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Rededicating England with Personal Consecration



DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD in England has very deep roots. Walsingham Shrine, founded almost 1,000 years ago, is one of the oldest shrines to the Blessed Virgin Mary and, in pre-reformation times, it ranked with Jerusalem, Rome and Compostela as the most visited shrines in Christendom.

Bishop Richard writes below of the recent Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham to Arundel Cathedral and the plans for the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary in March 2020.

WE WERE BLESSED to be able to welcome Mgr. John Armitage and the team from Walsingham for the Dowry Tour to the Cathedral in November last year. It was a wonderful opportunity for us all to gather around the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham for prayer. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the event was marked by prayerful celebrations of Mass.

This Dowry Tour, during which the Statue was welcomed into every Catholic Cathedral in

England, has been in preparation for the Rededication of England to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which will take place on 29 March this year. It will be wonderful to see representatives from every parish in the Diocese for the events at Arundel Cathedral on that day.

England has been described as ‘The Dowry of Mary’ since the time of Edward the Confessor and this Rededication will be a moment for us to rejoice in Mary’s place as our Mother and the very special place that she has in the lives of us all. Mary our Mother always leads us to her Son – the Word Who is Life. As the greatest model of discipleship, Mary has much to teach us about the Mission of the Church.

This rededication is also a time for us to undertake acts of individual consecration to Jesus through Mary and one way of approaching this is to follow the ‘33 Days to Morning Glory’ Programme of prayers and reflection.

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Friends of Arundel Cathedral Duke Henry XV Talk

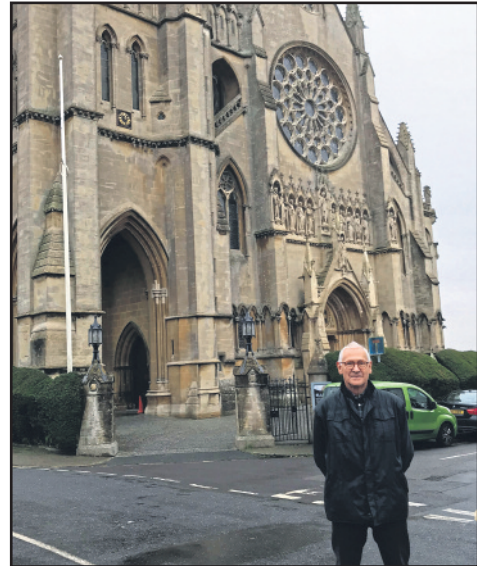
HENRY, XV DUKE OF NORFOLK, the man who built Arundel Cathedral and much of the town of Arundel, was the subject of a fascinating illustrated lecture last month in the Cathedral Hall.

The talk was delivered by Oliver Hawkins (pictured below, and below right), a supporter of the Cathedral Friends who regularly conducts tours of the Cathedral for visiting parishes and other interested groups. As the tours were always greeted so enthusiastically, it was decided to test out how popular a talk would be in a more structured setting and to a more ad hoc audience. The tickets sold out almost overnight!

Before an audience of 70, including one



The Duke as depicted by Sir Leslie Matthew Ward, a portrait artist and caricaturist whose work was regularly published by Vanity Fair under the pseudonym Spy. This picture appeared in the magazine in 1881 with the caption 'Our Little Duke.'



of Duke Henry's granddaughters and the Cathedral archivist, Oliver described how Henry, born in 1847, became one of the most important and influential members of the British aristocracy of the time.

Inspired by John Henry Newman

Following Catholic emancipation the Catholic community was growing in confidence. Henry was inspired by his

tutor and mentor, the recently canonised John Henry Newman. The values and faith he acquired during that time inspired all he did thereafter, whether as a politician, planner or fighting in Her Majesty's army. To the great relief of the people of Arundel the last of these was short lived as he fell off his horse shortly after arriving in South Africa and had to be repatriated, with mercifully only a bruised reputation as a horseman!

Boundless Energy

His energy seemed boundless. The most difficult of challenges were there to be overcome in a lifetime of church building, philanthropic activities, and surprising undertakings.

Born to high office (Earl Marshal of

England) and enormously wealthy, he funded the building of the Cathedral engaging the famous architect Joseph Hansom to build a 'parish church' to celebrate his 21st birthday. Henry chose the site and purchased the land and had the whole structure built within three years – an astonishing achievement! The Victorians knew how to build imposing structures to last.

Nevertheless, a hundred years later the Fleche, which had been a substitute for a grand steeple (the chalk on which the building stands could not have supported anything taller) and built of timber and lead, needed to be replaced. The replacement with the most 'modern, light, strong, weather resistant materials' had in turn to be replaced only 40 years later- this time with the original materials of lead and timber!

The parish church was designated the Bishop's seat and Cathedral when the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton was created in May 1965.

Personal Tragedy

Duke Henry was indefatigable. Short and famously scruffy, he suffered profound personal tragedy without losing faith or humour. Tragically his wife Flora died very young and their son Philip was born severely handicapped, never developing beyond a state of infancy. In spite of this the Duke went on to build the Catholic Cathedral in Norwich, this time in early English style, and many other churches. He undertook renovations of his own home – the castle.

As Postmaster General he built the Post Office, which still stands today on the corner at the bottom of the High Street and went on to create what has now become a world class cricket ground and home for Sussex cricket in the grounds of the castle.

Oliver's talk was both erudite and entertaining – full of interesting anecdotes and facts – and very well received by an enthusiastic audience.

More Events Planned

The talk was the first in a series of lunch time events organised by the Friends of Arundel Cathedral to raise their profile and encourage membership.

The Friends are committed to financial support for many of the spiritual and secular activities of the Cathedral: recruitment and sponsorship of promising choral scholars to ensure the highest standards of choral music, and contributions to the maintenance of the fabric of the building: e.g. restoration of the Rose window and of the fleche.

For more information visit www.arundelcathedralfriends.org or phone the Administrator, Lindsey Stratford on 01903 884567.

Story and Photos: Margaret Bamford



A New Year 'First' for Arundel Cathedral Choristers



CHORISTERS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL will be the first in the UK to receive a new examination award from The Guild of Church Musicians (GCM) which encourages musicians of all denominations within the church to attain the highest standards of music in worship.

The guild's new Archbishops' Chorister Medal, depicting its logo and worn on a gold cord, has been created specifically for choristers under the age of 18. It expands an already wide range of established guild qualifications under the patronage of the Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.

The concept of a new medal for choristers, which aims to encourage attentive listening and reflection on the role of

music in worship, was proposed and developed by Elizabeth Stratford, organist and master of the choristers at Arundel Cathedral. Elizabeth, who was one of the first girl choristers in this country, said: 'It is hoped that this examination syllabus will appeal to other choir trainers with young singers as it is suited to those of all religious denominations in schools and churches.'

To attain the medal, candidates undertake an examination in which they are required to sing, respond to musicianship tests and answer questions on music theory and the role of music in liturgy. There has already been significant interest in the new examination from a number of sources across the country, reports Elizabeth.

In a special ceremony at Arundel

Cathedral on February 1 more than 10 of the cathedral's choristers aged between 10 and 14 will receive their medals and certificates from the GCM's president Dame Mary Archer.

During the afternoon Dame Mary will also present David Wells, one of the UK's finest and most experienced organ builders, with honorary membership of the GCM in recognition of his contribution to organ building.

In the citation the restoration has been described as 'a monument to his immense skill, not just from the organ building, but in respecting the heritage and ensuring that the outcome was historically acceptable, as well as being visually very fine and musically spectacular.'

'It is fitting that Mr Wells should be presented with this here as Arundel's historic Hill organ is among those he has restored,' commented Elizabeth.

The GCM presentations in Arundel Cathedral will be preceded at 1 pm by an organ recital by Robert Sholl, professor of music at the University of West London and lecturer at the Royal Academy of Music. His programme will include works by Vierne and Tournemire.

Following the recital, Dame Mary will lead a discussion on the subject of church music and its direction. Speakers will include the Rev Canon Roy Wood-

hams, who was a professional musician prior to ordination, and Barry Williams, an honorary member of the guild.

The medal presentations will take place at 3.30 pm before the cathedral choir sings Vespers at 4 pm. Among those attending the event will be the Mayor of Arundel, Councillor Wendy Eve, and Patrick Burgess MBE, chairman of the Friends of Arundel Cathedral.

