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Holy Oils Blessed and Distributed



Bishop Richard breathes over the Oil of Chrism, symbolising the Holy Spirit coming down to consecrate it

ONE OF THE MOST important occasions in the Diocese's diary took place at Arundel Cathedral on Wednesday 17 April. It was the annual Chrism Mass, where the three Oils are blessed and consecrated and priests renew their priestly promises.

Long before the ceremony started, the congregation was beginning to arrive along with parish priests and the religious of the Diocese. As the time grew closer to six o'clock, there was a distinct buzz of expectation that something important was about to happen. More chairs were called for to accommodate the latecomers - eventually over 500 made up the congregation. Quite suddenly and spontaneously, the Cathedral fell quiet as the time came to commence the ceremony. Maybe this silence only lasted a few seconds - but they were important seconds.

Before the procession of the 98 Diocesan priests and 29 deacons, Catherine Christmas, Diocesan Advisor for Liturgy, led the congregation in the Gathering Hymn.

What was it like being involved in the stirring music and singing? What was it like being a bearer of the Oils? The A&B News went to find out...

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Oil of the Sick is processed out of the Cathedral

Hand in Hand Presents a Passionate Cantata!



SOMETIMES THE SIMPLER the delivery, the clearer the message. This was certainly the case when Hand-in-Hand presented their version of the story of Holy Week at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Burgess Hill on Saturday 13 April, the day before Palm Sunday. Over 60 attended their performance

of the cantata 'Hosanna!' which included audience participation as the story unfolded from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem (pictured above) through the devastating crucifixion on Good Friday to the glorious Resurrection.

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Live Simply Award

ST CLEMENTS PARISH CHURCH became the third Parish in the diocese to receive the Live Simply award on 6 April 2019. Pictured with the award are the Live Simply Assessors with the parish team and Fr Graham Bamford, parish priest.

The parish started to work towards achieving the award in 2017 and were inspired by reflecting on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. They contemplated how they could best respond to the Pope's prophetic words and decided that they wanted to do something practical - and the *Live Simply* Steering Group was born.

Jonathan Inns, coordinator of the group, explained that working towards the award has brought the whole parish together. Both young and old have taken part and all of the parish has been able to share in the achievement of receiving the award. The process has raised awareness of green issues and highlighted the benefit of living simply so that others can simply live. The parish has established a vegetable garden, implemented a recycling scheme and developed a tree planting scheme for newly baptized children.

Jonathan would encourage other parishes to get involved. He explained that it has been a very rewarding, faith-affirming process.

Story: *Live Simply National Office*
Picture, by Robin Hannan



Global Healing

READERS MAY BE AWARE of the Global Healing initiative, which the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has produced with the aid of CaFE - Catholic Faith Exploration. This is in response to Pope Francis' Encyclical 'Laudato Si', in which the Pope calls for dialogue and action concerning 'our common home' planet earth. He is extremely concerned about how our lifestyles are destroying the planet.

Our bishops have begun the process of healing by producing the Global Healing film and telling our parish priests about it. It consists of two films. The main film shows how human activity is destroying the planet, and how we need an ecological conversion to make the right ethical choices to begin to reverse the destruction. The second film prompts us to consider what we can do, as individuals, to educate ourselves on the issues, and to change our lifestyles so as to reduce our carbon footprint and lessen our abuse of animals.

Why not arrange for a Global Healing event in your parish. You can make a difference. This is the website:- www.ourcommonhome.co.uk

Story: Virginia Bell

Peace Vigil in Woking

FOLLOWING THE SHOOTING of 50 Muslims in the mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand in March, the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking invited people from all over the local Borough, with just a week's notice, to a Peace Vigil at the Mosque in the afternoon of 23 March 2019. Estimates vary, but at least 600 people - Christians, those of other faiths, those of none - removed their shoes and respectfully joined with those of our local Muslim community, to remember the victims of the atrocity: as so many said, in solidarity with 'our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world'.

Imam Hafiz Hashmi of the Shah Jahan Mosque, who led the Vigil, welcomed and thanked everyone very warmly for attending.

The event was attended by leading dignitaries, including the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Phillip Hammond; Woking's MP Jonathan Lord; the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux; and Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro. Local churches were also represented including Fr Peter from St Dunstan's Catholic Church. Fr Peter spoke to the whole congregation about the love that we share in coming together, in our sympathy for the victims and their families and how love is the most important virtue for us all to show to each other in our world. Other church leaders also spoke as did a number of the dignitaries who attended. Recitation from the Qur'an and chanted traditional prayers were also woven into the Peace Vigil.

The picture, taken outside, shows, from the left: Dr Syed Naqvi, Chair, Surrey Muslim Association, Fr Peter, Imam Hafiz Hashmi of the Shah Jahan Mosque who led the Peace Vigil, and PCC David Munro.

Dr Syed Naqvi is also the Imam at the only Shia Mosque in Surrey: Al Asr Education and Community Centre, Woking. In the picture you may also be able to see prayer mats laid out on the grass, one for each victim of the shootings. Everyone was invited to share in refreshments after the formality of the Vigil and all reflected on what a beautiful, peaceful, uniting and appropriate occasion it had been.

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A&B Diocese Celebrates Canon Tim Madeley's Silver Jubilee



ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL was packed on Tuesday 30 April to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of priestly ordination of the Dean of the Cathedral, Canon Tim Madeley.

There to celebrate with him was Bishop Richard, who presided at the Mass, Bishop Paul Hendricks from Southwark, and over 40 fellow priests - not only from Arundel & Brighton Diocese but also from Portsmouth, Southwark and Brentwood dioceses.

There was also his parish deacon, Rev David Clifton and half a dozen deacons from the deanery and beyond. Parishioners from his home parish of Horsham included Clema his mother. Arundel representatives included the Duke of Norfolk and the Mayor of Arundel and her consort, and attendees from parishes in which Canon Tim had served over the years filled the rest of the cathedral.

The music for the Mass was led by the Cathedral Choir who brought the procession into the church with a resounding rendition of *Jerusalem the Golden*.

The preacher was good friend and fellow priest ordained in the same year, Canon Dominic Golding. He spoke of Canon Tim's great love of Black Cabs which he had owned throughout his ministry and in all of which Canon Do-

minic had been a passenger. Yet, Canon Dominic said that whatever his friend's passions- from Black Cabs to photography and dogs - he lived above all as a passenger of the Church, driven by the Lord to live out the Gospel.

At the end of Mass Deacon David Clifton thanked Canon Tim for his wonderful service to the people of Arundel and the Cathedral Parish and was pleased to give him the gift of a cheque collected in the parish as a thank you for his 25 years of priesthood and service in the Cathedral.

The Bishop also added his thanks for Canon Tim's years of priesthood. The Bishop and Canon Tim are pictured with Canon Tim's mother Clema on his right and other family members.

Everyone then moved from the celebration in the Cathedral to the Cathedral Centre for a reception prepared and served by parishioners and all were able to wish Canon Tim congratulations as he cut the celebration cake (pictured) - *Ad multos annos!* Other gifts presented to Canon Tim at the reception included a painting of Canon Tim's dog Sybil (pictured) from members of the Cathedral Choir.

Story : Rev Mark Woods

Pictures: Rev Mark Wood, David White



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I HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL EASTER and will continue to celebrate until Pentecost on Sunday 9th June.

As usual, there were some lapses in my own plans for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in the weeks leading to Easter. For some reason I've always found fasting difficult, prayer and almsgiving easier.

On the other hand, there were also some unplanned but timely opportunities to polish the rough spiritual edges, including six weeks of 'Prayer with the Heart' at St Michael's, Worthing.

On Easter Sunday our church was packed; the pews were full and, although extra chairs had been put in the side aisles, there were still people standing at the back. I suspect that, like me, you may have wondered 'What would it take to fill the church every Sunday?'

What if we grew in openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, increased in understanding and courage, were truly open to the Lord's call, while bearing powerful witness to all around us? We might just have to build bigger churches...

Harry Robertson

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JUST A THOUGHT

MANY PEOPLE ARE AWARE that Christians celebrate Christmas and Easter, but Pentecost seems to have become a little forgotten. Yet for the early church these events were a game-changer. When Jesus appeared to the apostles he told them not to do anything yet; they weren't ready. Then at Pentecost some astonishing events occurred: 'They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' (Acts 2:3-4)

The Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to go and spread the Good News, without fear. This began the remarkably rapid spread of Christianity throughout the region and beyond. Without Pentecost it's likely we wouldn't know about Jesus, so our faith is a continuation of those events, which deserves to be celebrated.

Today it's easy to focus on our own material wants, and forget about the events and message of Pentecost. But we should be open to inspiration from the Holy Spirit, and remember to spread the Good News in our daily lives. Jesus delivered a message of love and hope for all, and asked us to reject selfish materialism. Pentecost was the start of the spread of this message, and when capitalism and self interest often dominate our society, it's good to remember what the message was actually about.

Ashleigh Hodges

An Enriched Marriage

THE WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER movement has been bringing married couples closer together since 1962. So how does the movement bring more joy and romance into relationships? Simple! Through the Marriage Encounter Weekend.

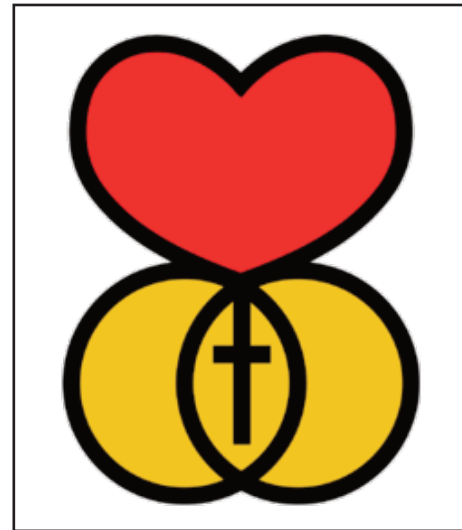
From its humble Spanish beginnings, Marriage Encounter is now a worldwide movement and has successfully touched the lives of millions and millions of couples and their families. Marriage Encounter does not offer marriage counselling but is intended to enrich your marriage. The aim is also to enrich family life.

