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Good Shepherd Celebrations at Worth Abbey



SCHOOLS from across the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton attended the annual Good Shepherd Liturgy on Wednesday 19 June, in celebration of the good works we do in our Catholic schools for Missio 'children helping children.'

This year, we were responding to Pope Francis' call for us all to think of others before ourselves and carry out our duty

in fulfilling the wishes of Jesus to feed all who are hungry.

The theme for our celebration was '*we are bread for the world*'.

Pope Francis wrote:

'Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, so many children

without an education, so many poor persons.

We all have to think about how we can become a little poorer, in order to help the poor; all of us have to do this.'

During the Lenten season, all our schools were asked to assist those in need by supporting Missio through prayer and collections.

The Good Shepherd Liturgy is a cele-

bration of all our schools responding to the needs of others on the request of God himself.

Schools were welcomed by St Joseph's Specialist Trust, who signed a welcoming song for all our schools to join in with.

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ST. THERESE'S FEAST DAY

Sunday 29th September 2019

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

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Thomas Kent's Pastoral Placement



ENGLISH MARTYRS PARISH in Horley was blessed to have young seminarian Thomas Kent from 25 May to 18 June for his final pastoral placement before his diaconate ordination in December.

The main purpose of the placement was to gain experience alongside Fr Francis in the performance of his various duties, which included accompanying him on his ward rounds visiting patients at East Surrey Hospital, responding to call-outs to anoint the sick or dying, visiting parishioners in their homes, and catechetical work with the Baptism and Confirmation groups and parents of First Holy Communicants. Besides observing the day-to-day running of the parish, Tom also met and got to know many of the parishioners and saw the Horley Food Bank at work.

On 27 June Tom professed his Ministry of Candidacy. His diaconate ordination will take place in December, his priestly ordination in July 2020. All the parishioners accompany Tom in prayer on his final journey towards priesthood.

Story & Picture: Teresita Chandler

Retirement of Fr Stephen Purnell

PARISHIONERS from East Grinstead and Lingfield, as well as former parishioners who no longer live in the area, packed the Meridian Hall, East Grinstead on Sunday 16 June to say thank you to Fr Stephen Purnell for his care as our parish priest for the last 23 years.

Everyone enjoyed a buffet lunch and a chance to circulate and spend time with Fr Stephen and his family. He will shortly be leaving the parish to spend his retirement on Holy Island, in his home county of Northumberland.

In a musical interlude, Fr Stephen

was serenaded by the choir of Our Lady and St Peter's, who sang a medley of some of his favourite hymns and songs.

Fr Stephen was given a cheque from parishioners and was also presented by the artist with a bronze statuette of the Good Shepherd specially created by sculptor Bill Lazard, a Lingfield parishioner. East Grinstead parishioner Mike Hope spoke warmly on behalf of us all in thanking Fr Stephen, in particular highlighting his thought-provoking preaching.

Story: Clive Carpenter
Picture: Nick Bozzini



Fr Stephen Purnell and his family at the parish party held to mark his retirement. Fr Stephen holds a statuette of the Good Shepherd created for him by parishioner Bill Lazard.

Niamh Heads for Tanzania to Volunteer on Several Projects

NIAMH RYAN, a young parishioner of English Martyrs, Horley, along with 36 other Year 12 and A Level students from St Bede's in Redhill, will be travelling to Tanzania on 14 July for two and a half weeks to engage in several volunteer projects.

The most important of the projects is to help build the house of a mother and her family which was destroyed in a storm.



Niamh and her co-volunteers will also build water tanks and buy mosquito nets for the local village.

To help fund the project, the parishioners of English Martyrs held a Bring-and-Buy cake sale and raised £800.

The picture shows Niamh, flanked by Fr Francis Ezennia, receiving the cheque from Bernadette Sealy, parish UCM Secretary.

Story & Picture: Teresita Chandler



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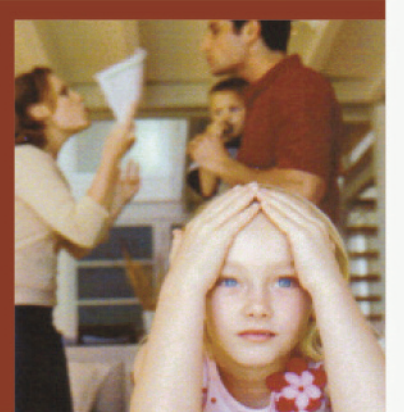
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SUMMERTIME means activity and enthusiasm, as we realise the plans of winter during the warm sunny days. This edition records particularly the involvement of A&B youth in a variety of activities.

Diocesan primary pupils met at Worth Abbey and demonstrated in a practical way that they care for other children who do not have enough to eat by collecting £10,203 for the Missio children's charity.

In London, A&B youth were well represented in the largest-ever environmental lobby of Parliament, reminding us that the Holy Father has called for profound interior conversion, to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.

Meanwhile, senior schools were enjoying the natural world, on pilgrimage in the Arundel estate, through thick woods, past rolling pastures and up gentle hills, pausing occasionally for prayers and reflection.

Elsewhere, the work of SVP volunteers was recognised and blessed, women throughout Europe met to consider issues, including Laudato si and the role of women – and as usual we report on volunteers and clergy who continue to serve and impress.

Deo gratias.



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JUST A THOUGHT

AFEW, I hope not irreverent, thoughts on the Gospel readings for August. The highlight is, of course, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven; but this wonderful happening is recorded in a very low key and matter of fact way! None of the drama and excitement which attends the Ascension of Our Blessed Lord recorded a few weeks ago. We have to go back to just before the birth of Jesus to record Mary's great prayer 'The Magnificat'.

Then there is the feeding of the five thousand. Since my early childhood I have always seen this incident as a sort of glorious picnic on the beach. I've often wondered what became of the twelve baskets of leftovers. How wonderful if we could find some miraculous way to feed today's millions of starving people.

It is easy to identify with the human failings of St Peter. In stormy seas, when Jesus comes walking on the water and tells Peter to walk on the sea to Him, Peter starts out but soon loses faith and starts to sink. Jesus takes his hand saying 'Oh ye of little faith'. Later, Peter has another opportunity to profess his faith in Jesus and this time his answer leads to Jesus saying 'Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church'... which has led to 2,000 years of clarifications of dogma, addressing heresies, encyclicals, etc. and, this year, Pope Francis enabled reconsideration of the final words of The Lord's Prayer.

