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Ordination of Fr Roy Waters

the Awesome Privilege of Becoming a Priest

ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL WAS FILLED on a warm Friday evening as Bishop Richard ordained Deacon Roy Waters (pictured below) to the priesthood. Family, friends and well-wishers were joined by around 50 priests and 35 deacons in a solemn and moving ceremony of ordination.

Deacon Roy's two sons, Rod and Tim, their wives and his grandchildren watched as he was presented to Bishop Richard, was examined, knelt in obedience and then prostrated himself while the beautiful Litany of the Saints was sung by the assembly.

There was special warmth as the priests, one by one, laid their hands on Deacon Roy's head, invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit. Then, following the Prayer of Consecration, Fr Roy was invested with his stole and chasuble, was anointed, and exchanged the kiss of peace with each of his brother priests while the choir sang the first line of Psalm 117 'Praise the Lord, all you peoples.'

Then, for the first time, Fr Roy concelebrated Mass as the setting sun warmed the honey-coloured stone of the cathedral and the interior was lit by shafts of bright light from the high windows.

It was a long journey for Fr Roy. Sussex born and reared, brought up an Anglican, he enjoyed an extensive career in telecommunications while being active in the local community, particularly with the Samaritans charity. He was received into the Church in 1994 and was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 2002. Following the sudden death of his wife Hilary, Roy re-considered his future and returned to St John's Seminary in Womersley to train for the priesthood.

After the Ordination and Mass, Fr Roy was escorted back into the Cathedral to the loud applause of the waiting congregation. A long queue formed as family, friends, clergy, religious and parishioners lined up to receive a blessing from the popular newly-minted priest.

It was a momentous day and the last words belong to Fr Roy: *'To become a priest is an awesome privilege but a role I look forward to living for the rest of my days, leaning heavily on the Lord Jesus.'*

Story and pictures by A&B News staff
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VOCATIONS

Cardinal Newman's Prayerful Reflection

GOD HAS CREATED ME TO DO HIM SOME DEFINITE SERVICE. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

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ON FRIDAY 19 MAY members of Hand in Hand arrived at St Cuthman's for their Annual Retreat. Having skipped two years while we celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese and the Jubilee Year of Mercy, it was great to be gathered together again for a weekend of prayer, fun and community.

The theme for this year's retreat was 'Travelling with Jesus' and we found out how Jesus would have travelled and who would have accompanied him. We explored our own journey, reflecting on Jesus as The Way and the Sacraments as food for our journey. We thought about all those who travel with us on our journey and remembered those who had accompanied us in the past. We brought our time together to a close on Sunday afternoon by joining The Stars of Mary for a joyful Mass with Fr Carl at St Gabriel's, Billingshurst.

Story and picture: Denise Adamson



Change of Personnel at St Cuthman's

MARY-JANE BURKETT left St Cuthman's at the end of May and Jon Harman was appointed as the new interim Director to continue the good work in taking St Cuthman's forward as a valuable resource for the Diocese and beyond. Jon is a member of Chichester parish and brings lots of relevant experience to the role. Married with children, he is also currently in formation for the diaconate.

We offer best wishes to Mary-Jane as she moves to her new role working with local government on refugees, and we welcome to Jon as he joins the diocesan team.

Sent to Coventry (Cathedral - and enjoying it!)

WE WERE BLESSED with lovely weather for our day pilgrimage to Coventry Cathedral. Stopping off on the way at Bicester for a sandwich lunch, we arrived at the Cathedral for our guided tour at 1.30pm.

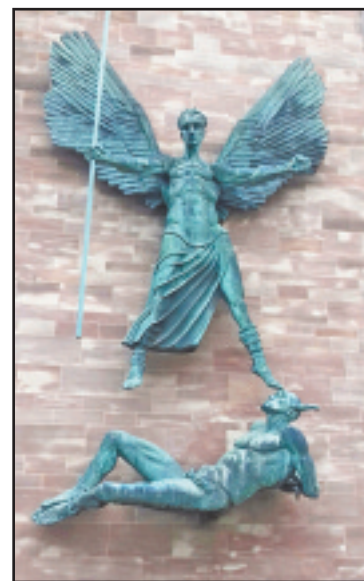
Coventry has had three cathedrals: only a few ruins remain of the first; the second was St Michael's, a 14th-century Gothic building that remains a ruined shell after its bombing during WWII; the third is the new St Michael's Cathedral, built around the destruction of the former.

Celebrated as the UK's favourite 20th Century building, Coventry Cathedral is known all over the world as an icon of peace, and a truly stunning venue. We started our tour in the old ruins. The Cathedral was bombed in 1940 and the New Cathedral was opened in 1962, rising up next to the ruins in stark contrast. The theme of peace and reconciliation resonates around the buildings old and new, there is a real sense of refuge and calm as you wander around taking in the architecture and design.

We were privileged to celebrate Mass in the Chapel of Unity, one of the side chapels in the Cathedral. Time was given for personal reflection and sightseeing and we ended our afternoon by staying and participating in Choral evensong, sung by the girl choristers.

Almost everyone agreed that we needed to visit again at some point as there was so much to see and do in the limited time we had available. Coventry Cathedral is definitely somewhere we would recommend visiting.

Story and pictures: Gill Sajnog



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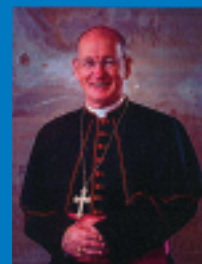
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Ordination of Fr Roy at Arundel Cathedral



PICTURES FROM FR ROY WATERS' ORDINATION (TOP TO BOTTOM): Deacon Roy with family; The choir, including seminarians; Fr Roy distributing Holy Communion; The queue to be blessed by the newly-minted Fr Roy Waters

Pictures by A&B News staff

To Africa, from Worth Abbey, A New Bishop



Pictured above are, from left to right: Ilario Antoniazzi, Archbishop of Tunis; Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr, Principal Consecrator; Bishop John MacWilliam, MAfr; Bishop Claude Rault, MAfr, Bishop Emeritus of Laghouat; and Bishop Francis Walmsely, retired, Former Bishop of the Forces.

FORMER WORTH SCHOOL STUDENT, the Right Rev John MacWilliam, 68, was ordained Bishop of Laghouat in Algeria last month, in a service held at Worth Abbey. His diocese – as many of the national newspapers pointed out – is ten times the size of Britain.

