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Rite of Election 2018

IN WARM SUNSHINE, 88 catechumens and candidates for reception into the Catholic Church together with godparents, sponsors and catechists gathered in Arundel Cathedral to meet with Bishop Richard for the Rite of Election on Saturday 17 February.

It was a moving occasion as the 47 Catechumens who are to be baptised were greeted individually by Bishop Richard and then signed the Book of the Elect (pictured below). Equally so, the 41 Candidates together with their sponsors stood to commit to the final stage of the journey into the Catholic Church.

Candidates and Catechumens came from all over Surrey and Sussex and reflected a wide diversity of faith and no faith backgrounds and ethnicities.

The scene was echoed throughout England & Wales as thousands of candidates wanting to be received into the Church were welcomed in Catholic Cathedrals at the beginning of Lent.

In his homily during the service Bishop Richard asked them to pray for two prisoners in Lewes Prison, Michael and James, who had that morning received baptism, confirmation and first Holy Communion in the prison chapel. He reminded those present - whether catechumens, candidates or catechists or life-long Catholics - that, like Michael and James we are all on a journey, following where the Lord leads us and always in need of conversion and to be witnesses to the world of this same Lord.

At the end of the service Bishop Richard then also individually greeted all the candidates and sponsors as people left the Cathedral rejoicing in what we had witnessed.

Story and pictures: Mark Woods

Michael Hunter, Candidate and Michelle Tomsco, Sponsor - from St Michael's Parish in Worthing with Bishop Richard



BOOK OF THE ELECT

The Rite of Election is a significant step for those who want to be received into the Church, and who, as part of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at Easter.

On behalf of the Church, the Bishop announces acceptance of the godparents' testimony, receives the names of the catechumens and, at the climax of the rite, declares the catechumens to be the *elect of God*, chosen for baptism.

This is significant, as signing the Book of Elect is not just a sign of personal commitment and discipleship by the catechumens, publically expressed. It is also a sign and recognition that it is God who has chosen the catechumens to serve Him.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (John 15:16, RSV).

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The Rite of Election 2018 at Arundel Cathedral



TOP LEFT: From left, sponsor Reynald Dioso, Mrs Ellen Balbuena and candidate Ariel Balbuena from St John the Evangelist Church, Horsham

ABOVE: Mya Kirk, catechumen from Guildford Parish (on right) with her Godmother Consuela Perez, centre, and her sponsor Sharon Woloszyn, at left.

LEFT: Martin Donovan, candidate from St High of Lincoln Church in Knaphill (on left), with his two daughters and sponsors, Sian Donovan-Philips and Michelle Hodges-Stubbs, with Michelle's husband Duane.

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The Rite of Election 2018 (continued)



ABOVE: Rohan and Rozina Patel with their two children Hayden and Zara from St Dunstan's church in Woking. All four are Catechumens with in the centre their Godparent Marita Gramstadt.



ABOVE: Nicola Baker, catechumen from St Mary Star of the Sea, Hastings, and her partner Gary with their two children and sponsor, parish Deacon Duncan Brown.



ABOVE: On the right Ian Hunter, candidate from Arundel Parish, with wife and sponsor Marion, his sister Paula and her husband Ron.



Signing the Book of Elect



ABOVE: Kelvin Li, candidate from Christ the Prince of Peace Church in Weybridge with his sponsor and wife Sunny Mo and their daughter.

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Hopefully, the recent trials of snow, ice, sub-zero temperatures and chilling winds are behind us and we are entering Spring when all things are re-born. We look forward with A E Houseman to when:

*'Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough.'*

This month, on page 6, we are delighted to welcome the first of a bi-monthly series of articles and reports from A&B Education Service. Catholic education endeavours to make the person of Jesus Christ known and loved, and to place Him and the teachings of the Church at the centre of the educational enterprise.

