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Building A Better Future

800 school students from 60 schools all over A&B Diocese gathered at Worth Abbey Church for the annual Good Shepherd Celebration

TEMPERATURES WERE FORECAST TO EXCEED 30 DEGREES CELSIUS and this year there were two extra attendees - St John Ambulance volunteers in green uniforms - who kept a watchful eye on proceedings, water bottles at the ready.

The Abbey Church was filled and, on the stroke of 11:30am, placard-bearing children erupted from the dark sides of the church and processed towards the sanctuary, lit by blinding white light from the high lantern windows of the vaulted dome. The slogans reminded us to 'FORGIVE THOSE WHO HURT YOU, SEE GOD IN EVERYONE, LOOK AFTER THE ABANDONED, PRAY FOR FULL COMMUNION, PROTECT AND CARE and HELP OTHERS BEFORE YOURSELF'.

This little drama set the mood beautifully, and was followed by a welcome from the Director of Education, Marie Ryan. After this, the children paraded their school banners into the church, a varied and colourful spectacle, accompanied by the singing of 'The Kingdom of Heaven (the Beatitudes)' with music from Chatsmore School.

The Gospel reading, by Deacon Andrew Bayes, was from St Matthew (6:1-6, 16-18) and asks that we give to the needy, but not in a showy way, drawing attention to ourselves. St Peter's East Grinstead then led us in a reflection of the Gospel by performing themes of loss, suffering, caring, prayer, joy and union, moving in and out of the columns of bright light.

In his homily the Bishop spoke of the importance of caring and sharing with those less fortunate. A highlight of the celebration was each school's procession to the sanctuary with its individual 'brick', a shoe-box-sized container, decorated on one side with one of the six new beatitudes proposed by Pope Francis (see accompanying photos). The bricks symbolically represented the building of foundations of our Common Home. Appropriately, the day's theme was 'Seeking to build a better world.'

The service ended with what has become a happy tradition: the A&B Diocese schools' presentation of a cheque to Mission Together – the Pope's official children's charity for overseas mission – to help in its varied educational, medical and welfare projects.

The cheque for £8,645.93 was presented by pupils from Cardinal Newman School and accepted by Fr Tony Chantry and Sheila Issac from Mission Together.

Then, like the cork popping from a bottle, it was all over, and a great surge of school students burst out into the hot and blinding sunlight. Picnics were produced and there was a rush for the shady spots, under the trees, in the shadows of the school buildings, even under the hedges. It had been a memorable, a spectacular day – with lots to talk about.

Story and pictures: A&B News staff



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New SVP Shop for A&B



IT WAS THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR SO FAR when Bishop Richard arrived to bless and officially declare open the new SVP community shop at 127 Portland Road, Hove.

A small group of patrons and staff were waiting, sipping cold drinks and fanning themselves amid the clothes racks, books and bric a brac. 'The SVP does extraordinary work' the Bishop said, explaining that he had learned quite a lot about its work over the years, adding that 'much is done quietly - as people say, it's the Church's best kept secret'.

Mary, a long-time customer of SVP shops, was checking the range of stock and the pricing as she browsed the dresses 'They are very well priced, so many charity shops now have inflated their prices,' she commented.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) has more than 40 similar shops in England & Wales. They are described as community shops - not charity shops. Their purpose is not just to raise money for charity. They are deliberately situated in less affluent areas and serve local communities, selling affordable goods to disadvantaged individuals and families, offering a listening ear and, where appropriate, arranging for SVP members to visit those most in need. They also provide a visible presence of Christian concern, offer volunteering and employment opportunities and reduce wastage of materials.

As St Peter's Catholic Church is nearby, the Bishop joked with Fr Jerry that he could direct people very easily at the end of Mass: 'turn left, go 100 yards, passing Costa Coffee, stop before you get to Sainsbury's.'

The other SVP Shops in A&B are to be found at:
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Story and Picture: A&B News staff



STOP PRESS

THE SVP IS IN THE PROCESS OF OPENING A NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE for the isolated elderly in Brighton - more on this soon. They would like additional volunteers to help run the centre, so, if you are interested in befriending the elderly, cooking, assisting at lunches and teas, helping run activities or washing up - or 1,001 other things, contact: **General Co-ordinator** Caroline Dalrymple: carolined@svp.org.uk or **Activity Co-ordinator** Vicky Hill: Vickyh@svp.org.uk

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Carpet of Flowers at Arundel

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI is celebrated at Arundel Cathedral with its world-famous Carpet of Flowers. This year it was prepared from 12-14 June ready for the celebration of the Feast on 15 June. The highlight is the full length of the aisle decorated with flowers in a design unique to each year. This year the theme of the carpet was the centenary of the death of the Cathedral's founder; Henry, XV Duke of Norfolk, 1847-1917, pictured at the age of 21 when he commissioned Arundel Cathedral.



The designs on the carpet reflect his life and public ministry and so include symbols of his ducal authority (the Duke of Norfolk is the premier non-royal Duke in the country) and his role as Earl Marshal. Henry, although a quiet and unassuming man, used his talents and wealth for the benefit of others. As a devout Roman Catholic, he commissioned what is now Arundel Cathedral to celebrate his coming of age. Later to commemorate his marriage to Lady Flora Hastings he had St John's Cathedral in Norwich built. Amongst other projects, to further the education of young people, he co-founded St Edmund's College, Cambridge.



The Cathedral Dean, Canon Tim Madeley said 'It is a great privilege this year to celebrate the life of this extraordinary man who in all manner of ways has influenced the life of people in Sussex and beyond for many generations. Going around the displays gives the visitor ample opportunity to explore more deeply the life of Duke Henry and to admire the incredible skill of those who put together the floral creations.'

Part of the completed carpet is pictured above and below and to the right pictures of the ladies and gentlemen of Arundel preparing the carpet. Shortly after the picture of Jim Myerscough sitting on the floor was taken, Jim suffered a dislocated hip and was transported to hospital where it was treated. On the following day, the Feast Day, Jim was back in the cathedral for the Mass. It was concluded by the procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Castle and we returned to the Cathedral for Benediction.

Story: Mark Woods and David White
Pictures: David White



Celebrations at The Towers School

THE SUN SHONE on The Towers' Corpus Christi celebrations on Friday, 16 June. Major planning had been taking place for the lead up to the big day, which was **Sister Mary Andrew's Diamond Jubilee celebration – sixty years as a Sister and at The Towers!**

The day began gently with ice creams and flapjacks on the lawn during break, by which time the numerous guests were starting to arrive for Mass.

The school was honoured to have Bishop Richard and a number of local clergy officiating. As always, the pupils played a huge part in the service, the orchestra, the choirs and in reading.