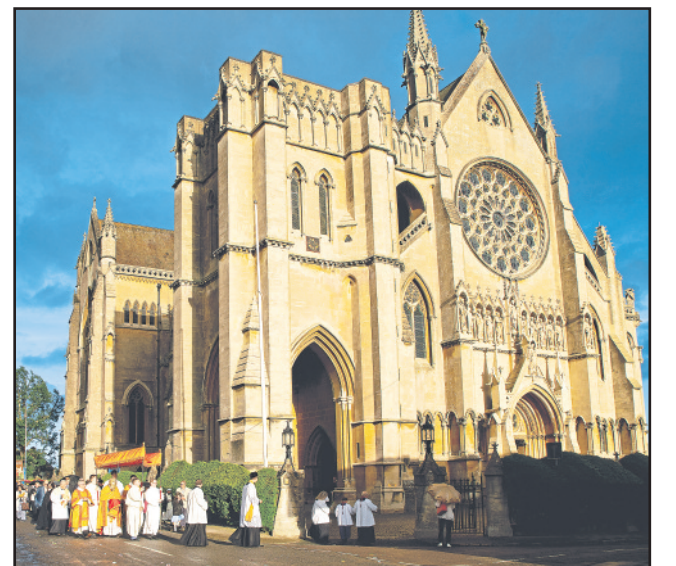
'All are welcome and encouraged to attend this historic event,' adds Elizabeth.

Story: Tim Stanley

Pictures: A & B News team

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Read more about The Guild of Church Musicians at www.churchmusicians.org



St Stephen's Day Mass at the Parish of Guildford



ST STEPHEN'S DAY MASS was celebrated this year at St Pius X Church in Merrow, with the enrolment of seven new servers from across our four churches.

Congratulations to those who received Medals and Certificates of Merit. Well done to everyone for making the wonderful celebration.

Story and picture: Sandy Hunt

Happy 100th Birthday Doris... and Many Happy Returns!

IN ESHER PARISH on 1 January 2020 we were privileged to attend Mass with one of our very faithful parishioners, Doris Ashurst, who turned 100 on that day.

The Mass on New Year's Day was said by Monsignor Barry Wymes who served as our Parish Priest for many years and is well known to Doris.



As an extra special surprise, Doris' family had organised a Papal Blessing, which Fr Barry read out and which is shown here (left) by a smiling Doris.

Doris is a very spritely 100 year old and the church was very full with parishioners, friends and family all wanting to celebrate with her, despite it being on New Year's Day morning!

Afterwards we celebrated with a little party in the parish rooms where haggis canapes were served and bagpipes were played (Doris is Scottish after all!) with 100 cup cakes making up her birthday cake.

Story & Picture: Sarah Ross

The Light of the World Depicted at Heron's Ghyll

INSPIRATION FOR THE DESIGN of a new Advent frontal for the church at Heron's Ghyll naturally came from the writings of St John as the church has been dedicated to that Evangelist since 1880.

St John saw light emerging in the darkness as the fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy about the people who walked in darkness seeing a great light: 'The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world,' (John 1:9); so two parishioners embroidered simple beaded images on a dark violet velvet background.

The first phase of the Moon seen in our hemisphere is the crescent moon lit from the right, so on the frontal a silvery waxing moon glows accompanied by the evening star, for 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' (John 1:5)

Centrally, a radiant sun shines: 'Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world,"' (John 8:12) while on the right the Christmas star shimmers: 'I have come as light into the world that whoever believes in me may not remain in dark-



ness.' (John 12:46)

The frontal is bordered with deep violet velour braid inlaid with crystal rhinestones, specks of light edging into the darkness, with seven Swarovski crystals: 'In his right hand he held seven stars, ...and his face was like the sun shining.' (Revelation 1:16)

While the Advent frontal heralds the Christ Child, the work on it has been dedicated to the

children of the parish: those who attended in the past, those here today and those yet to come, especially those baptised at Heron's Ghyll and those who have served on this altar.

The freestanding altar itself was given by former parishioners in memory of their only son who died, aged 30, in a road accident during Advent 45 years ago.

Story & picture: Liza Vaughan-Hughes

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THE BEGINNING OF A NEW YEAR - and a new decade - a time for resolutions.

Here are two suggestions. First, beginning to read the Bible, setting aside some time each day, asking God to make clear to us what He wants to say to each of us individually - as David Beresford points out on page 9 '...He is desperate for you to hear His words...to know how much you are loved.'

Second, what about undertaking the consecration to Mary using the booklet '33 Days to Morning Glory', (free from the Walsingham Shrine)? Jackie Ballard (page 5) highly recommends it and adds it '...is neither onerous nor time consuming.'

Now, a change of subject: several parishes did not receive their copies of the A&B News January/Christmastide edition before Christmas (or at all, in at least one case).

CathCom, our publishers, offer their sincere apologies, explaining that the problems occurred following management changes at the regular packaging company. A new packaging company has been hired with immediate effect and the changeover will be closely monitored.

With best wishes to all readers for 2020 and the decade ahead,



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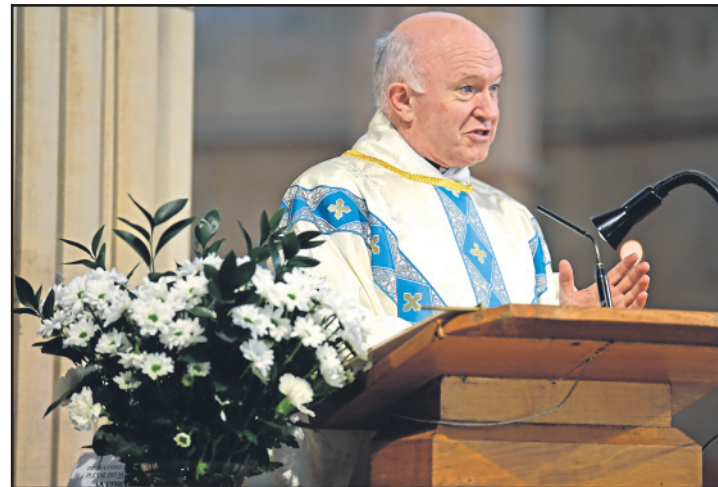
JUST A THOUGHT
NOW THAT THE WONDER and celebration of the birth of Jesus has been thoroughly celebrated both in prayer and partying, perhaps we can take time to reflect a little more soberly on the detailed preparations that supported the great feast.

Many people will have travelled at Christmas to join up with other family to widen their celebrations and this reminds us of the long journey that Mary and Joseph were obliged to take just before Mary was due to give birth. What a trial! Then trial upon trial - no room at the inn - and a moment or two of panic by Joseph before he established the make-do availability of the stable. And after the birth, just a few brief days of celebration with visits from the shepherds and the Magi, including the first Christmas presents, before the dread news of Herod's vengeance forced the family to travel again, this time to the relative safety of Egypt.

By all accounts the Middle East at the time of the Nativity was as unsafe and unsettled as it is today: thousands of people, especially mothers and babies, fleeing their homes for makeshift accommodation such as tents or worse. After twenty centuries the parallel with the Nativity is, sadly, still stark.

Vince Gartlan

Dowry Tour (continued from page 1)



THE DOWRY TOUR visited Arundel Cathedral from 28-30 November 2019. Over the three day visit the busy agenda included: Holy Masses; Rosary & Litany of the English Saints and Martyrs; the Angelus with a short reflection on the Angelus Promise; Adoration and Benediction; Marian Hymns; and a Eucharistic Healing Service, as well as talks and reflections.

Attendees could also visit the Dowry Exhibition with displays including the history of the Walsingham Shrine, the Holy House, Our Lady's Message, Ancient Shrines to Our Lady, and St Edmund.

Bishop Richard invited all the schools in the diocese to join together in prayer and celebration during the three day visit and on Friday 29 November school representatives were welcomed to the Cathedral Centre where they attended a talk on 'The Dowry of Mary and what it means for you.'

This was followed by Mass in the Cathedral with Bishop Richard, concelebrated with Cathedral Dean Canon David Parmiter, Mgr John Armitage,



Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham and Fr Matthew Chadwick.

