



Welcome to A&B eNews with  
National and International News

With the recent announcement that  
Blessed Oscar Romero and Blessed  
Pope Paul VI are to be canonised  
later in the year you might like to find  
out more about the former at one of  
the upcoming Romero Trust lectures,  
mentioned below.

It is now only 6 months to World  
Meeting of Families in Dublin this  
August and the Congress  
Programme is now available [online](#).

Please do share this eNewsletter  
with others and invite people to  
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you can unsubscribe at any time.  
Also a reminder that you can also



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

add parish and other events and courses on the [Diocesan Website](#) at any time.

diocese with those who have provided it.

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Finally, please pray for a number of clergy who are seriously ill in Hospital.

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

With every prayer and blessing for the Lenten Season,

**Mark Woods**

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## Clergy Funerals

The Funeral Mass for Fr John Pearson who died earlier this month will take place on Friday 16 March at 12 noon at St Erconwald's, Walton on Thames KT12 2TA.

The Funeral Mass for Fr David Maskell who also died earlier this month will take place on Tuesday 27 March at St George's Retreat, Burgess Hill RH15 0SF.

May they rest in peace.

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## Scam Warning

Scam Warning - Please be aware that there is a scam letter supposedly coming from the Apostolic Nunciature in the USA from a Fr Basil Zebrun. Please delete it from your inbox and do not open the link.

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## National & International Events

Romero Trust Lectures 2018 with Rubén Zamora: **Following the announcement of the elevation of Blessed Oscar Romero to sainthood these events are of renewed interest.** 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.romerotrust.org.uk](http://www.romerotrust.org.uk) for details of times and venues.

A special production from Bristol Old Vic of Handel's **Messiah** is coming to cinemas across the UK and Ireland for one night only (Wednesday 28th March 2018) - offering a chance for church groups to experience in Holy Week. To book tickets and find out more click [here](#).

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, attenders 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 [johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk).

**Liturgy and Music - Spring Gathering:** The Society of Saint Gregory will once again holding a series of spring gatherings with talks, liturgies (Morning Prayer and Mass) and workshops on **Saturday 28 April** from 10am-4pm at St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth PO1 3HG with Mgr Kevin McGinnell. This year there will be a particular focus on planning and preparing for Mass, exploring what is needed for a truly worthy celebration. All are welcome, whether members or not, particularly anyone involved in parish ministry. For more see their [website](#).

Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles: On Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3pm. Rosary on the Coast is an initiative of the Lay Faithful across the British Isles inviting the faithful of our nations, with the support of our clergy and Bishops, to a Day of Prayer for Faith, Life and Peace which will surely be pleasing to the Holy Spirit, and to Our Blessed Mother. The Rectors of our two National Marian Shrines (Walsingham & Our Lady of the Taper) in England and Wales have given Rosary on the Coast their full backing and encouragement. You can find lots of information on their [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) where you can also read the Briefing Document for the event.

Divine Renovation - Where to start?: The evangelisation programme for parishes is holding a day in May with Fr James Mallon known to many in our diocese following his visits last summer, who will be in central London on Wednesday May 9th. Join Fr James and other parishes on the Divine Renovation journey for a practical day that will include times of prayer and worship led by Youth 2000. **Explore what's involved in the earliest stages and hear from parishes that have already begun. The day will involve a "hands on" approach that will equip you to go back to your parish and begin your own journey. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you read 'Divine**

## Renovation: Bringing your Parish from Maintenance to Mission' beforehand.

For more information and to book click [here](#).

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>.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference - '**In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live**': The Conference is from 20-22 July and is now open for booking. You can get booking forms from NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. Tel: 020 7901 4864 or email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk) or or download [here](#). Some assistance may be possible for families. Please contact NJPN to discuss.

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: 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](#). And CTS have some books and resources available [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](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

**150th Anniversary of the Catholic Truth Society (CTS):** To celebrate this CTS have delved into our archives and re-produced 25 of their best selling and most fascinating titles. Fascinating due to their content or their authors or both! The Onefifties can be found here: <http://www.onefifties.org/>.

**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](http://www.cwoy.org) , by email: [cwoynominations@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](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.

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](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

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](#).