Bishop MacWilliam spent 18 years in the army before making his religious vows in 1991 and a year later was ordained a priest of the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), again at Worth Abbey.

Laghouat is, by size, one of the largest dioceses in the world and has a population of four million people, the vast majority of whom are Muslims, speaking Arabic and French. It is estimated that there are only several hundred Catholics in the Diocese, spread across the region, mainly missionary priests or sisters, or expatriates working in the oil industry.

Story by A&B News staff Picture by Howard Griggs

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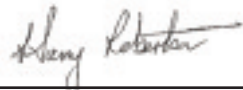
THIS MONTH WE ANTICIPATE the arrival at Arundel of the relics and statue from Fatima, 100 years after the sun 'danced' at Fatima before a crowd of 70,000 and the Blessed Virgin gave a message of repentance, conversion and hope – but also of the reality of Hell.

Next month, hundreds of pilgrims from A&B will depart for Lourdes. Three million people a year visit, expecting miracles of body and soul, as they have done for almost two hundred years.

Elsewhere in this month's paper, we read of ordinations, perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, practical and spiritual help for seafarers, praise and prayer in a variety of settings, feast days, fund raising, pilgrimages, celebrations galore, the wonderful work of Life – and a skydiving Mother General.

While materialism, relativism and secularism may nibble at religious sensibilities, it is the evidence of continuing Divine love expressed through the miraculous and the mundane that will carry the day.

Deo gratias!



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JUST A THOUGHT

Which was best?

A RECENT 75TH ANNIVERSARY of a First Holy Communion set off a reflection of how things have changed in that time both in the Church and in life in general.

We were prepared for the Sacrament in our class in school and sat together on the day. Essentially parents were not involved. Except for such things as buying - or more likely making, the girls' dresses. In the war years, when clothing like everything else was rationed, this might have meant re-making some other piece of clothing, even mother's wedding dress.

In church, Mass was said 'up the wall', the priest addressing God on our behalf with his back to us and any responses were said by a server (boys and men only). Bells were rung to tell us about the important parts of the Mass and everything was in Latin. Children were expected to be very quiet and so usually smaller children were not brought to Mass, parents attending different Masses.

Things were pretty different beyond the Church too. In 1942 many fathers were away in the forces, some of them not to return. A posting abroad might mean several years away, with little photographically reduced letters as the only means of communication.

Food was rationed and women, many of whom worked to replace the men who had gone to the front, did miracles with what they had.

But which was better? Are the stresses any less today than they were in those years? Was the world better? Was the Church better?

Pauline Groves

In Port with Apostleship of the Sea

As Catholics, we take the sacraments and our local parish for granted. But if you are a Catholic seafarer, you can go for months without any contact with the life of the Church. This is where Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) comes in. Greg Watts a freelance journalist working closely with AoS, in his words and pictures, reviews the work of this agency with A&B Special Correspondent Peter Burholt.

AoS IS UNIQUE in being the only Catholic Agency serving the maritime industry. This month, 9 July is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of AoS, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around the coast of Britain.

The world of the seafarer is a hidden one, and it is one that might appear to have little bearing on our lives. Most of us are far more familiar with airports than seaports. Yet around 90% of the goods imported into the UK arrive by sea. This includes everything from bananas and computers to coffee and cookers.

Life at sea is tough. Seafarers work long hours for little pay and see very little of their families back home. In some cases, they can be at sea for weeks - or even months. Because the seafarers make long voyages it is very difficult for them to get off the ships. AoS then goes onto the ships to welcome them and see if they can help with support.

Meeting Spiritual Needs

One of the tasks of Rev Roger Stone (pictured here and on the right), AoS port chaplain to Southampton and a number of ports on the south coast, is to try and meet the spiritual needs of the Catholic seafarers he encounters. An example of this was when, earlier this year, the Polish captain of a tanker ship said he was keen to go to Mass and also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

'Mass was being celebrated in a church five minutes' drive from the terminal, but I drove him into Southampton so he could attend a mass in Polish and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in his native tongue,' said Roger.

'He was really relieved to be able to go. On the way back to the ship he commented that we did all this just for one person. It was quite clear to me that the Holy Spirit led me to that ship, to him, and required me to help him to receive just what he needed.'

Roger makes seafarers aware of the Stella Maris application, which they can download onto their mobile phones or other devices. This gives them access to daily readings, reflections and much more throughout their time on board. He also shares the Gospel of the day on his Facebook page.

He is impressed by the faith of many of the seafarers he meets. He saw an example of this during Lent this year. 'On some car ships I visited, the Indian crews from Kerala and Tamil Nadu refrained from meat and fish for the whole of Lent. They only ate vegetables and rice. This was a real sacrifice for them because their work is physically demanding at the best of times and going without does cause them some difficulty.'

Offering Practical Help: The MV Independent Story

As a port chaplain, Roger is also there to offer practical help to seafarers when they have problems. A good example of this was in 2013 when the MV Independent was arrested in Shoreham because of an unpaid fuel bill.

When he heard the news, Roger visited the crew to see if there was anything he could do. The arrest of the Independent lasted for 13 months, something he had not anticipated.

'Initially it was not envisaged that the ship would be arrested for long because the International Transport Federation said the ship owner was hop-

ing to re-finance. Far more ships are detained than arrested. Ship arrests are not that common, but when they occur it's a serious matter. Sometimes the company re-finances and the person who lodged the complaint is paid and the ship is released from arrest.'

Roger and his team of volunteer ship visitors visited the Independent many times during its time in Shoreham. When he realised that the promised re-financing was going nowhere he contacted the media to raise awareness of the plight of the crew and to try to bring about a conclusion to the situation.

'I put the master in touch with a maritime lawyer whom I had met in connection with a previous arrest and he acted to protect their interests and ultimately secured payment of all unpaid salaries of the crew on board. It appeared that all the crew who had gone home were without their wages being paid. On application of the Admiralty Marshal, the court ordered the sale of the vessel and unpaid salaries were paid out of the sale proceeds. This took longer than it might have done because a creditor with a prior claim, the port authority, took time to lower its claim.'

The Effect on the Stranded Crew

So how did the mood of the crew change as the months rolled on? 'Initially there were several crew on board, but the company paid for all but two to travel home. Mikhail, the master, and Igor, an able seaman, were left on board. Whenever we visited, their spirits lifted, but both suffered mental fatigue, angst, and we were seriously concerned that they were becoming depressed. They had nothing to do all day, just keep the ship ticking over at the bare minimum.'

