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A&B's Secret Army of Lourdes Volunteers

OUR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE of over 700 pilgrims is one of the largest groups in Lourdes each summer and, while many of the pilgrims probably appreciate that a great deal of work and preparation must go into making the pilgrimage the great success that it is, I doubt that they are aware of the full extent of the 'behind the scenes' work involved. This summer I set out to find out more about this work and about the 'secret army' of volunteers involved.

THE MEDICAL TEAM

The medical team – often with a stethoscope around the neck or wearing a nurse's uniform – are fairly visible and identifiable members of the support team, but the work to ensure that the medical needs of the Assisted Pilgrims (APs) can be met begins long before they arrive in Lourdes. I met with **Dr Jane Pateman**, Medical Director of the pilgrimage, who leads a team of 8 – 10 doctors and around 30 nurses in Lourdes and who took me through the preparatory work involved each year.

Her work begins in November with a meeting at the Lourdes Office to finalise/refine the application form which goes live in January. Training is organised for those who are going to undertake home visits that start in February and continue through March and April. Around 30-40% of APs need to be visited by one of the medical volunteers, usually a nurse but sometimes a doctor, who conducts an in-depth assessment of all their needs and whether they can be accommodated in a hotel or need to be in the Accueil (hospital).

In early May the process of allocating APs to particular hotels or to the Accueil takes place and then the allocation of helpers to hotels/Accueil can follow. The most appropriate means of transport also needs to be decided – charter



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flight or jumbulance? Clearly Dr Jane and the team in the Lourdes Office are working closely together throughout this process.

Other preparations Dr Jane is involved in include: training for new helpers; training for those helping in

higher dependency areas; refresher courses on policies and procedures, such as safeguarding; identification of special equipment needed e.g. oxygen, hoists, etc. and whether this needs to be brought from the UK or can be hired in France. All this is before they have even

set off - and once in Lourdes there are daily meetings where all medical/nursing arrangements are reviewed.

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Story: Veronica Peppiatt
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Cardinal Newman to be Canonised in Rome

BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN will be declared a Saint on Sunday 13 October by Pope Francis in St Peter's Square, Rome, in front of an assembled throng of many thousands – including Bishop Richard and representatives of Arundel & Brighton Diocese; millions more will watch the ceremony on television.

The last canonisation for England & Wales was in 1970 when Pope Paul VI canonised 40 English and Welsh martyrs executed between 1535 and 1679, more than 300 years ago.

Cardinal Newman (1801-1890) was a man of great intellect, a philosopher, theologian, poet, preacher, teacher and priest, noted for his personal holiness. Ordained a Church of England priest in 1825, he subsequently led the Oxford Movement and converted to Catholicism in 1845. After studying in Rome, he was ordained a priest and became an Oratorian, a spiritual son of St Philip Neri.

Made a Cardinal in 1879, he turned down the customary move to Rome and lived in Birmingham

until his death.

The first miraculous healing at the intercession of Cardinal Newman took place in 2001 and was of an American who, after suffering a spinal disorder, saw a television programme about the Cardinal, and subsequently prayed to him. The Canonisation was then enabled by a second miracle in 2013 when a pregnant woman, a long time devotee, was inexplicably healed of life-threatening internal bleeding.

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Knights of St Columba Reward Helpfulness, Kindness and Support

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA (KSC) of Hastings and Rother made their annual presentations at the three Catholic Primary Schools in Hastings, St Leonards and Bexhill recently. The pupil nominated by the Head Teacher for the Award receives a shield, a certificate, and a £20 voucher, and is made to the child considered to have shown consistently help, kindness and support at home or at school.

Story: Patrick Coates



ABOVE: At St Leonard's St Mary Star of the Sea RC Primary School, winner Alyssa Alba is pictured with her proud parents and Sean Harkins, District Deputy Past Grand Knight

BELOW: Winner Jessica Kavanagh of Hastings Sacred Heart RC Primary School receiving her award from David Giles, Past Grand Knight, and Joseph Hellett, Head Teacher



LEFT: Winner Saskia Mitchell-Wright with her proud family and Fidelis Okoliko, Deputy Grand Knight Hastings & Rother, after the Leavers Mass at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bexhill

The KSC was founded in Glasgow in 1919 and named in honour of Saint Columba, a Christian missionary from Ireland who helped to introduce Christianity to some of the people in the north of Britain. The organisation is dedicated to the principles of Charity, Unity



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Sussex Students Impress at Public Speaking



THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION Province 18 (www.sussexcatenians.org) organised a Public Speaking Contest for Catholic Senior Schools in Sussex on Tuesday, 9 July.

The event was kindly hosted by The Cardinal Newman School, Hove, and was adjudicated by Bishop Richard Moth, Sharon Howes from The Martlet's Hospice and Marie Ryan,

Director of Education for the Diocese.

Nine schools were invited and three provided two students each: Cardinal Newman Hove, St. Paul's Burgess Hill and St. Wilfrid's Crawley.

The event was won by Missy Macdonald from The Cardinal Newman School. Missy will represent Province 18 at the final of the National Public Speaking contest which will be held in Manch-

ester on Sunday 8 September.

It is the intention to hold the contest again in 2020 at The Cardinal Newman School and we will be bringing the date forward which hopefully will allow more of our Senior schools to enter.

Pictured on left are adjudicators Sharon Howes (Martlet's Hospice) and Marie Ryan (Director of Education for A&B Dio-

cese) with Bishop Richard on the right. In the centre are contestants Ryan Maley and Missy Macdonald (holding trophy) from Cardinal Newman School, Hove; Emma Robinson and Tilly Temple from St Paul's College, Burgess Hill; and Rory Nash and Jasper Hawkes from St Wilfrid's School, Crawley.

Story: David Tillson, Provincial President The Catenian Association Province 18

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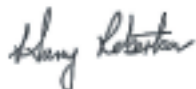
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THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes is a key moment in the diocese's year; a wonderful mix of spiritual quest, worship, socialising, good food, celebration, perhaps even physical or spiritual healing – and much more. No wonder the subsequent Lourdes Reunions are such jolly affairs!

This year, there is much to celebrate with the recognition of Marie Jackson's long service as pilgrimage administrator with the award of the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, a decoration of the Holy See. Also, Dr Jane Pate-man's five-year tenure as Chief Medical Officer was marked when Bishop Richard presented her with the well-deserved St Philip Howard medal.

On page eight we tell the story of some of the many volunteers from a variety of areas who enable the pilgrimage to happen: areas such as sound quality, catering and cleaning, medical, proof reading, music, and so on, not forgetting Redshirts and Hospitalite. If you are free from 25 July to 2 August next year and think you can help, the Lourdes Office would love to hear from you (call 01403 740110 or email office@abloudes.org)



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JUST A THOUGHT

ABOUT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR many churches, especially in the countryside, give thanks to God for the harvest. I have a personal interest in the harvest because my family for 150 years have tried to help farmers by creating mechanical assistance through machinery.

It is only right that we should give thanks to our Creator for the good subsistence we receive from the earth. The cycle of nature continues through the hand of God, which is often taken for granted.

Two years ago our parish in Ewell, Surrey signed up to the CAFOD 'Live Simply' programme. Our team of ten have steered us through a programme which encourages us to get back to a life lived more simply 'so that others may simply live'. (St Teresa of Calcutta), and also including nature. We set up vegetable gardens as an example of what can be done – two horticulturists are on the team. There are regular parish walks and encouraged car-free Sundays. A cut-out-tree in the church is a sign of spiritual life and growth. Families celebrating Sacraments are invited to place names on the cut-out and to sponsor a tree on a local plantation to commemorate the celebration. There are also other initiatives and a regular 'Live Simply' newsletter is published. As Psalm 67:6 prays 'The earth has yielded its fruit, may God, our God bless us'

Fr Graham Bamford

Personal Reflections From Lourdes

Assisted Pilgrim

MY SPINAL CORD INJURY happened on Sunday, July 17, 1982 when diving off a breakwater on the beach at Lancing opposite our family beach house. I broke my neck, damaging my spinal cord resulting in paralysis: an accident that took a second and lasts a lifetime.

The Connemara Rosary is Given to me...