With 83 schools and academies in the diocese - including Cardinal Newman in Brighton & Hove, the largest Catholic school in England & Wales and one of the largest in the country - the Education Service has a central and vital role in the development of our young people.

In this edition we report on the annual Rite of Election that took place at Arundel Cathedral and look forward to welcoming with great joy the dozens of Candidates and Catechumens throughout the diocese who will soon become members of the Catholic Church. Deo gratias!

Best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Harry Robertson

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JUST A THOUGHT

THE BEST POSSIBLE LIFE

Lent and Holy Week, culminating in the Easter Vigil, offer us a feast of scripture. So much to digest! Through it all we need to distil the threads that hold all those Godly instructions and promises together. Thousands of years of words that all describe the plan of God to send his Son to live like us "in all things but sin" and to save us, free us, redeem us. Everything is "planned" by God for this purpose. Everything in a real sense is good and necessary. Even the Fall, even sin, as we sing in the Easter Vigil Exultet can be proclaimed as "O happy fault, O necessary sin of Adam". Everything is part of God's plan to pave the way for the Dying and Rising of Christ. The Risen Jesus quite simply opens up for us all a way to a fullness of life, a wholeness of being, and a way to the *very best possible life!*

Isn't that what we want for our families, our friends, our neighbours, the stranger passing us in the street, for our world so full of fear and destruction? We want people, you and I included, to live *the best possible life*. God doesn't want us to survive, God wants us to flourish. Let's embrace God's gift generously and joyfully. Alleluia!

Fr Kevin Dring

Refugee Tales - a New Walk for 2018

Refugee Tales is rooted in the work of the charity Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, which through a network of befrienders supports people in immigration detention at Gatwick. Refugee Tales enables the accounts of those who have experienced detention in the UK to be heard.



REFUGEE TALES PILGRIMS will be arriving in St Albans on Friday 6 July, with their packs and walking boots, excited and a little anxious as they prepare to embark on a five day walk to Westminster. Refugee Tales is subtitled 'A Walk in Solidarity with Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Detainees'. It will be the fourth time that this project has taken the stories of people who have found themselves indefinitely detained under immigration rules on a long walk in southern England. The UK is the only country in Europe that detains people indefinitely. Refugee Tales call for that policy to end.



This Year's Walk

Previous walks have started in Dover, Canterbury and Runnymede. This year the walkers will start from St Albans and walk to Hertford via Hatfield, then on to Waltham Abbey, Chingford, Stoke Newington, arriving in Westminster on the afternoon of Wednesday 11 July.

The walk will pass through towns of great historical importance, beautiful countryside, Epping Forest and then East London with its long history

of migration. The choice of St Albans for the start of the walk is not a coincidence. Alban is believed to have been a Romano-British citizen of the third century in the Roman city of Verulamium, in the valley below the present Cathedral. The earliest versions of his history say that he gave shelter to a stranger fleeing from persecution. This stranger was a Christian priest, originally un-named but later called Amphibalus in the retelling of the story. Alban was so moved by the priest's faith and courage that he asked to be taught more about Christianity, then still a forbidden religion. Encouraged by his new faith he refused to betray the priest and was martyred as a result.



The Tales

The walkers will stay overnight in church or village halls and every evening invite the community to come and hear stories of those who have experienced detention and life as a refugee or asylum seeker. These tales are very powerful and are an effective way of informing people of the real consequences of the policy of indefinite detention. The Tales are told in two ways: in some cases people tell their own tales directly and in others the person whose tale is told collaborates with an established writer. Two volumes of the tales so far have been published and are available from Comma Books. The evenings are modelled on Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, where experience is shared through the telling of stories; a Host leads the event and a musician always provides a moving outlet for an often emotional experience.

Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group

The Refugee Tales project was initiated four years ago by a group of volunteer visitors from Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group to the two immigration removal centres, Brook House and Tinsley House, at Gatwick Airport. Nearly seven hundred men are held at any one time while their immigration status is considered. Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group is a registered charity and around forty volunteers visit the detainees each week. The detainees' experience and trauma is not widely known and so members of the group decided to take the detainees' stories out to communities. They do not march or shout, but take direct experience and burning injustice in the hope that hearts and minds will be changed. The project is not attempting to stop removal when it is legitimate; they acknowledge that detention can be necessary, however, indefinite detention is inhumane, inefficient and expensive.

Booking Your Place

Booking is now open for anyone who would like to walk for the whole five days or just for one or two. All the walk starts are near to a rail or underground station; the evening events are free and all are welcome. The final event, which is being held at the British Library on Wednesday 11 July, has to be booked through the British Library.

For more information go to : www.refugeetales.org

Story: Mary Barrett

Pictures: Chris Orange & Jerome O'Hea

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We stop at pubs for lunch and sleep on the floor in church, school or community halls. We try to walk the majority of the pilgrimage on footpaths not roads. This year we will make our way from Salisbury to Buckfast Abbey in Devon. 2018 marks the 1000th anniversary since the original monastery at Buckfast was founded during the reign of King Cnut.

Our pilgrimage is open to all, so long as you are able to walk about 15 miles per day, at a moderate pace, sleep on a floor and be able to make your own way to Salisbury and home from Buckfast or Totnes mainline station. Our luggage and bedding is transported to each overnight stay, so

only a daypack is needed to be carried for supplies. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner are included in the price.

What we've discovered, year after year, is the amazing personal and community value of going on a pilgrimage, as our medieval forebears did, where the journey, walking, laughing, sharing, praying, singing, etc. is as important as the destination.

Want to know more? Full details are on the website:

www.thepilgrims.org.uk



Traidcraft Exchange Praises the Contribution of Church Groups

As millions of Christians all over the world are giving up something for Lent, the Chief Executive of Traidcraft Exchange has thanked church groups for.... giving.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CHARITY Traidcraft Exchange has launched its 2018 Big Brew to support the charity's 'Hidden Entrepreneur' appeal, helping those in some of the world's poorest countries to invest in a brighter future for themselves and their families. The idea is simple - anyone hosting a Big Brew event and who donates to the appeal will be helping entrepreneurs abroad learn the skills they need to turn their potential into profit and use that profit to feed their families and educate their children.

The charity's Chief Executive, Robin Roth, was delighted to announce that in 2017 almost half (44%) of the funds raised during the Big Brew came from kind-hearted church groups.

'The church plays a very important role in the work that we do. Traidcraft was founded with a Christian ethos and those principles are used throughout our work,' said Robin. 'The funding we receive from church groups allows us to make a real difference to the lives of others in developing countries. This year every pound raised from a Traidcraft Big Brew will be matched by the Government meaning we can help twice as many people'.



Hosting a Big Brew

Kate Dixon, Traidcraft Exchange's Fundraising Manager, said: 'Any church group or individual wishing to take part can get a special Big Brew pack which contains everything you need to host an event. The pack contains posters, information, stickers and even a collecting box to put your donations in. Anyone can host an event at work, school, church or the local community centre - in fact, anywhere that you can get a cup of tea or coffee.'

Spreading the Word

The Hidden Entrepreneur appeal is supported by the Government's UK Aid Match scheme, under which **every donation from the public made before 11 April will be matched by a contribution from the Department for International Development.** International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt said:

'In the world's poorest countries, farming is often the main source of income and yet the majority of farmers still live in poverty. By matching donations to Traidcraft Exchange's Hidden Entrepreneur appeal, UK Aid Match will help thousands of people in Kenya, Senegal and Bangladesh develop the business know-how needed to run sustainable enterprises. This in turn will create better futures for their families and communities.'

Cows in Kenya

All donations from the Big Brew and from matched government funding will go to help entrepreneurs like 62-year-old Ruth from Kenya. Ruth has a farm and after increasing her income thanks to a Traidcraft Exchange project, she invested in a number of cows so that she could sell their milk. She is now looking to buy a plot of land and construct houses to rent out.