Roger added that the worst aspects of the arrest were the isolation, desperation, loneliness and no money going home to pay for their families' basic needs. When a company hits financial problems the first casualty is normally the crew's salaries, which are not paid. But crews tend to tolerate this because the prospect of some money some time is better than no money at all.

'Igor had a wife and two young boys to clothe, feed, and educate. He was seriously concerned. His wife was borrowing money wherever she could, just making the debt worse. AoS gave him an ex gratia payment of \$2,000. That made a huge difference to his family at home.'

Helping to Maintain Human Dignity

During the ship's arrest, ship visitors took the master and Igor to local churches for Sunday Mass, to the Shoreham Airshow and local museums. The justice and peace group at St Mary of the Angels in Worthing wrote to the Government minister responsible for shipping and demanded answers and action.

'The most important thing AoS did was to maintain regular visits to the crew' said Roger. 'This showed them that we really cared about them. We gave them Easter gifts and Christmas gifts and food and drink. We tried to help them to maintain their human dignity throughout the long, sorry process.'

If you are interested in becoming involved with AoS, visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk, or phone 0207 901-1931.



13th Century Christian Almshouse in Chichester

TWENTY PARISHIONERS from St Richard's Parish in Chichester visited the city's 13th century hospital of the Blessed Virgin Mary in St Martin's Square on 26 April. This is a Christian foundation, providing sheltered homes for up to 30 residents both in the hospital almshouse and other nearby buildings.

Medieval hospitals served the sick, poor and travellers and cared for their spiritual well-being as well as their medical needs.

St Mary's role has changed more than once in 800 years, but it has retained a remarkable survival, keeping its ancient buildings and endowments.

The group enjoyed a walk around the magnificent garden, before being taken inside to the chapel, where an interesting, historic talk was given by the warden. Of particular interest was the discoveries made during



refurbishment and which can now be found on display in a glass-fronted oak cabinet.

An invitation was offered by Olive, a resident, to look around her flat. This was graciously accepted and appreciated. It had a wonderful, homely feel and was nicely decorated, as well as boasting an 11th century upright, original wooden column at one end of the accommodation.

Tea/coffee and biscuits followed up the visit before the group dispersed. This certainly is a remarkable place, which was once the only one of its kind left in Europe. Now, however, it is unique as it is thought to be the only one in the world in the administration of its role and purpose.

Visits can only be made via appointment.

Story and pictures:
Caroline Bullen



See Life at Sealife

A report of a special day out from Ann Willis, Manager of the Life House in Haywards Heath

GIRLS FROM OUR HOUSE in Haywards Heath recently went on an outing to the Sealife Centre on Brighton seafront. The trip was funded by a donation from the local Life group and was enjoyed by four young mums, a support worker, three babies and a 'bump'.

Everyone had a great time in the Sealife Centre including a trip over the tank containing fish and sharks on a glass-bottomed boat, followed by a walk on the pier with doughnuts and pancakes.

Life is a unique charity in the UK. It provides a nationwide service of alternatives to abortion, striving to inspire and inform the next generation to value all human life from beginning to end.

The diocese is a good supporter of Life and its work and there are seven Life Houses throughout the diocese.

For further information on the work of Life visit: lifecharity.org.uk



Story and picture: Ann Willis



New Mother General is a high-flyer



AT THIS YEAR'S General Chapter of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Littlehampton (FMSL), held every three years and this year on 8 May, Sr Clare Bernadette Knowles was elected the new Mother General of the Order, with Sr Anne McLaughlin (the incumbent) appointed as her Assistant. Sr Clare has been in charge of the Novitiate in Canterbury, although she will now be returning to Littlehampton. The new General Chapter is pictured from left to right: Fr David Blowey OFM Con., Sr Susan Rudkin, Sr Clare Bernadette Knowles (Mother General), Sr Anne McLaughlin (Assistant Mother General), Sr Elizabeth Morris, Sr Martha Geraghty.

Less than a fortnight after her election, Sr Clare was thrown out of an aeroplane above Netheravon for charity's sake. Her skydive has so far raised more than £2,000 for the Worthing Churches Homeless Projects, one of which is the Breakfast Club in Littlehampton for those who are homeless or insecurely housed. Sr Clare is pictured getting kitted out at Netheravon on 20 May.

Although the skydive has already taken place, donations to Sr Clare's cause can still be made at:

mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/clareknowles1

Story: Mike Webber; Pictures: FMSL and Fr Anthony McNeil OFM



Mass in the Chapel of Cowdray House

PARISHIONERS FROM MIDHURST AND PETWORTH gathered in the ruined chapel of Cowdray House to celebrate Mass in honour of Blessed Margaret Pole, one of our 'local' martyrs, on 30 May. Bl Margaret, one of the royal Plantagenet family, was imprisoned at Cowdray in Midhurst before she was sent to the Tower of London where she was executed because she would not support the claim of Henry VIII to be supreme head of the Church in England.

On a cloudy but dry morning about 60 people joined parish priest Fr Peter Newsam to celebrate Mass once again in the place where Bl Margaret would have prayed, a very special feeling. We were happy that this celebration was repeated after a gap of two years, and thanked the manager of the Cowdray Ruins for her help in making our visit possible.



Story: Valerie Weston Picture: Paul Mellings

20 Years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

ST ANN'S PARISH IN BANSTEAD, Surrey celebrated 20 Years of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on 29 April 2017. In 1997, as the then parish priest Canon Tom Treherne, first encouraged the parish to commence Eucharistic Adoration, asking it to pray for the building up of faith in the parish as well as to pray for vocations, so it continues until today. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration began on the chosen feast day of St Catherine of Siena 29 April 1997 with an Inauguration Mass. St Catherine was known as the Saint of the Eucharist, for her devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, living only on the Eucharist for the last seven years of her life.

On 29 April 2017, Fr. Giandomenico Ziliotto celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the 20 years of Adoration when a letter was also read out from Bishop Richard. This was followed by a celebration with a special cake, sandwiches, tea, coffee in the hall to mark the occasion as well.

In his letter, Bishop Richard congratulated the parish saying he was certain 'this continuing devotion to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will have brought many blessings to those who give their time in adoration, to the parish community, to the diocese and indeed, to the wider world.'

Many people came during the annual 40 Hours Adoration to adore Our Lord, which this year took place from the 16 to 18 May. It drew to a close with Benediction. For those of us there it was an awe-inspiring experience. It truly felt that heaven was in our Sanctuary. Our thanks to Fr Míceal and our faithful adorers for this continuing Adoration which not only benefits our Parish but the world around us! The Sanctuary is pictured at the end of the 40 hours.

