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## Women keen to further Diocesan Mission



groups register. We spoke of the value of starting a new initiative while being able to identify a parish that had already tried a similar event, and the benefit of being able to tap into skills that already exist and hear of how another parish had experience of such a project.

factual matters being considered around the diocese.

### Prayer Initiatives

Prayer underpins everything and the sharing of prayer initiatives like Mothers' Prayers, reaching out ecumenically or  
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**I**N HIS PASTORAL LETTER (3 February) Bishop Richard wrote 'Let us, as individuals and as a community of Faith, be people of action. May we all be open to the changes that will be necessary for the work that lies ahead.'

That the women of the Diocese are ready to answer that call was evident from the discussion that arose when more than 60 women of the Diocese met with Bishop Richard on 23 February at the St Philip Howard Centre.

### Different Ministries

At a meeting arranged by Sue Petritz, the Diocesan Link to the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW), scripture framed the invitation to those present to consider and then share their gifts and talents. There were a staggering 67 different ministries identified as carried out by those present. This ranged from the roles of sacristan, readers, catechists to prayer group initiatives, spiritual advisers and many, many more...

### Skills Register

In looking ahead to what we would like to achieve, we identified a need for a skills and

### Ongoing Formation

There was a general call for the need for Formation to be ongoing, varied and to cater for the variety and diversity of parishioners, with mention of the disabled, the unchurched, and the single person. As Bishop Richard observed, there are a number of people who recognize a vocation to be single. We all agreed that support for our youth and young adults was vital to the future of the Church, with a need to equip them with the appropriate skills - and that need tapping into their interest in climate change and the environment offered a good opening.

### Communication Needs

We spoke about the need for different means of communication; to spread good practice via an efficient means; to bring to the attention of the maximum number of the diocese what is happening and about to happen in the different parishes. It is hoped that a good communication link can be developed through the diocesan website and better use made of the A&B News to announce future events as well as

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## Celebration in Horsham

FR MICHAEL CREECH spent the weekend of 9/10 March celebrating Mass with the St John the Evangelist, Horsham Parish, and, after the final Mass on the Sunday morning, attending a party in his honour to celebrate his 60 years as a priest.

Several years ago, the parish was without a priest for almost a year and Fr Michael came to our rescue. Fr Aaron, who invited Fr Michael back for the celebration, took over from Fr Michael as Parish Priest.

The Malayalam community in the parish excelled themselves; two groups of young traditional dancers provided the entertainment while their parents served traditional food. Many other parishioners also contributed to the food and drink and three parishioners provided celebration cakes. Fr Michael is pictured with all the cakes and cutting the one decorated with all the colours of vestments.

*Story and picture: David White*



## Double St Philip Howard Medal Presentation

ST PAUL'S PARISH celebrated when two very special stalwarts were presented recently with St Philip Howard medals and certificates. Utter surprise and delight radiated from the duo.

**Norma Cahill's** life as sacristan started way back in the '70s when her family attended Mass at the chapel of St Francis, a local hospital. Quickly seeing her abilities, Fr Peter D'Ath RIP asked Norma to join him at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath. So began her long ministry to the parish. Norma is pictured below.

Countless priests (even some bishops) and deacons got the 'Cahill inspection' to make sure they looked presentable before walking out onto the sanctuary – especially those who never looked in the mirror! Over these many years, hundreds of vestments have been cleaned and dozens of altar servers have been trained...not to mention her dedication to the



UCM and to HCPT Group 71.

**Tony Croly** began his church involvement at the age of five, when he was given a tiny cassock and encouraged to sit with his older altar-serving brothers. So how did he have such a long career playing the organ? His talent was spotted at the age of 13, when he was asked to play the organ at his school Masses in Wisbech. Fast-forwarding to the mid-sixties, Tony became a member of St Paul's parish and, with the encouragement of his wife Amie, became Head of Music at St Paul's School (now College).

It was obvious that Tony's talent would spread to St Paul's Church, where he still plays at the early morning Masses. Not bad for a man who has just had his 90th birthday. Ask him and he still thinks he is 25!

Tony is pictured above with from left to right: Deacons Dave Turner and Gerard Irwin, Fr Trevor Welland and Tony's wife Amie.

Two faithful servants of the Church have been recognised for their unstinting service, their mission in Faith and for their vital roles played in helping a parish flourish. Our heartfelt thanks go to both Norma and Tony

*Story: Deacon Dave Turner*

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## Spring Renovation in Peacehaven



**F**EW SEATS WERE EMPTY in the pews in the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady in Peacehaven for the 11.00am Mass on the first Sunday of Lent 2019.

Bishop Richard (pictured above with Fr Ian Byrne) had come to celebrate, and to view and to inaugurate the newly decorated building. The Bishop used the words: splendid, spring-like, modern. He recollected that Lent was indeed the Old English term for Springtime.

Two young servers were chosen as the Bishop's aides for the service: Deborah was privileged to be Mitre bearer, while Shayne was entrusted with the handling of the Crozier.

In his sermon Bishop Richard reflected on the Gospel and the temptations of Jesus, and on His resistance. When the children returned from their liturgy, we were reminded that we should always do what we know to be right, not follow the

person next to us.

At the end of Mass Father Ian thanked all those who had been involved in the recent work, including: the renovation team led by Jim Gregan with the support of his wife, Cathy; Health and Safety representative, Steve Waugh; and the Sacristan and her assistant, who had been much involved in the temporary removal into the Church Hall for the duration of the work. Flowers and tokens of gratitude were presented by the Bishop.

Receiving particular thanks and flowers was Anne Farncombe for the realisation of the art project. Appropriately, among guests at the Mass were Mary Wiltshire from Seaford and two of her daughters. It is Mary's tapestry work that is the inspiration for the wall painting which now adorns the wall behind the altar.

*Story: Les McCluskey  
Picture: Les Robertson*

### Christian Meditation with Children

**I**T WAS WITH GREAT JOY that we received an invitation from St Edmunds RC Primary School, Godalming, to spend a day with them. Tim Cullen and I represent the World Community for Christian Meditation, and for the last few years we have been offering to help schools share this 'Gift of Christian Meditation' with their pupils.

Last year Mrs Hua, Assistant Headteacher and RE Lead, invited me to an INSET afternoon and to present on 'Meditating with Children.'

The staff decided they would like to introduce this way of prayer to the children and, since then, the school has been meditating each day.

We arrived in time for the School Assembly where Fr David Parmiter spoke to the children about Jesus's example of silent prayer and we finished with a short time of meditation.



After Assembly, we spent the rest of the day visiting each class, talking about meditation as a way of prayer, 'silent prayer of the heart'. We discussed how Jesus often went to a quiet place to pray and how he told his followers to go into their quiet room and pray to their Father who was in that place. Each class visit ended with a short time of meditation; it was a great joy to see even the little ones sitting quietly in prayer. The children said that in meditation they feel closer to God and that it helps them to pray

and let the bad things out and good things in. You can contact Heather Kearon at: heather.kearon@gmail.com or via the Primary Schools Advisor: sarah.feist@abdiocese.org.uk

*Story: Heather Kearon  
Photo: St Edmund's School*

## New President for Knights of the Holy Sepulchre



**L**IZ McCOMBE DCHS (pictured above with Bishop Richard Moth KC\*HS) was installed as the new President of the KHS Southern Section on Saturday 16 March at Our Lady of the Assumption, Bosham.

It was a joyous occasion, led by the Bishop and H.E. Michael Byrne

KC\*HS, Lieutenant of the Order in England and Wales. The choir, led by Tina Darby, were in fine voice. Over 60 members of the Order were present together with many parishioners from St Richard's, Chichester as well as from Our Lady of the Assumption.

*Picture: Roger Woodham*

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CARDINAL NEWMAN'S PERCEPTIVE WORDS have always resonated with me:

*'God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next...'*

Vocations Sunday is on 12 May this year and we pray that God will enlighten those He has chosen to serve Him as priests, deacons or religious.

It is gratifying to see how elements of the Diocesan Mission are beginning to take shape. Our lead this month is the initiative to unite the women of the Diocese behind it, while the Education Service pursues the growth of effective chaplaincy.

In St Michael's Church, Worthing, the sixth session of 'Pray with the Heart' was delivered by a young priest friar of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to an attentive audience of 130. While his talk was gentle and low-key, it was also utterly captivating and penetrating – who can forget the simile of being in God's wheelbarrow?

Best wishes for a happy Easter season which we will continue to celebrate until Pentecost, 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension, when we recall the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (Acts 2:1-4) – the birth of the Church – and have another great reason to celebrate.

*Harry Robertson*

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## Dowry of Mary



**'When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England' (Pope Leo)**

THESE WORDS OF POPE LEO X111 seem to indicate that Walsingham is intimately associated with the spiritual health of England, and the title 'Dowry of Mary' is irrevocably linked to Walsingham and the veneration of the Annunciation which takes place there and has done so for centuries. The title suggests that Mary acts in a special way as the nation's protectress because England has been 'set apart' for her.

### Re-dedication of England

In 2017 the Bishops of England & Wales agreed to the re-dedication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary' to take place on or around the Solemnity of the Annunciation in 2020. Unlike the original dedication in 1381, by King Richard II, of the country itself to the Blessed Mother, the Bishops have agreed that this dedication will be the personal gift of the faith of the people of England to the Mother of God and to seek her help in building strong spiritual foundations for the New Evangelisation.

### Prayer Requests for this Modern Day Dedication

The website of the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, 'England's Nazareth', says that the call to Our Lady is to guide and protect our country in the years ahead so that people may work together to build a Common Good and seek to embrace the truth of the Gospel. The request to the Blessed Virgin is that she inspires a culture that respects life, embraces diver-

sity of people and inspires all to a greatness of heart that will serve our community, seeking the good of others before ourselves – especially caring for the poor and marginalised.

### Spiritual preparation for 2020

A Dowry Tour, along with a 'Dowry Exhibition', where the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will visit every Cathedral in England, has already commenced. The three-day triduum of prayer will come to the diocese of Arundel & Brighton at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St Philip Howard from 28-30 November.

The programme of prayer and talks will include Adoration, the rosary, a nationwide novena of prayer for England and a new prayer based on the Angelus called the Angelus Promise to help people follow the example of Our Lady.

### Why is the re-dedication important?

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called the re-dedication 'a moment of great promise... for the Church in this country and for our mission.'

