



**Welcome to A&B eNews with
National and International News**

Below you will find details of Flame 2019, the national Catholic Youth event which is now open for booking and although there is a while to go places are going fast so it is better to book sooner rather than later

- cymfed.org.uk/flame2019.

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, I received last minute notice



Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton



**The information
contained in this email**

of a **Family Quiz Night** on **Friday 11 May** to support students and staff at St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill RH15 8GA to join the Lourdes Pilgrimage this summer. £10 per team (Max 6 people, though no more than 4 adults). All welcome.

With every prayer and blessing for the Easter Season,

Mark Woods - Communications Officer

is included in good faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.

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



Gaudete et Exsultate: Pope Francis has recently published an Apostolic Exhortation, that is, an important teaching document, called Gaudete et Exsultate ('Rejoice and Be Glad') on the subject of holiness. It is the first

ever papal document to be devoted solely to holiness and on the need for every Christian to become a holy person. You can download it [here](#).

National & International Events

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s): 'Discerning God's Call in my life' from 25-27 May 2018 in Liverpool. 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 or visit their website www.fcjsisters.org

Rosary Bike Ride - 'Say Yes to New Life': East Grinstead parishioner, Les Whittaker will be riding on a prayer pilgrimage from East Grinstead to Walshingham and back this June to raise money for the Good Counsel Network which offers practical support to mother and babies. You can sponsor him on his [Just Giving page](#) as well as praying the rosary as he travels.

Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay: This is due to happen on Friday 8 June where people are asked to pray the rosary for the sanctification of all priests. Last year there were over 10 million participants from all over the world. If you want to add to that number this year then go to www.worldpriest.com,

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year 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. This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated on 17 June in England and Wales. For information and resources see the [website](#).

Refugee Week 18-24 June: This takes place every year across the world in the week around World Refugee Day on the 20 June. In the UK, Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. Refugee Week started in 1998 as a direct reaction to hostility in the media and society in general towards refugees and asylum seekers. For information and resources see their [website](#).

The Great Get Together this year will be celebrated on 22-24 June and is inspired by Jo Cox MP, who was killed on 16 June 2016. We believe there is a groundswell of people who reject divisive politics and simply want to bring our communities together and celebrate all that unites us. For resources and more information see their [website](#).

St Anne's College Reunion: Reunion for St. Anne's College Sanderstead Old Girls at Coloma Convent Girls' School, Croydon on 30 June at 12 Midday. Please e-mail sacoga@hotmail.co.uk or phone Fiona Kemp on 01883 342421 for details.

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>.

Living Theology Study Weekend: 'Thy Will be done? - healing God's world'. This Study Weekend at The Bar Convent is on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th July 2018; it is one of the Jesuit-inspired 'Living Theology' courses held at different venues across the country. The cost for the weekend is £60 (students £30) which includes lunches and refreshments. All are welcome, and - for anyone who cannot come for the whole weekend - attendance for just one of the days is half the price. Booking is essential; the last day for booking is June 30th. For more details see www.jesuit.org.uk/living-theology-york-2018 ,

e-mail Brenda on fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com or phone Patricia on 01642-645732.

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 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/

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 will be 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.

The Playtime National Conference: On Saturday 29 September, at Riverside Vineyard Church, Air Park Way, FELTHAM, TW13 7LX, 9.30 to 4.30 pm. It is a fantastic opportunity for toddler group leaders and their teams to come together to be inspired, supported and resourced. The theme is 'Planting Seeds' such that not only are seeds of hope and faith planted within our toddler groups but that those seeds grow. Speakers are Rob Parsons and Katherine Hill.

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.

Flame 2019 - Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena next

March: Around five hundred people from A&B went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled, and it was great to be a part of. The good news announced just last week is that it's happening again next March. Specifically Saturday March 2nd, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 for details.

Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow in the months ahead, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and (as of the start of May) almost four thousand tickets have already gone!