Story and picture: Christine Gilbert



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A chance for 11-18 year olds in your parish to meet Bishop Richard and to have an experience of Lectio Divina.

Earlier this year, more than 350 young people and their leaders joined Bishop Richard at one of the Evenings of Reflection around the Diocese. We're delighted to announce that Bishop Richard will be running the evenings once again in 2018 on dates and at locations:

Thursday 18 January - St John's Church, Horsham
Thursday 8 February - St Joseph's Church, Epsom
Thursday 22 February - St Michael's Church, Worthing
Saturday 3 March - St John's Seminary, Womersley
Saturday 10 March - St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill

The evenings have mainly been used by Confirmation groups in the past, but are open to anyone aged 11-18. We are expecting that most of those coming will be coming with leaders as part of an organised group.

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The Retrouvaille programme Saved Our Marriage

TWELVE YEARS AGO the walls finally crumbled in a marriage that for many years left myself and my wife Frances feeling unloved, unheard, alone and unwanted.

The final devastating blow came when I admitted to my wife that I had been unfaithful to her years before. Following my disclosure I fell into a depression which lasted for almost four years.

It was hard to imagine that our lives could get any worse than was, but it did. For 17 years I carried the secret of my infidelity. It was an extremely painful time for Frances and our daughters and at one point I seriously contemplated suicide.

We were in the darkest coldest of places, and hardly spoke a word to each other. We tried counselling, we read self-help books, we saw a psychologist. Things improved a little but we spent our time walking on eggshells. There was no intimacy or depth in our conversation or in our lives – physically or emotionally. We became convinced that for us separation was the only option. It was at this point our prayers were answered. I saw an article for an organisation called Retrouvaille. The advert read: **Does Your Marriage Bring You Joy?** We both knew the answer. I showed Frances the advert and following a phone call to a Retrouvaille representative we registered and two weeks later we attended the weekend programme. The programme consisted of one full weekend beginning on Friday evening and finishing on Sunday evening, followed by four, one day, post-programme days.

Presentations were delivered by three couples and a priest. The focus of the weekend sessions was on teaching couples new means of communication. Attendees are taught effective ways to listen and how to share their pain with their spouse respectfully.

Back in February 2007 we couldn't believe the effect the Retrouvaille programme would have on us. During that weekend we began to rediscover the love for each other that for so many years was lost. Today we are happier than we ever thought possible. Our relationship goes from strength to strength.

If you're reading this article and you're a couple in pain, please don't give up, help is out there! Frances and I are now the co-ordinators for Retrouvaille England and Wales. We, along with thousands of other couples are proof that the Retrouvaille programme works.

Our next weekend programme takes place in the Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City from 15 to 17 September. For details please contact: Michael and Frances - 07887 296 983, Maurice and Margaret - 07973380443 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk for more information about our programmes.

Alternatively contact our Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser Katherine Bergin:
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The Big Church Day Out - Not to be Missed



EVERY SUNDAY IN THIS DIOCESE, there are probably (and this is a total guess...) around 300 Masses celebrated. All around Sussex and Surrey, people gather in their communities to fulfil Jesus' command to 'do this in memory of me'.

On Sunday 28 May, I was at one of those Masses, but it wasn't my usual Mass. Indeed, there wasn't much about this Mass that was 'usual'. The celebrants were a Monk from Worth Abbey, a priest from another part of the country, and a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal. The location was a 'big top' tent, and the music ministry was provided by two of the biggest names in Christian music: Matt Maher and Audrey Assad - two people who normally play to stadiums as part of world tours.



As for the congregation, there were about 800 of them. Some sat on the ground, others on hay bales! Most, though not all, had been camping nearby the night before.

The Mass in question was part of Big Church Day Out. An annual event held right here in our own Diocese - at Wiston House, near Storrington - and one of the biggest Christian events in the world. Each year, more and more Catholics are coming to BCDO, and the organisers go to great lengths to make us feel welcome.

A lot of those at Mass came from other parts of the country, but there were also large groups there from Crawley, Guildford, Brighton, Weybridge, Burgess Hill, Chichester, and several other places.

Big Church Day Out has been running for nearly a decade now, and regularly attracts in excess of 25,000 people over the weekend.



Most of the action happened on the main stage and the 'illuminate stage', but for those looking for something a little more sedate, there was also the tea tent, complete with ice cream stalls, tea and comfy chairs!

The line-up this year was pretty much a roll call of the world's biggest Christian music stars. The likes of Matt Maher, Rend Collective, Switchfoot, Casting Crowns, Audrey Assad, Bethel Church, Mary Mary, Stuart Townend joined a host of other organisations to provide a weekend of engagement and entertainment.

The event organisers work closely with the Celebrate Conference to run a host of services for Catholics, including that Mass. For those camping, there was also an 'after party' on the Monday with music from One Hope Project.

Big Church Day Out happens every year during the late May Bank Holiday weekend, and Jack Regan at DABCEC can usually point those who are interested towards ticket discounts for Catholics! So, if you feel like a great Christian day out - or a great weekend - for all the family next year, mark it on your calendar now!

Story by Jack Regan, pictures by Jack Regan, Carol D'Souza and Stephen White
 PICTURES - top left: general view; bottom left: - John, Miguel and Steve having a blast, top right: Petronela, Hazel and Carol also having a great time.

Jack Regan is the Pastoral Team Adviser for Youth in A&B Diocese and can be contacted at: jack.regan@dabnet.org

Words of St Madeleine Sophie Barat Inspire Woldingham School Leavers



A MASS OF THANKSGIVING was celebrated for the time that our Upper Sixth students spent at Woldingham, giving thanks for being successful in their courses of study so far, for their contribution to our community and for the friendships that have grown and developed over the years.

Woldingham School Chaplain, Fr Gerry Devlin, reminded leavers of their own uniqueness and individuality and encouraged them to use their gifts and talents wisely in serving the needs of others, as St Paul challenged us to do in the reading to the Ephesians.

At the end of Mass the students were given a candle lit from the paschal candle on the altar and reminded that they were being sent forth to be the light in the world by their words and actions. In the words of the Founder of the Order of the Sacred Heart, St Madeleine Sophie Barat, whose Feast Day fell in the same week, they were asked to 'Be humble, be simple and bring joy to others'.