'I'd ask everyone who is taking part in a Big Brew to remember just how much their donations can change the lives of people like Ruth,' said Kate. 'Even a small donation could help pay for basic tools for their business or help them to branch out into new markets. I'd also like them to think of people like Ruth and her fresh milk when they are drinking their tea. We all love drinking tea until the cows come home - now everyone can help make a difference just by enjoying a cup of tea or coffee!'

Fairtrade tea and coffee, of course!

The Hidden Entrepreneur appeal will run until 11th April 2018.
For more information or to donate go to www.traidcraft.org.uk

Story: Keith Newman

The Passion of Jesus in Guildford on Easter Saturday 31 March 2018

A reminder that Wintershall Players will be presenting a free 90-minute presentation of the Passion of Jesus at 12 noon and again at 2.30pm at the junction of High Street and Quarry Street in Guildford.

Extended Holy Family Icon Gifted to Marriage and Family Life Commission



THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE COMMISSION is delighted to announce that we have been gifted a beautiful icon of the extended Holy Family. It includes Joseph, Mary and Jesus with Mary's parents Joachim and Anne. It was drawn for us by Sister Michaela OSB from the Monastery of the Resurrection, Abu Gosh, Jerusalem and will reside in the chapel in DABCEC.

We are most grateful to the donor for this kindness and look forward to using it to support our ministry and in our prayers.

Story and picture: Katherine Bergin

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Friday 11 May - Sitkovetsky Trio and Friends

7.30pm, Holy Trinity Church, Guildford

The Sitkovetsky Trio, Alexander Sitkovetsky, Wu Qian and Isang Enders
with Michael Collins, clarinet, and Katy Woolley, horn
Programme:

Stravinsky, Brahms, Beethoven and Akiho

Saturday 12 May - Gala Concert

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As the Diocesan Education Service, inspired by the Gospel, we are committed to serving in partnership with our family of schools to be the visible face of Christ and to promote the Common Good through the ministry of education.

What does it mean to be a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school?

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS are appointed by Bishop Richard to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Foundation governors play a leading role in the Catholic community: they collaborate with the bishop in his ministry in education and are responsible for understanding, maintaining and developing the distinctive nature of the Catholic school within the Church's mission of education.

The governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all staff. All governors and staff contribute to the Catholic character of the school and the Catholic nature of the education provided, as set out in its mission statement.

At present, there are approximately six hundred Foundation Governors in Catholic schools and academies across the diocese!

What is the role of a Foundation Governor?

In addition to all the other legal responsibilities of the governing body, the law recognises that foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure that the:

- Catholic character of the school is preserved;
- School is conducted in accordance with its trust deed; and that the
- Religious education curriculum is in accordance with the bishop's policy for his diocese

The governing body plays a key strategic role in the direction of and accountability for the school, but is also part of a network of relationships which includes children and young people, parents, staff, priests, religious, the Diocese, DfE and the wider community.

What can I expect?

Governors need to be able to commit interest, enthusiasm and time to the tasks that being a governor brings. You will find that the role of a Foundation Governor brings personal reward and satisfaction, although it does mean that you must be prepared to give some time to the work. Real and exciting opportunities exist for regular discussion and debate across numerous aspects of school life and provision.

Being a governor affords you the opportunity of collaborating with a wide range of colleagues to ensure all children and young people receive enjoyable and developmental learning experiences within a Christ-centred environment.

Who can apply?

Foundation Governors must be baptised, practising Catholics, who would like to help maintain and develop our Catholic Schools and Academies for the Common Good of the whole Catholic Community.

Do I need to be a teacher or even have a background in education?