A Marriage Encounter Weekend offers you and your partner valuable time away together. The Weekend provides a unique way for you to revitalise your marriage away from the distractions, tensions and routines of everyday stressful life.

We attended our original Marriage Encounter Weekend at St Clarets, Buckden in 2012. After 15 years, our marriage had lost its spark. On the surface we functioned well as a couple yet we knew something was missing. Paul was apprehensive and wary to attend the Weekend. Bianca was ex-

cited to try anything that might reinvigorate the marriage. The Weekend was truly a blessing we will always cherish. We were humbled by the openness of the presenting team and were honoured to be part of such a life-giving weekend! We reconnected as a couple and the family dynamic changed dramatically (for the better). Our relationship with our two daughters benefited and we have eagerly shared all the tools with them.

The Marriage Encounter experience teaches effective communication



between couples in a fun way. The weekend experience is a time to share feelings, joys, hopes, dreams and disillusionments. It is a time to rediscover romance and the adventure of being together.

The Marriage Encounter Weekend is also open to priests and religious who want to renew their relationship with their community. Although a typical Weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a priest, all mixed faith couples and those with no faith are welcome to attend. The Weekend is open to unmarried couples in long-standing relationships.

It is a strictly private experience between each couple and there are no group dynamics or group sharing.

Weekends (residential or non residential) are held throughout the year and at venues nationally. Weekends are paid for entirely by donations. Worldwide Marriage Encounter (England & Wales) is a registered charity.

Further information can be obtained by visiting the website wwme.org.uk

Story: Paul & Bianca Smith

Saint of the Month - A Saint for Lost Property

SOMETIMES, we pray to the Saints for, well, less than lofty reasons.

While the saints have led lives of heroic virtue and are now in Heaven, we recall their lives and ask for help in a variety of trying circumstances.

Examples that spring to mind are St Jude (impossible causes), St Valentine (romantic love), St Christopher (good luck/motorists), St Rita (loneliness), St Isidore (computer viruses) and, as the March edition of A&B News reminded us, St Joseph of Cupertino for exam success.

There is another well-known member of this heavenly 'emergency service,' St Anthony of Padua.

He was born in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, was baptised 'Fernando' and was a contemporary of St Francis of Assisi.

At age 15 he entered an Augustinian monastery and transferred to the Franciscans 11 years later - taking the name Anthony - because he wanted to go to Morocco to preach the Gospel and become another martyr for the faith.

Martyrdom was not on the cards. He fell seriously ill, never reached Morocco, and instead was nearly shipwrecked, eventually landing in Italy, where he lived a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage.

That did not last. Reluctantly agreeing to give a sermon to a gathering of monks, his theological knowledge and holiness hugely impressed everyone, so he was sent to northern Italy and southern France as a public preacher. He succeeded beyond everyone's imagining, drawing large crowds but living an austere, devout life.

Age 33, he met and impressed Pope Gregory IX. Assigned to Padua, his preaching brought crowds of up to 30,000 at a time so he was forced to preach in fields - and even needed a bodyguard as



Wikipedia Commons: Raphael's St Anthony of Padua: Google Art Project

people brought knives and scissors to cut off a sample of this holy man's tunic.

Exhausted and ill, he died just three years later at age 36. The following year, impressed by many miracles that happened around his tomb, his friend Pope Gregory proclaimed him a saint.

The tradition of asking Saint Anthony's help in finding lost items may begin from when Saint Anthony's own book of psalms was stolen; he prayed for its return and the thief felt compelled to return it.

My own friends and family have successfully prayed to St Anthony for the return of a valuable cake knife, car keys, a purse - and much more.

After almost 800 years St Anthony can still be relied upon to recover lost or stolen items.

Prayer to St Anthony

SAINT ANTHONY, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find (mention your petition) which has been lost.

At least restore to me peace and tranquility of mind, the loss of which has afflicted me even more than my material loss.

To this favor I ask another of you: that I may always remain in possession of the true good that is God. Let me rather lose all things than lose God, my supreme good. Let me never suffer the loss of my greatest treasure, eternal life with God.

Amen.

Bishop Blesses Beautiful Icons at St Michael's in Worthing

BISHOP RICHARD MOTH blessed two beautiful Icons, one of the Virgin Mary with the child Jesus and the other of the Archangel St Michael, at the church of St Michael's, Hayling Rise, Worthing.

The two icons were commissioned by the parish to celebrate 50 years since the church was built in 1965. One was of St Michael the Archangel, the patron saint of the parish and the other of the Virgin Mary with Jesus as it reflects the important place in the faith of the Church of Jesus and his Mother.

The two icons were commissioned following the visit during a parish pilgrimage in 2015 to the Holy Land to the Bethlehem Icon Centre, which is home to an Icon School and its Icon Workshop. The Centre is dedicated to the renewal of iconography as a living part of the spiritual landscape of the Holy Land through a commitment to the highest standards of sacred liturgical art.

The Centre, by restoring an essential element of their ancient culture, seeks to renew the dwindling Christian population of the city and of the region. It is the only project of its kind in the Middle East.

Bishop Richard during the Mass and blessing emphasized that 'they are not just beautiful works of art but also works of prayer'. The ancient Christian understanding is that they are not only things of wonder and beauty but are a window into the divine life of God if we pray with them and through them.

Bishop Richard, Fr Chris Ingle and the parish congregation were joined by Mr Ian Knowles (pictured with Bishop Richard) who produced the two icons and

is director of the Bethlehem Icon Centre. He was in the parish to finish them off by applying a final wax varnish to both Icons to protect them from damage.

The parish deacon, Rev Mark Woods said: 'Thanks to the foresight of our parish priest Fr Chris Ingle and many parishioners, we now have more amazing art in our church to nourish our souls and prayer life'. He continued, 'it was appropriate that they should be blessed just before Holy Week as they help direct us in prayer to the God who became human like us, suffered and died for us but rose to new life at Easter that we might share in God's divine life which we glimpse here in these icons'.

Everybody is welcome to visit the Icons when the church is open and to spend some time there in prayer and contemplation.

Story and Pictures: Mark Woods



A Mother's Love Conquers the World: Mothers Prayer Group

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Prayer follows the booklet format but there is time for spontaneous prayer too. During the meetings a mother may share her worries without the fear of anything being repeated outside of the meeting. The other mothers support her in her prayer and she will feel supported by thousands of mothers

around the world who are also part of Mothers' Prayers.

An example of the booklet prayer is:

Lord Jesus, we come before you as mothers, wanting you to bless our children, and all children throughout the world.

We thank you for our children - they are a precious gift to us. Help us, always to remember this, especially when they are in difficulties.

Lord, they live in a troubled world - a world that does not always acknowledge you - a world that may sometimes cause them to be laughed at if they admit to belief in you.

Help them to be strong, Lord. Help us to know that you are always with us - sharing in the joys and in the sorrows, joining us in the laughter and weeping, with us in the pain. Please give us all the graces we need, to fulfil your plans for our lives and for our duties in our families.

You are Almighty God. You can change things.

So we turn to you in faith and love knowing that you will answer our prayers.

Lord, let us always remember how much you love us and our children and how you urge us to come to you with our problems. Amen.

For more information: www.mothersprayers.org

Story: Jackie Ballard



MOTHERS' PRAYERS was formed in November 1995 to help those mothers who wished to pray together in a special way for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed. Started in England by two grandmothers it has spread rapidly throughout the world with prayer groups in over 100 Countries and the prayer booklet translated into more than 40 languages. Today thousands of groups of mothers pray together for their children and grandchildren, and many graces have been received.

It has the approval, support and blessing of Christian leaders of all denominations; and is open to any mother.

The founders, Veronica and Sandra, felt that they should bring all the pain and the worries they had for their children to Jesus and to trust in His words 'Ask and you will receive'.

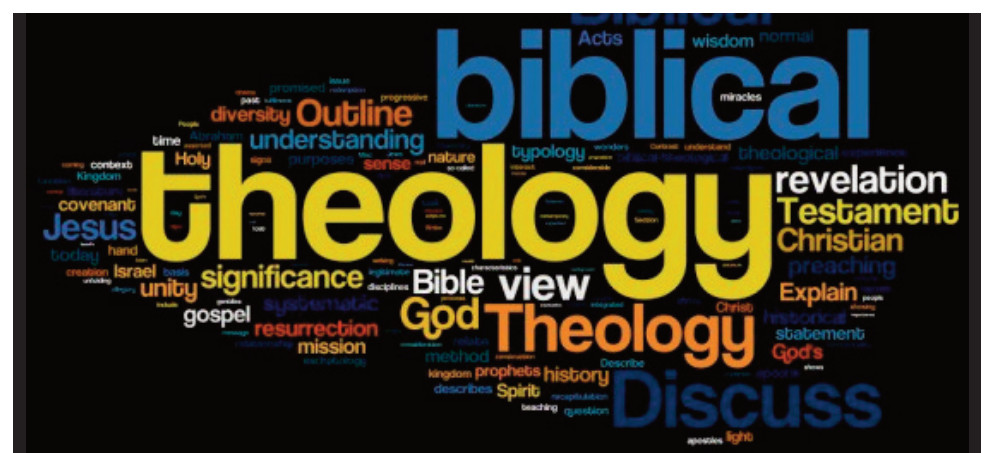
Through this promise, they understood that the Lord is just waiting to take away pain and to bless and heal them and their children when they come to Him in Faith.