Woldingham School is an independent boarding and day school for girls aged 11-18 and is located in a 700 acre valley, 25 minutes from Clapham Junction, with Woldingham train station in the school grounds.

Story and Picture by Sue Toulson

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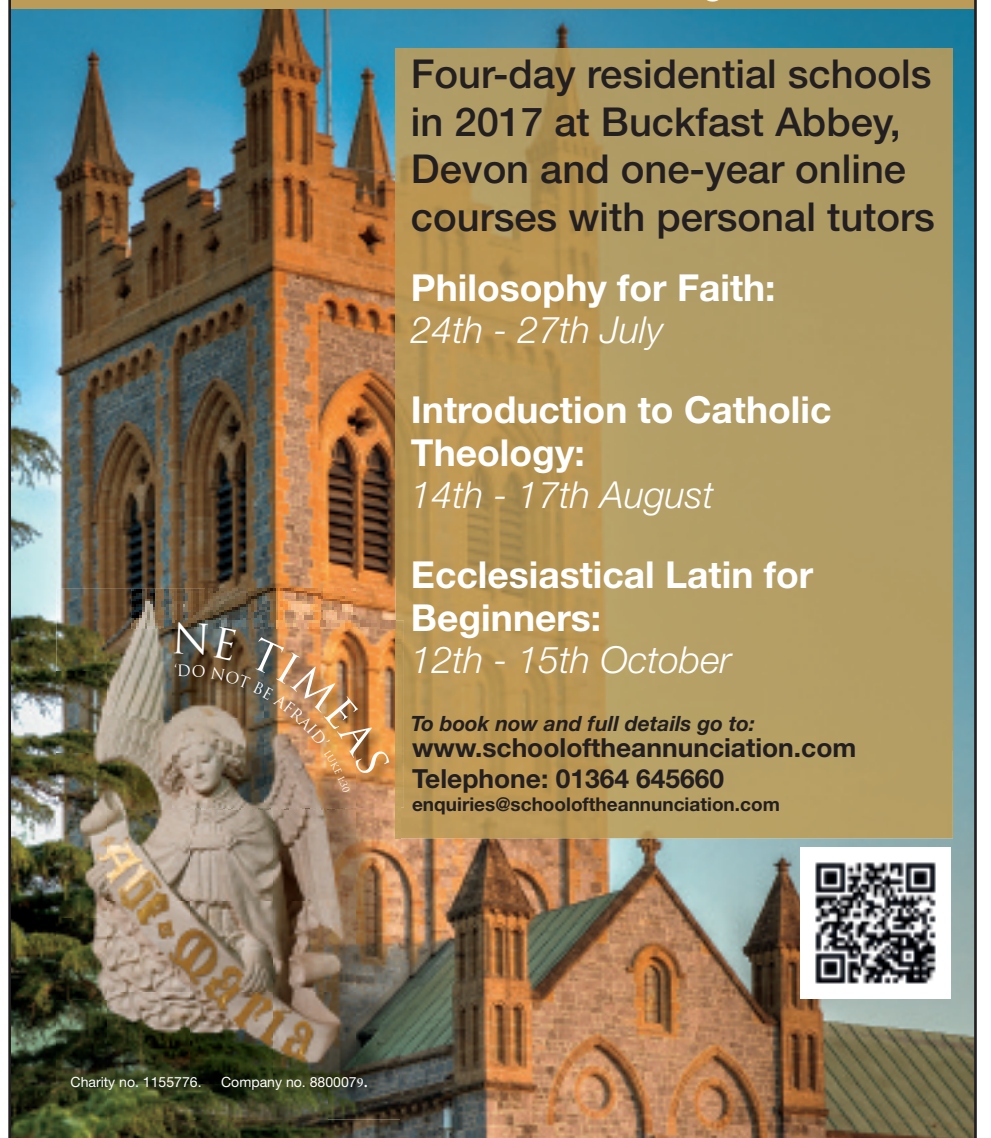
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World Apostolate of Fatima England and Wales.
Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to Arundel Cathedral.



Saturday 1 July
9:00am (approx) Arrival at the Cathedral
10:30am Procession, enthronement & crowning of the statue with Canon Tim Madeley
11:00am Mass with Mgr Provost John Hull and entry of the relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco. At the end of Mass, a short explanation of weekend events by Oliver Abasolo, Custodian of the NPVS
12:00 (approx) to 1:45pm Veneration of the relics
1:45pm Talk/Presentation on the Message of Fatima in the Cathedral Hall with the Message of Fatima given by Oliver Abasolo.
3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and a Holy Hour in the Cathedral with Rosary, meditation and silent prayer.
4:00pm Benediction/Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by enrolment and investiture of the Brown Scapular
4:20pm tea/coffee break in the hall with time for prayer before the Statue/Relics
4:20 to 5:00pm The DVD of the Fatima Little Shepherds will be shown in the Hall.
5:00pm End of the day's activities.

Sunday 2 July
11:15am Mass with Bishop Richard
12:30pm End of Visitation; the Statue and Relics are processed out of the Cathedral by the Knights of St Columba.



MASS FOR THE DEAF
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CAFOD is asking the World Bank to spend more money on renewable energy so that the poorest communities can have access to electricity. So please organise a card signing in your parish or school and encourage everyone to sign the campaign action cards. These can be ordered from shop.cafod.org.uk or call 0207 733 7900. There are posters, children liturgy resources and a short talk about the campaign which can be given at the end of Masses on the website cafod.org.uk/power-to-be

As Pope Francis said 'Worldwide there is minimal access to clean renewable energy. There is an urgent need to substitute fossil fuels and develop sources of renewable energy.' Let's work together to ensure that more people have access to the 'power' that can change their lives.