In 1982 when Saint Pope John Paul visited England he celebrated Mass with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the altar at his specific instruction, and in his homily said: 'Our society needs to recover a sense of God's loving presence, and a renewed sense of respect for his will. Let us learn this from Mary our Mother. In England, the Dowry of Mary, the faithful have made pilgrimage to her shrine at Walsingham for centuries... Today the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, present here, reminds us it is Mary who will teach us to be silent, how to listen to the voice of God in the midst of the busy and noisy world. We need to live as Mary did, in the presence of God, raising our minds and hearts to him in our daily activities and worries.'

In this time of preparation for the re-dedication, it seems appropriate to say alongside this great Marian Pope:

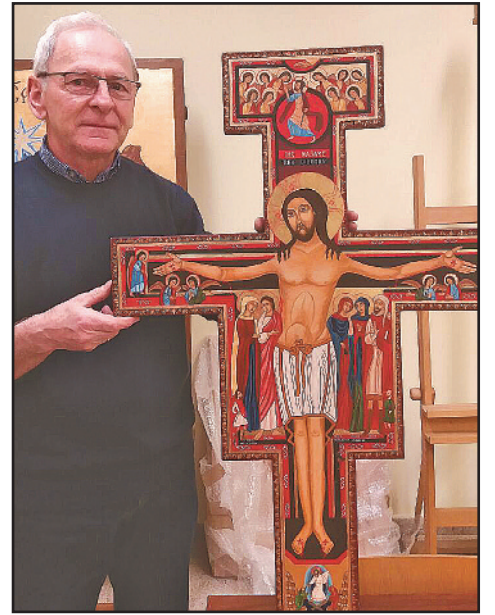
**'Let Mary be the way.'** (Saint Pope John Paul)

Story: Jackie Ballard  
Picture: Dowry Tour website

For more information see:  
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## Gift of St Damiano Cross to Haslemere

OUR LADY OF LOURDES Church, Haslemere, has just received a wonderful gift from a master craftsman. Antoni Pytel, the father of a parishioner, has been working on an iconic San Damiano Cross which was shown to the congregation and used for the first time for an ecumenical Taizé service recently.



A San Damiano cross is a large Romanesque rood cross that St Francis of Assisi was praying before when he received the commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The original cross hangs in the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi and Franciscans cherish this cross as the symbol of their mission from God. It is of a type sometimes called an icon because, besides the main figure of Christ, it contains images of other saints and people connected with Christ's crucifixion. The tradition of such crosses began in the Eastern Church and probably reached Italy via Serbia and Croatia.

Antoni Pytel, whose favourite hobby is painting religious icons, worked on the cross for around two months. When in Britain he always attends Our Lady of Lourdes and decided to present his masterpiece to the church where his daughter and grandchildren worship.

For the Taizé service, attended by people from many other churches in Haslemere, the cross formed the centre of worship. In flickering candlelight its artistic beauty could be shown off to perfection.

Story and Picture: Fay Foster

## Bible Survey: Parishioners' Views Needed

THE DIOCESAN FORMATION Team is asking parishioners to take the Bible Survey from the Catholic Bishops' Conference as part of the preparations for the upcoming year focussed on the Word of God for the Church in England and Wales.

Preparing for the 2020 Initiative – The God who Speaks: The Year of the Word – the Team are conducting a short survey about how we see and use the Bible.

Catholics are asked to complete the survey so that the Formation Team will have a snapshot of our current relationship with the Scriptures. At the end of 2020, the Team will conduct an identical survey and compare the data.

All data collected is anonymised but will provide very useful information for the Initiative and beyond 2020.

See: [www.caritas-aob.co.uk/the-bible-and-you-survey-by-the-catholic-bishops-conference/](http://www.caritas-aob.co.uk/the-bible-and-you-survey-by-the-catholic-bishops-conference/)

## JUST A THOUGHT

'GOD PLAYING A BLINDER' is an accurate description of what we celebrate at Easter: Jesus prevailing over death and doing so by means of a cross. What he did and how he did it are, respectively, amazing and amazing; breath-taking woodwork by the carpenter of Nazareth. In Eastertide we give Jesus a standing ovation but we also rejoice for ourselves because, joined by the hip to him – i.e. baptised – we now share in his victory; we, the body, can follow where the head has gone.

But NB – at Easter we do not celebrate a Great Escape; to escape is to avoid, but Jesus offers us no escape

from the human condition, from the agony and the ecstasy, particularly the agony. There was no ring-road at Jesus's Calvary nor is there one at ours; instead, he offers us victory, not a way round but the way through – hooray, hurrah!

In Eastertide, in addition to the standing ovation, we join delightedly in Jesus's victory parade and we dress accordingly: in the Bible the colour white signifies victory, so in this glorious season only white will do. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, and happy Eastertide to us, his amazingly fortunate disciples.

Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB



## Remembering Lord Rankeillour on his 70th Anniversary



SEVEN DECADES separated the arrival at Heron's Ghyll of the eight-year-old James Hope from his burial there, as Lord Rankeillour, in 1949.

Now, 70 years later, in continuing gratitude for his benefaction, the Heron's Ghyll parishioners led by their priest, Fr. Ian Vane, honoured his memory with a Mass for the repose of his soul on 14 February 2019, followed by a short graveside ceremony by the beautiful church that he founded.

His son, Arthur Hope, 2nd Baron Rankeillour (1897-1958), and his great grandson, Andrew Murray (b.1958), have recently been the focus of much media investigation and attention. The former apparently exploited his position when a colonial governor while the latter, a former Communist, is now an advisor to Jeremy Corbyn.

In contrast, James Hope was raised to the peerage with the title 1st Baron Rankeillour of Buxted in 1932 in recognition of his public service to his country as a Conservative politician, Deputy Speaker in the House of Commons and Privy Councillor. *Outside his political life, Lord Rankeillour was a prominent layman in the Catholic world with membership of various Catholic associations.* He had some progressive views on the organisation of Catholic parishes which proved unpopular at the time, advocating parish councils to help the clergy, especially in financial matters. *He also took up the Catholic cause in debates in the Lords, particularly regarding the Education Bill of 1944.*

A scion of the Dukes of Norfolk and the Scottish Earls of Hopetoun, James Fitzalan Hope was born in 1870 to the convert James Robert Hope-Scott, QC, and his second wife, Lady Victoria

Fitzalan-Howard, the eldest daughter of the 14th Duke of Norfolk.

Orphaned at the age of two then adopted by his maternal grandmother, he was happily raised on the Heron's Ghyll estate for six years until the dowager duchess's death in 1886.

Educated in Newman's Oratory School and Christ Church, Oxford, on coming of age in 1891, his father's substantial will enabled him to buy the estate from the Duchy of Norfolk.

Within another six years the new Squire had not only begun a career in politics but also married Miss Mabel Riddell with whom he started a family *and built the beautiful Church of St John the Evangelist for the 'scattered Catholics in the area.'*

At different times during his long life there, James Hope presided over a children's holiday-home, a small orphanage and an elementary school and was also concerned with improving facilities in the local community.

*The full extent of his silent financial support for church, school, and parish only became apparent when his extraordinary munificence ceased with his demise and the parish was faced with huge difficulties.*

*'Scattered Catholics' from Lewes, Tunbridge Wells, Seaford, Battle, Heathfield, Wadhurst, as well as Uckfield and Crowborough still loyally congregate in his church in the 21st C and, given that such Catholic philanthropy is rare in Britain today, it was Lord Rankeillour's life-long private service to his beloved Parish and its environs at Heron's Ghyll that was gratefully remembered there on the 70th anniversary of his death.*

Story & picture: Liza Vaughan-Hughes

## TAXING TERMS (EXPLAINED)

**SACRAMENTS** are 'powers that come forth' from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in His body, the Church. They are 'the master-works of God' in the new and everlasting covenant (CCC1116) by which divine life is dispensed to us. (CCC1131)

The **seven Sacraments** are: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist (sacraments of initiation), Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick (of healing), Holy Orders and Matrimony (and of vocation and commitment).

Each of the seven sacraments is mentioned in the New Testament. They were described by Saint Augustine in the fourth century and the precise language and actions were codified by Christian theologians in the 12th and 13th centuries, and later clarified, particularly by the Council Of Trent in the 16th and Vatican II in the 20th century.

The words and actions of each of these symbolic rites, along with the physical artifacts used (such as bread, wine, holy water, or anointed oil) represent the underlying spiritual reality of the sacrament and 'make present... the grace that they signify.' (CCC1084) These **outward signs of inward grace** help parishioners understand what is happening when

they receive the sacraments.

So, there is both a visible and an invisible reality. It is similar to when a parent hugs a child. The visible reality is the hug, the invisible one is the 'love' that hug expresses.

The Church teaches that the effect of the sacraments comes from the very fact of it being administered, regardless of the personal holiness of the individual administering it.

However, if the recipient does not have a proper disposition to receive the sacrament (e.g. through lack of desire or not being truly repentant of confessed sin), that can block the sacrament's effectiveness in that person.

Sacraments can give us both sacramental grace and sanctifying grace (see the A&B News, April edition, for a definition of Grace).

Baptism and Reconciliation give us both sacramental grace and sanctifying grace: the latter is supernatural life, that sharing-in-God's-own-life.

The other five give sacramental grace as well as increasing existing sanctifying grace, **the soul increasingly absorbing God's love** (as meals increase our physical energy).

Lord, thank you for the Sacraments, expressions of Your love.

(CCC - Catechism of the Catholic Church)

## Guildford Catenians Celebrate Frank's 70th Anniversary

GUILDFORD CATENIAN CIRCLE recently celebrated a Founder Member's 70th anniversary of joining the Association. Frank Comerford joined the Weybridge Circle in 1948, when he was just 21, following in his father's footsteps in joining the Catenians.

In 1957 Frank was instrumental in setting up the Guildford Circle and has held many positions of responsibility over the years including that of Founder Member, Treasurer, President in 1971 and 2008, Membership Officer and as a long-standing member of the Benevolent Board.

Frank's tremendous contribution was acknowledged during a Ladies' Night event with Grand President and National President John Hogan, and his wife, leading the celebrations.

John Hogan said that he could not remember ever having given out a medal for such long service and thanked Frank for his contribution to making the Guildford Circle the thriving Circle that it is today.

John Vickerman, President of the Guildford Circle, echoed this and added his thanks for the leadership and support Frank has shown to so many Catenian brothers.

Frank, who was joined at the celebrations by his five children, is still an active member of the Association and he reiterated the importance of Catenian values of faith, family and fraternity in his speech of thanks.

The Guildford Catenians, wives and guests were delighted to honour Frank in this way as he is such a treasured member of their Circle.