On the Tuesday following my accident I was a patient in Southlands Hospital in Shoreham-by-Sea. In the afternoon Beric Williams, a fellow parishioner and teacher at Cardinal Newman School in Brighton where my sons were at school, came to visit me. After five minutes Beric gave me a magnificent Connemara marble rosary. The rosary had been given to him by Sister Boniface of the Augustine Order in Brighton following Beric's family tragedy in which his daughter had been killed in an accident. Beric explained to me that the rosary had given him and his family great comfort and that I was to pass it on to another family that would benefit from the rosary's calm and spiritual blessings.

The Rosary Helps Others...

Over the years many friends who have been terminally ill, and experiencing emotional and debilitating illnesses have found great comfort from this rosary. My wife Pamela had a debilitating illness for many years and for the last 10 years of her life the rosary hung above her bed and in 2016 when she died I kept it close to her photograph. When I made the decision to join the A&B annual pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, a couple of weeks before departure I decided to have rosary framed and take it to Lourdes where I donated it to the Accueil Notre Dame hospital where I was staying during my pilgrimage, The Accueil is situated in the Domain opposite the Grotto.

On our first night in Lourdes, at the

Mass for all pilgrims staying at the Accueil, I told this story and Hilary Oakshott, one of the other pilgrims, requested that she should be privileged to use the rosary during our pilgrimage.



(Pictured above L-R: Front - Hilary Oakshott and John Fieldus, Back - Francois Labadie and Adam Simon)

The Rosary Beads Find a New Home

On the last night the rosary was returned to the frame and I am delighted to report now that Francois Labadie, Director of the Accueil, has secured the framed Connemara rosary to the wall of the chapel St Pierre in the Accueil to await next year's A&B Pilgrimage to Lourdes. In the photo you can see me handing over the rosary to Francois Labadie.

Story: John Fieldus

Luke's Employer Sponsors his Pilgrimage

Quite unusually, Luke Biggs' employer - Worthing Prestige Nursing+Care - decided to sponsor his pilgrimage. He talks to Peter Burholt, Special Correspondent, on how he began involvement with the pilgrimage and the background to his sponsorship.

How did you initially hear about Lourdes?

My mum went for a number of years and took me as a child, before persuading me to go as a helper once I hit 17. When I say my mum persuaded me go, she was desperate to go again and wouldn't go unless I went. So, despite thinking the pilgrimage was not for me, I went and booked myself a place in 2004, only to then find out on the day of leaving that my Mum had not booked for herself. She wanted me to go and knew how much I would get out of it. I went and I have never looked back!

Did you know what you were letting yourself in for when you volunteered for the para-hospital environment at the Accueil Notre Dame?

Honestly? Probably not, but I knew that I wanted to throw myself into it to see if I enjoyed it or not – I didn't ever imagine the impact it would have on my life or the person I have become. It has taught me so much about how to speak to people and how to interact with people from all ages and

walks of life. I have been a leader for the past four years.

Is it stressful work and do you work shifts?

Not stressful, but certainly challenging. There is a shift pattern where two teams work around each other – I helped devise this particular rota when we reduced the teams from three teams down to two teams, three years ago.

Do you get time out to be a pilgrim?

Yes sometimes, but then I enjoy facilitating other people's pilgrimage – this is one of my main reasons for going. I have been going for so many years and experienced so much that I feel I can now give other people the opportunity to do the same. Do you have any memorable moments – sad or happy?

Too many to count! This year I took my godson into the Baths with his father, who was not well. It was such a special and intimate experience and something I will never forget.

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Luke with friend Hilary

Young Helpers

Two helpers on this year's pilgrimage were supported by Worthing & District KSC, and we include their first hand accounts of their experiences.

...from Chloe Roberts

I HAVE GAINED SO MUCH from being in the Accueil (support for Assisted Pilgrims) this year - from listening to their amazing stories and realising how much I am actually capable of doing in terms of helping.

I've loved every minute of the week: like having midnight chats with Dorothy on the night shift or sitting with Jean through Adoration. Each day brought a new challenge that I was able to overcome.

My favourite part was when we had evening prayer with the pilgrims on the last day by the candle-bank. We helped light candles for everyone's individual intentions and then sang hymns together as the pilgrims with the helpers took the candles to the candle bank. We were then asked to go to each helper and pilgrim and tell them what we liked about them and to say goodbye.

It was an incredible moment as everyone was just hugging and crying and you could really feel the love and community that had been created in a week.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Knights of Worthing as I didn't think that I would be able to go and this has been one of my favourite years in Lourdes. I've attached a photo (below) of myself with Diane who I helped throughout the week.



...from Anna Sharp

IT'S BEEN AN AMAZING TIME in Lourdes as my first time as a helper. I have met so many incredible people, assisted pilgrims and helpers alike, who have inspired me to be more selfless and to progress in my faith journey.

Some of my most memorable moments include having the opportunity to sing the Psalm, solo, at the Mass of the Anointing in the Underground Basilica; going to the Encounter meetings, with inspiring talks from a range of people - and being taught how to play chess by Peter, one of the assisted pilgrims in my hotel group.

I can't recommend the experience highly enough, and I am deeply grateful to all those who made it possible for me to go.

Once again, thank you.



Key Lourdes Pilgrimage Enablers are Recognised and Honoured

Marie Jackson, Administrator

IT HAS BEEN THE VERY BEST JOB that I have ever had' beamed Marie Jackson (pictured right), after receiving the prestigious Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award from Bishop Richard in Lourdes.

Often known as the Cross of Honour, this was given in recognition of Marie's dedication to the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, having started as Pilgrimage Secretary on 1 April 2003. During this period, the Pilgrimage has been transferred from an independent trust, set up by the late and great Lady Sarah Clutton, to now being part of the Diocesan family.

How did this all begin? 'I was a helper for a couple of years but wanted to get more involved. My parents were devoted to Our Lady and had gone to Lourdes on many private visits. Just before my dad died, I promised him that I would continue my pilgrimages to Lourdes. By coincidence, I was working for Cluttons, the estate agents and I was head hunted by Lady Sarah - and the rest is history! I have never looked

back.'

Marie's role has been to cover all administration for the pilgrimage. That includes liaising with hoteliers and various travel arrangements.

'Allocating pilgrims into a wide range of accommodation is not as easy as it sounds. We must consider which hotel is best for each assisted pilgrim and ensure we have the right number of helpers and clinicians to support each group. This year we had 764 on the pilgrimage, one of the largest in recent years. And we had a waiting list'

What next in her retirement? 'There has been no time to think about that question. I am still getting over being given the award! No doubt I will give next year's pilgrimage a miss and let my successor, Alex, get on with the job in her own way. However, I will not forget the promise I made to my dad all those years ago' reflected Marie.

Story: Peter Burholt
Photo: Dr Phil Young



Dr Jane Pateman, Chief Medical Officer



STEPPING DOWN AS CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER for the Pilgrimage after five years, Dr Jane Pateman (pictured above) was completely taken by surprise on receiving the St Philip Howard medal from Bishop Richard.

'It was an amazing moment and I felt very honoured but a bit undeserving, as I am well aware of the enormous amount of work carried out by the whole clinical team' reflected Jane.

Originally going to Lourdes with her family in 1996, Jane has been volunteering as a doctor for the past 11 years.

'Our year actually starts in January when we begin planning on how we can ensure the pilgrim's needs are met, and training the volunteers and clinical team. A lot of work is involved. The actual pilgrimage can be so busy it does

not always seem like a pilgrimage for me. However, I am Chair of the British Lourdes Medical Association and so I also visit in February for the international preparation meeting of pilgrimages, which is my own pilgrimage time.'

Jane reflected on her special memories. Like many, there was a whole list - but one came to mind. 'Meeting Sister Bernadette Moriau, the recipient of the 70th miracle last year. Such a humble and simple lady.

As for the future, I cannot imagine not going back to Lourdes, but I want to give my successor some space. Who is succeeding me? My husband!'

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Luke's Pilgrimage

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Have you taken any experiences back to your daily work life or do you put Lourdes in a box each year?

