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Congratulations!

to Cecilia and Tom
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for those celebrating a special
Wedding Anniversary

WHAT, YOU MIGHT BE ASKING YOURSELVES, is this all about? Not quite the same as the Marriage Feast of Cana – although there was the celebration cake and some beverages – it was certainly a feast of marriage, celebrated at the Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass on 12 October at Arundel Cathedral.

As the congregation gathered for Mass there was a quiet expectancy in the air as over 280 attendees, anniversary couples, family and friends, remembered days gone by. Husbands and wives reflected on the moment they made their marriage vows 'I do!'

The A&B News separately tells the story of one such couple celebrating their diamond anniversary – Jo-Ann and Pat Hudson. (*See Page 9*) While it is believed they were the longest married couple in the Cathedral, amazingly there were four other couples who have attained this great 60th milestone.

With a total of 3,222 combined years of marriage for the gathered couples, Bishop Richard could not help but mention that, going back in history, 'It was the end of the Bronze Age and the first recording of a solar eclipse! Like life itself over this period, I appreciate marriage is not always easy,' he said.

Bishop Richard's homily extolled the virtues of marriage. With reference to John's Gospel (John 2: 1-11 'Do whatever he tells you') of the Marriage Feast at Cana - proclaimed at the Mass - he reminded couples that Christ's love is always there for us. 'He is faithful to us and we are faithful to Him. In your marriages you are images of Christ's love to each other and to the world as we see the love of God being actively lived out. Give thanks for what God has called you to do,' he encouraged.

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A&B Representatives were in St Peter's Square on 13 October



THE CANONISATION of John Henry Newman took place on 13 October 2019 in the open air in front of St Peter's in Rome.

Among the estimated crowd of tens of thousands were pilgrims from Arundel & Brighton Diocese, including Bishop Richard, senior clergy and representatives from Cardinal Newman schools in Brighton and Hersham.

(Report on page 13)

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What sells well in our parish is the good supply of various Christian cards for all occasions: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Bereavement, Mass cards, New Baby, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Feast Days, etc

Nearing Christmas, we have a Fair at which I sell a good variety of Christmas novelty items, Advent calendars, Christian/Holy family statues, candles, snow balls, etc.

*Story & Picture: Zina Neagle
Phone: 078 7668 8304*

St Joseph's DORKING



I RUN THE REPOSITORY at St Joseph's, Dorking. We have a well stocked Repository that is normally staffed after 9 am Sunday Mass and available at most weekday Masses, and I will always open up the Repository should anyone want something from it.

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English sculptor David Cope who lives near Maidstone and they are hand finished and cast locally in Newdigate.

There is also a range of Devotum Sacramental cards and Reception into the Catholic Church cards and a few other items.

Once again, the cards are printed in England and depict stained glass window images created by the English stained glass window artist, Andrew Taylor.

My e-mail address is ghvd@devotum.co.uk and my 'office' tel: is 01306 743166.

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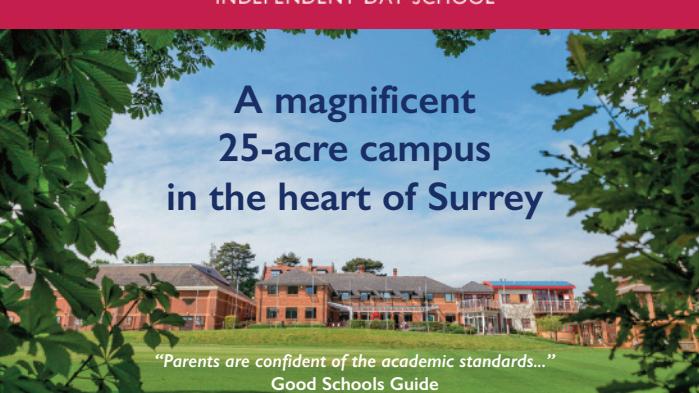


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Thanksgiving Mass (continued from page 1)

The Thanksgiving Mass was taking place on the eve of the canonisation of John Henry Cardinal Newman. Bishop Richard recalled that the Cardinal had prayed: 'Lord, you have created me for some definite service.' The congregation were reminded that they had been created for the definite service of married life for each other, for their families and for the world. 'What a wonderful gift and give thanks for what God has called you to be as witnesses to His love,' Bishop Richard concluded.

If you are about to reach a significant milestone in your marriage, then make a date in your diary for the next Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 10 October 2020 at St Joseph's Church Guildford. More details will appear in A&B News next year.

Story: Peter Burholt Pictures: David White

Advent Season Beginning of the Church's Year

ADVENT – from a Latin word meaning arrival or approach – starts on Sunday 1st December 2019 and continues for 24 days until the celebration of Christmas.

It is a time for expectant waiting, joyful anticipation and reflective preparation to commemorate the first coming of Jesus at Christmas, and a reminder that we await His second coming.

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition going back to medieval times when they were part of the spiritual preparation for Christmas.



The wreath, made up of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

Three of the candles are purple because the colour is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice. One is pink, for Gaudete Sunday, reminding us that Jesus' birth brings great joy to the whole world.

TAXING TERMS (explained)

ABOUT TEN YEARS AGO, in the spirit of *Liturgiam Authenticam*'s requirement for 'a translation that is as literal as possible' (no 56), a new English language translation of the Creed in the Roman Missal was issued by the Vatican.

Consequently, congregations were now required to substitute 'CONSUBSTANTIAL' with the Father' in place of the previous 'of one Being with the Father.'

Similarly, the former response to 'The Lord be with you' and 'The peace of the Lord be with you always' - which was 'and also with you' - now became 'and with your Spirit.'

These changes reflected the desire to make a faithful and accurate translation of the original; any adaptation to the characteristics or the nature of the various vernacular languages was to be 'sober and discreet.' (no 20).

But the terms 'faithful' and 'accurate' do not always lead to the same outcome and therein lies the problem: an accurate or a poetic (dynamic equivalence) translation? One critic claimed that the current translation resulted in 'a wooden, woefully inadequate, theologically limited Missal that is low on poetry, if high on precision.'

It was reported in 2017 that Pope Francis had given his blessing to a commission to study *Liturgiam Authenticam*. The outcome may reflect the Pope's own view of communications – of which we may have been given glimpses in *Evangelii Gaudium* where he writes : 'We cannot demand that peoples of every continent, in expressing their Christian faith, imitate modes of expression which European nations developed at a particular moment of their history, because the faith cannot be constricted to the limits of understanding and expression of any one culture. It is an indisputable fact that no single culture can exhaust the mystery of our redemption in Christ'. (118)

CORRECTION TO CLERGY MOVES IN NOVEMBER 2019 EDITION

Fr Rod Jones to University of Sussex as Chaplain

Fr Paul Wilkinson is on sabbatical

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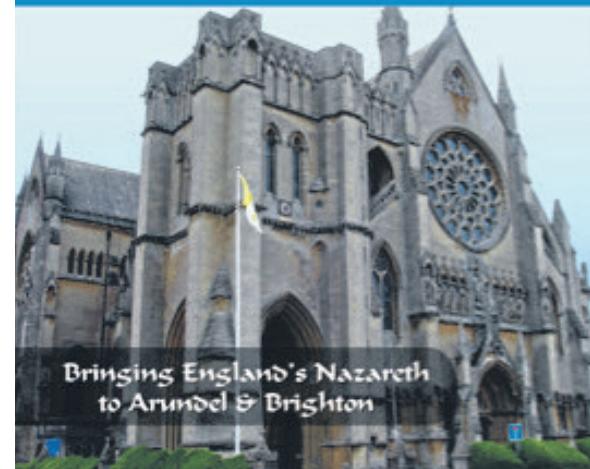
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AS BISHOP RICHARD NOTED in his recent Pastoral Letter, much time has been spent on preparing the foundations for the Pastoral Plan. Now, there is a sense – and a reality – of traction, of forward movement.

Last month we provided an overview of the work of several advisers and this edition provides a further update on Parish Family Groups, the celebration of marriage at the Anniversaries Mass, and the rollout of Weeks of Guided Prayer to the first two deaneries, Guildford and Epsom.

