



UR DIOCESAN DEAF and Hard of Hearing Group, with spiritual director Fr Ian Byrnes, friends and supporters,19 people in all, went on pilgrimage to Medjugorje in Bosnia & Herzegovina from 6-13 May.

Leaders Peter and Maria Booker described the pilgrimage as 'a wonderful, a fantastic and moving experience.

Then, on Sunday 12 May, just before the group returned home, an announcement was made at the parish shrine that the Holy Father had sanctioned official pilgrimages to Medjugorje.

Reasons for the decision were cited as the considerable number of pilgrims who go to Medjugorje and the Pope's pastoral desire to encourage an

promote its 'good fruits.' Prior to this announcement pilgrimages could only be made in a private capacity; now, pilgrimages can be organised by dioceses and parishes.

However, it was also clarified that this does not mean there has been an 'authentication of known events, which still require examination by the Church.' In other words, the alleged apparitions are still being investigated and no opinion has been formed on them.

We reproduce on page 8 extracts from Peter and Maria's diary of their pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Pictured above are a group of the deaf and hard of hearing pilgrims resting during their climb of Apparition Hill, Medjogorje, and being addressed by interpreter James Fitzgerald.



A Brief History of the Reported Phenomena from Medjugorje in Bosia -Herzegovina

ON JUNE 24, 1981, six children in the town of Medjugorje, formerly Yugoslavia (today, Bosnia-Herzegovina), began to experience phenomena which they alleged to be apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mirjana Dragicevic and Ivanka Ivankovic were the first to report seeing an apparition of the Virgin Mary. The following day the vision was also seen by Marija Pavlović, Jakov Colo, Vicka Ivankovic and Ivan Dragicevic.

Their ages ranged from 16 to 10 years old. The apparition had a message of peace for the world, as well as a call to conversion, prayer and fasting. It also entrusted to the children secret messages about events to be fulfilled in the future. These 'secrets,' confided individually to the different visionaries, have not been revealed to the public vet, but we are told that they will be disclosed in time.

The apparitions themselves have continued almost daily since 1981, with some of the now adult visionaries continuing to experience them regularly.

(continued on page 8)

12.00 Gathering Service, with talk on St. Thérèse by Canon John Udris

1.00 Lunch (refreshments can be purchased or bring a picnic)

2.30 Blessing of roses

2.45 Mass-Co-Celebrants: Canon John Udris and Very Rev. Kevin Alban, O. Carm.

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2A&B NEWS July 2019 **Double Celebration in Ewell**

VOU MAY HAVE READ in last **Y** month's issue of A&B News that St Clement's, Ewell, has become the third parish in the diocese to receive a Live Simply Award from CAFOD. This called for a big celebration so Jonathan Inns and his Live Simply steering group set about arranging a special afternoon Mass for Creation on Sunday 12 May, with a tea party afterwards. Our MP, Chris Grayling, and representatives from CAFOD were invited.

CAFOD's new campaign is 'Our Common Home', taken from the subtitle of the second encyclical of Pope Francis: 'Laudato Si – On Care for our Common Home', so our Mass celebrated the launch of Our Common Home as well as St Clement's reception of the Live Simply Award.



Ryan Henson (pictured above) from CAFOD's central office addressed us during the Mass about the effects of climate change, particularly in developing countries, and the impact this is having on those already living in poverty. He said that our faith calls us to action and we can find hope in the fact that we have started to make huge progress, but there is still a long way to go.

A group of our very talented young

musicians accompanied the singing at the Mass and we all joined in with gusto, raising the roof in thanksgiving for our beautiful world, but at the same time thinking of what we need to do to help it.



Jonathan Inns with Fr Graham Bamford (left) and Chris Grayling (right) In presenting the Award to Fr Graham and Jonathan, Chris Grayling said: 'It is great to see St Clement's winning the Live Simply Award. This is a sign of hard work, a strong community spirit in the parish and a determination to make a difference to the environment.

So, onwards and upwards as we continue our task to *live simply so that oth*ers may simply live.



Story: Charlotte Gregory Photographs: Jenny Finlayson

For further information on the 'Our Common Home' campaign see CAFOD item on page 12.

Arundel Memorial to Children Lost Before Birth

BOUT A DECADE $A_{ago, looking for a}$ way to bear witness to their belief in the sanctity of life in the womb, the members of the SPUC Chichester & District Branch, under the chairmanship of Barrie Williams, were inspired by the Memorial to Children Lost before Birth that had been erected by the East Grinstead Branch in their town cemetery.

They decided to erect a similar memorial on a lovely site in the Catholic cemetery in Arundel on London Road.

After generous support from the priests and people of the Cathedral Deanery, the memorial was erected in June 2009.

The stone of the memorial is nabresina limestone and the sculpture, to a design by artist Bill Lazard, was carved by sculptor Andrew Swinley.

The inscribed words are the same as on the East Grinstead memorial: Remembering with love all children lost before birth. 'The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19:14)

Standing in this tranquil spot on the edge of the South Downs, the memorial provides a place for quiet prayer, reflection, consolation and healing for people who have suffered the loss of children before birth.

Prayer services are held there on the Day for Life and at the Blessing of



Graves, and flowers, small toys and prayers have been left there, such as the following prayer:

'Darling Baby (xxxx), we were never lucky enough to know you, but we know that you are safe in God's arms. Rest in peace, little one. With all our love.

A prayer service to remember all children lost before birth was held on 16 June to mark the Bishops' Conference Day for Life, ten years after the Memorial was erected.

Story: Anne Shardlow Picture: Geoffrey Breeze



Education Sunday will take place on

It is an opportunity for Schools and

celebrating Education Sunday in the Schools section of the September



Centenary Celebrations in Selsey Parish

BISHOP RICHARD visited Selsey parish on 18 May to celebrate the Centenary of the opening of the first Catholic Church in Selsey - Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid's. Mass was concelebrated by the Bishop and diocesan clergy during which the Bishop blessed the electric piano which has been newly installed to mark the occasion.

A friendly reception was held after Mass with an opportunity to look at an exhibition showing a brief history of the Parish, along with the cutting of a celebratory cake (pictured).

Amongst the gathering were two spe-



cial centenarian parishioners, Reg Hunt, 103, and Joanne Donoghue, 100 years old who were warmly welcomed and enjoyed the occasion immensely. They are pictured with Bishop Richard.

The presence of Fr Chris Ingle was



also special due to him having been ordained at this Parish almost 35 years ago to the day.

Various anniversaries, especially those associated with the First World War, gave us a better picture of life 100 years ago than we might otherwise have had and this was displayed in our exhibition.

During the years from 1916 to1919 the Catholics in Selsey were busy working to ensure that they had Mass regularly on Sundays, hiring public Halls and Rooms, until they had saved enough



funds to buy some land in Station Road (now Church Road) and start planning to build a very modest Church.

The first Mass in the newly built Church was celebrated on 18 May 1919 with a congregation of 20 people: the formal opening and dedication was on 3 July.

Those pioneering parishioners of 100 years ago struggled through the War and then the Spanish Flu epidemic to achieve their objectives: what an inspiration and example to all of us!

The existing church was rebuilt and completed in 1962. A huge effort has been made by many parishioners in recent years to restore and maintain the nice little church that exists today.

The parish community was greatly uplifted and encouraged by this joyful occasion and they were most grateful to the Bishop and all guests for their visit.

Pictured above after the Mass from left to right are Fr Peter Johnstone, Fr Peter Newsam, Fr John Healey - Parish Priest, Deacon Jon Harman, Bishop Richard, Fr Chris Bergin, Deacon David Clifton and Fr Chris Ingle.

Story and picture of cake: Zina Neagle Other pictures: Kate Shemilt, Chichester Observer

From Fighting Terrorism to Helping Seafarers

FR JOHN LAVERS, Stella Maris Aposlain to the ports along the south coast says 'People are people no matter if they work on land or sea. The problems and difficulties are the same. The most important element is to be present to people especially in their time of need'.

Fr John became port chaplain last year, a role that is a far cry from his former 30 year career in intelligence in the Canadian government, where he was involved in combatting terrorism. As a port chaplain, he is there to offer whatever kind of help he can to the seafarers he meets. This might be providing transport to local shops, mobile phone top-up cards, helping resolve disputes over pay and conditions on a ship, or celebrating Mass for a crew.

Around a third of the world's 1.5 million seafarers are Filipinos, with many others coming from India or Eastern Europe. The contracts many seafarers sign mean they they don't see their families for months, something that can lead to feelings of isolation and loneliness.

