



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

As Lent begins today we pray that this will be a time of renewal, a time of prayer, fasting and alms giving. You can find some suggested spiritual reading for Lent [here on the Diocesan website](#).

Please do share this eNewsletter with others and invite people to subscribe by signing up [here](#) - 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.

We would thank you for your prayers for Fr Gerard Hatton, parish priest of



Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton



**The information contained in
this email is included in good
faith. Please take up any**

Knaphill who was seriously ill in hospital but is now out of hospital and convalescing. Please continue to pray for several other parish priests who are in hospital or recovering from illness.

Finally, this Saturday afternoon sees the Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral with Bishop Richard as he gathers with people from around the Diocese to enroll the soon to be baptised (the Elect) and welcomes those to be received into Church (the Candidates) at Easter. It is a wonderful occasion especially for those who are to be baptised and received this Easter as they experience themselves as part of the Church in the Diocese. Please pray for all those preparing during this time.

With every prayer and blessing for the Lenten season
Mark Woods - Communications Officer

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

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

**Fr Charles Jeffries
RIP**

Please pray for Fr Charles Jeffries who died on Saturday 2 March in Brighton. His Funeral Mass will be 12 noon on Tuesday 26 March at Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 8JD. His body will be received with Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes and Queen of Peace, Whiteway Lane, Rottingdean BN2 7HB. May he rest in peace.

National & International Events

UK Fairtrade Fortnight 2019: This runs from 25 February-10 March, when we celebrate our connection with those in the developing world who grow and make lots of the things we enjoy. Everyone can help by continuing to buy products with the Fairtrade MARK. This year, and next two years, will focus on cocoa and the crisis that has caused the world market price to plummet. The causes need multiple solutions. Fairtrade has made real progress, but knows that certification alone can't solve all the problems. Choose Fairtrade and together we can do more. Please support the petition in Fairtrade Fortnight at www.fairtrade.org.uk.

Monastic Experience Weekend at Quarr Abbey: The Monastic Experience Weekend is designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. They will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation. **Friday 8th (evening) - Sunday 10th March 2019.** Contact: [Brother Duncan](#) for more information or see [here](#).

Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March: A national, annual event enabling parishes and schools around the country and elsewhere. The annual, national Dementia Prayer Week in its eleventh year, is an opportunity to create a sense of purpose and meaning and this year a new prayer card has been introduced. With an estimated 800,000 individuals in England and Wales affected in various ways by dementia, this New Dementia *family* Ministry Prayer Card, sponsored by Day for Life Fund, offers hope. Hope comes from the prayers by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David McGough, Auxiliary

Bishop of Birmingham, that may inspire more people to *be* a blessing to the poor. The prayer card has been produced by Redemptorist Publications and is available from their website. <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk>.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day: On Friday 15 March, CAFOD supporters will hold 'Family Fast Days' in Arundel & Brighton in support of the charity's annual Lent campaign. The money they raise will go to helping people whose lives are being devastated by changing weather, including Mahinur in Bangladesh. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Mahinur makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, leaving her struggling to support her disabled husband and son. Mahinur cooks and cleans in neighbours' homes for a bit of cash but it's never enough. There are days the family have nothing to eat. But Mahinur's experience is just one of many. The changing climate is wreaking havoc on hundreds of thousands of lives around the world.

CAFOD's Head of Volunteering, Jo Kitterick, said: "This Lent, it is your generosity which will help ensure no one is beyond reach of the love and care they need. Thank you."

Donate to CAFOD's Lent Appeal in your parish or at cafod.org.uk/lent.

Woman to Woman Conference 2019: This will take place on 30 March organised by Premier and Harvester Ministries at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. The conference is hosted by Maria Rodrigues from this Diocese and a presenter of Woman to Woman on Premier Christian Radio. Early Bird tickets are still available until 31 January. Hear stories of struggles and victories, learn strategies to foster vision and dreams for your future with God, and rejoice in the company of your fellow sisters in Christ. Day session 10am – 5pm - Evening 7pm – 9pm. You can come for the whole conference, just the day session or the evening. For more information and to book tickets click [here](#). If you are unable to attend in person you can livestream the full day conference and watch it on your computer, laptop, tablet or phone for **Free**, no matter where you are by registering on the [Women to Women Conference website](#).

Student Cross: Have you thought about celebrating Easter in a different way this year? Student Cross is a pilgrimage taking place in Holy Week mainly aimed at students but inclusive of all ages. Eleven different groups (Legs) set off from different locations in the UK, walking around 120 miles in seven days, carrying a life-sized wooden cross. Walkers are provided with food and shelter by generous people and parishes along the way, with all the groups meeting up and celebrating Easter at Walsingham. More than 250 pilgrims of all ages join this Christian walk of witness each year.