After a scrumptious lunch the school entertained Sister Mary Andrew with a surprise concert, which was punctuated with nostalgic memories shared by past pupils from each of the past six decades. It was an amazing day, which we will all remember.

Story and picture: Clare Trelfa



Grandparents Meet and Consider their role as Shepherds

GRANDPARENTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE, some 140 of them representing over 400 grandchildren, enjoyed a day's pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation of West Grinstead. The activities included Mass, talks, a rosary procession in the gardens - and a picnic in the grounds, enjoying the summer sunshine (below is the group from Effingham and Fetcham enjoying a leisurely lunch).

A key talk was given by Lisa de Quay (pictured right), the Chair of the trustees of Crown of Thorns, a registered charity best known for its work in promoting the Holy Rosary as a means of achieving peace and personal comfort for suffering people.



Lisa began by speaking of her own involvement with sheep from her childhood introduction to 'Mary had a little lamb' to keeping a variety of different breeds of sheep for more than 30 years. Jesus, she reminded her audience, spoke of his listeners as sheep - the most commonly mentioned animal in the Bible. From discussing the qualities of sheep, Lisa moved on to shepherds, reminding us that it was shepherds who were the first people to set eyes on the child Jesus - and the saints and seers who were shepherds included the Fatima visionaries (see page 7).

From considering the biblical teaching about sheep, shepherds and sheepdogs, Lisa then drew out her lessons for grandparents.

Sheepdogs are like priests, helping the Good Shepherd care for the sheep. She reminded her audience that Bishop Richard is calling for more good young sheepdogs for the sheep of Arundel & Brighton. Parents can guide children in the faith and the work of the Holy Spirit can lead to priesthood, but grandparents have a special role to pray for the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of the young men of A&B.

Story: A&B News staff Pictures: by David White



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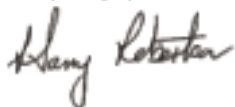
RATHER THAN AN EDITORIAL this month, I would like to share the six Beatitudes that Pope Francis proposed during a Mass in Sweden nine months ago.

I first read them very recently and can well understand how they inspired the school students who attended the recent Good Shepherd service, as reported on our front page.

Blessed are:

- Those who remain faithful while enduring evils inflicted on them by others and forgive them from their heart.
- Those who look into the eyes of the abandoned and marginalised and show them their closeness.
- Those who see God in every person and strive to make others discover Him.
- Those who protect and care for our common home.
- Those who renounce their own comfort in order to help others.
- Those who pray and work for full communion between Christians.

These blessings merit reflection by everyone, from the youngest school pupil (page 1) to ninety year old flower arrangers (page 5).



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JUST A THOUGHT

A special way of supporting priests

I HAVE JUST RETURNED from my annual clergy retreat – my 38th year. Every year after the Feast of Pentecost six priests, including myself, go to a West Country retreat house for a time of prayer, reflection and rest. The six priests come from Arundel and Brighton diocese (three) and three from Southwark archdiocese.

The principles of our group are founded on 'Jesus Caritas' a spirituality based on Blessed Charles de Foucauld. The life of a secular priest is an unusual life and does not have the structure of the life of a religious priest such as a monk or a friar. In busy lives and often living alone, the secular priest in his vocation needs the support of men in the same situation and who understand the calling.

As well as our annual retreat, my group meets once a month for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Office, review of life, socialising and fun. The review of life consists of sharing our joys and sorrows in our ministry. We do a lot of listening to brother priests weighed down by negative situations in our parishes, offering support and sometimes experienced advice. We like to think that we keep each other buoyant in our ministry.

I believe that as the number of priests declines in this country it is essential that time is given for this priestly support.

Fr Graham Bamford
Parish Priest of Ewell, Surrey

New Director Takes Charge at St Cuthman's

Jon Harman talks to A&B News' Peter Burholt about his background and his journey to becoming Director at St Cuthman's. Also, he gives his early thoughts about his vision for the future of the retreat, once referred to as being one of the jewels in the Diocesan crown.

Who are you and where did you come from?

BORN IN 1969, I originally came from Bedfordshire. My family moved to Norwich in the early 1970's with my father's work at Barclays Bank. I have three brothers and a sister. We are a strong Catholic family and I quickly got involved with cathedral life as an altar server. In the early 1980s we moved to Guildford, where the unforgettable Canon Cox had built the new church and community centre. What an amazing man!

What about education?

I was very fortunate to be sent to the Notre Dame High School in Norwich, which gave me a good Catholic education. Well, I guess one would say that my further education has happened in fits and starts. I educated myself via the Open University in Charity Finance and Management, and then through the University of Chichester, studying the management of health and social care services. I have also completed modules in contract, employment and company law at the University of Portsmouth.

Are you married and do you have children?

The answer to both is 'yes'. I met Niki at a parish youth group in Guildford and we were married at the Church of St Joseph in 1990. We have been blessed with three children – Jessica (20), Toby (18) and Millie (15).

How does your work career qualify you as Director of St Cuthman's?

That's a good question, as my working life started with the Inland Revenue! However, I quickly realised that I wanted to give something back to society and, as such, I applied to join Ravenscourt Trust in West Sussex. There I started as an administrator and ended up as director in charge. Not only did we look after people with drug and alcohol problems, we were also very involved in supporting the families – who are often ignored and have little support in very difficult situations. Sadly, government cut backs have reduced local authority funding and the Centre has had to close.

What inspired you to train as a Permanent Deacon?

Normally, this type of question needs a bit of thought – but Jon's response was quick and precise.

This takes me right back to my involvement with Norwich Cathedral as a server. In the late 1970's Deacon Ray, one of the first deacons in England, gave me great inspiration in the way he carried out his role – very pastoral and very understanding and gentle. I have always had a feeling about getting more involved in church life, but I kept gently pushing this feeling aside. However, Deacon Ray's life model never left me – but I was distracted with work and a growing family.

You asked if there was a 'Road to Damascus' moment in my life? No, not really. I was in DABCEC one day and a leaflet on discerning the Diaconate caught my eye – and the rest is history! After two years of application and discernment, I decided to apply to commit myself to formation, both in prayer and in education.

Bishop Richard and the Diocesan team have been a great support and, God willing, I will be ordained next year. This is a wonderful time to become a deacon in the Diocese in this period of its development and I'm looking forward to the challenge with enthusiasm and, of course, a little apprehension.

How did you come to apply for the position as Director of St Cuthman's? Was there a long drawn out process, as candidates were interviewed and assessed?

A wry smile crept across Jon's face as he imagined that situation.

