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Pictured at the Roadshow with Bishop Richard are several of the presenters: Anna, Matthew, Jamie, Kim, Gerlinde, Andy, Stuart and Laura.

## The Church & Criminal Justice

Exploring how our diocese can and should respond to those in prison, their families and communities.



### What can I do? What can my Parish Community do?

BISHOP RICHARD MOTH launched a new Criminal Justice Roadshow on Saturday 13 July at Cobham's Sacred Heart Church with these words 'What can I do?' and 'What can my parish community do?' Bishop Richard suggested that would-be volunteers focus on these two questions.

The first of 22 Roadshow events in England and Wales, it is designed to explore how Christians can, and should, respond to those in prison, their families and communities. A&B was chosen for the first event because of Bishop Richard's connection to the Prison Service.

The day was hosted by Pact and CSAN. Pact (Prison Advice Care Trust) have been supporting prisoners for 120 years as a Catholic Charity and CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network). Caritas in their title means Christian Love... which is expressed in their charitable action. CSAN is the UK network for Catholic charities and is part of Caritas Internationalis, the second largest NGO in the world.

Introducing the event to 80 plus delegates from across Arundel and Brighton and beyond, Bishop Richard said 'We have 83,000 people in prison. Our society resorts to imprisonment quite easily; sentences have got longer, and we imprison people

largely in Victorian buildings designed for incarceration, not for rehabilitation.'

Delegates heard presentations and took part in workshops covering prison-based family services, community based services, the community chaplaincy, prisons families' helpline, London befriending and court support services.

Currently the prisons in our diocese covered by Pact are Coldingley (Bisley, Surrey), Send (Woking), Downview and Highdown (Banstead, Surrey), and Ford (Littlehampton, West Sussex). Bishop Richard added that the parishes around our prisons are especially invited to volunteer. Chaplains from all these prisons attended the Roadshow and led a workshop.

Responding to a question, Bishop Richard advised that prison legislation and reform is happening now following representation from the Bishop's Conference, including a call to avoid sending people to prison on short sentences for relatively minor crimes and the recommendation that community-based punishments be used instead.

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including details of how to volunteer



**ST. THERESE'S FEAST DAY**

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The most moving part of the day was a talk by Jamie, an ex prisoner, who said: 'In 1997, I murdered two men.' He outlined his journey from knife killer, through to his need for reconciliation and help, to his new, law-abiding life, holding down a job and contributing to society. 'I consider every day a privilege,' Jamie said, 'and it all started with my first visitor on my first day in prison, Fr Frank.'

Jamie, now out on licence, says he will never forget his two victims, who were aged 24 and 26, when he murdered them. 'It is so difficult to ask for forgiveness,' he explained. 'I was supported during my time in prison, and after I was released. I am so grateful to those who volunteered to support me.' Jamie's Catholic faith continues to sustain him.

Further lived experiences followed from the organisations represented. During lunch conversations continued in small groups. After lunch Speed Workshops took place where delegates split up into roughly equal groups and attended all the workshops with strict time limits in each. Details and some contacts follow but all can be contacted through [prisonadvice.org.uk](http://prisonadvice.org.uk).

**Pact**  
Pact offers a wealth of different opportunities to get involved, either as individual volunteers or as whole parish communities, with free training and support from a Pact manager, including:

**Prison visitor centres volunteers**  
Working within the prison visitors centre attached to prisons, and in the prisons, duties can include making tea and coffee for prisoners' families, listening and

being there for the visitors who can find the whole experience very overwhelming, and also supporting children in Pact Play Schemes, some of whom can find the whole experience very daunting and upsetting. Shifts are in four-hour blocks.

**Mentoring**  
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If Pact are not able to offer you an opportunity in your area, they can refer you to the local chaplain.

**Operation Elf**  
Operation Elf is Pact's Christmas Campaign for Prisoners' Children. It's a bit like a Food Bank, but for children's toys, books and other gifts. Parishes who sign up to the scheme are provided with specially branded 'Santa Sacks' for the back of Church, and a poster listing the kinds of items needed by children whose parents are in the local prisons. To find out more about how to get involved with Pact, contact [parishaction@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:parishaction@prisonadvice.org.uk).

**Community Chaplaincy**  
The objective is to attract those interested in supporting both the families of prisoners while they are in prison and subsequently the prisoners and their families on release. The families requiring support would be identified and referred via the Prison Chaplaincy service. Full training is provided and there is a buddying/support process to ensure volunteers feel ready before working with

the families. Levels of involvement/commitment are flexible and are driven by the volunteer themselves. Contact is through [communitychaplaincy.org.uk](http://communitychaplaincy.org.uk)

**Prison Chaplaincy**  
Working inside the prisons to support the prisoners in their faith journey and the challenges of daily life in prison, supporting/running scripture groups, discussion groups, listening to individuals who need an ear to talk to.

**Welcome Directory**  
This is a programme that any parish can join, aimed at educating parishioners about the realities of prison and the support that both ex-offenders and their families need from a caring and loving community. There are three training days for the parish leadership team to complete before the Parish is awarded the Welcome Directory kitemark. The parish is then entered into The Welcome Directory and signposted as a safe place for ex-prisoners and prisoners' families to go without risk of stigma where they can be guaranteed a warm welcome. Contact [welcomedirectory.org.uk](http://welcomedirectory.org.uk).

If you wish to express an interest in volunteering, to request a speaker in your parish, or just want to ask to be kept in touch with Pact, or if you would like to do any (or all) of these things please send an email to [info@prisonadvice.org.uk](mailto:info@prisonadvice.org.uk) and let us know whether you are interested in volunteering with:

- prison based family services;
- community based services;
- helpline, London befriending or courts work;
- community chaplaincy;
- prison chaplaincy;
- welcome directory;
- operation elf;
- book a speaker for your parish; or

- would like to be kept in touch with Pact.

Bishop Richard closed the Roadshow repeating his initial words: 'What can I do?' and 'What can my parish community do?' followed by the closing prayer.

Story: Vince, Simon and David  
Picture: David



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# Brighton Celebrate Conference 2019

**'Be Strong and Courageous for the Lord your God is with You Wherever You Go'**

ONCE AGAIN, the Diocesan annual Catholic Charismatic Event 'Celebrate Brighton' was held at Cardinal Newman School Hove on 13-14 July. Over 300 people enjoyed a transformed sports hall to praise and worship God through lively music, drama, talks and workshops exploring the theme of the weekend 'Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' (Joshua 1:9 NLT).

Children were looked after in age appropriate 'streams' and, followed their own fun-filled programme, joining the adults to celebrate and participate in Masses on both days.

There were also opportunities for people to receive prayer from a prayer team and attendees were encouraged to be open to whatever God wanted to say or do for them.

## Pope Francis Launches CHARIS

At Pentecost this year, Pope Francis launched CHARIS, a new service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide that brought together previous charismatic organisations in the Catholic Church, giving it canonical status.