For more information about the Catenians please contact: [guildfordcatenians.org.uk](http://guildfordcatenians.org.uk)

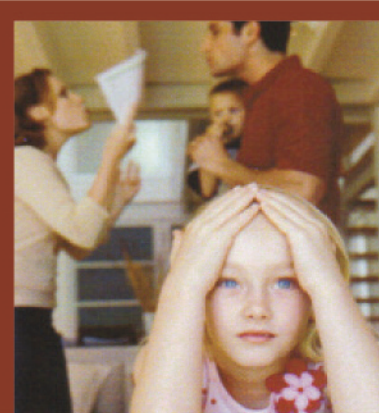


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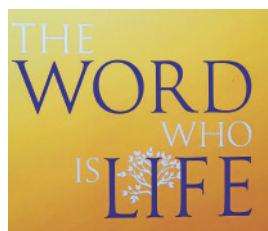
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## TAIZE COMES TO BANSTEAD

ON A LOVELY EVENING in March, around 20 people joined Brother Jean Patrick in the beautiful church of St Ann's Banstead for Ecumenical Lent prayer and reflection. Brother Jean Patrick is from the Community of Taizé, France, an ecumenical community of brothers who, along with sisters from three orders, welcome thousands of young people from all around the world and from different Christian traditions each year.

'By its very existence, the community

is a 'parable of community' that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.' (*Taizé website*)

During the evening, prayer was preceded by a time of fellowship in the hall with soup, bread and cakes kindly provided by the St Ann's Social Committee. Worshippers were warmly welcomed by the parish and everyone was grateful for their support, flexibility and hard work to help the gathering go so smoothly.

The Taizé prayer group from Crawley provided wonderfully prayerful singing to lead everyone to hear God's word and spend time in silence in God's presence.

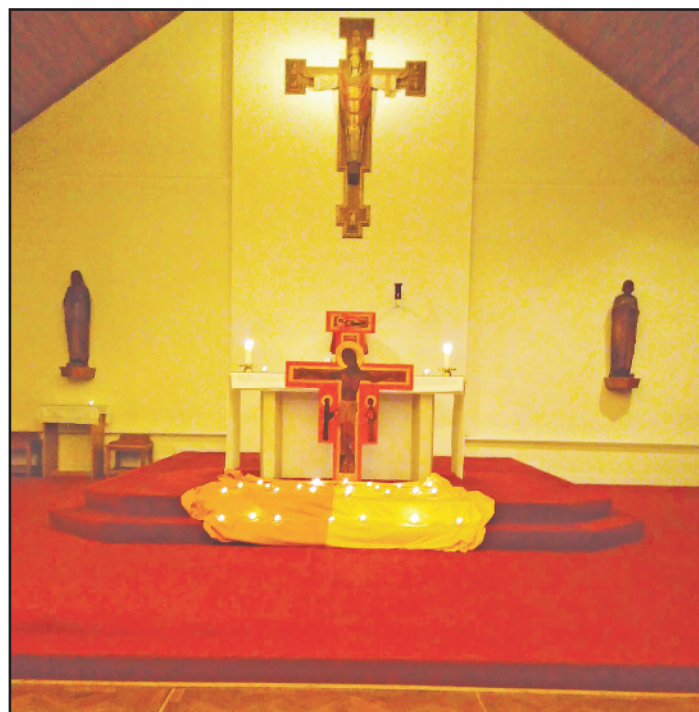
Triona Horrocks from the Crawley group expressed her thanks for the warm welcome received at Banstead. She said that the call to hospitality is very

much a theme in the international meetings of Taizé this year.

'It was great to see such a diverse range of people at the Taizé prayer... it was encouraging to see the international nature of Taizé reflected in the chants we sang. A number of people said that they were grateful for the space and time to pray that the evening offered in the midst of our busy lives,' said Triona.

Brother Jean Patrick has said he would love to join us again and so if you missed him this time, please make sure you are on the contact list for Dialogue and Unity on our database at the St Philip Howard Centre. Please email: [catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:catherine.martindale@abdiocese.org.uk) Or follow us on: @ABDialogueUnity on Facebook and Twitter.

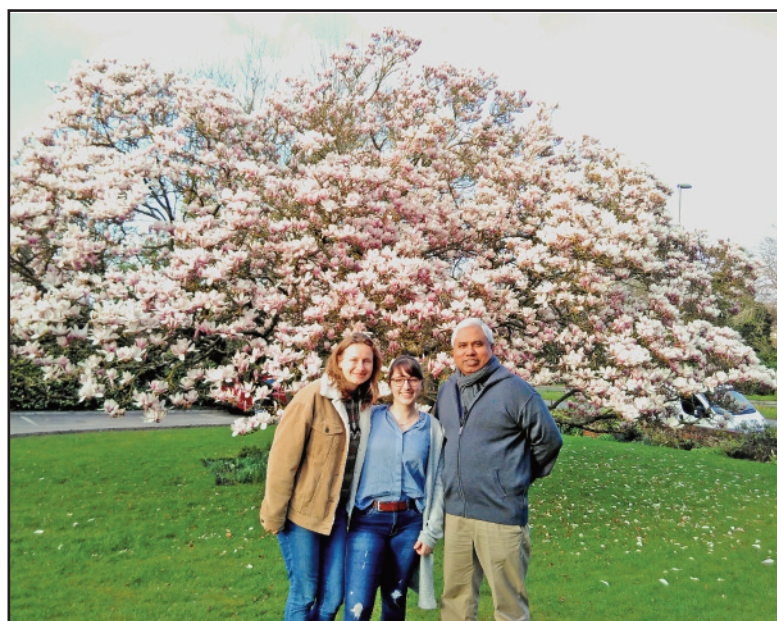
If you are interested in Taizé prayer you might want to join the Crawley



Taizé prayer group. You can contact Catherine or follow: @taizecrawley on Facebook.

Also, if you are 18-29 and interested in an ecumenical visit to Taizé from the Diocese, email Catherine (as above).

*Story and pictures:  
Catherine Martindale -  
Dialogue and Unity Adviser*



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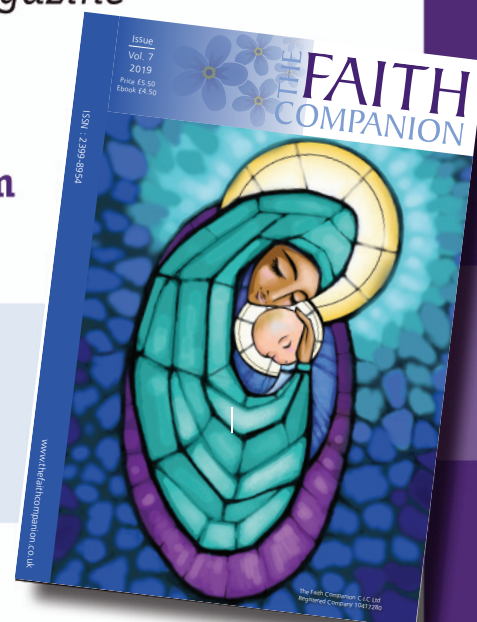
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## MISSION STATEMENT

Placing Christ at the centre and empowered by the Spirit, we serve and support our schools in the name of the Bishop, by aspiring to be the very best we can, identifying, encouraging, nurturing and developing excellence in all aspects of Catholic education.

As the Diocesan Education Service, inspired by the Gospel, we are committed to serving in partnership with our family of schools to be the visible face of Christ and to promote the Common Good through the ministry of education.

# Exciting Developments in Chaplaincy in Arundel & Brighton Schools and Academies

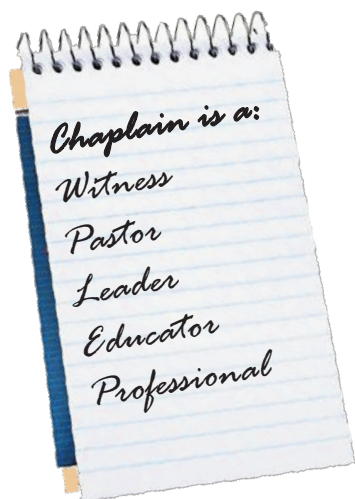
**I**N HIS DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN Bishop Richard writes: 'Effective chaplaincy is a key element in the Catholic Ethos and pastoral provision for our schools.'

It is often a challenge to assure chaplaincy provision in a financially difficult climate. However, pastoral demands must outweigh such considerations. Many of our young people face significant difficulties: situations that arise in their homes; the pressure placed upon them by the media and the virtual space in which so many of them live; increased stress and mental health difficulties for many. They also have a real openness to engagement in prayer and a desire (sometimes not clearly expressed) for a relationship with the person of Christ.’

Bishop Richard goes on to say that: 'No school should be without chaplaincy: the provision of a full-time chaplain in every Secondary School must be made. Chaplaincy must also be available in every Primary School, with chaplaincy hours dependent on the size of the school, but still ensuring sufficient provision.'

Recognising constraints on school budgets, the Bishop has asked Deanery communities to support the financing of chaplains in our schools. It is very encouraging to see how different deaneries and schools are working closely together to find the best model for their unique situation.

## What does a chaplain do?



The Catholic Education Service (CES) has produced a document entitled 'National Standards for Chaplains working in schools and academies' which divides the role of school chaplains into five key areas:

1. The Chaplain as witness
2. The Chaplain as pastor
3. The Chaplain as leader
4. The Chaplain as educator
5. The Chaplain as professional

## The Chaplain as witness

The Chaplain should:

- a be a practising Catholic in full communion with the Church;
- b set a good example to all members of the school community in terms of living a Christian life by:
  - i. being a person who prays and makes prayer an important feature of decision making and who intercedes on behalf of the community they serve;
  - ii. speaking of their own faith and relationship with Christ;
  - iii. living a life which exemplifies Gospel values;
  - iv. treating all members of the community with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to the chaplain's professional position;
  - v. showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others;
  - vi. demonstrating a commitment to Catholic Moral and Social Teaching.

## The Chaplain as pastor

The Chaplain should:

- a be attentive to the needs of all members of the school community;
- b support other staff in school who share the responsibility of the pastoral care of pupils, including the Head Teacher;
- c accompany the whole community in their highs and lows, celebrating with them in their joys and consoling them in their sorrows;
- d be able to relate to a wide range of individuals and establish levels of trust where problems can be shared;
- e focus on the marginalised and the vulnerable within the school community as their special care.

## The Chaplain as leader

The Chaplain should:

- a have a good understanding of the liturgical life of the Church and be able to lead pupils and staff into a fuller appreciation of its richness and beauty;
- b know how to prepare a space for prayer;
- c have the skills of a well-trained sacristan and know how to prepare a space for the celebration of Mass;
- d care for any sacred space in school, especially where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved;
- e be skilled in engaging children and young people in prayer, worship and the sacramental life of the Church, particularly the Eucharist and the sacrament of reconciliation, where appropriate;
- f support class and whole school-based worship through the provision and creation of appropriate worship resources;
- g help pupils and staff to develop confidence in leading prayer and worship independently;
- h provide opportunities for staff and pupils to deepen their spiritual life, for example, through the organising of retreats and days of reflection.