Jo Lewry CPC CAFOD Arundel and Brighton

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BISHOP'S DIARY

JUNE/JULY

Monday 26	11.45am	Recently Ordained Clergy Lunch, High Oaks
Tuesday 27	10.00am	Visit combat Stress Charity, Leatherhead
	2.00pm	Mass of Thanksgiving, St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Guildford
	7.00pm	Meeting, Camberley
Wednesday 28	2.00pm	Cross Phase Mass at Worth Abbey
Thursday 29	10.30am	CSAN Criminal Justice Forum, Romeo House, London
	2.00pm	St Mary's University, Twickenham
Friday 30	9.00am	Worthing Deanery Teachers' In-Set Day, Chatsmore School
Saturday 1	am	Launch of Refugee Tales
	6.00pm	Jubilee Mass for Ashtead Parish
Sunday 2	10.00am	WAF Committee Meeting, Arundel
	11.15am	Mass for Our Lady of Fatima at Arundel Cathedral
Monday 3 - Tuesday 4		Clergy Overnight at St Cuthman's, Coolham
Wednesday 5	10.30am	CSAN Criminal Justice Forum, London
Thursday 6		Pastoral Team Formation Meeting, St Bernadette's, Crawley
	7.00pm	Blessing of Icon at Holy Family, Reigate
Friday 7		Meets with Kiltigan Fathers, East Molesey
Saturday 8	11.30am	St Leonard's Deanery Confirmations, Bexhill
	3.00pm	St Leonard's Deanery Confirmations, St Leonards
Sunday 9	1.00pm	Redshirt Mass at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge
	5.00pm	Ordination of Paul Bilton to the Permanent Diaconate at St Paul's, Haywards Heath
Monday 10	12.00pm	Retired Priest's Lunch, High Oaks
Tuesday 11	7.00pm	Council of Deacon's Meeting, High Oaks
Wednesday 12	9.00am	Curriculum Enrichment Day at Cardinal Newman School, Hove
Thursday 13	8.30am	Meeting, High Oaks
	10.30am	'Connect with Countryside', Ardingly Show Ground
Friday 14	2.00pm	Leavers' Mass at St Joseph's Specialist School, Cranleigh
	9.30am	Mass for the Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School, Crawley
	3.00pm	Meeting, High Oaks
	6.30pm	Friends of Arundel Cathedral Summer Vespers, Arundel Cathedral
Saturday 15	11.00am	Eastbourne Deanery Confirmations, Our Lady of Ransom Eastbourne
Sunday 16	3.00pm	Mass for St Mildred's Day, Minster, Ramsgate
Monday 17	10.30am	Trustees' Meeting, High Oaks
	4.00pm	Episcopal Council Meeting, High Oaks
Tuesday 18		Mental Health Retreat, Douai Abbey
Wednesday 19 - Thursday 20	2.00pm	St Mary's University Graduation, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Friday 21	8.45am	End of Year Mass and sponsored walk at Chatsmore School, Worthing
Saturday 22	4.30pm	Mass to celebrate Fr Charles Jeffries Golden Jubilee of Ordination at St Mary's House, Preston Park, Brighton
Sunday 23	4.00pm	Lourdes Pilgrimage Briefing Day Mass, St Wilfrid's, Crawley
Monday 24	4.00pm	Meeting, London
Wednesday 26	9.00am	Mass for Redshirts Departure for Lourdes, St Wilfrid's, Crawley
Thursday 27 - Thursday 3		Leads Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fun at Uckfield School



ST PHILIP'S Catholic Primary School in Uckfield, celebrated the feast day of their patron saint on 26 May. They were visited by Bishop Richard, who celebrated Mass with the community and then visited the school. Children had an exciting day, learning about St Philip and making joke books. (St Philip was a good-humoured man who loved a practical joke). The celebrations ended with a family picnic in the sunshine. Headteacher Joanna Sanchez said, 'We are very glad Bishop Richard was able to join us on our special day. The whole school community has had a wonderful time celebrating St Philip together'.
Story and picture: Angela Wilding

Time Travel at The Towers

IN MID-MAY 2017 The Towers junior pupils travelled back in time to 1172 and Upper Beeding transformed itself into Sherwood Forest and Nottingham Castle. This was 'Robin Hood' with a twist: a band of actors looking for their next gig, mistakenly hired by the feisty Maid Marion as a group of outlaws who can save Nottingham from the evil Sheriff of Nottingham and dastardly King John.

Against the backdrop of a superb stage set, amazing costumes and props, Year 6 pupils brought the story alive with their 'Oswald' (AKA Oscar) worthy acting, ably supported by pupils from Reception to Year 5 with their singing and dancing.

Story and picture: Clare Trelfa



Sponsorship for charity at Cranmore School

OUR ACTION DAY when senior pupils raise funds for charities with sponsored performances is eagerly anticipated each year. Every pupil in the senior department, ages 8 - 11, puts on a short performance in front of the rest of the school which is sponsored by family and friends. We have sketches, magic tricks, joke telling, dancing, singing, ensemble playing.....the list is endless. (Two are pictured on the right).

This is a most enjoyable event whilst the children raise funds for the several charities we support.

We were delighted to welcome a representative from CAFOD to receive a cheque for £1800 (pictured).

Story and pictures: Shelagh Connolly



First Holy Communion at St Joan of Arc in Farnham

The First Holy Communion that took place on Saturday 6 May during two Masses. The picture shows the 67 children who returned on Sunday 7 May for their Going Forth Mass and Certificate Presentation followed by their Celebration Breakfast. Many thanks to all the Catechists and Helpers who taught this year's programme.

Story: Cecilia Woellwarth Picture: Alessia Mestrono



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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

WE BEGAN MAY by praying a Novena to Our Lady of Fatima and at the end of the month we are praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit.

There have been several fund raising efforts including the May Fayre at St Peter's which raised over £600; the Sisters held a coffee morning and sale at The Towers to raise funds for their projects for the poor in Brazil and Tanzania and raised £2,800; the cake sale at St Peter's for funds towards the SVP's work with young people raised £120. We enjoyed a great evening at St Peter's where the vocal trio Three Penny Piece entertained us and raised funds for the parish Lourdes fund.

This weekend sees the Big Church Day Out come to our parish at Wiston (near Steyning). Tens of thousands of people from all over the UK and Europe come to worship and celebrate.

Br. Angelo and some of the Franciscan Friars who led our mission last year will be coming to the Big Church Day Out and whilst here they will have a Holy Hour at St Peter's and at Christ the King. It will be good to see them again.

Penny Richardson

ARUNDEL

THE NEW LIFE of Easter seems to be all around us as the Sacramental programmes reach their fulfilment. The constant stream of candidates was especially visible when 31 young people made their First Communion supported by a packed congregation.

Alongside these enthusiastic celebrations we are encouraged by our current exhibition on Cardinal Manning. Through his admittedly ageing countenance, we read how he embraced wholeheartedly the many challenges set before him, following his conversion to Catholicism in 1851 aged 43.

Hilary Caws

BANSTEAD

THE PARISH OF ST ANN'S Banstead in the third week of May saw two groups of our children receive their First Holy Communion. It was a joyful and beautiful occasion for the children and their families and we pray that they feel the love of God always at their side.