Vince Gartlan

Celebrations in St Leonards...

THE PARISH of the Good Shepherd celebrated the great occasion of their Parish Priest, Fr Míceál Beatty's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood on Tuesday 4 June. Starting with Holy Mass concelebrated with many of his brother priests and deacons at St Thomas of Canterbury & English Martyrs (pictured right), it was a great celebration both liturgically and pastorally.

Fr Míceál (pictured far right) commented: 'I am moved by the generosity of my parish family. The efforts of today by so many of you is greatly appreciated. I have been truly touched by your kindness expressed today and since I arrived.'

I thank my brother priests, deacons and in particular Fr Eamonn for his generous, eloquent and thoughtful words in the homily. I thank everyone who has worked so hard in preparing our celebration and am touched by your



generosity of spirit. Blessings galore! Words cannot express my gratitude - I am humbled.'

Story and picture : Elizabeth Fitch

..and Quarant'Ore

QUARANT' ORE or 40 Hours' Devotion before the Blessed Sacrament was recently celebrated at the Parish of the Good Shepherd led by Parish Priest, Fr Míceál.

The 40 Hours commenced with the Mass of Exposition on Tuesday, which was well attended; Fr Tristan delivered an engaging and heartfelt homily, illustrated by his words on the Blessed Sacrament: 'What a perfect way to fill yourselves and the world with peace...'

The Devotion continued through until Thursday morning, with the night hours being covered by the Catenians and the Knights of St Columba, and concluded with Solemn Benediction followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Fr Míceál commented: 'What an amazing end to our first Quarant' Ore! For me the Forty Hours was spiritually enriching and it was



a great joy to witness the obvious enthusiasm and hunger for Adoration displayed by all who participated.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to 'watch and pray'..... until the next time

Story: Elizabeth Fitch

90th Anniversary in Chertsey



Feeding the Hungry event (mentioned in the May A&B news), a murder mystery evening and a parish pilgrimage to Lourdes.

One of the other highlights so far has been celebrating Mass in Lady Holland's Chapel, St Ann's Hill.

Lady Mary Augusta Fox was the wife of Henry Fox, 4th Baron Holland, who was a nephew of Charles James Fox, a Whig MP. The couple, who lived much of the time in Italy, converted to Catholicism and had a chapel built in their Surrey property of St Ann's Hill.

We were allowed access to the chapel (pictured left) in order to celebrate Mass and, in the two hours prior to this, the public were given permission to visit it. Lady Holland is buried in the chapel as her will stated that she was not to be placed underground.

On the day there were 19 of us, inside and out of the chapel, who took part in the Mass.

We were blessed with good weather and could take advantage of the beauty of this tiny place of worship.

Story and pictures: Joy Mowat

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS FOR THE October 2019 issue must reach the Editorial Office by 10am on Monday 2 September 2019. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@abdiocese.org.uk and if so please always include a contact telephone number.

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CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE at St Anne's, Chertsey, to mark the 90th anniversary of the parish. Our year began with the installation of a first class relic - a letter written by St John Bosco to Fr Macey, the priest in charge at the time. Other events have included a

'Do As He Tells You'



TEN MARRIED COUPLES from Hastings, Bexhill and Banstead, together with Fr Eamonn Monson, Team chaplain for the Hastings/Bexhill Team, spent a day of retreat at Penhurst Centre near Battle where

Fr Eamonn led our meditation on The Marriage at Cana and the way in which, guided by The Spirit, we try to follow the wise words of Mary: 'Do as He tells you.' Story and picture: Gillian & David Meyer

New Stained Glass Window at St Peter's in Hove



INSTIGATED BY THE UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS, the parishioners of St Peter's Church in Hove decided that its recent Centenary should be commemorated by the installation of new stained-glass in the west window.

After some initial hesitation a special fund was established without detriment to our usual fund-raising for our regular chosen charities. Most of the necessary money was raised and fundraising for the relatively small residue continues.

Following the parishioners' agreement, Deborah Forsdyke produced a series of designs for the parishioners to choose from.

They did. It was the portrayal of Peter and Andrew in their boat on the

Tiberian Sea surrounded by an unseen shoal of fish – the shoal that the Risen Lord instructed them to catch by casting their nets into the deep on the other side.

David Worland of Silver Stained Glass subsequently made and installed the window and on Saturday 1 June the window was slowly unveiled in a celebratory Mass with Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith (PP) joined on this occasion by his predecessor, Fr Jerry O'Brien, and with a packed congregation including many representatives of neighbouring Anglican and Methodist Churches and the Brighton and Hove Inter-Faith Contact Group.

As the unveiling began the very strong evening sunshine poured through the window and provoked gasps of admiration from the congregation. Reaction was almost uniformly positive - 'lovely', 'superb', 'really amazing' – with just one recorded cautionary 'but it won't increase numbers though will it?'

In his address, Fr Jerry asked us look at the window regularly and remember that the apostles cast out into the deep one last time - in spite of their weariness and discouragement - simply because Jesus asked them to. This was a lesson for us all: may we act with the faith they showed.

Story: John & Kate Williamson
Picture: A&B News Team



70 years of Marriage

VERA AND JOHN Keating celebrated 70 years of marriage at their parish church, St Paul's, Haywards Heath, having been married on 24 June 1949. And they can still be seen holding hands! They started their day with a Mass for

their intentions and Father Vlad gave them a special blessing. After Mass they joined the UCM for coffee and cake before leaving for a family celebration.

Story & Picture: Peter Burholt

English Martyrs in Goring Prepares for Golden Jubilee



ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH in Goring celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its church building during 2019 with a number of exciting events.

All these events will culminate in a Jubilee Mass on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2020, to be celebrated by Bishop Richard and the parish priest, Father Liam O'Connor.

Celebrations begin with a Parish Garden Party in July hosted by our much loved Father Liam.

Throughout August, there will be an exhibition, open to all, centred on the 'Reproduction of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling'. This is a much visited feature of the church created by one of our

parishioners Deacon Gary Bevans!

September will offer an exhibition portraying '50 Years of Our Church', also open to all, together with a tea party for neighbours of the church.

A twenty-four hours Prayer Vigil and a Jubilee Concert will be held in October, the latter given by music groups of the parish and local Catholic schools.