In the next edition we will describe the activity and plans of the Inclusion, Youth, Social Action, Liturgy & Music advisers; appropriately, the A&B News will appear towards the end of Advent, as we all look forward in joyful expectation.

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JUST A THOUGHT

A Simpler Advent

ADVENT is a time of anticipation and preparation for many people, but too often these days the preparation is a stressful time focussed on creating a ‘perfect’ Christmas.

Today’s idea of a perfect Christmas is evermore centred around buying the best gifts, hosting the best party and all the other things that modern commercial forces are able to convince us that we ‘need’. It seems that every year Christmas loses a little more of its true identity in our wider society.

This year I have decided to simplify it a little, to focus more on the real meaning of Christmas. After all, whatever plans Mary made while waiting for the arrival of her baby were unnecessary in the end. God’s plan for her was a last minute journey and to give birth in the simplest surroundings. Yet it all worked out OK.

Surely this teaches us that if God’s son was brought into the world in this way, then maybe we don’t need to make grand plans for lavish celebrations.

This year I will try to focus more on spiritual preparations rather than material ones, spend more time with family and friends and less time shopping.

At the end of the day, our loved ones will remember the time we spent with them, not the gifts we bought.

Ashleigh Hodges

Woking Community Press Government to Act on Climate Change

OVER 700 WOKING RESIDENTS have signed a petition urging the government to act to tackle climate change and handed it to local Woking MP Jonathan Lord to share with parliament.

At an event held on 13 October, members of St Dunstan’s parish were joined by Jonathan Lord MP where they shared their views about the government’s action to combat climate change.

The group were calling for net-zero emissions by 2045, which will help limit the UK’s contribution to climate change and limit the worst effects of climate change on our health, homes and communities, and on people living in poverty around the world.

The petition was accepted by Mr Lord, who then spoke about some of the achievements of the past few years and the need for further action and progress over the next few years.

He said: ‘While there is much to be done, the UK is doing really well in working towards reducing our carbon emissions, and investing in and moving towards renewable energy in particular.

However, we realise there are many challenges ahead and I am very happy to



present this petition to the Prime Minister, together with and on behalf of St Dunstan’s Parish and CAFOD to raise your concerns and your desire for further and faster action by 2045.’

Organised by volunteers from the charity CAFOD, who had helped gather

the 707 signatures, the parish hopes their action will inspire others to raise their voices and share their concerns with local parliamentary representatives.

Audra Schlachter, (pictured left, with Jonathan Lord MP and Fr Simon) a parishioner and CAFOD volunteer who helped to organise the petition and presentation, said: ‘We ask that this petition is taken to the Prime Minister to reflect our concern for our common home, and to show that we as the Catholic community of St Dunstan’s realise the great responsibility we all have to make a positive change for our future as a global community.’

This presentation was part of a wider campaign ‘Our Common Home’, run by the aid agency CAFOD, and the group’s signatures will be added to the thousands already received. It is hoped these events will highlight the growing concern for the environment and start new conversations about climate change.

*Story & Picture: Elouise Hobbs
Regional News Officer, CAFOD*

Godalming Quiz Night Supports CAFOD’s World Gifts Scheme



A COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT has raised over £750 to help support people in developing countries to break free from poverty.

On Saturday 19 October, the Justice and Peace group at St Edmund’s parish, Godalming, held a fantastic quiz night to fundraise for presents from charity CAFOD’s World Gifts scheme – a range of virtual gifts that supports families around the world.

Eight teams took part in the quiz, which was hosted by husband and wife team Ian and Jan Honeysett. While Ian acted as quizmaster on the night, Jan prepared the themed rounds which ranged from musicals to British cathedrals and countries where CAFOD works.

There was a delicious supper of

jacket potatoes provided and each team brought a pudding to share. During the break there was a raffle which raised over £260.

Jo Lewry, a CAFOD representative in Godalming who attended and has been involved with the quiz for many years, said ‘I would like to say thanks to all those who donated a raffle prize, to St John’s Church, Farncombe, for hosting the quiz, and to Frances and Gary for helping with the washing up! The result was very close with the team - ‘I thought it was Alpha’ - winning with a total of 85 points and they received a hamper of Fairtrade products as their prize.

And, of course, a special thanks to Ian and Jan for another fantastic evening of brain-teasing questions and hilarious jokes. Hope to see you all next

year for the 2020 quiz!’

CAFOD is celebrating over a decade of World Gifts, which were established as alternative charity gifts that would help transform lives and communities.

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Find out more at: Cafod.org.uk/worldgifts
Story & Picture: Elouise Hobbs



CAFOD Plans to Score with 2020 Lent Appeal

ST ANTHONY'S CLASS (YEAR 3) at SOLQH School in Crawley, received a very special visit from their friends at CAFOD on Tuesday 1 October. This was because they had been selected for a photo shoot ahead of CAFOD's 2020 Lent Fundraising Campaign.

The theme chosen by CAFOD for Lent 2020 promotes raising money through football, so the photo shoot had the children dressing up in sporty gear to show off their footballing skills for the

CAFOD cameraman, which included a penalty shoot-out.

Following the photo shoot, there was a talk in class which allowed the children to learn more about the work CAFOD does to support communities around the world.

Class Teacher, Michael Watson, said, 'It was a truly wonderful day and the children can't wait to see the pictures in the 2020 CAFOD School Lent Appeal!'

Story & Picture: Michael Watson

... and Godalming Plans to Live Simply

THE PARISH OF ST EDMUND, Godalming, has pledged to live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with poor people as it starts work on its bid to win a prestigious charity award.

Last month, 10 parishioners from St Edmund's Parish, supported by Fr David, came together to create a plan to help the whole parish to better care for the environment and the community – in hopes of receiving the LiveSimply award from the charity CAFOD.

Over the next twelve months, the group have planned a different theme for each month which will include everything from running a recycling scheme to helping parishioners reduce waste, to encouraging parishioners to buy ethical presents and use recycled wrapping paper this Christmas.

The group are also planning community outreach work including supporting local homeless projects by donating blankets and sleeping bags, and, with the help of the charity group St Vincent De Paul, hope to set up a scheme to get more people involved with visiting the housebound and elderly.

Jo Lewry, CAFOD's representative in

Godalming, said 'The changes they are making both in their parish and in the wider community will make a real difference both close to home and around the world.'

Next year, the group plan to encourage parishioners to grow their own vegetables by having a seed swap after Sunday masses, and to raise money for CAFOD and local outreach charity The Cellar by holding a concert featuring the Pink Floyd tribute band Any Colour You Like on Saturday 7 March 2020 at St John's Church, Farncombe.

St Edmund's parish is just one of many around the country who have started their LiveSimply journey with CAFOD. There are now over 50 groups across England and Wales who have been presented with the award. The group are hoping that their example will inspire others to also take up a simpler way of living.

Find out how you can get involved at cafod.org.uk/livesimply. Tickets for the concert are £16 and can be brought from www.julianlewrymusic.com/concerts

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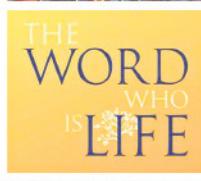
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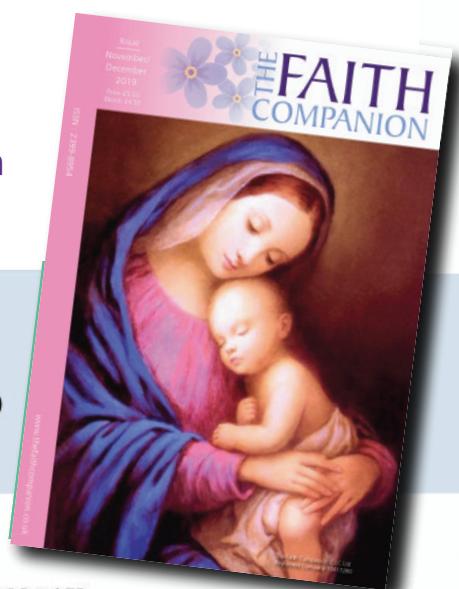
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Homily preached by Fr Sean Finnegan at Solemn Vespers in Arundel Cathedral on the day of the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

SOMEWHAT RASHLY I accepted the Diocese's request to speak today to you about St John Henry Newman. My reluctance is not least because his personal achievement is so very large, and there is no way that I can attempt a précis of that for you, but also because he has been adopted as patron saint of so many different causes that I think he would himself have wondered how he might have ended up in the strange contexts that his name has found a home. Arundel and Brighton, for a start.