The Meetings follow a specific but simple format, and a booklet is provided to ensure the structure and prayers are consistent and unifying.

A prayer group may be started with only two mothers. Members meet every week and obey the strict rule of confidentiality. A typical meeting will require:

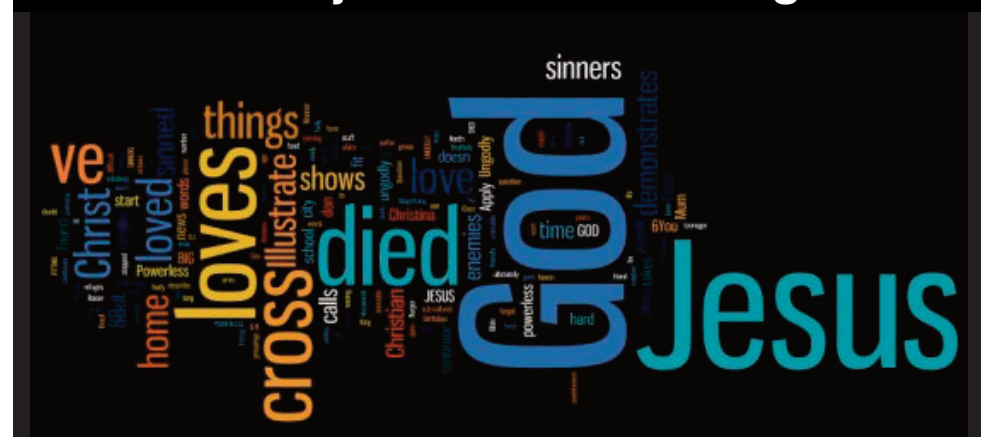
A Cross to remind us that Jesus is our Redeemer.

A Candle to remind us that He is the Light of the World.

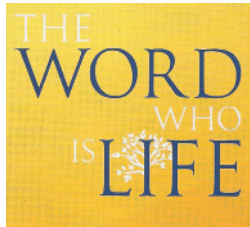


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FR MARTIN MCGEE of Worth Abbey has been appointed by Bishop Richard as the Interreligious Priest Adviser for the Dialogue and Unity Commission.

The Dialogue and Unity Adviser, Catherine Martindale, spoke of the appointment, 'It is a great boost to the Commission to have such an accomplished author with us. His presence will help to focus attention on the interreligious engagement of Catholics in the Diocese. I very much look forward to us offering more formation and resourcing opportunities in this area of Church teaching, which is particularly important in our lives today.'

Fr Martin joined Worth Abbey in 1986. Before entering Worth he worked as a teacher of French in Co Louth, Ireland. His interest in interreligious dialogue was first kindled on hearing about the assassination by Muslim extremists of seven Trappist monks in Algeria in 1996.

His love of France and things French had already aroused in him an interest in Algeria, a country with which France had, and continues to have, a love/hate relationship. This interest was further kindled when he discovered that a former student of Worth School, Fr John MacWilliam, now Bishop of the Sahara, was a White Father in Algeria.

All of these apparently fortuitous happenings stimulated his interest in Islam

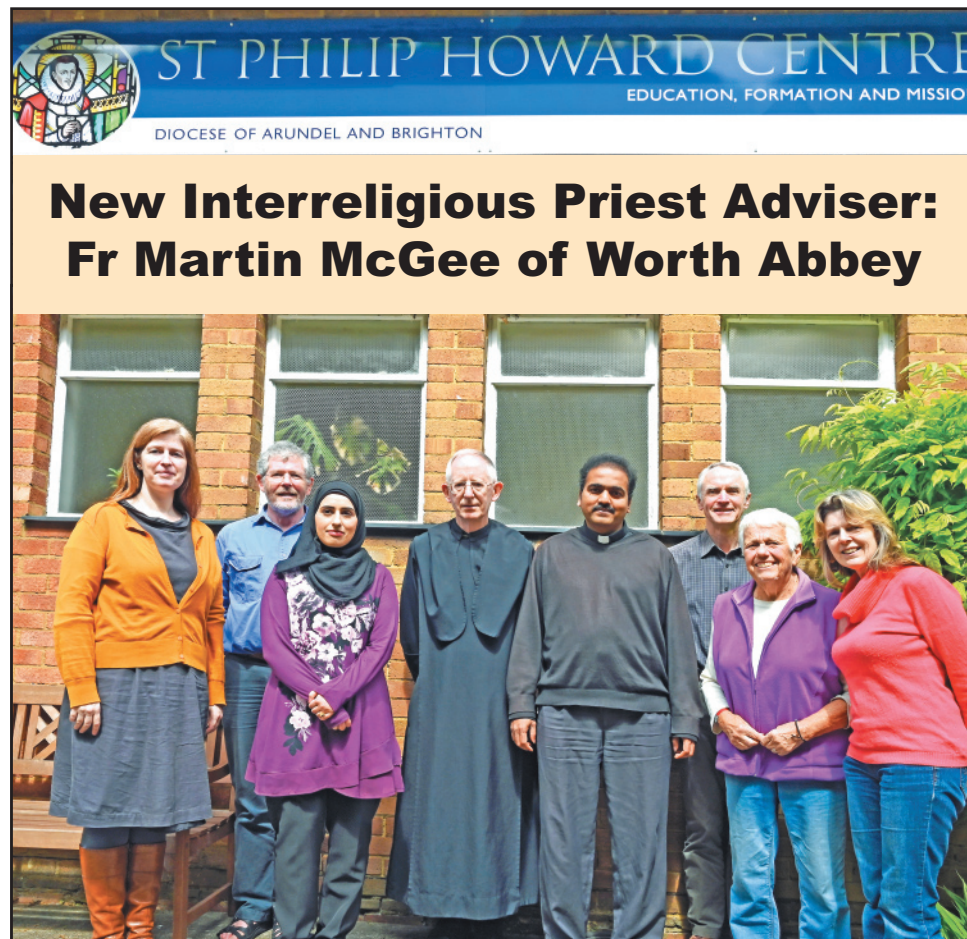
and led Fr Martin to make his first visit to Algeria. There, he learnt about the love of the monks for their Muslim brothers and sisters and came into contact with the work of the Algerian Church, a Church that has worked tirelessly to promote reconciliation and friendship between Christians and Muslims.

Fr Martin has written two books about this Christian-Muslim friendship. The first, *Christian Martyrs for a Muslim People*, was published by the Paulist Press and the second, *Dialogue of the Heart: Christian-Muslim Stories of Encounter*, was published by Veritas and later reprinted by Orbis Books in the States.

He thinks that we here in the UK have much to learn from the Tibhirine monks and the witness of the Algerian Church as we seek to strengthen our friendship with people of other faiths.

Fr Martin will be presenting at the upcoming **Dialogue and Unity Day on Saturday 28th September**, 10-4pm, when we will be exploring the teaching of the Church on our relationship with those of other religions, with a particular focus on Islam. So, save the date, more information will be available soon.

Pictured above are, left to right: Catherine Martindale Dialogue and Unity Adviser; Steve Innes, Commission member; Kausar Akthar, Surrey Faith Links Adviser, joint post Surrey County Council and the Diocese of Guildford; Fr



Martin McGee, new Interreligious Priest Adviser for the Dialogue and Unity Commission; Revd Godfrey Kasari, who is the new Interfaith Adviser for the Diocese of Chichester; Mark Potter, Commission member; Pauline Webber, Commission

member and Grace Keal, Surrey Churches Together Coordinator (more about Grace in the next edition).

*Story: Catherine Martindale
Picture: A&B News Team*



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THE
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WHO
IS LIFE

FOLLOWING ON from the highly successful Catholic Leaders' Conference held last year at Denbies Wine Estate on the theme 'I am the true Vine', we will shortly have the opportunity to reflect together on the central role of prayer, formation and mission in Catholic education, proclaiming and celebrating 'The Word who is Life' throughout Arundel and Brighton Diocese.

Bishop Richard will once again be welcoming Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Governors, school Chaplains and members of staff all involved in the ministry of Catholic school leadership, to a Day of Celebration and Mass of Thanksgiving.

The focus of the day will be to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful contribution our Catholic leaders make to the

schools in our diocese. During the Mass of Thanksgiving Bishop Richard will take the opportunity to formally commission recently trained Section 48 Inspectors, welcome recently appointed headteachers taking up their post in September, bid farewell to colleagues leaving their posts at the end of the year, and celebrate the efforts and achievement of all involved in Catholic education in A&B.

This year's event will be hosted by the Eastbourne & St Leonards Deanery and will take place at The Grand Hotel, Eastbourne.

During the day attendees will gather for Mass with Bishop Richard, reflect on 'The Word who is Life' with Marie Ryan, Director of the Education Service, and participate in a Coastal Prayer Walk on the theme 'The Word who is Life'.

DIOCESE OF ARUNDEL AND BRIGHTON

Cross Phase Catholic Leaders'
Day of Celebration, including
a Mass of Thanksgiving
with Bishop Richard

The Word who is Life

Chrism Mass

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Magical Music and Sensational Singing

No doubt one's expectations with respect to the standard of music and singing on entering a cathedral would be high. However, what was delivered at the Chrism Mass led one member of the congregation to say 'Where better could we have experienced such wonderful sounds?'



Pictured is Catherine Christmas leading the congregation in the Gathering Hymn

Naturally, this does not happen by chance. With over 50 singers from throughout the Diocese in the choir, rehearsals began on 6 April starting with rehearsing the common psalms of the Lectionary, followed by the music for the Chrism Mass. Anyone fortunate enough to have arrived early at the Cathedral would have been treated to more rehearsals before the service started.