A Parish Barn Dance will take place in November.

As lasting commemorations of the Jubilee, new Stations of the Cross and a new statue of Saint Joseph will be installed in the church.

Story & Picture: Clive Kitchener

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Brendan Grady, O.Carm.

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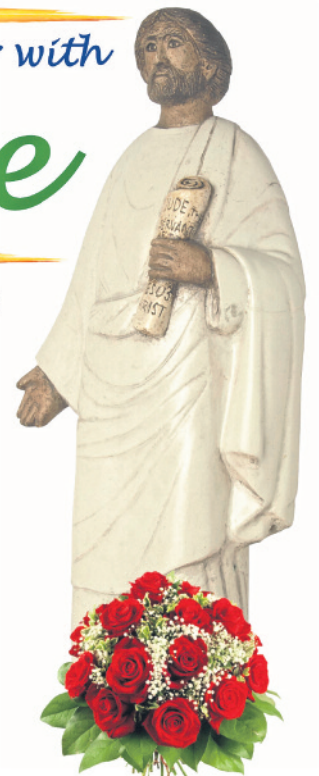
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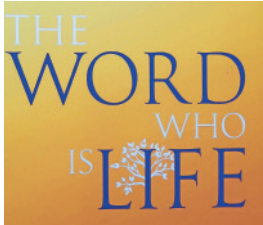


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Speakers:

Fr Martin McGee, Interreligious Priest Adviser on the Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Commission

Kauser Akhtar, Surrey Faiths Links Adviser, Muslim, Shah Jahan Mosque Woking

Sarah Feist, Diocesan Education Service Primary Adviser

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- How this teaching is passed on to our young people in our Catholic Schools
- A Muslim response to Catholic teaching
- Islam- some myths busted, opportunity to understand more
- Opportunities to hear from interfaith groups across Surrey and Sussex
- Time for reflection and personal prayer

Fr Martin McGee is our new Priest Adviser from Worth Abbey, author of 'Dialogue of the Heart: Christian-Muslim Stories of Encounter' 2015

Kauser Akhtar is our friend from Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking who is employed by the Diocese of Guildford and Surrey County Council as the Surrey Faiths Links Adviser.

Sarah Feist is from our Education Service in the Diocese. Sarah has many years of experience and can bring us all up to date with the important role our schools play in passing on the teaching of the Church on this subject area to our young people.

So, whether you are interested in finding out more about Islam, or interested in increasing your understanding of Church teaching, or you want to find out more about what interfaith groups can do for your communities, you are warmly invited to attend!

Catherine Martindale - Dialogue and Unity Adviser

Grandparents' Annual Formation Day

Elizabeth O'Shea, Parenting Expert, will help us to explore strategies to support young people with the pressures they live under today.



Monday 23rd September,

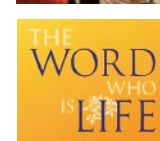
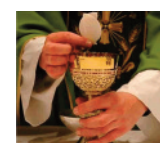
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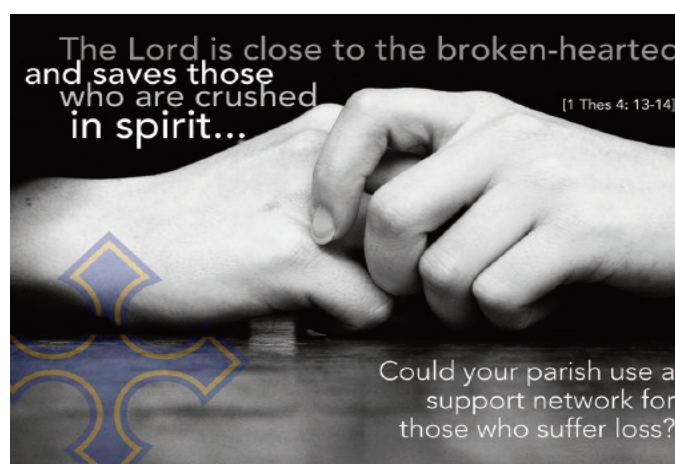
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The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Education Services



Senior Schools' Pilgrims Step Out in Arundel



THE THIRD PILGRIMAGE for Secondary Schools took place in Arundel on Wednesday 26 June 2019 and we were delighted that Bishop Richard once again was able to lead our diocesan secondary schools on their journey to Arundel Cathedral.

This year's theme was 'Be a Saint'. The day began with a pilgrimage walk through the beautiful and calming Arundel Castle grounds.

Along the route there were opportunities for students and staff to stop and take time to reflect at three prayer stations linked to the life and work of St Wilfrid, Our Lady of Consolation and St Richard of Chichester. A fourth prayer station, St Philip Howard, Patron

of the Diocese, was situated just outside the main door to the Cathedral.

Pilgrims were welcomed into the Cathedral by students from the Towers who also supplied the music and a wonderful choir (pictured below, right).

Mass at the Cathedral was celebrated by Bishop Richard and during the celebration a student from each attending school was called forward to receive a candle (see below) from the Bishop. He asked them to take their light with them, go out into the world, spread the Good News and share God's love with everyone they meet.

Story: Sarah Feist
Pictures: A&B News Team



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Good Shepherd Celebrations at Worth Abbey



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Then, St Pancras Catholic Primary school, Lewes, gathered us together with a beautiful, reflective dance.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary school, Guildford, sang the Psalm and St Bernadette's Catholic Primary school, Brighton, moved us with their wonderful response to the Gospel.

The first reading was read by a pupil from Sacred Heart school, Wadhurst and the bidding prayers were prepared and read by pupils of St Augustine's

Catholic school, Frimley.

Our schools gathered together and celebrated their generosity to those in need by presenting a cheque to Missio for £10, 203.83 (below left) and prayed that the poor will never be forgotten.

The celebration was topped off with the sun shining and schools enjoying a picnic in the wonderful grounds of Worth.

Story: Sarah Feist

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SVP Volunteers' Day



WITH ISOLATION BECOMING AN INCREASING PROBLEM in the world, the SVP (the St Vincent de Paul Society), England and Wales, is celebrating their many volunteers at the homely centre for people with memory problems, Tower House in Brighton.

Tower House Activity

Tower House is now in its second year and runs a memory café, activity groups, and provides lunches to its guests, mostly people with cognitive decline, and their carers.