I never would have worked in care had it not been for my experiences in Lourdes. It showed me that there was a lot more out there and an industry that I was really passionate about.

Working in Lourdes - especially the Accueil - has enabled me to transition from standard domiciliary homecare to specialise in complex care and create a whole department focused on it.

Why do you think Prestige sponsored you for the pilgrimage?

It is a way for Prestige to give something back which usually, as a business, can be challenging. But they recognised that for 16 years I have been funding this myself and using my annual leave to be able to go and they wanted to support me in something I am passionate about.

Do you think other employers should consider sponsoring their employees for the pilgrimage?

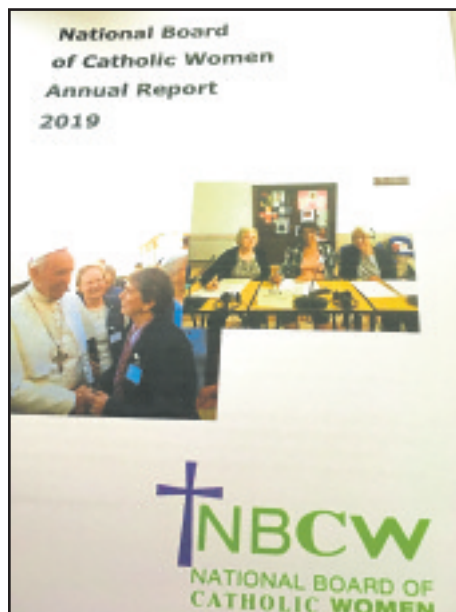
Yes, I think it is a great way of supporting your employees and I personally feel a lot more valued as an individual, knowing that Prestige was willing to go above and beyond to enable me to do something I love, when it didn't directly benefit them.

Luke's employers, Worthing Prestige Nursing+Care explains why they sponsored Luke:

Abigail Waldron, Business Manager, said 'Luke often speaks passionately about the positive effects Lourdes has had on people's lives and this is something we would like to be involved with in the future. Over the years we recognised how much he gets out of what he does on the pilgrimage. This fits in very well with what we do in dealing with people living with complex illnesses, learning difficulties and those receiving palliative care'

Story: Peter Burholt

News from the NBCW



THE NATIONAL BOARD OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (NBCW) was held on 30 June 2019 in London. Reports from organisations and Diocesan Links have been compiled in a report which can be accessed from www.nbcw.co.uk.

The morning was taken up with the business of updating reports and confirming new officers.

We have a new president, Margaret Clarke (from Middlesborough Diocese), with Sr Linda Dearlove as Vice President. Linda is known for her work at Women at the Well and promotion of rights of women who have been victims of human trafficking. A current list of committees covered by NBCW and its officers can be seen on the website.

In the afternoon we had three contrasting talks. Dr Gabrielle Thomas spoke of her research on **Receptive Ecumenism**. Gabrielle is heading off to the USA to lecture for the next couple of years. We are very grateful to have benefited from her research, which was

funded by the NBCW.

Susan Longhurst spoke of her experience in **getting a deanery/parish youth ministry going in outer London**. While Anne Neale spoke of opportunities as a lay school chaplain: **Creating a Chaplaincy for a Multi-Academy trust**.

The next board meeting is Saturday 19 October 2019 from 10.30am – 3.30pm at Romero House London.

Receptive Ecumenism

The Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University is breaking ground with its research into Receptive Ecumenism.

The principle is that ecumenism doesn't ask 'What do the other traditions first need to learn from us?' but 'What do we need to learn from them?'

With funding from the NBCW, Dr Gabrielle Thomas has just completed her post-doctoral thesis and she presented her Final Summary at the 2019 NBCW AGM with an outline report 'Receiving the Gift : using receptive ecumenism to explore women's experiences of working within diverse churches in England'.

Gabrielle explained how her research allows us to hear from women who come from churches where women are not always heard.

She further commented that people still don't have a good theological understanding of what lay people do or should do, and we still don't really know what it means to be 'women' in the church today.

There is a very readable brief report available, with a detailed book for publication in 2021.

Campaign - All Kids Count

This is a campaign against the two-child limit on some benefits. A Report CPAG did with Church of England,

Women's Aid, Turn2Us and the Refugee Council was given to parliament at an event hosted by the Bishop of Durham and Alison Thewliss MP.

It has been reported in the national press and will be an ongoing issue for some months. For more information do see the Report at:

w.cpag.org.uk/twochildlimit

NBCW has joined the growing number of member organisations supporting this campaign.

For further information on any of the above please see www.nbcw.co.uk or contact Sue Petritz whose email is: NBCWCDAB.onmicrosoft.com

Sue Petritz

CLERGY MOVES

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- Fr Stanislaw Mycek to Tadworth (Rev Mgr Richard Madders MBE has retired)
- Canon Tim Madeley is leaving the Cathedral to take up studies
- Canon David Parmiter from Godalming to Cathedral
- Fr Jonathan How from Cobham to Godalming
- Fr Daryl George from East Worthing to Cobham
- Fr Louis Ezeilo to East Worthing.
- Canon Paul Jennings, no longer at Seaford but still active Judicial Vicar
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The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Education Service



MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

Admissions to Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton

THERE ARE currently 53 primary and 11 secondary state-funded schools in the Diocese. These schools (including academies, which currently account for approximately a quarter of the total) are subject to the DfE's statutory admissions guidance, the School Admissions Code. The Diocese also contains 17 independent schools and one independent non-maintained special school; these schools are funded independently and are therefore not subject to 'the Code'.

The Catholic Church provides schools to:

- assist in its mission of making Christ known to all people;
- assist parents, who are the primary educators of their children, in the education and religious formation of their children;
- be at the service of the local Church - the Diocese, the parish and the Christian home;
- be 'a service to society'.

As Bishop McMahon, former Chairman of the Catholic Education Service said: 'Unless a school has Christ at the very heart of all that it is and does, it cannot be a Catholic school. The ethos of our schools is not something extrinsic to the various aspects of a school's life. Rather, the Catholic ethos - and its concrete expression in liturgical prayer, assemblies and the teaching of religious education - is fundamental to our schools, giving them true and lasting value. It should be incarnate in all aspects of school life, so that they may be effective instruments of the New Evangelisation.'

As Bishop Richard says in the Pastoral Plan, *The Word who is Life*, 'The Diocese is blessed to have many fine schools, each having a profound effect on the lives of students and their families and playing an important part in parish and deanery life'. Publicly-funded Catholic schools do not require fees and are free for parents. This is not always understood by some Catholic parents who have come from overseas. The usual focus on admissions is when parents are applying for their children to enter either the Reception Year (at primary) or Year 7 (at secondary).

Catholic schools in the Diocese are very popular with parents and students not only for the Catholic nature of the school but also because of high standards. Currently, 94% of the state-funded schools in the Diocese are graded by Ofsted as either 'Outstanding' or 'Good'. Being so popular means that many of the schools in the Diocese are oversubscribed.

With this potential oversubscription and the fact that main admission rounds are important transition times for families, parents seeking a Catholic education for their child should find out the admission arrangements for each school to which they may wish to apply. Each state-funded school is required to set an admissions policy for every academic year. This will include the school's specific oversubscription criteria. These admission arrangements will be available on each school's website. If anything is unclear parents should seek clarification from the school. For Catholic parents, the first thing to understand is that baptised Catholics are given priority within the school's admissions criteria.

Making an application to a Catholic state-funded school/academy in the usual admission round:

To apply for school places, parents must complete and return:

1. A Common Application Form (CAF)

For a 'valid school application', parents/carers must ensure that they complete their Local Authority's Common Application Form by the deadline (i.e. the Local Authority in which they live). The closing dates are 31 October for secondary applications (for Year 7) and 15 January for primary (Reception Year). The vast majority of applications are made online through the Local Authority's website. On the CAF parents will need to list their preferred schools. It is important to list the schools in your order of preference and to list a number of schools (i.e. not just one or two).

2. A Supplementary Information Form (SIF)

If the parent/carer is applying to a Catholic school in relation to a 'faith criterion' (e.g. as a Catholic, as a catechumen, as an Eastern Orthodox member, etc.) the parent/carer will also have to complete the school/academy's SIF. SIFs are available from the school and should be returned to the school. (Who and where to send the SIF back to is detailed on the back page of the SIF.) A parent will need to complete a SIF for each Catholic school they apply to. The same closing date applies to the SIF as to the CAF.