Anne Ward, who led the music and conducted on the day, reflected on the situation. 'We are so fortunate to have such talent in the Diocese, people who give their time so generously. Two singers to mention are teenagers Anne Sharp and Henry Byrne from Storrington, who were happy to sing verses over some of the chant style pieces that were sung in the service. Other soloists included Marylou Cocksfoot from Eastbourne and Stephen Bloy. Catherine Christmas did a wonderful job at being the cantor for the psalms and leading the congregation.'

The occasion was further enhanced by Paul Inwood, the celebrated composer and musician, playing the organ. Added to the mix, James Johnson from Southwick played the trumpet. Why James and why no other instruments? 'James trained as a military trumpeter so playing at a higher pitch was well within his capabilities. Why no other instruments? The organ also has a higher pitch than most and some years ago we tried a violin and cello with the organ. We broke three cello strings, so gave that idea up!'

Chrism Oils and their Procession

A central part of the Chrism Mass is the processing of the Oils to be blessed and consecrated by Bishop Richard. But what are the three Oils and what are they used for?

Oil of the Sick – to anoint those who are gravely ill;

Oil of the Catechumens – to anoint adults and children as part of the service of Baptism;

Oil of Chrism – to anoint the baptised and in the Sacrament of Confirmation; to anoint a priest's hands and a bishop's head and hands; to anoint the altar, sacred vessels and walls of the Church.

As in the past, members of the Diocese were the bearers of the Oils. So, what was it like to be bearing the Oils in front of all these hundreds of the laity and re-



ligious? Here we have an idea of their feelings.

Oil of the Sick – Marie Jackson from the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Office and Jane Pateman, Chief Medical Officer for the Pilgrimage.

Marie: 'I had been excited all week thinking about processing the Oil of the Sick. My excitement did turn to nerves as I began the procession and I worried about dropping the urn! But, as I got nearer to the sanctuary, I started to relax. It was a great honour, especially as I was representing those who may be anointed during the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage this year.'

Jane: 'I felt very honoured to be part of an occasion so central to the Diocese and to the Church's ministry.'

Oil of the Catechumens – Pamela Weston and David Moss from Knaphill (pictured below).



Pamela: 'It was a privilege to be part of the beautiful liturgy. Being chosen as one



of the bearers came completely out of the blue and I was delighted that St Hugh of Lincoln Parish, Knaphill was chosen.' David: 'It was a joyous occasion, particularly because it demonstrated the unity of the diocese, bringing together all the priests and also because the Oils are distributed to every parish for use during the coming 12 months.'

Oil of Chrism – Chris Rooke, Managing Chaplain HMP Lewes and Diocesan Coordinating Chaplain for Prison Chaplains.

'I was quite humbled to be chosen as an Oil bearer, representing all the Catholic Chaplains and volunteers working in diocesan prisons. As I processed with the Oil, I contemplated the recently baptised and confirmed residents in our prisons and those who will receive these Sacraments over the coming year.'

The Renewal Commitment

After the Gospel Acclamation, the renewal of the Priestly Promises took place. This may appear to be a routine renewal, but to witness all the diocesan priests present stand and face their Bishop in answering the question: 'Are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?' was inspiring. There was a unified and re-

sounding response of 'I am'.

Bishop Richard put to them two more questions on renewal, both of which had the same unhesitating response. Then it was the turn of the congregation to stand and make their promises of renewal, so at this point both priests and laity came together as one, true diocesan family.

Bishop Richard had, before the renewal, given his thought provoking homily – which is included in full on page 9. In it he asks the question: 'Can I really set the world alight?' He calls on every person in our diocese – people and priests alike – to join with him in a renewed commitment on this journey to holiness. We will leave you to contemplate the answer in his homily.

And finally...

In his closing words of thanks, the Bishop made particular mention of the trumpet playing, exclaiming 'The Bishop does like a trumpet!' On that note, a very contented and fulfilled congregation and clergy went on their way to spread the Good News to the rest of the diocesan family and to the world.

Story: Peter Burholt
Pictures: A & B News Team



Homily delivered at Chrism Mass on Wednesday 17 April 2019

Dear brothers and sisters,

Looking back into the history of the Church, there are some very significant moments in the development of the teaching of the Church on the theme of Holiness. One might reflect on the lives of the early martyrs: women, men, lay faithful and clerics; or the lives of the Desert Fathers and Mothers; on the writings of St Francis de Sales, who, in The Introduction to the Devout Life, affirmed the possibility of sanctity for all; on the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium on the Church of the Second Vatican Council and its chapter entitled The Universal Call to Holiness; on the writings of many Popes. Pope Francis, in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, Christus vivit, in the wake of the last Synod, reminds young people that all are called to be holy.

Today's celebration is a response to that Call to Holiness and also a fruit of that Call. Our minds and hearts are focused on the Ministerial Priesthood as those of us called to share in the Priesthood of Christ Himself renew our promises. We give thanks to God for the response of each and every one of our priests to the call they have received. I invite all the people of our Diocese to share in this thanksgiving. Pray every

day for your priests, for they live their lives in service to you. Pray for vocations to Priesthood, that more men will hear and respond to the Lord's call to them.

We focus also today on other Sacraments that are great moments of Grace in the life of the Church – those moments when, through our encounter with Grace, the love of God Himself, we become ever more closely His. We do all this in the context of the Eucharist – when, through Grace, through love, we become more closely conformed to the One who died and rose from the dead for us. We truly 'share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.'

It is our response to this call to holiness – to conformity to Christ – that is so very necessary in the life of the Church. The Church has never been without persecution. I have mentioned the martyrs of the early Church and here in our own Cathedral we have the relics of St. Philip Howard. However, in recent years, we have been living with what one might describe as a 'persecution from within'. The scandals that have been so in the news in recent times have affected the whole Church. On Friday

last, we prayed for those who have been the Victims, the Survivors of Abuse. This is the right response of the Church, for without heartfelt prayer and penance, no real restitution, no real healing can take place.

There is, surely, but one effective path to true healing, to new life for the Church. It is the path of Holiness. This path will always call us to see the presence of God in every person, from the earliest moment of existence and at every moment of life – however long that may be. Seeing God in the other will, surely, bring us all to honour the other, regardless of age or capacity. This will, in turn, bring us to call them to holiness, to walk with them on the pilgrim way that brings us to the Kingdom of the Father, to give to others the example of Christian, Catholic life that enables us to be the people God calls us to be. This will be lived out in the small things as well as the great. When we are truly the people God calls us to be we shall, as Catherine of Siena put it, 'set the world alight.'

We may be daunted by the prospect of Holiness. Can I really be called to 'set the world alight?' you may ask. Surely, not me! Not one of us in this Cathedral,

in this Diocese, is worthy – yet the Lord calls us, through our Baptism. Every Priest renewing promises today is unworthy to be called by Him. Every time we join in the celebration of Mass we all, people and priests, say: 'Lord, I am not worthy'. The whole life and mission of the Church is dependent upon our taking this path.

It is the strength of the Eucharist and the Sacraments on which we reflect in a particular way today that we encounter the Grace that comes to us through Jesus Christ. It is in these encounters that we are enabled to take significant steps on the path of Holiness; it is through these encounters that we are enabled to bring Christ into our world – the Christ who transforms, who heals, who brings life.

Today, then, I call on every person in our Diocese – Priests and People – to join with me in a renewed commitment on this journey to Holiness. Surely, at this moment in the life of the Church, we cannot but say 'Yes' to the Lord who calls.

+Richard

'Hosanna!' Cantata

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Written in 1980 by Anne Ward during her first year as Music Teacher at St Richard's Catholic College, Bexhill, 'Hosanna!' has been performed in all the Catholic schools where she has taught. As she says, 'Too many to list!' The role of Narrator was added especially for this performance.

What is a cantata? According to the Oxford Dictionary, it is 'a short narrative or descriptive composition with vocal solos and usually with a chorus accompanied by an orchestral accompaniment.' All very grand – but how did Hand-in-Hand interpret this definition with limited resources?

Anne takes up the story. 'There were 21 involved in the mime and Karen Goldsmith was the Narrator throughout the performance, supported by four voice-overs. We kept to the original script from 1980 as it gave such a simple message. Although not members of the Hand-in-Hand group, we had four instrumentalists and six singers from Burgess Hill and Keymer who all gave generously of their time and talents.'

This performance was so simple – using only a cross, a sheet, some bread

and green palm leaves. As simple as that! What gave it a special meaning was the narration and voice overs, leaving the audience the chance to concentrate on the story unfolding in front of them. The mime artists portrayed all the emotions of Holy Week, from ecstasy to anger, from complete despair to joy.

The focus of Lauren White in portraying Jesus through all these emotions (see picture) was so sincere and touching



with all the performers clearly showing their love for the Lord. The singing and the music were both uplifting and, of course, the audience's eager participation in playing the crowd was to be commended. This set out to be a simple production and it succeeded in its visual approach to keep all the audience enthralled throughout its duration – even the youngest were kept alert.

Great applause and thanks came at the joyous finale (below) which gave rise to many enthusiastic bows and, if there

had been curtains, repeated curtain calls. Fr Rick from St Wilfrid's was given due thanks as, without a hall, the performance would never have happened. Finally, the teas, coffees and cakes went down a treat – thanks to Anne Barry and Sarah Sturman from Bexhill-on-Sea. And, of course, where would we be without the talent of Anne Ward? (pictured left)

Story: Peter Burholt
Pictures: A & B News Team

Hand-in-Hand Who Are They?

NOT EVERYONE in the diocese would know about Hand-in-Hand. The group - evolved from residential retreats started by Julia Fitzsimons - was one of the activities supported by her from joint funds she received from the Diocese and The Catholic Children's Society.

It was set up in 1994 with the aim of developing particularly the gifts for mime and movement as a contemplative way of praying for people with learning difficulties. It was originally supported by the previous Fountains Centre in Bexhill-on-Sea. Julia Harvey, who had a special role in choreographing the meditations that were developed by the group, became the co-ordinator for Hand-in-Hand.