I had, for some time, wanted to be at St Cuthman's. I heard that the Director, Mary Jane, was leaving so I made a completely speculative application. I was interviewed by Bishop Richard, Mgr Tony Barry and Frances Lindsay-Hills, a long-term Anglican member of the St Cuthman's Management Committee. At this interview I put forward my vision for the future of St Cuthman's and, as you see, I was successful. I started on 10 May for an interim period of six months.

This is a wonderful position, which enables me to combine all my experience and education. I was delighted to find that I inherited a wonderful team from Mary Jane and they are all committed to the ethos and future direction of St Cuthman's. Bishop Richard has given a strong steer on formation for the Diocese and the role of St Cuthman's.



What do you see as your mission at St Cuthman's?

Such a small sentence, but what a big question. On a practical aspect, I see a priority for governance – prioritising guest safety and guest comfort in both the buildings and in furnishings, and in the chapel which will need replacing in the fullness of time. In addition, the broken bridge over the lake needs replacing; it is an iconic part of the grounds and offers a popular location for reflection. We need an affordable and creative solution for the bridge. I would like to see more volunteers helping in all areas, for example the upkeep of the grounds; maybe we could involve agricultural colleges.

Turning to pastoral and spiritual matters, St Cuthman's has a very simple mission statement; 'The Diocesan Centre for Formation in Prayer'. My mandate is to spread the word on what we can offer, to involve more laity in the life of St Cuthman's and in education. I need to go out and meet people, to become known in deaneries and with Diocesan priests. I want to see more parish involvement and for people to come forward with their ideas. Everyone should feel free to call me with the simplest of questions or ideas.

If you were to look back in 10 years' time, how would you measure your success?

This unexpected question to the newly appointed Director took a few moments to answer.

I would wish that we are seen as a place where people can feel at peace – both physically and spiritually. I like our guests to feel spoilt, that we are taking time to offer a kind welcome – to those of our Faith, to others who have a different belief and to non-believers alike. A place where people are loved and can be healed.

If I had a magic wand, what would I wish for? That's an interesting question! I would like to see St Cuthman's developed so that we could attract a wider range of guests, who may not be able to pay the current charges; to have enough capacity to gather all the Diocesan clergy in a new chapel; to be an attraction to the young, for festivals and for camping. Finally, it would be wonderful if we could welcome everyone who carries out a role in the Diocese and offer them formation, prayer and encouragement.

St Cuthman's has a new leader in a period of change and evaluation. We have in Jon a wonderful combination of his past experience of caring for those in need and his deep understanding of formation and prayer. Make it your endeavour to experience St Cuthman's and to meet up with Jon. We wish him every success in his mission.

For details of the Apple Picking Day see page 8 and for more information contact:

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Jubilarians Celebrate with Bishop Richard



WITH BISHOP RICHARD from left to right: Abbot Emeritus Ortiger (50 years), Fr Chris Spain (25), Fr Tony Collins (25), Fr Kieran Gardiner (40) and Fr Charles Jeffries (50). Unable to attend were Fr Gerald Vann (60) and Fr Michael Masterson (40). We remember also the late Fr Paddy Kenny who would have celebrated his ruby jubilee this year.
Picture: Canon Tim Madeley

Our Oldest Flower Arranger?

NINETY YEARS AGO a sweet chubby-faced boy was baptised down the road from St Paul's Church at the Priory, Haywards Heath. Why there and not the church? St Paul's had yet to be consecrated. The parents took some time working out what to name their newborn baby, but eventually settled on 'Robert Clement Tunks'. Despite their best efforts to add a bit of class to the family, for most of his life he has been known simply as 'Bob'.

He cannot remember when he became the official flower arranger at St Paul's Church. 'It must have been in the early 1970s and I have never stopped!' reflected this specialist. Most parishioners do not know St Paul's Parish without this stalwart.

To celebrate, Fr Vlad gave him a special blessing, thanking him for his never-ending ministry in proclaiming the glory of God. Parishioner Ann Herbert presented him with a special bouquet of flowers. Although at 90 he is still known as a sharp-eyed regional judge with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), he was too polite to score this gift!

Story and picture: Peter Burholt



Fr Michael Perry says Farewell after 22 Years

A RETIREMENT LUNCH was held for Fr Michael Perry on Sunday 30 April when a large number of parishioners attended to say 'thank you' for Fr Michael's dedicated work during the last 22 years as Parish Priest of St Edmund's, Godalming.

Fr Michael is sitting down in the centre of the photograph and our new priest Fr David Parmiter is standing during his speech. We all wish Fr Michael a well deserved and happy retirement, while continuing to live in the parish.

The lunch was organised by Sandra Paiano and her hard-working team.

Story and picture: Damian Wheeler

Arrivals and Departures at the Airport

MASS HAS BEEN CELEBRATED at Gatwick Airport since 1970, although it was not until 1976 that the new interdenominational airport chapel was dedicated by Michael Bowen, Bishop of A&B, together with the anglican Bishop of Chichester and the General Secretary of the Salvation Army. Since then there have been many changes to the Chaplaincy Team and now we have two multi-faith chapel/prayer rooms, one in each terminal, catering for all denominations and those of no religious affiliation. The present RC team comprises retired clergy from A&B as well as retired priests from other English dioceses currently residing in Sussex.

On Monday 15 May we celebrated the arrival of new members to the team. A special welcome was given to Fr. Francis Ezennia MSP from Horley, a number of whose parishioners work at Gatwick airport. Deacons Chris Dobson and Stuart Geary provide part time cover during the week and arrange for priests to say the midday Mass on Sundays. When Dcn Chris went forward for the priesthood he invited Dcn Ian Wells and his wife Jean to replace him.

We have just had a celebration meal for those retiring from the airport ministry and our sincere thanks and best wishes go to Fr Alec Fraser (Southwark Diocese), a nonagenarian who was much loved by the Sunday Parishioners. They treasured his homilies and one young Gatwick employee used to go home every week and write down what he had heard so that he could read it again during the week. Fr Alec's mind is still very young and alive so we guess that he will continue with his reading and enjoying his new-found talent for poetry writing. The climax of the celebration was the recognition of a special family - Maggie and Bill Elias and their daughter Alexandra.

Words fail to express our gratitude to the Elias family for all they have given to the Chaplaincy, not least for providing sacristy duties for over 36 years. We know that Bill and Maggie were worshipping here and undertaking sacristy work in preparation for the Sunday Mass in the early 1980s. Typically, they arrived 30 minutes before the Mass so that everything would be ready for the priest to celebrate the Eucharist for the congregation - passengers and workers at the airport.

Maggie and Bill have been connected with the airline industry for almost 50 years and now their daughter Alexandra follows in their footsteps. In all those years it is remarkable that they have never missed their Chaplaincy duties, unobtrusively keeping the Chaplaincy going and supporting so many clergy and laity who have passed through. We pray that God will bless them and reward them for all their generous service to the Church.