He clarified his vision for Charismatic renewal in the Church by giving it three areas to concentrate on:

1. **Evangelisation** – To share 'baptism in the Holy Spirit' with everyone in the Church
2. **Ecumenism** – serving the unity of the body of Christ
3. **Serving the poor.**

At the launch in Rome, preacher to the papal household, Father Raniero Cantalamessa, said 'charismatic' should always be an adjective rather than a noun: one can no more speak of 'charismatics' as a specific group than one can speak of 'charitables', for it is in the nature of the whole church to be charismatic, as it is to be charitable.

## Meeting the Holy Father's Wishes

The Brighton Celebrate weekend certainly met the wishes of our Holy Father. Through the talks, the drama, the prayer and the sense of loving community people were able to journey deeper in their relationship with God.

Through the meetings with other Christians and the inspired talk of Yinka Oyekan from The Gate Church in Reading (and the President Elect of the Baptist Union UK), people listened to, were inspired by and led into prayer through a non-Catholic Pastor.

Through the representation of various charities such as Mary's Meals and Welcome Home Trust Tanzania, participants also had opportunities to respond to the needs of the poor.

## Brighton Celebrate Participants

This was a truly diocesan event that linked people from parishes and deaneries around Brighton and beyond.

It was supported by The Wellspring Community and their Deep Waters group, the Catholic Bible School, local Priests and Deacons and the Archbishop Kevin McDonald Emeritus of Southwark, RISE theatre, Goodnews Books and Agape Ministries.

Individuals and groups from parishes also supported the running of the event from planning and setting up the event - to making sandwiches and helping serve tea and coffee.



visions God had put into our hearts that help to build up His kingdom here on earth. The evening ended with a time of prayer ministry when participants who wanted prayer for healing or other intentions came to the front of the hall to receive prayer from others trained in prayer ministry.

## The Sunday Sessions

### Praise, Worship, Learning

Sunday again opened with uplifting praise and worship, followed by a short drama focused on the 'listening Jesus' who is always ready to listen (and talk) when we turn to him.

The main Sunday talk was from Simon Ireson who gave a moving and powerful personal testimony about how the death of his wife completely changed the focus of his life from work and material indulgence to one of complete trust in God in every area of his life. He encouraged us all to do the same.

Sunday ended with a joy-filled Mass for all the family celebrated by Fr Peter Fitch. This is always an uplifting yet slightly sad part of the weekend.

Uplifting because it is truly the climax of a faith-filled weekend that helps people to experience the joy and happiness of the thanksgiving which is the Eucharist ...and sad because such a joyful weekend is drawing to a close.

### Winding Down, Looking Forward

As usual, as people were leaving or helping to return the school to its normal state there was much discussion centred around how different and good such a weekend was, how much people had learnt, prayed and experienced and how much people felt that their lives had been touched more deeply by the loving spirit of God.

As people left, they were told the dates for next year's Celebrate Brighton (11-12 July) and the chance to return to the school for a vigil Mass later this year on 19 October at 4pm.

Story: Brighton Celebrate Team  
Photos: A&B News Team

## The Saturday Sessions

The weekend opened with praise and worship led by local talented musicians leading to an introductory talk by Joe and Sarah Wells, two young Catholics who encouraged the participants to 'Step in, step out, and step up'. Stepping into the grace God is always giving; step out in faith and step up to the challenge of evangelising those around us.

The morning ended with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Kevin McDonald (pictured above, top).

In the afternoon there were a variety of spiritual workshops to choose from covering a range of topics from Christianity & Science to Life in the Holy Spirit.

After the workshops all participants were invited to share a meal together and enjoy the friendly family atmosphere.

The evening session continued with an exploration of the conference theme given by Rev. Yinka Oyekan - known for his energy, enthusiasm, and success in evangelisation and church planting.

Yinka encouraged attendees to grow into the amazing people God designed us to be and to pursue the dreams and



Yinka Oyekan in full flow, distributing copies of his books

'So much fun, such a sense of family and church, my children loved it, I loved it. Please do this again'.  
(participant feedback on Brighton Celebrate 2019)

# A & B NEWS

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AS I WRITE THIS at the hot, sweaty end of July, parishioners and clergy have already departed or are busy packing for Lourdes - and we have a new Prime Minister.

On return, the Diocese slumbers through August, enjoying well-earned rest and recuperation (although liturgies and so on continue).

Come September, the schools are gearing up for another academic year; Formation Team is finalising the Autumn launch of its courses; parishes are in the midst of a host of programmes; Pact has, hopefully, received and is responding to many A&B enquires about supporting prisoners and their families; Bishop Richard's diary is full as ever and in Crawley the A&B News Team is working on the October edition.

Thanks for the relative quiet of August that lets us reflect and prepare for another busy year.

It also gives us time to pray that the pains of preparing for Brexit will soon be healed and reconciliation with a satisfactory outcome will be in place before the year end.



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## JUST A THOUGHT

MY WIFE AND I moved house ten years ago and lots of our possessions remained packed away in cardboard boxes until we could find time and inclination to place them around our new home. And so for months we lived with bare walls.

In a fit of enthusiasm one day I opened one of the boxes and discovered our family 'art work'; one of the pictures in the box was that of the Blessed Virgin, a gift of my mother's offered to her some 80 years ago on her wedding day.

For me it is an object of special value that generates strong emotions of love - for both Mary and the memory of my mother.

After some careful thought I hung the picture at head height on the landing because I knew it would be frequently in my line of sight during the day.

A decade later...the picture remains on the landing wall and as I pass by each day, my eyes light on it and my thoughts still turn to the Blessed Virgin in loving prayer.

John Lodge

# East Worthing Parish Celebration of the Church as Family

WAY BACK in the Autumn of 2018, at a diocesan function, Deacon John Body had mentioned in conversation to Bishop Richard that he and his wife, Sue, would be celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary on 30 June 2019 and that this would also be the 15th Anniversary of Deacon John's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. On hearing about this Bishop Richard suggested that he would like to come along to the parish to celebrate with them at the normal 10.30 Parish Mass. It was from such an off the cuff conversation that a whole series of events were to join forces to bring about a wonderful celebration of the Church as Family.

The sun came out to shine in spades on the morning of Sunday 30 June, the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Unknown to Deacon John back in the Autumn, the timetable for our Parish Sacramental Programmes had already been set and 30 June was to be Certificate Day and Sending Forth for those young people from the parish community who had celebrated either Confirmation (Arundel Cathedral, 19 May) or First Eucharist (Holy Family, Lancing, 16 June) this year.

### Planning for the Event

Parishioners were aware of John and Sue's celebration and had organised to prepare tasty comestibles at home and drop them off in the Parish Centre before going into the church ready for Mass. What was not known in the Parish was that Fr Daryl had, some months previously, applied, through the Bishop's office, to the Holy Father for two members of the Parish to be considered for the Bene Merenti award for longstanding service to the Diocese, the Parish and the local community in Lancing. Initially, Fr Daryl had thought that if the Bishop was coming to the Parish it would be appropriate that he should present these awards, however, it was not until the Tuesday before the Mass that the Bishop contacted Fr Daryl to say that they had arrived from Rome. So it was, at this point, that Fr Daryl made contact with the recipient's large extended family to tell them about the award and invite them to be present. Many of the family were from surrounding parishes and their presence would have tipped-off the recipients that some-

thing was up had they been seen. But, by several means during the few days before many had arranged excuses as to why they would be at the Mass to allay any suspicions.