When seafarers arrive in Southampton, Shoreham, or one of the other ports along the south coast, they are often only there for a few hours, as their ship is unloaded or loaded. A visit from a friendly port chaplain such as Fr John can make all the difference. 'The most rewarding aspect of being a port chaplain is the diversity and challenge of both the work and ministry of being a servant and an apostle of Christ to the sea, he says. This month, 14 July is Sea Sunday when the Church asks us to support the vital work done by AoS port chaplains, cruise ship chaplains, and ship visitors.

Fr John thinks many priests don't fully understand the role of AoS, even though it's been around for nearly 100 years and is the Catholic Church's only maritime agency, working in over 300 ports in 60 countries. 'Overall there is a general awareness with most clergy. However, the depth of that awareness is lacking because sea related issues are not foremost in people's minds,' he suggested.

The main reason for this is the ports and seafarers are invisible to most of us, even though around 90% of goods imported into the UK arrive by ship. This includes everything from cars and computers to coffee and bananas. If the world's seafarers went on strike, many of our shops and supermarkets would soon be empty.

Fr John first thought about becoming a priest in his teens, but instead opted for a career in the Canadian government. During his time there, he was involved in an incident when over 70 migrants were smuggled on to a container ship, which sailed from Germany to Canada. He related the story 'The captain of the ship, instead of landing the migrants on dry land somewhere along the east coast of Canada decided to put them all off his ship in open life-boats at night in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean and told them to row to shore. Without protective clothing, lights, communications, or any kind of navigational equipment, these people would have perished at sea. By chance they were spotted by local fishermen, who were able to rescue them from certain death. This high seas rescue resulted in a massive response from the government of Canada, not only from a search and rescue perspective. It also sparked an international criminal investigation,

which led to the arrest and conviction of

It was to be nearly 30 years before he

the captain of the ship.'

decided to enter a seminary. 'Although I was slow to respond to God's call, Our Lord was patient in allowing me have some wonderful experiences, which I can now see are benefiting and supporting the needs of seafarers. Once you have done everything in terms of your career, you start to think how can you give back and serve in a different way.' www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

> Story and picture: Greg Watts

CathCom would like to issue the following apology:

The June edition of the newspaper included a leaflet referring to Gender Theory. This leaflet was accepted by CathCom and not by the Diocese. CathCom accepted the booking of the leaflet without seeing it. The leaflet was sent by an external organisation directly to the printers to be included in the paper. Therefore, we were not aware of its contents until after the paper went to parishes. We wholeheartedly apologise that the Diocese was not given the opportunity to see the leaflet, or even be aware of its existence, prior to publication. We also apologise for the lack of clarity surrounding the origin and source of the leaflet. It was not approved by the Diocese in any way and therefore cannot be deemed to be representing the teaching of the Church regardless of the message, the content or the way it was presented. Our apologies to the Diocese for any misrepresentation and we will ensure that all leaflets will be passed to the Diocese before future editions go to print.

We are fully aware that this is a very sensitive subject on a very personal level for many people. We would like to reiterate that CathCom shares the view outlined in the statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in 2018 that "there is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church"1 and our hope is that all of our publications work to strengthen that sense of welcome and belonging for all.

1 A Statement on Gender from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales – 20/04/2018 www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Bishops-Plenary-Meetings/Plenary-April-2018 /Statement-Gender/(language)/eng-GB



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m OUR}$ YEARS AGO I went on pilgrimage to Medjugorje and, while I was convinced that it was a special place with the effect of making people more reflective and spiritual, I still had reservations about the alleged apparitions.

The fruits of Medjugorje - 'Medj' to devotees - are real and some of my reservations were effectively dealt with by Fr Leon Pereira, who writes on page eight. Our deaf and hard of hearing group have just returned from Medj and are enthusiastic about their experience.

Now that the Holy Father has permitted formally organised pilgrimages, it may be time to return.

Thank you for all the articles and reports you have been submitting. There are too many to fit into the July edition so we will be carrying forward eleven of them to include in the August edition, which will be smaller than usual, a brief return to 12 pages to reflect the dog days of August and vacationing readers and advertisers.

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LITURGICALLY, July is a quiet month. But is it so quiet?

The month starts with the celebration of the consecration of our Cathedral, which contains the body of St Philip Howard, co-principal patron of the diocese and a martyr for his faith. At the foot of his statue sits his faithful dog, who was with him in the Tower of London. So we can contemplate the suffering of martyrs and ask if we could do the same if we had to. At the same time we can honour God's gift of pets, especially for the lonely or troubled.

3 July gives up another martyr, St Thomas, the Apostle. From being a doubter he gave his life for the Lord, He can be a great support for us when we have our doubts and his story reminds us that the Lord loves us even when we question our faith. Mary Magdalene who comes in on the 22nd, was loved by the Lord very much and responded to His love. He gave her the great gift of being the first witness of the Resurrection. Sailors and merchant seamen and women, give great sacrifice to bring us food and many other thing we use very day and in the middle of July we are asked to pray for them and give practical support to those who minister to them. Could we do what they do? Anon

Pastoral Visitation of Bishop Richard to Lewes Parish

WELCOMED Bishop Richard to Lewes for his first 'Pastoral Visitation' of our parish on the weekend of 11/12 May, as we celebrated the feast of our patron, St Pancras

The Bishop celebrated and preached at all the Masses (pictured below), and visited some of the sick and housebound. He



also met the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. On the Sunday evening he presided at Vespers, to which the other local Christian churches and ecclesial communities had been invited. Canon Anthony Churchill, (Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism) preached, and we also welcomed the Mayor of Lewes. A drinks reception was held afterwards where the



bishop is pictured relaxing with a cup of tea.

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the opening of our beautiful church, the 150th anniversary of the opening of the previous church of St Pancras, and the 10th anniversary of the opening of the addition to our hall of the Cluny Annexe. We had much to celebrate, and much for which to be

Story: Ffion Wilkes Pictures: Archie Tipple

Veneration of Saint Faustina in Chilworth

thankful.

T ST AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY a rainbow beamed brightly A in the sky close by on Divine Mercy Sunday 28 April 2019 when over 150 people came specially to venerate Saint Faustina.

The Benedictine abbey church in its beautiful countryside setting near Guildford was full to the brim with children and adults on this special day, the second Sunday of Easter, organised jointly by St Joseph's Deanery in Guildford and St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth.

Those attending were able to pay special homage to a first class holy relic of St Faustina Kowalska, the Polish nun who had visions of Jesus until her death in 1938.

There was also a blessing of the image of the Divine Mercy, followed by a procession through the monastery grounds and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Deacon Michael Phillips preached about the Message of Divine Mercy from St Faustina advising us to always be ready to seek God's mercy and to share it with others.

Speaking afterwards, Fr Thomas Kolangaden OSB, said: The Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration in Chilworth has really created a genuine interest in the mystery of Divine Mercy revealed to St Faustina Kowalska'.

Pictured is Fr Paulinus Greenwood OSB, Abbot of St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth reading at the beginning of the Veneration.

More information about future days of worship held at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth can be found at www.chilworthbenedictines.com

Story and picture: Richard Morris



TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS FOR THE August 2019 issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on Monday 1 July 2019 and for the September 2019 ISSUE BY Monday 22 July 2019 - NOTE THAT THIS IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL. Contributions may be sent by

e-mail to abnews@abdiocese.org.uk and if so please always include a contact telephone number

Old Romans at the VEC

ANON TONY CHURCHILL, Fr Aaron Spinelli and Deacon Mark Woods recently attended a reunion of the Roman Association in Rome for men who had trained at the Venerable English College (VEC) in Rome.

Founded in 1362 as a Hospice for English and Welsh pilgrims, it became a seminary, a training place for priests for the mission in England and Wales in 1579 following the establishment of the Anglican Church and persecution of Catholics. Some 44 men from the College suffered martyrdom for their faith over the next three centuries. It has remained a place both for training men for the priesthood and for priests from England and Wales to attend for further studies at one of the Catholic Universities in Rome. The Roman Association is made up of men who studied there, whether they were ordained priest or not and it aims to support the formation of current students for the continuing mission of the Church in England and Wales. Members gathered together with current students (sadly no one from Arundel & Brighton is currently resident in the College) and



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Canon Tony, Deacon Mark, Fr Aaron

staff for a Mass at which Archbishop Emeritus Kevin MacDonald presided and former Old Roman priests, including Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Head of the Vatican Diplomatic Service and Mgr Philip Whitmore, Rector of the College concelebrated.

This was followed by a suitably festive meal at which the toast 'Ad multos annos' (To many years) was sung in thanksgiving for times past, and times present and future.

Story: Mark Woods Picture: Jane Woods

WORD

The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Formation Team

Serving the communities of our Diocese

Pentecost Celebrated at Wonersh







THE DAY DAWNED BRIGHT AND SUNNY just in time for a wonderful gathering to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 9 June.