Here in Arundel and Brighton we do have a few connections with the new saint, but not many. His family lived in Brighton for a while; when still an Anglican, and before the railways made journeys much easier, he visited them from Oxford via Horsham; on one such journey his horse was lamed at Manings Heath and he had to walk the rest of the way to Brighton; these things weren't unusual back then. He did think Sussex the finest of English counties - I can't think why, but then I come from Surrey. Probably the closest connection in later years lies in the Adur Valley parish: his sister Jemima was the wife of the Rector at Old Shoreham, and his dear friend Bloxam (who had been his Anglican curate at Littlemore) was the incumbent at Upper Beeding, where the Towers Convent is today, and Newman even visited him there on his way back from Rome, having received his Cardinal's hat.

But that is about that. **Some of you will be aware that this beautiful church was intended to have been an Oratory,** and the evidence is very clear if you look around: until our Diocese of Arundel and Brighton was created in 1965 this was the church of St Philip Neri, and the Duke of Norfolk who built it intended that one day it would be in the charge of Oratorian priests. And, in a sidelight, this was the very first church that I as an infant was ever brought into after my birth in 1961. But it wasn't Newman who was involved in its creation, but the London Oratory, as Fr Wilfrid Faber (a man whose reputation still awaits its just resurrection) was a close friend of the Duke of those days. In fact, though Newman was invited to the opening of this church (it wasn't actually consecrated till the 1950s), he declined to attend and sent along Fr Ambrose St John to represent him.

But there are many other things for which Newman stands, and one of these many causes may have brought you here this evening. Perhaps you are here because this is a historic occasion: after all the first canonisation of a modern-age Englishman, one who is not directly connected with the Reformation; my own grandparents were born in his lifetime. Perhaps you are someone who has become one of the many heirs of Newman's unquestionable influence on the Church of England, whether you are still an Anglican, or whether you have accompanied him across the Tiber. Perhaps you admire his startling departure from the propositional scholastic theology of his age and his creation of a new and profound discursive method, creating a new and wonderful fusion of patristic discourse and Anglican homiletic skill. Others still may be here simply because you are Catholics who wish to honour another Christian raised to our altars. There are those, too, who honour Newman's unquestionable influence on the nature of a university, asking and answering questions concerning just what tertiary education is all about. There are those who admire Newman's letter to the Duke of Norfolk, drinking to the Pope, but to conscience first. And

there are those very different people who admire his Biglietto speech, in which he rejoiced in the fact that he had rejected and resisted liberalism all his life. Finally, let us not forget that there are even those who admire him as a sort of gay icon, the Newman who directed that he be buried with his dear friend Ambrose St John.

But perhaps what strikes us most is the profound change in his life brought about by his conversion to the Catholic Church in 1845. The anniversary of this event is the date chosen to celebrate his feast day, and this has caused not a little disquiet among his Anglican admirers, perfectly understandably. There were, however, good reasons for it; 11 August, the day of his death is already the feast of St Clare, and August in general is overloaded with feast days. But for us in the Catholic Church it was that decision of his which proved so influential in the sudden growth of the Church in the nineteenth century, what Newman himself was to call the Second Spring, and, as an Ordinariate priest recently wrote on his blog, 9 October is, after all, the commemoration of the only day when Newman was both an Anglican and a Catholic.

October 9 is not just the feast of St John Henry Newman, but also the feast of another man whom God called from a comfortable home into an unfamiliar world, and whose faith in God's command and in his promise, in the words of St Paul, justified him. I'm speaking of course of the prophet Abraham. Like the man with whom he shares a feast, **Newman was called out from a place that was congenial to him in so many ways towards a future that must have seemed so uncertain.** Catholicism in England was not then what it was to become later in Newman's life; we were still a tiny and largely despised group, reeling from centuries of persecution and just about clinging on to life, internally torn between the strongly Jansenist secular clergy, (of whom Fr Tierney, the chaplain right here at the castle was a prime example) and the priests of the religious orders who adhered to the Roman view. In what is now our diocese there were very few places of Catholic worship, mostly in or around country houses, and even of those there were fewer than there had been a century before, with the loss of Firle and Cowdray.

This was the shadowy English Catholic Church that Newman joined, the promised land to which he journeyed, and it is no wonder that so many thought his choice a strange one. During his time in the Church of England, Newman had been asking the most important questions about what the Church is in herself. His life was mostly an academic one, but he also had a congregation of interested students who listened with fascination as he connected the Gospel that they



heard preached with those who had done so throughout the Church's history. But he made the connection not just with the great Protestant reformers, but he suggested that if the Church is truly of Christ, then surely one must read and digest all that has been spoken of our Lord from the earliest days. **The reformers had believed sincerely that they were returning the**

Church to its early apostolic form and doctrine: Newman, on actually reading those early sources, demonstrated controversially that the reformers were **doing nothing of the kind**, but on the contrary were creating something new, which the Fathers of the Church would have found strange. The more he looked, the more he found that he needed to be in communion with the Catholic Church if he was to be true to what he had found.

I suppose that that is the most familiar image we have of Newman; the scholar, that slight figure bent over books, studying and writing. This indeed was his main work during his Anglican period, but like Abraham, following that kindly light led him into new and unfamiliar lands, led to a complete change in his work. Though he began his ministerial life as an academic at Oxford, once he had become a Catholic, he lived it in the most different circumstances you can imagine; while continuing to write, he worked not among dreaming spires, but among the factories and smoke of Birmingham while it was in the throes of the Industrial Revolution. **Though he continued to write books and engage in intellectual disputes, he now also worked as a simple pastor among the poor.** There is a story of an old woman who came to talk to him about some trouble she had; it had been raining, and she turned up at the Oratory on the Hagley Road soaking wet. Though he was already a prince of the Church, he sat her down and helped her off with her soaked boots, setting them to dry by the fire, and simply talked to her about what she had come to say. When we read his sermons of this period, we find no longer the carefully crafted academic discourses of earlier years, but simple notes on pastoral topics. He confined his intellectual work to his writings, discourses to his brethren and to public lectures.

Newman is a very complicated character, as are most great people. **Many people have wondered at the fact that it has taken so long to actually canonise him.** In so many ways he is an obvious candidate for it; his luminous and profound theological and philosophical writings suggest strongly that even if not a candidate for canonisation, he should be honoured as a doctor of the Church, even if he were never canonised.

What bothers people is that **Newman had personal flaws.** He could be waspish and difficult and, in my view, in his dispute with Faber and the London Oratorians he should take the

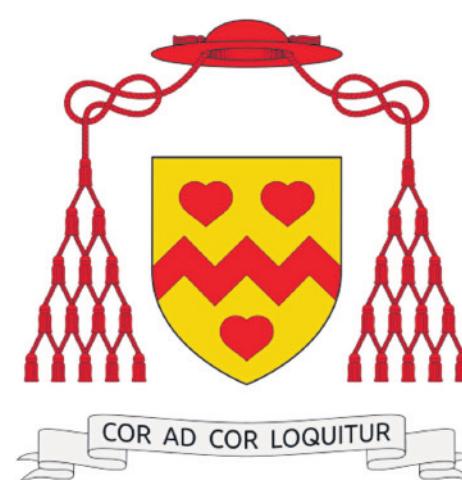
larger part of the blame. But we need to look deeper. From the past perhaps we have inherited a view that, somehow, saints are people who from childhood were perfect. Butler's Lives of the Saints records that St Nicholas as an infant would, on a fast day, refuse his mother's milk. If the plaster statue version of a saint is held up to us as an example of what we need to achieve in order to enter heaven, then it is all over with me. This is perhaps a hang-over from the Jansenism that so dominated the Church in former centuries. But when I hear that St Jerome had a bad temper, that St Wilfrid was touchy and rather given to the splendid side of the Episcopate, that St Thomas Aquinas was over-fond of his dinner, it isn't that I rejoice in their flaws, but I know that the fact that they had them didn't disqualify them from becoming saints. **It is precisely in doing our best to tackle our flaws that God's grace works its miracles in us;** for as St Paul puts it-when we are weak, then we are strong. Our very faults, when entrusted to the grace and mercy of God, become the things that God uses to save us.