SVP volunteer Peter Cropp and his wife Jo have many years of voluntary experience between them and were influential in the establishment of the centre.

Peter says: 'I have been an SVP



member for almost 60 years, and I visit people in their homes, offering friendship and support. With so many people we visited needing companionship and being stuck in their houses, too frail to go out, we thought why not establish a Centre where people can come together and talk and make friends with each other.'

A Special Place

Doreen, an older lady with memory decline, and her daughter and carer Karen, have recently started coming to Tower House to enjoy the activities.

Doreen says: 'I love talking to other people, and I enjoy sharing interests with them.' This is really what Tower House is about, and what makes it such a special place.

A former professional designer with a creative streak, Doreen tells me: 'I enjoyed the painting group' hosted by Tower House.

SVP Projects Assistant Sarah King works at Tower House and, together with other SVP staff members, hosted a banquet in celebration of their volunteers.

Memories & Reminiscences

During the meal, Frances, one of the volunteers at Tower House said: 'Because I'm older too, it's nice to be able to relate to many of the memories our guests chat about. Brighton used to have a dance hall where I would often spend an evening. It's lovely to reminisce with our guests about their similar experiences and allow them to relive happy memories that haven't faded.'

Elizabeth (pictured left) is another volunteer at Tower House. She says that she

is less busy than she used to be and enjoys volunteering every fortnight because it gives her time some structure.

Elizabeth says: 'I really look forward to coming here and meeting the guests. It's so meaningful. Many of the guests may have memory problems, they forget our names, but you can tell by the way they smile that they recognise us.'

Community Shop

As well as the volunteers at Tower House, the SVP also depends on volunteers for the St Vincent's Community Shop on Lewes Road.

Katrine is a volunteer at the Community Shop and says: 'I had to give up my healthcare job because of my own health problems. I really wanted to volunteer in a shop, and St Vincent's appealed. Not only had I learnt about St Vincent de Paul, Patron Saint of the poor, at school in France, but I also felt the St Vincent's shop was most ethical

because it was more affordable, and because the staff were very inclusive and welcoming.'

Caroline also volunteers at St Vincent's Community shop and says: 'By volunteering I feel part of the community. I'm 67 and retired, so it allows me to keep my skills and alertness up to scratch. I love chatting to the customers and it's very rewarding.'

Becoming A Volunteer
The Brighton Tower House Support Centre, and St Vincent's Community shops in Brighton and Hove are run by the SVP. To find out more or become a volunteer, visit www.svp.org.uk, contact Tower House directly 01273 549 604 or email info@svp.org.uk.

Story & Picture: Anita Boniface
(Anita is Senior Media and Communications Officer at the SVP)

SVP Tower House Blessed

THE SVP TOWER HOUSE facility that serves and celebrates older people was opened in 2017 and formally blessed by Bishop Richard in November 2017.

In late June this year he was invited to return and renew the blessing for staff and guests. So, on a warm and sunny day, staff, volunteers and guests assembled in the airy lounge.

Manager Mary Campbell introduced four guests who offered detailed and fascinating recollections of their experiences during the 1939-45 World War. This was followed by a sing-song and the Bishop readily joined in with the rendition of 'Spread a Little Happiness.'

Following the blessing, Bishop Richard chatted with several of the guests and with Elizabeth Palmer, CEO, and Kate Nightingale, Community Support Projects, national officers of the SVP who were present. He then joined guests and volunteers for an early lunch.

Brighton & Hove District President Peter Cropp would like to remind readers that **more volunteers are needed (including minibus drivers) and also there is capacity to serve more guests, particularly isolated elderly guests. So if you have someone in mind call 01273 549604 to find out about volunteering or referring an elderly friend or relative.**

Story & Picture: A&B News Staff



Bishop Richard chats with two guests

Restoration of the Cathedral Garden

THE FRIENDS OF ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL were joined by volunteers from Arundel and St Michael's Parish, Worthing, to restore the Cathedral Garden. Over a period of three months the team worked tirelessly. It was back-breaking work for the 'less youthful' but the wheelchair accessible garden overlooking the Arun Valley was

cleared of weeds, the ground hoed and tilled with plentiful quantities of top soil and compost, and then planted with sturdy flowering shrubs.

The result was spectacular, a beautiful garden has been restored, providing a place of tranquillity and beauty for all to enjoy.

Story & Pictures: Margaret Bamford



The Climate Coalition: A&B Well Represented at Historic Lobby



Pictured are Horsham parishioners and constituents including Phil Daly (with board) and Mary White (in pink)



Pictured above Jeremy Quin MP for Horsham with constituents including Martin Brown from CAFOD

AN ESTIMATED 12,000 PEOPLE took to the streets around Westminster on June 26 to lobby their MPs to call for further, faster action on climate change and environmental protection.

The Diocese of A&B was represented by school students of Cardinal Newman, Hove and St Wilfred's, Crawley as well as members of the University of Sussex Catholic chaplaincy.

Parishioners from St John the Evangelist Church, Horsham met with their local MP Jeremy Quin (pictured above); and students from Cardinal Newman met award-winning Brazilian land rights lawyer Batista as well as MP Peter Kyle.

Over 300 MPs came out to meet their constituents at the event, believed to be the largest ever environmental lobby of Parliament.

The Time is Now climate coalition, organised by over 100 organisations including CAFOD, saw a coming together of people from all faiths and walks of life.

Pictured below is former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams who attended the event along with representatives of other faith groups



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Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si' calls us to care for the gift of creation, our common home.

Story & Pictures: David White

Lourdes Helpers Supported by Worthing & District Knights of St Columba



Pictured: Miss Chloe Roberts (left), Trevor Stauss of Worthing and District KSC and Miss Anna Sharp.

YOUNG PARISHIONERS of Our Lady of England parish, Storrington, will be attending this year's A&B pilgrimage to Lourdes as Young Helpers with support from local Knights of St Columba.

A Race Night to assist with their costs was held at St Michael's, High Salvington, recently, which raised £600 for them.

Cheques for £300 were presented to Chloe and Anna by fellow parishioner Trevor Stauss of Worthing and District KSC.

Story & Picture: Trevor Stauss



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Please follow the link below to the School's website for more information. www.mayfieldgirls.org/vacancies. Alternatively, contact Mrs Karen Bowles, PA to the Headmistress by e-mail for further details and our requisite application form. kbowles@mayfieldgirls.org.