Families from as far afield as Hove came to join the students at St John's Seminary and the Bishop in a relaxed family day.

Activities focused on the exploration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit; children were provided with a passport and were tasked with collecting stamps denoting each gift as they completed the various stations.

The stations explained the meaning of the gifts received at Pentecost through interactive mediums, designed to engage the family as a whole.

Other activities included a crafts table inspired by the symbols of Pentecost, prayer stations throughout the chapel, and competitive football games and parachute fun on the field.

The third year Seminary students led talks for both adults and young people and many people enjoyed being given a tour of the wonderful Seminary building.

The conclusion of the day was a procession in the grounds of the seminary, as the children carried the giant flames bearing the names of the participants, (*pictured top*) ending in the chapel for vespers led by the Bishop (*pictured above*).

The service was a beautiful reminder of the Pentecostal gift of faith and our mission of evangelisation, involving music and scripture readings.

Following this, the Bishop cut the Church's birthday cake (*pictured below*) and we all joined together in a celebratory afternoon tea.

Story & Pictures: Katherine Bergin





Prayer and Spirituality: an Update



THE PASTORAL PLAN emphasises the place prayer has in our faith; 'Prayer together in parish communities, in the family and personal prayer, will always be a vital aspect of Christian Life and will always be a source of blessing for the life and work of the Diocese.' (Para 100)

The Plan refers to the ambition of Weeks of Guided Prayer taking place in every deanery each year. Our partners in this activity are the Jesuits from Mount Street, London, who have a wealth of experience in delivering such programs across dioceses, and the Spiritual Network of our Diocese which brings together the experience and knowledge of spiritual directors across the Diocese.

Much planning has taken place as we move towards delivering this project and we hope to be announcing plans later in the summer for the preliminary activity of Schools of Prayer to take place in four Deaneries in the Autumn and Winter.

The **School of Prayer** is a experience where the Jesuits will come to a local area and, over a weekend, deliver workshops, talks and experiences of different forms of prayer.

This experience paves the way for the **Week of Guided Prayer** that will take place a few weeks later in the same area.

This is a very exciting venture in the prayer life of our Diocese and we look forward to bringing further news.

The Formation Team is aware that there is a shortage of spiritual directors in the Diocese and we believe that a legacy of the increased prayer and spirituality activity in the Diocese will lead to more people wishing to take the opportunity of meeting regularly with a Spiritual Director.

If anybody feels that they have a calling to accompany people in this way please contact Jon Harman, Formation and Spirituality Adviser, and he will put you in touch with someone to talk this over and recommend training courses that are available.

Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality

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CHAPEL CHALLENGE St John's Seminary - Wonersh

The Chapel, dedicated to the Sacred Heart, is at the heart of the Seminary, where Mass and the Divine Office are celebrated daily, where Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place, and where private prayer and meditation sustain the community in its task of providing good and worthy priests for today's Church.

This special place was last redecorated in the 1980s, and it is now in serious need of attention, along with some works to refurbish the lighting, the sound system and the flooring. This will cost in the region of £350,000.

We are more than aware of the generosity that was shown to us by so many when we appealed for help to refurbish the Seminarians' rooms, and we don't want to push our luck so-to-speak by asking for more help.

Heip. However, you may have missed our room refurbishment appeal, or you may have helped us already, and your circumstances are such that you might be able to offer some further help? Any donations, large or small, will be so very gratefully received. Cheques can be made payable to St John's Seminary and sent to: Mgr Gerald Ewing, Vice-Rector, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.



The Seminary Chapel



Bank Transfer is also possible - email: vice-rector@wonersh.org for further details.

Gift Aid forms will be sent on request. If you cannot help with a donation, please help us with your prayers - that we might meet the Chapel Challenge. We remember our spiritual and our material benefactors in our Chapel every day ... please remember us. Thank you and God bless you!

Close-ups of the deterioration



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OBITUARY Deacon Hilary Parsons



DEACON HILARY PARSONS died peacefully in the early hours of Tuesday 28 May. His funeral was scheduled for

Thursday 6 June at St Anne's Catholic Church, Brockenhurst. May he rest in peace.



THE FIVE FATHER CHRIS'S OF A&B DIOCESE Fr Chris Dobson, Fr Chris Ingle, Fr Chris Spain, Fr Chris Benyon and Fr Chris Bergin

TAXING TERMS (EXPLAINED)

THE WORD **MYSTAGOGY** comes from the Greek and can be translated as 'interpretation of the

mysteries.' The fourth and final stage of the Rite

of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is called mystagogy. It extends throughout the Easter season until the feast of Pentecost and is the time when new Catholics are helped to participate in and understand the sacramental mysteries of the

symbols, images, and stories that speak of the deeper mystery of the

Church; all those rituals, metaphors,

love of God for His creation. This teaching requires the active participation of not just the new Catholics and their priest but of the whole congregation, since the newly baptised are being absorbed into the community of the faithful.

They will be encouraged to receive the Sacraments frequently and to build on that experience by reflecting on the deeper meaning of the Sacraments for their own lives and for the Church.

In this way, they will experience Christ's self-revelation more fully over time, enriching their lives and growing in faith in community, along with all the baptised who share the same journey of faith.

Catenians Help Fund Vocations

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION Province 18 (www.sussexcatenians.org.uk) were pleased to present to Fr Simon Hall from St Dunstan's Woking on behalf of the Diocesan Vocations Office a cheque for £1909-96.

The Presentation was made by our immediate Past Provincial President, Mike Newman from Crawley Circle, at the dinner following our Province 18 AGM at Pyecombe Golf Club on Wednesday May 15, 2019. The money was collected from the

Brothers of nine Circles and two Groups within the Sussex catchment area over the past year; as an Association, we are pleased to help with some of the funding needed for voca-



tions in The Diocese. Story and picture: David Tillson Provincial President Province 18



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The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Education Service

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.



N JULY 2015 Bishop Richard and Lthe Trustees of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton approved the development of cross-phase Multi Academy Catholic Education Trusts (CETs), with schools from identified deaneries coming together to protect, secure and develop the Church's mission in education.

This important step seeks to ensure that every Catholic school sits within a network of collaboration such that each institution is able both to give and receive support.

A number of dioceses across the country have instructed all their schools to become academies. This is not the case in Arundel and Brighton where the diocesan position continues to be facilitative, which means that diocesan schools have both the permission and practical support to become an academy if they wish to do so. The diocese has been directive with regard to which CET a school would join, but it is for each school's Governing Body to discern if and when they may wish to become an academy.

However, Bishop Richard and the trustees at the Diocesan Education Service (DES) are all clear that schools need to work collaboratively in order to support and challenge one another, whether with an Academy model or not.

Xavier and Bosco CETs



Xavier CET is the Trust for diocesan Surrey schools wishing to become academies.



Bosco CET is the Trust for diocesan Sussex schools wishing to become academies. In terms of pace of development, Xavier and Bosco CETs will evolve as best fits the Trust, individual schools' needs and the local context.

The First Academies

The diocese's first academies opened in September 2016, with nine Surrey schools converting together on 1st September 2019 to form Xavier Catholic Education Trust. Seven months later, Bosco Catholic Education Trust opened in April 2017 with two schools initially. At the time of writing, the diocese currently has 14 academies with a further three due to open in September 2019.

Trust Board and CEO

Each CET is led by a Trust Board, all of whom are practising Catholics, directly appointed by Bishop Richard and recruited for their skillset, and a Chief Executive Officer who is a highly experienced and highly skilled current or recent Catholic Headteacher.

The Trust Board is entirely comprised of unpaid, volunteer Foundation Directors.

Relationship with DES

The relationship between the DES and diocesan schools and academies is unchanged. Schools and academies alike benefit from DES support in a number of key areas including RE and Catholic life, Section 48, recruitment to reserved posts, succession planning, Governor training, admissions, place planning, buildings, standards, and academy conversions, etc.

What is an academy?

Academies are publicly-funded schools which operate outside local authority control. They receive their funding directly from central government, through the Education Funding Agency (EFA), rather than through a local authority. The government describes them as free (i.e. parents do not pay for places), independent, state funded schools. Academies have more freedom than other state schools over finances, curriculum, length of terms and school

days and teachers' pay and conditions.

What is an Academy Trust?

An Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee. It is responsible for running the academy. An Academy Trust cannot be run for profit. An Academy Trust has two layers of governance: members, who are best viewed as guardians of the constitution, and governors (i.e. the Directors of the Company) who are responsible for the business of running the school.

In the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton, the members are: Bishop Richard; the Chief Operating Officer on behalf of the Corporate Trustees; and the Chair of the Diocesan Academies Strategic Board (DASB).