God and the Church offer us saints precisely to encourage us. Newman was a complex and extraordinary man. A saint who has no flaws at all is of no use or encouragement to me. But somebody who has struggled as I have to do with my selfishness and my habits is somebody that I can genuinely admire, emulate and ask for intercession. His profound theology and philosophy is something that only a few of us will get to grips with, but he would be the first to say that actually this isn't the important bit.

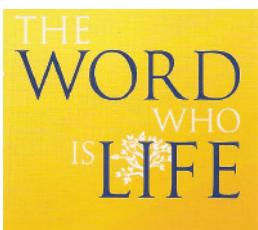
In this, perhaps, is Newman's greatness, and is where his sanctity lies. Even in his lifetime he was known to be one of the greats, but still, in his Oratorian community, he was simply 'The Father', and to his parishioners, simply their pastor. The purpose of this homily today isn't somehow to précis Newman's writings for you, nor to enlist his support as many have done for some particular school of thought, but simply to encourage you to **see him as a brother Christian who contributed far above the average to Christian Theology but who was more importantly a Christian like you and me who had to work out his salvation in fear and trembling. And succeeded.** His writings were so extensive and so meticulously preserved that we have close knowledge of how his mind worked, and even how his soul worked. A saint is someone we are encouraged to study and emulate: with Newman there is no end of material. But also a saint is someone we should ask for intercession. Intercession above all for our young people, as he ministered to the youth of Oxford to bring the truths of the faith home to them; also for our scholars and intellectuals that they seek God and to discover and preserve the truth of our religion as the Church has handed it down to us; for the poor of our inner cities; for our hierarchy, at whose creation he played no little part; and not least for all of us who struggle to find the truth in our lives.

Finally, in his own words, let us pray; **May God support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.**

Then in His mercy may He give us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

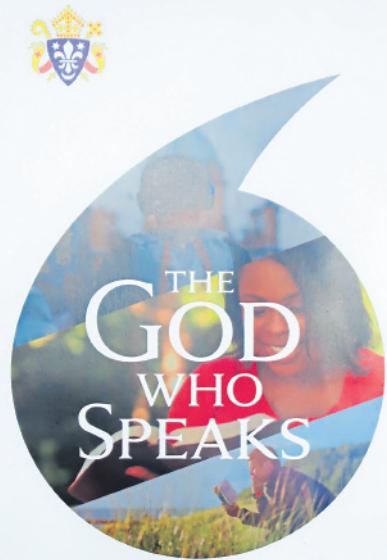


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AS YOU MAY BE AWARE the Diocese is no longer producing Advent resources but I will be sharing programmes when they become available.

We are pleased to say that the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle have recently sent us their material and the content, which I think is excellent. Resources for each week can be downloaded from www.rcdhn.org.uk/spirituality/spiritadvent19

You may wish to liaise with your parish office if you would like multiple copies produced.

The material from Hexham and Newcastle links with the **Year of the Word: The God who Speaks** which, as you may be aware, begins substantially on the first Sunday of Advent.

The God who Speaks booklet, and a special edition of Matthew's Gospels are now available in your church. I hope that you will find all these materials helpful.

*Jon Harman
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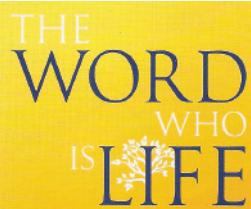
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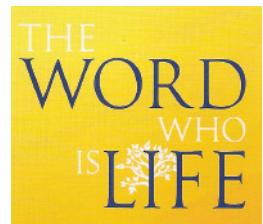
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The Diocese Celebrates the Marriage Feast at Arundel

Bride 'Arrested' on Her Wedding Day Sixty Years Ago!

WHAT CHANCE DID THIS MARRIAGE HAVE with a start like that? As a policeman might say in court: 'The evidence, my lord, is that after 60 years we are still together!' Evidence indeed shone out as **Patrick and Jo-Ann Hudson** renewed their vows and gave thanks for their 60 years of marriage (pictured in front of their two daughters, Nichola and Jane).

At the time, Patrick was a policeman in Horsham and married Jo-Ann on 28 February 1959 at the local St John the Evangelist Church. So, how do they feel after 22,000 days of marriage? 'After having so many wonderful years, this year has been particularly difficult due to ill health' replied Jo-Ann. What about Patrick? 'It's been an achievement!' quipped the retired policeman. But seeing them still holding hands in the Cathedral was evidence indeed of their commitment to each other and to their family. They are now parishioners of St Michael's in Worthing.



Tjeerd and Jadwiga Vonk from Bognor Regis, celebrating 17 years of Marriage on the very day of the Thanksgiving Mass, with the Bishop and their four children

Pictured are anniversary couples from various parishes throughout the Diocese celebrating their marriage at the Thanksgiving Mass in the Cathedral

Jim and Norma Begley from Cobham (60) pictured with their daughter



Pictured from left to right are Peter and Valerie Burholt from East Grinstead Parish (55), Mary and David White from Horsham, (50), and Claude and Antoinette Cheta from Peacehaven (25).



Gillian and Geoff Breeze from St Peter's, East Wittering, Chichester (49)



On the left Sid and Josie Wright (50) and family from Storrington



If you are about to reach a significant milestone in your marriage, then make a date in your diary for the next Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 10 October 2020 at St Joseph's Church Guildford. More details will appear in the A&B News next year.

Simon South, Parish Family Groups Project Worker, Provides an Update on the Parish Family Groups in A&B

Saint Pope John Paul II described the Parish as a 'family made up of families'. It is this ambition that the Parish Family Group movement aims to bring to life, through social activities

that bring everyone together. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the early Christian communities worked

together, spent time together and cared for each other.

We have been having a wonderful time with our Parish Family Groups over the last month. The activities taking place across the Diocese have been fantastic. I was very excited to be asked to join Cobham for their 2nd year celebration of their Parish Family Groups. There are three active groups in the Parish, and I was able to attend the celebration over the weekend of 26th and 27th October.

The feedback from everyone present was how much they value the time spent together, the new relationships that have been created and the closeness this has brought to the Parish. Well done to Kelly and the leadership team for their dedication and passion for their Parish. It was also a lovely celebration, as this was also the first weekend for Father Daryl as the new Parish Priest.

We have started to launch Parish Groups in Horsham and are in the midst

of signing parishioners up ready to formally launch these after Christmas. We are also starting to programme the launch with Canon Tom and the Chichester/Witterings Parish and are looking forward to a busy and joyous start to the new year.

(NOTE: Due to lack of space this month, we are holding over reports on Social Action, Liturgy & Music, Inclusion, Youth and the Ministry of Consolation for the next edition. Ed).



Grandparents' Week at Sacred Heart School, Wadhurst

IN NURSERY IMOGEN'S grandparents read The Giant Jam Sandwich, a children's picture book. The rhyming story tells how the fictional town of Itching Down was invaded by four million wasps. The villagers decide to build a gigantic jam sandwich to trap the pesky insects.



Reception were visited by Freddy and Pippin's Grandma who read part of the tales of Winnie the Pooh to Foundation Stage.



In **Year 1** Harriet's Nanny first shared 'Charlie and the Cheesemonster' with us; never again shall we be able to look at the moon without longing for a nice slice of cheese. The second story, The Stone Soup, is an inspiring tale of how, when we work together and share, we

can create something wonderful. The children were totally engaged and loved helping out lifting the flaps to reveal the beautiful, hidden illustrations.

Year 2 were visited by Mae's Nanny



Pat who kindly gave up her time to come and read some of the 'My Naughty Little Sister' stories. The children loved hearing about the mischievous antics My Naughty Little Sister got up to and we were very grateful to Nanny Pat for making us laugh!

Winnie's Grandma came in to read to



Year 3. She read the class two stories: Amelia-Anne and the Green Umbrella and a Winnie the Pooh story. The Winnie the Pooh story proved the most popular!

