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Come Holy Spirit and fill our hearts

Two Arundel and Brighton priests celebrate their Golden Jubilee

Mgr Barry Wymes and Fr Chris Benyon were both ordained on 12 June 1965 and so celebrate their Jubilees alongside the diocese.

We send our warmest greetings to them and thank God for their long years of service.

Fr Chris Benyon

Mgr Barry Wymes

IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE that it's 50 years since the day I answered the call of the Lord to undertake the task of ministering to his people as a priest. I have had the privilege of serving his people as a priest in many more ways than most priests are called to do and usually with the minimum of notice or time to prepare! For example, having been asked if I would join the staff of the Junior Seminary only about two weeks before I was ordained, I found myself in front of a class about five weeks later!

Some years later at two weeks notice I found myself fronting the religious programme on the Guildford local radio station, sitting in the studio on my own with just an engineer present in the building. Then, as so often, I said to the Lord: 'I've put myself in this position because I believe you asked me to and you promised to always give us the power to do the job if we answered your call. So now please fulfil that promise!' And he always does!

As my home was in Whitstable Kent, (a parish which has produced around 15 priests and one bishop), had I been ordained a month earlier I would have been a priest of the Southwark diocese. But as the diocese of Arundel & Brighton had been created on 28 May and I had been appointed to the staff of the Junior Seminary, I became a priest of the Arundel & Brighton diocese for which I am very grateful. I have had to give thanks to Lord and so many incredible people who have supported me an amazing 50 years, 44 as a parochial priest. And hope to be granted some years of pastoral ministry in whatever future on this earth the Lord wishes me to have.

Fr Chris invites anyone who wishes to attend his celebration on Friday 12 June at 7.30pm at Chatsmore School, Goring and, if they wish to picnic in the grounds before the service.



MGR BARRY WYMES was ordained for the newly formed diocese of Arundel and Brighton in June 1965. His first appointment was as assistant priest at Englefield Green. He then served as secretary to Bishop David Cashman and later to Bishop Michael Bowen. He was subsequently appointed Director of Pastoral Renewal by Bishop Bowen. In that capacity he was charged with implementing the vision of the Second Vatican Council. He was involved with the opening of the Pastoral Centres at Maryvale and Sayers Common. He was at different times Vocations Director, first Director of the newly formed Arundel and Brighton Pilgrimage to Lourdes and a Trustee of the diocese. He has served as parish priest in Redhill, Eastbourne and Esher. Another venture was to spend three years attached to the 'Renew' team in the USA, charged with bringing Renew to a newly liberated Eastern Europe and Nigeria.



Fr Barry comments 'God and Our Lady of Lourdes have shown the shade of their hands many times over my life time. The most significant was around the time I met Mother Teresa of Calcutta and invited her to speak to the young people of the diocese at Guildford Cathedral. She agreed and the cathedral was packed to overflowing with young people from all over the diocese.

At that time I was in something of 'a wobble' regarding serving God in Surrey and Sussex. I felt called to work in Peru. Bishop Bowen was not keen on the idea! I put my 'wobble' to Blessed Mother Teresa and she responded 'The task of the Church in affluent Surrey and Sussex is much more difficult than what we face in the Third World. In Calcutta our poor just need a wash, a bowl of rice, a 'cuddle' and to be told that God loves them. Your people's problems in Surrey and Sussex are much more difficult to solve, deep down in their hearts - marriage, family, consumerism. These problems stay at the bottom of their hearts until they see in you, as a priest, something of God. For this to happen you must become a man of prayer. Go away become a man of prayer!. Then your people's problems will emerge from their hearts and you will find your true calling from God in Surrey and Sussex'.

Fr Barry concludes
'I am still struggling to be a man of prayer'.

A message from Bishop Richard



I am delighted to be able to write to you as your newly installed Bishop. I have already started meeting with people and I look forward to meeting many more of you as I travel round the diocese over the coming weeks. As you may know, I was installed on the exact 50th anniversary day of the founding of Arundel and Brighton Diocese. While it was not possible for great numbers to be present in the cathedral for that wonderful occasion, I look forward to meeting with thousands of our diocesan community at Festival 50 in the Amex Stadium on 5 July. I do hope that you will be there and I look forward to seeing you for what will be a magnificent occasion for us all.

(Richard)



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Palm Sunday procession at St Joseph's Specialist School and College

CHESTER THE DONKEY and Tim and Georgie Hendy from Wintershall's 'The Life of Christ' production, joined learners and staff from St Joseph's Specialist School and College to celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus and his disciples into Jerusalem. The re-enactment took place with Chester leading learners and staff through the ground of the school as they sang and waved palm fronds in the spring sunshine. Chester is a regular visitor to St Joseph's at Easter, his visits are always enjoyed by staff and learners alike.

On the last day of the Easter term, everyone at St Joseph's attended Mass to celebrate the Last Supper and the Crucifixion of Jesus. Staff and learners, dressed in biblical clothing, celebrated the Last Sup-



per, when Jesus shared bread with his Disciples.

The journey started in the school hall, then following the solemn beat of a drum, they followed Jesus carrying the cross to the Chapel where the crucifixion took place. When learners return to school and college after the Easter break a joyful resurrection liturgy took place.

The learners and staff of St. Joseph's are keen to express their thanks for the continuing support received from the Mr Hutley, Wintershall's owner, and his team. The Wintershall Charitable Trust performed the Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square on Good Friday,

and on Easter Saturday in Guildford High Street and in Staines at the Riverside Memorial Gardens.

St Joseph's Specialist School and College is a co-educational residential and day school catering for children between the ages of 5 – 19 with moderate, complex and severe learning difficulties. St Joseph's has excellent provision for learners, within the above categories, who are on the Autistic Spectrum.

Story and pictures: Hilary Clark

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Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart School, Wadhurst

SACRED HEART SCHOOL Wadhurst pupils from Year 5 and Year 3 presented the Stations of the Cross at the end of term to herald the events of Holy Week, which coincided with the start of the Easter holiday period. Parents together with pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 made up the congregation. The solemnity and dignity with which the young people depicted the story was very moving and surely made a lasting impression on the hearts and minds of all present.

Story and picture: Hilary Clark



Triple triumph at St Paul's, Thames Ditton

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Thames Ditton has had a lot to celebrate recently. Just before Easter, pupils and staff alike were enjoying competition wins in both the sporting and public speaking arena.



On 11 March, Fay, Ben and Luke (pictured from left to right) entered the Woking Catenian Public Speaking Competition.

All three children spoke extraordinarily well; Fay pipped many local schools at the post to win the trophy. Fay's speech was titled 'Fear'. She shared detail of phobias such as Koumpounophobia, a fear of buttons attributed to Steve Jobs, relating how this explained his affinity for touch-screens and turtle-necks.

Ben spoke with passion of the negative influence of advertising and Luke shared his experience of Robben Island and Nelson Mandela.