No, foundation governors do not need to be education experts, and indeed it would be very imbalanced if all Governing Bodies were made up solely of teachers! Governing Bodies and Local Governing Committees recruit people with a wide range of skills and experience. All governors are able to contribute their rich experience, values and views to enhance and promote the school's ethos and vision. There are many ways you can help children achieve by offering your individual skills for this service.

How long is a term of office? Is it paid?

A term of office is four years (although you can resign at any time) The role is not paid, but it is very rewarding if you are interested in playing an important voluntary role in your local community. Lots of our governors apply to stay on for a second term of office!

Is training and support available?

Yes! The diocese offers a programme of training and support for governors throughout the year. All our training is provided free of charge for governors. Examples include induction for new governors; academies; admissions; LCVAP; support and challenge; Section 48.

Where are the schools and academies located?

- Schools and academies are located across the Diocese as follows:
- Brighton & Hove: seven primary schools; one secondary school.
 - East Sussex: nine primary schools; one secondary school; and two independent schools.
 - West Sussex: four secondary schools; fifteen primary schools; and three independent schools.
 - Surrey: five secondary schools; twenty-three primary schools; one specialist school and twelve independent schools.

How can I get more information?

Gill Sajnog (Assistant Education Officer) is the first port of call for more information about being a Foundation Governor. You can contact her:

- by email on gill.sajnog@dabnet.org;
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We look forward to hearing from you!

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PRIMARY HEADTEACHERS' CONFERENCE on the theme of working and well-being

'Make humanity your journey and you will arrive at God'- St Augustine

PRIMARY HEADTEACHERS from across the diocese gathered in the magnificent chapel setting at the Ashdown Park Hotel East Grinstead on Thursday 1 March, for their annual conference (pictured). The theme of this year's conference was 'Working and Well-being' with presentations designed to nurture and nourish headteachers' spiritual, personal and professional well-being.

The day opened with a beautiful presentation by Claire Franke (Lay Chaplain at St Wilfrid's Catholic Secondary School in Crawley) on spiritual well-being. Claire asked headteachers to reflect on a quote attributed to St Augustine's that if you make humanity your journey, you will arrive at God. This was followed by two excellent presentations on developing one's sense of personal and professional well-being; the first was led by Stephen Calladine-Evans of Fulcrum Learning on the theme of 'Being Well' and the second on 'Mindfulness' led by Ed Halliwell, a leading Mindfulness teacher. After a delicious lunch and a short time to explore the beautiful grounds, Primary Headteachers spent the afternoon in three workshops which developed key themes from the morning sessions.

The day was a wonderful success and appreciated by all who attended, coming together from across the diocese. Comments about the day included the following: 'A really wonderful day. I feel both spiritually and 'well-being' nourished. It is lovely to have so many ideas to take back to school to share with children and staff' (*Jacqui Lance, St Bernadette's, Brighton*); and 'A really beautiful day. I feel refreshed and revived' (*Stephanie Bell, Rydes Hill, Guildford*).

Ashdown Park Hotel's rich Catholic history and the chapel's stunning stained-glass windows provided a wonderful backdrop for the day. Ashdown Park was once home to the Sisters of Notre Dame. Sister Marie Saints Anges had been born into the wealthy Towneley family of Burnley. She entered the Order of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur in Belgium in 1872 and stayed in Namur until 1915 when she returned to England. In 1919 Sister Marie, who had inherited a significant amount of money from her family estates, visited Ashdown Park where she found a property suitable for training novices for the Order. In the spring of 1920 the first Sisters of Notre Dame, together with 33 novices, arrived at Ashdown Park. The Nuns remained happily at Ashdown Park for almost fifty years.