### The Homily

During the celebration Deacon John gave the homily highlighting the family of the Local Church, with Bishop Richard as head and the commitment this represented; how appropriate it was that members of our community were receiving Certificates of Sacramental incorporation into the Local Church marking increased commitment; and that he and his wife would be renewing their forty year commitment to their marriage vows. This renewal of their commitment was celebrated by Bishop Richard after the homily, referenced in the Prayers of Intercession and represented by John and Sue's two grandchildren bringing the gifts forward for the Mass. Deacon John and his wife Sue are pictured with Bishop Richard.



After the final Collect of the Mass Bishop Richard called forward the newly Confirmed and the youngsters who had recently celebrated their First Eucharist to receive their Certificates. They are



pictured below the text.

### Bene Merenti Awards

At this point Fr Daryl approached the lectern and said that he was fully expecting to be royally told-off for what he was about to announce, at which point there was an audible sharp intake of breath from most of the assembly. He then announced that the Holy Father had agreed that two of the local church family were to be given the Bene Merenti award and gave their names Patrick and Sheila Dunbar, asking them to come forward. Trapped, they had no choice and presented themselves at the foot of the sanctuary both very confused. Bishop Richard then pinned the awards to them and presented each with a framed certificate, to a rapturous round of applause from the congregation. They are pictured with Fr Daryl and Bishop Richard.



After Mass all retired into the Parish Centre next door for a wonderful buffet lunch. Fr Daryl is still not sure that he's been forgiven, though he is at pains to point out that he didn't have to tell any untruths at all!

Story: Fr Daryl George  
Pictures: Mark Woods



## Congratulations to Our 2019 Jubilarians



THE ANNUAL MASS for Jubilarians was celebrated on 13 June in Arundel Cathedral, presided over by Bishop Richard - who was himself commemorating the tenth anniversary of his own ordination as Bishop.

Pictured are:

#### FRONT ROW:

Fr Desmond Baker (50)  
Fr Brian Lowden (40)  
Bishop Richard  
Fr Jerome Bertram Cong Orat (40)  
Fr William Bradley (60)

#### BACK ROW:

Fr Martin Thompson (40),  
Fr John O'Sullivan (50),  
Canon Tim Madeley (25),  
Fr John Garry SPS (50),  
Canon Tim Traherne (40).

Picture: Mgr Tony Barry

# The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Jordan Pilgrimage 2019

**K**NIGHTS AND DAMES of the Order go on two pilgrimages to the Holy Land (Palestine, Israel and Jordan) annually, to support the Christians there especially the Christian schools, which they finance. Across the Holy Land the Latin Patriarchate operates 41 schools and 35 kindergartens, educating about 19,000 pupils, Christian and Muslim.

My husband, Michael, (*extreme right in group photo of Southern Section KHS*) is a relatively new Knight and we recently joined their Spring pilgrimage at the Jordan part of the trip. The spiritual leader was Fr Mark Madden KCHS. A priest of Liverpool Archdiocese he is the Chaplain of the Northern Section and is parish priest of English Martyrs' Parish, Litherland Liverpool. We were privileged to be accompanied by The Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP KC\*HS, the Archbishop of Liverpool - and also the Prior of the Northern Section of the KHS. There were about 40 of us in total.



### Amman, Jordan

We stayed in the Visitation Convent (Rosary Sisters) on the outskirts of Amman, and the first evening joined in a Marian Procession which took place there (*pictured below*). This was a surprise event for us all, and one that we really appreciated - being amongst local Christians and celebrating with them, albeit in Arabic.

Our first outing was to the Jubeiha School in Amman a school of 800 children age 6-18. We were given a huge welcome. The pupils are about 50% Muslim and 50% Christian, and the school has an excellent reputation. The little ones performed a song for us, we saw displays of crafts and artwork, and a traditional dance by the teenagers, boys and girls. There was a strong feeling of love and optimism amongst the staff and pupils, a real enthusiasm for learning and for the school as a whole. It was a lovely experience.

### Mount Nebo and Gadara

A very special holy site is Mount Nebo from where God showed Moses the Promised Land, which he would never reach. It was a deeply quiet and holy place - we could see the Dead Sea, the lower Jordan Valley, Jericho and, in the far distance, Jerusalem. One wondered

how Moses felt, seeing this but never reaching it.

Another special place was Gadara, the likely place where Jesus cast out the demons into the 'Gadarene swine'. It was Archbishop Malcolm's favourite site, from where can be seen the Sea of Galilee, the upper Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights and Syria beyond. Auxiliary Bishop William Shomali, the Patriarchal Vicar for Jordan, gave us an audience. It was very interesting learning about the situation of Christians in Jordan - which is a tolerant and stable country allowing Christians full practice of their faith (although proselytising is illegal). We were served tiny cups of herbal tea and sweets in the Jordanian manner.

### Refugee Centre and Jerash

Another highlight was the visit to the Refugee Centre run by an Italian priest.. Fr Mario Cornioli. He and the young Iraqi Christian women we met gave us a warm welcome and we were invited to see their handiwork, which many of us bought. The work helps the refugees to have a useful life, as legally they cannot obtain work in Jordan.

The Roman town of Jerash was a won-

derful experience, covering many acres and showing in considerable detail how a Roman town was laid out, some of the streets being almost intact. We were treated to a display of 'Roman soldiers' with their weapons, and their chariots and horses - some of us got to ride in the chariots too!

The trip was very well-organised and we had an excellent guide throughout, and despite the heat (37c at times) it felt very worthwhile and a true spiritual experience. We had Mass every day, usually at local Christian churches and with local people, which felt very special. It helps to know how it is to be a Catholic Christian in a non-Christian country. Perhaps we are all feeling that here in the UK too!

Story: Melinda Heathcote

### KEY FACTS KHS

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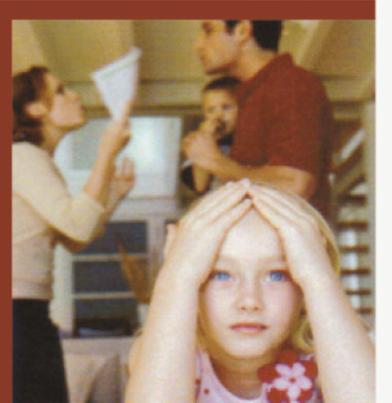
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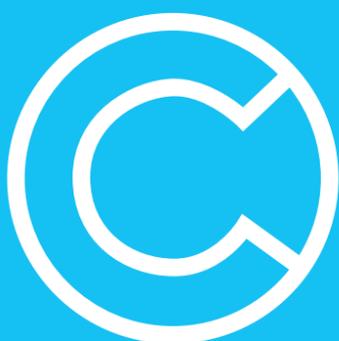
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## Day of Celebration and Mass of Thanksgiving for Our Catholic School Leaders



**F**OLLOWING ON from the highly successful Catholic Leaders' Day held last year on the theme 'I am the true Vine', the Education Service welcomed over 50 Headteachers, Senior Leaders, Governors, school Chaplains and members of staff involved in the ministry of Catholic school leadership, to a Day of Celebration and Mass of Thanksgiving on the Pastoral Plan theme 'The Word who is Life'.