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The presentations will be on the 1st/2nd Saturday of every month beginning on 7 September, then 5 October, 9 November and 7 December. Then in 2020, 11 January, 8 February, 7 March, 4 April, 2 May, and 6 June. Each Study Day will begin with Mass at 9.00 am, followed by coffee. The first teaching session will conclude with Midday Prayer, with the second beginning after lunch until about 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch and, if you can, a friend. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.
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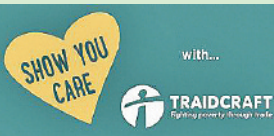

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Volunteers are needed in Brighton, Chichester, Worthing, Arundel, Burgess Hill, Dorking, Reigate, Redhill, and Leatherhead – can you help?

What is involved?
Every term, many School Volunteers visit Catholic schools to deliver lively and motivating presentations about CAFOD's work and mission in assemblies and classrooms. Volunteers are also responsible for contacting schools, by phone and email, negotiating arrangements for the visit and presentation and then following-up with correspondence.
As a School Volunteer, you can specialise in either primary or secondary schools or both. CAFOD will provide training, support and the materials needed to deliver the presentations.
In order to become a School Volunteer, you do not have to be a teacher, but need to have the ability to communicate effectively with children and young people. You should be able, or willing to learn, how to use a website to download and print resources, and how to use technology such as a digital projector, laptop, or PowerPoint to deliver assemblies and workshops. It is important to also be able to use email as a form of communication. As you will have to visit different schools, the use of a car is a distinct advantage.
It is great to have a sense of purpose, knowing that you are doing something useful for a worthwhile cause. Volunteers find this experience satisfying and enjoyable as children, young people and staff of schools are welcoming, enthusiastic and appreciative of visits. As a CAFOD Volunteer, you will be part of a team and a friendly network of people with shared values and commitments. You will have the opportunity to gain experience of working in the voluntary sector and expand your skills set.
Together, the School Volunteers are a team that is helping to shape the future for a changing world and you can be a part of that transformation!
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FAIRTRADE NEWS.....
IN ITS 40TH YEAR, Traidcraft Week has been re-established on to the calendar as a focal point to highlight the mission and values of Traidcraft - a Christian response to poverty in the developing world - between the busy periods of Easter and Christmas. Resources included a Covenant Service: 'Throughout scripture we are confronted by God's repeated call to act justly. The continuing poverty of millions in the world of plenty, the gross inequalities in the way we conduct trade are affronts to his goodness and justice. They demand a response from us'. The complete text is available at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk
25 years of the Fairtrade Mark too will be celebrated in October by relaunching a new and improved Fairtrade Church Award. Powered by people and community action, especially in churches, Fairtrade has grown from an idea about justice and fairness among a few, to a household name overturning how we think about the people who produce the food, drink and clothing we enjoy every day. The new look Fairtrade Church Award will be a fitting present to the Fairtrade Mark as Fairtrade looks to the next 25 years of making trade fair. Further details and a simple survey available at www.fairtrade.org.uk

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Andante Conference 2019

Sharing a European Perspective with Women in the Church



AS THE DIOCESAN LINK reporting to the NBCW and back to the diocese I would like to share some news of the work of Catholic women around Europe and at home.

European News

I attended Andante conference 'Women in the Church Make the Difference', in Romania from April 24 to 29. The **European Alliance of Catholic Women's Organisations (Andante)** was founded in 2006 and for the past several years has been co-chaired by Mary McHugh from England.

This was my second attendance. In 2018 I attended as an observer. This year I attended as an executive member of the NBCW and was able to put forward and vote on three future topics NBCW would like Andante to work on for the next three years.

The topics chosen on behalf of the board (in no particular order) were: Trafficking of women and violence against women; Developing women to achieve their full potential in society and in church; and Laudato Si and the role of women – implementation of Laudato Si, particularly how it affects women and the family.

The different perspectives of those attending from across Europe were reflected in the four keynote talks.

We had a talk on the historical roles played by women in the formation and development of the church, up to and including Vatican 2.

Prof. Tina Beattie from Roehampton spoke on **The Future Church – a home to hope for**, looking at what is 'home' and referring to Laudato Si and the need for new forms of language to include women.



From Rome, Zuzanna Flisowska, the General Manger of **Voices of Faith** spoke of strategies for promoting women's inclusion through leadership in the worldwide church.

There was an ecumenical perspective from a pastor from the Reformed Church of Romania with interesting initiatives such as psalm singing in a mother and baby group.

A number of workshops were given on spirituality, dance, writing blessings etc. I gave a workshop in my role as a Catholic Voice on **How to defend the faith without raising your voice** (see above). But my highlight was to discover that the Carmelite monastery in Snagov where we stayed had its church decorated with icons by the Slovenian Jesuit Marko Rupnik, and to have a tour of these. I've loved his work since seeing his icon for the Year of Mercy.

Home News

I was invited to a workshop on a new course from **Together for the Common Good**, devised by Jenny Sinclair, building on the work of her late father Anglican Bishop David Shepherd and Derek Worlock Bishop of Liverpool.

It was a bit of a forage back into the 1996 CBCEW document *The Common Good*, to explore 'What is the Common Good', looking at the principles that help us build a common life together, where everyone can flourish, with everyone contributing in their different ways while respecting each other and taking responsibility at appropriate levels for each other, and for the Earth we live on.

We explored definitions of 'family', and in group work discussed examples of participation, reconciliation, solidarity etc, concluding that we should be judged by what we are capable of doing.

In the afternoon we looked at the fractures and barriers to working together and how we break these down. We were asked what we had learned about ourselves and the people we work with. For those interested in taking this further, there are booklets and course material and training is available. A day is planned for late September in London and there are more training opportunities on:

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Saint of the Month

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In 1818 Jean was appointed parish priest (Curé) of Ars sur Formans, a post he held until his death 41 years later. Ars at that time was a village of about 320 inhabitants where attending Sunday Mass was not a common feature of village life but where he soon made an impact. The new Curé was **tireless in ministering to his parish** and was said to have remarkable powers of healing and clairvoyance. Time

and again people who met him, even hardened sceptics, said that when he looked into their eyes, he could see right into their hearts and knew exactly what was troubling them before they even spoke.

Word soon spread, particularly the Curé's reputation as a Confessor, and people travelled from far afield to meet him, queuing for hours to make their Confession.