Following the Dowry Tour's final visits during February and March 2020 (to cathedrals in Lancaster, Clifton and Westminster) the rededication of England will take place on 29 March 2020 with provision for personal dedication throughout 2020 - see next page.

Story: A & B News team, Pictures: A&B News team, Francis Fernandes

PHOTOGRAPHS

- (from top to bottom and left to right)
1. view of altar with statue of Blessed Virgin
 2. Mgr John Armitage, Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham
 3. Canon David Parmiter, Dean of Arundel Cathedral
 4. Statue of Our Lady from the Shrine at Walsingham
 - 5.6.7. Three of the posters from the Dowry Tour Exhibition



England to be Rededicated as Mary's Dowry with Personal Consecration to the Blessed Mother

'Behold I am the Servant of the Lord...'



What is A Dowry?

The ancient meaning of the word 'dowry' in English is slightly different to the usual understanding of the word. It does not mean what a bride brings to her husband at their marriage, but rather it was what the husband set aside for his wife from his estate should she be left a widow (which was a distinct possibility, should he depart on a Crusade.) **England is the only nation in the world that has this privileged title of 'the Dowry of Mary'.**

England was called the Dowry of Mary

The term 'Dowry of Mary' is thought to have originated in the 11th century. It means that England has been 'set apart' for Mary. Ancient records show that in 1350 a preacher remarked in a sermon that 'it is commonly said that the land of England is the Virgin's dowry' and the near-contemporary artwork known as the Wilton Diptych depicts the 14th century King Richard II setting aside England as Mary's dowry in a solemn ceremony at Westminster Abbey in 1381.

Much more recently, England and Wales were solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Cardinal Bernard Griffin on July 16 1948, Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, on behalf of the Hierarchy of England and Wales. His Eminence ended his sermon on that day with this great rallying call which echoes still in our time:

'We want to win back the world to Christ and we want to do it God's way and not our own. Our divine Lord came to the world through a human mother and it is through that same Mother that the world will return to Him.'

What is the consecration to Our Lady?

Historically, English Catholics were

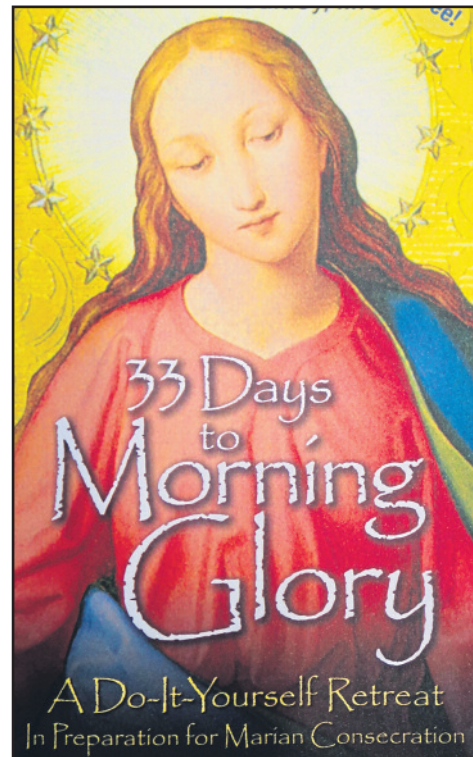
noted for the practice of this devotion according to Henri-Marie Boudon (1624-1702) and, as part of the journey to the country's re-dedication **we, as individuals, are being encouraged to make a personal consecration to Our Lady.**

St Louis de Montfort formally established the most traditional method of Marian consecration, which seeks to bring people into deeper union with both Mary and Jesus.

The Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham and the rededication website, www.Behold2020.com, have decided to follow an up-to-date version called '33 days to Morning Glory'.

33 Days to Morning Glory

Fr Gaitley in his book explains: 'St Louis was the first to take all the threads of Marian consecration, popularise them and synthesise them. The way I look at it, '33 Days to Morning Glory' is written in the same spirit, meant to combine and promote the main streams of Marian devotion that have come since St Louis' model. The way it is written also provides an easier to use and updated version from the traditional method.'



He elaborates, 'It is easier because the traditional model uses lots of litanies and prayers that at times can distract or overwhelm the reader. This version actually has more prayer, but it involves heart-pondering prayer that reflects upon the various teachings of Marian consecration and how to incorporate them into daily life.'

Gaitley describes his book as an updated version because 'it takes the consecration and puts it squarely in the teaching of the mind of the Church.'

In addition to incorporating the theology of St Louis de Montfort, Fr Gaitley dedicates week-long meditations to the Marian thoughts of St Maximilian Kolbe, St Mother Teresa and St John Paul. These additions include a more scripturally based awareness of Mary as an instrument of God's grace, who seeks to transfix the focus on Christ in order to come to a greater understanding of His thirst from the cross and on accepting His mercy.

Michael Gaitley also writes that this Marian Consecration is 'the surest, easiest, shortest and the most perfect means' to become a saint!

A Personal Experience of the Consecration

As someone who has performed this consecration to Our Lady, I believe it is a wonderful summary of four great Saints' relationship with the Blessed Mother. It includes a daily reflection and short prayer and is neither onerous nor time consuming. Gaitley sets the context of this Marian Devotion firmly in the history and practice of the Church and explains why it is so necessary to 'give Mary our full permission to complete her motherly task in us, which

is to form us into other Christs'.

The Angelus

The Angelus prayer has been used to prepare for the rededication and as part of the Dowry Tour devotions. We are encouraged to reflect upon the meaning of the words of the Angelus and apply them to our own daily life and circumstances.

It helps us to deepen our faith, our belief in and devotion to the Incarnation when Jesus, the Word, became flesh and dwelt amongst us. The Angelus invites us to join with Our Lady in saying our 'yes' each day.

Why does it matter?

This year, we are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. This is being done alongside the rededication of England to her as her dowry. The Behold2020 website states: *'History shows us that when people pray this prayer of absolute surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed.'*

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has called the 2020 dedication a 'moment of great promise ... for the Church in this country and for our mission.'

For more information:

www.behold2020.com and www.walsingham.org.uk

Traditional prayers to Our Lady, including The Angelus, The Regina Caeli, Salve Regina and others may be found on the Liturgy Office's website at: www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Prayer/Traditional/Mary.shtml

Timeline for the 21st Century Rededication and Consecration

JANUARY

On the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, a formal public announcement by the Bishops of England and Wales regarding the rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary

1 - 20 FEBRUARY

Everyone is encouraged to get the guide to personal consecration produced by Fr Michael Gaitley MIC.

It is entitled '33 days to Morning Glory' and is FREE. The booklet can be obtained from Walsingham shrine, on request. Copies have been distributed during the Dowry Tour but can also be accessed via the shop at Walsingham and/or the internet (www.shop.walsingham.org.uk/33-days-to-morning-glory).

An extended paperback book can be bought from Amazon.

21 FEBRUARY

All Catholics, and anyone else who wants to join in, will be invited to begin a personal 33 day consecration to Jesus through Mary following the method of St Louis de Montfort, as updated by Fr Gaitley

in the '33 Days to Morning Glory' booklet.

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

The Feast of the Annunciation
Everyone following the consecration will consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary on this day.

THURSDAY 26 - SATURDAY 28 MARCH

A three-day triduum of prayer in which all will be invited to recite the litany of Saints and Martyrs of England, pray the Rosary and go to Confession in preparation for the rededication.

SUNDAY 29 MARCH

Dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary.

This will take place in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, every parish, and as many homes as possible. People will be invited to pray The Angelus following the guidelines in the book 'The Angelus Promise' which can also be obtained from the Shrine.

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Saints in the Making at St George's, Weybridge

THE ANNUAL VOCATIONS DAY at St George's College is a day of conversation, prayer and celebration with our Lower Sixth students at a formative time in their lives. During his homily at our opening Mass, Father Martin (College chaplain) told the students that he says this prayer every morning: 'Lord Jesus Christ, may I always remember I am your missionary disciple, a temple of the Holy Spirit, beloved by God the Father who is all merciful and all compassionate, whose will I want to do and try to do.'

He also spoke of the importance of the words of St John Henry Newman: 'God has created me to do him some definite service... that he has not committed to another. I have a mission. I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next...' Fr Martin told his own vocation story whilst encouraging the students to explore and discover their own. He concluded by saying that perhaps a good way of looking at one's vocation is to remember that we are all 'saints in the making'.