The Diocesan Education Service provides guidance to schools and parents on admissions. For further information the Diocesan Admissions Guidance is available at www.abeducationsservice.org.uk/Policies. The Diocesan Education Service can also be contacted on 01293 511130.

Timetable outlining the process for parents when applying for school places:

AUTUMN TERM PRIOR TO ADMISSION THE NEXT SEPTEMBER

The Local Authority (LA) sets the dates for applications to be submitted. Parents apply to the LA in which they live for places at their preferred schools by the closing date i.e. 31 October (Secondary); 15 January (Primary).

AUTUMN TERM PRIOR TO ADMISSION THE NEXT SEPTEMBER

An application to a Catholic school is only 'valid' if the LA's Common Application Form (CAF) has been completed/ returned. In addition, Catholic schools utilise a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) to collect the appropriate information for entry into a Catholic school. If a parent/carer is applying for a place in connection with a faith criterion, they must complete a SIF. If the SIF and other supporting documents (the SIF details what is required) are not received, it may affect the child's chance of being offered a place.

AFTER THE CLOSING DATE

The governing body receives a list of applicants from the Local Authority and ranks them in strict accordance with their oversubscription criteria. It then sends the ranked list back to the Local Authority.

OFFER OF PLACE

Parents receive an offer from the LA at the highest preference school where a place is available; the offer is made by the LA on behalf of the governors. Offers are made on the applicable national offer days. For secondary schools this is 1 March; for primary schools this is 16 April (or nearest working day after).

AT TIME OF OFFER OF A PLACE

If admission is refused, parents have the right to appeal. They should contact the school for details.



Lourdes 2019 Continued from Front Page...

THE MEDICAL TEAM (continued)

Dr Jane is Chair of the British Lourdes Medical Association (see their website to find out more about this organisation) and told me that through this she became aware of how blessed the A & B pilgrimage is compared to others, with regard to the level of support available for APs.

'Apparently, some pilgrimages don't have a single doctor travelling with them and consequently can only take APs with a lower level of dependency, whereas our pilgrimage is able to accommodate almost all who apply - only one or two have to be turned down.'

Yes, the week in Lourdes can be exhausting, but, as Dr Jane concluded, '... such amazing, affirmative things happen, I always go home rejuvenated.'

THE SOUND ENGINEER

Many pilgrims comment on how important the music is to their pilgrimage experience. They are fully aware of the choir and the instrumentalists, cantors and conductors, but how many are aware of the work of **Marius Hopley** (pictured), techie and acoustics wizard, without whom their experience would be much diminished?



Some may have noticed him twiddling knobs and sliding switches up and down on his box of magic tricks, in a corner somewhere near the musicians. Some may have registered his name as the composer of 'Gifts We Bring', one of the Offertory hymns sung in Lourdes, which he accompanies on his guitar. But Marius is generally one of those working very much in the background and is usually the last person to leave any venue where the A & B group have held a service, as all the sound equipment has to be packed away, ready to be taken to another venue the next day (or even later the same day!)



Asked what had prompted him to first come to Lourdes 20 years ago, Marius' reply was a rather familiar one - 'My Mum! She was a regular pilgrim with A & B and was always telling me I ought to give it a go. When she resorted to emotional blackmail - 'this might be the last time I go' kind of thing - I had to give in. So, I went along as a very reluctant - you might even say grumpy - pilgrim that first time.'

Marius had experience as a sound engineer from working with rock bands and noticed at his first Mass in Lourdes that there were some difficulties with the sound system resulting in poor acoustics and at times excruciating feedback. He offered to lend a hand and, before he knew it, was in charge of the sound system.

By the middle of the week Lady Sarah Clutton (Pilgrimage Organiser) was asking if she could buy him a drink to thank him for his help. Pilgrims had

been telling her how wonderful it was that even at the back they could hear what was being said as well as sung, and she was clearly not about to let him escape! I am told that Lady Sarah was adept at spotting a niche that needed filling and the person to fill it, so year after year, Marius is there making sure we can all hear.

CATERING & LAUNDRY

The majority of pilgrims are accommodated in hotels and may not realise that each pilgrimage group that uses the Accueil is responsible for all the care needs of its APs staying there, including catering and laundry which are the responsibility of a team of six led by **Yvonne Geaves** (pictured far left below with some of her team.)



I managed to pin Yvonne down at the garden party on the last afternoon to talk about her role.

Unusually, it was her children rather than her Mum who prompted her to join the pilgrimage. 'They went to SJB school, Woking, and in the sixth form had come to Lourdes as young helpers, then carried on coming. They kept on asking me to come but I was so busy working as a midwife I always said no but, finally, in 2007 when my daughter was one of the leaders in the Accueil, I agreed to come as a helper.'

Since 2010, Yvonne has been responsible for catering, which, with the range of special diets involved, can be quite complex. In early June, Yvonne meets with Matron (currently Emma Moon) to discuss menus. She also puts together food packages for travellers where needed, such as on the jumbulance. After our chat she was dashing off to do the shopping for the journey home.

Margaret, a member of Yvonne's team from Frimley Parish, told me that it was her friend Marguerite, from Storrington, who had persuaded her to come along and help with the catering. 'She said it was hard work but lots of fun - and she was right - though maybe a bit more hard work than I'd anticipated!' she finished, laughing.

Jackie French and Felicity Grubb (below), members of the team who see to the laundry, had just finished a 12-hour shift when I met with them.



Felicity first came as a helper 28 years ago and had been a hotel leader, but moved to the catering team after a hip replacement. At that time, Christine Sbresni had been responsible for the laundry for many years - and was still doing it at the age of 80! Felicity worked alongside her one year and Christine then felt able to say - 'Right, I can stop now. It's over to you...'

Jackie grew up in Australia and as a young child heard the story of Lourdes in school one day. It was 1958, the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions. She remembers going home and saying to her Mum, 'I'm going to go there one day.'

As a young woman, Jackie came to England and worked as a nurse and midwife. She never lost her firm intention

of going to Lourdes as a helper and once told her future husband: 'When our youngest is five, I'm going to Lourdes.' As he hadn't at this point proposed, I suggested he must have been rather taken aback! 'No, he was OK with it,' she laughed. Accordingly, Jackie first came to Lourdes in 1986 when her youngest was five.

I asked the two whether they are able to take part in the various Pilgrimage activities. 'We usually manage to get to most of the Masses,' Felicity told me, 'but as regards all other activities, well, to be honest, we've done all that - the whole pilgrimage experience - whether as nurse or hotel helper. Now we just want to do whatever we can to contribute towards a rewarding pilgrimage experience for others.'

She talked about the example set by Lady Sarah and her sister Mary, who, having been brought up by their father, the Duke of Norfolk, with a firm belief in their duty to serve, would work away in the background, doing whatever was needed.

Jackie agreed, saying, 'The way I see it, the pilgrimage is like a big jigsaw - each little piece is important. You can't say one piece is more important than another in making up the whole picture.'

AN ARMY OF SECRET HELPERS

When I met with **Alex Manko**, who has been coming to Lourdes as a helper since she was 17 and who in the Autumn takes over as Pilgrimage Organiser, she produced a list of a dozen different 'teams' who take responsibility for various aspects of the organisation of the pilgrimage.

Whether it's ensuring that enough vestments for all the clergy are taken to Lourdes, organised while there and brought back again, or visiting the departure airport for the charter flight to check on facilities and access arrangements for APs with limited mobility, or looking after the wheelchairs, **there is a veritable army of people Bishop Richard referred to at the closing Mass as 'the secret helpers both**

in Lourdes and at home.'

Many of these helpers have a long involvement with the pilgrimage, such as **Ann Barry** who serves as the UK contact point during the week, passing on messages about changes to travel arrangements, etc. Others, such as **Becky Sleven**, have only recently become involved. Becky told me how she had worked in publishing until she had to stop for health reasons and came to Lourdes two years ago as an AP. Noticing that the text of a hymn in the pilgrim's handbook wasn't quite the same as the version sung by the choir, Becky mentioned that she would be happy to do some proof reading in future, if that would be helpful. This year she received a phone call asking if she would be prepared to proof read the whole handbook and was happy to do so.