Along with other parishes in the Deanery, 11 of our young people were confirmed by Bishop Richard at St Joseph's Epsom. We will keep them all in our prayers and fervently hope that they continue to take an active part in our parish. As Pope Francis said to a group of young pilgrims, they were to remember that Confirmation does not mean goodbye.

Christine Gilbert

BRIGHTON

St Mary's Preston Park

FR SLAWEK from Poland was in the parish for most of March and helped out with Masses and Confessions when Fr Bruno Witchalls was away.

On Friday 5 May The Social Concerns Group held a quiz night where seven teams battled it out with great enthusiasm. We raised £200 for Christian Aid.

The Mary's Meals charity thanked us for the £428.95 we sent for the famine relief appeal in

TO ALL OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the August 2017 issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on Monday 3 July 2017 and for the September 2017 issue by Monday 31 July 2017. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please always include a contact telephone number.

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UCKFIELD



Fr Ian Vane with his successor at Horley Fr Francis Ezennia

THE PARISH OF Our Lady Immaculate and St Philip Neri welcomed its new parish priest, Fr Ian Vane, at an induction Mass celebrated by Bishop Moth at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 17 May 2017.

At the induction ceremony, the Letter of Appointment was read, then signed by Fr Ian and Bishop Moth, in front of the congregation. With his right hand on the Book of Gospels, Fr Ian declared his Profession of Faith and read the Oath of Fidelity, promising to serve the two parishes well. The Induction Ceremony ended with Bishop Moth handing the Book of Gospels and the keys of the parish to Fr Ian, who he described as a priest of many talents.

The Induction Mass was followed by a convivial reception laid on by the parishioners, where members of both Uckfield parishes were joined by about 70 parishioners from Fr Ian's former congregation in Horley accompanied by their new parish priest, Fr Francis Ezennia, MSP. The highlight of the reception was the cutting of a beautiful celebration cake baked by one of the parishioners.

Teresita N Chandler and Angela Wilding

East Africa.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

THE LIFE OF THE PARISH goes on unremarked, as it should be in some ways, but not to be taken for granted in these troubled times.

The parish Women's Group had a house Mass on 23 May said by Fr Frank O'Sullivan, the brother of a former member who died two years ago. Olive had been a staunch member for many years and although many members present were not young, Fr Frank had just had his 96th birthday and was as lively as ever. The Group very much appreciated his presence and the chance for joining in fellowship and solidarity following the atrocity in Manchester the previous day.

Elizabeth and Mike Wood will be joining a group from Parishes for Peace to Madaba in Jordan where the recent contribution from the parish has been used for refugee support and for education.

Our former parish priest, Fr Kieran Gardiner, will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his ordination with a Mass in the Sacred Heart Church on 9 June.

The Toddlers' Group are making good use of the refurbished St Thomas' Hall and children's books are being collected for the Fundanami Trust in Kwazululand in South Africa.

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

THIS YEAR the parish Confirmations were celebrated in the Friary, rather than at Worth as part of the Deanery celebrations. We are very blessed that Bishop Richard celebrated this special occasion in our own Friary church. This year the Confirmation took place on Saturday 27 May on a warm afternoon. Bishop Richard welcomed our 34 young candidates from across the parish. Coming only a few days after the Manchester youngsters were killed in the bomb attack, it was a poignant occasion.

Everyone enjoyed refreshments afterwards in the Hall. We have welcomed also the 160 First Holy Communicants who have celebrated the Sacrament over 11 Masses during the month of May.

Another new visitor to our parish, Seminarian Nick Harden, will spend the three weeks of his pas-

toral placement in Crawley as part of his first year course at St John's Seminary, Womersley. He chose the priesthood after 13 years teaching chemistry in secondary schools. He said he has found it interesting adapting to life on the other side of the classroom, having just completed first-year exams. Now he has to adapt to living in this razzmatazz town of many nations and cultures!

Sue Fellows

The following piece reflects the experience of one of our Worshipping Communities in the Crawley parish.

AS ALWAYS, our First Holy Communion Mass, celebrated by Mgr Tony Barry on 21 May was a beautiful occasion. The church was full and the sun shone. Congratulations to our seven First Holy Communion children, four girls and three boys, who received their First Communion at this joyful Mass.

The music was led by our dedicated music group and the brilliant Blue Sash choir. Mgr Tony spoke to the children about how they were now beginning a lifetime of opportunities to receive the special gift of Communion regularly.

Afterwards, celebrations continued with refreshments and a special cake.

Barbara Winstanley

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim

SURROUNDED BY proud parents, relatives and friends, children from our parish made their First Holy Communion at St Joachim on 14 May and at Christ the King on the following Sunday. The joyful atmosphere experienced at both Masses will serve as a reminder to the children for many years to come of the importance of the occasion.

On 25 May a talk by Fr Raglan Hay-Will, parish priest at Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory, was the centrepiece of a cheese and wine party organised by Eastbourne and Bexhill Newman Circle and held in the parish room at Christ the King.

Fr Raglan's theme was 'A layperson's guide to scientific inventions of the 20th century' and, in particular, he sought to link scientific advance and our understanding of its implications to the way we practise our faith. His audience was challenged to consider how our understanding of science might influence our attitude in a variety of areas including gender issues relating to human sexuality and our response to climate change.

As well as enjoying the food and wine on offer Fr Raglan's audience left the meeting with much to think about and we felt privileged to have heard such a stimulating talk and taken part in the discussion that followed.

John Carmody

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

ON SUNDAY 7 May, our 28 first Holy Communion children were presented with their medals, prior to receiving Communion for the first time over the following two weekends.

A 'Rich Man-Poor Man' lunch was held at St Bernard's Hall, Lingfield, on Sunday 7 May to raise money to support our Red Shirts going to Lourdes. This year, the parish has a record number of people on the pilgrimage, including five Red Shirts. Among other money-raising initiatives, bacon butties were sold after Mass at St Bernard's on 28 May.

On three Mondays through May and one at the end of the previous month, the annual Spring Charity Feast was held in restaurants in East Grinstead and Lingfield. Restaurateurs contributed £8 from the cost of each meal to be shared by local charities.

Mary Thomas and her daughter Karla from St Bernard's and Teresa Ruttley from Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead, took part in the London Moon Walk, a full marathon, on the night of 13 May. Their sponsorship raised funds for breast cancer care. Mary and Teresa work together as Twilight Nurses at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead.