Following that, at the end of March the school netball team won the coveted Reed's School High Five Netball tournament for the second year in a row. St Paul's was the only school to enter both its first and second teams, demonstrating the skill and talent of the school's netball players. The only problem was, both the teams ended up playing each other in the semi-final! At the end of an excellent game the first team (pictured) won, going on to take the trophy with a 3-0 win in the final.



The very next day, thirty-six boys and girls from years 4, 5 and 6 competed against pupils from 12 other local schools in the annual Esher District Cross County Competition. Every St Paul's runner contributed to a fantastic result for the school, which was a resounding winner - 40 points ahead of the second place school! Individually there were some great achievements, with pupils in year 4 taking home a crop of medals: Ella and Jacob both came second, and Tom finished first, to become Esher District Champion. The result is a testament to the hard work put in by the pupils and school running coaches on lots of cold winter mornings before school.

Letter to the Editor

The Catholic Priest aboard the Titanic

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE the canonisation of the Essex priest who sailed on the Titanic and refused to leave his passengers.

Fr Thomas Byles had said Mass for second-class passengers on the morning of the disaster. He refused to board a lifeboat as the ship went down and instead remained to help others into lifeboats, take confessions, offer absolution, and pray with those remaining. He was a true saint.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Anita de Lacey

Searching for Elijah in Ewell

ST CLEMENT'S PARISHIONERS held our Annual Passover Supper on the evening of Palm Sunday. Over 40 of us prayed, sang, laughed, ate and drank, re-enacting the Last Supper and sticking closely to the traditional meal eaten by the Jewish people, which Jesus would have enjoyed with his apostles. We poured an extra glass of wine for Elijah, who is seen, both in the Old Testament and the New as the herald of the last days, the announcer of Kingdom Come, the forerunner of the Messiah. We sent the youngsters to see if Elijah was outside, as we had prepared his table for him with the lamb bone (see picture), but sadly there was nobody at the door. Nothing daunted, we carried on and finished this lovely evening with a rousing chorus of Shalom, my Friends



Story: Charlotte Gregory Picture: John Stratford

Woking's Witness

OVER 500 PEOPLE GATHERED in Woking town centre on Good Friday morning for the annual Act of Witness - to draw attention to why, as Christians, we celebrate Good Friday and aiming to touch the minds and hearts of passers-by in the hope they will discover the love of Christ for them personally and be attracted to accept Him into their lives. The event began with a procession led by the Salvation Army Band, followed by a service of songs, a puppet sketch, talk and prayers. A highlight were the 'cardboard testimonies' given by 20 Christians from different churches. Woking's Mayor, Councillor Tony Branagan, a parishioner of St Dunstan's Church, read a gospel extract of the Passion as part of the event. More than 20 Christian churches in Woking took part and ten, including St Dunstan's Catholic Church were actively involved, in great unity and friendship, in planning and putting on the music and other elements of the event.

Story: Mark Potter Picture: John Sexton



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The Holy Spirit in the gentle breeze

QUITE APPROPRIATELY we seem to spend a long time celebrating Easter and then suddenly Pentecost is upon us but is quickly gone again.

But in reality the Holy Spirit is among us always. Sometimes we have to remember that, as the Prophet Elijah tells us, he can sometimes only be recognised in the gentle breeze.

Looking through this issue of A & B NEWS we can see him at work in many ways. We are happy to celebrate the long devoted love between married couples, in particular one story on page 11, and the great devotion of so many grandparents.

Then there are our priests and religious sisters, who once listened to the Holy Spirit and have given long lives of devoted service as a result. We pray that the Spirit will speak now and that many may hear the gentle voice calling them to vocations of one sort or another.

And, of course, as many of our young people have been called to meet the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, we hope that they too will hear his call loud and clear.

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JUST A THOUGHT

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and enkindle in
them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they
shall be created and you shall
renew the face of the earth.

O God, who has taught the hearts
of the faithful by the light of the
Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift
of the same Spirit we may be al-
ways truly wise and ever rejoice in
His consolation. Through Christ our
Lord.

Amen



Pentecost Sunday is 24 May

Interview with Bishop Richard Moth

BISHOP RICHARD MOTH is well used to travelling hopefully. As bishop of the forces, he has literally been around the world and back in the last year – journeying some 26,000 miles in 12 months. But, although Pope Francis last month appointed him the fifth bishop of Arundel & Brighton, his travels are not at an end.

Immediate Plan

While Bishop Richard said he is ‘blessed’ to be in a part of the country he knows, his immediate plan is to get to know the diocese better – and that means a lot more travelling, although, rather than Camp Bastion, his visits will be throughout Sussex and Surrey.

Asked what he saw as the priorities for A&B, Bishop Richard said: ‘I am looking forward to getting around and meeting everybody, getting a feel for everything... The key thing is to listen for a while.’

While acknowledging that vocations to the priesthood are an issue, he said: ‘It is key for any bishop... For me it applies across the board and also involves supporting marriage, the religious life and fostering people who think God is calling them to a single life.’

Welcome

Bishop Richard was installed at Arundel cathedral on 28 May and is very much looking forward to the 50th Jubilee celebrations in July.

‘It is a wonderful opportunity for the diocese going forward,’ he said. ‘We must be open to the influence of the Holy Spirit coming out of the Jubilee.’

The 56-year old bishop said he has been ‘overwhelmed’ by the welcome he has received, since his appointment was announced.

‘I’ve had a fairly huge amount of correspondence,’ he said. ‘And I have been made extremely welcome. It has been quite overwhelming.’

Early Life

Bishop Richard was born in Zambia in 1958, when it was still known as Northern Rhodesia. His father worked there for Anglo American, the mining concern. But the bishop actually grew up in Edenbridge in Kent, just over the border in the archdiocese of Southwark.

The young Richard attended the prestigious Judd grammar school, in nearby Tonbridge from 1969 to 1976. He was keen on the arts, rather than the sciences, and his favourite subjects were history and English. But he knew from the age of 13 that he wanted to be a priest and, rather than going to university, he went straight from school to the seminary.

‘I finished at the Judd in the July,’ he remembered. ‘And I went to St John’s seminary in Womersley in the August.’

According to Bishop Richard, he had been greatly influenced by their local priest in Edenbridge: ‘He was such a good example.’

After that, he said: ‘I went on various retreats and, when I was leaving school, I applied to Archbishop Cowderoy to go for formation.’

An 18-year old would not be accepted today, would they?

‘I think it is important to look at each individual,’ said Bishop Moth, who was formerly vocations director for Southwark. ‘Sometimes, people have said someone is too old. I think it is right to look into each case. It is not just teenagers, we should be open to older people and to those interested in the religious life.’

He also emphasised how essential it is for all those in religious life to offer a good example for those considering a vocations.

Bishop Richard’s parents accepted that the priesthood was ‘right’ for him, although he was an only child and it meant there would be no grandchildren.

Ordination and Priesthood

At Womersley, Bishop Richard particularly enjoyed canon law – taught by Fr Peter Smith, who would go on to be Archbishop of Southwark and was, until recently, apostolic administrator of A&B. After ordination, the then Fr Richard worked in parishes in the London area – first at Clapham Park. He was to go from there, after two years, to study canon law in Ottawa.