## What is a chaplain?

## The Chaplain as educator

The Chaplain should:

- a have a good knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith to:
  - i - support school catechetical programmes (where they exist);
  - ii - support the formal and informal learning that takes place across school life;
- b ensure that structured time with pupils is well-planned, delivered and evaluated;
- c support the professional development of staff in terms of the Catholic life of the school.

## The Chaplain as professional

**The Chaplain should:**

- a if a priest, celebrate Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation regularly in school;
- b if not a priest, make arrangements for the regular celebration of Mass and the sacrament of reconciliation within school with the priest(s) of the local parish or deanery;
- c form good working relationships with the nearby priest(s) and parishes and facilitate partnership working between parish/deanery/diocese and school.
- d maintain good working relationships with other members of staff, governors/directors and school leaders;
- e observe professional standards in terms of appearance, punctuality and full participation in the working life of the school;
- f have regular performance appraisal;
- g have regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions;
- h contribute to self-evaluation processes in readiness for inspection.

## How can I find out more about becoming a School Chaplain?



## ‘Taste and See Sessions’

**If you would like to learn more or just talk to us about the opportunity, please make a note of the details below**

**In June, Bishop Richard Moth and Father Stephen Ortiger (Chaplain Coordinator for the diocese) will be holding a series of regional meetings for members of parish communities who would like to find out more about school chaplaincy.**

***'Taste and See' sessions***  
for those interested in finding out  
more about School  
Chaplaincy

**6 June 2019**  
The Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey

**12 June 2019**  
Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, East  
Sussex

**13 June 2019**  
St John the Evangelist, Horsham,  
West Sussex

All three meetings are from  
7pm-8.30pm.

To reserve a place at one of the sessions please contact Claire Martin, CPD Administrator at the Diocesan Education Service at: [claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk) or ring Claire Martin on 01293 511130

**We look forward to seeing you there!**



# Discovering the Person...

**GOD CALLS US INTO DISCIPLESHIP, A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PERSON OF CHRIST, A CALL THAT HAS THREE ELEMENTS:**

**THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS.** God the Father calls people to listen to his Son, to be baptised in the Holy Spirit and to live as disciples of Christ.

**THE CALL TO A WAY OF LIFE.** A Christian disciple expresses faith, hope and love through living as a consecrated person, an ordained minister or a lay person, in the married or single state.

**THE CALL TO WORK.** God calls people to many different kinds of work, ranging from paid work to care of family members. Work on its own does

not give meaning to life. It is human beings that make work meaningful. 'Work constitutes one of the fundamental dimensions of a person's earthly existence and of their vocation.'

The distinctive way that a person integrates all three elements expresses the irreplaceable person God is calling them to be. By the grace of God, a Christian is enabled to live out this unique vocation.

*In the words of Blessed John Henry Newman - soon to be a Saint – 'God has created me to do Him some definite service.'*

## Scott and Gary in Valladolid

THE ROYAL ENGLISH COLLEGE of St Albans in Valladolid is the Propaedeutic Seminary, providing a one-year programme of formation for students before they move on to major seminaries. That year is focussed on spiritual and human development in order to discern the student's ability to move on to a major seminary where they may spend around six years preparing for the priesthood.

Two of the students are from the Diocese of A&B. **Scott** is a fairly recent convert, indeed he had been training for the Anglican ministry when he 'felt the pull' to be a part of the universal Church.

He is grateful to the many people who helped him in his journey (including Fr Richard Biggerstaff).

He feels the biggest challenge at Valladolid is the

intensity - 'formation is about a conversion of one's whole life, and that isn't always easy'.

While he misses friends and family, Scott values all the experiences that brought him to where he is today.

**Gary** was a convert and prayed for several years over a vocation to the priesthood, 'receiving some wonderful advice from the vocations service and priests in the diocese.'

He worked in a Catholic secondary school in Surrey and, while he misses the business of that life and working with everyone there, he doesn't think he would change anything about his journey so far.



*Please pray for our students  
preparing for ordination to the Priesthood*



Tom Kent



Stephen O'Brien



Nicholas Harden



Gustavo Campanello



Eddie Hopkins



Scott Coleman



Gary Carter

**Photo courtesy of Arundel Cathedral**

## Is God Calling You?

Mgr Gerry Ewing, Vice-Rector of St John's Seminary at Womersley, asks whether God is calling you and, if so, whether you are going to do anything about it.

**DO YOU FEEL THAT** God might be calling you to be a priest ... and if so, have you dismissed the idea ... or are you going to do something about it?

We continue to hear a lot about the shortage of vocations to the priesthood these days, but might it be more accurate to say a shortage in the response to God's call? God has not stopped calling men to serve him in the priesthood - rather, the way we live our lives, with numerous noises and daily distractions, has made us less disposed to hear that call.

We can suffer from the 'who me?' syndrome in many areas of our lives, so we have to remember that priests don't just drop out of the sky or grow in the ground! They come from the world in which we live ... they are ordinary people, like anyone else ... they have strengths and weaknesses, hopes and fears, joys and sorrows. They come from all sorts of family backgrounds ... they have varying life experiences ... they answer God's call at a variety of ages and stages of life.

Every Diocese has a Vocations Director - a priest who helps those who feel that God might be calling them to the priesthood to gently discern whether this is the case or not. The Vocations Director helps to process a man's application to the Bishop in order to be considered for formation for the priesthood in the Seminary, and he arranges for a selection process, which takes place over a number of days.

Today's success-driven society, along with a need to be in control, may well be another reason why people put a call from God to the back of their minds. Checking out whether God is calling you to the priesthood, and discerning that he may have other plans for you in your life, is not a weakness or a waste of time. So if you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood, or if you simply want to know a bit more, you owe it to yourself, to the Church and to society to find out! Who, me? Yes, you! [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

## Letter from Valladolid

THE SPANISH SUN IS SETTING and the swallows are dancing as another day ends in St Alban's College, Valladolid. It has been a typical day in the seminary - if there is such a thing!

We start with silent meditation before morning prayer and Mass - how important to begin the day as we mean to go on. But after an early start like this, everyone's in need of immediate coffee and breakfast. The students and staff eat together in the college refectory - a beautiful room that by now is all too familiar. After two months living here, it's almost possible to forget that the college is more than four hundred years old.

Today, we've had a special course on communications - everything from television and local radio to social media. These will be important things we'll need in our ministry, but it also gives us a laugh to think of each other appearing on the TV. More coffee (of course) and then some more lessons before lunch. The food here is bordering on too good, so many of the seminarians head to the gym or swimming pool to work some of it off.

There's then 'free time' - to work on our essays, meet with tutors, or have spiritual direction. The afternoon flies by, and it will soon be time for evening prayer and supper. We have plenty of visitors to entertain - today, formators from

other seminaries - so it will be a pleasant social evening afterwards...

Our time here in Valladolid seems to have flown by. There have been many highlights in our seminary journey thus far including the Martyrs' Feast, visiting St Teresa's convent in Avila, feasting with our Scottish brethren in Salamanca and getting excellent teaching in human, spiritual and pastoral development (as well as theology of course).

It was wonderful to be back in the Diocese for a month in January for our pastoral placements. We are incredibly grateful to the parishes of Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge and St Richard's and St Peter's, Chichester for their kindness and hospitality.

It was vital and humbling for us to see what priesthood actually looks like as it is being lived out in our local communities, rather than in theory. It was also a very encouraging sign for us to see how varied and vibrant parish life in our Diocese is and this encourages us all the more to share that with those around us.

We are incredibly grateful for all those who are praying for us during our time out here in Valladolid and for all the seminarians for the diocese in Womersley or Rome. Please do keep joining your prayers to Our Lady, Queen of the Clergy and you all are in our prayers.

*Scott and Gary*



# ...that God wants **You** to be

A & B NEWS Special Correspondent Pauline Groves invited Fr Simon Dray to share some of his thoughts as a priest who had some years of work experience before offering himself for the priesthood.

**FR SIMON, You have been ordained nearly six years now and have been a parish priest since last September. You did not go to the seminary straight from school. You went to university, studying Geography and then entered the Civil Service, reaching managerial level.**

**How much did these experiences and the skills you learnt in those years help you in your time of discernment and study for the priesthood?**

When I left university, priesthood was furthest from my mind; I'm not even sure it was on my radar. I wasn't distant from the Church, far from it. I was the Master of Ceremonies in my parish and had been on two World Youth Days (Rome and Toronto), but I had, (which I think might be a common understanding), I had the idea that priests were sent to us!

Only after being responsible for planning resources to meet a business demand, did I begin to realise that the bishop did not send us priests, but we sent him men for ordination!

So, I began to think who will be the next generation of priests? Going back to study after seven years was a little daunting at first, but actually I found a new discipline to my studies, and perhaps, this time I was actually ready to study; I had a new interest in my faith as it is much easier to study if you will actually use that study in your life.

**How much have they helped you since your ordination?**

I think there were two distinct advantages:

Firstly, for a couple of years I had to run two departments at the same time, and this gave me an insight into what it is like managing the needs and expectations of multi-site parishes. Both Bexhill and Crawley are parishes with multi-sites and it is a tricky balance trying to foster the individuality of these communities while at the same time unite them as one parish. In the end you can only unite around the Gospel and

the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

Secondly, the work experience meant that I did not fear administration which, now as a Parish Priest, becomes more of a responsibility, not just managing the canonical requirements of the sacramental programmes, but increasingly the demands of health and safety and finance.

**Were there aspects of your previous life that made your new life difficult?**

Yes, I have to admit that in the seven years of working life, I had become much more independent in my life and certainly in my thinking.

I initially found it a strain to be obedient to a system. People say 'oh it's good that you have had some life experience', but actually this also means that you have plenty of 'baggage' to unpack.

**Formation is not just about 'studying for the priesthood', but taking time to look at yourself and considering our call to holiness so that we might be more like Christ. The older you are the more stuck in your ways you may have become and when the Seminary strips away all your artificial defences you feel, for a short while, vulnerable, but as we understand from the preface of martyrs, it is in weakness that God perfects his power.**

**You still have a number of long-standing friends. How did they and your work colleagues react to your decision to become a priest?**

Most of my friends were not Catholic, so although very supportive (otherwise they wouldn't have been my friends) did not quite understand why a person would 'give up' their life in this way.