The membership of the organisation, an integrated group for adults with and without learning difficulties, spread throughout the diocese.

Importantly, Hand-in-Hand prays together and supports each other very much as a group of friends. It is inter-denominational.

Past involvement has included celebrations in Aylesford, Roehampton, Walsingham and the Diocesan pilgrimage in Lourdes. Perhaps the title of their DVD says it all - 'Take Me as I am Lord.'

For more information go to: www.handinhandab.co.uk or contact the group co-ordinator Denise Adamson: dadamson@bopenworld.com



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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Formation Team

Family Day

Sunday, 9th June, from 12.30 pm

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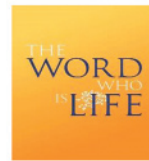
Please bring your families to Join us for a wonderful day celebrating the birthday of the Church.

Pentecost is the feast where the Holy Spirit makes his most dramatic appearance and filled the disciples with the courage and confidence that they need to reach out to the world with the message of the love and saving power of God.

Come and discover how we too can spread God's message through fun activities and games for all ages, inspiring talks by our Seminarians, tours of the Seminary, prayer stations led by the Catholic Bible School and a concluding liturgy led by Bishop Richard.

(Please celebrate Mass in your own parish)

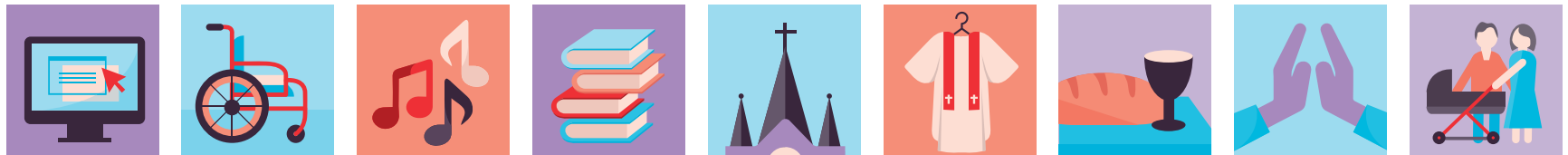
Arrivals from 12.30/ 1pm to picnic in the grounds and join the activities. We will conclude with tea and, of course birthday cake!!



It would be helpful (but not essential) for catering purposes to let me know if you are coming;

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THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY was celebrated at St Richard's Chichester, Our Lady of the Assumption Bosham, and St Peter's in East Wittering.

The parish was honoured to host Sr Mary-Claire and Sr Miwiana, members of St Faustyna's order in Kraków, who visited for the weekend and spoke at all the Sunday Masses and led the praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after each Mass.

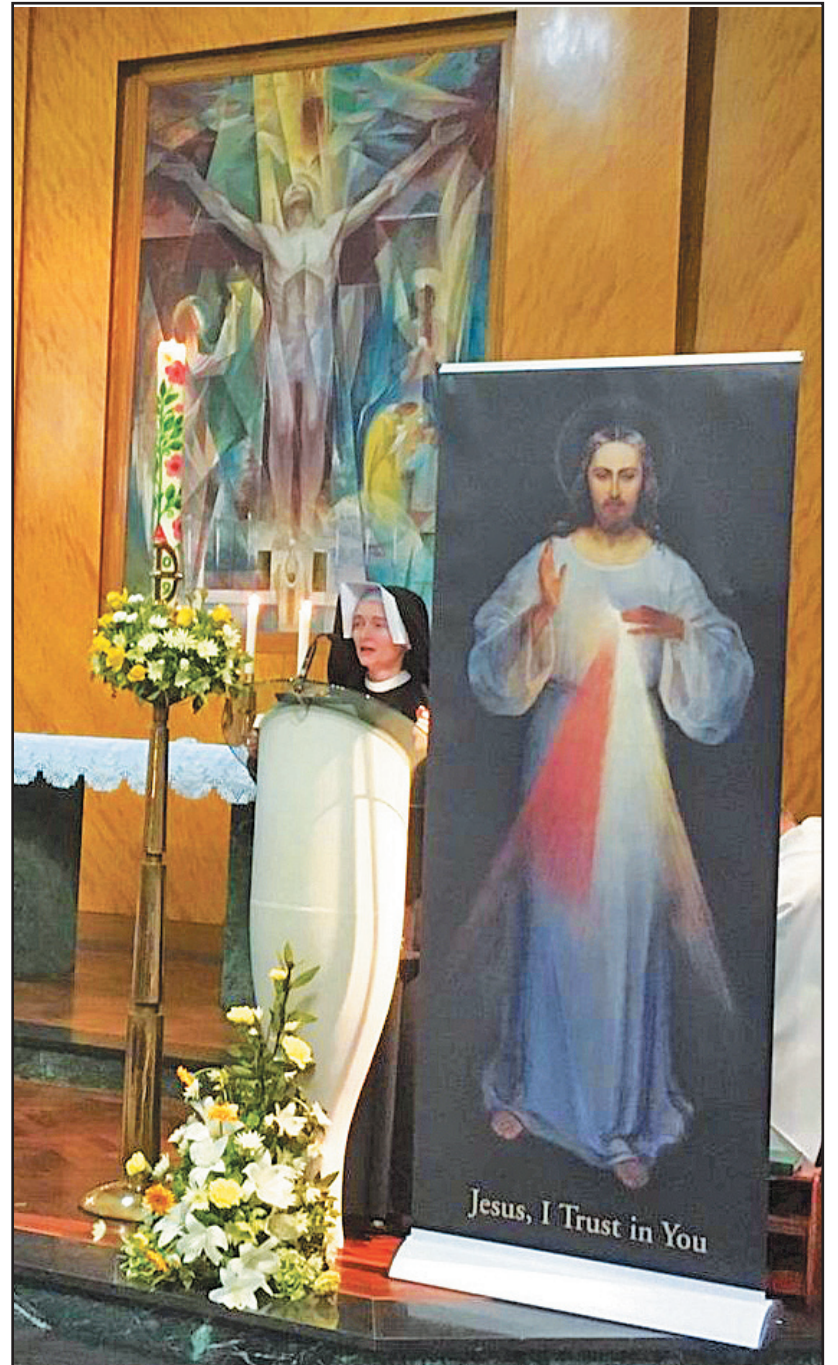
The weekend's devotions culminated at St Peter's on Sunday afternoon with a celebration including the Blessing and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, Confessions, Adoration, the Litany of Divine Mercy and Holy Mass.

Sister Mary-Claire and Sr Miwiana spoke

with great passion about the work of Divine Mercy in our lives. They reminded us that the Death and Resurrection of Jesus is the single greatest event in history, changing everything in our world.

They described the miracle that takes place every time we go to Confession, when our souls are wiped clean of every sin. Finally, they talked of Jesus' great, burning desire to pour out on us all the love and mercy in His heart, if we will only ask for it.

*Story: Becky Slevin,
Pictures: Marysia Dembinski
(Becky and Marysia are pictured above,
with their Polish guest)*



Teacher with the Secret to Success

THIS TIME LAST YEAR, John Lawson was teaching at one of America's top Catholic high schools. Now, he lives in Bognor Regis, and is on a mission to teach students the secrets of how to study. He shares tips gained over twenty-six years in the classroom in his book **The Successful (Less Stressful) Student**, which he has written under the pseudonym Coach L.

'It was hard to leave behind so many students and friends that I love dearly, but I needed to be closer to my 89-year-old mum' he said. John taught theology for 17 years at St Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale.'



'My Principal entrusted me to create a new programme for Catholic ethics, my specialist subject. I scrapped tedious textbooks and worksheets and started showing great movies, motivational YouTube stories, generating lively discussions, and encouraging students to make their own documentaries and dramas about ethical topics. I gradually realised that teenagers aren't bored with God, but they are bored with the ways in which Jesus and religion are presented to them. So, I sexed things up a little, gave Jesus a makeover, and showed how amazing He is.'

John grew up in south London. After school he spent a short while with the Grenadier Guards. A succession of jobs followed. An incident on a building site turned out to be a Damascus moment for him. 'One afternoon while working on the 18th floor of a skyscraper I slipped through the scaffolding boards. I desperately clung on for life until some of the guys pulled me to safety. I was convinced that the surge of superhuman strength that enabled me to hang on came from God. (Although I hadn't been to church for ten years, I still believed in God). Once rescued I walked straight off that site and

into a church where I lit a candle to Mary.'

Feeling called to the priesthood, he spent two years at the former Campion House College in Osterley and two further years at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea. 'I enjoyed seminary, but I gradually discerned that I might be better suited to teaching than preaching.'

After studying theology, philosophy, and political science at the University of Kent, he trained as a teacher. 'By now I was truly, madly, deeply in love with teaching. I wasn't always good at it, but I learned quickly.'

Since moving to Bognor, he has become involved in the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. 'I never made it my intention to get involved. I simply went to Mass every day as I have tried to do since Campion Days and I was asked if I would consider being a server. For many years I have tried not to say 'No' as simple invitations are often divine invitations. Since I am now better known in the parish, I have been asked to be a lector and an usher whenever the regular person doesn't show up.'

He's now working as a freelance academic coach and mentor. 'What still excites me is helping students to achieve far more than they ever thought possible. After 26 years at the chalk face I have learned a few priceless secrets about success in education. That's why I decided to write **The Successful (Less Stressful) Student**.

Most students struggle with study, and many parents are at a loss how to help them. I believe my methods will help any student to be more successful academically.'

John can be contacted at prep4success2016@gmail.com

Story: Greg Watts

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The impact of this is falling most heavily on people in the developing countries - those who have done least to cause it and who also have the least resources to cope.