This led to Bishop Richard’s long involvement in marriage tribunal work: the process of applying for annulments through the Church. And when he returned to a parish in Lewisham, he also worked as a canon lawyer.

From there, Bishop Richard went to be secretary to Michael Bowen, the then archbishop of Southwark. He was very much a jack-of-all-trades during this period, acting as vocations director, press secretary, vice-chancellor and president of the appeals tribunal.

Bishop of the Armed Forces

After his time as secretary to Archbishop Bowen, Bishop Richard became vicar general of Southwark, then chancellor of the archdiocese until in 2009, until he was called to be the Bishop of the Forces. It is an unusual position, he explained: ‘It is an Ordinate, canonically. It functions like a diocese but it is defined by its people rather than by physical boundaries. Wherever British forces are, that is the diocese.’

It was during this period that Bishop Richard’s travels really began. He visited Germany, Cyprus, Gibraltar, the Falklands, Afghanistan, America and the home nations. He also spent time on HMS Illustrious, as a guest of the Royal Navy.

Bishop Richard said he felt privileged to work with the forces and their chaplains: ‘It’s a fascinating work to do, there are examples of great faith... I learnt a lot.’

He maintained that ‘chaplains are held in high esteem’ by everyone connected with the armed forces – whether are people of faith or not.

‘It was wonderful to see the support that the armed forces received from their chaplains,’ he said. ‘At all sorts of levels, the support is there, from somebody to chat to right up to the sacramental role. Chaplains are living alongside service personnel.’

Although leading a conventional diocese has different challenges, Bishop Richard rejected the idea that civilian society does not have as much time for religion or religious values. He said: ‘I tend to feel, in the grand scheme of things, that there is a recognition of the value of religious life, even if that is something people cannot articulate. People are still searching for something.’

Involvement with Other Faith Organisations

In addition to his ‘day jobs’, Bishop Richard has long been involved with two other faith organisations which have been and still are influential in his spiritual and personal life. During his time with Archbishop Bowen, Bishop Richard was made a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre. This has seen him travel some 27 times to the Holy Land with pilgrimages of the Order and he is hopeful that, maybe, this might be a future destination for an A&B group.

And, since his days as a seminarian, Bishop Richard has also been linked to the Benedictine religious order for 37 years as an ‘oblate’ of the Scottish monastery of Pluscarden. According to Bishop Richard: ‘I have found it a huge benefit to have the support and prayers of the community and to feel part of it. To live something of the Benedictine Rule [St Benedict’s guidance to monastic communities] is to have a sense of family. It has been a huge support. It is a place I go on retreat and I know the community well.’

He maintained that it comes into his life in many ways – and quite often into his homilies as well!

‘The Benedictine Rule is a very balanced, insightful document... I hope it gives a sense of balance to the way I live my life,’ said the bishop. ‘It is not uncommon for diocesan priests to be oblates of monastic communities. I have often come across similar kinds of attachments.’

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, A&B’s new bishop said the next few months are going to be ‘hectic’. But, it is clear, Bishop Richard is bringing with him a military energy and a monastic commitment to his new role in Arundel and Brighton.

Team Event in Bexhill – Surrey South and Sussex

OUR REGION consists of eight Teams in Bexhill, Hastings, Eastbourne, Horsham, Godalming and Guildford. Our annual party (pictured) was in April instead of December, this year. Bexhill is more attractive in the Spring!

Colette and Teddy, Sector Couple from Epsom, came and gave a talk about Teams at the parish Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

Fr David Parmiter and Fr Simon Dray, Bexhill priests, and Fr Tom Treherne, our Team Chaplain from St Leonards came to our party and have given us their encouragement.

It was good to hear Jan and Marta speak of their recent time in Kenya and Helen and Greg from Horsham, who spoke with enthusiasm about what Teams has meant to them as a married couple.

Teams is the largest lay organisation in the Catholic Church and is open to all married Christian couples. It helps us deepen our relationship with God, growing in faith as individuals, as a couple and as a family. A Team is a great place in which to be!

If you are interested in learning more, contact Gill and Dave Meyer: gill_meyer@talktalk.net or Teddy and Colette Totman: topmen6@aol.com More information is available on the website www.teamsgb.org.uk

Story and picture: Gillian Meyer



St Lewinna - the little known Sussex Saint

This article is by Antony Hebdon and we would be pleased if anyone is able to add anything to it.

IF ASKED TO NAME some of the recognised saints associated with Sussex over the centuries, most folk could probably manage to identify three or four. When sufficiently dredged, the memory might come up with saints' Wilfred, Richard, Dunstan and even Cuthman – but Lewinna! Who is she and from where? A good question, which prompts one to seek more information about this very singular saint. Not an easy task, since the few skeletal details that history has deigned to release tell us more about her earthly remains than her activities on earth. Butler's 'Lives of the Saints' devotes just one sentence to Lewinna, describing her simply as 'a British virgin, martyred under the Saxons before their conversion to Christianity late in the 7th century'.

From the little one can glean about her life it seems she was an unusually devout young woman who embraced the Christian code with uncompromising zeal. She may have been the daughter of parents converted during the years following St Augustine's arrival in neighbouring Kent during 597AD. Wilfred virtually completed the conversion of the South Saxons between 680 – 685AD in his proselytising period at Selsey, though Lewinna was a Christian prior to his arrival in Sussex and, at the time of her martyrdom, was living in a still predominately heathen society.

One wonders why the pool of knowledge on Lewinna should be so sparse, especially when full published works are available on some stalwarts of the early church who lived several centuries before her. Alas, conjecture must inevitably play a large part in attempts to piece together even the most meagre fragments of her life.

A Search for Relics

Let us, however, put such speculation on hold for the time being and take a look, courtesy of a mediaeval monk named Drogo, at what purports to be a fairly honest account of how Lewinna's bones came to be removed from the Sussex church where they had lain for many years. These writings on the acquisition and transportation of her bones have long been known to those who have made a special study of the Lewinna fact-file.

This record of events was made at the instigation of the monk's superior, the Abbot of St Winoc's Benedictine Abbey at Bergues near Dunkirk, in the years immediately preceding the Norman Conquest of 1066.

This account stated that in 1058 a fellow monk named Balgerus, with approval of the Abbot, left France for England on a quest to obtain saintly relics. Though it might be seen as somewhat distasteful today, a thousand years ago religious houses were often run as rather self-seeking business enterprises, and the more objects with clear holy provenance that could be acquired by an institution, the greater the reputation and status it could enjoy. As we will see, the means of securing such items was not always overly scrupulous.

