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TWO NEW 'SERVANTS' FOR A&B

PAUL BILTON AND TRISTAN CRANFIELD from A&B Diocese were ordained Deacons in July, Paul in St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath, and Tristan in the Villa Palazzola, just outside Rome.

Paul is a Permanent Deacon serving in Haywards Heath Parish, while Tristan is at the Venerable English College in Rome, preparing for his ordination to the Priesthood.

The word 'Deacon' means 'servant.' In this case the deacon serves the Church, particularly by assisting the bishop and priest, and also 'promoting and sustaining the apostolic activities of the laity' (Pope St John Paul II).

There is a triple focus: proclaiming, preaching and teaching the Word; assisting at the Altar in the Liturgy, and the care of the poor and needy.

The role of Deacon is an ancient one, going back to apostolic times, and the permanent diaconate flourished up to the fifth century but then declined in the Western Church, surviving only as an intermediate stage for candidates preparing for priesthood.

Restored by the Second Vatican Council, the permanent diaconate has since flourished and there are currently 50 Permanent Deacons in A&B Diocese.



BISHOP RICHARD WAS JOINED BY 18 DEACONS AND NINE PRIESTS, including Parish Priest Fr Martin Jakubas, in welcoming Paul into the Diaconate on 9 July, on a warm summer's evening at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath.

Deacon Paul studied history at Cambridge, has worked as a civil servant, finance manager, consultant and has recently become Bursar at Worth School. He met his wife Helen at Cambridge, when they were both trustees of a small children's charity.

Paul said 'I am very much looking forward to finding out what God has in store for me as I embark on this new adventure in the diaconate, and am very grateful to all those who have supported me to get this far.'

Deacon Paul is pictured above with his wife Helen, sons Leo and Isaac, and daughter Maria. (photo copyright Focus Photography 2017)



Tristan is pictured above with his parents

TRISTAN'S ORDINATION was held in a small church dedicated to Our Lady of the Snows at Villa Palazzola, the summer residence of the Venerable English College.

He reflects that 'thankfully, having made a good retreat and having had plenty of time over the last few months to reflect on the particular nature of the diaconate meant that, on the day, my brothers and I were able to concentrate well on the meaning of what was going on in the various parts of the Ordination Rite...it was all the more meaningful and powerful in opening our eyes to God's presence in the rite, and in the Mass, because we were well prepared to take part in it.'

Mass was followed by lunch in the Villa garden with a few members of the family and friends, including several priests from A&B Diocese (pictured below with Bishop Terence Drainey).

Tristan will spend his final academic year in Rome, finishing studies in preparation for final Ordination to the Priesthood in 2018.

He adds 'Please pray for me, and for my brother seminarians from A&B during this time, and for more vocations to the priesthood.'

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Pictured above, L-R, Father Barry Anderson (Parish Priest of Christ the King and Dean of Eastbourne), Toby Phipps, Daniel Nelson, Molly Phipps, Orla Phipps and Catenian President Mike Woods.

THE SECRETARY TO THE CATENIAN BURSARY FUND had written to our Circle advising us that four young people from our area have received grants towards their expenses as junior helpers on a forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes. Immediately the Circle officers unanimously decided to supplement the bursary cheques with a contribution from our funds. Therefore on a sunny Saturday, respective Bursary grant cheques and contribution cheques from Eastbourne Catenians Circle were presented by President Mike Woods after the Mass at Christ the King RC Church, Eastbourne.

The four recipients were Daniel Nelson, Molly Phipps, Toby Phipps and Orla Phipps, all observed by our Circle Chaplain Fr Barry Anderson. The four young people are due to go to Lourdes in July as part of the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage. Our very best wishes go with them.

Story and photo: Robert Dixon

The Friary, Crawley, World Centre of the Guild of St Anthony

HERE AT THE FRIARY, CRAWLEY, we are fortunate to be guardians of St Anthony's Shrine. The Shrine was added to the Church shortly after the death of benefactress Mrs Montgomery, who included in her bequest a small square painting of St Anthony of Padua. This was later to be identified as a true portrait of St Anthony, the original still exists in Italy. The painting was placed over the altar in the chapel dedicated to St Anthony.

Pope Pius X declared the Shrine in Crawley was to be the world centre of the Guild of St Anthony, founded by a member of the Franciscan Community, Fr Elzear. Many people in the Parish continue to be supported by the fund of St Anthony's Bread, through the Guild.

Recently, we celebrated St Anthony's Feast Day with evening Mass followed by a procession of the Saint's Relic and the opportunity to renew his Guild.

Story: Sue Fellows

Catenians help Orbis to Restore Sight

ARUNDEL CATENIANS have raised £2,513 for Orbis, the charity that helps restore sight to people going blind or already blind.

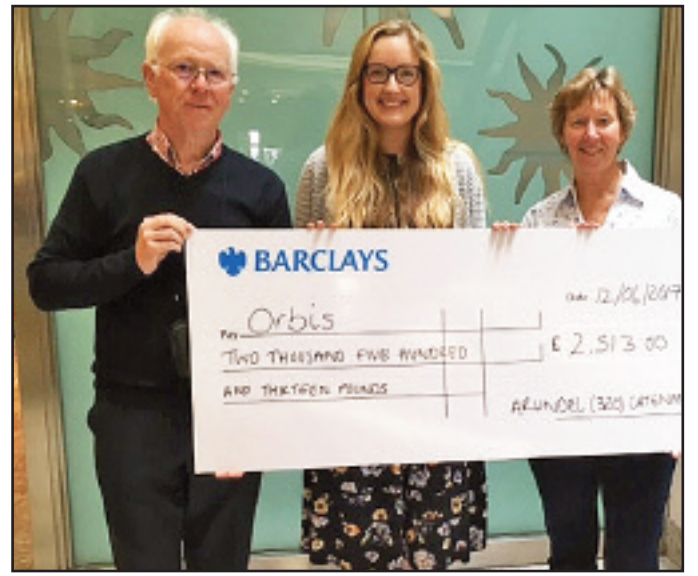
In their letter of thanks, Orbis said 'Your generous support will help to restore the vision of a great many people and bring them joy and happiness which they would not have foreseen.

As our volunteer surgeons train local health workers - and these local health workers save sight time and time again in their communities - the impact of your gifts spreads in a ripple effect, helping even more people.

This year, Orbis trained health workers are fighting trachoma in Ethiopia, restoring sight to children in Zambia, Ghana and Cameroon, and treating patients during our Flying Eye Hospital's busy programmes in Vietnam and Bangladesh.'

Pictured are Ilona Beiboer, Orbis Fund Raising Officer, centre, receiving the cheque for £2,513 from John Crook, President of the Arundel Catenian Circle, and his wife Susan.

Story and photo: Clive Wickes



Brighton Catenians Assist Hospices

OVER THE COURSE of the past year, as Past President/Captain of our golf society I helped raise over £1000 for charity. The money was collected by way of raffles held after every Circle meeting (Brighton Regency 17) and after each of our golf matches throughout the year. The two charities that benefited were two amazing hospices: The Martlets in Hove and Chestnut Tree House in Arundel.

Many thanks to all the brothers of Province 18 and our ladies who helped so much in raising this money.