Jackie's comment about pieces of a jigsaw had put me in mind of Blessed John Henry Newman's prayer - 'God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another ... I am a link in a chain ...' When I mentioned to Alex that I thought this might be the way to round off this report, she requested that I conclude with the St Teresa of Avila prayer, which is the prayer used to start all meetings of the core team (where all the various teams are represented) and which she feels really underpins all that the army of helpers is about.

Christ has no body on earth now but yours; no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which He walks to do good; yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.

This prayer, also familiar as a hymn which has been recorded by the A & B Lourdes Choir, is a call to action. The response to that call is demonstrated in many and varied ways in Lourdes and is encapsulated in the words on the banner that leads the A&B contingent in Lourdes gatherings: '**Love in Action.**'

Yes, Love in Action is surely what the Lourdes Pilgrimage is all about.

Story & pictures: *Veronica Peppiatt*

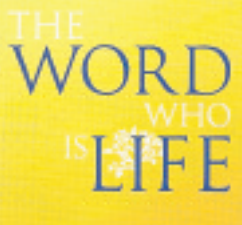


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COULD YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

ARE YOU A NURSE with a N&MC reg.no.? A registered mental health nurse or a doctor? More medical staff are needed for next year's pilgrimage, Friday 24 to Thursday 30 July 2020. The Lourdes Office is keen to hear from you if you think you could help.

Or maybe there is some other way in which you might be able to help? Don't be shy about making an enquiry - call 01403 740110 or email office@ablourdes.org



The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Formation Team



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2019/20

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ALL WELCOME!

We will finish by 9.30pm latest. For further information contact

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Fr Leon Writes...



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

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

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.

Let us 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 will suffice to show that Our Lady is perfectly capable of making 'appointments' with visionaries.

Fr Leon Pereira OP

TAXING TERMS (explained)

A **DEANERY** is a subdivision of a Diocese, consisting of a group of parishes in a particular region, presided over by a **DEAN** who is appointed by the Bishop.

The Dean is a priest who oversees the Deanery and provides support to the faithful and clergy of the Deanery while acting as a liaison between the activities of the Deanery and the Bishop.

As the Bishop's representative, the Dean works in close partnership with the Bishop, Vicar General, Episcopal Vicars and others appointed by the Bishop.

According to canon 555 in the Code of Canon Law, the Dean's

responsibilities include the following: seeing that the clerics of the Deanery discharge their duties diligently; ensuring that the religious functions follow Church norms; the proper maintenance of churches and sacred furnishings; that rectories, books and registers are well maintained; priests have access to spiritual aids and their health is taken care of.

Supplementing these roles is a large variety of pastoral activities, from overseeing chaplaincy work to ensuring good relations and co-operation with civic authorities and the leaders of other Christian communities.

Eastbourne Cares for Patients' Spiritual Health

THE CHAPEL at the Eastbourne District General Hospital opened in 1976. There is always a Catholic Mass on Friday afternoons (Liturgy of the Word if no priest is available) and anyone can attend - patients, staff and parishioners. The officiating priest or deacon is usually from the Parish of Our Lady of Ransom, but can be from any church in the Deanery of Eastbourne and St Leonards on Sea, or be a member of the retired clergy.

Every Sunday afternoon, from 5 to 5.30pm, there is a 'Songs of Praise' in the chapel and afterwards it is broadcast on the hospital radio. All the patients in the wards can listen to the hospital radio if they wish. Hospital radio volunteers also go round the wards during the week, asking for record requests to be played on the radio for patients - more than one young volunteer has ended up having a career in BBC radio!

A different church from the many Christian denominations in Eastbourne area performs the

'Songs of Praise' service each Sunday. I can't recall for certain but believe the Catholic churches do the Sunday service maybe once or twice a year? As it's only 30 minutes, the Order of Service is made up of a few hymns, a cou-

A few years ago, the Eastbourne Hospital merged with the Conquest Hospital in Hastings to form one NHS Trust - the East Sussex Health Trust. The Conquest Hospital also has a Chapel, and, very occasionally,

there is a Sunday service there, but not as a regular event, and it is an ordinary ecumenical religious service, not structured like the Eastbourne 'Songs of Praise.'

When the Anglican Chaplain at Eastbourne Hospital, Father Geoffrey Cook, became a member of the Ordinariate, and while he remained in that post at the Hospital, we were privi-



leged to have Mass there, on both Christmas Day and Easter Sunday.

(The photograph shows the main participants in the hospital's 'Songs of Praise' when it was organised by Our Lady of Ransom Church, Eastbourne, with Father Raglan Hay-Will and accompanist John Purcell, together with some of the readers and members of the Hospital Chaplaincy Team.)

ple of readings, and a few words from the priest.

Patients who wish to do so can be wheeled in from the wards, and some of the attendees are also hospital staff. The songs are accompanied by the piano by one of our Catholic church organists.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Communion to patients every week. Of course, the Hospital Chaplaincy includes all faiths and there is a Multi-Faith Room adjacent to the Chapel.

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Story & Picture: Mary Barlow

The Oldest Parishioner in the Diocese?



BORN JUST FOUR WEEKS after the consecration of Westminster Cathedral, Majorie Kinne has now celebrated her 109th birthday.

An enduring parishioner at St Paul's Haywards Heath, she marked this amazing occasion at a party with the local Senior Citizens and UCM groups.

'Although there was not enough room on my cake for 109 candles - I did manage to blow out ten of them!' declared Marjorie.

The picture shows her with party organiser Giovanna Barba.

Story: Peter Burholt, Picture: Rosemary Tierney

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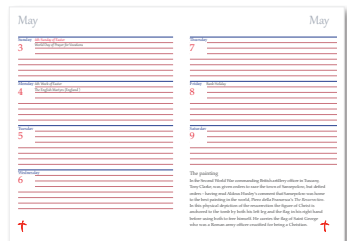
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Summer Celebration of Vespers at Arundel Cathedral



THE ANNUAL SUMMER celebration of Vespers in the Cathedral was again led by Bishop Richard. It was organised by the Friends of the Cathedral* and was held in the presence of her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk and the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Susan Pyper (pictured below) who attended in a private capacity with her husband Jonathan.



A thought-provoking homily from Bishop Richard drew on the writings

and teaching of St. Augustine, whom he described as the most complicated of theologians, whose influence on Christian teaching had been profound. His theology was difficult to interpret; knowing what he was saying about the incarnation and God's plan for us had been the subject of many different interpretations – even being cited by Martin Luther as he broke away from the traditional teachings of the established Church in the early 16th Century. But, while it was clear that God sent his son, the Lord, to be among us – both human and Divine - as one person, born and dying for us, it was the hardest of concepts to understand. What we do know is that, as Christians, our lives are about our relationship with Christ. Finding our way in that relationship is especially more difficult in a society that is becoming increasingly more secular. Faith and Divine Grace are critical to the relationship no matter how complex and difficult.

While the Bishop's words may have been challenging, the evening sunshine gently filtering through the newly

refurbished Rose window added a special blessing to his words and overall to a truly spiritual evening.

The music was, as always, wonderful. This year the Cathedral choir was joined by the choir of St Mary's Portsea. There was general agreement that the sound from the combined choirs was magnificent. Hubert Parry's 'I was Glad' was especially uplifting; 'it gave me goose bumps' was a typical comment. Elizabeth Stratford, the talented Cathedral Organist and Master of the Choristers, said how proud she was of the choristers and commended them all for their commitment and dedication.

After the service, by kind permission of His Grace, the Duke of Norfolk, all guests were invited to join the Bishop and dignitaries in the Collector Earl's Garden for drinks and canapes and an opportunity to meet new people and share experiences and ideas. A jazz trio provided soft background music while an informative tour of the beautiful gardens by Martin Duncan, head gardener, was much appreciated.

The Friends were delighted that this

year saw increased numbers attending the event but are always looking for new members to support the valuable work that is done supporting the choral scholars, and contributing to the maintenance of our wonderful Cathedral.