What is a Catholic **Education Trust (CET)?**

In the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, a CET is a group of schools, both secondary and primary, determined by the diocese, which work together collaboratively in the formal legal partnership that is an Academy Trust

The Bishop, together with the Trustees of the diocese, has set out a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that ensures each CET is conducted in accordance with Canon Law and the teaching of the Catholic Church, and in compliance with the Trust Deed of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. In this way every CET will be at the service of the Church's mission in education.

What are the particular advantages of the CET model?

There are obvious advantages in terms of ability to employ specialist staff to work across all the schools, agreeing a shared ethos, policies and practice, and economies of scale in brokering services. Succession planning for school leadership, and coaching and mentoring opportunities for senior staff across the family of schools for professional development are other advantages. The main advantage, however, lies in creating strong formal partnerships

to support and enhance Catholic schools so that no school is left behind.

How do we remain 'outward looking' as a sector?

Catholic schools have always had a good reputation for working positively in their communities and they will continue to do so. The formal collaboration of diocesan schools in the CET should not stop Catholic schools from working in partnership with other local schools or within their communities. Schools are actively encouraged to be outwardfacing and to continue to work within and beyond the diocesan family of schools.

Will academy status provide a better safeguard for the Catholic identity of our schools?

Under the diocesan CET model, yes. This is seen as one of the main advantages, particularly through the ability of the company to act as a sponsor for vulnerable Catholic schools where necessarv.

Where can I find out more?



To find out more about Bosco **CET**, please visit www.boscocet.org.uk

To find out more about education in the diocese please visit www.abeducationservice .org.uk

Family Fun Day at Barrow Hills School

BARROW HILLS hosted its inaugural Family Fun Day on Saturday 11 May, opening up its beautiful former arts and crafts house and gardens to the community.

The weather was kind and helped to attract around 65 families from the local area and from as far afield as Wimbledon. Families had been invited to enjoy a day of activities aimed at two to sevenyear olds. Throughout the event, over 100 children enjoyed a range of arts and crafts from painting pebble bugs and animal masks to getting their hands dirty making clay models, wormeries and bird feeders - and even taking part in a community project that involved decorating a feather to help create a beautiful pair of bird's wings. As part of Barrow Hills' Forest School initiative, staff had ready-made



sticks with string for children to craft their own journey sticks (as a memento of their forest walk) following their foraging adventures in the 15-acre woods.

A maths treasure hunt was relished

ter Sean Skehan said, 'What a wonderful day we have all had. Despite reports of hail in Guildford and rain in Godalming, the sun shone over Barrow Hills and our children and their families were delighted to welcome so many new faces to our amazing School and grounds. This represented our first Family Fun Day and I cannot thank all the teachers and staff enough for all the effort that they poured into this event, which undoubtedly contributed to its resounding success. The feedback we have received from parents was that they loved the fact that this was a traditional open day, with an array of activities with broad appeal. It was a truly relaxing and fun occasion for everyone'.

by the inquisitive minded and took in all corners of the gardens and house. Those with energy to exert enjoyed powering around the bike and trike courses.

The Nursery and Reception classrooms were open and little ones were seen immersed in role play, the books and many more toys. Those needing to rest a while, enjoyed a relaxing story time in the reading den.

All were invited to bring a picnic and families found a corner, sun spot or bench to enjoy their food, adding a tea or coffee compliments of Barrow Hills, while their offspring delighted in the ongoing supply of delicious popcorn! Commenting on the event, Headmas-

Story and Picture: Lisa Allen

Extracts from the Deaf Group's Pilgrimage Diary

Monday 6 May

All 19 pilgrims arrived at Split Airport (but two pilgrims' luggage remained at Heathrow). Took three-hour coach journey to Medjurorje.



Tuesday 7

Hearing Mass at 10am in St James Church, the parish church of Medjugorje, above, interpreted by James Fitzgerald and Cathy Marchant, communicator.

Straight after Mass, we walked to St John Paul II Hall for a talk given by Fr Leon Pereira, chaplain to the Englishspeaking pilgrims.

Fr Leon told us how, since 24 June 1981, the Blessed Virgin Mary allegedly has been appearing every day and although the visionaries are adults now, the oldest is about 54 the youngest is 48, the apparitions still happen daily for some of them.

In September 1991, he himself, while climbing Cross Mountain with a friend, had a life-changing apparition that he believed was the Blessed Virgin.

After lunch we had a free afternoon, with a choice of praying the Rosary, Adoration, shopping or just relaxing. Many of us chose to rest then went to Adoration at the outside Altar at 9pm; it was rather chilly by then.

Wednesday 8

After Breakfast and Mass we set off for Apparition Hill in a convoy of five taxis that took us for the 10 minute drive.

Lying at the foot of the Hill is the Blue cross, pictured below. Since 1985 the blue cross marked the place where visionary Ivan meets regularly for his prayer groups and has become a focal praying place for pilgrims from all over the world. With the alleged guidance and inspiration of BV Mary, both Ivan and Marija, the visionaries, formed a prayer group with other people from the village, and today pilgrims can join the group when they are in Medjugorje.

So we started climbing the first part of Apparition Hill and gathered at the Blue Cross. Those who could not climb the

rest of the mountain stayed with Fr Ian and praved the Rosary, the rest of us went up, stopping at each decade to pray the Rosary, which was spread out along our long climb.



Apparition Hill is a place of prayer; pilgrims who climb and pray the Rosary often experience the peace of Christ.

When we finished lunch, some of us went back to the hotel by taxi whilst some decided to walk the 20 minutes back to the hotel.

At 5pm some of the group prayed the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary by the beautiful mosaic stones, others went to Mass or did other things.

Thursday 9

A day trip to the 'Community Cenacolo,' a Christian association, founded by the Italian nun, Sister Elvira Petrozzi in 1983 to welcome in desperate young people, who are suffering from the strains of life, and may have turned to drug addiction, alcohol or substance abuse

In the Community they are able to rebuild their lives for a new life in society and the community has a claimed success rate of 93% - with up to five new priests sourced from the graduates.

Friday 10

After breakfast and Mass we divided into two groups. Some decided to brave the extra-long and steep climb up Mount Krizevac ('Mount of the Cross') which is three times higher than Apparition Hill and lies above Medjugorje.

Parishioners constructed the Cross, (pictured above) which looks over Medjugorje and on which is inscribed the words 'To Jesus Christ, redeemer of the human race'.



This climb would take two and half hours each way. Those who took to the mountain took drinks and lunch and off they went. The rest of us found a sheltered place away from the hot Sun and did the five decades of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, slowly and prayerful - it was beautiful.

At 5pm the deaf had Reconciliation in the hotel dining room with Fr Ian and some of the hearing in the group went too, others went to the confessionals on the side of the church to see one of the other English-speaking priests.

After supper, we wrapped up warm and went back to St James Church to the open air area with the magnificent altar for Adoration. This was a very moving experience, on occasions we had music, hymns sang in different languages and a lot of silence in reverence. Very moving indeed!

Saturday 11

A day trip to Mostar, the largest city in Hercegovina, with a scenic old town centre, including a celebrated stone bridge set between medieval towers, high above the river. Many of the buildings still bear the scars of the Bosnian War of 1992-1995.

Sunday 12

A day trip to 'Mother's Village' which brings together several communities and associations.

It was started by Fr Slavko Barbaric and evolved out of the need for protection and care for the children who were wounded by the loss of their homes and parental care during and after the war. It started working officially on September 8, 1996 and was built and maintained by pilgrims and donors from all over the world.

Monday 13

After breakfast at 7.30am we went back to St John Paul II Hall to listen to a talk given by the youngest of the visionaries,



Jakov (pictured), who was only ten years old when the apparitions began. He married a young woman from Italy, and they have three children and live in Medjugorje.

Some Thoughts from the Pilgrims...

...when Fr Leon talked about Reconciliation, he told us to imagine a cash machine that gave out free money every day. If we had the chance, wouldn't we go to that cash machine as often as possible? He told us that Reconciliation is like that cash machine, an amazing free gift from God. Reconciliation offers free forgiveness to everyone, and we are welcome to receive it as often as we like.

Reconciliation here in Medjugorje was a truly special experience, and I really focused on that incredible gift of forgiveness.

History of the Phenomena (continued from page 1)

THE NEWS that Our Lady might be appearing immediately began to attract pilgrims to Medjugorje, first from the surrounding countryside, and then, despite the communist government of that day, from Europe and the whole world.

These included clergy and theologians, as well as experts from the physical and medical sciences who testified to some kind of phenomenon taking place when the apparition was said to be occurring.