Year 4 had a real treat when Felix and



Harriet's Nanny came to tell us all about the Coronation. She was really organised and had lots of lovely books with photographs to show us. Our favourite part was when she told us how heavy the Queen's crown was and gave us a parcel to hold of the same weight. Look at our photos and you'll see that we found it very heavy! Thank you for a great talk and some lovely sweets.

Sofia's Nanny Sue came in to visit



Year 5 as part of Grandparents' week. She had just returned from a walking holiday in Tuscany, and the children were fascinated by the porcupine needle she brought in to show them. She had found this in the woods on one of her walks in Tuscany. She described how quiet and eerie it is in the woodland there, with no birdsong or animal sounds, very unlike her woodland walks in the UK.

She then shared some intriguing but rather gruesome stories about 'Deadly Diseases'. We learnt about the discovery of penicillin from the point of view of the mould and then about how the fleas, bacteria and rats felt during the plague. The children loved it! A big thank you to Fia's Nanny Sue for giving up her time to share with Year 5.

Year 6 would like to say a very big



thank you to Milly's Grandma who came to read us some extracts from Roald Dahl's book 'Going Solo'. The children particularly enjoyed hearing about the story of the lion who 'stole' a woman and ran off with her in his jaws, but dropped her unharmed. Phew!

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What the Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund means for Catholic Schools

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The Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund - emergency support for families in crisis

The Catholic Children's Society oversees the 'Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund' which provides emergency grants and immediate financial support for those facing extreme hardship in their lives, and in circumstances where no other avenues of funding are immediately available.

This help is available for any family facing exceptional difficulties where one-off financial support will make a meaningful difference.

The Arundel and Brighton Crisis fund can only operate thanks to the generosity of schools, parishes and individuals. Diocesan schools have been supporting the 'Crisis Fund' since November 2017.

Every single penny donated to the Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund is used exclusively in this Dio-



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Headteachers and Parish Priests can apply to the Crisis Fund on behalf of an individual or family by completing a simple one-page application form, detailing the difficulties the family is experiencing and what support is required. The application is responded to within 24 hours.

The priority is to fund items/costs that will make the biggest difference to the family in need. This could include items like beds, washing machines or clothing, or help with costs such as one-off bills/rent arrears.

This support can make a huge difference to families in desperate situations when they have nowhere else to turn.

The Crisis Fund has already benefited a number of families in Arundel and Brighton providing clothing, school uniform, food, beds, bedding and much more.

Headteachers who have applied for grants have agreed that this is a much-valued resource to support those within the school community who are in desperate need.

If you would like to know more about the Arundel and Brighton Crisis Fund, please contact Marie Ryan (Director of Education) on 01293 511130.

New Headteacher for Annecy Primary School, Seaford

PAUL GALLAGHER was recently inducted as Headteacher of Annecy Primary School for boys and girls aged 5 to 11, located in Sutton Avenue, Seaford.

Pictured below are, left to right, Deacon Colin Purchase, Paul with his son Jack and wife Domenica, Bishop Richard and Parish Priest Fr. Ian Byrnes.

Picture: Mary Purchase



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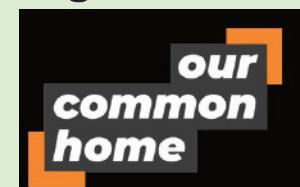
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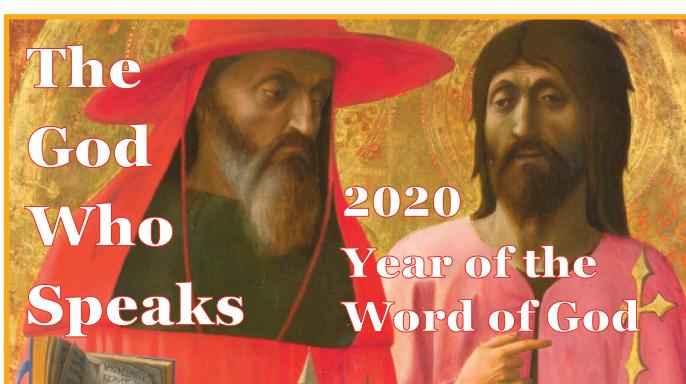
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More talks to follow. Themes will include 'The Book of Genesis', 'The Story of Israel', 'Understanding the Prophets', 'The Acts of the Apostles', 'Dealing with Difficult Texts' and 'The End Times'.

All talks at 8pm on Thursday evenings (after the 7:30 Mass)
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BISHOP'S DIARY

November

Sun 24	11.30am	Mass at Mayfield School, Mayfield
Mon 25-Thu 28		Bishops' Conference Plenary meeting at Hinsley Hall, Leeds
Fri 29	11am	Dowry Tour, Arundel Cathedral
Sat 30	9am	Mental Health Symposium at St Mary's University, Twickenham

December

Sun 1	5.30pm	Meeting at Arundel Cathedral
	6.30pm	Friends Advent Vespers at Arundel Cathedral
Tue 3	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
Wed 4	8.30am	Meeting at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	10.30am	Education Committee Meeting at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	6.45pm	Cathedral Deanery Advent Service
Thu 5	9.30am	Meeting at Eccleston Square
Sat 7	1pm	Mass for Deaf Community at St John the Evangelist, Horsham
	2.30	Meeting with Hospital Chaplains at St John the Evangelist, Horsham
	6pm	Mass at St Luke's, Hurstpierpoint
Sun 8	9am	Jubilee Mass at Woodingdean
Mon 9	6pm	Patronal Mass at St Mary's University, Twickenham
Tue 10	7.30am	Mass at Gossops Green Convent, Crawley
	11am	Prison Chaplains' lunch and meeting at High Oaks
	6pm	Worthing Deanery Advent Schools Service, Arundel Cathedral
Wed 11	10am	Diocesan Staff Retreat Day, Worth Abbey
Thu 12	10.30am	Meeting at High Oaks
	11am	Episcopal Council Meeting at High Oaks
Sat 14	4pm	Meeting at Eccleston Square
Tue 17	10am	Advent Music Day for Musicians, Woking
	5pm	Safeguarding Commission Meeting at Bishop's House, Hove
Wed 18	11am	Carol Service at HMP Coldingley
	6pm	Mass at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	6pm	Mass at St Ann's Parish, Banstead
Wed 25	9am	Mass at HMP High Down

Cardinal Newman Primary School, Hersham, in Rome

CARDINAL NEWMAN Catholic Primary School in Hersham were delighted to be able to represent the Catholic Diocese of Arundel and Brighton at the Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Rome on Sunday 13 October.



Travelling with a group from the school in Hove, the delegation included four children from Years 5 and 6 accompanied by their parents, Deputy Head Gerry Flower, Governor Fr Bill Muir and Headteacher Catherine Burnham.

Mrs Burnham reported: 'The children were delighted to participate in this joyous occasion with the Church family from around the world and are looking forward to sharing their experience with the whole school and parish community. The children especially enjoyed seeing so many different flags

and hearing so many different languages from all around the world, recognising the rich diversity of their Church family. At the Vigil of Prayer on Saturday and again at the Thanksgiving Mass on Monday, the children were excited to join in with the Newman hymn *Praise to the Holiest in the Height* which they are used to singing at school.'

After the Thanksgiving Mass at the Lateran Basilica, the children met Cardinal Vincent Nichols (pictured).

Story & Pictures: Catherine Burnham



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Christmas Eve

St John of Rochester

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Our Lady of the Assumption

Christmas Mass (Midnight liturgy): 10 pm

Christmas Day Masses

St John of Rochester Christmas Day Mass: 9.15

Our Lady of the Assumption Christmas Day Mass:

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Cardinal Newman Secondary School, Hove, in Rome

AS REPORTED in the A&B News November edition, school Principal Dr James Kilmartin led a delegation of 10 pupils of different ages, five boys and five girls, to Rome for the canonisation, accompanied by Governor Mgr Canon John Hull and RE teacher Ms McManus.

In an interview reported in The Argus newspaper, Dr Kilmartin said: 'It was great to see our patron recognised in such a fantastic way. It gives you a sense of the global worldwide church – what came over was how influential Newman is. It was beautiful, not least because of the beautiful surroundings

of the Vatican, St Peter's Church and basilica.