This year we hosted six guests who each have their own special vocation. They were: Fr Lawrence Lew (Dominican) pictured below; John Candia (Opus Dei); Brother Christopher Jones (Brothers of St John); Fr Gerard Walsh (Carmelite); Catherine Wallis-Hughes (lay Dominican); Anthony Hudson (Head of St George's Junior School) and Major Paul Billard (Salvation Army.)

The students were somewhat intrigued as they met the three Religious in their habits. However, Fr Lawrence, Br Christopher and Fr Gerard quickly dispelled any concerns that they might seem irrelevant or unapproachable to young people through their intelligent and witty



introductions and the question and answer sessions.

Fr Lawrence told the students that God has created them free, rational agents who have a will. They can make choices for the good. He said that ultimately God had made them to love and be loved and that their end goal in life is to learn how to love others properly.

At just 24 (and so closer in age to the students than most of us!), John Candia is an Opus Dei Supernumerary and he explained to the students that this means he can marry and live an 'ordinary' life but that it means that he has committed to loving God in a special way through the actions and deeds of his everyday life.

Catherine Wallis-Hughes described her own vocation story and made the important point that we have to listen to the will of God and in order that we have the space to listen, we must try to habitually live virtuous lives. These messages are deeply important to our young people who absolutely desire a life filled with meaning and purpose.

The Salvation Army holds a special place in the hearts of everyone in the Georgian Family. We have a long relationship of doing our best to support their charitable work through collections of toys and the putting together of Christmas hampers at this time of the year and then the donation of tins for their food-bank during Lent. Major Paul told the students about his calling to the Army and his experiences of working

with society's most vulnerable, provoking insightful and intelligent questions from the students about the different ways in which people respond to assistance.



He summed up the concept of vocation by reminding the students that to have a vocation is something wonderful; God wants good things for us and he would only call us to something we can do and something we desire. He wouldn't ask us to do something that made us unhappy.

There were too many highlights to the day to mention them all, but the best thing for me always is seeing the students engage with such maturity and wisdom. Just one more highlight that I must mention was watching the three Religious race around our athletics track, habits billowing!

Special thanks go to our guests; to Mr Orlando Yanez-Vila of the RE department who conceived and organised the day; to the Lower Sixth who gave up their normal routine and to all the people at St George's who made the day possible.

Story & pictures: Marianne Lane



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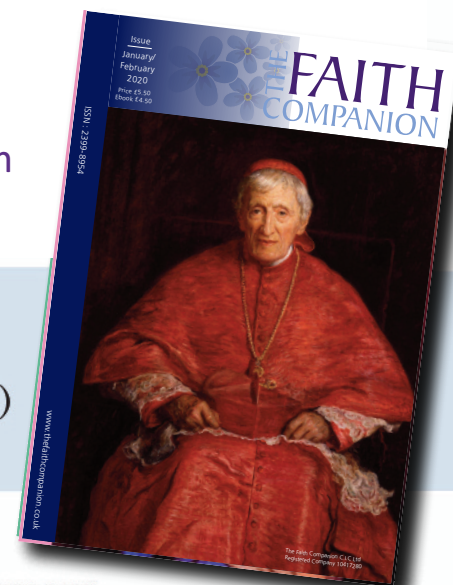
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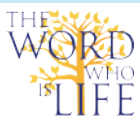
Who is it for? Wherever you are on your journey, whether you find it easy to pray or not, this is a week for discovering more.

At the beginning of the Week, each person is assigned a prayer guide who will accompany you throughout the week. Those taking part commit to set aside 20-30 minutes each day for personal prayer. Your prayer guide will offer you resources. You will also meet with your guide for 30 minutes each day.

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Remember St Josephine Bakhita

ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA was a slave whose feast on 8 February gives us an opportunity to focus our prayers on urging an end to slavery and trafficking. This wicked evil is still present in our communities, hidden below the surface.

The Diocese has formed an anti-slavery group as part of our Social Action Commission, and along with other faith groups and agencies is working to raise awareness and find ways to help victims of this modern day abuse of human dignity.

Josephine was born in Sudan around 1869 and seized by slave traders at only seven or eight years old. Before she was twenty she had been sold and bought five times before being given away. She was subjected to many beatings and a painful form of tattooing, eventually being bought by the Italian Vice Consul who treated her kindly and after many adventures she was given to a family near Venice.

She passed into the care of a religious community and learned about Christianity and when the family came for her she refused to leave. An Italian court freed Josephine as slavery was not recognised in the country. She was baptised, confirmed and received into the Catholic Church on 9 January 1890 and became a sister in the community where she remained.

She had a gentleness and warming smile that never failed to impress those who met her. Her holiness also was known to all and she died on 8 February 1947 after years of suffering.

Asked what she would do if she met those who had enslaved her, she replied, 'I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today'.

Recognised by the Church as a saint



on 1 October 2000, she is the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors.

We are urging people in our parishes to dedicate their daily rosary, or a time of prayer, especially on the feast of St Josephine Bakhita on February 8, with the intention of an end to slavery and trafficking, and for all its victims and those engaged in fighting it.

If you, or anyone in your parish would like to be kept up-to-date then please contact our Social Action Adviser, Tessa Ricketts at: Tessa.Ricketts@abdiocese.org.uk.

Story: David Farey

Picture: A tapestry portrait of St Josephine Bakhita that hung from the facade of St Peter's Basilica during her canonization in 2000 at the Vatican. (CNS photo / L'Osservatore Romano via Reuters)



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with Bishop Richard

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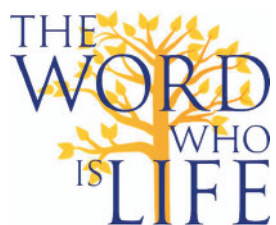
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Supporting the Bereaved Across A&B

AS WE ALL SET OFF INTO THE NEW YEAR with hope and faith, it is wonderful to be able to share with you that we have started to train a further eight generous and passionate volunteers for the Ministry of Consolation. On completion, our new volunteers will be joining the existing team across the Diocese who are actively supporting their clergy and parishioners through the Ministry of Consolation.

The programme has been running for over ten years within the Diocese, and as such, it is a joy to be able to share the reality that we have dedicated people who are actively supporting those who are experiencing the physical and emotional pain of loss, within the majority of our Deaneries.

To all those who are offering a compassionate, listening ear along with providing emotional support, I would like to offer sincere thanks on behalf of all those whose lives you have touched by your support.

The training programme that we run within the Diocese is for one day a week over an 8-week period (8 days in total), beginning each year in January for the new volunteers. We are very blessed to have the direction and support of Kathy Quint who has a wealth of experience in training to support people experiencing loss, via the bereavement charity Cruse. During the course, our volunteers will

learn the invaluable listening skills that are needed. They will then explore how they can support people who are dealing with the uncertainty and concerns associated with or who have themselves been diagnosed with a serious or terminal illness, and how best to support their families. Those who have completed the programme successfully are then commissioned by Bishop Richard to fulfil this Ministry within the Diocese.

The course also looks at ways of supporting the bereaved within the Parish environment; for example, across the Diocese there are bereavement cafes running, prayer groups meeting, corners of remembrance within Parish Churches, one-to-one meetings and self-help groups.

If you are interested in learning more about what is available within your Parish or you have ideas on what you would like to see, have a chat with your Parish Priest who I am sure will be very happy to hear from you. If you feel you are being called to work within this very special Ministry of care and love, then you can either email me at mfl@abdiocese.org.uk or give me a call on 07415 306222 to find out more information

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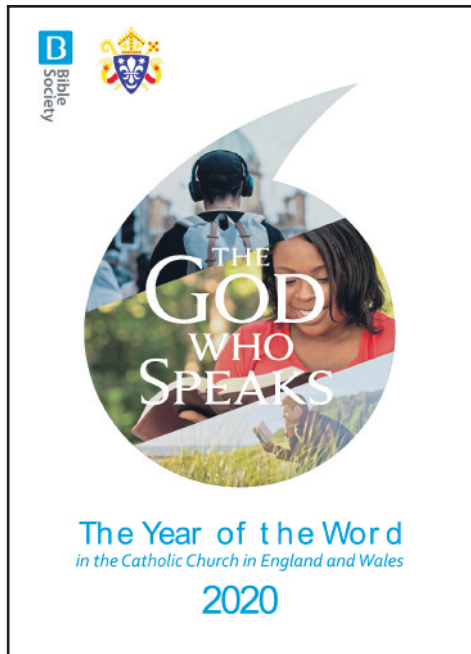
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Where to Begin with the Bible?