In addition, some pilgrims reported seeing the sun spin and being able to look at it without pain or eye damage, others that their rosaries turned gold coloured, still others that remarkable physical or spiritual/moral healings had taken place.

The Church has been cautious about the claims with the local Bishop, Ratko Peric, being particularly critical of the events.

As is typical for all claims of private revelation, the Catholic Church follows a standard criterion for evaluating apparitions. There are two possible judgments: 'It is confirmed to be of supernatural origin' and 'It is not confirmed'.

The Catholic Church has made successive comments on the status of the Medjugorje apparitions, and the current status is that the question of authenticity remains unanswered.

This is unsurprising as the alleged visions are still ongoing. However, Pope Francis, following on from the Commission to study the Medjugorje question in 2017, sent Archbishop Henryk Hoser as a special envoy to oversee the pastoral arrangements for the millions of pilgrims who visit the Parish every year. He has now also decreed that pilgrimages can be officially organised by dioceses and parishes.

It is estimated that between 30 and 40 million pilgrims have now come to Medjugore. This is despite the forceful objections and confrontations with the Yugoslav state authorities in the early days, the harassment and threats to the visionaries and to the Parish community by communist authorities (including the imprisonment of the Parish Priest), the obvious difficulties during the Bosnian war, and the fact that this is still an unapproved pilgrimage site.

Medjugorje is a relatively 'small' pilgrim site, with an estimated one million visitors in 2017, when compared to Fatima, which has between 6-8 million pilgrims visiting each year and Lourdes with an average of 6 million pilgrims.

Story: Jackie Ballard Pictures: A&B News Team



I needed this time of renewal and i been fantastic...I will go home refreshed and renewed.

... the most amazing and uplifting experience of my life;

... the Risen Christ statue. My first reaction to the statue was amazing so I went back from time to time just to look at the statue with solemn reverence.

...we have grown into a pilgrim community where all look after each other, pray together, share our experiences and eat together in fellowship, as well as enjoying our evenings together in the hotel.

...a fantastic and moving experience. Loved everything about it.

Story: Maria & Peter Booker Photos: Peter Booker, A&B News Team

Fr Leon Writes...



FR LEON PEREIRA OP is chaplain to the English-speaking pilgrims in Medjugorje.

Brought up in Singapore, Fr Leon first went on pilgrimage to Medjugorje with his family in 1991 as a 20 year old. While climbing Mt Krizevac with his friend Kevin, he said that they both experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Later, he said he also heard her voice and conversed with her. However, as she predicted, he would soon disregard the experience.

Nevertheless, after five years training to be a medical doctor in England - during which time he downplayed and mocked the Medjugorje revelations - he decided to become a Dominican Priest and, after several more years in England, found himself back in Medjugorje testifying to his supernatural experience and promoting the 'five stones.'

In this and subsequent editions of A&B News we will share Fr Leon's responses to some of the objections about Medjugorje.

Why should I even pay attention to apparitions?

The Catechism teaches us that God's revelation is complete in Jesus. This revelation is called public revelation, this is the 'deposit of faith' Jesus left His apostles to hand down in the Church down the ages, until the end of the world. So, the Catechism teaches, no new public revelation will be given before the second coming of Jesus in glory (see Catechism 65-66). However there exists another kind of revelation: private revelation.

The apparitions of Our Lady at Medjugorje belong to the category of private revelations. They are private because they are made to private individuals. Nothing can make them public, neither the setting of these revelations, nor their content, nor the size of their audience. The Catechism teaches us (see Catechism 67) that Our Lady's messages in any private revelation (1) do not belong to the deposit of faith, (2) are not for improving or completing Christ's public Revelation, but (3) are given to help us live our Faith more fully at a given period of history.

Moreover, the Catechism also teaches us that 'whatever [in these private revelations] constitutes an authentic call of Christ or his saints to the Church' is discerned and welcomed by the felt conviction of truth on the part of the whole Church, clergy and laity together (this is called the sensus fidelium), and this is guided and confirmed by the teaching authority of the Church (which is called the Magisterium).

Thus, whatever might be authentic in private revelation is, at most, worthy of pious belief. As St Thomas explains, the charism of prophecy is never lacking in the Church, and the Holy Spirit continues to manifest Himself to individual Christians 'not indeed for the declaration of any new doctrine of faith, but for the direction of human acts' (Summa Theologiae, 2a2æ, q.174, a.6, r.3). Private revelation does not and cannot change our Faith, but only highlights something in particular for our own time. So in answer to the question above, as Catholics we are not obliged to believe any authentic private revelation - and yet they are worthy of pious belief, and since Holy Mother Church confirms this, we would do well to heed her as her children. These messages are given to direct us in our own time. Fr Leon Pereira OP

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A GROUP OF PILGRIMS, many from the A&B Diocese, have recently returned from a week's Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Our group included a mix of young (29!) and older (77) pilgrims, some first timers to Medjugorje, others 'old timers' like myself! *I have been thinking about what makes a Medjugorje Pilgrimage special, and would like to share some thoughts:*

The parish and its activities

Medjugorje is very Catholic! The pilgrim's programme revolves around the church, and is the same every week of every year and is for the parishioners first and foremost: the pilgrims come and go, but the programme remains the same.

It is sacramental with Mass every day (in English at 10am, and in Croatian in the evening, which is translated), plus Adoration daily and Reconciliation also daily from 5pm until the long queues are gone. In addition, there is public recitation of the Rosary every day, the Angelus and peace chaplet (seven sorrows of Our Lady).

Added to that is veneration of the cross, healing prayers, and special blessings of religious articles and sacramentals. Next to the church is the statue of the Risen Christ and a garden where the stations of the cross can be followed. Adjacent to that is a path to follow the modern, mosaic, luminous mysteries. Catholic worship and prayer abounds.

As a cradle Catholic, it is both very familiar and yet new and special at the same time.

The place

The place retains some of its village feel, and its agricultural heritage. We stayed in a Pansion slightly out-

Stations of the Cross which is laid out along the way up. Did I mention the stunning views at

the top? It is easy to understand in this place why Jesus often went up a mountain to pray.

The priests

The Parish Priests, Fr Jozo (the priest at the start of the phenomena, who was imprisoned for protecting the children), Fr Slavko (who died at the top of Cross Mountain), and currently Fr Marenko are a strong part of the Medjugorje 'story' thanks to their courage, vision and witness to the events and their support of the visionaries.

But priests abound everywhere in Medjugore! It is wonderful to see so many priests and religious from all over the world so involved in the parish life, and enjoying the pilgrimage themselves.

Fr Leon Pereira, the chaplain to the English speaking pilgrims, gives regular talks/instruction to pilgrims on a variety of themes and also 'sanctuary snippets' (eg short reminders of what is happening at different points of the Mass). See https://marytv/.tv/.

He also talks of how he got his own vocation to the priesthood (via a career as a medical doctor) through the intervention of Our Lady in Medjugorje.

The people

The guides, the pilgrims, the local people all make up the pilgrim experience.

We were very blessed to have as our tour organiser Liam Driver, a young man who has been taking pilgrimages for 13 years, has seen dozens of conversions on his trips and has developed close relationships with the visionaries and local guides.

He was instrumental in one of the highlights of this trip for me which was of how lives have been transformed through the message/'five stones' (see below) given by Our Lady.

And then there is also the amazing charity 'Mary's Meals' which is a direct 'fruit' of Medjugorje.

The peace

The focus in Medjugorje is that of the key message of Our Lady which is peace, and she gives us the five stones to help us (see below).

This deep joy and peace which I think comes from an active engagement in the Sacraments and a personal recommitment to prayer life is particularly witnessed by the queues of people day in and day out for Reconciliation.

The prayer

If all of the above isn't enough, I need to mention the open nature of prayer in Medjugorje. For example, groups and singletons alike walking along with rosary beads in their hands - and using them!

The prayerful nature of the music most especially at Mass and Adoration is beautiful to listen to and join in with. Even the encroaching souvenir shops are tuned into Mass or playing music from the annual Youth Festival.

I have a fond memory of a year when I was here that a group of us prayed for our children in a quiet spot in the cafe. And it's perfectly "normal" to do that!

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Being with a group that included first timers to Medjugorje, I thought I would ask them to have the final word on this most recent trip.

Dr David Fincham commented on the 'peace and prayerful tranquility' while Sr Carmen Zammit of The Society of the Sacred Heart said she found it 'very inspirational, a beautiful thing to have experienced. The prayerful atmosphere and the place grips you'. For more information see : www.discovermedjugorje.com Story: Jackie Ballard Pictures: A&B News Team

Further Reflections on a Pilgrimage to 'Medj'

side of the main hub and walking

through fields and vineyards is part of the appeal for me personally. But wherever you are the place is dominated by 'Cross Mountain' and 'Apparition Hill', and these are now part of the pilgrim experience.