The Kettering leg are looking for new walkers. If you are interested in finding out more we would love to hear from you. Please contact David Rich at davidrich565@gmail.com. You can also visit www.studentcross.org.uk for more information

March for Life UK - Saturday 11 May 2019, London: The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called LifeFest19 which takes place this year over two venues: Venue 1 is The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham St, Westminster, London, SW1P 3DW. Venue 2 is Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ. These will comprise of workshops, children's activities, education stalls, speakers and prayer. Because there is limited space at these venues and a lot of proliferators, you will need to book your place beforehand. It only costs £3 per adult (2 for £5), youth £1 (6-17yrs), children (under 6yrs) FREE. Your ticket will enable you to attend either venue on a first come first served basis. The March itself will run from 2pm - 4.30pm starting from the back entrance of Westminster Church House 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BN. It will end with Christian prayer and keynote speeches. For more information and to book your tickets for the morning events, please visit www.marchforlife.co.uk.

To make a one off gift to March for Life this Lent (which a generous donor will double up to the total value of £10,000) please click on the [website](#) or make a bank transfer to March for Life UK payee account 39971560 with sort code 77-29-18 or you can send a cheque made payable to March for Life UK to 19, Geraldine Rd, Malvern, Worcs WR14 3NT.

Veterans Wanted as Pilgrims: If you're an ex serviceman or woman, we need you! Every year there is the International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes. HCPT Group 507 takes disabled and sick ex servicemen and women or dependents of those who have served. We stay in Hosanna House at a wonderful location just outside Lourdes. We need helpers and VIPs, our term for those we are caring for, to join us on this year's Pilgrimage. This year's dates are from May the 16th to May 24th.

To receive more detailed information contact Brendan McWilliams by sending an email to brendan.mcwilliams@icloud.com.

If you can't come this year , we could take you next year

Mothers Prayers Retreat: Peace is my gift to you – Do not let your hearts be Troubled or Afraid (John 14 v 27). The retreat will take place at The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9BW. It will take from Friday 24th May – Sunday 26th May 2019 (After 4.00pm on Friday – After lunch on Sunday) To book contact retreat@mothersprayers.org or tel: Liz: 01959 532505 for information. Cost - £170. Please note that booking for this Retreat is closed two weeks before the event. In the case of overbooking, priority will be given to those who have not been before.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference: This year this will take place on 19—21 July 2019 at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The theme is 'Forgotten People, Forgotten Places: Being Church on the Margins'. You can find more information on the [National Justice & Peace website](#).

Rise Theatre Summer School: Professional Christian Theatre: Summer Theatre School for 13-18 year olds 'Kingdom Colour' – Explore what it means to bring God's kingdom to earth, all whilst gaining new creative skills in drama, music and art. £265 inc. Venue St Cassians's Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire. More info. At www.risetheatre.co.uk

Visit of Our Lady of Walsingham statue: Next year, on 25th March 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, England is going to be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary' and in preparation for this the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be

visiting Arundel Cathedral in the autumn, from 28th to 30th November. The title “Dowry of Mary’ goes back to St. Edward the Confessor (d. 1066). It was in 1381 that our country was ‘officially’ dedicated to Her by King Richard II. The aim of the rededication in 2020 is to seek the help of the Mother of God in building a strong spiritual foundation for the New Evangelisation. We call upon Our Lady to guide and protect our country in the years to come, that our people may work together to face the challenges of our times, as we work to build a Common Good.

During the course of 2018 to 2020 as part of the preparation for the re-dedication, the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham is being taken to every Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer. Each visit takes place between a Thursday and Saturday. Here in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, the Statue will be at the Cathedral from 28th to 30th November. For more information see [here](#).

Taizé European Meeting 2019-20: The next European youth meeting will take place in Poland, in the city of Wrocław , from December 28, 2019 to January 1, 2020. This will be the third time that this gathering of European Christian youth of all faiths will take place in Wrocław (after 1989 and 1995) and the fifth time in Poland (after Warsaw 1999 and Poznan 2009).For more information go to [Taizé website](#).

National and International Appeals and Programmes

New Pilgrim Path Website: This website is inspired by Pope Francis’ enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to ‘walk the streets of the digital highways .. in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.’

New Pilgrim Path explores and shares the rich spiritual resources of the internet. Visitors are helped to find sites that are relevant to them at the

particular stage of their journey. They have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts and many others. Each week they also feature a 'Website of the week'. Please go to www.newpilgrimpath.ie for more information, you can unsubscribe at any time.

'Settled Status' - scrapping of application fee for EU Citizens living in the

UK: Bishop Paul McAleenan of Westminster has welcomed Prime Minister Theresa May's announcement that EU citizens applying for 'settled status' to remain in the UK after Brexit will no longer be expected to pay an application fee of £65 each.

Applicants must have lived in the UK for five years to be eligible for 'Settled Status'.

Lead bishop for migration and asylum for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Bishop McAleenan said: "The Church stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here and we will continue to engage with the government as the scheme is implemented."

See <http://catholicnews.org.uk/eu-citizens-settled-status-210119> for more information.

Celebrating Young People Awards: Nominations are now open for the fourth Celebrating Young People Awards. The awards –powered by Catholic charity Million Minutes – honour the achievements of young people across the country who make our communities a better place. There are eight award categories, which take their names from Catholic social teaching and recognise the enormous, often unseen, social action of young people. Parishes, schools and individuals in Arundal and Brighton Diocese are being invited to nominate young people. If you know an unsung hero or heroine or a group that have worked together to help their community put them forward for an award now at www.millionminutes.org/awards. The award nominees will be invited to attend a special ceremony in London's West End in July. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the guest of honour and present the Pope Francis Award to one lucky young person.