The ship in which Balgerus made the crossing to England encountered a severe storm and was swept badly off course, being driven westward along the Kent coast, and then into Sussex waters. The captain finally found refuge in a local river estuary where, at low tide, the mouth was said to be sufficiently shallow to cross on foot. The spot was clearly described as 'the ford by the sea' and Seaford immediately springs to mind as Balgerus's place of anchorage. Certainly, in the 11th century, the Sussex Ouse entered the English Channel at Seaford, not Newhaven as today. However, Drogo mentions that the haven was protected on both side by high cliffs, and this is a description perhaps more suited to the Cuckmere estuary, less than three miles east of Seaford. Also, at low tide, the Cuckmere's mouth can usually be crossed by foot without too much difficulty.

Plundering St Lewinna's Bones

After recovering from the hazardous sea journey, Balgerus, so the account continues, began to look around for a local church and, it being Easter Sunday, he was particularly desirous of attending Mass on that day. The author relates that the monk soon spotted a spire about 'three leagues from the harbour' and, with a companion, made off towards it. Shortly they chanced upon an elderly bearded stranger of whom they sought news about the church ahead. He told them it was the church of St Andrew, and that it housed the body of St Lewinna, the virgin martyr. Balgerus was greatly excited by this and he and his fellow traveller quickened their pace in the direction of the church. Drogo continues at great length and it is not necessary to quote him in every precise aspect of his story. Suffice it to say that, upon arrival at the church, Balgerus did indeed find there the bodily remains of Lewinna, and he was greatly awed by the countless miracles attributed to her which were recorded on the church walls. He impudently suggested purchasing some relic of Lewinna and for this he was soundly rebuked by the local priest. Later, after wrestling with his conscience, he nevertheless seized his opportunity when the church was empty and removed a quantity of the saint's bones from her coffin, staggering back to the ship with them wrapped in red cloth. He justified the 'theft' by claiming that Lewinna had suddenly appeared to him in a vision and given him permission for their removal.

Eventually Balgerus returned to his abbey in France where the bones were reverently cleaned and placed in a new coffin decorated with precious metals. Many more miracles were said to have taken place as a direct result of intercession to Lewinna. In the 1920s, the late Kenneth Povey undertook considerable research in trying to fill some of the frustrating gaps in the Lewinna story. His work was extensive and highly valuable, yet today we are little nearer to knowing with any certainty the estuary where Balgerus landed in Sussex, or the locality of the church of St Andrew, from where he took the relics.

Much debate has surrounded the whereabouts of this church. All trace of the building may indeed have gone. Lewes is believed to have had a church dedicated to St Andrew in Saxon times, and some point to the similarity of the town's name to Lewinna, suggesting a close historical connection. St Andrew's at Alfriston had for years been considered the likely church, (although the present building is not Saxon), whilst St Andrew's at Jevington, still sporting it's Saxon tower today, was Povey's reasoned choice following his thorough analysis of both Drogo's text and the Sussex coastal landscape. As my own small contribution to this debate I should like to suggest St Andrew's church at Bishopstone as a candidate at least worthy of consideration, due to its dedication, antiquity and location, being within plausible reach of either the Seaford or Cuckmere landing point.

Jigsaw Puzzle and Mystery

The chronicler Drogo provided a giant jigsaw puzzle and left us with a great deal of many missing or ill-fitting pieces. At best, his account of Balgerus's mission was second hand and, as such, was open to all manner of distortions, inconsistencies and exaggeration in support of a good read. This is not to doubt the essential truth at the core of the story, but rather to not blindly attribute unerring accuracy to every descriptive detail. The reference to St Andrew's as being about 'three leagues' from the harbour is not highly informative. A 'league' was a notoriously unreliable and elastic measurement of former times and subject to often hugely differing interpretations. The likelihood of learning much more of Lewinna's life and times in Sussex is indeed slight, short of discovering a Saxon stone coffin lid bearing incised letters spelling out the name of Leofwine (Saxon for Lewinna) somewhere in or around the lower valleys of the Cuckmere or the Sussex Ouse.

Following turbulent times in the history of northern France over the centuries, most of Lewinna's bones were again plundered and finally lost or destroyed. One small fragment of rib was rediscovered in St Martin's church in Bergues at the beginning of the 20th century and, for some years was displayed in a monstrosity-like reliquary. One would like to think that the last known relic of this celebrated South Saxon was still intact somewhere in France but, without evidence to support such a notion, we must assume that it did not survive the blanket bombing of the entire Dunkirk region in the Second World War.

Pictured on the right is a 12th Century representation of St Lewinna.



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Littlehampton - Spirituality Week 2015

FOLLOWING AN INSPIRATIONAL INSET training for our Worthing Deanery led by Lat Blaylock, we decided to incorporate many of his creative ideas into our school 'Spirituality Week' which took place between 13 – 17 April.

We focused the pupils learning on the events from the time of the arrest of Jesus to his Resurrection and the events on the Road to Emmaus. Each day began with an assembly and the pupils spent each afternoon focusing on a range of tasks related to the spirituality theme. Among the activities that took place were the building of a model church with all its features (the cross is pictured), small model dioramas thinking about the scenery and characters, discussions on how we can see Jesus through others, drama work, mood crosses, three dimension models of new life, Kenning poems about 'Who is God?' and responsibility pie charts for the Crucifixion of Jesus.

On the Friday, our parish priest, Fr Dominic O'Hara, visited and led a Resurrection Liturgy for children, parents and visitors (pictured). Throughout the week there was a real buzz and engagement throughout the school culminating with each class creating a display in the hall to celebrate and share our learning.

Story and pictures: Fiona McGonigle



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World Youth Day Information Evenings

JACK REGAN and some of the World Youth Day core team will be visiting some parishes in June so that people can find out a little more about World Youth Day. These evenings are open to everybody and are a chance to find out about what World Youth Day is and about how the pilgrimage from our Diocese will be organised. Come along, watch some videos, hear from people who have been before, and ask us questions! We're hoping to take around seventy people to Krakow next summer, to join Pope Francis and an estimated two to three million from around the World!



Each evening will last no more than an hour, and there will be three in total:

- Friday 5 June – St. Richard's, Chichester, 7pm.
- Tuesday 16 June – Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge, 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 24 June – St. John's Church, Horsham, 7.30pm.

See [Facebook.com/ABCatholicYouthService](https://www.facebook.com/ABCatholicYouthService) for more information.

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Retreat Day for Grandparents:

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Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers

**Bishop Richard will preside at a Holy Mass
for all Diocesan Altar Servers
on Saturday 26 September 2015 at 12noon in
Arundel Cathedral**

All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who
would like to serve are welcome to attend.
Please bring an alb if possible.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the
Cathedral Hall
(You may bring a packed lunch if you wish)

For more information contact: Fr Dominic O'Hara
Telephone 01903 731171 Email
domohara1563@yahoo.co.uk

Grandparents' Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory Saturday, 11th July 2015, from 11 am to 4.30 pm

Grandparents and their families are warmly invited to attend this day of faith and fun for all
the family.

There will be lots to do, make and take part in for all ages, including football, cricket, face
painting,

bouncy castle, workshops for Grandparents, and other family activities,

Rosary Walk, Sacrament of Reconciliation,

Mass will be celebrated at 3 pm.