*Further details from: Mrs Lindsey Stratford, Administrator, The Friends of Arundel Cathedral, Tel: 01903 8844567 aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

Story & Pictures: Margaret Bamford



Pictured: Canon Tim Madeley and Patrick Burgess, Chairman of the Friends' Trustee Board

Special Celebrations in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

TWO CELEBRATIONS of Our Lady took place in the summer, one celebrating the Assumption, the other a day of Reparation and Consecration.

On the evening of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Parish of Horsham with West Grinstead held a Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. The Mass was concelebrated by Parish Priest Fr Aaron Spinelli and Fr David Irwin assisted by Deacons Seamus Mahon and Tom Murray. Over 100 filled the church for this coming together of two Eucharistic communities. A procession of the statue of Our Lady around the Rosary Way (pictured below) followed the Mass and the event concluded with a bring-and-share meal.

Story and picture of procession: David White

IN THE 24th year of the pilgrimage, a Day of Reparation and Consecration at Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis was held with Mass celebrated by Fr Terry Martin, Fr Seamus Hester, Fr David Irwin and Deacon Seamus Mahon. At lunch Bishop Richard joined us and led us singing 'happy birthday' to Gabriel Hughes who recently turned 90 years old.

The Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Adoration took up the afternoon with Fr Tony Lovegrove and Fr Seamus hearing confessions. Geoff Callister took a group to the Secret Chapel and talked about its history. Fr David Goddard the former custodian of the Shrine was greatly missed. A lovely day was had, and we appreciated Susan Goddard and daughter Kate for their contributions to the day.

Story: Jayne Lock



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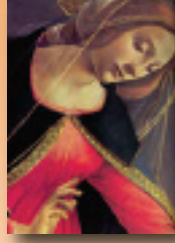
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TRAIDCRAFT celebrated its 40th year on 14 September at St Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-upon-Tyne with a Service of Thanksgiving, the AGM and launch of the Autumn new catalogue. Traidcraft are the original fair trade pioneers in the UK, advocating the importance of organic farming, sustainability and transparency to the lives of growers and artisans around the world. It was founded way back in 1979, when it published its first hand-drawn catalogue, quickly followed by introducing the first fair trade tea, coffee and sugar to the UK. In 1992 Traidcraft co-founded the Fairtrade Foundation UK.

Fairtrade Foundation UK was founded with Traidcraft, CAFOD, Christian Aid, OXFAM and the National Federation of Women's Institutes in 1992. The FAIRTRADE Mark came in 1994, 25 years ago - Celebrations across the UK weekend of 4-7 October 2019. Green & Black's Maya Gold chocolate was the first UK product with the Mark, followed by Clipper tea and Cafédirect coffee. Now there are 4,500 products with the Mark! A super book entitled 'Fighting the Banana Wars and other FAIRTRADE Battles' by Harriet Lamb, published in 2009, is a great read about the history. Thanks for 25 years of supporting products with the FAIRTRADE Mark - to the future!





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Next Mass on Saturday 5 October

Stars of Mary

Special relaxed Masses arranged by the Cathedral Deanery
These Masses are for people with learning difficulties, their family, friends and elderly who are frail and find difficulty attending their usual parish Masses. They are followed by a time to relax and share fellowship and food over a cup of tea. All are welcome

Sunday 20 October - Convent of the Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel BN19 9PJ - 3pm
Sunday 15 December - Our Lady of Sorrows, Clarence Road, Bognor Regis. PO20 1LP - 3pm
Contact: Kathleen O'Gorman, 01243 544097

Workshop for Parish Musicians

Do you want to :

- learn more about accompanying hymns/service music;
- network with other organists/musicians; and/or
- share best practise

Crawley & Horsham District Organists' Association are running a free workshop for those musicians who've been asked to play in services, but are not trained organists. This free workshop, led by John Sharples (one of the organists of Arundel Cathedral), is being held on Saturday 16 November 2019 from 9:30am until noon at the United Reformed Church, Springfield Road in Horsham. Further details and booking please email: crawleyhorshamorganists@gmail.com or telephone John Sharples 07931 346127



A weekend away for a lifetime of change

Are you single again following separation, divorce or the death of your partner? The next local weekend is at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex from 18-20 October 2019. If you are interested or would like more information please contact johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk or Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322- 551503


A Time for Mourning 'Grief in Loss - Hope in Christ'

A Retreat/Workshop for those suffering from the pain of loss

Weekend of 11th - 13th October 2019 Aylesford Priory, Kent.
Anger - Resentment - Depression - When will it end?
These are some of the feelings often experienced in grief. Perhaps you need to take a look at, 'where and who I am since I lost my loved one.'

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More information from Elizabeth Partridge 01303 670888 email mflbereavement@rcaos.org.uk

Would you be interested in becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer?



SCHOOLS VOLUNTEERS are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation - but there is a shortage in Arundel and Brighton, and we need your help. By becoming a CAFOD School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. Volunteers are needed in the Arundel and Brighton Diocese - 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!

Please feel free to contact Jenny Finlayson, CAFOD Arundel & Brighton Community Participation Coordinator arundelandbrighton@cafod.org.uk 01483 898866 St John's Seminary, Womersley, Surrey GU5 0QX

BISHOP'S DIARY

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

September		
Sat 28	10am	Day of Reflection for Eucharistic Ministers Mayfield School, Mayfield
Mon 30	12noon	Mass for 175th Anniversary of St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
October		
Tue 1	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
	7pm	Council of Deacons' Meeting at High Oaks
Wed 2	11am	Province Meeting at Archbishop's House, Southwark
	7pm	Induction Mass for Fr Stan Mycek at Tadworth
Thu 3	4pm	Meeting at Eccleston Square, London
Fri 4	10am	School Chaplains' Meeting, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	7pm	Vespers and Installation of new Canons, Arundel Cathedral
Sat 5	10am	Mental Health Retreat, Chester
Mon 7	7.30pm	Meeting at Southwick
Tue 8	2pm	Standing Committee Meeting, London
Wed 9	10am	CT Surrey Meeting at the Sunningdale Baptist Church
Thu 10	10.45am	Trustees' Meeting at High Oaks
	7pm	Induction Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury Parish, St Leonard's
Fri 11	5pm	Mass at St Wilfrid's School, Crawley
Sat 12	12 noon	Marriage Anniversaries Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Sun 13		Canonisation of Blessed John, Henry Newman, Rome
Thu 17	10.30am	Council of Priests' Meeting, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	4pm	Meeting at High Oaks
Fri 18		Anglican Mental Health Conference, Lambeth Palace
Sat 19	9am	Mass at St George's, Polegate
Sun 20	9am	Mass at Arundel Cathedral
	11.15am	Mass at Arundel Cathedral
	3pm	St Philip Howard Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Mon 21	12pm	Adoremus Repts Meeting, Eccleston Square
	7pm	Talk on Mental Health, UCL Catholic Chaplaincy
Tue 22	10am	DFC meeting, Bishop's House, Hove
Wed 23	9am	Meeting at St Mary's University, Twickenham.
	2pm	Sentencing Event at Parliament
Thu 24	12noon	Sycamore Tree Course at HMP Send
Fri 25	7pm	Mass at Pulborough

Bookshops/Respositories - We Find Treasure!

MANY PARISHES in the diocese have impressive resources to help us learn more and to grow in our faith. Our appeal in the September A & B NEWS to know about these resources has been very fruitful and so we will be publishing more information for several months to come.

If you would like to let us know what your parish can offer, please contact us:

Eliz Wood, Woking: elizabeth.wood11@btinternet.com
 Pauline Groves, Ewell: pauline2@waitrose.com

St Clement's Parish, Ewell

ST CLEMENT'S PARISH, EWELL is situated on the busy A240 road, between Ewell and Tolworth and can be located by its distinctive and very visible bell tower. The narthex is normally open during the day and is often visited by passing people who wish to pray for a little while. At any time visitors can borrow books from the library (tucked away by the loft stairs) or buy greeting cards from three display stands. A well stocked repository (see picture) can be viewed and is open after 10.30am Mass and sometimes after other Sunday Masses.