We need to ensure that our politicians do take the actions they know are necessary. To enable us to do this, CAFOD is launching a new campaign "Our Common Home", named after Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home. We need to tell the government to embed in law that the UK will reach zero net carbon emissions by 2045 - that is, the emissions we produce will be no more than the carbon that is being absorbed e.g. by trees. We all need to play our part in putting pressure on our Government.

CAFOD will be joining other organisations in a mass lobby of Parliament on Wednesday 26 June, where thousands of people will be discussing climate change with their MPs. A coach will be running from Hove via Crawley.

Sign up today. If not, we will have no answer when, as Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teenage climate activist said: 'Our grandchildren ask us why we knew, but did nothing'.

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Saturday 8 June 5.00pm Arundel Cathedral

New Catholics are also invited to an afternoon of prayer and reflection with Bishop Richard preceding the Mass. If you have not yet received your invitation, please contact ruth.gerun@abdiocese.org.uk or call 01293 651164

MASS FOR JUBILARIANS

Priests of the Diocese who are celebrating a significant anniversary of ordination to the priesthood this year - Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 13 June at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral

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Wednesday 19 June 2019
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FAIRTRADE NEWS.....

TRADECRAFT hopes that you like their Spring/Summer 19 catalogue with its interesting array of products from food to crafts. Robin Roth, CEO, tells stories of his travels too, of meeting Vandana Shiva, who runs a small model farm North of Delhi. On the farm she encourages farmers to take seeds from her seed bank, use them for free, sell the crop and return a certain percentage for storage and use the following year. Vandana says the most important thing for a small farmer to ensure survival is 'healthy soil'. She sells GMO-free rice. See more stories at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

Michael Gidney, CEO of Fairtrade Foundation, has been invited to join the Government's Strategic Trade Advisory Group representing the voice of NGOs and the millions of farmers that the UK relies on across the world for our produce. He said: 'At Fairtrade, we know that decisions about trade policy can have a dramatic impact on developing country farmers and workers, and their access to our market. Participation in the UK government's Strategic Advisory Group is a valuable opportunity to ensure that their voices are heard at the highest level and I welcome the opportunity to engage at this critical juncture.'





BISHOP'S DIARY
MAY/JUNE

May		
Sat 25	11.30am	Brighton Deanery Confirmations at St Peter's Hove
	3pm	Brighton Deanery Confirmations at St Mary's Preston Park
Sun 26	11am	Confirmations and blessing of hall at Holy Family, Heath End
Tue 28	1pm	Clergy In-service. De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley
Wed 29	1pm	Clergy In-service, De Vere Horsley Estate, East Horsley
	2pm	Episcopal Council, East Horsley
Thu 30	8pm	Mass of the Ascension, Arundel Cathedral
Fri 31	10.30am	Deans' Meeting at St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	4.30pm	Visit to Sisters Hospitallers, Addlestone
June		
Sat 1	11am	Woking Deanery Confirmations at St Dunstan's, Woking
Sun 2	3pm	St Leonard's Deanery, Mass and Confirmations
Tue 4	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
	8.30am	Meeting at High Oaks
	1pm	Adoremus Meeting
Wed 5	10.30am	Education Committee Meeting, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	4pm	Bishops' Staff Meeting, St John's Seminary, Womersh
Thu 6	10am	Churches Together in Surrey Meeting, Willow Grange
	7pm	School Chaplaincy Taster Evening, Sacred Heart, Cobham
Fri 7	1pm	South of England Show, Ardingly
Sat 8	3pm	Neophytes' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Sun 9	8.45am	Mass at Rotherfield 1pm Families' Day, St John's Seminary, Womersh
Tue 11	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
	10.30am	Council of Priests' Meeting, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
Wed 12	11am	Grandparents' Pilgrimage, West Grinstead
	7pm	School Chaplaincy Taster Evening, Holy Cross, Priory, Heathfield
Thu 13	12 noon	Jubilarians' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
	3.30pm	Meeting at Arundel Cathedral
	4pm	Episcopal Council Meeting, Arundel Cathedral
	7pm	School Chaplaincy Taster Evening, St John the Evangelist, Horsham
Fri 14	7.30pm	Confirmations at St Theresa of Lisieux, Southwick
Sat 15	10am	Praise in the Park, Banstead
	3pm	Deacons' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Sun 16	11.30am	Confirmations at Mayfield School, Mayfield
Mon 17-19		Prison Chaplains' Retreat, Douai Abbey
Tue 18	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
Wed 19	11am	Good Shepherd Mass, Worth Abbey
	5.30pm	Vespers with Dominican Novices, Fitzalan Chapel, Arundel
Thu 20	5pm	Corpus Christi Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Fri 21	9am	Mass and Worthing Deanery Staff Day, Chatsmore School, Goring
Sat 22	pm	Knights of the Holy Sepulchre Investitures, Liverpool
Sun 23	3pm	Cathedral Deanery Confirmations, Arundel Cathedral
Mon 24	2pm	Mass at St John's Primary School, Brighton
	7pm	Jubilee Mass for Canon Tom Treherne's 40th Anniversary, St Richards Chichester
Tue 25	11am	Mass and visit to Whiteley Village
Wed 26	9am	Secondary Schools' Pilgrimage, Arundel
Thu 27	9am	Renew Blessing of Tower House, Brighton
	1pm	50th Anniversary Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Rottingdean
Fri	28th	12 noon National Celebration of Priesthood Mass at Westminster Cathedral
Sat 29	11am	Confirmations at Christ the Redeemer of Mankind, Cranleigh
	3pm	Confirmations at St Joseph's Guildford

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL IN ENGLAND & WALES - Part 2

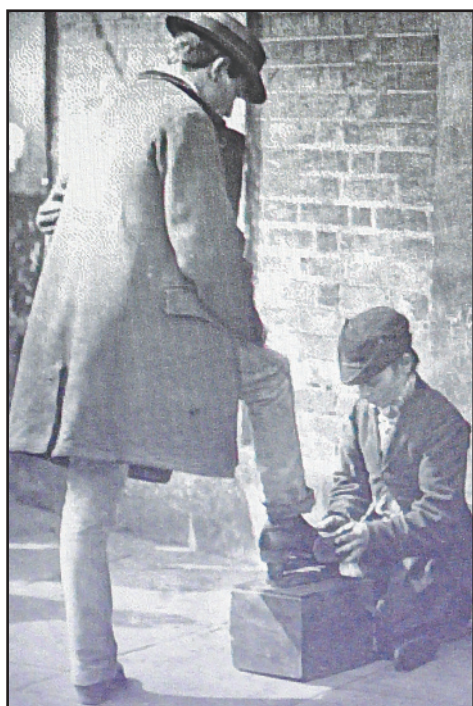
In last month's article on the establishment of the SVP in England & Wales, Peter Wells (Member Trainer for Arundel & Brighton SVP) focused on the early days and the prominent personalities who were involved in setting it up in 1844. This month he looks at some of the ways the SVP met the challenges of poverty in Victorian England and how the Society grew.

THE NEWLY FORMED SVP had many social challenges. The Poor Law Amendment Act 1834 was written after investigation by a Royal Commission in 1832 into the operation of existing Poor Law procedure. They believed that too much money was being spent on the Poor. The subsequent Act curbed the cost of poor relief and made provision for workhouses, which the Government claimed ensured that the poor were housed, clothed and fed and the children educated. However, many believed that the workhouses were 'prisons for the poor,' taking away their dignity, and riots broke out in some northern towns.

Orphan Patronage Committee

The SVP always sought to address the needs of the times and for that reason managed to sustain its viability and credibility. In early English reports we read about the SVP's work of 'Patronage', meaning help given to delinquent, orphaned and working youth in need of moral, social and financial assistance. When children needed to work away from home, the Patronage Committee found suitable accommodation. Conference members were appointed to visit and supervise individual boys.

The Orphan Patronage Committee (OPC) was established in 1850. At first the OPC looked after 50 orphans, mostly taken from asylums or from Poor Law Guardians. The SVP paid 4 shillings per week for each orphan but received an allowance of about a third of that amount from the Poor Law Guardians, for each child taken from Union Workhouses.



Catholic Shoe Black Brigade

A notable form of youth employment was the Catholic Shoe Black Brigade formed by the SVP in 1854. The scheme was approved by the London Police who allocated 50 separate pitches for children between 9 and 13 years of age.

According to SVP Annual Reports, these children were the poorest of the poor. In addition, the SVP organised schooling for these boys and religious instruction, leading to First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Spreading the Word

Just as Frederic Ozanam had helped to organise libraries both in Paris and Lyon for workmen and soldiers, following this example the SVP in Bristol formed a **Lending Library** in 1849. Five hundred volumes were collected and there were 54 subscribers.

In the 1850's, Cardinal Wiseman asked the SVP to provide a cheap Catholic newspaper accessible to poor people.

The Penny Universe went on sale for the first time in 1860 and Archibald Dunn, an SVP member, became the first editor while George Wigley, who had returned to France in 1848, became the foreign correspondent.

At about the same time, the **Clifton Tracts** were published by SVP members in Bristol, the first such Catholic pamphlets to be published since the Reformation. Seen as a forerunner of the later Catholic Truth Society, the pur-



pose of the 'Tracts' was to expound Catholic beliefs and practices and the history of the Church. One particular theme was about keeping the Sabbath holy.

In 1852, Charles Pagliano, who always regarded himself as a temporary first President, stepped down in favour of George Blount, a 33 year old founder member and the son of Edward Blount of Belmore, who was educated at Downside. This congenial gentleman stayed in office until his death in 1899.

A significant work which was down to George Blount was the establishment in 1859 of **St Vincent's Home for Destitute Boys** in Hammersmith (pictured above.) This was managed by a separate committee of Provincial and London SVP Councils presided over by George Blount. This evolved into the Westminster Diocese Crusade of Rescue in 1899.