Why not find out if a coach is going from your parish?

Enjoy your faith and family!

ADVANCE NOTICE Diocesan Anniversaries Mass 2015

This year's Mass will take place on
Saturday, 17th October, 2015,
12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral.

The Chief Celebrant will be Bishop Richard Moth.
Couples celebrating a significant or landmark Wedding Anniversary
are warmly invited to apply for places.

Wadhurst Parish Confirmations



Pictured above from left to right are Maura Hubbard with candidate Ollie, Fr Martin O'Connor, and Rebecca Lond with her candidate Aileen who were confirmed in Uckfield.

Mary's Habit at Aylesford Friary

*In May the Friary celebrated the 750th Anniversary of St Simon Stock.
Fr Damien Cassidy, the Prior writes.....*

I WONDER WHAT YOU WERE thinking when you dressed this morning. Had you already laid out your clothes for the day? Did certain expectations dictate your choices? The simple fact is that how we dress can say a lot about who we are, what we do, how seriously we take life and its tasks. I have clear memories of one Christmas, when a child, I received a soldier's outfit as a present and I can remember, to this day the sense of pride and purpose that those play clothes invested me with.

I also wonder whether, as you dressed you might have put on over your clothes two squares of brown cloth that make up the Carmelite Brown Scapular. Millions of Catholic Christians around the world wear this garment but may be unaware of its story or symbolism. Tradition has handed on to us the story of St Simon Stock. Simon was an Englishman and one of the early leaders of the Carmelite Order. Indeed, it was Simon who led the Order through the time of transition when the hermits who had found a natural home in the hills of Mount Carmel found themselves in a different reality in the Europe of the thirteenth century and were called on to respond to the needs of the Church by living their life in the midst of the people, especially the poor and the marginalised. Tradition tells us that Simon, a man who by his vocation was dedicated to God in a life of prayer and service, had a special devotion to Our Lady. From the earliest times Carmelites have felt a kinship to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. She has a special place in our communities as the mother of the house. Around her we gather in service of her Son. The scapular as worn by Carmelites is seen as marked by this relationship of prayer and service. This part of our habit that was originally an apron, becomes for us a sign of commitment for those who seek to labour in the Lord's vineyard.

One of the ways that emerged for people to associate themselves with the work and spirituality of a particular group within the Church was to wear a token of the religious habit. Originally for those who sought a kinship with Carmel, the white cloak was the thing that set us apart. But slowly the Brown Scapular began to capture the imagination of the people. I also see a relationship with the Tallit, or prayer shawl, worn by orthodox Jews. For the Jewish people the Tallit is a garment that manifests the relationship they have with God. When at prayer, they cover themselves with the Tallit, a symbol of the intimacy of God covering them with his love. During the day a small Shawl is worn, like our scapular, that they can see and touch as a reminder that they belong to God, that they have been chosen by him. Those who wear the scapular are people who seek to live out their relationship with God through prayer and the service of God's people.

This year sees the 750th anniversary of the death of St Simon Stock in Bordeaux in 1265. Upon his death people prayed for favours from him. Soon his body was brought to the Cathedral in Bordeaux where a chapel is dedicated to him. In 1951 the Archbishop of Bordeaux brought his cranium back to Simon's old home at Aylesford, and since then the relic has rested in the chapel dedicated to his memory. To the Carmelite friars who live and work in Aylesford the relics are a reminder of the beautiful truth of our vocation; that we are to be people seeking a vital and intimate relationship with the God who brought us into being and this relationship is to be lived out in the service of others.

A great preacher of the life lived by St Simon Stock was Fr Malachy Lynch, who was the first prior of Aylesford since the reformation. Fr Malachy would refer to those who wear the Brown Scapular as the 'use me today apostolate'. Those who wear this simple garment make a statement in this scrap of clothing: *I belong to God and, with him, I want to be of service to his people.*

So what are you wearing today? What does your dress say about you to others? How does what you wear affect your attitude to life and its cares? Today I will put on my habit and go out to those pilgrims who will come to our Lady's Shrine at Aylesford. I will do so in the knowledge that millions across this good earth will do the same and touch the lives of the people that they will meet in the course of their work and play. And the world is better for it.

Aylesford Friary is hosting a Grandparents' Pilgrimage on 11 July. See details on Page 6



Reconciliation Festival in Guildford

THE PARISH OF GUILDFORD enjoyed its first ever Reconciliation festival for the 130 families preparing for first Holy Communion. St Joseph's Church hall was transformed into a 'festival' space with eight creative, reflective or contemplative prayer stations. Families were encouraged to travel around 2 or 3 of these before entering an adjacent hall that took them along a beautifully decorated pathway that reminded them of the steps of reconciliation (pictured).

After they travelled through this, they walked up to the church for some quiet time of prayer as a family before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation from one of our parish or deanery priests. The atmosphere of the day was wonderful.

The families enjoyed the prayer stations so much that many came back down after receiving Reconciliation to visit the stations they hadn't completed. The children came back beaming - and so did quite a few of the parents! Some parents told us that it had been decades since they had received the Sacrament of Reconciliation but felt welcomed and comfortable enough to take the plunge themselves after so long. It really was transformative experience for so many.

The Reconciliation festival is one of the new initiatives for families as we become one parish. We are especially looking forward to our (hopefully annual) parish family picnic on the 28 June!

Story and picture: Aseel Gilbert



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OBITUARY

Sister Dolorina Murphy SSps


SR DOLORINA DIED AGED 93 on the 16 April at the house of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit in Farnham.

Sr Dolorina was born in Quetta, India but came with her father and three sisters to Sheffield when she was 12. At the age of 21, she entered the SSps convent at Caverswall in Stoke-on-Trent. After her novitiate, she was sent to India, where she spent 7 years.

Sr Dolorina returned and after her final vows worked for ten years in the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) seminary at Carrog in North Wales. She worked afterwards in the then provincial house in Wroughton in Wiltshire organising mission weekends in different places for those interested in a religious life. The last 14 years out of her 72 years in the religious life were spent at Farnham bringing Holy Communion to sick people, although she already was an octogenarian herself. The funeral of Sr Dolorina was held in St Joan of Arc church, Farnham on the 23 April and conducted by Fr Niven Richardson with co-celebrants Rt Rev Stephen Ortiger, OSB, MA (diocesan vicar for the religious), Fr Liam Dunne, SVD; Dublin, Fr Phelim Jordan, SVD, London, and Fr Nicodemus Lobo Ratu, SVD, Bristol. The congregation was filled with people who had benefited from Sr Dolorina's smile and kind words over the years. A touching end to the service came when six of the Sisters of the Holy Spirit carried their Sister Dolorina's coffin out of the church.

When she was reflecting on her life she commented: 'I have been in the convent for over 70 years and I have thanked the Lord every morning for giving me another day to serve him. I have been satisfied with whatever work was allotted to me and I was willing to go anywhere I was sent'.