In early June a presentation was made to Sally Brighton from The Martlet's Hospice of two cheques: one for £417 from Brighton Regency 17 and another for £175 from Province 18 Golf Society (see photo).

Later in the month, a similar presentation was made to the Chestnut Tree Hospice of £400 from Brighton Regency 17 Circle and £175 from the Golf Society.

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Special Guest of Honour at Woldingham Prize Giving

ON SATURDAY 8 JULY we said farewell to our Upper Sixth with their graduation ceremony and the prize giving for Year 11 and Sixth Form. (See picture at right).

Guest of Honour, Miriam González Duránte spoke to the girls about her journey, from a small village in Spain to EU Relations and Trade Advisor and to her current role as partner at international law firm Dechert LLP. Miriam urged Woldingham girls to seize all the opportunities available to them, to recognise that hard work and resilience makes a difference and to ensure that their relationships are based on respect.

In 2013, Miriam spearheaded the launch of Inspiring Women, a UK campaign which has so far registered 25,000 women volunteers from a wide range of occupations who dedicate just one hour a year to meet with young women in state schools. She aims to replicate the success of this campaign on an international platform as Founder and Chair of a new charity, Inspiring Girls International, dedicated to raising the aspirations of young girls around the world by connecting girls and female role models.

After presenting many well-earned prizes and learning of the ambitions of the school's graduating Sixth Formers, Miriam urged Woldingham girls to join her initiative as the role models they so clearly are.

Alex Hutchinson, Headmistress, said 'As our Upper Sixth disperse to their chosen universities, both in the UK and overseas, I could not agree more with Miriam's advice that success depends on the effort that you put in. At the culmination of an exhilarating first year as Headmistress of Woldingham, I am so proud of all of our departing girls and confident that they will become successful, positive influences on the world they enter.'



Sue Toulson, Marketing Manager

Amazing Fund Raising at St Thomas a Becket Infant and Junior School in Eastbourne

ST THOMAS A BECKET Infant & Junior Schools Circus themed Summer Fayre on Saturday 1 July raised an amazing £5,200 towards the school's fundraising objectives. As with previous years, the school field was full of families from the school and across Eastbourne, all joining in the fun.

Highlights included three professional circus performances in the Mini Big Top, by Circus Pazaz, roaming circus acts from volunteers at Ashburnham Place, a circus school led by Sue Morris and Community Stuff, a fancy dress competition, a display by Sama Karate, dancing by pupils of Eastbourne Academy of Dancing, Street Style 4 All and Indian dancing by pupils from the school.

People didn't go home hungry either as the cultural diversity of the school's Catholic community shone through with a wide variety of foods including Indian, Filipino, Italian and Polish.

The Friends of St Thomas a Becket Schools (PTA) wish to thank all who joined us to enjoy the day, help run the event and key sponsors Petersens Independent Estate Agents, The Tri Store Grove Road, The Accountancy Solutions Company, Davis Television Services and NRG Independent as well as the many other businesses and individuals who supported us by donating raffle prizes.

As well as the £5,200 raised, two of the parents involved in the organising of the event work for Barclays and both have applied for Matched Fundraising through a community charity scheme run by the bank. It offers a maximum matching of money raised to £1,000 per employee, we have had one application confirmed and are hopeful to also receive the second. Our thanks to Barclays for this.

Sandra Forte



Contestants in our fancy dress competition

First Night Dawns in the UK's Newest Opera House - Built in Only 11 Months!

A NEW OPERA HOUSE being built across the fields from Cranmore School is too good an opportunity to miss and 13 of our pupils joined the cast for the run of Tosca.

Opening night was in a nearly-finished theatre built in 11 months with 750 seats, a drum-like construction with a four-tiered horseshoe auditorium based on La Scala, Milan, crouched in the walled grounds of West Horsley Place, Surrey.

There were marvellous performances by a star cast including Joseph Calleja, Ekaterina Metlova and Roland Woodand. This will go down as a night to remember for our lucky musicians.

Shelagh Connolly

Joseph Calleja and Ekaterina Metlova are pictured performing Tosca



Our Lady Queen of Heaven School in Crawley Celebrates its Diamond Jubilee

ON FRIDAY 14 JULY Our Lady Queen of Heaven Primary School celebrated their Diamond Jubilee. The school community came together to celebrate Mass led by Bishop Richard. The readings focused on Mary, the Patroness of the school.

Later in the day, there was a 'Big Assembly'. Each class presented a period of time dating from 1957 - 2017. Elvis, The Beatles, The Pope, The Prince and Princess of Wales all appeared whilst the Channel Tunnel was knocked through and England won (and lost) numerous football games.

The staff of past and present, pupils and special guests, including the Mayor of Crawley and councillors, laughed, smiled and sang along. The community enjoyed a picnic lunch together and then ended the day with a magic show from Robbie.

It was a memorable and enjoyable day for all involved.

Here's to the next 60 years!

Lauren Rickards



The picture shows two of our young children enacting Mary Poppins

New Head Teacher at St Cuthbert Mayne School

SIXTH JULY 2017 proved to be a great day to remember for all the pupils, staff, parishioners, parents, diocese and governors who gathered to celebrate Mrs Natalie McCarthy's Induction Mass as Head Teacher at St Cuthbert Mayne Catholic Primary in Cranleigh.

Fr Jerry O'Brien from St. Peter's church in Hove and Fr David Osborne from the school's parish church of Christ the Redeemer of Mankind led the Mass.

Mrs McCarthy had asked that the Mass be at a time when all the children could attend, along with her own family. This made for a very special moment when the whole congregation were asked if they would support their new Head Teacher with their prayers and active encouragement; a resounding declaration of 'We will with God's Help' filled the church.

United through prayer, faith and vision the St Cuthbert Mayne community celebrated the beginning of an exciting new era guided by Mrs. Natalie McCarthy.

Pauline Morrison

Mrs McCarthy is pictured alongside governors and Heads from neighbouring diocesan schools



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FIVE MONTHS AGO, in April, I talked about how Church membership was about 'doing' as well as 'belonging' and promised to 'highlight some examples of laity who are serving the Gospel in a variety of ways that will inspire and give us food for thought.'

So, in this edition we introduce the work of the SVP, an organisation that Bishop Richard referred to as one of the 'best-kept secrets' of the Church.

Indeed, at the SVP's National Meeting in 2015, President Adrian Abel reminded members that they are not a secret society but one that rightly keeps confidential the details of its dealings with beneficiaries.

In the October and November issues we will explore further the work of the SVP within A&B - which in many ways exemplifies Bishop Richard's call to the priorities of prayer, formation and mission.

(Sharp-eyed readers of the August edition will notice that the two photos on the front page are very similar; they are in fact the same, one is an extract from the other. This was an error that occurred in the pre-printing process. The original front page that we despatched is shown on the website at www.abdiocese.org.uk under publications.)



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JUST A THOUGHT

AS SUMMER BEGINS TO WIND DOWN, the days get shorter, the evenings get cooler, families rush around in the last week of the holidays to prepare for the new school year. New uniforms, blazers slightly long on the arms and school trousers crisp and pressed. New pencil cases and football boots, and haircuts!

