

Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News

As you know probably know from the endless emails coming into your inbox, new data protection rules come into effect on 25 May 2018. I wanted to let you know that the Diocese has updated their Privacy Policies on the use of people's data in line with the new requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation.

You can check the new Data Privacy Policies and other relevant guidance and forms [here](#) in Section D.

Several parishes have contacted me or others in the Diocesan Offices concerned about whether they are meeting the requirements in time for 25 May. All the information and policies and forms you need are to be found via the link above. You can link to those from your website.

Please do not worry that you have to implement everything before 25 May. There will be work for the Diocese and parishes to undertake to ensure improved compliance with GDPR, but this will be rolled out over the next few months with guidance and help to all that need it.

One final piece of advice in regard to GDPR is do not panic!

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.

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



The Diocese of Wrexham is looking for a new Director of Education.

A Job Description and further information can be obtained by [email](#).

Closing date: Friday 8th June 2018

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](#).

CARJ Traveller Support Network Conference: This will be held on **Wednesday 20 June 2018** (11:30 - 3:30) at the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) in North London. This meeting will address the challenges facing young people from Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities in the UK and how we can better support them. Speakers and Participants will come from schools serving Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, the Traveller Movement, the CARJ Traveller Support Network and other interested organisations. All are welcome and there is no charge for the day. But please let us know in advance that you will be coming, and inform us of any special dietary requirements or other needs. RSVP to info@carj.org.uk or 020 8802 8080. The meeting will take place at the CARJ Office, 9 Henry Road, London N4 2LH. The CARJ Office is in the basement of St Thomas More Church and is a short walk from Manor House Underground Station

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](#).

The Pastoral Review Congress: Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th June 2018

St Mary's University is hosting the first 'Pastoral Review Congress 2018', a two-day conference of theology and faith at the service of the Gospel in the parish, school, home and workplace. Keynote speakers are David Wells, Prof. Gerald O'Collins SJ and Austen Ivereigh. There will be Expert Workshops on: Apologetics | Bible | Business and Leadership | Catechesis | Chaplaincy | Catholic Social teaching | Ethics | Mission | Mindfulness.

Weekend ticket £70 | Day Pass £40 – More info & bookings [online](#). Also link to [Facebook event](#).

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.

Sea Sunday - 8th July: Sea Sunday is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. On Sea Sunday Catholic Churches around the UK take up a second collection with all funds raised going to the Apostleship of the Sea to support our work. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. For information and resources see [Apostleship of the Sea website](#).

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

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email office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk.

120 Year Anniversary September 2018 of Pact - the Prisoners' Charity: To mark the occasion we are hosting a number of events and producing a publication on our history within the criminal justice system. This includes an anniversary Mass at St Etheldreda's church on **September 20th**, co-celebrated by the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Joseph Adams and Bishop Richard Moth as the Bishop responsible for Prisons.

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!

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 them 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](#).

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/>.

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): The National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) recently published 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](#).

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](#).