Even now, six years on, I still sometimes hear people speak of what a priest must give up, especially a family, while in the same breath they call you 'Father'. It is a realisation that *you have family in a different sense; you are the Father to a community*, and in just the same way you have to encourage, console, instruct and at times correct your

children.

At your ordination, one of the most moving moments is the exchange of peace with your new brother priests.

Anyway, back to your question; when I announced my resignation at work, people naturally asked me where I was moving on to. Most people never left the civil service but simply moved to a new government department, so when I said I was leaving the civil service that was in itself quite unusual.

When I handed in my notice to the Regional Manager, he said, 'I was just about to ask you what it would take to make you stay, but now I now what you are going to do, as a Catholic myself, I would not insult you'. In fact I suddenly found out just how many other Catholics were working alongside me, but had never said anything!

**Apart from in prayer, how do you feel supported day to day now?**

I have an amazing team around me, from my assistant priest, to my deacon, superb house and office staff who help with the administration of our multi-site parish, especially the maintenance and costs associated with it. I have a rock-solid Finance Committee who are helping me manage and restructure eight buildings, all with an eye on the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.

With no disrespect to anyone, the best support are other priests; they are my brothers and the people who I can turn to if I'm ever struggling in my priesthood.

Finally, my Dad is a great support (sadly Fr Simon's mother died two years ago, may she rest in peace). He is the one person who doesn't have to call me 'Father', and so is the place where I can go, from time to time, when I need to be a son!

**What in your priestly life gives most joy?**

When people ask me to bless them, rather than sign forms; when people ask me to preach the gospel and the Catholic and Apostolic faith, rather than the Gospel of Nice; when people ask me to celebrate the Roman Rite of Mass worthily and well and do not ask me to insert erroneous elements into it.

In addition I've celebrated many fu-

nerals over the past six years and for families, many of whom are on the periphery of the Church, it is a great joy to offer them the hope of eternal life and help them see that at death life is changed and not ended and that all the ties of friendship that knit us as one throughout life, do not unravel with death.

**What would be your advice to a young man who feels that he may be being called to priesthood now?**

*I would say, stay close to the Church*



*and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Read the Gospels! Speak to your Parish Priest or another priest you know well! All of us must first recognize that vocations are not given to a select few for we all share the 'universal call to holiness' and then have to discern in what state of life (single, marriage, Holy Orders or the Religious life) the Lord is calling us to fulfil our holiness.*

*Additionally, a vocation is not given simply for our benefit, but always for the salvation of souls, so we are discerning our share of the mission of Christ entrusted to His Church.*

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

**Lord, grant to our Diocese the gift of priests filled with zeal for your Word and with dedication in the service of your people, that your Church may be nourished through the Sacraments and strengthened for the Mission to which you have called us. For you are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Vocations in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

**Discovering Your Vocation:** To discern a vocation is to discover the person God wants you to be. The first step is to take seriously that God has called you to be a baptised person. He called you to baptism so that you could grow in love and in holiness of life, not only for your own sake but for the sake of others to whom you are sent. You may be called to be their marriage partner or their priest, or deacon, or their religious sister, their teacher or their workmate or their boss. You are called to serve and to call others.

**Priesthood or Religious Life:** If you believe you have a call to the Priesthood or Religious then contact Diocesan Vocations Director, Rev Con Foley, Christ the Prince of Peace, Portmore Way, Weybridge KT13 8JD. Email: [Vocations@dabnet.org](mailto:Vocations@dabnet.org) or [foleycon@gmail.com](mailto:foleycon@gmail.com) or Tel: 01932 842643. See <http://www.ukvocation.org/> and <http://ukpriest.org/> for more information.

**Pope Francis on Priesthood:** 'Among his disciples, the Lord Jesus wills to choose certain ones to carry out a priestly office publicly in the Church, in his name and on behalf of mankind, in order that they may continue his personal mission as Teacher, Priest and Shepherd.' Pope Francis, 2014

**Diaconate:** If you believe you have a call to the Diaconate whether as a single or married man then contact Diocesan Director of Deacon Formation, Rev Tim Murrill, 20 Batts Hill, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 2DH. Email: [deacontim@ymail.com](mailto:deacontim@ymail.com) or Tel: 01737 761017. See <http://www.diaconate.org.uk/> for more information.



## Diamond Wedding Celebration

PAT AND JO-ANN HUDSON recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary together with friends and family at St Michael's, High Salvington in Worthing where they had been parishioners since 1971.

After a wonderful meal in the parish hall on the Saturday they attended their regular 10.30am Mass on the Sunday for a special blessing and renewal of vows with Fr Chris Ingle, their parish priest and Deacon Mark Woods their son-in-law. Pat, who is one of the Welcomers at that Mass, was under strict instructions that Sunday to be with his wife and family for the whole of the Mass – being a good husband he did as he was instructed!

Married on 28 February 1959 in St John's, Horsham, Pat, who was a policeman, originally came from Worthing but on being posted to Horsham met and fell for local girl Jo-Ann Norwood. His police career took them first to Shoreham and then to Worthing, to

the parish of English Martyrs, Goring and finally moving into St Michael's parish, High Salvington. He spent much of his police career as a scene of crimes officer before retirement when he worked for the Allied Irish Bank.

An active parishioner and Knight of St Columba as well as being involved as a governor, including being chair of governors at English Martyrs School in Worthing, he has always put his faith into action.

His wife Jo-Ann worked for HMRC at Durrington for many years before retirement. She became a Catholic in her forties, and attends Mass every Sunday and is still active in the parish CAFOD group despite poor mobility.

They have two daughters, Jane and Nichola, who they gave thanks for along with the many blessings they have shared for over 60 years of married life.



Story and picture:  
Mark Woods

## Golden Wedding Mass

ROY AND LOUISE MARTIN celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday, 23 March with holy mass and renewal of their vows. Their children and seven grandchildren joined them as well as family and friends from Ireland and France. Afterwards, a beautiful meal was served in the parish hall.

Roy and Louise moved to Horsham in 2002. In 1980, together with Fr. Michael Benjamin, they became executive team for Worldwide Marriage Encounter for Arundel and Brighton, Southwark and Portsmouth.

After some years with WWME they decided to support marriage preparation in A and B and joined the Commission for Marriage and Family Life.

Their passion for spreading the good news about the vocation of the sacrament of matrimony led them across the Diocese preparing couples for the sacrament; they also trained with CCL to teach natural family planning.

A particular joy was visits to St. Wilfrid's to share with the students the dignity and grace of the sacrament.

Parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Horsham, they are currently involved in Baptism and first Communion sacramental preparation and belong to the Catholic Grandparents Association.

Story: Louise Martin and  
Picture: Richard Wright



Left to Right : Fr Kevin O'Donnell, Roy, Louise, Fr Aaron Spinelli and the grandchildren

## Rainbows

CHILDREN FROM ST THOMAS A BECKET Catholic Primary School have had access to a **Rainbows programme** for the past fifteen years. Over this time, many families have benefited from the support that staff have given to children who have experienced bereavement or a significant change in their family. This year, the **Rainbows programme** ran from October to February. This photo is from the second of the 'Celebrate Me Days' which was held at Paradise Park in East Sussex.

Story and Picture: Rachel Turner



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## THE MIGRANT FUND - SMALL GRANTS FOR REFUGEE CHARITIES

A fund set up in our Diocese to give small grants to charities helping refugees and people in need of resettlement, with a very simple and straightforward application method.

**Refugees Welcome Crawley** has benefitted from such a grant - here's how they have used it...

**REFUGEES WELCOME CRAWLEY** supports refugees and vulnerable migrants in Crawley and surrounding areas. In partnership with West Sussex County Council, our main focus is in helping to resettle Syrian refugee families arriving through the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS), the scheme initiated by the previous government which pledged that 20,000 vulnerable Syrians, selected from refugee camps in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and Iraq, would be given safe and legal passage to the UK by May 2020 with refugee status already granted on arrival.

This status, granted for five years, allows refugees to work, claim UK benefits and settle in the UK for an initial five years, after which they can claim settlement (indefinite leave to remain) as a refugee, free of charge.

### Practical Help & Befriending

Apart from supporting Syrian refugees, we also provide practical help and befriending for other refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants awaiting Home Office decisions on their applications to remain. Our current client base includes individuals from Iran, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda and Mauritius. All the families and individuals we support share experiences of displacement, separation from loved ones, isolation and trauma of one kind or another and we work to relieve the effects of these experiences by providing practical help and befriending. Some of our clients are referred to us by a local counselling service, an indicator of the effects on mental health of these kinds of experience. An anxious wait for extended legal status in the UK to be granted also has significant negative impacts on some of those we support.

### Accommodation & Furnishing

For the Syrian families, our initial work is practical once a property has been allocated and an incoming family has been identified. We prepare the accommodation by painting, constructing flatpack furniture, hanging curtains and providing the extras which are not on the basic household Resettlement Scheme list. A recent grant from the A&B Diocese's Migrant Fund Small Grant Scheme enabled us to purchase PAT-tested televisions and microwaves from a local charity shop for two newly arriving Syrian families, together with cushions, curtains and table lamps, all items that helped to make their accommodation more comfortable and welcoming.

Once these families were here, we also bought a dvd player with some donated dvds to watch until a tv aerial could be installed at the house. It's remarkable how quickly children pick up English and watching children's tv in English helps with this process. The remainder of our recent grant was split between the two families in the form of Argos vouchers to enable them to choose for themselves what would be their next priority purchase for their homes, maybe a deep fat fryer or a liquidiser to widen the range of delicious Syrian food they can cook at home (see photo below). Any guest to a Syrian home can expect to be treated with the utmost hospitality, fragrant tea or coffee and tempting sweetmeats arriving almost as you set foot through the door.



### 'Talk Clubs' & Learning English

Learning English is clearly essential if refugees are to successfully integrate into life in the UK. Our group helps refugees to access local English classes including sessions kindly organised by staff at Worth School, whilst we also run weekly 'Talk Clubs' where families can practise conversational English over a cup of tea or coffee while the children play or get involved in craft activities. We run an English group for women with pre-school children in Crawley as well as offering individual English tuition at home for those unable to access classes whilst conversation practice with volunteers helps to build their confidence using English in real-life situations. **The Small Grants Scheme fund will help us to purchase language teaching resources for our group and individual teaching.**

### Driving & Training Courses

Passing the UK theory and practical driving test is quite a challenge for refugees settling here, even if they have been driving for many years in their home countries. Several of the refugee men have taken the theory test multiple times with many hours spent studying practise questions online despite their often limited English. It's a great moment when this is finally achieved (- as the children sitting on the bonnet of dad's car in the photo above illustrates!) One of the Syrian men whose practical driving test was paid for from our Migrant Fund grant has followed up his first-time pass with a job offer from a local employer whose premises he would not have been able to access by bus.