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- Mass

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2017

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EVENINGS OF REFLECTION 2018

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 as follows:

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 MaryMagdalene'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. Any individuals wanting to come must contact Jack Regan

jack.regan@dabnet.org
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Fatima Comes to Arundel for Two Days



ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL was full on Saturday morning, 1 July, as three children, dressed as the visionaries, walked slowly down the aisle, (see above) followed by the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (below) and the relics of the newly-canonised child saints, Jacinta and Francisco Marto (above right).



Arundel Cathedral was the 13th of 30 venues throughout England & Wales - cathedrals, abbeys and major churches - to be visited by the statue and relics during this centennial year of the Apparitions of Fatima.

A full programme of events was provided, including opportunities for prayer and veneration of the relics; prayer intention cards that, after completion, would be taken to the shrine in Fatima; opportunities for enrolment and investiture of the Brown Scapular; displays (schoolchildren's work pictured right) and a bookstall.

Bishop Richard presided at a packed Mass on the Sunday to witness the departure of the statue and relics to Southampton on the next leg of the national tour; he spoke of the simplicity of heart of the three visionaries, contrasting it with the complexity, excess baggage and clutter that dominate our own lives. The way to peace is to recover the simplicity of heart and mind that opens us to the message of the Gospel - peace through Jesus, born of Mary.

(To find out more about the Apparitions and Fatima, visit: www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk)

Story: A&B News staff Pictures: Canon Tim Madeley, Francis Fernandes, A&B News staff



Fatima, Here I Come!

In our A&B News May edition we reported on Les Whittaker's latest bike ride in memory of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions and commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act. Here he sends a progress report and picture.

I HAVE REACHED a small town called Triacastela, about 100 miles from Santiago. The weather has been cold and wet over the last two days - a big contrast to the sunny hot days I endured over the previous two weeks. There is no doubt my body works a lot better in the cooler weather - I can stay on a bike a lot longer during the day when it's cool so I don't mind the rain too much.



As it is mountainous here I spend a lot of time pushing the bike up the climbs - a good time to pray the rosary. The pilgrim accommodation is very cheap on the camino, 5 to 9 euros typically, so I have used them mostly, but I have camped a couple of times as it was so hot.

I have enjoyed tracking across Spain - no major mishaps. Pamplona, the first port of call, was preparing for the running of the bulls event. I attended a particularly lovely rosary service, complete with music, singing and processing in the Cathedral - it's held most days. Burgos, Leon and Astorga were also great places to visit - Burgos Cathedral stands out with its huge tableaux of biblical scenes.

I hope to reach Santiago de Compostela in two days then on to Portugal and Fatima!

Ed - we expect to report Les' full pilgrimage in a future edition of the A&B News. He is raising money for the World Apostolate of Fatima and various pro-life causes, details of which are available at: justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fatima100

THE VIRGIN EYE
by Robin Daniels

The Virgin Eye by Robin Daniels inspires us to see the world anew through the innocent eyes of a child, so as to become more aware of God's presence in everyday life and encounters.

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This book is a treasure.
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I wish it had been available years ago. It should be required reading.
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Canon John Udris, Spiritual Director, St Mary's College, Oscott

This wonderful book is a fount of wisdom.
Fr Vincent O'Hara, OCD, Director of the Avila Centre

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All who have served, all who are serving and anybody who would like to attend are welcome. Please bring your cassock and cotta or alb. Followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Centre. Please bring a packed lunch

RAMBLE FOR THE RED SHIRTS
THE ARUNDEL CATENIANS are helping to raise funds for the A&B Diocesan Lourdes Fund by organising a 'Ramble for the Red Shirts' on Sunday, 30 September. This will be a sponsored walk of up to 6 miles along the sea front to Ferring, starting and finishing at St Catherine's Church, Beech Road, Littlehampton. The walk will start at 1pm, with barbecued burgers and sausages available from 12 noon and cream teas in the afternoon. This event is part of the Catenians' ongoing support for Catholic youth. Any questions or to download a sponsorship form email: ramblers@sussexcatenians.org.uk

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WOULD YOUR PARISH LIKE to connect to a community overseas and support a specific project by fundraising for it? There are several parishes in the diocese who hold special events to raise money for their connect2 community. For example, Sacred Heart parish, Cobham held a parish BBQ in June (pictured) and raised £1,184 for Connect2 Cambodia, and Camberley & Bagshot parish collected over £260 for their Connect2 community by encouraging parishioners to put their spare change in tubes which were placed at the back of each of the churches. They also hosted a fish and chip supper attended by 50 parishioners that raised a further £300.



Connect2 is a scheme run by CAFOD which allows your parish to take a journey with the ordinary people who have extraordinary lives. First your parish chooses a community from one of these countries: Brazil, Cambodia, El Salvador, Ethiopia or Peru. Next you will receive a welcome pack and regular updates from the community. You can also share your parish news as well, and by sending letters and photographs to the community you can build a reciprocal relationship with them. So please consider signing up to a Connect2 project and build a bridge between your parish and a community in need overseas. To find out more about Connect2 go to cafod.org.uk/parish-fundraising or email arundelbrighton@cafod.org.uk or call 01483 898866
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SACRED HEART, CATERHAM Justice & Peace group with CAFOD will be hosting a discussion and study group, on Mondays 11, 18 and 25 September and 2 October at 7.30pm in the Old Hall, Essendene Road, Caterham, CR3 5PA. Further details and to book please contact: info@sacred-heart.co.uk (please mark email 'Laudato Si') or call Janet 01883 712440

Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador, Rise Theatre Tour 2017 will perform on 21 October, at 7.30pm in the Centenary Hall, Essendene Road, Caterham, CR3 5PA. Further details and to book please contact: info@sacred-heart.co.uk (please mark email RISE THEATRE, ROMERO) or call Janet 01883 712440

WORLD MEETING FOR THE WORLD'S FAMILIES
22-26 AUGUST 2018

WE ARE VERY PRIVILEGED To have this wonderful event happening in Dublin, so close to us geographically and within our reach for a summer break! The event will consist of a joyful and reflective programme of workshops, talks and discussions for adults; an engaging and exciting programme for young people as well as faith and fun activities for children. WMOF2018 will include the daily celebration of Mass, a festival of families event, exhibitions, cultural events and musical performances, gestures of solidarity with those in need, and much more. It will take place from 22 to 26 August 2018. To find out more or to register for the event please go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie/. Registration is vital and there are teams of people on hand who can help you with hotels and travel advice. The earlier you contact them the better!