This year, the event was hosted by the Eastbourne Deanery on the sunshine coast, in beautiful surroundings by the sea. The focus of the day was to celebrate and give thanks for the wonderful contribution Catholic leaders make to



schools in our diocese. The day opened with a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Richard, during which Bishop Richard took the opportunity to formally commission recently trained Section 48 Inspectors, thanking them for undertaking this important ministry in Catholic schools.

Following that, Director of Education Marie Ryan warmly welcomed school leaders and used the coastal context to reflect on the Word through the lens of what it meant to be a fisherman in the 1st Century. In a rich and carefully crafted presentation, she explained that when Jesus chose his very first disciples, he didn't go to the establishment; he didn't recruit the educated or the wealthy, he deliberately sought out fishermen to be his ambassadors and to spread the Word.

'Come, follow me' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him; Matthew 4:19-20 (photo left courtesy of Wintershall).

Through this inspiring and very well received presentation, delegates were encouraged to consider what life was like for the first disciples and how they might relate this back to their current situation as Catholic Leaders in the 21st century. After the presentation, delegates were given some time to reflect in small groups on the qualities of leadership: authenticity, respect, love, service, honesty, integrity and prayer.

To finish the day, delegates were treated to a lively dramatic session on 'breaking open the Word', led by actors from Wintershall. The vibrant and engaging retelling of scripture demonstrated perfectly how the Word can be brought to life and accessible for all.



# Saving the Planet with A&B

Hello all! The Ecological Conversion group (ECG) have hijacked this page to inform you with a mixture of highly pressing matters and good news. Firstly the urgent news. If you were not already aware our planet is currently experiencing an ecological crisis. What do I mean by ecological crisis? *Story: John Paul de Quay*

## THE CRISIS

**WE ARE CONNECTED** to neighbour, nature and planet in an integral ecology, linked through economy, travel, communication, the media, natural resources and our atmosphere, making the whole world our wider community. The reality of the connectedness (ecology) of our planet means that through our everyday actions we become complicit in exploiting our poorest who, unlike us, are acutely aware of our utter dependence on natural resources and ecosystems. We need to realise our interdependence with our global neighbours. We can no longer believe ourselves to be individuals apart from our global ecology. We need to act quickly.

'Our destruction of nature is not just bad stewardship, or stupid economics, or a betrayal of family responsibility; it is the most horrid blasphemy. It is flinging God's gifts into His face, as if they were of no worth beyond that assigned to them by our destruction of them. ... it is not a crisis of our environs or surroundings; it is a crisis of our lives as individuals, as family members, as community members, and as citizens. We have an 'environmental crisis' because we have consented to an economy in which by eating, drinking, working, resting, travelling, and enjoying ourselves we are destroying the natural, god-given world' (Wendell Berry).

St Pope John Paul II suggests that this should be remedied by the 'ecological conversion', whereby the effects of our

encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our actions with the world around us. By being aware of the connections we can begin this journey towards ecological conversion, we can use these existing links through our integral ecology to serve rather than exploit our neighbours. This is how we can all make a huge difference, personally, as a community and as a global church.

## THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is there is lots going on in the diocese to tackle our crisis. The Bishop has just signed the diocese up to the **Journey to 2030**, a campaign run by the ECG.

In a nutshell, the Journey is a simple website providing a calendar of events and opportunities for the Catholic Church in England and Wales to get involved with. It will also provide practical advice on living more holy lives through being aware of our ecology as well as resources from the Bishop's conference to help implement change in the dioceses.

**Journey to 2030** provides a focal point for different Catholic groups working in the field to co-promote their work, and an opportunity to keep signatories accountable to their pledges, and encouraged and supported in their ambitions.

Why 2030? We have, according to the UN, a decade to make unprecedented changes to stabilise our climate before we face triggering of tipping points from which there may be no return. The UN also hope to meet the Sustainable Development

Goals by 2030. It is a realistic target for us in the Catholic church to make a sustained and meaningful change. It is a commitment to a journey over a decade, not a quick campaign but a move to a more considered way of being, growing in relationship with God, our neighbour and the Earth itself.

We aim to launch the '**Journey to 2030**' at the end of The Season of Creation on the feast of St Francis.

## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation, an ecumenical initiative initiated in 1989 and endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015, happens each year between 1 September and 4 October each year, uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home.

The Vatican has encouraged us this year to participate in this season. Four years after the publication of Laudato Si, we still face an urgent challenge, with increasingly dire warnings about the future we face without unprecedented changes.

The Season of Creation is an opportunity to focus on an ecological spirituality and work ethic in both the way we operate as a church and at the parish community level.

At a parish level, we would be pleased to see CAFOD's Creation Masses and the Bishops' Conference and Café Global Healing projects encouraged. We would encourage holding a Creation Celebration on the 1 September, with a screening of Global Healing the same day or

shortly afterwards, to engage parishes in the message of Laudato Si.

## GETTING INVOLVED

The LiveSimply inspired activity poster which we produced with CAFOD is a perfect way of getting your parish involved in tackling our crisis and using everyone's skills and abilities.

Everyone should get involved bringing their own particular skills and interests in tackling our problem. We are working with CAFOD, Santa Marta group, Justice and Peace and our environment group within the diocese to work together on this problem which affects us all.

We will use everybody's skills to work together to tackle this ecological crisis and foster caring communities, rooted in the joy of the Gospel.

This whole campaign was started by a bunch of ordinary folk who felt compelled to do something with their education and creativity. We hope the campaign will provide a platform for you to use yours.

For more information on creation celebrations contact Jenny Finlayson: [jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jfinlayson@cafod.org.uk) or call 01483 898866. The Global Healing film and activity poster can be found [www.journeyto2030.org](http://www.journeyto2030.org).

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Contact John Paul at [jp@theecg.org](mailto:jp@theecg.org).

**REIMAGINE OUR COMMON HOME**  
ACTIVITY POSTER

**PRAYER**  
Could you regularly include prayers for climate and our common home in your bidding prayers and in your prayer groups?

**LIGHTING**  
Are there ways of consuming less electricity? Turn some lights off?

**APPRECIATING NATURE**  
Do you have an area outside the church that could be made pleasant for people to congregate and enjoy being outdoors? Could you plant fruit trees? Or make a vertical garden? Add climbers to walls or add potted plants?

**WALK TO CHURCH**  
Could you organise a regular walk to church Sunday?

**WRITE TO YOUR MP**  
Let them know what you are doing to revive our common home.

**HEATING**  
Could you increase the efficiency of your heating?

**RECYCLING BOXES**  
Why not provide recycling boxes for unusual items not covered by local councils e.g. plastic, crisp packets, bottle tops or batteries?

**CAR SHARE**  
If you need to drive, could you share a car journey with people in your area? Especially if they are less able.

**BIKE RACK**  
Could you encourage riding to church by providing a safe storage space for bikes?

**HOLD A CREATION CELEBRATION**  
Bring your parish together at a Mass followed by a meal to get your parish talking about climate change.