Saying the rosary on the site of the first alleged apparition, and remembering Our Lady's first words to the six children of 'peace, peace, peace' is a continual reminder of how much we need peace.

This is made more poignant hearing the rosary recited by the different nationalities of the many pilgrims climbing the hill. Cross Mountain is a bigger challenge, steeper and rockier and somehow totally appropriate for the to hear the private testimony of one of the visionaries, Ivanka.

She is a mother and grandmother now and her message was simple and powerful: 'God is real. Heaven is real. Life is short. Pray. God is always with us through the ups and downs of life. Don't worry'.

When she tried to describe first seeing Our Lady she cried and hugged her hands to her chest; words were inadequate even after all these years.

We also heard the youngest visionary, Jakov, speak in public about his charity 'Mary's hands' that pairs local youths with the impoverished in the region and those in need of practical help.

Yet another highlight was the testimony of drug addicts in Cenacolo and THE FIVE STONES Daily Prayer (the Rosary). Daily Reading of the Bible. Monthly Confession. Holy Communion. Fasting (Wednesdays & Fridays). The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Formation Team Marriage & Family Life Department

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Beauty and Spirituality

Anyone who has attended any of the major ceremonial Masses cannot but have failed to have been deeply moved by the extent to which the beauty of the building enhanced the spirituality of the occasion. It is hardly surprising that pilgrims from all over the world visit to pray there.

Costly to Maintain

But like all buildings they need to be maintained. The older and bigger they are the more important and more costly it becomes. The need is constant. The Friends of Arundel Cathedral have supported a number of essential refurbishment projects; the latest being a contribution of £200,000 to the restoration of the Rose window.

Based on the 15 holy mysteries of the Rosary this window is a classically beautiful feature of the Western façade, casting late afternoon sunshine over the organ and down into the length of the nave blessing those praying below.

Leading Designer of the Time The window was designed by the lead-

ing specialist of the time, Joseph Hardman Powell in the mid 19th Century during the Gothic style revival of Christian church design. The Cathedral and its windows have been described as one of the finest in Britain. But glass does not last for ever nor does the lead supporting it.

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As Jack Clare, a Director of Holy Well Glass - the specialist company undertaking the repairs - explains:

'Restoring both the glass and the lead was a delicate and time consuming task.... the lead was critically embrittled and urgently needed to be repaired. Where possible this was conserved, but large areas of the rose have been releaded to ensure its stability for generations to come ... The kiln fired painted detail was also in a weak condition. The cleaning of the glass required careful monitoring under binocular microscopes to ensure this imagery was not lost forever. The decision was also made to attach hand painted plates to areas suffering from critical loss to reinforce the imagery within the window'.

The project is the third major expenditure which the Friends have undertaken in the last ten years, the others being the replacement of the fleche (spire) that crowns the crossing, which was found to be in a very dangerous state, and the refurbishment and modernisation of the Cathedral Centre to enable it to give much greater support to the work and ministry of the Cathedral.

Bishop Richard Inspects

The work is now complete and the scaffolding has now been removed. Bishop Richard has personally inspected the work and congratulated the renovators on the quality of their work. He commended their patience and skill in braving the elements high up in the rafters of the building.

Story: Margaret Bamford Picture: Canon Tim Madeley

You too can help...

The Friends can only continue to support such important initiatives with the support of everyone in the diocese. To find out more about what we do, please contact Lindsey Stratford, The Friends' Office, Cathedral House, Parsons Hill, Arundel, BN18 9AY; Tel 01903 884 567; email aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

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Our celebration events included: a curry evening with Bollywood dancing (*pictured above*); a concert of popular English classical music with cheese and wine; an Open Church morning with an art exhibition where the artists were available to talk about their work and a family Barn Dance, much enjoyed by all. On Sunday 19 May we all took part in a celebratory Mass, with our three Mass communities coming together at St George's Church, followed by an amazing hog roast lunch which was really special.

Our children took part in an art competition based around St George. Everyone joined in and helped us to celebrate in style while raising funds for charity.

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brated on 5 June. At Traidcraft they have been thinking about pollution. It is everywhere from the depths of the



oceans to the highest reaches of our atmosphere, so how can we fight it? Suggestions from Traidcraft include: cycling to work rather than driving; using green energy for electricity and gas; joining a community farming scheme so that our vegetables are farmed locally (within five miles) and set up a local shared distribution centre; compost all food waste and don't buy fertilisers for the garden!

Fairtrade, along with a coalition of certification schemes

promoting safer pest control, announces the launch of a new free app designed to support the reduction of highly toxic pesticide use. Offering relevant information about non-chemical pest control alternatives is key in a world where around two million tons of pesticides



are consumed every year and where around 25 FAIRTRADE million agricultural workers experience unintentional pesticide poisonings annually. The new app brings a wealth of scientific knowledge directly to the phones of farmers and plantation managers in developing countries on non-chemical pest control alternatives from agricultural knowledge resource CABI for 2700 pests and diseases. Download it at www.cabi.org/news-and-media/2019/cabi-shares-expertisein-new-app-to-help-reduce-reliance-on-toxic-pesticides

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and drama. Our theme this year is: Be strong and courageous! For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go Joshua 1:9 This year we welcome as our main speakers Joe & Sarah Wells from One Hope Project and CAFOD, Yinka Oyekan a pastor from The Gate Church in Reading and Simon Ireson previously from Worldwide Marriage Encounter with worship led by John Wright and drama from RISE Theatre.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday by Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark Kevin McDonald and on the Sunday

by Fr Peter Fitch. Join us for inspirational teaching, workshops and CaFE previews, streams for children, teenagers and young adults. Visit the website and book on line:

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Society of Saint Gregory Summer School

Would your Parish hold a **Creation Celebration? BISHOP JOHN ARNOLD recently** said in an article in the Manchester



Weekly News, 'As a Catholic, I believe we are called to care for creation in all its forms, by loving our neighbours, caring for the environment and protecting our common home.' Pope Francis in his Encyclical Letter, Laudato Si challenges us all to care for our common home

In Arundel and Brighton, we are finding ways to respond to this challenge to drastically change our ways personally and collectively as parishes. Recently, St Clement's Church in Ewell, gained their LiveSimply award and held a special Creation Celebration Mass which highlighted their hard work and achievement. Several other parishes, are looking to follow in their footsteps to LiveSimply, more sustainably, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

Our volunteers are visiting schools to raise awareness of our responsibility to take care of God's gift and to understand the impact of our actions on the poorest and to encourage them to invite their MPs to visit them too.

In June, it was wonderful to see many people from the diocese including everyone from retired parishioners to school children attending the mass Lobby of MPs, meeting them outside Parliament and calling on them to back a target for the UK to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2045.

As part of our Common Home Campaign, we at CAFOD are inviting your parish to hold over the summer, a Mass of Thanksgiving for God's gift of Creation as a response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The idea is to share food afterwards, have a conversation about our common home and complete a petition to the Prime Minister asking for a commitment to net zero.





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Jenny Finlayson, Community Participation Coordinator for Arundel and Brighton

BISHOP'S DIARY			
T		JUNE/JULY	
June			
Sat 29	11am	Guildford Deanery Confirmations at Christ	
	9nm	the Redeemer of Mankind Cranleigh	
	3pm	Guildford Deanery Confirmations at St Joseph's, Guildford	
Sun 30	3pm	Redhill Deanery Confirmations, PNL	
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July			
Mon 1	10-2pm	Visit to St Bede's School, Redhill.	
	6pm	Meeting at High Oaks	
Tue 2-W	'ed 3	Mental Health Retreat, Boarbank Hall,	
		Cumbria	
Thu 4		Visit to St Mary's, Twickenham	
Fri 5	9.30am	Mass of Thanksgiving, Grand Hotel,	
	6 20mm	Eastbourne	
Sat 6	6.30pm 11am	FOAC Summer Vespers, Arundel Cathedral Eastbourne Deanery Confirmations at OLR.	
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Sun 7	3pm	Crawley Deanery Confirmations at Worth	
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Tue 9	10.45am	Trustees' Meeting at High Oaks	
	7pm	Catenian Association Speech Competition	
	_	at Cardinal Newman School, Hove	
Wed 10	9am	Worthing Deanery Children's Conference,	
Mbar 11		Chatsmore School, Goring	
Thu 11		Connect with the Countryside Day, Ardingly	
Fri 12	9am	Mass and opening of the new garden area at	
11112	Juili	Holy Family Primary School, Addlestone	
	2.30pm	Trip to the Museum of the Mind,	
	-	Beckenham	
Sat 13	9am	CSAN Criminal Justice Roadshow, Sacred	
		Heart Parish Cobham	
Sun 14	2.30pm	Lewes Deanery Confirmations at Arundel	
Mon15	10am	Cathedral DASB Meeting at St Philip Howard School,	
101110	104111	Barnham	
	2pm	Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Specialist	
		School, Cranleigh	
Wed 17 -	Thu 18	St Mary's University Summer Graduations,	
0.1		Westminster Cathedral	
Sat 20	1pm	Visit to West Grinstead	
Cum		Mass at Portslade	
Sun	9am	Mass at Newhaven Lourdes Mass at St Wilfrid's School,	
	9.90hiii	Crawley	
Mon 22	9.30am	Mass at Barnham, St Mary the Virgin	
	2pm	Meeting at High Oaks	
Tue 23	10.30am	Meetings at High Oaks	
	11am	Episcopal Council Meeting at High Oaks	
Wed 24	1pm	Visit to Community Café at SJB, Brighton	
Thu 25-1	Fri 2 Aug	ust Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes	