About once a month, after all the Masses, an extensive bookstall is open. A selection of Bibles and missals, both for children and adults are stocked, together with devotional books.

Also available are various books and leaflets explaining different aspects of our Catholic faith.

The parish newsletter on St Clement's website gives notice ahead of the 'book-stall week'. The dates can also be checked by phoning the parish office (020 8393 5572) and arrangements can be made to view the books at other times by appointment.



St Dunstan's Parish, Woking



ST DUNSTAN'S PARISH, WOKING is one of the busiest parishes in the diocese.

In 2008 a new church was built, with a large welcoming area. Within this area you will find many resources to help parishioners and visitors to grow in their faith.

Several stands in different places around the area display greeting cards, booklets and other small items for both children and adults.

There is a well-stocked repository with devotional items and some books. This is open after Sunday Masses and can be opened at other times on request.

An extremely well stocked library, with comfortable chairs (see picture, left) is open whenever the church complex is open. It is used for some formal meetings, but at other times it is freely available to anyone who wishes to read, sit quietly or meet with friends.

There are plans to install audio/visual facilities in the library in line with other parts of the building.

The parish has a large selection of audio and video material which, with prior agreement, is available to be used by individuals or groups to support their spiritual growth in whatever way they find helpful.

St Philip Howard Awards in Crawley Parish

THE COMMUNITY at St Edward the Confessor Church in Pound Hill enjoyed a wonderful celebration recently, with no less than four members of the congregation recognised by Bishop Richard for their contribution to the Parish of Crawley over many years, with presentation of the Diocesan Medal of St Philip Howard. All received their medals from Fr Chris Dobson, in one of his final duties before retiring as Moderator of Crawley Catholic Parish in September.

For Richard Emms, one of the recipients, this was fitting tribute for the 64 years (and still counting) that he has been a member of the St Stephen's Guild. He was born in Tottenham, and attended St Ignatius College, a Jesuit School, in his formative years. He was enrolled as a server at his Parish Church, St Frances de Sales, in 1955, rising up the ranks to become Parish MC in the late sixties. Richard moved to Horley (English Martyrs Parish) in 1973, bringing his knowledge and experience to A&B and setting up a St Stephen's Guild Branch at English Martyrs before moving further south to St Edward the Confessor Church, Pound Hill in 1983.

Richard, who has served for four Cardinal Archbishop's of Westminster, three Bishops of Arundel & Brighton as well as MC at various Mass settings including the famous Lourdes Grotto and St Peter's Basilica in Rome, was awarded the Guild of St Stephen Gold Medal in 2005 for 50 years' service and continuous membership of the Guild.

Fr Chris expressed the gratitude of the scores of parish priests that Richard has kept on the 'straight and narrow' over the past six decades.

Story and picture: Gerry Emms



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ADUR VALLEY

WHAT A WONDERFUL time we are having with our young people. Many of those who made their First Communion this year have come forward to be altar servers, then we had eight young adult parishioners confirmed and then four young people held a cake stall raising £176 for the MS Society.

We have been very happy to have some new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have recently been trained and will shortly be licensed to exercise this ministry.

The First Saturdays have been devoted to the wishes of Our Lady of Fatima using the Five First Saturday devotions.

As we live by the sea with a Port it is good to see such generous donations to Stella Maris – the Apostleship of the Sea.

Views are being sought from our parishioners regarding improving the hall, the chapel and the main body of the church; as it was built some 35 years ago it is time to see if it meets today's needs.

In August we have enjoyed seeing many visitors to our town of Shoreham-by-sea and also to Steyning. In particular we enjoyed having Fr Anthony Dampson from the Society of African Missions who spent the weekend in our parish and who gave us amusing and inspirational talks at all Masses.

Penny Richardson

CATERHAM

A FURTHER 39 children have made their first Holy Communions, a special celebration for them and their families.

During Fr Sean's absence on a well deserved holiday break we thank Canon Jim Pannett and Fr Gabriel Diaz Patri for celebrating Mass.

The parish lunch club had its last lunch before the holiday recess and the SVP organised for 24 parishioners to visit Peshurst Place. Following lunch they had stroll in the wonderful gardens on a beautiful day.

Our Italian students, whose youth group have visited us over many years, have returned home and we are getting into gear again after the summer holidays.

The SVP have organised a fruit and vegetable stall before Sunday Masses for several Sundays with produce from parishioners who have a surplus which helps their funds.

Another parish link is with the Fundanami Trust in KwaZuluNatal, South Africa, and together with St Francis school and St Bede's in Redhill, 2,000 books, part of a consignment of 20,000, have recently been delivered to them. Bibles and religious books suitable for children have been delivered to the Catholic Holy Rosary parish. And closer to home the SVP have collected clothing for the Gatwick detainees.

CRAWLEY

FOUR REPRESENTATIVES met with our MP Henry Smith prior to the lobby for a wide ranging conversation and discussion on climate change We asked particularly

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS

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for his help in our request to the UK government asking for faster and more effective climate action.

A Creation Celebration Mass followed celebrated by Fr Chris Dobson which included readings from Genesis and illustrated with a display of flowers, plants, seeds, bowls of fruit and various model animals. The Mass finished with a CAFOD Reflection recognising the beautiful world we have been given to care for and not to destroy. The celebration was followed by a shared lunch in the Friary Hall and lively discussion on how to live more simply and sustainably and for the growing concern for the environment We felt ,we had started new conversations about climate change and highlighted the collective responsibility of Government and individuals

Min Merchant

HASLEMERE

THERE HAVE been lots of activities in Haslemere and the surrounding churches over the past few months.

In May a parishioner organised a wine tasting event in the parish hall with profits going to the Church in Need. June saw a change from the usual format of the annual meeting. Instead of all the formal business, it became a happy social occasion which saw 95 people enjoying food from different countries contributed by various families in the congregation. Six Ministry Leaders had designed displays of all the activities in which their groups are engaged.

Later on, in June, several young people joined other Deanery candidates in Cranleigh for their Confirmation by Bishop Richard. As last year, there was a good turnout of choir members from Our Lady of Lourdes to sing for the occasion.

The barbecue, held annually in a Hindhead parishioner's garden, proved a well-attended happy day in wonderful weather. In August a group of ladies provided a summer lunch of poached salmon with potatoes and salad, followed by a delicious roulade. Again there was a good attendance and, as with the other recent events, offers an excellent opportunity for parishioners to get to know each other socially.

Fay Foster

RYE

AS THE BUSY SUMMER draws to a close and the season of Advent approaches, there is time at last to reflect with gratitude on the tireless support our faithful parishioners give to our parish of St Anthony's, to Fr Matthew and to each other. Ron Peters, who served on the altar with such dedication for many years reached the grand age of 90 on 25 July but continues as one of our Sunday readers. I would like to add our heartfelt thanks to Fr Matthew who has come from his home and parish in America to be our priest. We much appreciate his presence among us.

Ian and Carola Murray have donated six beautiful chairs to St Anthony's where they now grace the Sanctuary. Ian has for many years been the European Manager of EWTN, doing much to spread the Good News through the Catholic TV network.

For as long as we can all remember, Elizabeth Turner has enhanced the beauty of our church with her lovely flower arrangements. We are all sorry that she has retired. Fr Matthew presented Elizabeth with a cake and a bouquet at our monthly gathering in the church garden after the sung Sunday Mass. Special thanks are due to the talented bakers who provide the delicious cakes and scones, some of which are sold to boost parish funds.

Please say a prayer for John Kilroy who has recently been in hospital. John is really our parish historian and I know how much time he has given to researching and recording material connected with St Anthony's, particularly the story of our icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Special thanks to the songbirds in our choir whose joyful singing is both uplifting and inspiring. The recessional hymns during August were all dedicated to Our Lady as we celebrate so many of her Feast Days during that month.

Jocelyn Rowe

BOGNOR

FOR THE PAST 11 years Mass has been celebrated on Monday mornings at St Mary the Virgin Church of England, Barnham, near Bognor Regis. On 22 July we had the pleasure of welcoming Bishop Richard who celebrated the Mass with our Parish Priest Fr Chris Bergin.