SUMMER TERM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME for Staff and Governors

April

- Monday 16 School Leaders' Briefing for Chairs of Governors, Vice Chair of Governors, Headteachers, 19.00 – 20.30, DABCEC
- Thursday 19 Come and See Planning Workshop EYFS / Key Stage 1 Class teachers 10.00 - 12.00, DABCEC
- Wednesday 25 Come and See Planning Workshop, Key Stage 2 Class teachers 10.00 - 12.00, DABCEC
- Thursday 26 Preparation for Section 48 – School Self Evaluation, 14.00 -16.30, DABCEC
- Friday 27 Induction for newly appointed Headteachers, 14.00 - 16.30, DABCEC

May

- Monday 14 Outstanding Governance – Support and Challenge in a Catholic School 19.00 – 20.30, DABCEC
- Tuesday 15 Support for School Chaplains, 9.30 – 15.15, WORTH ABBEY
- Friday 18 Secondary School Pilgrimage, ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL
- Monday 21 Induction training for new Foundation Governors, 19.00 – 20.30, DABCEC
- Tuesday 22 Clerks' Forum, 16.00 - 18.00, DABCEC
- Wednesday 23 School Business Managers' Forum, 10.00 – 12.30, DABCEC
- Thursday 24 Cross-Phase RE Conference on Spirituality, 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC

June

- Wednesday 6 Support and training for Primary NQTs (Day 3 of 3) 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC
- Thursday 14 Primary RE Coordinators CPD Day (Day 3 of 3), 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC
- Primary and Secondary practitioners are invited to a Cross-Phase Religious Education Conference on Spirituality. The course is designed to equip staff in schools with strategies and resources to nurture and develop spirituality in schools. Activities will be practical and interactive; participants will be given a bank of ideas and resources to take back to their schools.
- Wednesday 20 Good Shepherd Celebration, 11.30, WORTH ABBEY
- Wednesday 27 Cross-Phase Catholic Leaders' Conference for Headteachers, Deputy / Assistant Headteachers, Heads of RE, Chaplains and Chairs of Governors, 9.30 – 15.15, VENUE TBC

July

- Thursday 5 Secondary Heads of RE CPD Day 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC
- Friday 6 Rainbows Conference, 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC
- Would you like to learn more about how your school can support pupils who have experienced loss or bereavement? Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the excellent Rainbows programmes currently being run in diocesan schools and learn how this best practice can be introduced in their own school to support pupils who have experienced loss or bereavement.
- Thursday 12 Section 48 Inspectors' CPD Day, 9.30 – 15.15, DABCEC

Marriage - a Gift to the World and to the Church

'Marriage is a wonderful gift to the church and to the world, a vocation to witness to the love of God for all.

May you be blessed in your response to Him as you find His love in each other.'

BISHOP RICHARD'S WORDS set the tone for a joyful celebration at Worth during National Marriage week. The focus for the day was on celebrating the sacrament of marriage and exploring ways we can continue to give a witness to the love of Christ in our lives together. Recognising the value and importance of our vocational calling was important to all the couples gathered and there was a palpable sense of love in the Abbey Church.



Speakers from a range of organisations shared a variety of different ways we could focus and enrich our marriages and gave ideas and tips to help to continue to build strong marriage.

Couples for Christ is a growing network within the Diocese intended for the renewal and strengthening of Christian family life. The members have committed themselves to the Lord and to one another so that they may grow in maturity as men and women of God and fulfil their primary vocation of raising up families under the lordship of Jesus Christ and for the service of the Kingdom of God. www.couplesforchristglobal.org

Equipes Notre Dame, more commonly known as 'Teams' is an organisation for Christian married couples who want to develop their relationship with God both personally and as a couple. They do this as member of a Team of about four to six couples and a spiritual counsellor meeting together for a meal and to discuss, pray and share the ups and downs of everyday life. www.equipes-notre-dame.com

The Marriage Course The Marriage Course is for couples who are seeking to strengthen their relationship. Some couples do the course to intentionally invest in their relationship; others are looking to address more specific challenges. Either way, the course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that lasts a lifetime.

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www.themarriagecourses.org

Marriage Encounter Weekends are a special time for a married couple away from all distractions: work, kids, bills, and other pressures and concerns. It takes place at a local hotel or facility where presentations are given in the conference room and couples reside at the hotel/facility for the entire weekend.