**WILDLIFE GARDEN**  
How many ways can you think of to attract wildlife to the garden?

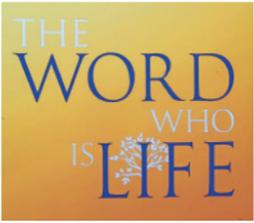
**VEGETABLE GARDEN**  
Could you use church or local land to grow food for your community?

**MEAT**  
Reducing your meat consumption could make a huge difference. Why not explore making catered events meat free?

**FLOWERS**  
What are the environmental impacts of cut flowers? Could your local florist find seasonal and regional alternatives? Potted plants and trees are an attractive and money saving alternative.

**CHURCH HALL**  
Is your hall open? Does it serve the community? Could you host a sharing library, sewing and mending club or repair cafe?

**THE SHED**  
Could you share useful things like tools with your community? Perhaps a tool lending library? Sharing cuts down on buying things you don't regularly use.



# The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Formation Team

*Serving the communities of our Diocese*



## Introducing the A&B Diocese Formation Team

**THE DIOCESAN FORMATION TEAM** exists to support the parishes and communities of the diocese. The team comprises seven advisers covering specialist areas but also working together on overlapping issues.

Although the team is based at the St Philip Howard Centre (formerly DABCEC) it works across the diocese and advisers will always come to parishes or deaneries to deliver courses or provide other support.

Alongside the parish work, the team organises a number of diocesan events which are hosted in different parts of the diocese to enable all to access these opportunities.

Details of the range of courses available can be found in the Courses and Resources booklet. The courses listed are flexible and advisers will adapt material according to a particular need.

The Advisers are always available to discuss your specific requirements.



### THE TEAM

#### BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

Tessa Ricketts - Social Action  
 Jack Regan - Youth  
 Catherine Christmas - Liturgy  
 Katherine Bergin - Marriage & Family Life  
 Dcn Jon Harman - Formation & Spirituality  
 Ruth Gerun - Secretary  
 Canon Kieron O'Brien - Episcopal Vicar for Formation

#### FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

Rosie Read - Secretary  
 Margaret Fraher - Inclusion  
 Catherine Martindale - Dialogue & Unity

### New Appointment: Simon South



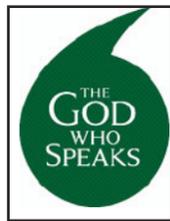
**SIMON** was appointed in July as the Parish Family Groups Project Worker, within the Marriage & Family Life area.

He will work with the Marriage & Family Life Commission in delivering specific projects and in supporting the ongoing work of the Formation Team, working with families in developing faith and supporting couples through all stages of married life.

Simon lives in Rye with his wife Lynn and their five children. Before joining the Formation Team, he worked in the pharmaceutical world and as a project officer for a children's charity.

'I'm truly excited to be joining the diocesan team and looking forward to meeting and working with the diocesan family' Simon said.

## The Year of the Word: the God Who Speaks



**SCRIPTURE**, the Bible, the Word of God, whatever we like to call it, is at the centre of everything the Church does: in our prayer and worship, how we understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to one another.

In 2020 Catholics in England and Wales will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new initiative.

It will be an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to The God who Speaks.

Throughout the year there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country and our Diocese.

Please keep an eye out for information and resources coming to Parishes and Schools in the Autumn.

### Schools of Prayer Rollout Scheduled

**L**AST MONTH we provided an update on how we planned to achieve the emphasis on prayer and spirituality mentioned in the Pastoral Plan.

I am now pleased to be able to announce that the Schools of Prayer and Weeks of Guided Prayer, that were mentioned last month, will be launching in **Worthing, Lewes, Guildford and Epsom Deaneries** from October this year.

This programme is being provided in association with the Jesuits and the Diocesan Spiritual Network and promises to be a very exciting and fruitful opportunity in our Diocese.

Information and publicity will be sent to parishes in these Deaneries in September, so please keep an eye out.

For further information on The God Who Speaks initiative and the Schools of Prayer Rollout, please contact:

Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation & Spirituality, at the St Philip Howard Centre on 01293 651157 or - [jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk)

### Recent Diocesan Appointments Announced by COO Sarah Kilmartin

**Laura Maydew-Gale** appointed Diocesan Communications Officer, based at Bishop's House, Hove, and starting on 2 September.

**Ian O'Sullivan** appointed IT Manager, based at Bishop's House, Hove, and starting on 2 September.

## Saint of the Month - Venerable Matt Talbot

**H**EROIC IN VIRTUE as opposed to a saint, this month's focus is on the Venerable Matt Talbot who can be considered the patron of men and women struggling with alcoholism.

He was born in 1856 in Dublin, before the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). His father worked on the docks and had a difficult time supporting his family. Many of Matt's family members were alcoholics, including his father and some of his brothers.

After a few years of schooling, Matt obtained work as a messenger for some wine merchants; there he began to drink excessively from about the age of 12. For over 15 years Matt was an active alcoholic and considered 'hopeless'. He spent his wages on alcohol, got into fights, swore, and on more than one occasion he sold possessions, including his boots - or would steal so that he could buy more drink.

One day, broke and rejected by his drinking buddies, and after a discussion with his mother he decided to take 'the pledge' for three months, make a general confession and begin to attend daily Mass. His mother encouraged Matt in the pledge 'Go, in God's name but don't take it unless you are going to keep it'.

This he did but it was very difficult for him, especially in the early years of abstinence. Avoiding his former drinking places was hard. He began to pray as intensely as he used to drink. He also tried to pay back people from whom he had borrowed or stolen money while he was drinking.

Most of his life Matt worked as a

builder's labourer, and he continued after taking the pledge until ill health stopped him in 1923. He joined the Secular Franciscan Order and began a life of strict penance and fasting; he abstained from meat nine months a year. Matt learned how to read and write and spent hours every night avidly reading Scripture and the lives of the saints. He particularly liked St Teresa of Avila, St

Teresa of Lisieux and St Catherine of Siena. He prayed the Rosary conscientiously and made many devotions like the Stations of the Cross or novenas to the Blessed Mother. He went to Mass daily.

Though his job did not make him rich, Matt contributed generously to the missions and gave most of his money away.

Matt died in 1925, to all intents and purposes a pauper, on his way to church on

Trinity Sunday. Fifty years later, Pope Paul VI gave him the title Venerable.

In looking at the life of Matt Talbot, it is easy to focus on the later years when he had stopped drinking for some time and was leading a penitential life. Only alcoholic men and women who have stopped drinking can fully appreciate how difficult the earliest years of sobriety were for Matt.

He had to take one day at a time. So do the rest of us.

'Venerable Matt Talbot pray for us'.

Story: Jackie Ballard

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### Canonisation Prayer

Lord, in your servant, Matt Talbot you have given us a wonderful example of triumph over addiction, of devotion to duty, and of lifelong reverence of the Holy Sacrament. May his life of prayer and penance give us courage to take up our crosses and follow in the footsteps of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Father, if it be your will that your beloved servant should be glorified by your Church, make known by your heavenly favours the power he enjoys in your sight. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

### Some Matt Talbot Quotes

Three things I cannot escape:  
- the eye of God,  
- the voice of conscience,  
- the stroke of death.

'In company, guard your tongue.  
In your family, guard your temper.  
When alone, guard your thoughts.'