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Diocesan Ecumenical Walking Pilgrimage

EACH SUMMER the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton organises a long distance ecumenical walking pilgrimage to a cathedral city, shrine or place of religious interest, to explore a particular aspect of our faith and Christian heritage.

The first pilgrimage was made in 1975 in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Diocese. The idea was conceived at the Diocesan Vocations Committee in 1974 as something 'like Youthgather but on a much larger scale' and on Easter Monday 1975 a group of about 35 pilgrims walked 240 miles around the perimeter of the diocese. The first ecumenical pilgrimage was made in 1981 when our diocese and the Anglican diocese of Chichester walked together. In the intervening years the Pilgrimage has walked all over the country.

Farnham in Surrey was chosen for the 40-year reunion as this is the location from which Bill Haynes masterminded the first walks and 10-12 April was chosen to coincide with the dates of the very first pilgrimage. Over 40 pilgrims gathered to celebrate. There were representatives from the early pilgrimages, several couples who met on pilgrimage, and some next generation young pilgrims. Back at St Joan's we celebrated in a service of thanksgiving with prayers and music, including a procession of pilgrimage crosses and a roll call of deceased pilgrims.

Have you ever thought what it might be like to make a pilgrimage, walking the journey in prayer, fun & fellowship? Do join us: Friday 3 - Sunday 5 July: Festival 50 Jubilee Celebration Pilgrimage from Arundel Cathedral to Brighton AMEX stadium where every parish in the diocese has been encouraged to send a group; and Saturday 15 August - Sunday 30 August when the Arundel Pilgrimage will cover about 180 miles finishing at Arundel Cathedral and exploring the theme of Christian community.

Full details and booking forms are given on the websites: www.thepilgrims.org.uk or www.abdiocese.org.uk/festival50
Story: Aidan Simons & Ceri Potts Picture: John Chenery



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Deirdre McMahon CAFOD A&B 01483 898866
Blog: <http://cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/>

BISHOP'S DIARY

MAY/JUNE

Thursday 28	3.00pm Installation of Rt Rev Richard Moth as the 5th Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, Arundel Cathedral
Friday 29	8.30am Mass with Poor Clares, Crossbush, Arundel
JUNE	
Tuesday 2	5.30pm Chairs Committee, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Wednesday 3	3.00pm Seminary Trustees' Meeting, St John's Seminary 4.00pm Bishops' Staff Meeting, St John's Seminary, Womersley
Thursday 4	11.30am Mass at The Towers School, Upper Beeding 5.30pm Corpus Christi, Mass and Procession, Arundel Cathedral
Friday 5	7.30pm Confirmations for Guildford Deanery, Farnham
Saturday 6	9.30am National Mental Health Symposium, St Mary's University Guildford Deanery Visit
Monday 8	9.00am Schools' Commission Meeting, DABCEC
Tuesday 9	10.30am Caritas Social Action Network, Romero House
Wednesday 10	Weybridge Deanery Visit
Thursday 11	7.30pm Celebration for Fr Chris Benyon's Golden Jubilee of Ordination, Chatsmore School, Worthing
Friday 12	11.30am Mass for Rev Mgr Barry Wymes Golden Jubilee of Ordination, Holy Name, Esher
Saturday 13	10.30am Meeting, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Monday 15	Brighton Deanery Visit
Tuesday 16	11.30am Good Shepherd Celebration, Worth Abbey
Wednesday 17	Prison Chaplains' Conference, Swanwick
Wednesday 17 -	9.30am Meetings,
Friday 19	11.00am Guildford Deanery Confirmations at Cranleigh
Saturday 20	2.30pm Guildford Deanery Confirmations, Guildford 2.00pm Lewes Deanery Confirmations, St Paul's, Haywards Heath
Sunday 21	Eastbourne Deanery Visit Cathedral Deanery Visit
Monday 22	12 Noon Jubilarians Mass, Arundel Cathedral
Tuesday 23	Lewes Deanery Visit
Wednesday 24	9.00am Feast Day Mass at St Peter's Catholic School, Guildford
Thursday 25	Crawley Deanery Visit
Friday 26	Epsom Deanery Visit
Saturday 29	
Sunday 30	

NOTICE BOARD

MASS FOR THE DEAF

First Saturday of each month - 1pm


6 June - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - The Sacred Heart, Fort Road, Newhaven BN9 9EJ

4 July - No Mass (5 July - Diocesan Golden Jubilee Festival - AMEX, Brighton)

Appointment of Alistair Warwick

ALISTAIR, PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF MUSIC at Arundel Cathedral and Organist at Worth Abbey, has been appointed Associate of the Royal School of Church Music. He is RSCM Co-ordinator for Scotland, Director of Music at Holy Trinity Church, Stirling, Organ Adviser to the Scottish Churches Organists' Training Scheme and Conductor of Stirling University Choir. He has also carried out much typesetting work for church music publications. Alistair has given several decades' service to the RSCM, especially with the Sacred Music Studies course at Bangor University and for the RSCM in Scotland.

Story: Church Music Quarterly, March 2015



The speakers of the day

In the Stadium Arena

10.45am

Bishop Dan Turley

Bishop of our sister diocese Chulucanas in Peru
Clare Dixon, Head of CAFOD's Latin America Section

11.45am

Cardinal Cormac, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton for many years

Fr Timothy Radcliffe, former Master of the Order of Preachers
Archbishop Rowan Williams, previous Archbishop of Canterbury

12.45pm

Bishop Richard Moth, Our newly installed Bishop

Don Maclean KSS, well known to BBC viewers and listeners, will be helping to compere events in the Stadium area



In the Presentation Lounge - West Stand

1.00 pm

David Matthews, a former Presbyterian Minister, who was received into the Church 5 years ago and now lives in the diocese

1.30pm

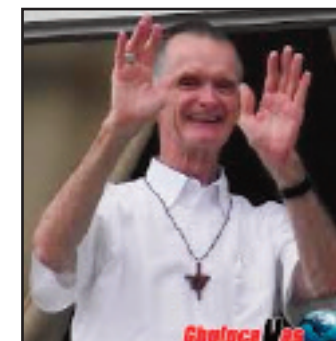
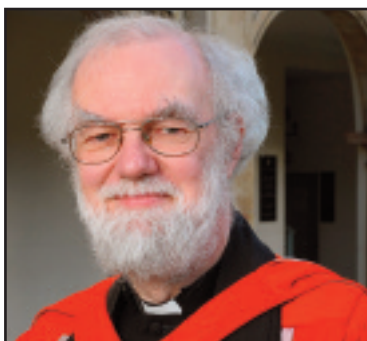
Elizabeth Davies, who works for the Bishops' Conference on Marriage and Family Life. She has been involved in preparing responses from all the dioceses of England and Wales in connection with the Family Synod

Principal speakers

Below (left) Bishop Richard, (right) Cardinal Cormac

Far column right (from the top) Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, Bishop Dan Turley, Elizabeth Davies

Near column right (from the top) Clare Dixon, Archbishop Rowan Williams, David Matthews



See also Festival 50 insert

The DABCEC Bookshop will be present at **Festival 50** offering a range of material to enhance your prayer and spiritual life. Books on Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, titles on the Mass, prayer and the scriptures along with material for all the family will be available, along with a range of prayer books, Bibles, Missals, titles by the day's speakers and other devotional items. Jubilee items will also be on sale.