For most of us school routines bring excitement, but for others the anticipation looms. I always think the autumn term is the busiest school term. September is the month of new beginnings: For those starting Nursery school, Primary school, Secondary school, Sixth Form, College and University. It gives students an opportunity for a fresh start. It gives us the chance to wipe the slate clean from any difficulties and problems we may have had in the previous school year.

The excitement of returning to a completely new timetable; to be studying new subjects for examinations which may help to shape our future careers. For students starting new schools, it is a period of huge adjustment and then before you know it is October half term. After which preparations are made for Advent and Christmas.

As we continue into the month of September, we think about the struggles we have faced in the previous year and how we can overcome them. We contemplate on the months ahead and pray that God gives us courage and strength to conquer obstacles that lie in our way.

Hannah Wildi (aged 17)
St Andrew's School, Leatherhead

TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVP)

FRÉDÉRIC, A 20 YEAR OLD STUDENT, was losing the argument - which was becoming increasingly heated. He was desperate to show that the Catholic Church he belonged to was the one that Jesus Christ himself had founded, the very body of Christ. He had already written articles on the subject but his powers of persuasion were not up to the task this evening.

They scoffed at him, joking about his intensity, until one of them leaned forward and dealt the killer blow: 'So what is your church doing now? I mean, doing for the poor, for they are everywhere, even dying on the streets. Show us your works and we'll believe you.'

He had no works to show.

The First Visits

In 1833, transforming his circle of close friends from a debating society into what they called a 'Conference of Charity'. Frédéric determined to give practical help to those in poverty. There is lovely story that one of their first charitable visits was to carry kindling to a poor family living on the top floor of a tenement, so that the family could cook a hot meal. They put down the firewood outside the door, knocked on it - and then ran for their lives, tumbling down the stairs.

They were comfortably-off students, not used to dealing with poor, needy people. On the other hand, Sister Rosalie Rendu was very used to dealing with such people.

Enter Sr Rosalie Rendu

It is difficult to imagine that the sensitive and nervous Rosalie Rendu - who was frightened of spiders, corpses and cemeteries - would ever make a social worker, far less become Beatified, the Mother Teresa of nineteenth century Paris.

But, with enormous perseverance she set up a hospital for abandoned children, a free school for poor children, a church club for aimless youths. She helped bury the victims of cholera, visited the sick in their hovels - even dodged bullets during the frequent riots and revolutions in order to get to those who needed her help. Although many of the richer citizens provided funds that she was able to distribute, it was the sympathy, counsel and encouragement that flowed directly from her loving heart that were invaluable.

She took Frédéric Ozanam and his young friends under her wings, teaching them how to operate in the slums, giving them a respectability and status that flowed from her own hard-earned reputation.

Even today, 161 years after her death, Bl Rosalie Rendu is remembered by the citizens of Paris, rich and poor, who decorate her grave with fresh flowers (picture below).



(Above: Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - the SVP)



Followers of St. Vincent de Paul

In the early days of their Conference of Charity, in late April 1833, one of Frédéric's friends suggested that they place their society under the patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, whose reputation for practical charity, including visiting the poor, sick and imprisoned, was such a great model for the work they now planned to do.

On meeting St. Rosalie, they may well have been confirmed in their choice because she was a Daughter of Charity, which is a Society of Apostolic Life for women, formed by Saints Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac, almost two hundred years earlier. Its charism is service to the poor (and the Daughters are known familiarly in France as 'Grey Sisters').

Building the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As Frédéric Ozanam and his early followers built up the Conferences of Charity, dedicated to helping the poor of Paris, they realised that two principles were vital; they had to serve the poor face-to-face, else they would become merely donors; and they had to attend to their own spiritual development, for if their love for the poor sprang from Christ, who first loved them, they also had to grow in their relationship to Christ, not just to His creatures. Today, each SVP Conference emphasises personal service and spiritual development.

The Society began to spread rapidly, with the first Conferences established in England in 1844, just 11 years after the first ever Conference in Paris.

Frédéric Ozanam died on 8 September 1853, a renowned historical and literary critic, scholar, lawyer, journalist - and founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which, at his death, was represented in 29 countries and had 900 Conferences in France alone.

He was Beatified by Pope St. John Paul II at the World Youth Days in Paris in 1997. Today, the SVP operates in 140 countries worldwide with an estimated 62,000 Conferences and more than 800,000 members, including 10,000 in England and Wales.

The members are motivated by their Christian faith and the Catholic spirituality of their founder and patron saint to find and offer help to anyone in need, 'to help them in a spirit of justice and tackle poverty where we can'.

For more on the work of the SVP in England & Wales, see: www.svp.org.uk/



Story: A&B News Staff

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Priest, Spiritual Advisor,
Religious Mentor,
Charity Worker
...and Slave

BORN IN 1531 into a family of peasant farmers in South West France, Vincent was very intelligent and his father sold the family's oxen in order to pay for his son's education. Later, Vincent tutored others to help pay for his studies and was ordained a priest at the early age of nineteen.

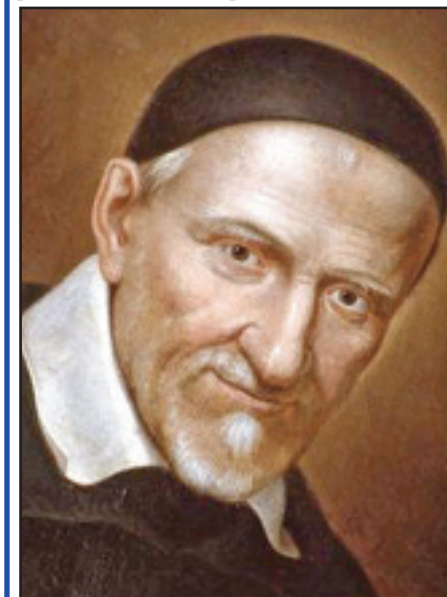
Vincent's objective was to have a successful career in the church and earn enough to support his family. However, it appeared he had been ordained prematurely (the minimum age was 24) so he returned to his studies.

At age 24, Vincent was captured by Barbary pirates while on a voyage from Marseilles and spent two years as a slave. One of his owners, a former priest turned Moslem, was persuaded to return to the faith and they both escaped back to France.

More studies followed and his star began to rise; in his early 30s he became chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family (famous Florentine bankers and merchants) and, age 62, he was appointed Spiritual Advisor to Queen Anne, Regent of France.

However, much more significant than his status and connections was his own transformation. The self-interested cleric had become an impassioned defender and helper of the poor. In his mid-30s he organised the wealthy women of Paris to provide relief for poor people, he founded hospitals and was especially solicitous to victims of war and galley slaves, who suffered horribly.

In addition to co-founding the Daughters of Charity, he also founded the Congregation of the Mission, a society of apostolic life of priests and brothers that specialised in improving religious life in small villages and towns. He became renowned as a writer, preacher, trainer and spiritual director.



He was canonised in 1737 and his Feast Day is 27 September.