In the congregation along with the regular Monday Mass attenders were two of the Church of England Clergy from St Mary the Virgin Church - Fr Graham Reeves and Fr Tony Brant and also Bradley Smith who regularly plays the organ for the Mass and Steven Maple one of the Church Wardens. Following the Mass the Bishop had time to join us all for coffee and a chat. Picture after Mass with Bishop Richard are Fr Chris Bergin, Fr Graham and Fr Tony.

Kathy Harrison

GODALMING

THE PARISH PICNIC at the end of the summer break was a wonderful occasion with blue skies and the opportunity for everyone to enjoy the outdoors on Creation Sunday. Parish Priest Fr David Parminster pronounced the winners of the 'Bake Off' (pictured) and Livesimply poster competition before the delicious home-baked tea and the day concluded with Mass and special prayers for Creation. The same weekend our newly formed parish Livesimply group launched its Award campaign at all Masses to coincide with Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In his homily Fr David spoke about Pope Francis' plea in *Laudate Si* that we care for our common home, and parishioners presented the Award plan to the parish. Everyone was given a leaf shape and invited to commit to Livesimply actions; the leaf pledges were collected and decorate the Livesimply trees placed in each of our three Mass centres. Our Livesimply goals for September are to promote recycling and prevent products from going to landfill, encourage use of eco-friendly cleaning products and invite parishioners to get involved with our SVP group and reach out to the elderly, sick and housebound in our parish.



Sarah Stilwell

EAST GRINSTEAD

REFURBISHMENT WORK at Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead, has now extended to the interior of the church and an area adjoining the parish hall. Scaffolding has appeared in the chancel and a mobile tower is being used by contractors to gain access to the ceiling and upper parts of the walls. Mass on weekdays is now in the parish hall. Outside, the whole of the front facing the road is covered with scaffolding and sheets of corrugated iron. Sussex Historic Churches Trust has made a generous donation towards the ongoing restoration and refurbishment.

St Bernard's, Lingfield, continued their fund raising for the SVP Baby Feeding programme in Sudan by holding a ticketed lunch after Mass on Sunday 14 July.

The annual sponsored sleep out for homeless charities took place on the warm Saturday July night in East Grinstead High Street. Parishioners from Our Lady and St Peter and from other churches raised funds for Crawley Open House, The Easter Team and Turning Tides.

At a Mass celebrating the Feast of St John the Baptist, patron saint of the Order of the Knights of Malta, at the Polish Church of Christ the King in Balham on Sunday 23 June, East Grinstead parishioner Antoni Daszewski (pictured) was awarded the Golden Cross of Merit for his charity work, particularly for helping the needy and the homeless.

Clive Carpenter



REDHILL

OVER 700 parishioners from Redhill, Reigate and Merstham, gathered at St. Joseph's School for our second Parish Day on 14 July. Once again the weather was good for us; better in the sense that it was not baking hot like last year, but there was concern after early morning rain, and grey clouds passing overhead. However, prayers were answered and the sun came out. During the Mass certificates were presented to the children who had made their First Holy Communion, and to the recently confirmed (pictured). Afterwards there was a barbeque, bouncy castle, and fun and games. A most successful event.

St Teresa's Church Merstham, the home of the Syro-Malabar St Clare Missio, held their Solemn Feast of All Saints at the end of June. The church was decked with banners of the saints, including a young St Thomas, their founding apostle, and St Mother Teresa. Balloons dangled over the pews, and many of the congregation were in Indian dress, ladies and girls looking particularly gorgeous. After the Mass the banners were carried in procession along the nearby roads. Finally there was a festive lunch, social and cultural activities in the Hall at Holy Family Reigate.

Ann Lardeur



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WEST BYFLEET

WE HELD our annual Parish Day Mass followed by a picnic lunch on Sunday 7 July. The new Confirmati were presented with their certificates during Mass. Because of the unseasonal weather on that day the lunch was in the Parish Centre instead of the garden, but with no loss of community spirit. A canopy over a statue of Our Lady was carried in procession into Mass (pictured).



During the night of 18/19 July from 10pm to 7am the parish held a prayer vigil led by Margaret Dale for the protection of unborn children. Later in the month we marked the preparations for the Diocesan Pilgrimage with a Lourdes Devotion with the Anointing of the Sick and Benediction followed by tea and cakes in the Parish Centre. Other regular activities during the month included a four mile walk by the Walking Group, meetings of the Justice and Peace Group and the Catenian Circle, and Friday Afternoon Tea for Seniors.

Paul Tipple

WEYBRIDGE

AT CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE we were delighted to host a Mass for all the Polish community in our diocese. As part of a year's celebration by the Polish people marking the centenary of their country's restoration of sovereignty after WW1, the diocese wanted to express its thanks for the great contribution our Polish friends make to church life.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard, accompanied by a number of Polish (and English) priests from the diocese. The liturgy was a delightful mix of Polish (hymns and readings) and English. Bishop Richard's homily – which had simultaneous translation – spoke of the great fortitude of the Polish people who, over the years, had suffered occupations and persecution, yet their faith in the gospel and devotion to the Blessed Virgin had sustained them. Indeed, the faith of the Poles set a wonderful example wherever they travelled, not least in our own Diocese. After the Mass Bishop Richard enjoyed a celebratory lunch – Polish food, of course – with all those attending in a warm atmosphere of national pride and Christian friendship. Pictured is Bishop Richard with two well-known Poles in our diocese - Canon Colin Wolczak (Hove) and Renata Sapieha.



Another highlight of our summer was a stunning performance of 'A Night at the Musicals' by our wonderful youth group, with songs and dance from Les Miserables, A Sound of Music and many other foot-tapping shows. They deservedly received a standing ovation for a really professional performance. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented and faithful group of young people in our parish.

Peter Clapham

OBITUARIES

Deacon Patrick Moloney



DEACON PAT died on 30 July. He was born on 29 July 1930 in Co. Cork, Ireland. Pat moved to London and met his wife Margaret through the Legion of Mary and married in 1967. Margaret died in 1991 and he is survived by four daughters, Bernadette, Christina, Helen and Clare.

The family moved to Wales in 1981 due to his job and there Pat became a prayer group leader. In 1987, aged 57, Pat obtained a job transfer to his final 'home' in East Worthing.

On retiring from the Civil Service in 1990 and looking forward to an easy, relaxing retirement, Pat was asked by Parish Priest Fr Martin Breen if he had ever thought of becoming a deacon. After family discussions and followed by training, he was ordained to the Diaconate on 9 July 1993 by Bishop Cormac Murphy-O'Connor in his beloved parish church - St Charles Borromeo in Worthing. He found great joy in his vocation and work as a deacon.

When St Charles and the Holy Family churches merged in October 2007 he saw this as a great blessing and enjoyed serving in a new parish. Pat was the Catholic chaplain at Worthing Hospital for many years, ministering to patients and their families. He became friends with the nurses and hospital staff and saw God working in many wonderful ways. Pat retired on 31 July 2015 due to increasingly poor health.

Deacon Pat's Requiem Mass was held at St Charles Borromeo Church on Friday 23 August 2019 followed by burial at Durrington Cemetery in Worthing.

Pat was kind, generous and wise, with a great sense of humour to go along with it. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the Catholic community at large

Additional details of the following will be provided in the November edition of the A&B NEWS.

Deacon Gerard Irwin

WITH DEEP REGRET, the unexpected death of Deacon Gerard has been announced. He died at home on the evening of Saturday 24 August.

Ordained a Permanent Deacon on 2 July 2006, he spent the remainder of his diaconate life playing an important role in the running of St Paul's Parish in Haywards Heath and in taking on various Diocesan roles, such as acting as secretary to the Lewes Deanery. We pray for the repose of his soul and for his wife, Christine, his two sons, Neil and David, and his close family.



Monsignor Bryan George Chestle

MONSIGNOR BRYAN, a retired priest of the diocese, died on 4 September. He was born on 1 September 1933.

Mgr Bryan was educated at Wimbledon College, London University (during national service), Pembroke College Oxford, and The Gregorian University in Rome from 1956 to 1963. He was ordained to the Priesthood on 8 July 1962.

May he rest in peace.

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