All sharing between spouses is PRIVATE, and this is NOT a weekend to solve problems! This weekend will help couples in good marriages communicate even better.

wwme.org.uk

Cana is a formation course for married couples. To get the best out of the course, we advise it should be undertaken over a twelve-month period so that the couple can have the experience of monthly fraternity meetings, two residential weekend retreats and one week-long residential summer session. This week-long residential session is a rare opportunity to take time as a couple – a week to breakout from the busy routine of modern life, to rediscover one another and grow through dialogue and prayer. A core ingredient of Cana is the expectation that the couple will join a monthly fraternity (a small group) which runs for the period of the twelve-month course and these monthly meetings play a pivotal part of the program.

www.chemin-neuf.org.uk



The day concluded with Mass and tea with an opportunity to visit a marketplace, full of helpful suggestions and resources. Everyone left feeling nourished and encouraged, several saying that they had transferred Valentine's Day from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday and felt the day had been wonderful.

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Fr Stan Mycek as Assistant Priest to Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis
Fr Neil Chatfield as Parish Priest of Christ the King, Eastbourne
Fr Alban Chimezie Aguezeala as Priest-in-Charge to St Ann's, Banstead
Fr Binoy Nilayattungal Thomas will reside in the Nativity of the Lord Parish, Mersham, to minister to the Syro-Malabar community

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION SATURDAY 21 July 2018

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12 Noon Holy Mass
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1-1.45 Lunch break (please bring packed lunch)
1.45 The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
2.15 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3.00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Adoration and Silent Prayer
3.30 Benediction
4.15 Departure
There will be opportunities for Confession in the afternoon

For further information please contact either :
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A DAY FOR WOMEN
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Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Apostolate of the Eucharistic Adoration

'The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by praying before Our Lord we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace.' Pope St John Paul II

THE MISSION OF THE APOSTALATE is to help parishes throughout the diocese establish and maintain viable weekly Eucharistic Adoration programmes. Can we help in your parish? Please pray for our efforts to spread this devotion so that more priests and their parishioners will be drawn into the loving presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

'Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend time with the Lord who is so near.' Pope Benedict XVI

For more information contact the Apostolate Secretary: Rosie Westcott, email: raw21@talk21.com telephone: 079 0556 5395

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7 April - Soprano (Susanna Fairburn) & Trumpet (Robert Vanryne)
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Matching your donations with UKaid

The Big Brew is a great idea that brings us together to help producers around the world have a better quality of life. This year Big Brews supported Traidcraft's Hidden Entrepreneur appeal that focuses on people in developing countries who have the talent and determination to succeed but lack the opportunity. And this year every donation will be matched by the UK Government so twice as much money goes to help people build businesses and create a better future for their families and communities. Let us celebrate with a Meaningful Fairtrade Easter Egg that includes a descriptive booklet - Enjoy! In Fairtrade Fortnight a giant double doorway opening on to a scene from a banana farm was unveiled on the Millenium Footbridge, London! The stunt marked the Fortnight's Come on In campaign calling on the public to stand with farmers to close the door on exploitation and break the stranglehold of poverty prices. The Last 15 years have seen a 40% fall in the typical UK retail price of loose bananas while the costs of production have doubled in some regions.