We are an ethnically diverse school with students speaking 30 languages other than English. We took an ethnically diverse group of students and it was great to see that reflected in the wider picture. It was an absolute pleasure. We use Newman's ideas on a daily basis – the idea of being a link in a chain and having your own special work to do in the world.

This has amplified Newman's reputation and we've had a lot of local interest from people, even from those who are not religious.'

Canonisation celebrations in Haywards Heath

AS THE MAJORITY of the parishioners from around the Diocese were unable to witness the canonisation of St John Henry Cardinal Newman in Rome, St Paul's Haywards Heath joined in this great once-in-a-lifetime event with an ecumenical service held on Sunday 13 October, the actual day of his canonisation. To mark the occasion a multi-faith congregation of over 150 joined Fr Trevor Welland, Canon John Twisleton from the local Anglican St Richard's Church and Haywards Heath's Mayor, Alastair McPherson, for Vespers.

Canon John gave a stirring homily on Newman's life, highlighting the new Saint's writings which greatly influenced major changes in the Catholic Church - including the Second Vatican Council. Reflecting on how Newman started life as an important minister in the Anglican faith, Canon John emphasised how today we still work on the coming together of a wide range of religions, especially between the Anglican faith and that of the Catholic Church. 'This was emphasised by the inscription on St John Henry Newman's grave: *Let heart speak to heart*', concluded Canon John.

Story: Peter Burholt Pictures: Ed Barter and Andrew Hornet



Parish pilgrimage day to Littlemore and Oxford

A COACH FULL of parishioners from St Theresa's, Southwick and St George's, West Blatchington, journeyed to Littlemore and Oxford in preparation for celebrating the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. We couldn't be in Rome but we celebrated in our parishes, starting with this trip. Our first stop was Littlemore.

Saint John Henry Newman lived at The College at Littlemore from 1842 – 1846, making it a place of quiet prayer and study for himself and some friends. It was at the College on 9 October, 1845 that Newman was received into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi, an Italian missionary priest.

We were able to spend time in his private chapel (pictured) and sleeping quarters and wander round the library, now a museum, full of memorabilia relating to, or previously owned by, Newman. His bust in the garden is also pictured.

We then travelled to Oxford and had the opportunity to wander around his old stomping grounds, including the opportunity to see Oriel College and Trinity College, stopping briefly for some lunch. The group was then treated to a tour of Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford, culminating in Mass celebrated in the Latin Chapel by our parish priest Fr Alistair.

Back to the coach for two more stops: firstly to visit the grave of Tolkein at Wolvercote Cemetery and then the grave of C.S. Lewis in Holy Trinity Church in Headington Quarry. At both gravesides we gathered for prayers, remembering our own loved ones.

It was a fabulous day and a very fitting way for us to prepare for the canonisation of Cardinal Newman which would take place in October a very short time after our trip.



Story & Pictures: Gill Sajnog



FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

WHAT A GREAT EVENING we had when all parts of our parish came together for a Parish Social evening. As well as music there was singing, chatting, eating and drinking. Even more importantly, people stood up and told us what they are doing in the parish in the way of groups or just general responsibilities that all contribute to the daily life of our parish community, as well as updates from those working with local networks to support the wider community around Bramber and Upper Beeding, Steyning and Shoreham. It was great to welcome some new faces too.

Our parish jumble sale as usual was really well supported and added £162 to our parish funds.

Penny Richardson

CRAWLEY

Christ the Lord

FR LOUIS CELEBRATED our Mass on 12 October and enrolled our first Holy Communion candidates. We welcomed them and their parents.

It was a lovely occasion with joyful singing; thanks to our music ministry for accompanying us and encouraging us to sing.

At Mass on 27 October Fr Louis re-commissioned our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to them all for their faithful and vital ministry to us.

Barbara Winstanley

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim
FR NEIL CELEBRATED Mass at 10 am on 5 October at Christ The King in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and it is intended that this Mass will now take place on the first Saturday of each month.

The parish celebrated Harvest Festival on 13 October when parishioners brought a selection of non-perishable food items to Masses on that day which were then distributed to the local food bank and the Matthew 25 Mission based at the nearby Anglican church of Christchurch.

We have welcomed Keir Martland on a

month-long placement in preparation for his plans to shortly commence seminary training.

Our parishioner Theresa Swan has been raising funds for Macmillan cancer support by having her head shaved. Her brave endeavour combined with Jacqui's coffee morning has to date raised £1,409 for this charity.

We are grateful to Dina Green and Tony McWall who have undertaken responsibility for the red boxes to support Missio.

We have been asked to remember in our prayers Schol Amaris (daughter of our adult altar server, Augustine, and his wife, Evelyn) and Sienna Dunbar who have recently been baptised. We also remember their parents and godparents in our prayers.

John Carmody

FARNHAM

HOLY FAMILY recently held the latest in their long running Film nights. Six times a year, we show a film with a religious slant, along with drinks and nibbles of course, to support the social life of the Parish and deepen the faith. Every one of the films (which were simply procured from the Internet and shops – search for 'Catholic Films' or 'Christian Films') was purchased on Blu-Ray or DVD so that it could be used in the future as part of parish programmes.

What struck us most, is that every film brought something in terms of a new idea or new angle on a part of the Faith that one thought was already well known. There have been a lot of tears and smiles and a good deal of introspection and fun along the way and overall, the nights have brought us all that bit closer together.

Remember to be fully licenced for both Music AND Video (two separate licences) if you plan to show films. A foldaway screen and projector to link to a player or PC along with an audio system of some sort are minimum. ...then it's showtime!

Richard Taylor

EARLY IN SEPTEMBER Fr John Inglis celebrated a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick. We were pleased to see so many of our housebound and parishioners coming together to celebrate this beautiful and moving Sacrament for the sick. Afterwards everyone was invited to afternoon tea organised by our SVP Conference.

It was a great party (*pictured*) with lots of lovely sandwiches and scrumptious cakes. It was good to see so many of our older parishioners chatting to old friends that they have not seen for some time. Our thanks to Fr John and to our SVP for giving them such a wonderful afternoon.

Christine Gilbert



CATERHAM

ON A WET 12 October the young Beavers and their parents, organised by Moyra Brohier - and very many thanks to her - planted 1,000 crocus bulbs in the Church lawn (*pictured*). They have done this for several years and it has been a welcome harbinger of Spring, something to look forward to as we approach winter.

The Parish generally have been working towards Christmas with preparations for the Fayre and, looking outwards, fund raising with a lunch in aid of our links with Madaba.

Earlier in October a group of year 10 girls from Woldingham School came to the Parish to help with preparing the Church for Christmas and the Fayre and our thanks to them for the brass polishing and pew cleaning. They worked quickly and efficiently, a real credit to the school.

And our thanks also to John Baron for his very many years involved with Baptism Preparation for the Parish. He will be relinquishing this role soon. Peter Patterson



EAST PRESTON

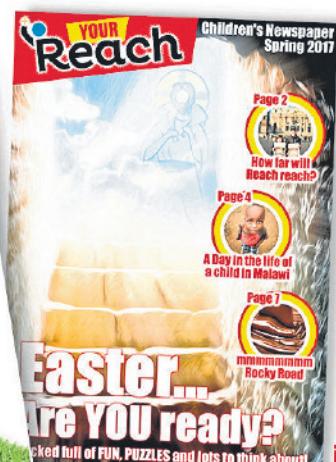
TO MARK FR DAVID REA'S retirement after 23 years as Parish Priest, a party was held in the Parish Hall after Mass on Saturday 26 October. Parishioners were joined by representatives of East Preston Parish Council, Fr Andrew Perry from St Mary's CoE Church, friends, well-wishers and neighbours.

The tables almost groaned with the weight of tasty fare! Our Lady Star of the Sea Church presented Fr David with a cheque and 'a nice bottle'. He will continue to live in his bungalow adjoining the church and celebrate weekend Masses for which the Parish is most grateful.