Many institutions today are happy to be a part of the Vincentian Family, taking their inspiration from him: these include the SVP; Daughters of Charity; Congregation of the Mission; The Ladies of Charity; The Sisters of Charity Federation; The Association of the Miraculous Medal; The Vincentian Marian Youth and hundreds of related groups founded by followers of St. Vincent.

In the next two editions we plan to look at the work of the SVP in A&B Diocese. In our October issue we will focus on the 'Special Works' of the SVP, such as soup runs, food banks and furniture schemes. In November, we hope to look closer at several of the building blocks of the Society, the Parish Conferences.

Elizabeth's 30 Years of Cake-baking Raises £35,000 for Charity

WOKING RESIDENT, ELIZABETH WALLACE, is celebrating over three decades of baking cakes for charity every month, raising an estimated £35,000.

Elizabeth's baking odyssey began back in 1986. Her mother had died two years previously and the terrible Ethiopian famine of 1984 was still fresh in her mind. One of Elizabeth's friends suggested that she did something to help both her recover from the loss of her mother, and those in need overseas. 'I can cook and I like to bake, so that's how it all began!'



Elizabeth set up a cake stall after mass once a month, at the parish of Our Lady of Christ, Kingfield, which she and her husband of 45 years, Kevin, were members of. As well as selling cakes contributed by parishioners, they held sponge competitions and Elizabeth stayed motivated by the enthusiasm of other parishioners.

Elizabeth said: 'The Bake Off hadn't even started then. Mary Berry eat your heart out! One of the reasons I kept going was that it made other people join in, and there have been some amazing examples of generosity. There was one lady who died a couple of years ago who donated £20 every month!'

When they moved to St. Dunstan's, Woking, Elizabeth kept on baking; her commitment to standing in solidarity with those in the developing world has never failed.

'You don't stop,' Elizabeth said. 'The world is still in need and we can't just be reactive to big crises, we have to take the initiative too. And you can't just walk away, because you feel you're betraying the people you're supporting. These aren't just people on pieces of paper, these are people who you're praying for.'

After almost thirty years as the organiser of the CAFOD cake stall, Mary handed over the running to two other St

Dunstan's parishioners, Ruth Whiddett and Lin Mason, in 2014. Elizabeth described the choice to stand down as a hard decision to make, but one which felt right. Inspired by her American mother's recipes, Elizabeth still bakes delights such as cookies every month for the stall, adding to the mounds of freshly baked bread, homegrown fruit and delicious homemade cakes.

'The girls took over and run the stall with their children and it's going really well. It's gone from strength to strength and they make wonderful cupcakes! It's very popular and we regularly run out of what we're selling!'

Elizabeth has now been baking cakes every month for CAFOD for 31 years. Since its inception in 1986 it has raised an estimated £35,000 – a phenomenal sum.

Elizabeth is modest about the amount that she and the others who helped at the stall have made. 'We're just normal people and that's our strength,' she said.

The money raised by Elizabeth and all those involved in the stall helps those living in extreme poverty to reach their full potential, regardless of religion or culture, by equipping them with the skills and opportunities to live with dignity, support their families and give something back to their communities.

CAFOD representative in Woking, Martin Brown, said: 'Elizabeth's dedication to CAFOD is inspirational. Her commitment to helping those in need is remarkable, especially as it is so much more than skin deep – she truly cares about the people she is helping as individuals, not just statistics. We are so thankful to her and all those who have been involved in the cake stall over the years, including the new organisers Ruth, Lin and Agata.'

Story and Photo: Jessica Coffin

Server Reuben from Aden Valley Runs in Berlin Marathon

REUBEN SELBY IS ONE OF OUR LONG-TERM SERVERS at Christ the King in the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Adur Valley.



Last year he ran the Brighton Marathon for Cancer Research with a finishing time of 3 hours and 22 minutes.

This year he is running the Berlin Marathon to raise funds for MIND, a charity that provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem.

Every year one in four of us will experience a mental health problem. Reuben says he wants to play a part in increasing awareness of mental ill health and in reducing the stigma that is so often attached to it.

He is hoping to better his time this year and has been putting in many hours of training to achieve this.

Reuben also wants to increase the amount of donations for his chosen charity.

He asks that people who wish to kindly donate go to his Just Giving Fund Raising Page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/reuben-selby2>

Story: Penny Richardson

Saint Dunstan's Hosts Refugee Week



ST DUNSTAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH was privileged to be able to be the host venue for Refugee Week in Woking this year. The main event – the official launch - was held in the very hot, still evening of Tuesday 20 June when local people of different backgrounds, faiths and nationalities came into the church to watch and listen to a variety of talks, talented performances and recitals.

Organised by Woking Borough Council in conjunction with Woking People of Faith (a local group that brings together different faith communities), the event was opened by the Mayor, Councillor Graham Cundy. This was followed by song from Afghanistan, Indian dance, Syrian and African drumming, a recital of odes and poems as well as extracts from a play about the Ockenden Venture, an initiative to help refugees that started in Woking.



There was much else besides, including singing from Woking High School choir and a presentation by Aidan Cantwell, A&B's Justice & Peace Coordinator, who spoke about what was being done to help refugees across Surrey and Sussex. Woking Borough Councillor Zafar Iqbal, a leading figure in the local Muslim community, closed the evening with thanks.

As it was still Ramadan, after sunset everyone joined with our Muslim communities in an extensive buffet meal prepared and served by the team from a local Indian restaurant and the Function room, narthex and garden (which was getting cool by then) was filled with the chatter of many different people enjoying sitting and eating together.

Throughout the week there was a display of artwork by local school children and adults, depicting their view of refugees. The pictures were hung on Heras fencing which somehow added to the sense of separation and confinement that must be experienced by many refugees in transit camps.

Other varied events took place during the week at the church - a great opportunity to open up and welcome in the wider community to St Dunstan's modern and versatile church premises.

Story: Mark Potter Photos: Tara Stevenson, Woking Borough Council

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Serving the communities of our Diocese

BREAKTHROUGH 2017 – SERVING THOSE WHO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Update by Jack Regan - Diocesan Adviser for Youth Ministry

I'VE BEEN WORKING for the diocese for almost three years now and, while a lot has happened in that time, I started to think earlier this year that we weren't doing enough to directly feed those who work with young people in our parishes. Not to mention, crucially, those who don't yet, but want to.

With that in mind, we came up with something called Breakthrough. It all started with a day at DABCEC on Saturday 8 July, which we called Breakthrough 2017. Almost fifty people came for the day; great number, given that it's a very busy weekend in the Catholic calendar. They came from all corners of the diocese. Some Confirmation catechists, some youth group leaders, and some just interested in getting started.

The Keynote speaker for the day was Michael Marchand. Michael is from Texas and is a well-known youth ministry speaker, both in the US and around the world. He stopped off in England on his way to Uganda where he spends some time each year helping to develop youth ministry over there.

I also spoke during the day, as did David Wills, the Adviser for Evangelisation and Catechesis, and Aseel Gilbert, who is responsible for Children, Youth and Families at Guildford Parish.

The day focused on how we can best evangelise young people; from those who are engaged in parish life to those who live within our parishes but never walk through the doors of our churches.

Michael helped us to remember that we are called to reach out to all of them.