There are many other things that a charity such as ours can fund with a Migrant Fund grant, as well as household items for families who arrive with very little. Short training courses, for example, such as the food safety course one of our refugee women would like to attend with a view to setting up a small catering business; driving lessons and test fees; laptops to practise the online theory test and multiple other uses of internet and word processing such as benefit and job applications - producing and attaching a CV for example, and applications for Universal Credit which have to be done online.

Children's scooters or bicycles are often requested though we do receive donations of children's toys and clothes so that we can always provide some ready in the home for when children arrive. White goods too, though provided for the Syrian families, are much needed by vulnerable mothers - a widow whose washing machine broke down some months ago and has been struggling to get her five year old daughter's clothes washed by hand or at the expensive launderette.

### Hand of Welcome

Most of all, **Refugees Welcome - Crawley** offers exactly that, a hand of welcome so that those who were once strangers can become friends and an integral part of a diverse community that shares a common humanity and a desire to belong.

We are extremely appreciative of the grant that we have been given and would like to record our grateful thanks to those who have donated towards this fund.

We are always in need of more volunteers to support us in our work.

Please contact Cathy Merry at [merrycat1@gmail.com](mailto:merrycat1@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more.

Cathy Merry

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**Women's Meeting - continued from page 1**

to the local church, encouraging those who don't feel confident to walk through the church door other than for Mass. Sue Petritz spoke of LIFT, an initiative where a group meet for a meal, combined with scripture and lectio.

There was an acknowledgement that those present brought a wealth of experience and knowledge and wanted to explore ways that the Catholic tradition could be shared and passed on through our parishes. It was generally agreed that this was not to be a one-off meeting, but the start of a consensus that would work to further the Diocesan Mission 'The Word who is Life'.

If you are interested in hearing more about future development of our mission, do contact Sue Petritz [nbw@rcdab.on-microsoft.com](mailto:nbw@rcdab.on-microsoft.com) and if you would like to know more about the NBCW, see: [www.nbcw.co.uk](http://www.nbcw.co.uk)

Story &amp; Pictures: Sue Petritz

**Ray Mooney Walks the Camino Way**

FORMER DIOCESAN YOUTH ADVISOR and Redshirt Leader, Ray Mooney, is walking 500 miles along the Camino di Santiago from France to the shrine of St James in Santiago di Compostella at the end of April.



He is walking the Camino in aid of the A&amp;B Lourdes Pilgrimage and Prostate Cancer UK.

If you would like to know more about Ray's walk and to sponsor him, then go to: <https://uk.virgin-moneygiving.com/RayMooney>. (Ed: The A&B News will report on Ray's progress in a future edition of the A&B News).

Story: Donald Wehrle

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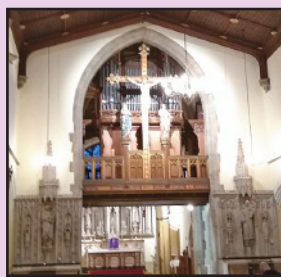
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We need as many people as possible to turn up to meet their MPs. Together we will create a noise outside Parliament that can't be ignored. Together we can turn the tide.

Join the Climate Pilgrimage by taking a coach that is departing from Brighton railway station travelling via Crawley to London. To sign up visit [cafod.org.uk/climatelobby](http://cafod.org.uk/climatelobby) or contact Jenny Finlayson [arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk) Tel: 01483 898866

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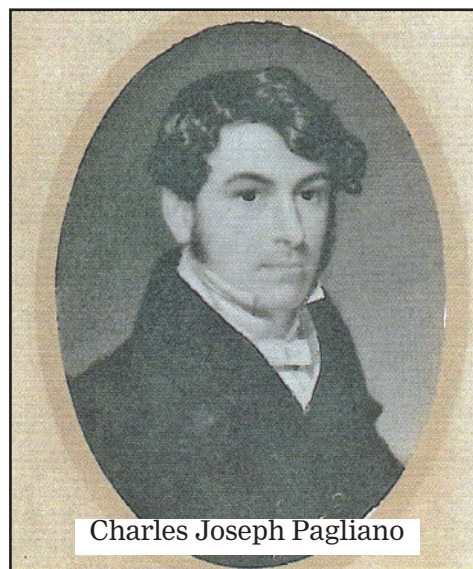
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Sun 28 3pm Confirmations at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, Frimley  
Tue 30 8.30am Meeting at High Oaks  
7pm Canon Tim Madeley's Silver Jubilee Mass at Arundel Cathedral**May**Wed 1 10am School Chaplains' Meeting at Worth School  
6.30pm Meeting at Portslade  
Fri 3 - Fri 10 Bishops' Conference Spring Plenary and Inservice, Valladolid, Spain.  
Fri 10 7.30pm Confirmations at Sacred Heart Parish, Caterham  
Sat 11 10am Inspire Youth Leader's Day Redhill  
6pm Parish Visitation to St Pancras, Lewes  
Sun 12 9am Parish Visitation to St Pancras, Lewes  
Tue 14 7.30am Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley  
Wed 15 10am Bereavement Supporters Day and Mass, St Bernadette's Crawley  
Thu 16 11am Dept Meeting at Eccleston Square.  
5pm Board of Governors' Meeting, St Mary's, Twickenham  
Fri 17 7.30pm Confirmations at St Joan of Arc Parish, Farnham  
Sat 18 11am Confirmations at The Friary, Crawley  
4pm Parish visitation to Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid, Selsey  
Sun 19 10am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Wilfrid, Selsey  
3pm Confirmations at Arundel Cathedral, Worthing Deanery  
Mon 20 12 noon Lunch at the Clink, HMP High Down  
5pm Meeting at High Oaks  
Tue 21 & Wed 22 Mental Health Conference, Hinsley Hall, Leeds  
Thu 23 9am Mass to celebrate Golden Jubilee of St Edmund's School, Godalming  
7pm Council of Deacons' Meeting, High Oaks  
Fri 24 7pm Confirmation Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, West Byfleet  
Sat 25 11.30am Confirmation Mass at St Peter's Parish, Hove  
3pm Confirmation Mass at St Mary's Parish, Preston Park  
Sun 26 11am Confirmations at Holy Family Parish, Heath End  
Tue 28 1pm Clergy Inservice, De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley  
Wed 29 2pm Episcopal Council, East Horsley  
Thu 30 8pm Mass at Arundel Cathedral  
Fri 31 10.30am Deans' Meeting, at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley**June**

Sat 1 11am Woking Deanery Confirmations, St Dunstan's Parish, Woking



# THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL COMES TO ENGLAND IN 1844

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) officially started in England in 1844, but how it began was down to the influence of several prominent personalities.



Charles Joseph Pagliano

Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society in Paris in April 1833, felt that in the industrialised countries, especially Britain and America, the Church needed to show the workers that it cared for their welfare as well as their spiritual life. He was very keen therefore to establish the Society in England.

## GEORGE JONAS WIGLEY

One of his acquaintances was an Englishman, George Jonas Wigley, who had been orphaned and was brought up by his aunt in Boulogne. Upon Wigley's return to England, Frederic suggested that he contact some influential Catholics, including Frederick Lucas, founder and Editor of the *Tablet*, resulting in Wigley's articles in *The Tablet*, advocating the foundation of the Society in London.

Adolphe Baudon, the Secretary General of the SVP in Paris, travelled to England in 1842 and consulted Fr. George (Ignatius) Spencer, the youngest son of the Second Earl Spencer and great-great-great uncle of Lady Diana (and great uncle of Sir Winston Churchill). In January 1843, *THE TABLET* referred to an article written by Fr. Spencer strongly recommending the Society to English Catholics.

As a result, a meeting of gentlemen was held at the Sabloniere Hotel, Leicester Square, on Monday 29 January 1844, 'to take into the consideration the necessity of establishing in London a society similar to the one existing in France called The Society of St. Vincent of Paul.'

Among the 13 men present were George Wigley and Frederick Lucas, and Charles Joseph Pagliano, proprietor of the Sabloniere Hotel.

It was resolved in the first place that it was advisable to form an institution on the basis of The Society of St. Vincent of Paul established in France, for London and its vicinity; in the second place that a sub-committee of five of those present should be appointed to prepare the Rules for the government of the Society; and in the third place, it was resolved that the sub-committee should make its report to another meeting to be held that day-fortnight.

## THE FIRST MEETING

The first meeting of the Society in England took place on Monday 12 February 1844. Mr Lucas took the chair, but during the meeting he stood down and Mr Pagliano, the proprietor of the Sabloniere Hotel, was elected President. The recommendation to form the Brotherhood was passed and that it should commit itself with the Society of St. Vincent

of Paul in Paris. The committee 'recommended that the President take an early opportunity of laying the rules of the Brotherhood before the Rt Revd Fr Grifiths.' Thus the SVP was started in England.

## 'A SMALL GROUP OF GENTLEMEN'

In contrast to the social upheavals in France, when the SVP arrived in England in 1844, a relatively stable Victorian monarchy had just begun. The founders were basically a small group of well heeled 'Gentlemen', who at first, saw the Society as a brotherhood.

Roman Catholicism had been suppressed since the Reformation and even after the Roman Catholic Relief Act of 1829, when, amongst other things, Catholics became free to be elected to public office, it was not until 1850 that the Catholic hierarchy was restored to England, under Cardinal Wiseman. Catholics were in the minority and out of a population, in England & Wales, in the 1851 census, of 17.9 million, only 383,630 were admitted as attending Catholic services. Whether the actual number of Catholics was nearer to one million or not, it was no wonder that the early English SVP was cautious about introducing SVP works in a country where the established church was the Church of England.

A major social and health problem at that time was cholera, both in Paris in 1830, and in England and particularly London between 1832 and 1854. The new Society decided to provide funding for nurses, and medicines and even coffins! Notwithstanding these efforts, during that period about 30,000 people died in London alone. Frederic Ozanam, was just about able, because of poor health, to come to the Great Exhibition of 1851 and poignantly commented:

**'What courage the English Brothers need to shake hands with down and outs, in an aristocratic land where contact with the poor is thought to declass and degrade.'**

## SVP BACKGROUND IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND

Frederic Ozanam, founder of the SVP in 1833, was born two years before the Battle of Waterloo in 1815, and following the defeat of Napoleon, the Bourbon Monarchy was restored to France in 1814 only to be overthrown in 1830.

In his letters, Frederic warned that with the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, trouble was brewing if the social situation did not improve; workers were likely to take matters into their own hands - which was precisely what happened in the Paris uprisings of 1848. Frederic saw the gradual decline of the French monarchy lurching towards a second republic in his own lifetime.