2020 is the Year of the Word, an initiative of the Bishops in England and Wales, in partnership with the Bible Society. But how can people begin to get to grips with the Bible, which has over 1,000 chapters and nearly one million words?

We put that question to David Beresford, Director of the Catholic Bible School.



God was saying to you in different situations?

All of these things are possible and well within your ability, you just have to put in a little time and the Holy Spirit will do all the rest. The creator of the entire universe is desperate to help you, is desperate for you to hear His words, is desperate for you to know how much you are loved.

So where do we start? Well, gently but with purpose, as all good journeys start. There are lots of ways of reading and studying the Bible, but I want to suggest one which will definitely help if you are starting out. The Bible can be a bit daunting to get to grips with, so start small and build up slowly.

Begin with one of the Gospels and **this year the Church focuses on Matthew's telling of the Good News.** The best way to start the ball rolling is to simply read the whole book, from start to finish, like you would read any other book. Read it as a story, let Matthew tell you what he wants you to hear. Don't worry if you don't understand everything, just read, and keep reading until you get to the end.

Depending on how fast you read, it will take around three and a half hours to read the whole Gospel. That will probably take you a few sessions to get through it but try and read it in as few sittings as possible.

When you have finished, and only when you have finished, ask yourself a couple of questions (write your answers in a notebook if that helps you focus). What are your thoughts after reading the story, what surprised you, what did you like about the way the story was told? Do you have any questions after reading it? (If so, write them down, and you can come back to them later.)

But if you only have time to consider one thing, ask yourself this: if you had to summarise the Good News that Matthew is telling, how would you do it in two or three sentences?

Now that you have heard the story from beginning to end, you are better

placed to read shorter passages. A good way to go would be to read the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday during the week.

A simple process would be as follows. Read the passage in a Bible, rather than a Missal so that you can see where it fits into the bigger story. Read it a second time and try to answer some of these questions: What is happening? Who is talking? Who are they talking to? What happened just before this passage? What happens after? How does this passage fit into the big story that Matthew is telling? How would you summarise the message or meaning of this passage?

Writing down your thoughts will really help in the long run, as will being gentle with yourself. You are probably not an expert on Scripture, and it's ok not to understand everything, just try and answer as much as you can. After you have answered a few questions, maybe read some of the notes in your Bible, if it has some, or from a commentary book or online commentary. What do other people think this passage is about? Do you agree with what they think?

Finish your reading with this question – how does what I have read relate to me? Remember that the purpose of reading the Bible is to grow in your relationship with God.

Then on Sunday, at Mass listen to the Gospel again and see what difference it makes having spent some time with it beforehand. Then listen to the homily and see how it connects with your thoughts and repeat the process again and again and see what happens.

Now the commercial break – if you would like a book to help you work through Matthew's Gospel, we have a great one for you. It's written to be used either on your own or as part of a group and will help you to really enjoy your reading. You can order a copy here - www.catholic-bible-school.org/shop for only £6.

If you think it would be good for

your parish to spend some more time focussing on God's Word, then get in touch and we have a few ideas that might help.

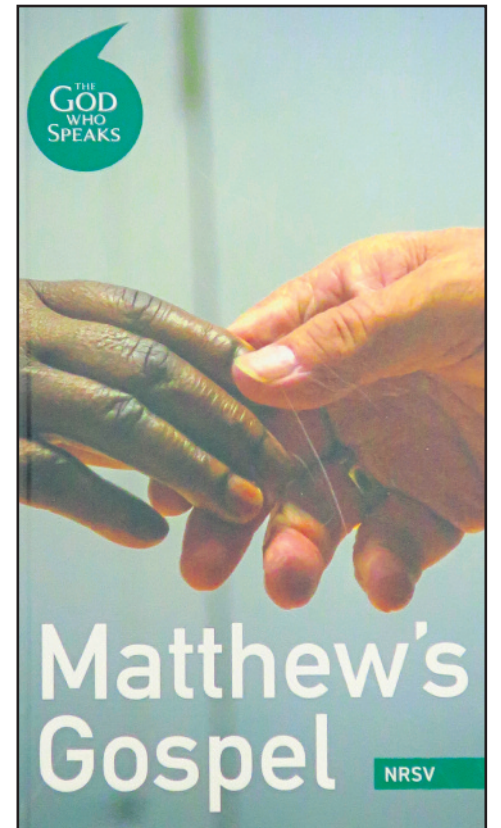
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David Beresford
Director of Catholic Bible School

(Parishes have been given a small supply of copies of St Matthew's Gospel but, if your parish has run out, contact Jon Harman, Adviser for Formation and Spirituality at St Philip Howard Centre, for your free copy.

Jon can be contacted at:

jon.harman@abdiocese.org.uk



THERE IS NO BETTER TIME to read the Bible than now. This year is the perfect year for starting or continuing a journey of hearing God speak to us. It's a significant starting point to take note of the fact that God has spoken. Jesus is the Word, and the Holy Spirit speaks to us every day if we listen, but there is a book which contains the definitive message of love from our Father and Creator in heaven. The Bible is a brilliant book – but let's be honest, it's a bit difficult to make sense of in places and with over 31,000 verses, there is a lot to read!

But let's imagine for a moment: What would it be like if...

- You felt confident listening to the readings at Mass, if you understood what was being said and how it fits into God's message of love?

- Reading the Bible on your own or in a group felt like a highlight of your day as you were encouraged by God's words to you?

- You were confident of what

The Start of the Year of **The God who Speaks** is Marked with Vespers

Arundel Cathedral

IT WAS LAUNCHED IN THE DIOCESE at the annual celebration of Advent vespers organised by the Friends of the Cathedral celebrating the event in the presence of the High Sheriffs of West and East Sussex and Surrey and civic representatives of District and Borough Councils (pictured).



Bishop Richard expanded on the initiative and suggested ways in which we may all be enriched and renewed by the living Word of God; 'to be moved afresh to share the love of Christ'. The music was specially chosen for the occasion by the Cathedral's choir mistress, Elizabeth Stratford, and performed by the choral scholars and choir.

Bishop Richard said that listening and reading are key to understanding **The God who Speaks**. God speaks to us through the Bible; guiding us in our daily lives. The Scriptures are proclaimed every time the Eucharist is celebrated. God speaks to us through the

Sacraments. It is up to us to listen and hear, to explore new ways of responding to His words. Scripture teaches us how to live in society, to respect each human being and to work towards the common good. It shapes our actions, our choices and how we relate to God, to ourselves, to our neighbours and to our world. It guides all our relationships and how we live our lives. God's word inspires us to put faith into action in our everyday lives.

The timing is 2020, the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' – and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death. In discovering and renewing a genuine love for the word of God, the Catholic Bishops emphasise the importance of nurturing our relationship with Christ through the Bible. 'Through our vision and themes, we have a unique opportunity to nurture and inspire our faith through attentiveness to the Bible and the great riches of our spiritual history and traditions. Sharing God's Word enriches our formation, proclamation and evangelisation. The Bible has inspired, and continues to inspire, learning, culture, art, music and literature. It enables science and faith to build up mutual understanding through dialogue. It challenges technology and social media to open up new ways to encounter and share Christ in the world.' Reference: The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

Story: Margaret Bamford Picture: Keith Padwick

West Blatchington

TO MARK THE FORMAL START of the year of 'The God who Speaks' scriptural initiative, our combined parishes of Southwick and Portslade (St Theresa's) and Hangleton and West Blatchington (St George's) hosted for the deanery a celebration of Evening Prayer (Vespers) held in St George's.

This was a very prayerful and uplifting celebration; an opportunity for many people who had not experienced Evening Prayer before to take part and a very fitting way to start off 'the God who Speaks'.

We look forward to taking part in more events and celebrations throughout the year as we strive to develop a deeper understanding and delight in God's word.

