: To mark this, they will be holding a special celebration Luncheon in the Autumn - and they invite nominations for the 2018 Catholic Women of the Year. They are looking for the "unsung heroines" - women who joyfully and prayerfully serve the Church and the community, as mothers, teachers, Sisters, holders of public office, or workers in all sorts of jobs, upholding Christian moral values and caring for those in need, in their local parish and/or beyond. To nominate some one, all that is needed is a letter giving a short account of why the person should receive the honour. The four Catholic Women of the Year are chosen by secret ballot by a committee drawn from representatives of the main Catholic women's organisations.

Nominations can be sent via their web page at www.cwoy.org , by email: cwoynominations@gmail.com or by post to: CWOY, 33 Asburnham Tower, London SW10 0EE, and should arrive before April 13th 2018.

Appeal for collection of unwanted shoes for Uganda: They need lots of donations of all sorts of USED and UNWANTED SHOES from individuals, schools, families and organisations. These will be directly distributed to **prisoners, refugees in displaced peoples' camps especially from South Sudan** and school children who walk barefoot to school daily in the tropical sunshine. Focus is on rural schools in Masaka Diocese of southern Uganda. Uganda at the moment hosts over 100,000 displaced peoples in refugee camps and 85%of school children in rural areas walk barefoot.

FREE COLLECTION of the donated items has been guaranteed beginning with the LAST WEEK OF MARCH.

Contact: Fr Silvester Bukenya: 07564512216

(Fr Silvester Kewaza Bukenya is a diocesan priest of Masaka Diocese in Southern Uganda, prison chaplain and a member of the National Justice and Peace Network. He worked for some years in Wandsworth, Southwark Diocese)

Real Easter Eggs now available: Out of the 80 million Easter eggs sold in this part of the world every year, The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has a copy of the Easter story in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects. They need a champion (maybe you) to spread the word, collect orders and buy directly from them. To receive a marketing pack and order forms please email philip@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk or you can download order forms and the marketing pack [here](#).

Institutum Liturgicum at Ealing Abbey: They promote liturgical research and post-graduate level education in the UK, based on the licentiate curriculum of the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy, Rome. Individual courses can be taken in July & August independently with the Institutum Liturgicum, or for credit through the

KU Leuven - Research Master of Advanced Study in Theology & Religion. For further information see their [website](#).

New Resource from NBCW A Guide to the Annulment Process (4th Edition): This week the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) publishes a revised 4th Edition of A Guide to the Annulment Process, supported by the Marriage and Family Life Office at CBCEW. First issued in 1998, the Guide seeks to de-mystify the annulment process, making it easier to understand, and hopefully less stressful. The 4th Edition also takes into account *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, **'The Gentle Judge, our Lord Jesus, the Shepherd of Souls'**, the document published by Pope Francis in 2015 which gives a more streamlined and readily accessible way of proceeding in cases concerning the declaration of the nullity of a marriage. To find out more and order a copy look [here](#).

Be siLent from Million Minutes: Lent, just two weeks away, is a chance to do something special - like stay silent. Why not join others as one of the siLent40, each of person s staying silent on a different day in Lent. It's really easy - you can even choose your own day. We're creating a million minutes of silence - siLent. This 'deafening silence' will speak up for young people and raise money to support them. You won't be alone. Frank Cottrell Boyce, the screenwriter and author, peace campaigner Margaret Mizen and Delia Smith, Britain's best-selling cookery writer, are all staying siLent alongside many others. There is a video, info at the sign up link at www.millionminutes.org/silent. As soon as you sign up they will be in touch to help and to ask you about your chosen day.

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

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.

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 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 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

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

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

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](#).