Deacon Allan Veness

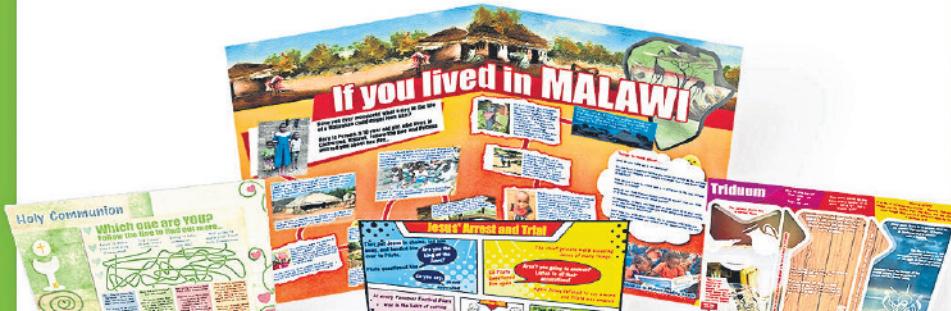


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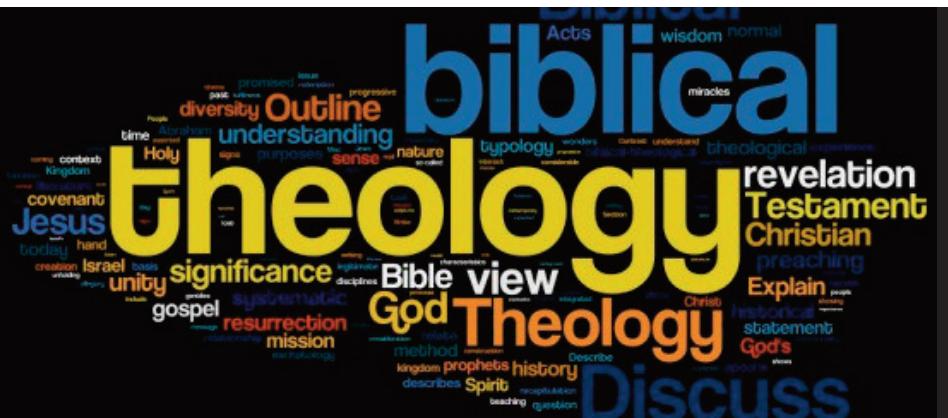


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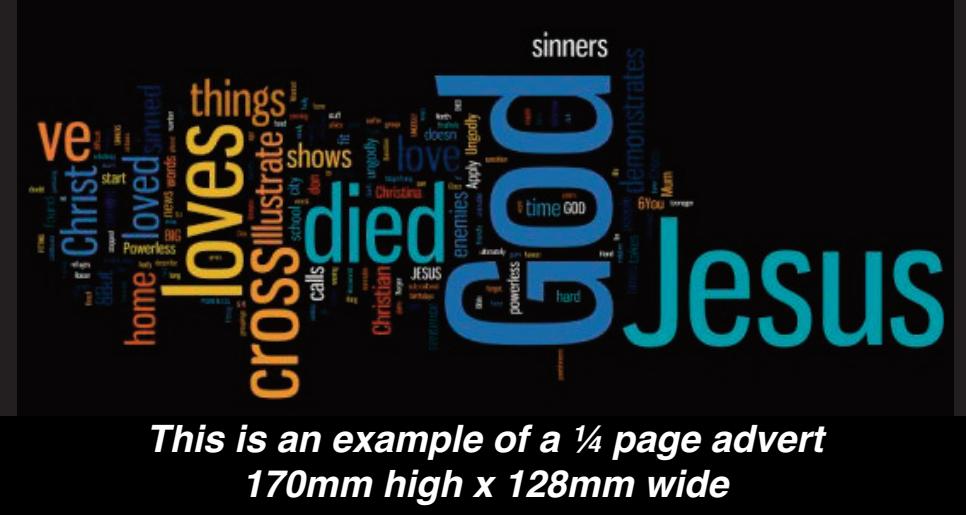


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FROM THE PARISHES (continued)

EASTBOURNE

AT THE FEAST of Our Lady of Ransom, 24 September, we were delighted to welcome back Fr Aaron Spinelli – a once child of our parish, who was an altar server here before going through University and the Seminary. Fr Tristan concelebrated. Fr Aaron spoke lovingly of his mother, who was also in the congregation. It really was very moving to hear that he still had the prayer card she gave him as a child.

On Sunday 13 October Devotions took place to Our Lady and to the new Saint, John Henry Newman, on the day of his canonisation. The St Philip Howard Medal was presented to Brenda Harding for all her years of devotion to the Parish. All her family were present with one of her grandsons, Peter, altar serving; it was joyous to see her honoured in this way for everything that she has done for all of us including her many prayers and Masses which she has offered up; her words are always 'I do what I do for God'. Pictured are Fr Raglan and Fr Tristan with Brenda's daughter Mary Staffiere



REDHILL

St Teresa of the Child Jesus

A FULL CONGREGATION celebrated the diamond jubilee of the laying of the foundation stone of St. Teresa's Church in Merstham on 6 October. The offertory gifts were brought up by Jean Longley, a founder member of the parish, and Joan Hodge our sacristan. Among the fascinating display of photographs and copies of early press cuttings were ones of the laying of the stone, the opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cyril Cowderoy, and also one of Fr Charles Howell, the last parish priest of Merstham, at the stone on the Golden Jubilee with our then oldest and youngest parishioners.

Celebrations continued in the Community Room, chatting and enjoying the wine, savouries and cakes. Then came the large cake made by a parishioner, decorated by handmade red marzipan roses, echoing St Teresa's promise to shower down roses from heaven. It was cut by Fr Anthony and Audrey Langley supervised by Jean Longley (pictured) all of whom were living in St. Teresa's parish before the church was built, and were present when the foundation stone was laid.

Fr Anthony was an altar server at that ceremony.
Ann Larder



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Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Descendant of Cain church find feeble at first (6)
- 8 Archbishop's grandmother is going after chap with drugs (6)
- 9 Caesar is distinguished put against our lot (8)
- 10 Take back-road from Arctic region and find something fishy (4)
- 11 Noah'sson'sclosingborder(4)
- 13 Sounds upset, look you, one in the Sanhedrin (8)
- 14 Hilly part of London obviously needs elevated access (8)
- 18 Cleric in East Anglia's first to work in Iceland (4)
- 20 Tribe place top Levites in confinement (4)
- 21 In favour of action: words are for a book (8)
- 23 Some signs of a familiar Australia comeback, with backing of support the key (6)
- 24 Does this stress a Mediterranean type? (6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Book to ban at university and church (6)
- 2 In Le Mans I almost get to grips with an ancient road rager (4)
- 3 It is a bit theatrical, this article on a Greek water goddess (6)
- 4 Pursued, but remains virtuous, we're informed (6)
- 5 Get Durer to re-imagine the Danish queen (8)
- 6 Is able to name many lost after classic battle (6)
- 12 Ham, a main reason for David's headquarters being here (8)
- 15 Homes are individual with great cloakrooms (6)
- 16 Beast for the mountain, one Colombia-bound (6)
- 17 Almighty crater after road is all dug up (6)
- 19 Died with atmosphere to a degree upsetting for a scribe

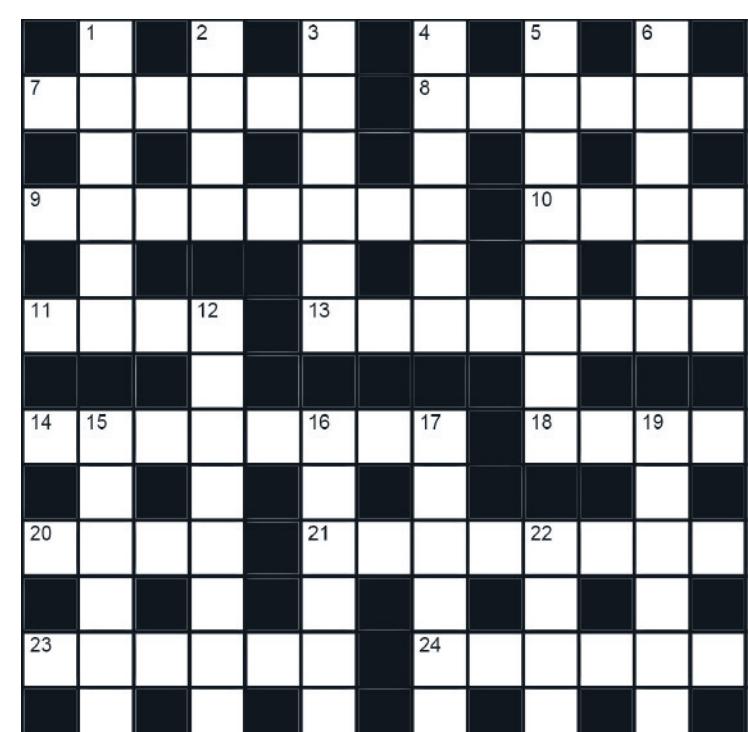
of Esdras (6) 22 Where David fought Goliath: healthy, but keeled over (4)