Seasonal refreshments of mince pies, cakes and tea and coffee were enjoyed by all in the Hall afterwards.

Story and Picture: Gill Sajnov



From A & B to B & B!



A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, we swapped our lovely home in Steyning in the parish of our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley, for a completely new adventure. You may remember me, Richard, as the Deacon in the Adur Valley parish; I used to do a lot of stuff for the Diocese too. When I retired, Ros and I wanted to strike out and do something completely different. A few years ago, we had walked the coastal path around Devon and Cornwall and fell in love with the place.

These days I'm the Deacon in the parish of St Cuthbert Mayne at Launceston. It has three churches, just like Adur Valley, but Catholic churches in this part of the world are widely spread so people travel quite a way for Mass; when I minister at all the Masses in our parish at the weekend, I cover 80 miles. Our new parish has welcomed us very warmly indeed. They are a diverse population: farmers, Polish and Filipino com-

munities, retired people, and also incomers like us. They are devout, grateful and close.

Primrose Cottage, where we run a B&B, is 5 miles from Launceston and right on the Cornwall/Devon border. It's perched on a hillside with spectacular country views and our garden stretches down right to the banks of the River Tamar; we even have our own stretch of fishing rights.

We opened our B&B in July 2018 and our first season went well, though of course we were learning along the way, and we still are. All our guests have been great, honestly, and this year we have been thrilled to welcome some back for a second visit.

We love our situation in the countryside of the Tamar Valley; there is so much to do and see hereabouts. It's only 10 minutes from the A30, giving easy access to the rest of Cornwall as well as Devon, Dartmoor and Bodmin. It's ideal for those wanting to sightsee but come home to our guests' suites (and they really are suites, not just en-suite bedrooms!) for personal space, peace and quiet at day's end.

If you fancy a holiday with us, it would be the greatest pleasure to welcome you. We love to see all our friends from A&B, and if you are an A&B parishioner, you will get a 10% discount. Sadly the place here isn't really suitable for children or pets, but adult guests will find the warmest of welcomes.

We send our fond regards and prayers for health and happiness, fortitude for the challenges, and the continued blessings and protection of our Lord.

Deacon Richard and Ros Edwards

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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE of the English Martyrs Church in Goring was celebrated on 5 January with a special Mass. It was the conclusion to a lively programme of festivities over 2019 to commemorate this landmark anniversary.

The Parish church is blessed with having the only known reproduction of the Sistine Chapel. (See picture above) The work was started by Gary Bevens in 1987 after a parish pilgrimage trip to Rome to attend the Beatification of the 85 English Martyrs. Parishioner Gary is a sign-writer who is a natural artist with no formal training.

Following a discussion with Bishop Cormac, Gary's request to bring 'the Sistine ceiling' here to Goring was accepted. You can read more about this extraordinary feat here: <http://www.sistinechapeluk.co.uk/>



During the Mass Bishop Richard blessed the new Stations of the Cross (one is pictured right) - one of our last commemorations of the Jubilee.

It was a great occasion and so many people attended this special event where Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard Moth with parish priest Fr Liam O'Connor (pictured above with Deacon Gary Bevens). Then followed a reception with lovely food in the Barn (parish hall) with Bishop Richard and clergy meeting the parishioners.

Story: Francis Fernandes, Clive Kitchener; Pictures: Francis Fernandes



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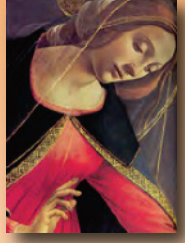
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TRAIDCRAFT'S MISSION began forty years ago as a Christian response to poverty in the developing world, and it continues in 2020. The 'grass roots' of Traidcraft were in Christian churches and other organisations. It is good to see in the new edition of the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Directory A&B is a Fairtrade Diocese registered with the Fairtrade Foundation. Fifty per cent of our churches are certificated as meeting the Fairtrade Foundation criteria and agree to use Fairtrade labelled products including those sold by Traidcraft. Please continue supporting Traidcraft/Fairtrade in our churches and at social events.

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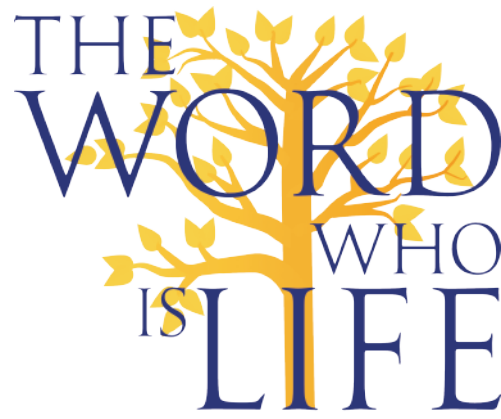
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BISHOP'S DIARY
JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Month	Date	Time	Event
January	Sat 25	10am	Justice and Peace Assembly, St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	Sun 26	6.30pm	Visit to Chemin Neuf Community, Storrington
	Mon 27	10am	Meeting at Bishop's House, Hove
		2pm	Meetings at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
	Tue 28	pm	Diocesan Trustees' Meeting
January	Thu 30	10.30am	Episcopal Council Meeting, High Oaks
		5pm	Governors' Meeting at St Mary's University, Twickenham
January	Fri 31	10.30am	Day for Deans at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley
January		7pm	Evening of Reflection at St Joseph's Parish, Epsom
February	Sat 1	2pm	Mass for Consecrated Life at Worth Abbey
		6pm	Parish Visitation to English Martyrs, Goring
	Sun 2	9am	Parish Visitation to English Martyrs, Goring
	Wed 5	7pm	Council of Deacons' Meeting, High Oaks
	Thu 11	7pm	Chichester Catenian Circle dinner, Chichester Park Hotel, Chichester
	Sat 15	6.15pm	Parish Visitation to East Grinstead and Lingfield
	Sun 16	9am	Parish Visitation to East Grinstead and Lingfield
	Tue 18	10.30am	Episcopal Council, High Oaks
	Wed 19	7.30pm	Induction Mass for Fr Daryl George, Sacred Heart Parish, Cobham
	Sun 23	3pm	Event for Separated, Divorced & Re-married at St John The Evangelist, Horsham
	Mon 24	10.30am	Trustees' Meeting at St John's Seminary, Womersley
	Thu 27	11am	Clergy Youth Group, Arundel Cathedral
		7pm	Evening of Reflection at St Michael's, Worthing
	Fri 28	7pm	Evening of Reflection at the Sacred Heart, Cobham
	Sat 29	2.30pm	Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral
	7pm	Evening of Reflection, St John's Seminary, Womersley	

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Cardinal Basil Hume

THE CHURCH SEES SCHOOLS AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WORK OF ITS MISSION (Canon 794-797). The Bishop has extensive obligations and rights in relation to Catholic schooling in order to ensure, and maintain, the Catholic ethos and character of any schools in the diocese (Canons 802-806).

Bishop Richard carries out these obligations and rights diligently

through the Diocesan Education Service and through his appointed Foundation Governors. Foundation Governors, therefore, have a leading role in the Catholic community – they collaborate with the Bishop to fulfil his ministry in education. They have a vital role to play in making sure every child gets the best possible education.

In recent years the level of accountability for governors and governance

has increased exponentially.

In response to this, the Diocesan Education Service is developing a strategy to support governing bodies in the recruitment of skilled Foundation Governors, building on and strengthening existing practice and providing high quality CPD and resources to underpin and develop this key leadership role within diocesan Catholic schools.

DO YOU HAVE THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO BE A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR?

BECAUSE OF OUR BAPTISM, all Christians are called to serve the Church's mission. The ministry of Foundation Governor is an important one because the Catholic character of our schools depends on committed Catholics being willing to undertake this service. All that is required is a wish to serve the mission of the Church in this particular way - induction and ongoing training will be provided.

In Arundel and Brighton, we currently have opportunities for people to become Foundation Governors in our schools and academies and further opportunities will become available during 2020. Most people find being a governor intensely rewarding. It is a joy and a gift to contribute to the ministry of the Church by making our schools successful and to ensure that our

children and young people are provided with a supportive environment within which they can learn and grow in Christ.