APPLE PICKING DAY AT ST CUTHMAN'S
Saturday 16 September from 10am to 4pm. On arrival please report to reception in the Garden Room. Please contact 01403 741220 to book your place

FAIRTRADE NEWS.....
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Need a Traidcraft Fairtrade Speaker: please email moynabridge@yahoo.co.uk
The Fairtrade Foundation is not partnering with the new Sainsbury's Foundation pilot in tea due to fundamental concerns that it falls below the core principles of Fairtrade and particularly because farming groups in Africa felt that it would take control away from them. With the launch of this programme, Sainsbury's own-brand Red Label and Gold Label ranges will no longer be Fairtrade certified, instead these will be part of its new Fairly Traded range. More than 229,000 farmers will be affected by these changes. In UK, 35,000 have signed a petition to Sainsbury's about the change.

Margaret Vasey

BISHOP'S DIARY

JULY/AUGUST

Thu 27 July – Thu 3 August Leads Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.
Monday 14 August 2.00pm Memorial Service for Baroness Mumford, Arundel Cathedral

Refugee Tales walks through Our Diocese

'THE TELLING OF STORIES is an act of profound hospitality', says Ali Smith, Man Booker prize-winner and Patron of *Refugee Tales*, a movement that calls for the end of indefinite detention for migrants. This year's route went from Runnymede – site of the signing of the Magna Carta – to Parliament at Westminster and took place between the 1st and 5th July. Over 100 walkers received an extraordinary welcome from parishioners of The Assumption of Our Lady, Engelfield Green. They were well fed and the Jurgens Centre provided the rooms for most of them to sleep in. The parish welcoming team was also joined by a local Islamic Welfare group and the tone was set perfectly before the event began. Another extraordinary welcome received was from parishioners of Christ Prince of Peace in Weybridge in the afternoon of Day One. Bishop Richard was also present and congratulated the walkers and wished everyone continued success. Aidan Cantwell, Diocesan Justice & Peace Adviser, helped to organise and also participated. He said, 'We successfully engaged a number of parliamentarians at Westminster at the end of the 5-day walk. I, myself, am a volunteer visitor at Brook House Detention Centre and I remain hopeful that at some point indefinite detention will be ended as it is desperately cruel and appears to serve no useful purpose. One day this message will be heard a lot louder and clearer and *Refugee Tales* has a very important role to play in ensuring that that happens.' Pictured is the group at lunch in Richmond Park

Story and picture: Aidan Cantwell



Sponsoring Good Citizens

AT ST THOMAS ABECKET Infant & Junior Schools on the feast day of Ss Peter & Paul, the annual presentation of the Eastbourne Catenians Citizenship Award took place. The winning pupils were Nathaniel from the Infants School and Erin from the Junior School.

Erin won the junior award for her sponsored 'cutting of her long hair' which raised £1685.17 for St Wilfrid's Hospice using a Just Giving on-line link.

Nathaniel won the infant award through his membership of his local Neighbourhood Watch scheme where he sorts and delivers leaflets and keeps an eye on the local area to ensure people are safe, especially the elderly, which culminated recently in helping to foil a potential burglary by being vigilant!

The presentation of the awards by Circle President Mike Woods took place immediately after the feast day Mass, celebrated by Fr Gerard of Our Lady of Ransom in Eastbourne (who are both pictured above with the children). Each child received the books they had selected, a framed certificate and a beautiful silver cup inscribed with their name which is displayed in the respective school for all to see.

Story and picture: Robert Dixon



Award to Inspiring Teacher



JAN DURRANT, HORTICULTURAL TEACHER at St Joseph's School in Cranleigh was nominated for the Inspirational Educator Award 2017. The Awards Ceremony at the end of April took place in the magnificent Painters Hall building in London and Jan was announced the recipient and was presented with a beautiful engraved glass plaque (pictured). Jan, accompanied by her colleague, Helen Van Mol, chatted to other nominees, and they were delighted to discover that a great many of them were from other special needs schools all across the country. The evening was very much enjoyed by everyone.

The Worshipful Company of Educators, founded in 2001, provides a forum through meetings and social occasions for members from all sectors of the education world to come together to discuss and exchange views on matters of topical interest. The Company also operates a charitable fund to support individuals to develop the process of learning through appropriate grants, awards and medals.

(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 complex and severe learning difficulties.)

Story and picture: Hilary Clark

Election Fever at St Robert Southwell



CANDIDATES FROM ALL FOUR PARTIES visited St Robert Southwell, where the children listened to their presentations and asked some excellent questions. They were very concerned about Brexit and how it might affect their families, as we are a multicultural school.

The children were also worried about cuts to education, liked Labour's policy of scrapping university tuition fees, and were also interested in animal welfare and the environment.

Pictured above are three of the students with Susannah Brady, the Labour Party Candidate.

Story and picture: James Field

Fun Run in Memory of Lucy and Stacey

A SEA OF PEOPLE, all dressed in bright yellow, set off to complete a 3k run through the beautiful grounds of Farnborough Hill on Friday 30 June. The run was organised by members of the Lower Sixth and dedicated to the memory of their friend, Farnborough Hill ex-student Lucy Pygott, who, together with fellow athlete Stacey Burrows, was tragically killed in a road accident whilst out running with the Aldershot, Farnham and District Athletic Club in November of last year. Lucy was not only an exceptionally talented athlete but also an extremely well-loved student.'



The fun run was in aid of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service, whose work in the aftermath of the dreadful accident made it a clear and appropriate choice of charity to support. Farnborough Hill was honoured to welcome Sir John Day, Chair of Trustees of the Air Ambulance Service, who was extremely grateful for the efforts that the girls were making to raise money for this entirely self-funded charity.

The run was brilliantly organised by the Lower Sixth students who were part of Lucy's cohort when she attended Farnborough Hill, and was very thoughtfully and caringly planned. Participants were asked to wear yellow to reflect the colours of the Air Ambulance service, and the 3k distance of the run was symbolic of the distance that Lucy ran when she won her bronze medal at the European Athletics Championships in 2016. Vicky, one of the Lower Sixth organisers said, 'I found the event really uplifting – it was great to see everyone turn up in yellow. The atmosphere was really positive and I am delighted with the amount we have raised - over £10,000!'

Story and picture: Clare Duffin

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

IT WAS A WONDERFUL celebration for our children who made their First Holy Communion on 17 June.

It was also a great occasion at The Towers for the celebration of Sr Mary Andrew's Diamond Jubilee as well as a significant birthday. There was a special Mass and the children and staff arranged a party and performance especially for her, joined by many of our parishioners. In our continued efforts to raise funds for Mary's Meals, cakes and refreshments were served after Mass and then many joined in with a short sponsored walk.