### A Favourite Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner (The Jesus Prayer).

### Process of Beatification

After a deceased Catholic has been declared a Servant of God by a bishop and proposed for beatification by the Pope, they may then be declared Venerable ('heroic in virtue'). The Congregation for the Causes of the Saints scrutinizes the evidence of the candidate's holiness, work and signs that people have been drawn to prayer through their example. To reach Beatification a miracle needs to be attributed to the prayers of the individual - this is when they are given the title 'Blessed'. Finally, with a second miracle attributed to the prayers of the candidate, the process leading to Canonization is complete.

## TAXING TERMS (explained)

**T**HE TERM **KERYGMA** comes from a Greek word that may be translated as 'proclamation' or 'preaching'. It refers to the initial and essential proclamation of the Gospel message in the New Testament, the very heart or essence of the Gospel. The word is used nine times in the New Testament, including six times in the letters of St Paul.

Pope St John Paul II put it like this: **Kerygma** is 'The initial, ardent proclamation, by which a person is one day overwhelmed and brought to the decision to entrust himself to Jesus Christ by faith.' (Apostolic Exhortation *Catechesi Tradendae*, *On Catechesis in Our Time*, by Pope John Paul II).

It can be distinguished from didache (another Greek word meaning teaching, instruction or doctrine), nowadays called catechesis, the fuller and more extensive doctrinal and moral teaching and Instruction in the faith that follows once an enquirer has accepted the **Kerygma** and been baptised.

Ideally, every Christian should be able to tell the saving story of Jesus' life in a simple and logical manner.

There are a number of summaries of the **Kerygma** - here is one that reflects the four stages:

1. God has a plan for your life.
2. Sin interrupts that plan and separates you from God.
3. Jesus Christ died and rose so that you could be forgiven of these sins and be united to God in heaven.
4. Through faith and his Church, you can be united to God forever.

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# Ray Mooney's Camino Challenge



**C**ANCER IS TRAUMATIC in anyone's life and often a time of forced reflection on what we have achieved and what we have still to do. How will loved ones cope if all goes wrong?

This was the case with Ray Mooney, recently Coordinator of the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage Redshirts. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in May 2018. This was not the first time he had encountered a major illness – back in 1989 his wife went to the Lord, something which left an indelible mark on him and his family.

### Reasons for Walking the Camino

'Thank the Lord, my surgery was successful and having recovered I felt I wanted to make a difference; to give thanks for life and to give something back to life. I wanted to support those affected by prostate cancer and to support the Lourdes Pilgrimage' Ray reflected.

'It was important to me that, whatever I decided to do, it had to have a spiritual content. I met up with a friend who had walked the Camino Frances and this got me thinking. I decided that was what I wanted to do.'

### Starting the Walk

Rolling the clock forward to the end of April this year, Ray had travelled to the start of the challenging Camino, The

Way of St James. While there are a number of starting points for the pilgrimage, he decided to begin at St Jean de Port in France and to walk 500 miles to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Thirty-five days and a million steps!

Ray continued 'I was on my own and had no real idea of what to expect. I was truly in the Lord's hands. Rucksacks were in place and here we go! However, the morning of Day One nearly finished me off! The terrain was, by far, the steepest of any other part of the Camino. Had I bitten off more than I could chew? Still, I was determined not to give up on the first day.

Surprisingly, by the time Day 8 arrived I was feeling remarkably fit and quite happy to carry on, spurred on by messages from home. I had photos hanging from my front rucksack of family and friends, some of these had passed



away. They were rotated each day as a symbolic journeying together.

There were days I would walk for hours on my own, giving me space and time for personal reflection.'

One great aspect of walking the Camino is meeting people from many parts of the world. Ray's experience was no different - he walked with, shared food or accommodation with over 200 people from 37 nations. Stories were shared so quickly with complete strangers, reflecting very personal events in their lives.

These stories could easily fill a complete edition of the A&B News but, to give an example, Ray describes one particular experience.

### Other Pilgrims' Stories

'I remember I had got to a resting place and met with 75 year-old Gerado and his 27 year-old daughter, Yohana. He had walked the Camino 15 times and his daughter, five times.

While talking about our Camino experiences and reasons for being here, both father and daughter suddenly burst into tears. We had only been talking for twenty minutes. They had just received a phone call saying that Yohana, only married for five years with a four year-old daughter, had to quickly return to her home in Spain and undergo an operation to remove a life-threatening tumour. Gerado had agreed with his daughter to continue his prayerful pilgrimage, as it was his way of helping in this dire situation.

I was at a loss in dealing with this unexpected news; after all, they were strangers. In my embarrassment I fumbled in my pocket and took out a finger rosary I had been given in Lourdes last year by a friend, just before my operation. I gave it to Yohana and said to keep it with her until such a time she could pass it on to another friend in need.

Returning home, with much relief I found out that the operation had been a complete success. God is good!



When asked, would he do this again, his unhesitating response was 'Yes, it was one of the best decisions I have ever made.'

If you would like to sponsor Ray in aid of Prostate Cancer UK and the A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage, go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Ray-Mooney>



Words: Ray Mooney with Peter Burholt  
Pictures: Ray Mooney and fellow pilgrims

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**FAIRTRADE NEWS....**  
 IN RECENT WEEKS we have been talking a lot about transparency. You may be wondering why the theme is suddenly all about the climate?  
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 Robin Roth, CEO, Traidcraft  
 Full text from [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/blogpost/there-is-every-cause-to-panic-climate-change](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/blogpost/there-is-every-cause-to-panic-climate-change)  
 A huge 'thank you' for supporting Fairtrade. The FAIRTRADE Mark is 25 years old. UK communities have been at the heart of the success of the Mark since it was launched in 1994, so the 25th birthday is a celebration of you and your local networks, and we are invited to join the party: see [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk). For schools, keep an eye out for new Fairtrade resources in the Autumn term. There will be more gingerbread based fun in the run up to Christmas. Fairtrade Fortnight 2020 takes place from 24 February - 8 March. More information about themes and activities: [www.schools@fairtrade.org.uk](mailto:www.schools@fairtrade.org.uk). Margaret Vasey

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**Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**  
 On first Saturday in each month at St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2PJ  
 Next Mass 1.00pm on Saturday 7 September  
 Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton  
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**WORD LIFE** **DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS**  
 Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass for all Diocesan Altar Servers on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 12 noon in Arundel Cathedral  
  
 All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to serve are welcome to attend.  
 Please bring a cassock/ cotta or an alb if possible.  
 Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Lower Cathedral Hall  
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 Whether you eat simply at home, have a simple meal with your family or organise a soup lunch with your parish, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to people living in poverty.  
 People like Fabiano (pictured below). Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education - and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install the solar-powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely.  
 On Family Fast Day, we invite you to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money saved to help children like Fabiano. You can make it an event by inviting your family, friends and fellow parishioners to join you in having a simple soup lunch or supper.  
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 Elouise Hobbs, World News Officer CAFOD