National and International Appeals and Programmes

One Name and One Future - *helping the children of Syria*: In Syria **one over four children suffers from mental disorders**, almost two millions of them do not go to school and 70% of 458 cases studied, have shown clear signs of **trauma caused by the conflict**. These traumas are "invisible wounds" that the conflict has already left in the little Syrians. Many of them are abandoned or orphans, many were conceived by rape and violence. For this reason no one wants to have anything to do with them. They are not registered in the registry office, **they do not have a name and because of this they have no hope, no future.**

For this reason the Association pro Terra Sancta, together with the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land and together with Mons. Abou Khazen, Bishop of Aleppo, the Grand Mufti of Aleppo and the Franciscan Fr. Firas Lufti, have launched the initiative **ONE NAME AND ONE FUTURE**. With this project we want to **help 2,500 of these little orphaned** Syrians of Aleppo who were abandoned by everyone and in need of everything: water, food, but also a psychological and social recovery.

If you would like to help this project then visit [their website](#) for more information and to donate.

Safeguarding Research project: Dr Craig Harper from Nottingham Trent University, along with safeguarding colleagues working in a church context, is conducting some research on how members of various communities make sense of allegations of abuse. The research hopes to establish some of the factors that may affect people's willingness to believe allegations of abuse in various settings. Dr Harper and his colleagues hope that this research, which is the first of its kind in the UK, will shed light on how members of different communities make these decisions. This knowledge will help institutions to better serve and protect the children and adults they are responsible for. The research involves completing an online questionnaire, which should take approximately 10 minutes. It is completely confidential and you have the right to withdraw at any point. If you would like to take part, please click on [this link](#) which will take you to further information about the research, and to the questionnaire itself.

Click-to-pray app: The Jesuits in the UK have produced this very useful app which you can use to download a daily reflection for use in your prayer life. It is especially helpful for commuters. You can find it on www.clicktopray.org.

All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett - A New Film: Produced by the Foundation EUK Mamie—HM Television, its storyline goes straight to our hearts and beckons us to ask ourselves what we are giving (or not giving) to God. It tells the inspiring story of Sr Clare Crockett who lost her young life in an Ecuadorian earthquake in 2016.

Anyone or any entity—diocesan pastoral delegation, youth group, college, parish, school, apostolic movements, etc.—willing to organize the projection of the documentary film can request it and organize an event for apostolic ends, so that God's love may be proclaimed through Sr. Clare's life. You can request it [online](#) and **download posters** to advertise it through this [link](#). Their [website](#) also offers **questions to guide a discussion** after the projection and thus help

go deeper into the message the documentary film gives to each spectator. You can **watch a trailer** [here online](#).

Radio Immaculata - Pro-Life Holy Hour: A religious community based in Gosport is launching a weekly international “pro-life Holy Hour” on Thursdays from 7-8pm to pray for the ending of abortion. The hour will be live-streamed globally on [Radio Immaculata](#).

BBC Radio 5 live in Salford: They want to find couples who are getting married on the same day as Prince Harry and Meghan – Sat 19 May – and follow some of them in their preparations. It would involve a reporter meeting them for an hour or so in the run up to their wedding day and really just having a chat about how they’re getting ready for it. It would probably be pre recorded rather than a live interview. But there may also be scope for us to do short, live phone or skype interviews with some of them. If you know a couple who may be interested in this contact Maria La Rocca on 0161 335 6507 or maria.la.rocca@bbc.co.uk

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/>.

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.

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(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)

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](#).

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). Parishes can bulk order the book from the [Diocesan Bookshop](#) otherwise individual copies can be obtained from [Matthew James Publishing](#).

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.

Papal Blessings for weddings, anniversaries etc - These are available not only from the Vatican @ www.elemosineria.va but also within the UK from the Apostolic Nunciature, 54 Parkside, London SW19 5NE or email: nuntius@globalnet.co.uk. The latter is the quickest way to obtain a Papal Blessing.

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

LIFE is unique in the UK, combining 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](#).

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](#).