Working with other members of the governing body, Foundation Governors have responsibility for the strategic direction of the school and the duty to promote high educational standards. In addition to this, Foundation Governors have responsibility for:

- preserving the religious character of the school;
- sustaining and developing the school as a Catholic educating community in accordance with Canon (Church) law and the teaching of the Catholic Church;
- giving clear witness, as individuals, a and as a team, to the Gospel message and to the Church's teaching.

Foundation Governors also have a specific mandate from the Bishop:

- to ensure that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with his diocesan policy, based on the Bishops' Conference Curriculum Directory;
- to represent him on the governing body with particular reference to the admission of pupils, employment of all staff and the religious and secular education curriculum, and convey this to the other governors;
- to consider not only the interests of the school where they are a Foundation Governor but to have regard for the interests of other Catholic schools in the vicinity and of Catholic education throughout the diocese;
- to have regard to the needs of the Catholic community as a whole.

CALLED TO SERVE

DURING SPRING 2020, the Education Service will be holding a series of 'Called to Serve' sessions in parishes across the diocese for anyone wishing to explore more fully the role of a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school. Each session will include:

- a short presentation from the Education Service on the role of a Foundation Governor;
- a brief insight from an existing, experienced Foundation Governor;
- resources and materials to take away.

To find out more about the 'Called to Serve' sessions for prospective Foundation Governors please contact: Claire Martin, CPD administrator on 01293 51130 or email: claire.martin@abdiocese.org.uk

Like all school leaders, Foundation Governors have a ministry and a vocation – it is a response to a call from God to 'co-operate with God in enabling the transforming presence of the kingdom gently and powerfully to touch the lives of both staff and pupils, a call to shed light and foster aliveness.'

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FROM THE PARISHES

BRIGHTON

ST MARY'S PRESTON PARK had a busy autumn with a porridge party in aid of Mary's Meals on 13 October (World Porridge Day celebrates the difference the daily meals they provide make to the lives of hungry children) and a Mary's Meals music evening on 26 October. Then there was the annual Catholaity Fair at Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College on 9 November where the Social Concerns Group ran their usual stall in aid of Uganda Hands For Hope. Our Christmas fair was on 23 November - always an enjoyable parish event. £2,348 was raised.

Paul McKay, a frequent altar server at our 10am Mass, was chosen from our parish as one of the student delegates from Cardinal Newman School to attend the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman in Rome on 13 October.

Christmas celebrations began with our beautiful annual Advent Carol Service on 22 December, led by parishioners from St Mary's and St Thomas More's. A collection raised £399 for Mary's Meals.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

WE REMEMBER John Saunders, who died recently, particularly for his contribution over many years to the maintenance of the heating arrangements at the church and hall.

The Peace Rosary on 6 December reflected on Reconciliation Mysteries with prayers especially for the homeless and those living in poverty.

The Caterham Churches Together organised the Christmas lunch at the Westway Centre for those who would be alone at Christmas, much appreciated by our parishioners who attended. And our annual New Year's lunch for the senior members of the Parish was held on 11 January.

The Christmas Fair raised nearly £3,800 and a special thanks to Moyra Brohier, Peter Lovat and Chris Frith for

their sterling help which enabled this amount to be achieved.

The Ecumenical Carol Service at St Lawrence's Ancient Church with the Salvation Army band was well attended on a wet evening and much enjoyed.

We sent £3,000 to Fr Firas in Madaba to help feed the poor parishioners in his Parish at Christmas. Salaam and his parents are now in Sydney and we hope not too much affected by the horrendous fires.

Peter Patterson

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim
FRS NEIL AND THOMAS helped to inspire us by a series of talks throughout Advent on the 12 steps to humility of St Benedict. Father Neil helped us to a greater understanding of St Matthew's Gospel through talks given following the 10am Wednesday Mass at St Joachim.

Some parishioners attended a small group to reflect on the scripture readings for each of the Advent Sundays.

Two Advent lunches were held on Fridays after the midday Mass to support the work of CAFOD.

Children in the parish enjoyed a party (complete with a visit from Santa) on 8 December whilst adults enjoyed a pre-Christmas meal in Pevensey Bay eight days later.

The busy Christmas season concluded with a get-together for a delicious lunch in the hall following the 11.30 Mass on the Feast of The Epiphany.

John Carmody

EAST GRINSTEAD

RENOVATION and building work at Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead, has almost ended. The building is now redecorated and in good repair.

Lingfield lunches team generously provided a traditional Christmas lunch at St Bernard's Hall for parishioners from across the parish on Sunday 1 December.

The choir of Our Lady and St Peter and the junior choir, accompanied by instrumentalists, sang carols to commuters at East Grinstead railway station on the evening of 19 December, raising £563 for St Catherine's Hospice.

Clive Carpenter

PETWORTH

OUR TRADITIONAL ADVENT began with an evening service of hymns and readings, finishing with Benediction. This was a lovely, calm chance to focus on the spiritual meaning of the season in the midst of all the other activities and busyness preceding Christmas, and it was great that it was so well-attended.

The Advent Appeal this year has been to help the Sisters of the Holy Cross build a shelter for homeless girls in Lucknow, India, and on 1 December Sister Margaret spoke movingly at all Masses on the plight of the girls they rescue from railway stations, bus-stops and slums and to whom they give shelter and an education.

The Christmas services were all beautiful and it was heart-warming to see large numbers of people at all the Masses. Petworth was over-flowing on Christmas morning!

Fr Peter was especially pleased to welcome back couples he had married during the year - as well as those he will marry during 2020.

1 January is the Patronal Feast of the church in Midhurst and Mass was celebrated at midday. This was followed by a drinks and nibbles party in the parish room, a lovely way to start the new year.

Sally Bohane

ST LEONARDS ON SEA

THE PARISH of the Good Shepherd invited parishioners and friends from other local Christian churches to the Church of St Thomas of Canterbury to join us for Wait for the Lord, our annual Parish Ecumenical Advent Service of music and prayer from Taize and Iona.

Over fifty people attended the service, which included the Wild Goose symbolic activity of Cloth for the Cradle, where we are all invited to help prepare a place to welcome Jesus anew.

Linda Dignum

WEST BYFLEET

OUR BUSY CHRISTMAS included a Mass on Christmas Eve when the young children were encouraged to wear Nativity costumes.

The Parish Raffle, held after our Carol Service, raised funds for those in crisis at Christmas.

The Century Club made donations to a number of Charities, including The Passage, The Life Charity and St Joseph's African Aid.

The Social Committee's first event for the New Year was the Epiphany Dinner on 11 January.

Paul Tipple

REDHILL

AT ST TERESA'S in Merstham this year we have a new baby Jesus in our decades old crib. He is a gift from the Syro-Malabar community with whom we share the church. Their tradition is that they pass baby Jesus round the congregation and he is kissed by everyone. As our old one was rather fragile we now have this beautiful new one which is also symbolic of our united faith in him.

Ann Lauder



**You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.
So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.
Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution**

CRYPTIC Across

- 6 Lewis maybe one sub-editor here? (5,8)
- 8 Limit is reached during daytime temperatures (4)
- 9 Incomplete article Scotsman's written about reversing vehicle is Greek to some (8)
- 10 Tabitha Stewart's bag both see making a comeback (6)
- 11 Speed embraced by the Big Apple's young beauties (6)
- 13 Laurel planted among the first and last acacia here in old Kazakh capital (6)
- 15 Systematic way brickie's mate faced frontage (6)
- 16 Time to attack revised Authorized Version with Dean visit angrily axed (4,4)
- 18 Ananias, for instance, reviewed protest (4)
- 19 End up in trouble in minestrone country? (4,2,3,4)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Banquo's fee he settled, being an anonymous royal (5,2,5)
- 2 Brussels and US security people follow directions to a synod site (8)
- 3 Sea goddess both sides in Troy write articles about (6)
- 4 Snapping off edges of chocolate bar, not looking at first for Uranus' moon (6)
- 5 Element of mining company that's putting last first (4)
- 7 One appearing in Philippians a prudish poet found dissolute (12)
- 12 Padded part of a short book on Braid (8)