It reached the point where Fr Vianney was spending **12 hours a day in the confessional**, even longer in summer, and the railway station in Lyons had to open a separate booking office for people travelling to Ars as there would be 300-400 visitors a day.

John Vianney died in 1859 aged 73 and was canonized in 1925. In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 150th anniversary of St. John Vianney's death, declared the Year for Priests. The Pope wrote a Letter to Clergy, encouraging all priests to look to the Curé of Ars as an example of dedication to one's priestly calling.

Veronica Peppiatt

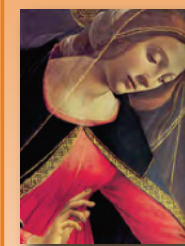


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...on Public Prayer

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FROM THE PARISHES

BRIGHTON

ST MARY'S in Preston Park welcomed our new parish priest Fr Rafal Majewski who arrived the week after Easter.

On 25 May The Brighton Deanery Confirmations took place at St Mary's. 27 young people were confirmed including 10 from the parish.

On 23 June, The Feast of Corpus Christi, 18 of our children made their First Holy Communion. Our congratulations and prayers go to all of them.

On 9 June The Social Concerns Group organised a bring a dish lunch. Over 30 of us enjoyed some delicious food and each other's company. We also raised £200 for the Lewes Prison Chaplaincy.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

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 Beavers 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 St. John the Baptist in Madaba, 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 the parishioners being so involved with the broader community.

The Feast of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated with Mass on Friday 2 June. It was well attended with a strong choir and there was food available afterwards - always good for the Parish community spirit.

The SVP have been active, as usual, with the Film Club showing 'Stan & Ollie' which would remind all those attending of the pairs' humour, and their Quiz night which raised £855 for the Society.

19 children from the Parish received their first Holy Communion on Sunday 30 June. The Toddlers' Group still meet on Tuesdays and the monthly lunch for the older members of the Parish on the first Wednesday of each month is much appreciated for the work done by Jo Waiton and her helpers.

Mike Wood is very active with our link for the Christian refugees in the parish of St John the Baptist in Madaba, Jordan, and a further £2,000 has been sent to them.

The family of Samir Kirkhwa who had an operation some months ago are pleased to learn that they have a visa for Australia and Salaam thanks our parish for supporting his English lessons. Our prayers are with them.

Peter Patterson

EASTBOURNE

Our Lady of Ransom, St Gregory and St Agnes

AT A PARTY in the Parish Centre (after 6pm Mass), Fr Raglan and Fr Tristan, along with many parishioners, offered a sincere farewell to our Wonersh Seminarian, Stephen O'Brien, who has been with us for a year. Stephen has been very active in the parish since he came, bringing along many new ideas and suggestions. This activity extended to him

accompanying staff who were taking the Year 6 pupils at St Thomas a Becket on their summer camp. We were relieved when he arrived back in one piece, having tried hard to live up to Fr Raglan's impressive record last year!

Stephen has been hardworking, very helpful and engaged joyfully with all the parishioners. Amongst all this, he also visited the sick, the hospital and the Prison, and served at Masses in all three of our churches. We hope through this, his experience here has been fulfilling, interesting and varied. He engaged wholeheartedly in our RCIA programme where he brought in many of his ideas and technical skills. We sincerely wish him well on his journey to the Priesthood. We welcome a new Wonersh Seminarian, Nick Harden and hope he has an equally fulfilling year with us.

A whole parish Pentecostal Celebration and international Mass was celebrated by Fr Tristan. Five readings were read by people in different languages and they were also invited to wear their own national costumes. A party was held afterwards with international food and drink. Many musicians from different cultures also joined in the celebrations.

Mary Staffiere

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim

THE GOING FORTH MASS for the children who have recently made their First Holy Communion took place at each of our churches on the feast of Corpus Christi when they were presented with certificates and enjoyed a party afterwards.

The spiritual nurturing of children in our parish was the topic for discussion at a meeting held at Christ The King on 13 June, the purpose being to gather team members to accompany primary school children from year 6 until they transition to secondary school.

The 11.30 am Mass at Christ The King on Corpus Christi was followed by a procession within the church, a period of adoration and Benediction,

The establishment of a prayer group to meet before the 11.30 am Mass on the last Sunday of each month has come into place as an initiative of the newly established Pastoral Council, the first prayer meeting having been scheduled for 30 June.

The parish has expressed its appreciation to Violetta Broadbent who has now retired after serving several years on the parish Finance Committee and managing the 200 Club which supports the Sisters of Mercy hospital in Kenya and the Infant Jesus Sisters' school in Nigeria.

John Carmody

EAST GRINSTEAD

Catenians of East Grinstead organised a family quiz night on Saturday June at St Peter's School for the church refurbishment project of Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead. A fish and chip supper was served. The event and an accompanying raffle raised more than £850. It gave much pleasure that the quiz was won by Fr Stephen Purnell - we always knew that his current and general knowledge was impressive.

The Gospel for Life Group held a cake and plant sale after Masses at East Grinstead over the weekend of 8-9 June.

Clive Carpenter

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

OUR RESIDENT flautist at St Teresa's in Merstham for the last 20 years, Katy Nichol, has been spirited away by her new husband, Patrick. However, we hope we shall hear her playing from time to time when she visits her family. After a short speech of thanks by Philip Schwenk she was presented with a card, crowded with good wishes from us all, a small statue of St Teresa, and a bouquet of flowers.

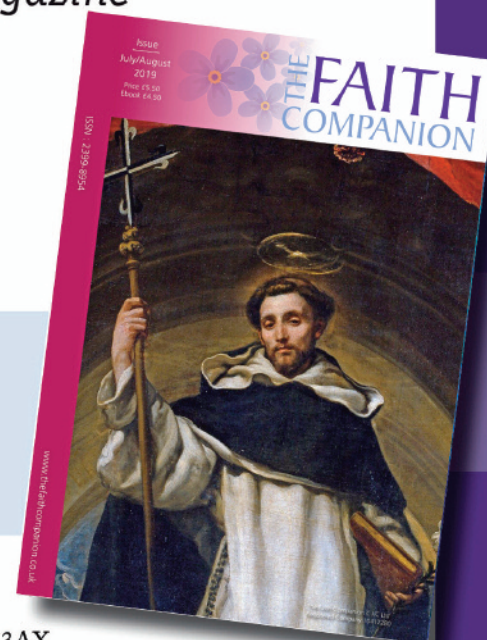


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FROM THE PARISHES

Katy (pictured) has been a parishioner since infancy and joined our music group age 13. Not only our resident flute player, she runs marathons for charity and has worked in soup kitchens for the homeless.