At the time of going up to the Sorbonne University in 1831, Frederic, as a Catholic, became rather isolated, and witnessed that many people, including fellow students and Professors, saw the Catholic Church as being part of the royal establishment, at a time when France was changing, becoming more and more secular.

As an ardent Catholic, he canvassed for better conditions for workers, children and poor people; and whilst in Lyon, before his return to Paris in 1840, he drew up a course of what he regarded as Catholic Social Teaching. Some 50 years later, the thoughts of Pope Leo XIII are said to have been influenced by Ozanam. He famously published his encyclical, *Rerum Novarum* (New Things) in 1891, which was radical in addressing social inequality and social justice issues and this encyclical had a profound influence on the Church then and since.

## NEXT MONTH

- Some ways the SVP met the challenges of poverty in Victorian England.
- The Catholic Shoe Black Brigade.
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## FROM THE PARISHES

## ADUR VALLEY

THIS MONTH saw the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the local covenant in Steyning and a celebration was held at Christ the King with Ministers and parishioners from all the churches in Steyning and Upper Beeding attending. Many of our parishioners in Shoreham and Steyning took part in the World Day of Prayer services. A collection is being taken every week at Steyning for the Shoreham Foodbank. A Simply Fair-trade breakfast was held after Mass this weekend at St Peter's. Instead of a donation we were asked to bring something for the Foodbank. The Lent Groups have started and are well attended. We have been enjoying the monthly Lunch Club at St Peter's in Shoreham. On a lovely sunny Sunday there was a short walk along the riverbank from Shoreham to Bramber to commemorate St Oscar Romero and the Romero walks. Now with mops and dusters to the fore an army of volunteers are carrying out a Spring Clean at Christ the King in readiness for Easter.

Penny Richardson

## CATERHAM

THE PERIOD coming towards Easter has been active with Lent Group meetings and Stations of the Cross on Fridays followed by a simple Lent lunch with donations going, amongst others, to CAFOD in support of the cyclone disaster in Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Malawi.

The Iraqi refugees in Madaba have not been forgotten, and Easter cards with messages will be sent to them, and fund raising continues. The operation on Samir Kikhwa (7 hours!) was successful. The Fairtrade stall on 3 March raised £425.

St Francis school will receive a grant from Bags of Plenty towards the garden they are creating.

Ruth Ashfield from the Catechetics of the Good Shepherd (based on Montes-

sori teaching) gave an interesting talk at Masses on Mothering Sunday.

And we are pleased to report Fr Sean's continuing recovery.

Peter Patterson

## CHERTSEY

AFTER 40+ YEARS as parish organist at St Anne's, Chertsey, Patricia Barnes retired from the position. A Papal blessing was presented to her at the 8.30am Mass in front of the many parishioners she has accompanied over the years. We are very grateful for her service and consider ourselves very fortunate to have enjoyed her playing for so many years. God bless you, Pat! Pictured is Fr Michael Hines, SDB, presenting Pat with her blessing.

St Anne's church, Chertsey, is cele-



brating 90 years as a parish church. We have a year-long programme of events to mark the occasion and on the 3rd Sunday of Lent we took part in a 'Feed the Hungry' packing event. This charity supplies meals to those most in need and our efforts were being sent to children in Burkino Faso and flood victims in Zimbabwe.

Our Confirmation candidates and members of the Parish joined together

for a few hours and packed 5,250 meals. The event was organised by our Parish CAFOD rep, Libia Roldan, and all who took part commented on how marvellous it was to physically help as well as monetarily.

The picture below includes Joy Mowat, Parish Council; Fr Michael Hines, SDB; Gwyn Williams.

JoyMowat

## CRAWLEY



WE WERE DELIGHTED to welcome Fr Michael Creech to Christ the Lord church in Broadfield to celebrate our Mass on 23 February.

Fr Louis celebrated our Mass on the second Sunday of Lent, assisted by Deacon Andrew. We remembered CAFOD family fast day and collected donations. Matthew announced the Lenten Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration at the Friary and appealed for us to commit to at least one hour of adoration.

On the eve of the Feast of St Joseph, Fr Chris celebrated our Mass, with concelebrant visiting Mauritian priest Pere Eulege and assisted by Deacon Andrew. The Mass concluded the day of recollection hosted by our local community of St Joseph. Our Mauritian choir and musicians led the music. We welcomed visitors from London, and the church was completely full. Praises rang out in glorious harmony, a moving and magnificent end to the day. Deacon Andrew gave a homily in both French and English.

Barbara Winstanley

## EASTBOURNE

## Our Lady of Ransom

A READERS and Eucharistic Ministers day was held with re-commissioning after Mass. An afternoon tea was held for Candlemas and St Patrick's night was celebrated in the parish centre and was a huge success with £1,707.00 being raised by redshirts/youth helpers to help send helpers and sick to Lourdes. The parish were very generous in supplying donations of Easter eggs for the raffle. There was also a bacon buttie morning for two youth parishioners who are going to Lourdes as helpers. Fr Tristan gave a talk at the Encounter evening and there was also food, music, prayer and adoration. The popular Wednesday night table tennis had begun again in the parish centre, fun and fitness combined. We were in touch with Fr Gerard who thanks everyone for their prayers and as everyone now knows, he is doing much better and we are grateful for prayers answered. May he continue to improve with our sincere love and prayers.

Mary Staffiere

## EASTBOURNE

## Christ the King and St Joachim

DURING LENT Fr Neil and Fr Thomas have been continuing the in-depth reflection on the words of the Lord's prayer that Fr Neil began during the Mondays of Advent.

Fr Neil has also been leading a study of the precepts of the Church, the sessions having followed the 10am Mass on Wednesdays at St Joachim.

Small group reflections on the topic of time spent before the Blessed Sacrament have been taking place on Thursdays with groups meeting in the morning and evening.

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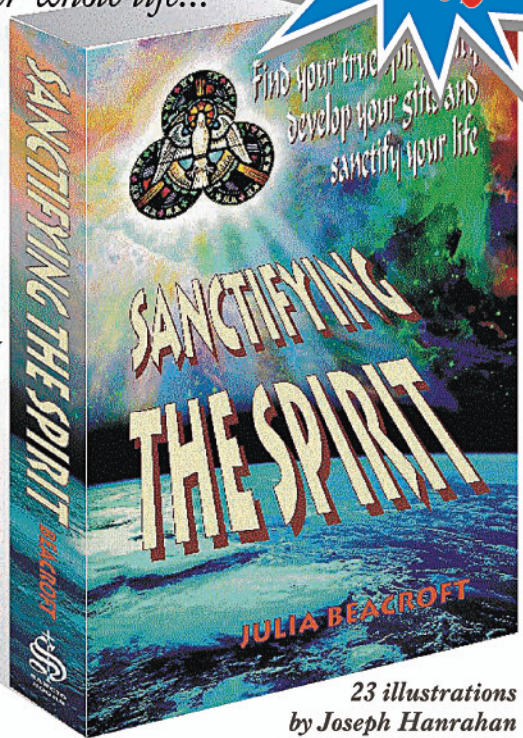
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On Friday evenings the period of Adoration at Christ the King has concluded with Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

Parishioners have been meeting together in the hall for Friday lunches during Lent to raise money to support the work of CAFOD

The AGM for Christ the King was held on 30 March and this has resulted in the establishment of a Pastoral Council to assist the clergy with affairs.

Arrangements have also been made to hold a similar meeting involving the parish community at St Joachim shortly.

*John Carmody*

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND LINGFIELD**  
IN FEBRUARY 2017, Storm Doris loosened render on the tower of Our Lady and St Peter's, East Grinstead. This revealed a more serious problem with the render on the tower generally.

As the church is a Grade II listed building, the parish appointed a conservation architect to carry out a full survey and, working closely with the parish representative, to identify essential refurbishment and other improvement work, externally and internally, including making the building more accessible.

On the weekend of 23-24 March, the architect, John Bailey, attended Masses to outline the work planned. There was an opportunity for parishioners to ask questions informally after each Mass. The work has been tendered and is due to commence in May and complete in early November.

East Grinstead CWL held their annual coffee morning after Mass on 31 March. Homemade cakes, plants and cards were on sale, with proceeds going CWL's Christmas charities.

*Clive Carpenter*

**PETWORTH AND MIDHURST**  
AS WE ARE IN LENT, the highly

popular Lent soup lunches restarted at the church of the Divine Motherhood and St Francis of Assisi in Midhurst with donations going to the Midhurst food bank.

At the end of March we held a Bible weekend. At Midhurst, there was a full day of activities for our children on the Saturday. The day started at 8.30am with a Parish Family Breakfast in the parish room. This was followed by 'Play and Pray' with songs, prayers and stories for children up to seven. The church was open for Adoration for everyone else. After the morning Mass, there was a session for older children exploring the Bible through drama and storytelling. On the Sunday, there was a speaker from the Catholic Bible School during the Mass. Afterwards there was a presentation, whose theme explored 'stepping out in faith', which included dramatic storytelling of Peter walking on water. This was a unique event for the parish to bring all the churches together in prayer and social events.

We did remember it was Mothering Sunday, so we distributed daffodil posies for the mums!

*Paula Dempsey*

## RYE

FR MATTHEW has given Lent at St Anthony's a Marian theme in accordance with his intention to consecrate our Parish to The Immaculate Heart of Mary later in the year. Fr recommends reciting three Ave Marias each day as our patron St Anthony of Padua did. St Alphonsus Liguori suggested adding the following aspiration after each Hail Mary: 'By thy Immaculate Conception, O Mary, make my body pure and my soul holy.'

Fr Matthew leads us in the Stations of the Cross twice on each Friday during Lent so that more people may be able to attend.

Early in March parishioners and local friends enjoyed a convivial supper together after a moving presentation with slides on the charity 'Let the Children Live,' which does the most wonderful work in supporting the abandoned street children in Medellin, Colombia. I know that several generous people took the opportunity to practise a little Lenten almsgiving.

The Scripture Group continues to meet on Monday evenings, and the discussions led by Fr Matthew and Simon South are unfailingly lively. Teresa Collins has set up a Padre Pio prayer group which meets each Friday in the Friary. The monthly Rosary Group is well attended and the opportunity to pray together is greatly appreciated.

Ann Hamilton, who has done so much for St Anthony's and for the wider Christian community is now forced by age and a measure of infirmity to step down from her work with CAFOD, the Bible Society and Churches Together. Angela Tyson will now represent our parish in Churches Together and Valerie Wright will liaise with CAFOD and The Bible Society. We greatly appreciate all that Ann has done over the years. Our grateful thanks to both Angela and Valerie.