Clive Carpenter

MERSTHAM, REDHILL and REIGATE

MEMBERS OF the Merstham Foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers renewed their commitment on 14 May. They and their badges received their annual blessing. Patricia Wilding accepted the position of Foundation President, taking over from Ann Ager who has led the group for the past few years. The fundraising raffle netted a record £180.00.

Whilst based at St. Teresa's, Merstham members live in Redhill and Reigate too. Meeting every third Wednesday, new members are always welcome. Three members have recently returned from attending the UCM National Council at Swanwick in Derbyshire.

Ann Lardeur

WEST BYFLEET

A MASS OF Thanksgiving and party afterwards marked Fr Malachy Keegan's 45th anniversary since ordination and his departure from the parish after nearly four years. Fr Alex Hill takes over from 29 May.

On two successive Sundays in May, some of our children received First Holy Communion, and further groups of children will be receiving the Sacrament for the first time on the first two Sundays in June.

On 20 May a group of our young people was confirmed by Bishop Richard.

In our parish centre a successful plant and cake sale was held in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Paul Tipple

WADHURST



MAY HAS BEEN a busy month for our parish, including a successful quiz night was held which raised over £670. It was the first quiz night since Fr Martin O'Connor joined our parish and the special section on Ireland proved to be his forte where he won first prize, aided by the erudition of Jon Elsbey and Joan Grace.

The highlight of the month was celebrating Fr Martin's 70th birthday. He didn't want a fuss and suggested an outdoor Mass and parish picnic on his front lawn. A small committee solved the problems of a stable altar on grass, candles that don't blow out and an outdoor organ. Our talented Grainne Murphy sang, in Gaelic, Women of Ireland, and artistic parishioners Jamie Ogilvie and Mark Sturgess both produced pictures depicting Fr Martin's interests: Dingle, Africa, Wadhurst and a red vintage sports car! Celia Martin made a special cake with green white and gold decoration. Our multi talented parish secretary Chrissy Sturgess composed and recited an Ode to Fr Martin which was lighthearted and funny. During Mass Fr Martin shared with us his memories of finding his vocation as a young man and his service in Ireland and Africa.

Story: Peggy Purslow Picture: Noel Kent

Way of the Cross on Beachy Head

IN ADDITION to our regular Stations of the Cross during Lent at St Thomas More, Seaford, on the fifth Sunday we also had The Way of the Cross on Beachy Head, Eastbourne. It was a bright Spring day and thankfully not too breezy. Fr Chris Benyon led us through each Station, and we prayed for the needs of others and also remembered all those who find everyday life a burden and who have no hope.

For the 14th Station we were at the area where most lose their life. We prayed for and remembered all those who have lost their life there, for their families and their friends. It was good also to be joined by parishioners from other parishes in the deanery, as well as a young man out walking who came and walked with us all the way.

Story and picture: Seaford Parish




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CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Coax old king to embrace a knave (6)
- 8 Feral feline spotted wildcat (6)
- 9 Army lost much artillery in the initial stages of Crimea battle (4)
- 10 As rich – as poor – as a tribal leader (8)
- 11 Act badly to rib one that may need rocking to sleep (7)
- 13 Kick out at alien snatching little boy (5)
- 15 Cheat out of demesne, a knight (5)
- 17 Quietly report to Bishop, perhaps (7)
- 20 Religion that's active, serious-minded, but has no see, which is strange (8)
- 21 'Blow up French capital', you texted with extreme menace (4)
- 22 Hardly make it from pub to cathedral (6)
- 23 Bait regular teachers to infiltrate island, the western end (6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 The best student secured backing to flower (6)
- 2 River falls are a stellar phenomenon (4)
- 3 Entrance to internet being down's a cause of some irritation (7)
- 4 Western group exercises involved US intelligence in the old days (5)
- 5 One on a quest, English vicar's poor record's about to be overturned (8)
- 6 Ancient law for marbles, put together by Greeks? (6)

QUICK Across

- 12 Ruth's people are dead: bird attacks linked (8)
- 14 One Catholic's taken about a month in the Sorbonne to learn an ancient language (7)
- 16 Usual article by one coming from France (6)
- 18 Barrow's American emigrated with tenor in brouhaha (6)
- 19 Turned up in company of lowly bishop: bit of a 'seer', this one (5)
- 21 Tizzy over terribly subfusc cub's riotous coming out (4)
- 7 Persuade (6)
- 8 South American wild cat (6)
- 9 ---- River, battle in the Crimean War, 1854 (4)
- 10 Patriarch son of Jacob and Leah (8)
- 11 Hanging bed of canvas or rope netting (7)
- 13 Dispossess (of property) (5)
- 15 Move quietly trying not to be seen (5)
- 17 Senior clergyman and dignitary (7)
- 20 Ancient Celtic religion (8)
- 21 Be mad or angry (4)
- 22 Just (6)
- 23 Malign (6)

QUICK Down

- 1 Showy bloom: any plant of this particular Mexican genus (6)
- 2 Exploding star (4)
- 3 Possess (7)
- 4 Search party (5)
- 5 Knight of the Round Table (8)
- 6 Law of the Jews from Mt Sinai (6)
- 12 Descendants of Lot's son (8)
- 14 Semitic language, dialects of which are still used by some Christian sects (7)
- 16 Medieval style of architecture (6)
- 18 Ferment (6)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Mesopotamia, 7 Purr, 8 Tutelage, 9 Stir fry, 10 Twig, 12 Lead, 14 Elysian, 17 Amethyst, 18 Ruin, 19 Novatianism. **Down:** 1 Usurer, 2 Upstart, 3 State, 4 Amulet, 5 Mount Hermon, 6 Anglicanism, 11 Flotsam, 13 Dative, 15 Sordid, 16 Kyoto.

EXPLANATIONS

Across: 5 anag, 7 pun, 8 Tut+Elage(-r), 9 stir+ry, 10 T+wig, 12 double def, 14 Ely's+lan, 17 a+meth(y)(s)+t, 18 (-B)(r)(u)(i)n, 19 anag of 'invasion+(-E)-am', **Down:** 1 pun, 2 upstart, 3 s+rate, 4 a+mule+(-t), 5 mo+anag of 'nun+mother', 6 anag & pun, 11 hidden word in AEROFLOT'S AMERICAN, 13 dat(v)e, 15 eve' letters 'o+d+d' through 'IRS' [rev], 16 anag & und