A & B NEWS will carry many pictures and stories of *Festival 50*, but maybe you have your own picture or story to tell. Please send it after the event to abnews@dabnet.org

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FROM THE PARISHES

EASTBOURNE Christ the King, The Holy Rood



FR BARRY ANDERSON'S 70th birthday was celebrated in style as an invitation was extended to all parishioners to the celebration in the hall at Christ The King on Sunday 3 May. (See picture above) Also included in the celebration were three parishioners whose birthdays coincidentally fell on the same day as Fr Barry's and whose ages ranged from 7 to 88!

The Friday Lent lunches raised £946 for CAFOD to which was added the sum of £453.32 raised by Rodney Hunt's performance of 'Jesus, my boy' on the evening of Palm Sunday.

The Offertory collection at Masses during Easter weekend raised £4,195.32 distributed equally between helping the work of The Sisters of Mercy hospital at Mutomo, Kitui, Kenya and schools run by the Infant Jesus sisters in Nigeria (where the activities of Boko Haram are still a constant source of worry).

At the Easter Vigil Mass we welcomed Donna Carter, David Cockett, Emma Davis and Sharon Neilan into full Communion with the Church.

Members of East Sussex LIFE group were present at all Masses during the weekend of 18/19 April to distribute leaflets outlining the views of General Election candidates for the Eastbourne constituency on issues concerned with protecting the sanctity of human life.

John Carmody

ADUR VALLEY

ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL'S 'Pot of Gold' was successfully plundered during May when George from St Peter's in Shoreham and her daughter Madeline pitched for £800 for repairs to the shed roof and for new things for the toddler's group. In particular we must thank Madeline who courageously stood up in front of everyone including council leaders and made the pitch for our cause. Fr Graham Ricketts has commented on how moving it was to see so many people at the Reconciliation services and confession through Lent.

Some of our altar servers were honoured to serve at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

We were so pleased to have packed churches at Easter and the children at St Peter's had a special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday they enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after Mass. We eagerly await the results of their cup cake decorating competition this Sunday.

Churches Together in Shoreham have started an exciting new Youth Group for Year 7 upwards and with the General Election not far away they arranged a Hustings with all the local candidates.

Penny Richardson

ARUNDEL

CABLES AND CONNECTIONS of all descriptions are now the order of the day in our Cathedral. With the warm farewells to the excellent BBC television crew after Midnight Mass with their cameras and miles of cables still ringing in our ears, a goodly band of electricians arrived

TO ALL OUR CORRESPONDENTS ITEMS for the **July 2015** issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on **Monday 1 June 2015** and for the **August 2015** issue by **Monday 29 June 2015**. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please include a contact telephone number.

It is helpful to us if Correspondents can type their contributions, keep them to no more than 200 words and include a word count. Original good quality digital pictures (which must be at least 300dpi) are very welcome. They should be sent as e-mail attachments. We regret we are unable to use photocopies or copies printed directly from computers. Please tell us that you have permissions for children's photos to be published.

with their complicated work schedule. They have worked with courage and flexibility both in the highest heights of the cathedral and deep in its lowest depths. Meanwhile, we have enjoyed celebrating Mass in a variety of settings, amid an array of red and white barriers, metres of barrier tape, ladders and scaffolding. Pride of place must surely go to the magnificent cherry-picker to be seen stretched to its limits as well as neatly folded like a sleeping dinosaur in front of the St Philip Howard shrine. To see it travelling slowly down the main aisle with inches to spare was a drive of sheer genius!

The Cathedral is in receipt of a Heritage Lottery Grant to help fund the necessary work on several windows in the Cathedral and the glaziers have now arrived to carry out the restoration...

Hilary Caws

BEXHILL

GOOD FRIDAY morning saw a special 'Stations of the Cross For Children' at St Martha's Church in Little Common. Catechist Sarah Surman had arranged a new interpretation of Jesus' journey on the road to Calvary so that the children of our parish could become fully involved in a way that they could easily understand. At each Station the children gathered whilst an interesting explanation was read out; and a theme of 'Let us look at the hands' was kept throughout: hands helping, holding, hitting, being nailed, etc. Fr David Parmiter read a brief Gospel extract as we progressed round the church, and a simple tune 'Jesus we adore You' was sung between each Station. After the service, which was attended by family, friends and many parishioners, hot cross buns and a drink were served at the back of the Church.

Frances Haragan

CATERHAM

DESPITE THE RELUCTANCE of the English to celebrate St George's Day on 23 April we did have coffee and buns in the Centenary Hall after the morning Mass, well attended and enjoyed!

The Tandridge Catenian Circle raised £130 for displaced foreign migrants to the north of Durban in South Africa, and help has been given by a Zimbabwean friend of Eliz and Mike Wood who are very involved with an educational charity in Kwazululand.

The RCIA Retreat on Palm Sunday was attended by nearly 40 people from the parish who came to the Centenary Hall after the 10.45am Mass to meditate and pray. This

year's theme was 'The Walk to Emmaus'. There was a shared lunch.

A new venture this year was a children's activity day to enable parents who wished to come to the retreat to leave their children. A tour guide took them through the church showing points of interest from Jerusalem to Emmaus, such as the cross and the tomb on the way, and at the house in Emmaus the children saw the breaking of bread (newly baked!) and, later, made puppets for an 'Emmaus Show'. A very good day was had by all.

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY Christ the Lord LEP Broadfield and Bewbush

MANY THANKS to Mgr Tony Barry for celebrating our Triduum and making it so special. Thanks too to Fr Chris Dobson for his joyful celebration of our Easter Sunday Mass and to our talented Blue Sash choir and music group for bringing our worship alive in such a lively and beautiful way.

Mgr Tony Barry celebrated Mass on Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our children's liturgy group had been busy making face masks of sheep out of paper plates and cotton wool, and enacted the parable of the Good Shepherd for us.

Barbara Winstanley

MERROW

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE who are going to Lourdes this year, either as red shirts or helpers, have thrown themselves with great enthusiasm into fundraising. With help from parents they have been putting on a film show, organising a giant raffle with lovely prizes kindly donated by parishioners, selling cakes after Mass and lots of baby sitting! Our thanks to the families of the young people, who are as enthusiastic as their children. Our parish has sold second hand books for years to help cover the costs of the young people. We have also supplemented the fund by having the occasional quiz.

Julia Steele

POLEGATE and HAILSHAM

THREE ANNIVERSARIES are being recalled in Hailsham this year. Firstly, it is 100 years since the first Mass to be offered (since the Reformation) took place at Elm Cottage, Upper Dicker. The congregation consisted of four people, including the lady of the house who had recently converted, and was celebrated by Fr Lynch of Eastbourne. (Did he ride out to Hailsham on his bike, fasting in those days, as did the later priests who served Hailsham?) Fr Whatmore, parish priest and historian, told our sacristan, Dorothy Blake, that they had Mass on the kitchen table and were joined by two nurses from Hellynly Hospital who later became nuns.