Our young people have had a meeting to find out more about forming a Youth SVP group in our parish – watch this space for more news on this later.

Restoring Hope and Dismantling Fear was the title of a very moving talk on Saturday 24 June by Mona Zaghrout Hodah, head of Counselling and Supervision in the YMCA of East Jerusalem, held in the Steyning Centre. This was a Breakfast for Women event organised by Steyning Churches Together and Philip and Clare Dodgson from Christ the King, attended by approximately 60 people. Mona's work involves treatment of survivors of trauma in Palestine including many children who have been imprisoned. She also gives specialised training to psychological therapists throughout the Middle East.

Penny Richardson and Barbara Fanning

CATERHAM

THE PATRONAL FEAST of the Sacred Heart on 23 June was celebrated sumptuously with choirs, organ, many priests, seminarians and Bishop Richard Moth, to give a great thanksgiving for the rediscovery and restoration of the pictures and murals in the sanctuary and Lady Chapel. After the incensing of the High Altar and Lady Altar a glorious *Te Deum* was sung with a full throated choir and congregation. Afterwards the evening continued with a barbecue at the Centenary Hall.

Since January the parish has raised over £8,000 in support of Parishes for Peace. This charity assists Iraqi Christian refugees living in Jordan, and recently Eliz and Mike Wood travelled to the parish of St John the Baptist, Madaba, to meet Fr Eyad Bader, the refugees and Jordanian parishioners. This area is close to where Moses looked into the Promised Land and where Jesus almost certainly walked and is very poor.

Two longstanding members of the parish have recently died, Peggie Drury RIP aged 100 and Joe O'Neil RIP aged 93 who moved to St Leonards. Ken Longley RIP former headteacher

TO ALL OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the September 2017 issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on Monday 31 July 2017 and for the October 2017 issue by Monday 28 August 2017. Contributions may be sent by e-mail to abnews@dabnet.org and if so please always 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. Please use the highest resolution possible when taking photographs and do not reduce the quality when you send them to us. 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 who gave permission and what evidence do you have for children's photos to be published.

HASLEMERE
with HINDHEAD AND CHIDDINGFOLD

OUR LADY OF LOURDES took part with other Haslemere churches in an Ecumenical Prayer week in the Methodist Church. Choosing the theme 'Your Kingdom Come', parishioner Natalie Assender created a station where visitors could gather for prayers. She placed a 'tree' in a pot with copies of local and national newspapers and a map of the area arranged close by. (See picture above) People were encouraged to say the Lord's Prayer for a person, place or situation found in the newspaper. Their own prayers were written on to luggage labels and hung on the tree. There was a steady stream of visitors during the week and the event concluded with an inspiring Taizé service led by Kathy le Fanu from St Anselm's, Hindhead.

Fay Foster

at St Francis Primary was also died.

A Mass of Thanksgiving in honour of the 40th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Kieran Gardiner, ordained at St Patrick's Cathedral, Thurles, Co Tipperary by Archbishop Thomas Morris RIP on 11 June 1977, was celebrated at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Caterham on 11 June. Fr Kieran was a former parish priest at the Sacred Heart and the Mass was well attended by the parishioners who had known him, both here and from former parishes. He was supported by other priests and Fr Sean Finnegan, the present parish priest. The Mass was uplifting, the choir strong and Tristan Horne, accompanied by Craig White on the piano, gave a moving rendering on the cello of 'Spiegel im Spiegel' by Arvo Part, a quiet reflective piece of music.

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly confirmed young people. Our altar servers helped at the celebration on 27 May at the Friary.

Fr Chris Dobson celebrated our Ascension Day Mass the following day.

Congratulations also to paralympic cyclist Katie-George Dunlevy, who has just won three gold medals and a silver in two World Cup events held in Italy and Belgium.

Special congratulations to Ken and Ann Brown on celebrating their diamond wedding anniversary. We joined them in their celebrations at a social on 3 June and at our Pentecost Mass the following day Fr Simon Dray presented a papal blessing.

Fr Chris celebrated our Corpus Christi Mass, and thankfully the sun shone as our first communion children led our procession out of the church onto the parade. That day we also welcomed to Mass seminarian Nick Hartley, who spoke to us about his vocation.

Barbara Winstanley

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim

QUIET PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament has continued to take place at Christ the King on Fridays between 1.00pm and 7.00pm and on Saturdays from 11.45am to 1.00pm. However, during the period of summer holidays the ability to maintain the rota throughout presents a greater challenge and it would be welcome if more parishioners were able to make a commitment of one hour on a regular basis. Christine Mowbray has worked hard to promote this devotion as did the late Mary Maloney whose recent death was a sad loss to our parish community.

On 16 and 17 June specially extended periods of adoration were held culminating in Benediction when Deacon Eugene Adams acknowledged the tremendous work that Mary had done in the parish over the years including the promotion of adoration. Fr Barry Anderson added his own warm tribute in his homily at

Mary's Requiem a few days later.

We have received a further communication from our friends at the hospital in Mutomo, Kenya who have thanked Fr Barry and parishioners for the offering sent there as a result of the collections taken at Easter.

John Carmody

EASTBOURNE

Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes
and St Gregory

FR RAGLAN HAY WILL went away on camp with the children of year 6 from St Thomas a Becket school and their teachers; they all had a lovely, adventurous time and Fr Raglan did manage to arrive back in one piece!

There was a Novena for Pentecost with adoration and prayers every evening for a week in May; this was followed with Mass including prayers in different languages and a party in the parish centre to celebrate all the communities who share our church.

The evening ended with a time of prayer and intercession praying for the Holy Spirit's gifts of Pentecost. The Novena concluded with 8.00pm Mass on Sunday with Pentecost Compline and Benediction.

The parish First Holy Communion took place with over 60 children receiving the Sacrament for the first time; this was followed a few weeks later by their certificate Mass and a party in the parish centre afterwards. We are grateful to the catechists who work so hard to prepare the children during the year.

Mass was held in the evening for the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and children were invited to come dressed in white to scatter petals in front of the Lord.

Mary Staffiere

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

AFTER MASSES on 3 and 4 June, the Gospel of Life group held a cake and plant sale at Our Lady and St Peter, East Grinstead. Proceeds will be used for additional planting in gardens of the LIFE homes in West Sussex.

Parishioner Les Whittaker set out from East Grinstead on his 1,500-mile bike ride pilgrimage to Fatima on 6 June, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady. He hoped to reach the shrine on 13 July. Les, who was sponsored to raise funds for the World Apostolate of Fatima and several Pro-Life societies, carried prayer intentions from the parish.

The parish summer lunch took place at St Bernard's Hall on 18 June, when Lingfield parishioners once again generously provided the meal.