Wednesday 14 to Saturday 17 August Worth Abbey and School

This year we bring you leaders from near and far to celebrate the 90th jubilee year of the Society of Saint Gregory. We welcome for a first time Fr Paul Turner, eminent theologian and author from the USA and Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, home-grown and equally eminent theologian and broadcaster, as well as several old friends of the Society. Together, we will explore the joy that is to be found in our liturgy - from hidden treasures, to invitations to rejoice. If you are involved in ministry in your parish, we are sure there will be something for you! Summer School provides practical instruction, spiritual reflection and a chance to share good practice. Director of Liturgy: Martin Foster Director of Music: Martin Barry Accompanists: Catherine Christmas and Paul Inwood For booking and more information go to: www.ssq.org.uk/summer-school-2019

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The Church and Criminal Justice – A Roadshow comes to the Diocese

ON SATURDAY 13TH JULY, the first of these events takes place here in the Diocese, at Sacred Heart Church, Cobham, and I look forward to seeing you there.

There are six prisons situated in the Diocese. These communities, albeit hidden from view in so many ways behind doors and locks, are part of our Diocesan family. In addition to the men and women fulfilling their sentence and the staffs who care for them, the families of prisoners – especially children – are deeply affected by the prison experience. This Roadshow provides a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more of the work of our prisons and the various ways in which we can reach out to those in prison, their families and to the communities affected by crime.

With the help of Caritas Social Action Network, the Prison Advice and Care Trust (Pact), the SVP and DePaul, we shall be enabled to understand more fully the many ways in which we can reach out to those in prison, as volunteers and through chaplaincy and supporting families visiting loved ones.

The day will provide an opportunity to

reflect on the ways we welcome those leaving prison as they return to our parish communities – or perhaps engage with us for the first time. We shall hear the stories of prisoners and their families and explore possibilities for assisting those who have family members in prison.

Jesus challenges us: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Mt. 25:37). Let us embrace afresh this particular Corporal Work of Mercy and join this event as an effective way to open the door to new possibilities for the work of the Gospel.

Bishop Richard





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ADUR VALLEY

AFTER A WONDERFUL celebration of Easter we have yet more to celebrate with the Confirmation of eight of our young adults and indeed the reception into full communion with the Church. and Confirmation and First Holy Communion of a parishioner from Christ the King inSteyning.

Soon after Easter many of our groups re-started: the Lunch Club at St Peter's; the Small Prayer Group where parishioners meet together for informal prayer, intercessions, fellowship and discussion based on the previous Sunday's readings; our Parish Art Group and not forgetting our Youth SVP who had a social evening with pizza, a drink, fun, games and a tuck shop!

Our Spring Fair was held in Shoreham and raised an amazing £883. On the same day the Sisters at The Towers had a very successful coffee morning in aid of their missions in Brazil and Tanzania.

With just a few more items to add, another successful plea from Mary's Meals is enabling another batch of parcels of essentials to be on its way to those in need

Having completed the recent retreat of 33 days to Merciful Love we are now starting another entitled Day to Day with Saint Faustina - 365 Reflections Penny Richardson

GOOD TO SEE Fr Sean Finnegan recovering well. And, back to the past, Ann Lardeur is asking those parishioners who knew Fr Cyril Scarborough to let her know their memories of him. He was an interesting priest and man.

The Parish have been very involved in fund raising for various causes, and as always have been very generous. The plant sale on 19 May, organised by Moyra Brohier, raised £530 to be shared between the Beaver's gardening club for their planting in the church lawn, the Christmas Fair and Madaba.

Madaba also benefitted from the fund raising lunch on 12 May when £770 was raised with a further £60 from the candidates confirmed the previous day, a nice

surprise. Mike Wood has been very active with this project and Fr Sean has agreed to extend our involvement with the Christian refugees in the Parish of

FROM THE PARISHES

St John the Baptist in Jordan. CAFOD has benefitted from the small *Lenten sacrifices for those in need* to the tune of £655 and the Bethlehem Nativity Group received £1,627 from the sale of olive wood religious carvings from the Holy Land. It is encouraging to witness parishioners being so involved with the broader community. Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

ON THE THIRD Sunday of Easter Christ the Lord in Broadfield welcomed a visiting priest from the Society of African Missions, who made an appeal on behalf of the missions and spoke to us movingly about how Jesus re-assured Peter when He appeared after the resurrection at the miraculous catch of fish and cooked breakfast for them. Many thanks also to Fr Alban Aguezeala from St John the Evangelist in Horsham who celebrated our Mass on the sixth Sunday of Easter.

EASTBOURNE **Our Lady of Ransom**

A FLORES DE MAYO celebration was held at Our Lady of Ransom; there was crowning of the statue of Our Lady, offerings of flowers to Our Lady; Marian Hymns, Rosary and Benediction followed by fellowship (sharing of food). The organisers and volunteers of this event worked hard to make it a lovely celebration. The popular parish Tea Afternoon held a Merry Tea for May with a good spread of homemade treats. Bidding prayers were shared with all our sick and housebound who are visited by Eucharistic Ministers, for the restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral, and for the people of France. A huge thank you was extended to Deacon Paul Scholey on his retiring from active ministry. He has been with us for eight years generously serving in our community. We are pleased that he will still be living in our community. Thanks were extended to Anthony Phipps for his technical expertise in keeping our parish webpage updated. The latest addition is the insertion of 84 names of those killed in our town in the two world wars; so far 33 short pen-portraits have become available as we discover more about them. Mary Staffiere

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim THE PASTORAL COUNCIL at Christ The King held its inaugural meeting on 16 May and will continue to meet at regular intervals. It has been formed of four teams of parishioners covering spirituality, finance, fabric and parish social events. The teams will meet as sub-committees in between meetings of the Pastoral Council and should provide much needed support for the clergy and parishioners in helping the parish to function as a vibrant Christian community. Parallel arrangements are in place serving the community who worship at St Joachim.

The children who recently made their first Holy Communion at each of our churches have been warmly congratulated and parents and catechists have been thanked for the support given to the children throughout the period of preparation.

Any parishioners who may have been confused or uncertain about the use of the Ordinariate Rite (usually applying to Masses taking place on Thursday evenings) or the Latin Mass (usually said on Tuesday mornings) will have had their questions answered by the very comprehensive explanatory notes compiled by Fr Neil which have been made available to all parishioners.

John Carmody

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD SCAFFOLDING WENT UP in May at Our Lady and St Peter in East Grinstead, at the start of the renovation project. While work continues, funerals will be held at St Bernard's in Lingfield. An ecumenical event to explore care of our common home was held at St Bernard's hall on 24 May. A recently released film, Global Healing, was shown

and a discussion of environmental challenges and how we could respond to them in our churches followed, with particular reference to Pope Francis's encyclical Laudate Si.

The SVP held a sale of plants and homemade cakes after Mass on 5 May in the hall at Our Lady and St Peter and, on Saturday 11 May, Lingfield SVP members hosted a family race night to raise funds for the baby feeding programme in Sudan.

A pupil at St Wilfrid's School also held a sale of cakes after Mass in East Grinstead on 26 May to support a school for disadvantagd children in Kenya. Clive Carpenter

GODALMING

LAST MONTH 42 parishioners and friends - including Fr David, his mother and four sisters from Ladywell Convent took part in this year's Parish Pilgrimage to London to visit three places that have each played an important role in the Catholic history of our capital. Our first stop was St Etheldreda's

Church, Ely Place, the oldest Catholic church still in use in London, built in 1290 for the Bishop of Ely. Fr David celebrated Mass in the beautifully restored church with its magnificent stainedglass windows.