At the 2017 awards 4 young people from St Edwards and St Luke's Parish, Keymer, West Sussex received the Cardinal Hume – Living out the option of the poor Award. More details can be found at www.millionminutes.org/awards. Nominations close on 24 May 2019.

Real Easter Egg Launched for 2019: These Easter Eggs are unique because each Egg includes a copy of the Easter story in the box, is Fairtrade and supports charitable causes. To allow us to continue to make The Real Easter Egg, we need people to continue to give Real Easter eggs. So we need a champion (maybe you) to collect orders and encourage people to buy directly from us. Last year hundreds of churches placed orders directly with us in quantities ranging from 12-1,000 eggs. Direct sales are very important for our company to trade. So we hope you will join the campaign and encourage people to buy directly from us. If you need marketing packs sent out to you, please email philip@meaningfulchocolate.co.uk.

Online Survey on Transmission of the Catholic Faith: As part of PhD research for St Mary's University people are asked to complete a survey about transmission of the Catholic faith in families. The survey is totally anonymous and respondents are not required to provide personal data such as name, address or parish. To take part please click [here](#).

The Catholic Universe Digital Edition at a Special Price: The newspaper is offering to anyone to register to receive your free online copy click [here](#). It's £8 per year for a Catholic Universe annual digital subscription-approximately 15p per week and a 33% discount on their usual price of £12 per year. You can subscribe [here](#) to receive a weekly digital edition.

National and International - Regular Items

Prayer

Parish Rosary Programme: The Parish Rosary Programme is so simple it only takes one dedicated person to Our Lady per parish to run it. It is just a matter of downloading, photocopying, and distributing small tear-away calendars to parishioners for them to tally the number of rosaries prayed each two weeks and drop the results in the collection basket. Weekly, year-to-date, and grand totals are published each week in the parish bulletin to remind and encourage everyone to pray the rosary. For more information www.parishprojects.com or email phirzel2003@yahoo.com

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.

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.

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

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.

Ammerdown Retreat Centre - Various events and retreats. [See their website.](#)

The Wall of Answered Prayer: It's a project to build an national monument in the UK with a million bricks, with each brick representing an answered prayer and there will be a way to access and read these. They have the land, next to a motorway in the Midlands, and now they are trying to raise funds and answered prayers. Please add any testimonies that you feel able to share with the nation you might be interested. These testimonies would then be available for the generations to come to hear of God's love, mercy and faithfulness. Please look on their website www.thewall.org.uk to find out more.

Formation

Global Healing - Faith and Building a Common Home: This is a new tv-quality filmed resource for parishes, groups, schools & individuals helping us to engage practically with Pope Francis' passionate challenge for us to shape the future of our planet. It is a free film featuring well known experts, testimonies and beautiful UK locations with full web support produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and commissioned by the Bishops of England & Wales. The film can either be shown in a single evening with a shared 'sustainable supper' or over several sessions that could form a short Advent course. Launch date is Creation Day 2018 (September 1st). For details and short trailer please see www.ourcommonhome.co.uk.

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

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.

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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

Mission

Archives of the Venerable English College, Rome: A new website for the historic archives of the Venerable English College is now online. The College has been on the same spot in Rome since 14th century. It has been used by the Catholic Church in England from then to the present day.

RISE Theatre DVD - 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador': This toured the UK in 2017-18. Produced in association with the Archbishop Romero Trust, we see a moving and truthful presentation of Saint Oscar Romero's life and martyrdom. Rated PG by the BBFC. Available to buy at www.risetheatre.co.uk/shop - also a great resource for schools and churches.

All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett: This documentary on DVD tells the life of Sr. Clare from the perspective of over eighty people who knew and dealt with her during the different stages of her life: from her childhood years in troubled Northern Ireland, her dreams of one day becoming a famous world renowned actress, her first professional achievements to her conversion at the age of seventeen through an experience she had before the cross during Good Friday in the year 2000, which caused her to exclaim: *"He died for me. He loves me!... Why has no one ever told me that before?"* Following that experience, she made the difficult decision between two worlds which led her to give her life completely to Jesus Christ in the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. She died during an earthquake in Ecuador in 2016. The DVD can be purchased from [EUK Mamie Foundation website](#).

Safe Car Wash App: The campaign 'Safe Car Wash App' was launched by the Church of England and the Catholic Church in England and Wales amid growing concerns that some of the estimated 18,000 hand car washes operating around the country are exploiting workers. The app lets drivers punch in their location when arriving at a car wash then flick through a series of slavery indicators such as whether the car wash only accepts cash, evidence of workers living on site or whether the workers seem fearful. If the answers indicate a high likelihood of slavery, users will be directed to a modern slavery helpline. You can download the app for Android and Apple phones. Clergy in particular are asked to raise awareness of the app and the campaign against slavery.

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](#).

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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](#).