We were delighted with the feedback from the day. The (anonymous) evaluations gave us a good sense of how people found the input: 'I think that the Catholic church in this diocese (and country) needs to do a lot more to ensure others can have a relationship with the Lord - but Breakthrough comes across as a good initial response to this need'. It was also variously described as an eye-opener, informative, enlightening, and fantastic, with people adding that they are looking forward to the process continuing.

And continue it will... Breakthrough 2018 will be on Saturday 12 May, and what's more, there will be smaller, localised breakthrough groups set up later this year to connect people with other catechists and youth leaders in their local areas.

If you work with young people, or want to, it's important to stay in touch so you can find out about Breakthrough and about other things that might be useful to you. Here's how:

- email me – jack.regan@dabnet.org - and ask me to add you to the email update list
- join the 'A&B Catholic Youth Service' group on Facebook, and
- text 'LEADER' to 84433 to get text updates.

And, of course, if there's anything I can help you with, please let me know.

THE BIG ENCOUNTER – Diocesan Festival for 15-30s

FOR THE LAST FOUR years, the ENCOUNTER programme has served hundreds of teens and young adults in the diocese. It's now up and running in four locations around Sussex and Surrey, ministering each month to local groups.

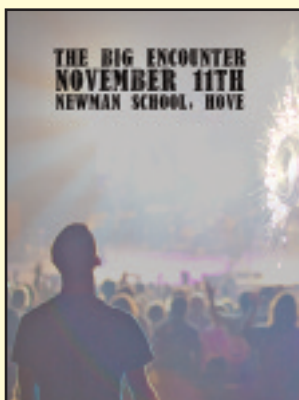
This autumn the ENCOUNTER programme takes a giant leap forward with a large diocesan festival called the BIG ENCOUNTER. More people, more input, more grace and, yes, more BLOCK CAPS!

The BIG ENCOUNTER (always in caps - we're not sure why) is happening on Saturday 11 November at Newman College in Hove. The programme starts at 7pm, doors open at 6.30pm.

And what a programme it is... The music is being led by One Hope Project, who are probably the biggest Catholic band in the country right now, and the keynote speaker is Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio. Bishop Richard will be leading the time of adoration, and an army of others will be on hand, from priests offering confession, to people from a variety of organisations providing mini-workshop activities.

The evening is totally free and it's open to anyone aged 15-30. It's the biggest festival we've held in the diocese for some time, and we're hoping to pack the place!

For more information, contact Jack Regan at DABCEC jack.regan@dabnet.org, 01293 651158 or search for Catholic Encounter on Facebook.



HOPE 2017 – Festival Day for 11 to 14s

Looking at how we serve those in need

THERE IS QUITE A BIT going on for young people these days in the diocese and beyond (see yaab.co.uk for details) but one thing I'm very conscious of is that since *Youth Gather* came to an end in 2014, there hasn't been a dedicated festival in the diocese for younger teenagers.

This autumn, that changes. We're putting on a fantastic event at the Cathedral, and what's more, it coincides with the first *World Day of the Poor*, Pope Francis' new initiative announced earlier this year.

The festival will be held at Arundel Cathedral, running from 2pm to 5.30pm on Sunday 19 November. It's open to anyone aged 11 to 14, and we're pleased to announce a great line-up, including CAFOD, RISE theatre, Bishop Richard, and a few other guests.

With only a limited space in the Cathedral and the hall numbers are limited, so booking is essential. To register your group – or if you've got any questions – contact Jack Regan at DABCEC jack.regan@dabnet.org - 01293 651158.



Annual Grandparents' Reflection Day:

How to Support your Grandchildren in dealing with their perceptions of failure.

Thursday, 21st September, 2017, at Worth Abbey, RH10 4SB

Led by Fr Stephen Ortiger and Elizabeth O'Shea



- Coffee from 9.45.
- Packed lunch needed.
- Day ends at 3.00 pm

ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT? Your grandchildren are growing up in a different world. They are under pressure to be good at school and sports, to be popular, to fit in, and to look good.

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Come along to explore the answers in this fun, practical and spiritual day just for grandparents. Booking is essential through Rosie Read – 01293 651161 rosie.read@dabnet.org

International Conference Catechesis and People with Disabilities

20-22 October 2017 in Rome

Do you have a disability or do you support people with disabilities in learning about and developing their faith and celebrating it?

- Would you like to meet other people from around the world who are doing the same?
- Would you like to listen to international speakers talk about the entitlement of all to have access to catechesis?
- Would you like to look at different resources and share what you use?
- Would you like to listen to other people's stories and share your own?

This event has been commissioned by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and The Kairos Forum has been invited to organise this event in close collaboration with The Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and the National Catholic Partnership on Disability (USA).

If you would like further information and a Registration Form please contact Margaret Fraher, Diocesan Inclusion Adviser on 01293 651196 or margaret.fraher@dabnet.org.

DIOCESAN DIALOGUE AND UNITY DAY

Saturday 23rd September, DABCEC (Crawley), 10am to 4pm



THE DIOCESAN DIALOGUE AND UNITY DAY 2017 on 23 September at DABCEC in Crawley will see the first gathering of those interested in Christian Unity and Interreligious Dialogue across the diocese for some years.

Our theme is 'Exploring how the Holy Spirit is opening new ways to work for unity.'

We will welcome speakers from the Chemin Neuf Community, Rev Tim and Kate Watson, who will use their varied skills to help us explore the theme of the day. We will also welcome Ann Gavin from the Focolare Movement, to inspire our work in the diocese. Both these Roman Catholic Communities have a charism for unity.

There will be time for prayer and reflection, time to consider what we can do in the diocese under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We will also hear from the Association for Interchurch Families, who will tell us about mutual support and also the guidance documents available. The day will include opportunities to celebrate the wonderful work of Dialogue and Unity in the Diocese, with some sharing of good practice. Book your place now, at www.dabnet.org - Courses and Events-Dialogue and Unity, or by calling Ruth Gerun 01293 651164. Don't miss out!

Supporting the Bereaved Course 2017/18

Could you support your parish priest by becoming a friend to those parishioners who are bereaved?

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Contact Katherine Bergin on 01293 651152

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Diocesan Wedding Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year please join

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Remembering AoS All Year Round

Captain J P Morgan (ret'd) of Newhaven Parish, who served for 27 years in the Merchant Navy, reminds us that the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) deserves our support all year round.

NINETY PERCENT OF WORLD TRADE is transported by sea and seafaring is the second most dangerous profession in the world. Sixty percent of the crews are Catholic and many are from the Philippines, India and Poland, countries where wages are low.

The crews are away from home for nine to twelve months at a stretch. Conditions are harsh, bullying is quite common, boredom, loneliness, anxiety and health problems arise. Occasionally they experience pirate attacks.

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The Apostleship of the Sea is known to most seafarers as Stella Maris, Our Lady of the Sea, who gives protection and guidance to Seafarers. This service is provided in many of our major and minor ports. Ships are only in port for a few hours and port chaplains can arrange contact with their families back home, or SIM cards for mobile phones. Sometimes a Mass can be arranged on board, often helping crews to get to Mass locally, or praying with them in difficult times.