Our second stop was Corpus Christi Church in Maiden Lane off the Strand, which only dates back to 1874 when it was opened by Cardinal Manning. The whole church and Sanctuary have recently been restored, the latter in gold leaf to resemble the inside of a tabernacle. Here we had Exposition and Benediction.

Our final stop was Tyburn Convent, which was full of relics of the martyrs executed at the nearby gallows over a period of 600 years. Then it was back on our coach for the return journey to Milford. Everyone said they had had a very enjoyable and spiritual day and were already suggesting suitable places for next year's pilgrimage!

Ian & Jan Honevsett







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WADHURST

FOR OUR LENT PREPARATION, we studied Pope Francis – A Man of his Word DVD and Fr Martin is a big fan! 15 parishioners joined and 14 ended the course. It was very touching how truly human Pope Francis is and has deep respect for every human being, no matter where they come from.

This is expressed throughout the DVD even when, he visited a high security prison in the USA. He highlighted how everyone could be reformed and he used the experience of the Good Thief who was nailed to the Cross, like Him on Good Friday and Jesus said to him, 'You will be with me in Paradise.' Pope Francis recalled this event, which reminds the prisoners, that he was the First Saint to enter the Kingdom of God after Christ's death. There were many other moments like this where people were so genuinely moved by his visits to them. Fr Martin says ' He is a true Pastor of Every Person.'

Chrissie Sturges

WEST BYFLEET

WE CELEBRATED the Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May, instituted in 1814 by Pope Pius V11 to mark his deliverance from imprisonment at the hands of Napoleon. On 18 May 67 of our children received First Holy Communion and were presented with their Certificates at Mass

the following day. Our Confirmation candidates enjoyed an Away Day to the Isle of Wight on 11

May and then on 24 we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Richard.

Pictured below are seven RCIA parishioners received into the Church at Easter.

Paul Tipple



One way to feed our spiritual lives

Shops or repositories have been a part of parish life forever. However, with the closing of the DABCEC Bookshop it may be time to rethink how we view the role of the parish shop. Many parishes around the Diocese have a repository doing sterling work. They come in many shapes and sizes, some quite big, others very small. Often they sit quietly in the background supplying rosaries on demand and medals when needed. Until now anything more could be acquired from DABCEC.

So how can we get what we need now?

Let's ask some questions.

What would the people in my parish like to have available to them? What materials are important for catechesis and evangelisation? What devotional items do we want? What sort of books are helpful to us? Can we use electronic materials? What reliable, good material can be found online? How can we share ideas among the parishes? What is going on in your parish at the moment?

Do please let us know and tell us if you can share anything with other parishes now.

And please let us have your answer to any or all of the questions above and anything else you would like to add to this dialogue.



Our next instalment will be in the September A & B NEWS. Please let either of us know your views by Thursday 25 July.

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Diocesan Communications Officer Retires

'I ONLY CAME FOR SIX MONTHS' proclaimed Mark Woods at his retirement celebrations at the St Philip Howard Centre. And here we were celebrating his role as Diocesan Communications Officer after spending 11 years in post!

Coming from a legal background, Mark came to live in the Diocese in 1994, having met Jane, a Worthing girl, and they were to be married. In 1996 he became regional organiser for CAFOD and started working occasionally out of DABCEC to build up contacts with the Diocese.

Mark continues 'I had a fulltime role at CAFOD, during which time I was ordained a Deacon in 2005. However, I was made redundant in 2008, but was offered a temporary role by the Diocese as DCO for six months, following Deacon Stuart Geary. I was asked to widen the brief

and to take on both internal and external communications.'

Many changes have taken place during his stewardship, including the need for the Diocese to act increasingly professionally in responding to the greater demands of legislation – such as health and safety. The need to have laity more involved, especially the role of women, has been another feature.

'Other aspects I can think of have been the need to have good communications of Diocesan and other activities, which should not just fall on the shoulders of our priests, and the sensible use of social media. In addition, the revitalisation of the A&B News and the introduction of the A&B eNewsletter, the latter giving the ability to get news quickly to the clergy, religious and laity. have also been a feature.

Taking all this in, I will not miss the need to have a 24/7 communications service and maybe get some time off without disturbances!

Looking back over his 11 years, Mark recalls two particular events that stick out in his mind – the change of Bishop in 2014/15 and the Golden Jubilee in 2015 at the Amex Stadium. Neither event was in his job description!

'The installation of Bishop Richard on 28 May 2015 at Arundel Cathedral was a grand occasion and not to be forgotten. He has brought a new energy to the Diocese and the Pastoral Plan is now coming to fruition. While the Golden Jubilee was a first for A&B and had few precedents in the UK, it entailed a lot of hard work in unchartered territory by many people. But it was a wonderful and memorable event' reflected Mark.

While he is retiring as DCO and taking a sabbatical year as a deacon, Mark has many other activities in mind, buoyed by a growing list of 'things to do', which includes expanding his mind and getting reinvigorated, the inevitable jobs in the garden and seeing more of his mother from Manchester. 'You asked me what advice I would give to my successor. Quite simply, make it your own job, get to know the Diocese and develop relationships' concluded Mark.

We wish Mark a wonderful retirement from his role and thank him sincerely for his steady hand at the tiller of communications over an eventful 11 years as DCO. Mark is pictured below receiving gifts from his colleagues at the St Philip Howard Centre.

Story: Peter Burholt Picture: A&B News Team





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

- Ecclesiastic he's identifying from following threads 1 (3, 2, 3, 5)
- 8 Horse after sheen's applied becomes favourite at break fast-time (4,3)
- Deploying horse into unstable wadi in the end was 9 Gordon's nemesis (5)
- 10 New York opera one of the press gets dealt (5)
- 11 Fool grabbing fish's tail is being reported (7)

get sick, falling down (7)

- 7 With heels, lassie's staggering about the road to see cult hero (5,8)
- 13 Writer's block that's obvious in some biblical text? (7)
- 14 Extrapolate number to give one hell of a solution!
- 16 Version of Jerusalem one detected in Lear nonsense (5)



QUICK Down

12 Banish divorcee when bringing a pet into kibbutz (13) 15 Spies tarnish a comeback, totally, for old lingo... (7) 17 ... they are seen to back, note, a kind of shop signage (5) 19 Oomph Siamese loses – hard being a Philistine (5) 20 Two in Oxford's tormenting the Catholic Church dis avowed? (7)

21 Manly no more, I play with a flirtatious star (7,6) **CRYPTIC Down**

- Criminally damn Imam's home in the name of religion 1 (13)
- 2 Saw up to nine together (5)
- Annoyance expressed over loud Small Faces fan's 3 feudal set-up (7)
- He's almost Catholic, this cleric on drugs (4,9) 4
- Mark's made to pause, seeing many in an unconscious 5 state (5)
- Shakespearean in support of Old English pub, stuffed to 6

18 More retiring to Colorado just in case Mexican king is overthrown (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Reverend, for one (3,2,3,5)
- 8 Boiled, fried, scrambled or poached, to be specific! (4,3)
- 9 Epithet of the Sudanese leader against British imperialism in the 1880s (5)
- 10 Doled (out) (5)
- 11 Call-sign for 'C' (7)

(7.6)

- 12 Exclude from a church or a religious community (13)
- 15 Language purportedly spoken by Christ (7)
- 17 Shop front nameplate (variant spelling) (5)
- 19 Philistine who became a commander in David's army (5)
- 20 Those who voluntarily suffer death as the penalty for
 - refusing to renounce their religion (7)
- 21 Norma Jeane Mortenson, 1 June 1926 4 August 1962

- Islam (13)
- 2 Chamber group (5)
- 3 Domain controlled by a feudal lord (7)
- 4 Member of that part of the C of E that exalts the sacraments and the authority of the priesthood (4,9)
- 5 Punctuation mark (5)
- Hamlet's one-time intended (7) 6
- 7 Focus of the Rastafarian movement (5,8) 13 Meeting of canons or monks (7) 14 Fiery Hell, as described by Dante Aligheri (7)
- 16 OT name for Jerusalem: Shakespearean sprite (5) 18 Not as confident; more squeamish (5)

SOLUTION

Haile Selassie, 13 Chapter, 14 Interno, 16 Ariel, 18 Coyer. Nonet, 3 Fiefdom, 4 High Churchman, 5 Comma, 6 Ophelia, 7 20 Martyrs, 21 Marilyn Monroe. Down: 1 Mohammedanism, 2 11 Charlie, 12 Excommunicate, 15 Aramaic, 17 Facia, 19 Ittai, Across: 1 Man of the cloth, 8 Hen's egg, 9 Mahdi, 10 Meted,