The Peter Pence Association, otherwise known as '**Peter's Pence**', was an ancient custom, revived by none other than George Wigley, which gave valuable financial help to Pope Pius IX in 1859/60 and is still funded by second collections in our parishes today.

SVP Extends its Reach

There were many other works carried out in the second half of the 19th Century, including the opening of a branch of the **Yorkshire Penny Bank** in 1872, a forerunner of Credit Unions. In 1873 the

first **Catholic Rescue Society** home was set up. In 1879, the SVP opened an evening school in Sheffield, while in 1881 members in Manchester paid one-third of Catholic pupils' school fees.

Attendance at Funerals

Funeral attendance by the SVP became a tradition because before the 1880 Burial Amendment Act, cemeteries were almost entirely owned by the Church of England. No Catholic Priest was allowed to officiate. When a Catholic died, the burial service was conducted at the home of the deceased, by a Priest if available and often by SVP members. The coffin was then taken to the cemetery, where the Anglican service was read.

Irish Famine

During the Famine Years of the 1850s, when many Irish immigrants came to England, the Vincentian Daughters of Charity helped them to settle, not only in a material way but also providing religious instruction for the children. As

Catholics were in the minority, poor Irish immigrants were subject to much discrimination.

Reaching the Poorest of the Poor

A report from Hull in 1876 states that during that year, Brothers distributed among the poor of their parish 132 stones of potatoes, 45 stones of flour, 8.5 stones of oatmeal, 80 stones of sugar, 53 pounds of meat, 22 pounds of bread and various amounts of butter, tea, milk, rice, boots, clothing and carts of coal. Forty carts of coke were delivered during the year 1878.

By the end of the Victorian era, the number of Conferences had passed the 200 mark with 3,000 Brothers. In 1962 ladies were admitted to the Society for the first time, and what an incredible difference they have made to the lives of those in need!

With the motto of: '**No act of charity is foreign to the Society**', the first gentlemen members took on many challenges from the outset in 1844, addressing the needs of the times and laying the foundations of a strong worldwide, lay, voluntary, Catholic organisation which has now extended to 153 countries, working to a logo that reads: '**Turning Concern into Action**'.

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

THE 33-DAY GROUP Retreat for the Consecration to Divine Mercy was completed and on Good Friday we started the Divine Mercy Novena celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy on 28 April.

After much hard work both churches and The Towers were all looking magnificent for Easter when we were happy to see really full churches. On Good Friday a soup lunch was provided at St Peter's and their regular Thursday lunch club is being well attended.

Gerald Taylor gave an organ recital at The Towers in memory of our deceased parishioner Gerald Vann.

We have a new art group starting at the end of this month so I hope to show some of their work in a later edition of this paper. *Penny Richardson*

BRIGHTON

St Mary's Preston Park

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP held a coffee morning, bring and buy stall and cake sale on 27 January raising £105 for St Anne's Day Centre for The Homeless.

The Mary's Meals Group held a porridge party and coffee morning on 24 February raising £350 for the charity - which will be doubled via the UK Aid Match programme.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group visited the parish in February, selling beautiful olive wood carvings and soap from The Holy Land. They raised £758.60 from purchases to support needy families.

The Social Concerns Group ran a quiz night on 22 March with proceeds going to Christian Aid. It was an enjoyable evening and we raised £205.

This Easter we said good bye to Fr Bruno who has been our parish priest for 5 1/2 years. We thank him for his devoted service and wish him every blessing for the future. Fr Rafal Majewski will be taking over from him.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

THE EASTER SERVICES were well attended and much appreciated in their solemnity, especially given the bombing in Sri Lanka where some members of our Parish come from.

The Parish Day of Prayer and Reflection on Saturday 13 April, led by Peter Lovat, related to the Mass, the source and summit of our faith.

St Francis school supported the Youth choir by allowing their premises to be used for practising for the Easter services.

After the Easter period and the end of school holidays life in the Parish is back to normal: lots of activities and fund raising.

The SVP society is very active and helpful. Tracey Mangan is leading the Toddler group on Tuesdays. Many children's books have been collected for KwaZuluNatal and will soon be shipped.

Nicholas from the Bethlehem Nativity group talked about the Holy Land on Sunday 28 April and made an appeal for support of the poor Christians by purchasing religious articles made out of the olive wood grown locally.

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

FR LOUIS CELEBRATED our Passion Sunday Mass on Saturday 13 April at Christ the Lord with Fr Francis assisted by Deacon Andrew. Fr Francis is visiting us this week to assist in Holy Week celebrations in Crawley, while taking a break from his studies in Rome.

Many thanks, Fr Francis for celebrating our Easter Sunday morning Mass at Christ the Lord, assisted by Deacon Andrew. The church was full and our celebration joyful, thanks to all who helped with the music, the beautiful flower arrangements, and refreshments afterwards in the foyer.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

ON GOOD FRIDAY, parishioners from Our Lady and St Peter's, and from seven other churches in the town, attended an interdenominational service held in East Grinstead High Street.

Lingfield parishioners once again generously provided the parish spring lunch at St Bernard's hall on Sunday 28 April.

Also on 28 April, parishioner Aidan Cantwell ran in the London Marathon to raise money for the Jesuit Relief Service (JRS), an international organisation. JRS's London centre provides shelter for destitute asylum seekers.

Clive Carpenter

GODALMING

YEAR SIX at St Edmund's Catholic Primary School performed the Passion play to parents, family and parishioners before closing for the Easter break. Children's liturgy continued at Masses through the holidays and Easter eggs were distributed to the delight of both children and parents at Masses on Easter Sunday.

Next month sees the start of 'Breakfast Alpha' at a venue near the school on Friday mornings from 9.15am to enable parents of school children to attend after the start of the school day. This initiative runs alongside the 'Sunday Alpha' course which also starts in May.

During Lent we welcomed the FMDM sisters from Ladywell Convent to talk after Mass about the mission in Kasanka - the parish in Zambia which our parish has been linked with since 2000 - and update us on the projects in health and education for children and adults, and once again this year's Lenten Appeal for Kasanka raised much-needed funds.

And, finally, following the Scrutinies during Lent, and after attending both RCIA and Alpha, our catechumen

Sing Lee celebrated her baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil, where she was warmly welcomed into our parish family.

Sarah Stilwell

PETWORTH

BISHOP RICHARD has formally amalgamated the parishes of Midhurst with Duncton & Petworth.

Our AGM was held on 27 April at Midhurst. Fr Peter had produced a paper copy of his Report before the meeting to allow parishioners to 'have the chance to talk about some of the issues raised'.

One of the main topics is the amalgamation of the two parishes. This will ease financial matters and any church events will be simply 'Parish Events'.

Fr Peter outlined the matters for discussion: Engaging with and encouraging children; Communication - knowing the structure of the parish, and who to approach; Deepening a sense of community; Adult education and Formation; Prayer; Challenges for the future. It was a lively meeting but one of the serious topics was the decline in Sunday Mass attendance. Midhurst had the most dramatic decline. In the year 2003 there were 194, but last year the number was 97.

There was much discussion of how to attract the youth and encourage the Easter and Christmas attenders to come the rest of the year. Fr Peter wanted to encourage prayer, though others mentioned the Alpha Course as a faith experience. It was agreed that Deanery Adult Formation would be encouraged via the newsletter. For the youth, it was thought that the idea of a weekend's Festival might prove popular - an activity weekend with prayers!

Although the numbers attending were relatively small, there was lots of positive participation.

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FROM THE PARISHES

PETWORTH (continued)

DURING THE LAST WEEKEND in March a Bible Study Weekend was held in the parish led by a team from the Catholic Bible School.

On Friday evening there was Mass in Petworth and, after a short social break, an inspirational presentation of the Kerygma and Salvation History.

Saturday began with breakfast in the parish room in Midhurst followed by a Play and Pray time for younger children and then a fun exploration of the whole Bible through drama and storytelling for 7-11 year-olds. During the morning there was also Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass in the church.

Saturday afternoon and evening sessions were in Petworth, focussing firstly

on Lectio Divina and then The Story of Salvation, highlighting the saving action of Jesus, the divine love of the Father and the dynamic action of the Holy Spirit. The evening presentation was based on the parable of the Sower, with time for prayer and reflection.

After Mass in Midhurst on Sunday morning there was a social gathering followed by a final presentation with the theme of stepping out in Faith, which included a dramatic storytelling of Peter walking on water.

This was a really successful weekend with many people taking part and, encouragingly, there has been much positive feed-back.

Sally Bohane

HENFIELD

CORPUS CHRISTI, Henfield held a talent show in April to raise funds for CAFOD. Some 60 or so parishioners saw a display of wonderful talent from both young and not so young members of the parish and the fun event, organised by Dominic Dring and the Youth raised £962 for this hard working organisation.

Later in the month we celebrated when we welcomed Harry, Amelia and Benie into our church community. Never before have we had two Baptisms and three First Communions on the same day. The welcome was witnessed by a full church of family, friends and parishioners. Celebrations continued after Mass in the Parish Hall where the three youngsters jointly cut the cake with Parish Priest Fr Hugh Flower (pictured right).



Neville de Moraes

WEST BYFLEET

OUR HOLY WEEK activities included joining other local churches in the Walk of Witness through the centre of West Byfleet, starting with prayers at Our Lady's and pausing at various points for hymns and Gospel Readings, finishing with a further short service at the St John's Anglican Church. On Holy Saturday there was a service of "Swiecone" (the Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets), a Polish/Eastern European tradition,

followed by refreshments and egg decorating activities for the children. At the Easter Vigil, seven persons received the Sacrament of Initiation (see picture on right).

For early risers, we participated in the Ecumenical Easter Dawn Service at the ruins of Newark Priory, Ripley.