From both Newhaven and Peacehaven we have sent large numbers of rosaries, prayer cards, prayer books and woolly hats to Deacon Roger Stone the AoS Chaplain based in Southampton, all gratefully received.

If you would like to learn more or support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea you can find details at www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Knights and Dames Gather for Mass



RECENTLY, ON THE FEAST OF ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Mass was celebrated at St Catherine's, Littlehampton for the intentions of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The Celebrant was Fr Gerard Hetherington KCHS, a Knight Commander of the Order. More than two dozen Members from the Southern Section of the Lieutenancy of England and Wales processed into the church – the Knights resplendent in their white capes, the Dames in their black ones, and all wearing their appropriate decorations.

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre, along with the Knights of Malta, are the only orders of chivalry to be recognised by the Vatican. The Order has more than 30,000 members in 60 'Lieutenancies' spread over 40 countries. Its purpose is to assist the Church in the Holy Land as well as Christians living there.

Story and Photo: Mike Webber

Sr Blanaid McCauley Graduates from Chaplaincy Work at Brighton University, Summa Cum Laude

Sr Blanaid was persuaded to give us a brief reflection on her time at Brighton University Catholic Chaplaincy. She will be much missed by students and staff alike.

I LEAVE CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY at the University of Brighton, after seventeen years, thankfully with a tremendous sense of fulfilment. What continually surprised me here was the feeling of belonging and appreciation among a population of 23,800 students and staff.

I enjoyed working alongside chaplains of other faiths, creating a welcoming community, where students and staff of all faiths and none could explore their personal spiritual journeys.

As Catholic chaplain, I took seriously the responsibility to nurture those who wished to live out their Catholic faith. I appreciated the supportive partnership with Sussex chaplains, Fr Paul Wilkinson and previously Fr Rob Esdaile, in the 'Joint Catholic Chaplaincy' undertaking.

I accompanied the resident chaplaincy community at Howard House, in Falmer, which forms the nucleus for the development of the Catholic community at both universities and initiates faith in action. I never cease to be amazed by the generosity and good will of the students volunteering with the Soup Run, Night Shelter and Age UK. Facilitating retreats at Worth Abbey and Rottingdean, involvement in Justice & Peace demonstrations, and pilgrimages to Walsingham and Taize have also been an important part of chaplaincy.

Something I will always cherish is the privilege of representing the university at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in 2014 - and the fun and delight of wearing a hat for the first time in my life!



Celebrating 50 Years as an Altar Server

CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAN MORRIS who celebrates 50 years as an altar server this year in the parish of East Worthing.

Sean started in the old Shoreham Church with Father Samson in 1967, moved to Holy Family in 1990 under Father Graham Bamford and has been the MC for East Worthing Parish since its creation in 2007. Also in 2007 he received the Silver Medal of the Archconfraternity of St Stephen for Altar Servers. Sean serves on weekdays and weekends when he is not working for Southern Rail.

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DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS
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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

LAUDATO SI - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

SACRED HEART, CATERHAM Justice & Peace group with SCAFOD 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

CLERGY MOVES AND APPOINTMENTS

Fr Kevin Dring joins the Staff at St. John's Seminary, Wonersh
Canon Colin Wolczak to Sacred Heart, Hove
Mgr. Tony Barry to Guildford
Fr Chris Dobson to be Moderator in Crawley

Fr Hugh Flower goes on Sabbatical
Fr Chris Spain to Egham & Englefield Green
Fr Tony Bridson to Parish of the Nativity of the Lord, Redhill
Mgr Benny O'Shea takes on Ministry to Priests

Fr Dominic O'Hara to Sabbatical
Fr Carl Davies to Littlehampton & Rustington
Fr Alan Sharpe to Billingshurst & Pulborough
Fr Roy Waters to Guildford

Fr Simon Hall to Sabbatical
Fr Stephen Hardaker to Oxted & Warlingham
Fr Fergal McGuinness has returned to the diocese of Santa Rosa California.
Fr Irek Stadler, from the Diocese of Thunder Bay, Canada to Haslemere, Chiddingfold & Hindhead

Fr John Horn retires.
Fr Richard Biggerstaff returns to the diocese after his time as Director of the St Barnabas Society in Oxford and to East Molesey & Hersham as parish priest. He will reside at East Molesey.
Fr Bill Muir CJ will continue to serve in Hersham during the coming year

Canon Daithi Foley has retired.
Canon Kieron O'Brien takes on responsibility for St John the Baptist, Brighton in addition to St Joseph, Brighton.
Fr Peter Fitch to St John the Baptist & St Joseph, Brighton

Deacon Aidan Lynch, who is taking a period of leave from parish ministry after his years of service in Egham & Englefield Green.
Fr Aaron Spinelli has been appointed Diocesan Chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen.
Fr Charles Howell has been appointed Chaplain to St Cuthman's Retreat Centre in addition to his role as parish priest in Storrington.
Fr Jonathan How succeeds Fr Rob Esdaile as Co-ordinator for Higher Education Chaplaincy.
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CHRISTMAS RETREAT
There are a few spaces left on our Christmas Retreat from Christmas Eve onwards for three nights. Please phone for details.

APPLE PICKING DAY
Unfortunately we have had to cancel this year's Apple Picking Day. Late frosts affected the crop and we will not have enough to pick! Hopefully, we will be back on track next year.

For more information, please contact 01403 741220 or email enquiries@stcuthmans.org



A reminder that the **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** from 22 to 26 August 2018 will be held in Dublin, Ireland. This joyful and reflective programme will include workshops, talks and discussions for adults plus an engaging and exciting programme for young people and faith and fun activities for children. To find out more or to register, go to www.worldmeeting2018.ie/.

BISHOP'S DIARY

The Bishop's Diary for September was not available as we went to press but it may be viewed at: www.abdiocese.org.uk/BishopsDiary

Society of St Gregory Summer School



SEVEN PEOPLE FROM A & B DIOCESE recently travelled to Leeds to join 52 others for the Society of St Gregory Summer School 2017.

31 October this year marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of Wittenberg Castle church with a hammer, or did he actually do that?

Over three days we explored why he wrote his theses, looked at the development of Protestantism, the response of the Catholic Church and the growing relationship between Protestants and Catholics to date, seeing ourselves now more as pilgrims journeying alongside each other.

As well as the keynote talks on the theme, there were workshops on different aspects of music and liturgy, excellent liturgies, good food and fun.

On the last night participants entertained each other with songs, poems, instrumental pieces, even a physics lesson! The photo shows the Bramley contingent, Sylvia Reilly, Pat Newton, Anita Gilbey, Bridget Eacott and Marilyn Vincent, having just sung a piece especially written for the occasion by Maggie Larkin, on keyboard.

If you would like to come with us next year or for more information about the Society go to www.ssg.org.uk.

Story and Photo: Bridget Eacott

Les Whittaker Arrives in Fatima - the Proof!



IN OUR MAY 2017 EDITION we reported on Les Whittaker's plan to cycle 1,500 miles from Our Lady & St Peter's in East Grinstead to Fatima, raising funds for the World Apostolate of Fatima.