On Sunday 11 June, parishioners from Lingfield attended an ecumenical picnic at Dormansland. On the same day, SVP members in Lingfield held a cake sale, which raised £250 for their baby-feeding project in war torn South Sudan.

Clive Carpenter

MOLESEY

AT ST BARNABAS we have just completed a very interesting course called 'The Gift'. It is the second venture that we have undertaken with our neighbourhood cluster parishes. It was a very moving and prayerful experience.

We had five young people Confirmed this year at the Weybridge Deanery celebration and a group of our altar servers were privileged to serve at one or more of the three Masses.

On the weekend of 23 and 24 June we had a 'meet and greet weekend', offering refreshments after each Mass. This has been a very successful start to our 'maintenance to mission' campaign.

Recently 37 of our younger members received their First Holy Communion.

Jean Casha

POLEGATE and HAILSHAM

CHILDREN FROM both communities were joined by children's liturgy leaders and helpers, parents and grandparents at the annual picnic and fun day at Abbotts Wood in May. We were blessed with great weather and it was a very happy occasion, where much fun was had by all. Make a note of Sunday 20 May 2018, the date of next year's outing.

St George's held their annual plant fair on Saturday 13 May. It was a great success and raised £600 for St George's church funds. They sold every plant in the hall, something which has never happened before. They were supported by a host of supporters who nurtured the young plants, baked cakes, sold handmade

cards and generally helped out on the day. A great team effort and well worth the effort.

St Wilfrid's hosted the 6th annual United Nations Lunch in June. More than a hundred people paid a fiver to eat as much as they liked of food prepared by the ladies of the parish and the event raised £1,150 for parish funds.

Tessa Truman and Ruth Ayres

ROTTINGDEAN with WOODINGDEAN

DURING EACH WEEK of Lent the Stations of the Cross were held in the Convent Chapel of the Sisters of St Martha and St Jeanne Antide. The Sisters followed the Stations with a frugal lunch with parishioners making donations. The Sisters raised £800 for St Anne's Day Centre. St Anne's offers a warm, safe and friendly environment. Clients who are unemployed, low waged or homeless or inadequately housed can eat, relax and socialise and avail themselves of a range of services to assist them in their lives.

During the Easter Vigil Mass our Congregation welcomed into the Church both Kelly Bassett and Tina Shirley. It was a joyful time with both of them so happy as was the congregation for them. May God keep them and bless them.

Congratulations to Cooper Snow who was awarded the Guild of St Stephen Medal during the Mass on Saturday evening on 3 June 2017.

Jonathan and Jose Sharp

RYE

EACH YEAR on 13 June our parish celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Anthony of Padua, our patron. Benediction and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament was attended by several parishioners on the vigil of the Feast itself. Fr Matthew was assisted at Mass by a visiting Franciscan postulant, Joseph Freeman. St. Anthony's, at its most beautiful following recent work on the interior, was filled with

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MERSTHAM, REDHILL and
REIGATE

A PRE-PENTECOST service was held at St Teresa's church on the Friday evening prior to the Feast. The music was all Taizé chants, and in addition to the account from Acts, and St Paul's 1st letter to the Corinthians writing about the different gifts of the Spirit, we listened to an extract from a sermon by an unnamed 6th Century African author. This is so apt for the international nature of the parish of the Nativity of the Lord.

The central focus was the gently smoking brazier on the sanctuary. During silent prayer people went up and sprinkled into it the multi-coloured grains of incense and lit candles. Soon the church was filled with 'Scents of Arabia' just as the packet described! (See picture above).

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

FROM THE PARISHES

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parishioners and some visitors for this special occasion; the flowers on the altar, arranged as always by Elizabeth Turner, reflected the glory of an English summer's day; and the organ we have been given was played for the first time, with former choir members reinstalled in the loft.

After Mass over 30 people repaired to Simply Italian for the annual parish lunch which was the usual happy event.

We were all delighted to see our former parish priest, Fr Aidan Walsh, back in Rye and staying at the Friary for several days.

On Sunday 18 June we gathered in the Friary garden for a surprise party organised by Fr Matthew to celebrate the 50 years since Fr Aidan made his Profession of Vows. Prayers of thanksgiving were said and the Friars blessed the garden statue of Our Lady of Fatima, newly repainted by Tom Daly.

The Discussion Group on Monday evenings has proved popular and we are currently studying the Acts of the Apostles.

Jocelyn Rowe

WADHURST

SACRED HEART parish has had the usual mix of traditional activities and special occasions. We joined a representative sample of the Murphy family in celebrating Kevin Murphy's 80th birthday after Sunday Mass with cake and champagne. On 29 June, Kevin's actual birthday, the Mass was also a school Mass, so the whole primary school was able to sing happy birthday to him. Kevin's daughters and grandchildren have played an active part in our parish. The important younger members of the parish celebrated Fathers' Day during their children's liturgy and could hardly wait to run to give dad their cards. Five of our children received their First Holy Communion surrounded by loving families, some of whom had travelled from Ireland.

Our parish joined the Anglican church in our annual Songs of Praise. Some brave people agreed to be interviewed and tell us about their faith journey. The Anglican vicar, Jeremy James, was joined by two parishioners who talked about the work they do for Burundi, a country they have adopted as their special mis-

sion.

On 30 June Tom Kent was made an acolyte by Bishop Declan Lang. On Sunday Fr Martin O'Connor invited Tom to explain to us the significance of this step to the priesthood.

Peggy Purslow

Papal Honour for St Barnabas Parishioner

AT THE 10AM MASS at St Barnabas Molesey on Sunday 25 June 2017, Mrs Jean Casha was presented with a Bene Merenti from Fr John Horn the parish priest (pictured below). Fr John explained that the award was in recognition of Jean's exceptional and devoted service to the people of the parish over many decades. In particular, Jean has dedicated herself to services to the Youth. Jean who was a former teacher at the Salesian school in Chertsey before retirement, has been an active sacramental catechist, an altar server trainer, and founder and leader of both the parish's Youth Club and the St Barnabas Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme group. She regularly teaches at the Sunday Children's Liturgy lessons and has written and delivered numerous children's religious instruction programmes with the aim of nurturing faith in the young. Fr John said that it was a pleasure to be able to honour Jean's contribution. Jean who was visibly moved by such recognition received a very enthusiastic round of applause from the congregation.



Priestly Jubilee Celebrated at Redhill



ON 12 JUNE Fr Chris Spain celebrated his Silver Jubilee Mass together with Bishop Richard, 40 fellow priests in St Joseph's Church packed with parishioners, members of his family, and friends from previous parishes where he had served.