Paul Tipple



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TAXING TERMS (EXPLAINED)

'IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

This religious expression bookmarks so many of our prayers and when we bless ourselves or others. It is possibly one of the most frequent phrases we use in our prayer lives. But why, when we wish to address God, do we choose to speak to Him using these three names? And what does this form of address tell us about our understanding of God?

Clearly, we are showing we feel it is important to acknowledge **the triune nature of God** (tri=three; unus=one); it is after all as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, the foundation of our faith.

But where do we learn about these three persons in one God? Not surprisingly we find that there are many instances in which Holy Scripture identifies all three persons of the Godhead.

When Jesus was baptised by John in the river Jordan, for instance, the Gospel tells us that the heavens were opened and that the Spirit of God descended on Jesus as a dove and a voice out of the heavens proclaimed that, 'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' And, significantly, after the resurrection Jesus commands his apostles to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. So, the existence of the three persons in God is clearly established.

However, one of the challenges of the early Church was to deepen her understanding of this triune God or three persons in one God. And, gradually, over several Councils, the Church was able to declare that:

• The Trinity is one. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons.

sons.

*• The divine persons are distinct from one another.
• The divine persons are relative to each other; the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both.*

These truths are not easy to understand, and analogies have been used in the past to help the faithful understand the triune God.

St Patrick is sometimes credited with using the simple shamrock as an instance. One legend has it that Patrick in his travels happened upon some Irish chieftains in a meadow. The tribal leaders were puzzled about the doctrine of the Trinity, and so Patrick bent down and plucked a shamrock. 'The three leaves,' said Patrick, 'are still one plant, just as the three Persons of the Trinity are one God.'

Another popular and simple illustration of the Trinity is the egg. A chicken egg consists of a shell, a yolk, and an egg white, yet it is altogether one egg. The three parts create a unified whole. The use of analogies in this way is a noble goal but ultimately a futile exercise since the Trinity is a mystery way beyond our comprehension.

Ultimately, it is God's purpose that all his creatures enter into perfect unity with the Holy Trinity. 'If anyone loves me,' says the Lord, 'he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him.' And so, each time we make the sign of the cross we are acknowledging this divine presence in us and dedicating our prayer or activity to His glory.

One reason, perhaps, why we take such care to cross ourselves reverentially.

The Syro-Malabar Mission of St Clare



FR BINOY, of the Syro-Malabar Mission of St Clare, which is based in Merstham, gave a fascinating talk to our Union of Catholic Mothers.

He began by telling us his name means 'stubborn'. However, in view of all he does, including celebrating our 5.30pm Mass on Sundays, usually concelebrating on Monday morning, as well as ministering to Syro-Malabar Rite Catholics in the diocese, and being part of the chaplaincy team at Gatwick - resilience seems a better description.

His family name, which, according to him, is unpronounceable for us, includes 'Thomas' for his father. He spoke of his parents and his two brothers. He is the middle one and loved serving at The Holy Qurbana (Eucharist).

A server at the Holy Qurbana has a more significant part to play than servers at the Roman Rite Mass. When he told his parents that he wanted to be a priest he discovered his mother had been praying that one of her sons would become a priest.

We learned that St Thomas, the apostle, founded the Syro-Malabar Church, having travelled east to India. He was martyred around 72 AD and his relics are in Chennai (Madras). When Roman Rite missionaries arrived in India they tried to suppress the Holy Qurbana and

replace it with the Roman Rite but did not succeed.

It is very different today. Fr Binoy quoted Vatican II statements on the Eastern Rite Churches. They are mentioned specifically in The Constitution of the Church which refers to 'the ancient patriarchal churches which demonstrate with great clarity the catholicity of the undivided church.'

The Decree on Eastern Churches refers to 'their venerable antiquity (which) shines forth a tradition which constitutes part of the divinely revealed and undivided heritage of the whole church.' And again, 'that variety within the church does no harm to its unity but rather makes it manifest.'

The Syro-Malabar Eparchy (Diocese) of Great Britain covers England, Scotland and Wales. The Cathedral of St Alphonsa (formerly St Ignatius Church) is in Preston.

Fr Binoy is incardinated in the Catholic Diocese of Gibraltar where he worked for two years. He recalled visiting a Catholic in prison, to whom he had taken books. Overwhelmed with gratitude the prisoner said he was sorry he had no gift to give in return, but prayed for him. He also told us how special he finds celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Story and Picture: Ann Lardeur



**You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.
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the solution**

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Lovely lass from the outset left key within to visit (4,2)
- 4 'Fake place'? That's low even for a disgusting rag to get involved (6)
- 9 Biblical site to trumpet about? (7)
- 10 It's up to peacekeepers to prepare the ground, mostly (5)
- 11 State of 22 that's randomly taken on board (7)
- 12 Circumference defined using retro heavy trigonometry (5)
- 13 Tom and Jerry: no act amused better! (3,3,5)
- 18 Philistine's suit tailor only partially fits (5)
- 20 Sailor, an Irishman, is announced as David's third mate (7)
- 22 Some stars like Lugosi lost heart with support in the end (5)
- 23 Mary's boy is in your school (3,4)
- 24 With London band regularly coming back, golf around Home Counties fits in, it's true (6)
- 25 Idiot's admitted to changing due to being married (6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Dupe a king to entrap a knave (6)
- 2 Saul's daughter married bachelor, about to retire (5)
- 3 Tic Arab gets, uncommon where the camels come from (7)
- 5 Fleeced, stomach's upset with number taken in (5)
- 6 One that works to make Greek god the brightest star in the firmament (7)
- 7 Oracle ushered back Greek character (6)
- 8 Couple in the Bible fiddle a good man out of three grand (3,3,5)
- 14 Riviera resort's against elite contracting (7)
- 15 Greek's letter to explore parts of volcano, Micronesian

section (7)

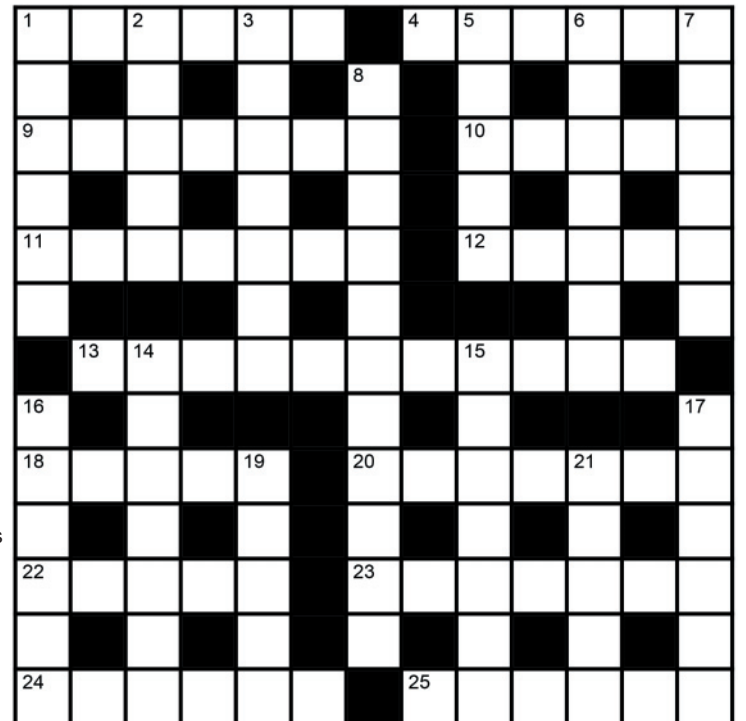
- 16 Place Amalekites burned in Zion, including killing Levites and Gideon's leaders (6)
- 17 Ran around, sure getting whipped (6)
- 19 Fancy motorway trip's a long time coming (5)
- 21 One huge hold on ship, they say (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Obtain: pop in (4,2)
- 4 Heavenly dwelling of the Norse gods (6)
- 9 Strategic oasis town near the Dead Sea taken by Joshua (7)
- 10 As far as time allows (5)
- 11 Africa's oldest republic (1847) (7)
- 12 Belt put around a horse to secure a saddle (5)
- 13 Game of battle or other contests where first one side, then the other, has the upper hand (3,3,5)
- 18 Philistine who stood by David against Absalom... (5)
- 20 ...and David's third wife (7)
- 22 Seventh sign of the zodiac (5)
- 23 Another designation for the Blessed Virgin Mary (3,4)
- 24 One of several narratives of the life of Christ, and the principles laid down therein (6)
- 25 ----- Reformed Church: merger of the Congregationalists and English Presbyterian Churches in 1972 (6)

QUICK Down

- 1 Coax, persuade (6)
- 2 Saul's elder daughter who married Adriel (5)
- 3 Ancient Central Asian land which gave its name to the



- two-humped camel (7)
- 5 Conned: shocked (5)
- 6 Important star in Scorpius (7)
- 7 Oracle site in Asia Minor (6)
- 8 In Revelation two nations under the dominion of Satan (3,3,5)
- 14 French Riviera resort, originally a Greek port (7)
- 15 15th letter of the Greek alphabet (7)
- 16 Place Achish of Gath gave to David to live (6)
- 17 Scourged; excoriated (6)
- 19 Persona: idol (5)
- 21 Hold, stop (nautical/archaic) (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Come by, 4 Asgard, 9 Jericho, 10 Until, 11 Liberia, 12 Girth, 13 Cat and Mouse, 18 Itai, 20 Abigail, 22 Libra, 23 Our Lady, 24 Gospel, 25 United. Down: 1 Cajole, 2 Merab, 3 Bactria, 5 Stung, 6 Antares, 7 Delfhi, 8 Gog and Magog, 14 Antibes, 15 Micron, 16 Ziklag, 17 Flayed, 19 Image, 21 Avast.