St Teresa's has an eclectic music group, led by maestro Pat O'Byrne on the accordion. Regular instruments are a beautiful antique double bass and a guitar, supplemented by past members who play when visiting us. Whilst we shall miss Katy and her flute, the group has recently been supplemented by a talented young pianist. He is great asset and we are fortunately in having a piano of concert quality.

Ann Laudeur



RYE
DURING a fruitful parish meeting at the end of June, a working group was set up to plan the various ways in which we might seek to spread the Word of God more effectively as a parish, and also to discuss how best to maintain the structure of our beautiful church. Following the initial discussions, some decisions were made. Each Sunday after the 10.45 Mass, tea, coffee and cake will be offered in the courtyard in front of St Anthony's and parishioners, visitors and passers-by will be welcome to join us. We hope that these gatherings will provide a relaxed forum for discussion and a happy meeting place for us all. It is also planned to make our presence as a parish more visible at various local events such as the Rye Maritime Festival, by providing focal points for answering questions and facilitating discussion.

Simon South, our soon-to-be Deacon, means to explore the possibility of running an Alpha course in the Tilling Community Centre.

As part of the preparation for the Parish Consecration to Our Lady, Fr Matthew invited Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB, to talk to us at St Anthony's about Benedictine devotion to the Virgin Mary. We also look forward to a visit in July from Rev Francis Kemsley, OCarm. He will be speaking about the Carmelites and in particular about Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Fr Matthew was himself invited to Winchelsea to talk to the residents there about the Franciscans in Winchelsea.
Jocelyn Rowe

WEST BYFLEET

DURING JUNE we welcomed visiting priests - from Africa, Fr Henry, who made an appeal for funds on behalf of the Society of African Missions, and Fr Pratap from South India, who described his work with the Untouchable Caste including building a Community Hall. In support of his efforts the Parish

Social Committee organised a highly enjoyable Bingo and Curry Night in the Parish Centre.

The SVP's Plant and Cake Sale was well supported and raised funds for the aid of the needy.

Pupils from the St John the Baptist School spoke at our weekend Masses about their planned Lourdes Pilgrimage and raised nearly £900 from their sale of delicious cupcakes and other items.
Paul Tipple

CRAWLEY

CONGRATULATIONS to our eight first Holy Communion children of Christ the Lord, four girls and four boys, who received their first communions on 1 June. Fr Chris celebrated Mass and the Mauritian choir led us in lively and joyful songs. The church was full and afterwards we enjoyed celebration cake baked by Doreen de Souza.

Many of us were at the parish festival and had a wonderful time. Fr Chris Dobson and Fr Louis Ezeilo celebrated the Mass of the Holy Trinity assisted by Deacon Andrew Bayes (pictured). Our praises rang out led by the music group, combined choirs including young adults' and children's choirs. A highlight was when the Dominican sisters of the Bulawo convent school processed in singing and dancing and shaking percussion instruments during the offertory procession! At the end of Mass, medals of St Philip Howard were presented to three of our parishioners Sheila Ranson, Jim Milligan and John Bradley by Fr Chris on behalf of Bishop Richard. Three other parishioners who were unable to attend - Gerry Lydon, Richard Emms and George Powell - were also awarded the St Philip Howard medal

which will be presented at a later date. Afterwards we enjoyed the BBQ and music and relaxed, catching up with friends old and new.

The Broadfield Arts Festival 2019 held in the community centre was a great success, building on the achievements of last year's festival. A magnificent display of art work by members of all the Crawley Parish and members of the community was on display.

Barbara Winstanley and Francis Fernandes



A group of those who used to worship at St Theodore of Canterbury have endeavoured to stay together. Under the guidance of Nick Crocker a fortnightly Thursday morning 'Prayer and Praise' is held followed by a coffee and a social 'catch up' with one another.

In the past six months two very successful evening events have also been held - the first in Advent, the latter on 16 May to celebrate the Easter season. Nick put together a programme of readings, prayers and hymns. The readings ranged from Mark 16 - the empty tomb through to John 13 and 14 - farewell discourse.

In the evening we were delighted to welcome Fr Chris Dobson and other parishioners from across the Crawley parish as well as from Dorking and Horsham. Refreshments were available afterwards to round off a very successful event.

Sheila Ransom

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TAXING TERMS (EXPLAINED)

Quoting from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy (1 Tim 2:4), the Catechism (CCC74) states 'God desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.'

The Gospel was handed on in two ways: through written *Sacred Scripture* under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; and through the living transmission of the apostles, their preaching, their examples and the institutions they created - what we call *Tradition* - also through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition have the same divine source, and the Church is entrusted with the transmission and interpretation of that Revelation.

The bishops, as successors to the apostles, inherited their teaching authority and **the Magisterium of the Church** is the teaching office of the Church, composed of a pope, the bishops or the bishops in union with the pope.

Teaching happens in two ways: **Solemn (or Extraordinary) magisterium** - used rarely, mainly for formal and dogmatic definitions by councils or Popes teaching *ex cathedra*.

Examples include the Creed, teachings on the Sacraments, Papal encyclicals on 'The Immaculate Conception' (1849) and 'Defining the Dogma of the Assumption' (1950).

The magisterium gives an authentic interpretation of the Word of God, whether in Sacred Scripture or in Sacred Tradition. Importantly, it is not superior to the Word of God but is its servant (CCC85-86).

Ordinary (and universal) magisterium - This is the universal practice of the Church concerning definitive teaching on faith or morals, communicated by the Pope or the bishops with the Pope.

Examples include papal encyclicals not written in 'ex cathedra' form, various pronouncements such as the illicitness of euthanasia, prostitution, contraception, the reservation of priestly ordination to men etc.

The teachings of both the solemn and the ordinary magisterium are to be firmly accepted and held when they are either truths taught as divinely revealed (dogma) or definitively proposed statements on matters closely connected with revealed truth.