The church was decorated with flags of many nations, representing the truly international nature of our parish; included were the Papal flag, the Flag of St George, Zambia where Bishop Richard was born, and Nigeria the home country of Fr Louis Ezelio, assistant priest of the parish. The many languages spoken by parishioners, and also Fr Chris's love of foreign tongues were reflected in the prayers of the Mass, and in the bidding prayers read by members of the congregation. Sr Doris, representing the Sisters of St Dorothy who lived in Redhill for many years, prayed in Maltese; other prayers were in Malayalam (read by a man from Kerala), German, Irish and Spanish. An eight year old girl read clearly in Polish, while James, Fr Chris' newly confirmed nephew, did the First Reading.

In his homily Fr Chris recalled being very shy as a young man, and faced with the large numbers present at his ordination wondered if he could be ordained in a Registry Office instead! Bishop Richard remarked that in the ordination photo with Bishop (now Cardinal) Murphy-O'Connor he looked about 12 years old. At the end of the Mass Fr Louis, who has a beautiful voice, sang an anthem 'You are a priest for ever like Melchizedek'.

Afterwards there was a feast in the hall with celebration cake, and a toast to Fr Chris who received a laptop as a gift from the parish. Rounding it all off, Fr Chris presented his mother with a bouquet of flowers.

Story: Ann Lardeur Photo: John Barrett

WEST BYFLEET

WE WELCOMED our new parish priest Fr Alex Hill at the beginning of June. He has been running a full programme of parish activities despite having to commute from Guildford but will soon be able to relocate to the Presbytery at West Byfleet.

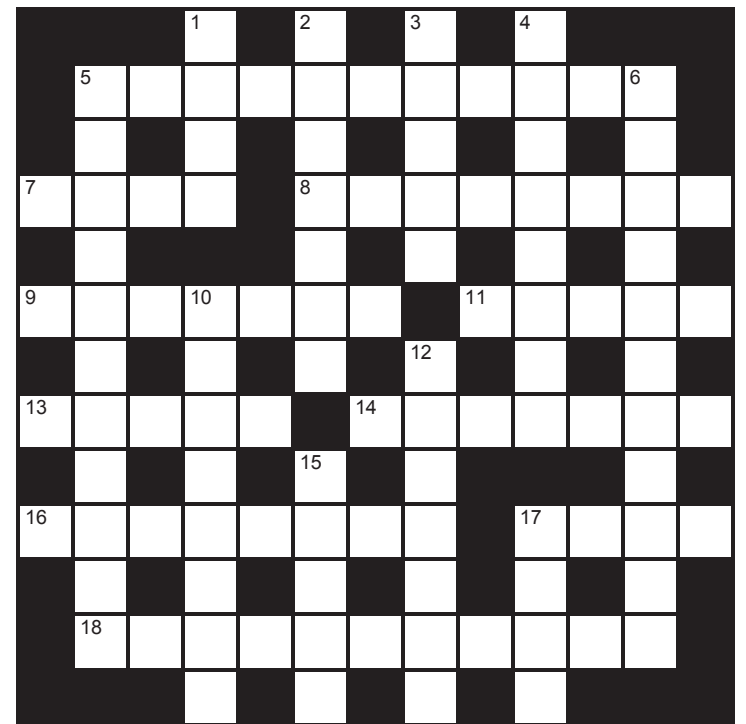
The series of First Holy Communion Masses was completed during the month and the proud candidates have received their Certificates. On Sunday 30 July we had a Lourdes Devotion including Anointing of the Sick and Benediction.

As part of the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, pupils of St John The Baptist School are helping as carers, and young people from the parish made a well supported appeal for funds to help finance their trip.

Paul Tipple



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



CRYPTIC Across

- 5 Step to clean, desecrated about seven weeks after Easter (11)
- 7 Leading characters from Rhondda, in former times a special valley (4)
- 8 Always tear out an address for a clergyman (8)
- 9 Lot of noise they say it created? (3,4)
- 11 To youngster it's getting the measure of the Bible (5)
- 13 Fascination for lines written on the reverse of records (5)
- 14 Good to approve and make satisfied (7)
- 16 Biblical port where a sea race settled (8)
- 17 Turn off drill (4)
- 18 Scary ageing, bumbling, mumbling words over dinner (6,5)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 He's reported to be left out of club squad (4)
- 2 Prong of the fork's wrong to stick into a kind of paté (7)
- 3 Wine that's typically - in short - ordinary (5)
- 4 Dreamy quality's not unknown in baroque arts study (8)

- 5 Two boys read quietly in school a letter from Paul (11)
- 6 Aidan's place in Friesland is falling down (11)
- 10 Target to look at after getting such rubbish second (5,3)
- 12 Impeach a bishop on a gin trip (7)
- 15 Go on and on over ace doctor (5)
- 17 Snotty kiddie king's bitten by a vampire, perhaps (4)

QUICK Across

- 5 Relating to Whitsuntide (11)
- 7 Break in relations (4)
- 8 Title or form of address for members of the clergy (8)
- 9 Scientific hypothesis for the origin of the universe (3,4)
- 11 Ancient unit of length based on the length of the forearm (5)
- 13 Period of time (5)
- 14 Please; indulge (7)
- 16 Port built by Herod the Great in tribute to Augustus (8)
- 17 Calibre of a gun: steep-fronted river wave (4)
- 18 Making a short prayer in thanks for food (9,6,5)

QUICK Down

- 1 Military group (4)
- 2 Paté or fancy meatloaf baked in an earthenware casserole (7)
- 3 Dry white Italian wine (5)
- 4 Hoagy Carmichael classic (8)
- 5 Macedonians, recipients of a letter from Paul (11)
- 6 Holy Island, alternatively (11)

- 10 Inner on a dartboard (5,3)
- 12 Indict; charge (7)
- 15 Remotely-controlled aircraft (5)
- 17 Badly spoilt child or adolescent (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Pentecostal, 7 Riff, 8 Reverend, 9 Big Bang, 11 Cubit, 13 Spell, 14 Gratty, 16 Arraign, 15 Drone, 17 Brat.
Down: 1 Unit, 2 Terrine, 3 Soave, 4 Stardust, 5 Philippians, 6 Lindisfarne, 10 Bull's eye, 12 Caesar, 17 Bore, 18 Saying Grace.
Across: 5 anag, 7 initial letters, 8 R(ever)end, 9 double def & pun, 11 cub+it, 13 EPs+!, 14 g+ratty, 16 anag, 17 double def, 18 anag.
Down: 1 Unit-(Ed), 2 (ter)rine, 3 So+ave, 4 anag of 'arts+stud(-y)', 5 Philippi(d)an+s, 6 anag, 10 bull+s+eye, 12 a+R+anag of 'gain', 15 Dr+one, 17 b(r)at.



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