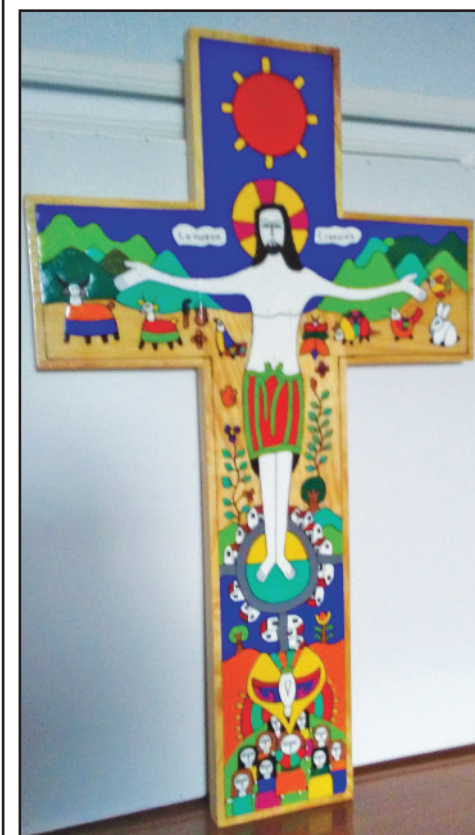
Finally, I would like to share with readers a passage from our newsletter in which Fr Matthew tells us about the apparitions of Our Lady to Sr Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa in 1973 in Japan. Her messages to Sr Agnes echo the words of Our Lady of Fatima in which she emphasised the importance of prayer, especially the Rosary. At this difficult time in the life of Holy Mother Church, we would, I think, do well to reflect deeply upon Our Lady's words.

*Jocelyn Rowe*

**ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA**  
ON THE FEAST DAY of St Oscar

Romero, Sunday 24 March, CAFOD in St Leonards Deanery held a Stations of the Cross Service based on Romero's Reflections called 'Guiding Light'. The Service was held in the Church of Holy Redeemer in Hollington in the Parish of the Good Shepherd, and was attended by about 50 people. We were delighted to welcome Jenny Finlayson, our CAFOD Diocesan Community Participation Coordinator. The Romero Cross (pictured) was carried from Station to Station. Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee were served in the church hall afterwards.

*Linda Dignum*  
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FROM THE PARISHES

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GODALMING

FOR ONE WEEK IN MARCH the inspiring 'Global Healing' film was shown in homes across the Parish. The film generated good discussion and raised awareness of the impact that each individual has on God's Creation and has prompted our Justice and Peace group to set up a 'Live Simply' group to take the ideas forward.

A reflective Parish prayer evening was also held during the week, to offer prayerful support and reflection on the Pope's call to care for our common home.

Another highlight of the month has been the Alpha Reunion, which brought together over sixty parishioners for shared food and fellowship, music and praise. We now look forward to another season of Alpha which includes a new option of Breakfast Alpha, specially designed to be attractive to parents with children at school.

In addition, the Divine Renovation team are offering 'Loving the Word' faith-sharing groups and 'Ask Fr David' faith-learning groups, and it is hoped many parishioners will join in these initiatives. In Fr David's words, 'we have a lot to plan, to work on and to enjoy together over the coming months.'

Sarah Stillwell

St Augustine, Patron Saint of England

THE FEAST DAY of St Augustine of Canterbury, often called the 'apostle of England' is on the 26th of May. His settled life as a Benedictine monk in Rome was rudely disrupted when his friend Pope Gregory the Great commissioned him to bring Christianity to England which was mostly pagan at the time. And so, in 596 AD he set off together with 40 fellow monks. However, in the face of reported difficulties *the group got cold feet and came to a halt in southern Gaul, well short of their supposed destination.*

Augustine retreated to Rome to get assurances from the Pope that the expedition was not just a fanciful idea. Gregory reassured Augustine and encouraged his party to have faith and so it was that they landed at the Isle of Thanet in 597. The local king Ethelbert had married a Christian wife and this gave Augustine something of an insider advantage in preliminary negotiations. His group was permitted by the king to remain, given accommodation in Canterbury and allowed to preach to the locals.

*The holiness and lifestyle of the Christian missionaries made a profound impression* and within a year Augustine had baptised the king and on Christmas Day 597 ten thousand souls were also christened.

Augustine was quick to send word of this success back to Pope Gregory who, delighted at this turn of events, responded by gifting him a pallium – a symbol of church authority. Travelling with the pallium were much-needed fresh missionary recruits. The Pope also wrote letters advising Augustine how to proceed in taking the Gospel to the English: he was to consecrate new bishops to oversee development and to purify and convert pagan temples into Christian churches rather than destroy them.

With the king's support and these new resources, the evangelisation of the people of southern England began in earnest.

Church buildings were founded including Christ Church Cathedral in Canterbury as well as the monastery of Saints Peter & Paul, both of which became famous throughout Europe.

Augustine went on to establish further bishoprics at London and Rochester.

*It would be inaccurate of course to think that all of England was pagan because there had been Christians there since Roman times.*

But when the Romans left, there followed the Anglo-Saxon invasion and settlement from the east. The invaders brought with them their own language and culture. Unsurprisingly this pushed native Celtic Christianity to the west of the country where it functioned successfully with its own bishops and church structure.

But there were significant differences between the Celtic and the Roman church as founded in Canterbury. The Celtic church was ascetic, fervent, based on monastic life and more loosely organized. The Roman church was more conscious of structure, discipline, and moderation. Augustine met twice with the bishops from the Celtic church to resolve these differences, but both attempts failed.

*Seven years after arriving in England Augustine died, leaving behind him a young and confident church with strong links to Rome and Europe.* He was buried, in true Roman fashion, outside the walls of the Kentish capital in a grave dug by the side of the great Roman road which then ran from Deal to Canterbury over St. Martin's Hill and near the unfinished abbey church which he had begun and which was afterwards to be dedicated to his memory.

Augustine is a very humane saint. His indecision at the start of his mission and his flawed peace-making attempts with the Celts point to real weaknesses in his character. Yet his personal holiness, his perseverance and his skills and service in mission work are undeniable. He well merits to be the patron saint of England.

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St Patrick's Day at the Monday Club, Sacred Heart Church, Hove



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution. Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 5 Recipient of Paul's letter that destabilized rich nation (10)
- 8 Philosopher's utter pretentiousness (4)
- 9 Aaron's wife is with the priest, the scoundrel son of 4? (8)
- 10 Principal faction of the IRA, given time (7)
- 11 Trifle with this 3 character, for instance (4)
- 13 Church composer means little in Wales (4)
- 15 A royal seal about to be given to a body of water (4,3)
- 18 Forebear little boy getting to popular jelly first (8)
- 19 Celtic language after humankind multiplied (4)
- 20 Hot stew among diverse spread in period before the fast (10)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Don's place eats up mucho euros, tovarich! (6)
- 2 Thiamin's oily, but there's no resistance in New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Elevated inner area of Athens? (5)
- 4 Descendant of 18's church is held in one taken-over bar (6)
- 6 Petra they made eat bananas mushed up (10)
- 7 Where Paul landed in Crete markets line the harbour (4,6)
- 12 One idiot's introduced in attempt to make a trio (7)

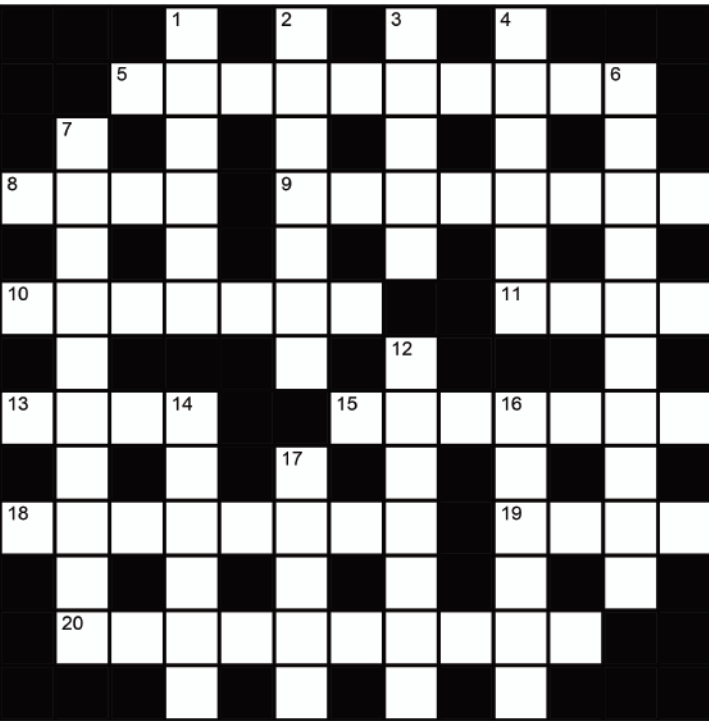
- 14 Jeremiah is sick, without yours truly, on return flight from Mecca (6)
- 16 3 character's father's contracted to follow the Lord (6)
- 17 I love in old Italy being on Venice's banks, being awake (5)

QUICK Across

- 5 Order of architecture: amateur sportsman (10)
- 8 Influential German idealist philosopher (1724-1804) (4)
- 9 Wife of Aaron (8)
- 10 Dignitary presiding over a cathedral or college church (7)
- 11 Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
- 13 Family of German (Protestant) church composers (4)
- 15 Lake of Central Asia now only a quarter of the area it was in 1960 (4,3)
- 18 Youngest son of Jacob (8)
- 19 British language officially extinct in 1974 (4)
- 20 Season immediately preceding Lent (10)

QUICK Down

- 1 ----- -on-Don: Russian city, centre for the resurgence of Cossack nationalism (6)
- 2 Nickname for New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Of or concerning the Greek region which encompasses



- Athens (5)
- 4 Father of Sheba who rebelled against David (6)
- 6 Biblical people whose capital was Petra in modern Jordan (10)
- 7 Port in Crete where Paul docked on his way to Rome (4,6)
- 12 In Christianity the union which makes up one Godhead (7)
- 14 Flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622, beginning the Muslim era (variant spelling) (6)
- 16 Eleventh letter of the Greek alphabet (6)
- 17 Stir up, affect (archaic); remove (legal) (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Corinthian, 8 Kant, 9 Elisabetha, 10 Provost, 11 Iota, 13 Bach, 15 Aral Sea, 18 Benjamin, 19 Manx, 20 Shrove-tide. Down: 1 Rostov, 2 Big Easy, 3 Attic, 4 Bichri, 6 Nabataeans, 7 Fair Havens, 12 Trinity, 14 Hejira, 16 Lambda, 17 Amove.