For the magisterium's ordinary teaching on faith or morals, the faithful 'are to adhere to it with religious assent... which, though distinct from the assent of faith, is nonetheless an extension of it.' (CCC 892). This is also referred to as 'a religious assent of mind and will' by *Lumen Gentium* (LG25).

Blessed John Henry Newman to be Canonised

ON THIRTEENTH OCTOBER 2019, Cardinal Newman will be raised to the Altars.

He will be the first English person who has lived since the 17th century to be officially recognised as a saint by the Catholic Church.

We will report on the proceedings in a

later edition and on how the news was received by the two schools in our diocese that are named after him:

- Cardinal Newman Secondary School, Hove, and
- Cardinal Newman Primary School, Hershham.

Surrey Churches Together

GRACE KEAL has been appointed as the new Coordinator for Surrey Churches Together and as such is very much part of our Diocesan team. She is looking forward to working with the Church Leaders and Denominational Officers and many others across Surrey to support and develop ecumenical activity.

Grace grew up in an ecumenical context in Japan as her parents worked for the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. She has worshipped in Church of England, Baptist, Evangelical Free and Bible Pattern Pentecostal churches. It was in Lent groups that she first started to get to know Catholics. Alongside her role for Surrey Churches Together Grace also teaches in Adult Education. Grace would love to hear from anyone who would like to get in touch with her - gracecsurrey@gmail.com

Grace is pictured with Bishop Richard and Catherine Martindale, Diocesan Dialogue and Unity Adviser, at **Praise in the Park** in Banstead which took place in June. Praise in the Park is an initiative of the Banstead Five Churches, a Covenanted Partnership between Anglican, Methodist, Catholic and URC churches in Banstead. It attracted hundreds of people, with songs from local primary school children, including our diocesan school St Anne's Primary, a magician, local choirs and soloists leading us in praise.

The theme this year was **Stewards of God's Creation**. Bishop Richard addressed the crowd on this topic telling us there are more mobiles than water taps in the world! He explained that Pope Francis had met with the heads of the world's oil companies the day before telling them to reduce our greenhouse gases, otherwise it would be a brutal act of injustice towards the poor and future generations. Pope Francis called on young people, and those in business, to do all they can to make a difference. Bishop Richard explained that it is a matter of balancing the resources we use. In the NHS plastic is needed to keep people infection free, but maybe we do not need it in all our food packaging. The Bishop encouraged us to look at others and think about them before ourselves. By paying attention to what others need we will keep things in balance.

Allan Norman and Gerry Willis (pictured) were amongst others from the parish of St Ann's, Banstead doing their bit by happily taking on the task of welcoming people to Praise in the Park.

Prayers were said throughout the morning which were accompanied by the blowing of bubbles - this was undertaken by all ages! Pictured is Bishop Richard with Diana Parsk joyfully praying with bubbles! Diana is the Chairman of the Organising Committee which is made up of people from the 'Banstead Five Churches'. Diana set up Praise in the Park seven years ago and it continues to be a successful and joyful gathering, witnessing to the people of Banstead. Deacon Kevin O'Brien from St Ann's parish was also on fine form as he took turns with other Church leaders to introduce the hymns, songs and prayers.

Next year's Praise in the Park will be held on Sunday 28 June 2020 from 11.30 am, with an opening address by the Revd Nigel Uden, a Moderator of the United Reform Church. For more information on Banstead Five Churches churches go to www.banstead5.org.uk Grace Keal coordinator of Churches Together Surrey can be reached at gracecsurrey@gmail.com

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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 in 1991 as a 20 year old, and experienced what he believed to be an encounter with the Blessed Virgin.

After five years training to be a medical doctor in England, he decided to become a Dominican Priest and, after several more years in England, found himself back in Medjugorje - testifying to his supernatural experience.

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 Follow as Yet Unapproved Messages?

This is the question that troubles most Catholics. It is one thing to follow an approved private revelation, but what if it has not yet been approved?

Remember a **private revelation** can only tell us what to do for our own time, to direct our actions. Part of the process of discerning whether an apparition is authentic or not involves assessing the fruits of the phenomenon, assessing how people respond to this message and what this response does. So engaging in a yet unapproved message is part of discerning its authenticity.

There is necessarily a delay between the beginning of an apparition and its eventual approval (or condemnation). Time is

needed to discern, as well as the experience of the Faithful and their response to the apparition.

The apparitions at **Lourdes** happened in 1858, but the local bishop approved of the phenomena in 1862. If people had waited for Lourdes to be approved before going to the grotto of Massabielle, they would not have been part of the reason for the local bishop's approval. He acknowledged that the apparitions 'are supernatural and divine, and that by consequence, what [Bernadette] saw was the Most Blessed Virgin. Our convictions are based on the testimony of [Bernadette], but above all on the things that have happened, things which can be nothing other than divine intervention... such as the conversion of sinners, ...miraculous cures, and... the enormous crowds of the faithful who come spontaneously to the Grotto, who have not ceased to come ever since the first Appearances and whose purpose is to ask for blessings or to give thanks for those already received.'

The apparitions at **Fátima** began in 1917, but the local bishop approved of the phenomena in 1930. If people had waited for Fátima to be approved before going to the Cova da Iria, then 70,000 people would not have witnessed the miracle of the sun. The bishop declared the children's visions 'as worthy of belief' and permitted devotion to Our Lady of Fátima. His reasons for this approval include the vast number of witnesses to the solar miracle, conversions, healings, and 'multitudes in their thousands... coming from the four corners of the land... [who] make their way en masse to Fátima.'

At Lourdes and Fátima, the presence and experience of pilgrims even before approval had been granted was part of the reason for the subsequent approval! Therefore, the response of the Faithful is one of the reasons given for the eventual approval of an apparition, to see if the fruit it bears is truly of the Holy Spirit.

Fr Leon Pereira OP



12 Years to Save the Planet?

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John Paul, The Ecological Conversion Group
Rabbi Jeffrey Newman, Emeritus Rabbi, Finchley Reform Synagogue
John Marder, Interfaith Officer for Network of Buddhist Organisations UK
Dr Jeremy Rodell, Dialogue Officer Humanists UK and Chair of South West London Humanists
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John Paul, one of the key speakers, will be talking about the Ecological Conversion Group (ECG). The ECG is a small group of Catholic volunteers responding to Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si* in which he calls for us to become Ecologically Converted. More about the Ecological Conversion Project at <http://theecg.org/>