She believes that it was the same Catholic family who helped to start the Mass centre at the brewery on Battle Road.

The second anniversary relates to the present church of St Wilfrid. It was blessed and the first Mass offered on Ascension Day 1955 by David Cashman Bishop of Southwark, 60 years ago.

And the third anniversary? 160 years ago (1845) the land in South Road on which the church stands came into the possession of the Catholic Church when it was assigned to Cardinal Wiseman, archbishop of Westminster. He was a trustee of a charity set up in the will of John Thatcher of Priesthaves near Westham in 1637.

Ruth Ayres

MERSTHAM, REDHILL and REIGATE



NEWLY ORDAINED Fr Gabriel Dobson celebrated his first Mass in our parish at the Church of the Holy Family, Reigate, on 24 March, the Vigil of the Annunciation. A monk from Worth Abbey, he has been a familiar figure at weekends during his diaconate because he has been gaining experience of ministry in a parish including preaching too. Parishioners attended his ordination by Cardinal Cormac on 21 March. At the end of Mass Fr Gabriel was presented with a reminder of his time with us – a photo montage showing our three churches, roundels of St Teresa of The Child Jesus, St Joseph, and the Holy Family, our parish logo, and Frs Chris Spain and Aaron Spinelli. After blessing members of the congregation individually we all adjourned to the hall for festive food and wine. We have enjoyed his contribution to our parish life and are looking forward to seeing him from time to time as he is hoping to be able to supply for us occasionally.

Anne Lardeur

HERON'S GHYLL



PARISHIONERS of Heron's Ghyll and Uckfield were treated to something altogether unusual when, on the evening of 16 April, the distinguished actor Michael Wade gave us his fine recitation of John Henry Newman's celebrated Sermon 10 'The Second Spring'. The sermon, given by Newman on 13 July 1852 in St Mary's, Oscott, as part of the first Provincial Synod of Westminster, was a celebration of the revival of Catholicism's ecclesiastical and cultural life in this country, after 300 years of ostracism and persecution. Cardinal Wiseman and other members of the hierarchy were moved to tears by the beauty of the language and sentiment.

Mike Wade is no stranger to the sermon itself. Before Cardinal Hume and members of the Catholic hierarchy of England and Wales, he recited it at Westminster Cathedral in 1995, for part of the Cathedral's centenary celebrations. He is, therefore, the only man since Newman himself to have delivered the sermon to an audience of Catholic hierarchy. He had researched the text intensely and was able to deliver it largely from memory, with great intelligence, refinement and passion. The need, perhaps, for a third spring in English Catholicism added poignancy to Mike Wade's beautiful and well-received delivery.

Mike will be delivering the sermon at more venues, to be confirmed, in October this year. Further details from The International Centre of Newman Friends www.newmanfriendsinternational.org

Esme Howard

FROM THE PARISHES

ROTTINGDEAN with WOODINGDEAN



TIME HAS GONE BY so fast and Fr Kevin, Gill and Hector have already been with us for six months.

Stations of the Cross in both Churches and the Convent were well attended. The Sisters followed Stations with a frugal lunch and raised over £500 for St Anne's Day Centre in Brighton which helps the less privileged in our community.

All the Easter Masses were well attended and during the Easter Vigil we warmly welcomed Lisa Harvey and Matthew Blissett into the Church. (See picture above) A celebration was held in the Hall after Mass.

Come and See group for those wishing to be Catholics recommenced on 18 April. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues every Tuesday.

Jonathan Sharp

RYE

HERE AT St Anthony of Padua our parish is thriving in the care of Fr Paul Miskiewicz, an American friar who belongs to the Order of Conventual Franciscans. We expect to have Fr Paul with us until a new parish priest is appointed by the Order early in July.

During weekday Masses, Fr Paul gives a short homily and we are all benefiting from learning more about the background to the Acts of the Apostles.

We are all grateful to Fr Paul for keeping the friary garden in order and for organising a major spring clean in both church and friary. As always, we have a steady stream of visitors to St Anthony's from all over the world and our little church is greatly appreciated as a place of beauty, peace and holiness.

Jocelyn Rowe

SOUTHWICK with PORTSLADE and HANGLETON

THE PARISH was treated to a brass ensemble to praise The Risen Lord at the Easter Vigil in the combined parish of Southwick with Portslade and Hangleton. Our relatively new organist, James, was in the armed forces and as well as his skills as an organist plays the trumpet and French horn. James arranged for a quartet of brass players to accompany the organ at the Vigil. This was an amazing experience and lifted the singing to heights not experienced in our parish before.

The parish is now looking forward to the confirmation of seven young parishioners on 5 June followed by First Holy Communion for our younger children a week or two later. The confirmation group made their final preparations for the sacrament and were away on re-

treat for a weekend at the end of May. We will all be praying for these young people in our parish.

Gill Sajnog

WORTHING

St Mary of the Angels

PALM SUNDAY BEGAN with palms being blessed at all Masses and a procession into Church. In the afternoon we had our Lent Penitential Service. Fr Chris Benyon entered with a cross into which three nails were hammered, one between each verse of the first hymn. We were all invited to take a nail from the dish at the foot of the cross on our way to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from one of the priests and to take this home afterwards to remind us of the crucifixion.

At the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday 12 parishioners had their feet washed. After Mass there was prayer at the Altar of Repose until midnight, The Good Friday liturgy was celebrated with the reading of the Passion, veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion.

The Church was beautifully decorated for the Easter Masses with baskets containing vases of tulips and arrangements of lilies which had been donated by several parishioners. There was an Easter raffle for two Simnel cakes made by Sr Bernadette and all money raised was donated to CAFOD.

On Sunday 26 April, Vocations Sunday, a Sister of Divine Mercy and two Franciscan brothers spoke at each Mass about their vocation and the need for more vocations. After the Masses they handed out literature and prayer cards and also answered any questions.

Astrid Gibson

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WADHURST



LAST SATURDAY morning was a sad occasion. A long time parishioner, Charles Coyne who died suddenly had his Requiem Mass mourned by his devoted wife and family.

In the afternoon a joyful occasion was the celebration of the renewal of Sally and Nick Schroder's wedding vows on their 40th wedding anniversary (see picture above, with Fr Martin, Sally and Nick Schroder). Sally is Pam Docherty's daughter and both were married in the Sacred Heart Church, Pam has been an active member of our parish all her life.

Peggy Purslow

MORE OR LESS?

More is more, less is less
More is good, even more best.
Less is bad, worst is least
West is good, less so east.

Some say "less is more."
Is too much worse than none at all?
Less of the much does not man make poor.
For 'tis true what they say that less is more.

My more is your less.
Are you poor due to my excess?
Absolute equality, that's the best.
All or nothing, more or less.

Poem by Martin Brown



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