QUICK Across

- 7 Descendant of Cain, husband of Adah and Zillah (6)
- 8 Cardinal John -----: Archbishop of Westminster (1963-1975) (6)
- 9 ----- Caesar, first Roman Emperor (27 BC-14 AD) (8)
- 10 Edible scombroid fish (4)
- 11 Son of Noah, ancestor of both Jews and Arabs, and the language group still spoken (4)
- 13 One of the conservative aristocratic Jewish priesthood named possibly after Zadok (8)
- 14 London N6? (8)
- 18 Icelandic books of epic mythological tales and poetry (4)
- 20 Extended family, especially in Scotland (4)
- 21 OT book consisting of adages from various Israelite sages (8)
- 23 Imaginary belt illustrating the progress of heavenly bodies (6)
- 24 Print-type used for emphasis, literary titles, etc (6)

QUICK Down

- 1 Apocryphal book named after Jeremiah's secretary (6)
- 2 Crazy driver, named after the chariot racing king of Israel in 2 Kings (4)
- 3 One of the 50 Nereids in Greek myth (6)
- 4 Hounded (6)
- 5 Hamlet'smother(8)
- 6 Great battle of the 2nd Punic War (216 BC), the scene of



- 1 Rome's greatest defeat (6)
- 2 Where in Gilead Jacob saw God's angels before reuniting with Esau (8)
- 15 Homes with domes? (6)
- 16 Andean beast of burden (6)
- 17 One of the principal names by which God is designated in the Hebrew Scriptures (6)
- 19 One of the five who wrote down the visions of Esdras (6)
- 22 Valley where David fought Goliath (4)

SOLUTION

- 1 Elah.
- 2 Jehe, 3 Thethis, 4 Chased, 5 Gertrude, 6 Canaae,
- 11 Shem, 13 Sadducee, 14 Higlegate, 18 Eddaa, 20 Clan,
- 21 Proverb, 23 Zodiac, 24 Tritic, Down: 1 Baruch,
- 12 Mahanaim, 15 Igloos, 16 Alpaca, 17 Elohim, 19 Dabria,

Across: 7 Lamach, 8 Heenah, 9 Augustus, 10 Tuna,
Down: 1 Elah, 2 Jehe, 3 Thethis, 4 Chased, 5 Gertrude, 6 Canaae, 11 Shem, 13 Sadducee, 14 Higlegate, 18 Eddaa, 20 Clan, 21 Proverb, 23 Zodiac, 24 Tritic, Down: 1 Baruch, 12 Mahanaim, 15 Igloos, 16 Alpaca, 17 Elohim, 19 Dabria,

OBITUARY

Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark The Most Reverend Michael G. Bowen, S.T.L., Ph.L.

MICHAEL died in the early hours of Thursday 17 October 2019. He was 89 years-old. Requiescat in pace. Archbishop Bowen was born in Gibraltar, where his maternal grandparents lived, on 23 April 1930 – the feast day of St George, patron saint of England. His home until 1959 was in Wimbeldon, London. He was the son of Major John Bowen (Irish Guards, killed in action in World War II, Norway 1940) and Mary, née Pedley, who married Sir Paul Makins, Bt, in 1945.

Archbishop Bowen was educated at Dowsdale School before gaining a place at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was a wine merchant, working for Saccone and Speed Ltd, before entering into formation for the Catholic priesthood at the Venerable English College, Rome, in 1952. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Southwark on 6 July 1958.

Twelve years later, he was Ordained the second Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton on 14 March 1971. That same year, he was elected with Cardinal Heenan to represent the Bishops of England and Wales at the Rome Synod on 'The Priesthood' and on 'Justice and Peace in the World'.

In March 1977, he succeeded Cyril Conrad Cowderoy as the eighth Archbishop of Southwark. Archbishop Bowen welcomed then-Pope John Paul II to St George's Cathedral in 1982 to celebrate a Mass for the sick. This was one of the high points of Archbishop Bowen's time in office. It was he who suggested that the seven sacraments be the theme of the pope's six-day visit to Britain.

Bishop Richard writes: 'Archbishop Michael was a most wonderful support and encouragement to me personally,



most especially during my time as his Private Secretary and, later, Vicar General. A gentleman in the true sense of that word, he brought kindness and a delightful sense of humour to all around him. It was a true privilege and a real joy to assist him in his ministry as Archbishop.'

The words of the late Cardinal Basil Hume, at Archbishop Michael's Jubilee celebrations at Aylesford, remain with me: 'Southwark is blessed to have such a gentle shepherd.' These words summed up Archbishop Bowen's service to the Church in a wonderful way and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please pray very specially for his family at this time.'

Archbishop Bowen was a member of the Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Chairman of it from 1999 to 2001. He also

served the Bishops' Conference as Chair of the Department of Christian Life and Worship (1983-99) and Chair of the Committee for Marriage and Family Life (1983-86).

Having been elected Vice-President of the Bishops' Conference previously, he was elected President in 1999 for a five-year term. Having represented the Conference at the Millennium events, he resigned the post in November 2000 to allow the new Archbishop of Westminster to be elected.

He retired as Archbishop of Southwark after 26 years of service on 8 December 2003.

Following the announcement of Archbishop Bowen's resignation, then-Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor said: 'He has been a true teacher and guide to his flock, a man who has led with certainty and humility, and served well the people and priests of his Archdiocese.'

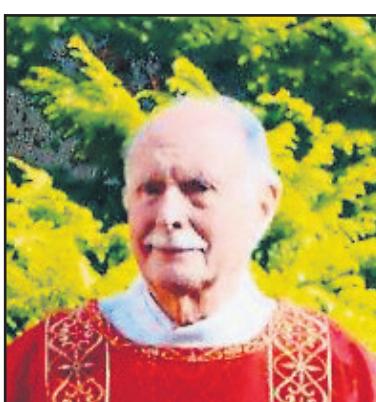
OBITUARY - Deacon Hilary Parsons

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of Deacon Hilary Parsons who died peacefully on Tuesday 28 May aged 95 years. His Requiem Mass took place at St Anne's, Brockenhurst on Thursday 6 June.

Hilary was ordained to the sacred diaconate in 1984 for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton by Bishop, later Cardinal, Cormac at St. Richard's Church, Chichester. During Hilary's ministry here he established the homeless charity, St. Richard's Christian Care Association, later renamed Stonepillow. Hilary was moved by the death of a homeless man in Chichester, causing him to call us all to address the

plight of the homeless in our city.

This remarkable act resulted in numerous homeless people being cared for, with overnight accommodation and meals provided at St Joseph's Cottage in Hunston Road. This provided a much-needed hostel and the Carmelite nuns from the convent in Hunston (which is now the Chichester Free School) came to the rescue and gifted the



gardener's cottage across the road which is now known as St Joseph's.

Today, St Joseph's is home to Stonepillow's 17 bed 24-hour hostel, and 2019 marks the charity's 30th anniversary.

Amongst his other ministries, Hilary chaired Churches Together in Chichester, an ecumenical movement, which initiated dialogue between all Christian communities in the city,

including Chichester Cathedral.

Hilary's ability to engage and enthuse everyone, in whatever context, will be his lasting legacy.

He published two excellent books, both reflecting his great ability to preach and reflect on so many varied topics.

Please remember Hilary's family in your prayers.

JJ

(We have just received this reflection and, although Deacon Hilary died almost six months ago, we are pleased to report this tribute to 'a remarkable man' as our contributor calls him. Ed)

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