**BISHOP'S DIARY**  
**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

<b>August</b>		
Fri 30	4pm	Vocations Gathering, High Oaks
Sat 31	12 noon	Polish Pilgrimage, Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge
<b>September</b>		
Tue 3 - Thu		Prison Chaplains' Conference, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Wed 4	7pm	Guildford Catenian Dinner
Fri 6		Education Team Retreat Day
Sat 7	10am	Thanksgiving Mass at HMP Coldingley
	5pm	Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Staplefield
Sun 8	10.30am	Induction service of new Head Teacher at Annecy Primary School
Tue 10	10.30am	Meetings at High Oaks
	11am	Episcopal Council at High Oaks
	6pm	Mass and Confirmations at HMP Send
Wed 11	11am	Meeting at High Oaks
	4.30pm	Crawley Deanery Schools' Mass
Thu 12	10.30am	Meeting at High Oaks
	7pm	Mass at Duncton to celebrate 150th year since Consecration
Fri 13	9.30am	Meeting at Bishops' Palace, Chichester
	2pm	Refugee Steering Group Meeting at High Oaks
Sat 14	12 noon	Altar servers' Mass at Arundel Cathedral
Sun 15	5pm	Parish Visitation to St Joseph's, Epsom
Mon16-Tue17		Clergy Overnight at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean
Tue 17	6pm	Induction Mass for James Field, St Richard's Parish, Chichester
Thu 19	11am	Department Meeting, Archbishop's House, Southwark
	4pm	Adoremus Bishops' Working Group Meeting, Eccleston Square
Fri 20	12 noon	Mass at Gatwick Airport
	7.30pm	Ministries Mass for Deacon Students, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rottingdean
Sat 21	10am	Day for Religious at Worth Abbey
Sun 22	6pm	Parish Visitation Ewell
Mon 23	10am	Grandparents' Formation Day at St John's, Horsham
Tue 24	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
	5pm	Governors' Meeting at St Mary's University, Twickenham
Wed 25	12 noon	Recently Ordained Clergy Lunch, High Oaks
Thu 26	10.30am	Meeting at High Oaks
Fri 27	pm	Clergy Overnight at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean
Sat 28	10am	Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers, Mayfield School

# Catenians' Memorial Walk for Pat Hall



**M**ANY CATENIANS from Epsom and South West London stepped out in style on the May Bank Holiday Monday to celebrate the life of their dear friend, Pat Hall, for the first Memorial Walk in his name.

### The Walk

The 12-mile walk from Hampton Court to Roehampton Gate in Richmond Park matched the average mileage that Pat, at the age of 84, walked each day on the 100-miles Camino to Santiago de Compostela in 2014.

Shorter walks suited all abilities, starting at Roehampton Gate, Pembroke Lodge and Pen Ponds car park and all ending at Roehampton Gate.

The 66 walkers included grandsons on bikes and a granddaughter in arms, who took to the tow path from Hampton Court to Kingston or from Pembroke Lodge to Roehampton Gate.

### Organising Refreshments

Organiser John Flood of Epsom Circle said: 'Approaching the terrace of Richmond Hill there were steps and I suggested we each choose a number for the

steps leading up to the terrace - and that the person closest to the correct answer should pay for the drinks'.

I chose 32 and the right answer was 33, so I ended up buying the round!

The last group arriving at the Roebuck Inn were soon joined on the terrace, with its spectacular view over the Thames, by those arriving from Roehampton Gate.

Walkers used the opportunity to view Henry's Mount, created by Henry VIII, from which there is a protected view of St Paul's Cathedral.

### Participants

Participants ranged from those in their 80s to one who was just five months old. Their achievement, coupled with that of the 24 cyclists on the 600 mile ride from Versailles to Lourdes in Holy Week, has secured sponsorship.

'With Gift Aid added, and sponsorship from Pat's colleagues in the London South West Catenian Circle, we could soon exceed the target of £2,500' said John shortly after the walk.

The participants included members of the Hall family and others including Teddy Totman, also a member of Epsom Circle. Teddy walked with Pat on his first major walk, the Wainwright Coast to Coast 15 day walk. Remarkably, this was in Pat's 80th year.

As well as John, joining the memorial walk was one

other who came from Indianapolis who had walked his last major walk with him, the Camino.

There were colleagues from HCPT, Catenian brothers from both Pat's Circles, London South West & Epsom, plus brothers from Sutton, Mid-Surrey Circle and former Grand President Peter Woodford from Reigate Circle.

### Concluding Mass (and pub buffet)

The walk was followed by a Mass celebrated by Pat's son, Fr Simon, and schoolboy friend, Fr Jean-Patrice Coulon MSFS, at the Kairos Centre in Roehampton. Appropriately, this was the meeting place for Pat's primary Catenian Circle.

Weary walkers ended the day with a buffet at the King's Head pub nearby, where anecdotes relating to Pat were shared and his life richly celebrated.

John added: 'Please follow Pat's lead by giving generously for the benefit of the children HCPT take to Lourdes. Anything raised in excess of £2,000 will benefit the children in Epsom - based HCPT Group 24, which made its 55th consecutive annual pilgrimage in 2019.'

More details of the Pat Hall Memorial Walk and of the HCPT Cycle are at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pathalmemorialwalks](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/pathalmemorialwalks)

Story: Vince Yearley Pictures: John Flood



## Bookshops/Repositories - Can You Help?

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**W**E HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF REPLIES to our article in the July A & B NEWS about repositories and bookstalls across the diocese, but we would like to know more from you- and hear from more of you!



Most of all we need to know where there are existing repositories or bookstalls within parishes, which could be accessed by people in other parishes.

We can think of a few and will try and contact the people who run them soon, to see if they can help. Do please tell us what you have locally.

We could then publish details in A&B NEWS.

Another task would be to share knowledge of how those who run these stalls can obtain items they would like to sell - we all have our little secrets and wheezes!

It is also important to know what parishioners are looking for - so, who ever you are - please do tell us.

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## FROM THE PARISHES

### CRAWLEY

THE FRIARY CHURCH was full on Thursday evening 11 July for the Mass of thanksgiving and farewell for Fr Chris Dobson, who will be retiring from parish ministry this summer, Fr Louis Ezeilo, who will be taking up an appointment elsewhere as a parish priest, and Deacon Andrew Bayes who will be taking a sabbatical (all pictured below).



As well as Crawley parishioners, clergy from other local churches in the town joined us.

As at the recent parish festival Mass, we were once again delighted to see the Dominican sisters of the Bulawao convent school processing in drumming,

singing and dancing and shaking percussion instruments during the offertory procession!

Afterwards we enjoyed a buffet reception in the Friary Hall. We will certainly miss them all, and are grateful for their ministry over the years and wish them well with our prayers for the future.

*Barbara Winstanley and Francis Fernandes*

### EASTBOURNE

**Christ the King and St Joachim**  
OUR parishioner, John McManus, who recently retired from the post of chairman of governors at St Thomas a Becket School, has been awarded the St Philip Howard medal in recognition of his many years of service to Catholic education and support for young people with special educational needs.

In thanking John for his commitment and dedication, we also have cause to thank Rachel Turner who has retired as headmistress of the school, a position she held for over 20 years.

On 6 July our parish community welcomed year 6 pupils from the school to our 10am Mass at Christ The King as they attended a day retreat.

Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle held a cheese and wine party in our parish room on 8 July and this was followed by a talk on The Mission of the Church given by Paul Scholey, Deacon at Our Lady of Ransom.

On 11 July we welcomed Katherine Bergin, the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser, who spoke on marriage preparation. We are now planning to embark on a marriage enrichment course due to start in September.

We are grateful to all those involved in organising an International Food Evening held on 13 July which raised over £580 for the parish.

*John Carmody*

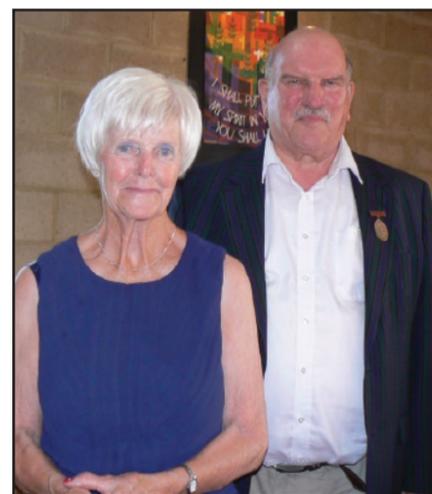
### EAST PRESTON WITH ANGMERING

WE HAVE long anticipated July 2019 as a month for significant parish celebrations at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Collective breaths were held somewhat after Fr David Rea suffered a bad fall at home, rendering him housebound and unable to celebrate a number of Masses. However, with physical assistance and support he was determined to say Mass for the golden wedding anniversary of Veronica and Paul Kelly and to present them with a Papal Blessing (pictured below).



The following day, at Mass, Fr David marked Terry Warren's 40 years of dedicated service to our diocese by presenting him with the St Philip Howard medal and citation from Bishop Richard. During that time, Terry (pictured right, with his wife Nuala) has regularly played the organ for our parish and composed much liturgical music which is used in our church.

*John Scott-Cree and Deacon Allan Veness*



### TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS FOR THE **October 2019** issue must reach the Editorial Office by 10am on **Monday 2 September 2019** and for the November 2019 issue by 30 September. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to [abnews@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:abnews@abdiocese.org.uk) and if so please always include a contact telephone number.

It is helpful to us if Correspondents keep them to **no more than 200 words** and include a word count. Please use the **highest resolution possible** when taking photographs and **do not reduce the quality** when you send them to us.

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## Race for Life



REPRESENTATIVES from Finance, Tribunal, Chancery, Welfare and the St Philip Howard Centre took part in the Worthing Seafront Race for Life on 16 June and Brighton Stanmer Park on 30 June

For many weeks we trained together and separately to prepare for this event. Most of us had never run an event before and were excited and nervous as we gathered in Steyne Gardens for a warm up in the wind and rain; then, we were off to the start line on the seafront.

Thankfully the rain stopped but we had a headwind on the outward section and, as we turned, this gave us a boost on the return back to the finish!

We were supported by Claire Johnson - who turned up with the fab DAB Banner, and the son and husband of Amanda Jones, our St Philip Howard Centre Manager.

Those taking part in the Brighton event were treated to very different weather conditions as it was a really warm day and a hilly route through the beautiful Stanmer Park.

A brilliant fundraising effort by the team raised a total of £2,555.25.

Story: Maggie Wares

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## HenPower with St Richard's School

YEAR 8 PUPILS at St Richard's have been taking part in a fantastic initiative to support older people run by Equal Arts recently.

HenPower is intended to creatively engage the pupils with older people in arts activities and hen-keeping to promote health and wellbeing and reduce loneliness.

The pupils looked after hens, and worked with residents who are suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease at Bexhill's



Ambleside Residents Home.

It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to show care in the community, engage with older residents and learn about the challenges faced by some on a day to day basis.

Danny from year 8 really enjoyed the visit and said 'We spent

the morning talking to the residents and singing songs with them. We played games like Jenga with them. The home has chickens and we were able to bring these inside so that the residents could stroke them. I really enjoyed this opportunity.'

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Story & Picture:  
Miss M Pennington

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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

### The Mother of God does not make appointments with visionaries.

This objection assumes a great deal of knowledge on how Our Lady operates. It is probably occasioned by Our Lady's appearances in Medjugorje at various times, told in advance to the visionaries. Most often, Our Lady appears at 17:40 every evening. Look at the facts:

- At **Guadalupe**, on the third day of the apparitions (11 December 1531), Our Lady said to Juan Diego, 'You will return here tomorrow, so you may take to the bishop the sign he has requested. (.I will await you here tomorrow).'
- At **Lourdes**, at the third apparition (18 February 1858), Our Lady asked Bernadette, 'Would you do me the great favour of coming here for fifteen days?'
- At **Fátima**, at the first apparition of Our Lady (13 May 1917), Our Lady told Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, 'I came to ask you to come here on the thirteenth day for six months at this same time.'

These few examples show that Our Lady is perfectly capable of making 'appointments' with visionaries.

*Fr Leon Pereira OP*

## The Monastery Church, Queen of Carmel



knitting together of Christ's humanity with his divinity.

The whole mosaic is an illustration of the scripture (Revelation 19:7) announcing the marriage of the Lamb, as written on the open book held in Christ's left hand.

Our Lady the Bride is dressed in dazzling white, while John the Baptist points to the Bridegroom, full of joy as we are told by John 3:29. Invited to the wedding are the saints who stand to give homage behind the City walls.

The Mosaic is just part of the wonderful art that helps give the church a special spirituality: Heaven on earth.

*Story & Pictures: Sue Petritz*

THE MONASTERY CHURCH, Queen of Carmel is a church built in the 21st Century for the Discalced Carmelite Fathers in Snagov, outside Bucharest, Romania. Using natural materials of warm brown timbers and marble floors that gleam whiter as they approach the altar provides an apt setting for the mosaics of Father Marko Rupnik sj.

I have loved his work ever since seeing his icon for the Year of Mercy. As you enter the church, your focus is drawn to the sanctuary in the distance where Christ sits as Judge and King.

In this large mosaic overlooking the altar we see Our Lady and John the Baptist point to Christ to acknowledge him as King and to confirm to us that He is the one. With his right hand Christ is ready to crown Our Lady. She holds in her right hand, close to her womb, two balls of knitting wool. This signifies the



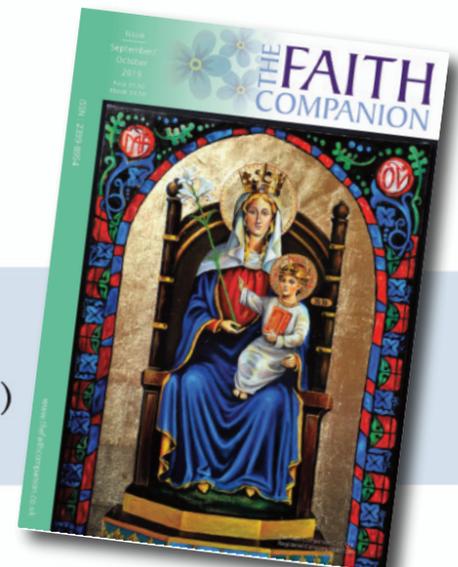
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