We are delighted to report that Les has arrived safely, after several adventures. It was hot and sunny in France and Les took time out to visit the great cathedrals in Rouen, Chartres and Tours. He pitched his tent at Tours and woke in the morning to find that the couple in the next tent had been the victim of thieves - who cut open the sides of their tent as they slept and stole a bag with passports and valuables!

It continued hot in Spain and after a night in Pamplona, where they were preparing for the running of the bulls, and where (of course) Les visited the cathedral and attended a Rosary service, it was off again, basically on the Camino route.

The weather turned cold and wet as the route rose, and Les had to push his bike up the steep mountainous climbs.

Then it was down the other side, crossing the border into Portugal at Tui and rejoicing in the flatter coastal plain. He went through Combrai, the old capital of Portugal and its main university city - where Sr Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, spent over 50 years as a nun in the Carmelite Convent.

Finally, Les reached Fatima Sanctuary, where he was greeted by representatives of the World Apostolate of Fatima (pictured above) - and where a comfortable bed was waiting for him.

Story: A&B News Staff Photo: Les Whittaker

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St Joseph's Garden - and Betty Boo - Win Over the 'Guildford in Bloom' Judges

KATH HITCHINGS AND JAN DURRANT received a visit recently by two judges, Suki Lowres and Mo Usher from Guildford in Bloom. They came to see and consider the merits of our entry for the Schools Category for this year's Guildford in Bloom Competition.

Our Entry in the set theme, "The Seaside" was a garden put together by a team from the art and horticulture departments together with students and grounds staff.

Of course a garden is a live project and does not just appear overnight. There was a lot of work involved in its creation including planning, planting, nurturing, watering as well as creating the supporting artwork.

There were 11 entries in our category, from schools all over the district and the standard was high. The winners were announced at the Presentation Ceremony at Clandon Garden Centre with



Kath and Jan both in attendance.

Our entry was awarded Silver and, although the garden itself could not travel, Betty Boo, the Mermaid who presided over her "Seaside" joined Jan and Kath at the presentation; awards were presented by the Mayor of Guildford.

Betty Boo proved very popular, even getting her own mention on the Guildford in Bloom facebook page! Jan Durrant, Horticulture teacher explained that the creativity of their horticulture lessons is therapeutic, our students are delighted to see the fruits of their labour in their school garden.

St Joseph's caters for children between the ages of 5 - 19 with moderate, complex and severe learning difficulties.

Story and Photo: Hilary Clark

The Bar Convent in York Asks Catholic Groups to Visit and 'Discover Our Secrets'

THE BAR CONVENT IN YORK, the oldest living convent in England, is launching a new drive to attract Catholic groups to pay it a visit.

The house was founded in 1686 as a Catholic school for girls and has withstood angry mobs, persecution and even Luftwaffe bombs. It is still home to members of the Congregation of Jesus, founded by radical Yorkshire-woman Mary Ward in the seventeenth century.

The Grade 1 Listed Georgian house hides in plain sight close to York's historic Bar Walls, where the heads of martyred priests were once displayed on spikes.

The convent has housed a guest house, museum, café and conference rooms since the school closed in 1985, but two years ago it re-launched as a Living Heritage Centre in 2015. The museum was replaced with a brand new interactive exhibition and the whole site was given a much needed boost.

'We've had a real upsurge in visitors since

we re-opened,' said Audience Development and Education Manager Jerry Ibbotson, 'But what we really want is to welcome more Catholic Groups. They appreciate the history of the Bar Convent and have a real connection



to the place.'

One of the convent's constant struggles is that it was built to remain a secret, at a time when the faith was illegal. It even has a secret chapel, with a domed ceiling hidden beneath a grey tiled roof.

That said, around ten thousand members of the public have been through the doors of the Exhibition since the relaunch and many more regularly use the café and secret garden behind the convent's walls.

But Jerry Ibbotson has issued a plea for members of church groups. 'We need their support, basically. We do have groups who come on pilgrimages to York and stay in our Guest House. Others come for a day trip and visit the Exhibition. But as a charity we need as many people as possible to come and learn about the convent's incredible history.'

That's where church groups of all kinds come in. By visiting us, they'll help ensure the Bar Convent continues to thrive for years to come.'

The Bar Convent is at 17 Blossom Street in York and further details can be found on the website:

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

WE HAVE HAD two lovely ecumenical services this month. In Shoreham, Churches Together organised a Choral Evensong at St Nicholas' Anglican church and then in Steyning there was a united service at the St James' Anglican church in Ashurst. In addition to those there was a Nuptial Mass celebrated at the ancient Anglican church of St Botolph (near Steyning) for one of our parishioners.

You may remember we were raising funds and packing up back packs for Mary's Meals and the final number of bags completed was 79 with extra items to complete backpacks at the depot. This means that 79 very happy children will be off to school.

After a Sunday evening Mass Fr Graham Ricketts held a question and answer session. It was very well attended and the young people in particular came up with some very interesting and thoughtful questions.

On our patronal feast we celebrated with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament joined by the first communion children, who received their certificates, and their parents.

Penny Richardson

BANSTEAD

ON THE AFTERNOON of 1 July Fr Miceal Beatty celebrated Mass with the Anointing of the Sick. This was followed by afternoon tea for our older parishioners, given by our Conference of the SVP. Comments afterwards were - 'it was better than the Ritz', and another 'had never had a tea quite like it'. The 'Minni Vinnies' of St Anne's School entertained our guests with excellent singing which everyone enjoyed (see photo on page 11). We were very proud of our children as they went from table to table chatting to all parishioners who were thoroughly delighted to have the chance to talk to them. An enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

Christine Gilbert

CRAWLEY

WE ALL REJOICED with our Mauritian community at Mass on 8 July, the conclusion of their Mission week-end with Fr Joycelyn Gregoire. Fr Joycelyn and Fr Chris Dobson concelebrated Mass, assisted by Deacon Andrew Bayes. Music was led by our Blue Sash choir and music group, together with our magnificent Mauritian choir and musicians. Fr Joycelyn said that it was good to see everyone joining in the worship.

Barbara Winstanley

EASTBOURNE

BISHOP RICHARD celebrated our confirmation ceremony with 22 young people receiving Confirmation and we were honoured to have 11 candidates from Christ the King parish accompanied by Fr Barry Anderson. We were blessed again this year to welcome Doreen

TO ALL OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

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EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD



Our Redshirts from l to r: Grace Donohue, Aisling Worts, Alex Thorogood, Fran Parr and Andrea Bozzini

A CHARITY TAPAS MEAL to raise funds for our five Red Shirts going to Lourdes was held at La Farola restaurant in East Grinstead on 17 July. 79 parishioners attended and £940 was raised towards the expenses of the Red Shirts.

The annual sleep out for homeless charities took place on the warm night of Saturday 1 July in East Grinstead High Street. Parishioners from Our Lady and St Peter and from other churches, ranging in age from 16 to 81, braved a light shower overnight. They raised over £600 for Crawley Open House, The Easter Team and Worthing Churches Homeless Charities.

St Bernard's Hall, Lingfield, played host to an afternoon of music and a cream tea in aid of Friends of the Holy Land on Sunday 9 July.