14 Dresses up for a sailors party before going to sea (6)

15 Spoil, almost, yon Bethany woman (6)

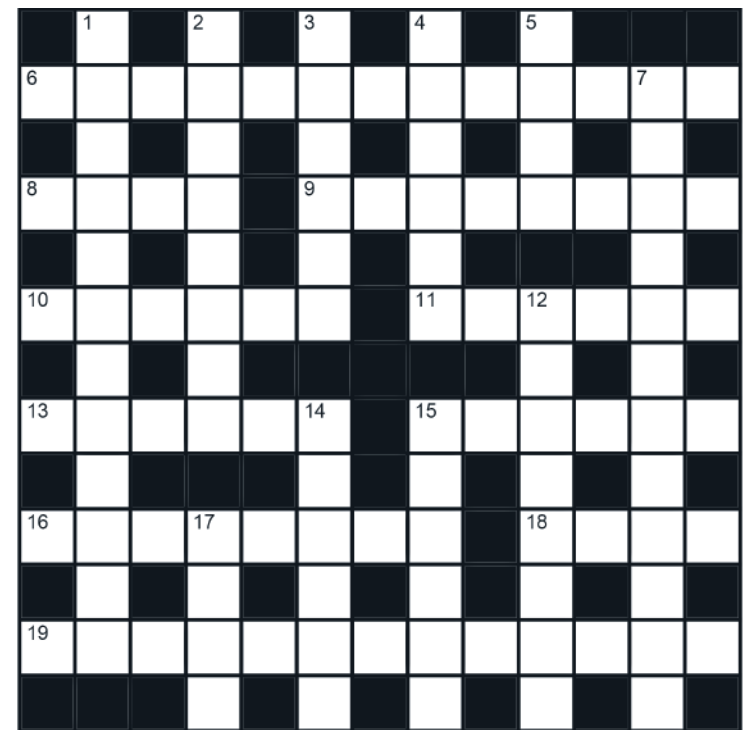
17 Bookie's prices are quirky close to Classics (4)

QUICK Across

- 6 Archipelago which forms part of Scotland's Western Isles (5,8)
- 8 Measure; dispense (4)
- 9 One from an ancient country now swallowed up by Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria (8)
- 10 Alternative name for Tabitha in the NT, a woman famous for her good works (6)
- 11 ----- and Shepherds: song by Purcell and others (6)
- 13 Kazakhstan capital's former name, changed to Nur-Sultan in 2019 (6)
- 15 Modus operandi (6)
- 16 Exact time (eg for launching an attack) (4,4)
- 18 Balustrade; racetrack fence (4)
- 19 Find oneself in difficulties (4,2,3,4)

QUICK Down

- 1 Unnamed ruler of an African or Arabian country who visited Solomon (5,2,5)
- 2 Seaport from which Paul and Barnabas left with John Mark for their first missionary journey (8)
- 3 Geological ocean and a Saturn moon, both named after a Titan daughter of Uranus and Gaia (6)



- 4 Fairy king in medieval and Renaissance literature (6)
- 5 Element, a component of brass (4)
- 7 Apostle sent by Paul along with his letter to the Philippians (12)
- 12 Palliase (8)
- 14 Prettifies; trims (6)
- 15 Friend of Mary whose brother Jesus restored to life (6)
- 17 Likelihood of something occurring rather than not occurring (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 6 Outer Hebrews, 8 Mete, 9 Thracian, 10 Dorcas, 11 Nymphs, 13 Astana, 15 Method, 16 Zero hour, 18 Fall, 19 Land in the sup. **Down:** 1 Queen of Sheba, 2 Selucia, 3 Theys, 4 Oberon, 5 Zinc, 7 Epaphroditus, 12 Mattress, 14 Adorns, 15 Martha, 17 Odds.

FROM THE PARISHES

EPSOM

OUR ANNUAL Christmas Parish lunch took place on 6 December. This follows from our monthly lunches now in their fourth year.

Mass was celebrated. All who came enjoyed themselves, crackers were pulled, hats placed on heads and the three course meal was served.

St Joseph's primary school came and sang carols, bringing back fond memories of children and grandchildren for many there. The pupils were rewarded with wonderful applause and chocolate biscuits.

Colette Stowe



SOUTHWICK

A VERY PLEASANT morning was had by the Tea & Chat group, as a member of our congregation Indika Fernando came in to demonstrate how to make a Christmas table decoration.

Each member of the group was able to make one to take home and we delivered three more to members who were at home unwell. They definitely brightened up our Christmas. A fun time was had by all.

Sally Harvey



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OBITUARIES

FR FRANK MCHUGH died on 6 December in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal where he had lived since his retirement in 2004. Frank's requiem Mass was held at the church of the Irish Martyrs in Letterkenny on 9 December.

Frank was born in Glasgow and ordained a priest for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton in 1956. He was Emeritus Fellow, Acting Dean 1979-80 and Director of the Von Hugel Institute 1990-2000. Alongside his academic career, he was also well-known for his outstanding singing voice. A regular performer in music halls, he recorded a number of records and CDs.



FR RICHARD WILSON of Worth Abbey died on 6 January. His Requiem Mass was held at Worth on 17 January.

DR EDWARD ELCHIN died at home just before Christmas on 23 December at the age of 89 years.

Edward's Requiem Mass was held at his local church, St Martha's RC, Cooden Sea Road, in Bexhill. The Service was led by Fr Raglan Hay-Will, parish priest at Eastbourne and long time friend of Edward. After the Mass everyone was invited to St Martha's church hall for refreshments. His grave in Bexhill Cemetery is in a beautiful part of the cemetery with countryside around, and the South Downs and Beachy Head visible in the distance.



Theologian and environmentalist Edward was a prolific writer and speaker, and champion of the Christian environmental movement in Britain. He was born in Michigan in the United States and was ordained as a Jesuit. When he left the Jesuits, marrying Barbara, his wife of 45 years, he settled in Britain and focused his work on relating Christianity and the environment. He was Chair Emeritus of Catholic Concern for Animals, and provided theological underpinning for Christian Ecology Link, now Green Christian.

CANON BRENDAN MACCARTHY died on 10 January 2020.



The picture on the left was taken when Canon Brendan was one of the party to greet Pope John Paul 2 at Gatwick Airport in 1982, the momentous first visit to the UK by a reigning Pope.

The Vigil Mass will be held on Thursday 30 January at 8.00pm and the Funeral Mass on Friday 31 January at 12.00 noon at Christ the Prince of Peace Church, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD (parking at church is limited). This will be followed by burial at Hersham.



140th anniversary celebrations for iconic War Cry magazine

AT CHRISTMAS, THE SALVATION ARMY is celebrating 140 years of War Cry, its weekly street-sold publication which is one of the longest running magazines in the UK.



War Cry has been sold by volunteers since 27 December 1879. What started as a couple of pages produced on a small printing press in Whitechapel has developed into a campaigning magazine with variations sold in around 131 countries. Last year global sales reached around 1,700,000. The UK & Ireland edition alone raises £1.6 million every year to support the church and charity's community work.

The paper has always campaigned on social justice issues. In 1885, it shocked Victorian society with its campaign to raise the age of consent to stamp out the widespread abuse of children through prostitution. Recent War Cry issues have reported on The Salvation Army's frontline work supporting victims of modern slavery and giving shelter to homeless people.

Many War Cry sellers have been distributing the magazine for decades and have become well-known local figures, offering a listening ear and support to those they meet while selling the magazine.

In the run up to Christmas this year, Horsham based War Cry seller Ann was approached by a small boy and his mother. As he gave her a donation he said: 'This is to say thank you to The Salvation Army for being Santa for my family last year when we didn't have money for food or presents.'

Two years ago, Michael Atkinson from Preston was inspired to find out more about The Salvation Army after seeing a War Cry seller talking to people in the High Street. Michael is now a Salvation Army church member and regularly raises up to £1,000 selling War Cry, where he has quickly built up a strong rapport with local people. He said: 'People are so willing to give because they know that the money goes directly to do good. I'm privileged to uphold the tremendous place that The Salvation Army has in people's hearts. I get all the praise for the hard work that goes on back at the corps (church), where right now there are people packing food parcels and putting together toys and gifts for families feeling the pinch this Christmas'.

Editor of War Cry, Major Andrew Stone said: 'We are overwhelmingly grateful for the warm reaction and respect people continue to have for the War Cry today. It is an enormous privilege to tell the story of The Salvation Army delivering support to the most vulnerable people and to offer a Christian perspective on current events.'

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