Clive Carpenter

Cronin, head teacher of St Richard's Catholic College and many of her staff; it is very heart-warming to see how they support their students. Kirsty McIlhargey led the music group with beautiful music and singing throughout the ceremony. A party was held a week later for the confirmands who received their certificates signed by Bishop Richard.

We welcomed Richard Beeston from the Lewes Prison Chaplaincy who spoke at all Masses about the work of the Chaplaincy at the Prison. One of our priests attends there every Saturday morning at 9am to celebrate Mass and amongst other lay people, are invaluable in creating an atmosphere of welcome and prayer.

A baby loss service was held giving time for prayer and reflection for those who had lost a child before or soon after birth.

One of our parish Red Shirts leaders left for Lourdes on the coach, after Bishop Richard celebrated Mass for them in St Wilfrid's Crawley. After reaching France by ferry they continued on by coach across France and all arrived safely in Lourdes ahead of the main Diocesan Pilgrimage who arrive on Friday.

Mary Staffiere

PETWORTH with DUNCTON

THE ANNUAL MASS in honour of Blessed Margaret Pole took place in the ruins at Cowdray House. It is a beautiful and fitting setting for this event as it was the place where Margaret Pole was imprisoned for her faith from 1538 to 1539.

Three children received their First Holy Communion in Petworth on Sunday 25 June and, as always, it was a special occasion for

MERSTHAM, REDHILL and REIGATE

THE CELEBRATION marking the graduation of Fr Louis Ezelio from the University of Leeds with a doctorate was literally a singing and dancing affair, with feasting too. The singing was mainly at the Mass; there was a gospel choir with nuns on the drums and the congregation joined in heartily. Fr Louis' sister-in-law, Mary Jane Ezelio, read the first reading and the Gospel was proclaimed by his friend Fr Celestine Ekwueme. The homily was given by another friend, Fr Cyriacus Okafor, who spoke about resilience, recounting how the three priests had flown into Leeds at night from Lagos to study for masters degrees. It was something of a shock. At home it was always women who did the cooking. They ate junk food for a while. Then Fr Louis said 'If we carry on like this we shall be in trouble' so he started cooking.

Another problem was language; understanding different accents was difficult. At the beginning they could hardly understand a word a Scottish lecturer was saying. As Fr Cyriacus said, resilience is something we all need in our various circumstances. The celebrants processed out to a rousing Hallelujah Chorus. A most fitting finale!

Then came the dancing, feasting, and more dancing. The new graduate entered the parish centre accompanied by family and friends, all dancing to the music, as was everyone already in the crowded hall. A great variety of food was provided; hot and cold, the traditional English buffet, and both Asian and African food too. On the tables there were not only wine and water but bottles of Nigerian Guinness; we had already learned from Fr Louis that Nigerian Guinness is stronger than what we are used to and now we were able to try it for ourselves. Sadly for us Fr Louis is leaving to join the Crawley parish team. We both pray for him and wish him well in his new posting.

Ann Lardeur



Fr Louis Ezelio with his sister-in-law Mary Jane Ezelio

them and their families, as well as the rest of the congregation. Afterwards there was a small reception in the presbytery for the children and their relatives.

During the summer there have been a series of small group meetings to give further thought to building up a vision of what our parishes might become and how they will grow and thrive in the future as the number of priests in the Diocese continues to decline. It will be up to us as parishioners to drive our parishes forward and make sure we are active and vibrant communities of faith.

The Duncton summer breakfast took place after morning Mass on Sunday 2 July. These are popular occasions which give parishioners a chance to meet and talk informally over bacon rolls and coffee.

Sally Bohane

RUSTINGTON

OUR FAREWELL event for Fr Dominic O'Hara was very well attended, with every table in the hall full and an overflow into the garden. A lovely buffet lunch was followed by afternoon tea with strawberries and cream and an array of homemade cakes and scones. Longtime parishioner John Austin spoke eloquently in appreciation of Fr Dominic's successful six years as parish priest, paying particular tribute to his outstanding pastoral care of the sick and the dying, together with the development of the parish as a caring and welcoming community. He concluded with best wishes for Fr Dominic's health and strength and many blessings in the future. In reply Fr Dominic expressed his appreciation of the hard work of so many parishioners and wished the parish well in what may be difficult times ahead. We look forward to welcoming Fr Carl Davies in September as our new parish priest.

Michael Mitchell

WEST BYFLEET

WHILE OUR DIOCESE is on pilgrimage to Lourdes - including a group from our parish - we held on Sunday 30 July a Lourdes Devotion Service, which included the distribution of Lourdes Water, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick. This well attended Service was followed by afternoon tea (and Pimms) in the parish centre.

On 3 August we hosted the latest in a series of Ecumenical Morning Prayer meetings with our fellow Christians from St John's Anglican Parish.

Paul Tipple

ST LEONARDS on SEA

AFTER A BREAK of some years, the Corpus Christi Procession was revived last month in the Good Shepherd parish in St Leonards and Hollington. It was well supported by parishioners and ably assisted by the Knights of St Columba.

It was an occasion of prayerful devotion and joy.

The picture (below) shows our First Holy Communion children from both churches processing behind the Blessed Sacrament in the school playground. Afterwards a good party was enjoyed in Concordia Hall.

Fr Thomas Treherne



Our First Holy Communion children processing behind the Blessed Sacrament

Minni Vinnies Entertain at St Ann's Banstead



The Minni Vinnies of St Anne's School entertain parishioners at the afternoon tea provided by St Ann's Church Conference SVP, Banstead - report on page 10.

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Story and Photo: Lucy Hall

Walking 500 Miles for the SVP

In our May 2017 issue (page 11) we reported on 73 year old grandfather Jim Monaghan's plan to walk to Santiago de Compostela to raise funds for the work of the SVP. We are delighted to report that he has completed the walk and Jim reports below:

ON 26 APRIL I DEPARTED Stansted for Biarritz, then, next day, onto St Jean Pied de Port, the start point for my 500 mile walk to Santiago de Compostela to raise funds for SVP. I was prepared physically, mentally and spiritually for this pilgrimage and had no fears.

Snow in the Pyrenees was beautiful as was driving wind, rain and later temperatures in high twenties.

I completed Camino in 31 days arriving into Santiago on Sunday 28 May in time for 12 o'clock Mass.

Why walk the Camino? If you can walk, you can do the Camino! Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time. The walking paths are well marked, no map is required! Plan and go.

But why??

I was attracted to James the Apostle since reading the Bible. In eight chapters he covers pride, greed, lust, worldliness, discrimination and slander, all in a punchy way - my kind of man. He pilgrim-

aged to the Iberian Peninsula to spread the word of Jesus and, on returning to Judea, he was martyred in AD44 according to Acts 12. His remains were later transported by followers to today's Galicia and are buried under Santiago's Cathedral - so I was attracted there by the first cousin of Jesus!! Simple!

Apart from Religiosity there is freedom of open road, escape from century 21, the creeds and nationalities met en route, great bonds and friendships made.

And I did it on behalf of SVP's much needed funds.

Why don't you organise a coffee morning or collection and donate to the SVP? (by the way, My Just Giving page is still open).

(<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/James-Monaghan4>)

Story and Photo: Jim Monaghan, Our Lady of England SVP, Storrington



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