BISHOP'S DIARY

MARCH/APRIL

Month	Day	Time	Event	
March	Saturday 24	9am-1.30pm	Eucharist and Family Meeting, St Dunstan's, Woking	
	Sunday 25	11.15am	Palm Sunday Mass at Arundel Cathedral	
	Monday 26	10.00am	Visit to Boarbank Hall, Cumbria	
	Wednesday 28	6pm	Chrism Mass at Arundel Cathedral	
	Saturday 31	10-11.30am	Wellspring Retreat at Worth Abbey	
		3.30pm	Wintershall Service, Holy Trinity Church, Guildford	
		8.30pm	Easter Vigil at Arundel Cathedral	
	April	Monday 2	11am	Visit (Joel's Bar), Worth Abbey
		Tuesday 3- 5th		HCPT, Lourdes
		Friday 6	7pm	Ruby Jubilee Mass, Fr David Russell, Brighton
Sunday 8		8.30am	Mass at Pulborough	
		10.30am	Mass at Billingshurst	
		7pm	Lourdes Fundraiser at Worth Abbey	
Monday 9		11.30am	Episcopal Ordination of Rev Canon Paul Swarbrick at Lancaster Cathedral	
Thursday 12		11am	Episcopal Council, High Oaks	
		7.30pm	Induction Mass for Fr Paul Turner at Tarcisius, Camberley	
Friday 13		9am	Meeting High Oaks	
		7.30pm	Guildford Deanery Confirmation, Farnham	
Saturday 14		9am-1pm	Eucharist and Family Event, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield	
Sunday 15		3pm	Mayfield Deanery Confirmations, Uckfield	
Monday 16-19			Bishops' Plenary Conference, Hinsley Hall, Leeds	
Friday 20		7.30pm	Crawley Deanery Confirmations	
Saturday 21		11am&2.30pm	Epsom Deanery Confirmations	
Sunday 22		11.30am	Mayfield School Confirmations, Mayfield	
		2.30pm	Scout Service, Arundel Cathedral	
Monday 23	12 noon	Recently ordained Clergy lunch, High Oaks		
	7pm	Induction Mass for Pete Byrne, Head Teacher of Chatsmore at St Mary of the Angels, Worthing		
Tuesday 24	1-4pm	Meeting with Seminarians at Womersley		
	6pm	Mass at St John's Seminary, Womersley		
Wednesday 25	8.30am	Meetings at DABCEC		
	2.30pm	St Cuthman's Management Committee Meeting, St Cuthman's		
Thursday 26	6pm	Meeting at High Oaks		
	5pm	Governors' Meeting at St Mary's University, Twickenham		
Friday 27	12.45pm	Lunch at the House of Lords, Westminster		
	7.30pm	Redhill Deanery, Confirmations at Caterham		
Saturday 28	10am	Day for Religious, Worth Abbey		
	4pm	Meeting at High Oaks		

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A weekend away for a lifetime of change
Are you single again following separation, divorce or death of your partner? Beginning Experience is a weekend programme to help you to move from the darkness of your grief into the light of a new beginning and to help you to face the future with renewed hope. The next local weekend is from 20 to 22 April at the Domus Mariae Centre in Chigwell in Essex. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Freda 01322 838415 or Sandra 01292 783965 or email: johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Pastoral Team



World Meeting of Families 21 to 26 August 2018

HELD EVERY THREE YEARS, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

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THE DIOCESE is making the most of this wonderful opportunity by organising accommodation and transport for those who would like to attend. It is open to families of all shapes and sizes, from tiny tots to Grandma and Pops! We will be staying together in Dublin City University accommodation and travelling to events together by coach.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US on this journey, you can contact Lizzie Wakeling of the Diocesan Pastoral team on 01293 651155 or email wmof2018@dabnet.org

There may be opportunities for sponsorship by your Parish or Deanery so please speak to your Parish Priest if you would like to be considered. For more general information about the event visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/



LAST YEAR, FIFTY PEOPLE from around the Diocese joined us at DABCEC for Break-through 2017. Our first Diocesan day for youth leaders and catechists. The good news is that this year we're repeating the day! We've got an amazing line up, and we're expecting even more people.

INSPIRE 2018 (yes, we've changed the name) will be at St Joseph's in Redhill on Saturday 12 May, running from 10am to 3.30pm (Doors open 9.30am)

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We are looking for two additional volunteers to join the team of Editorial Assistants working on the A&B News in DABCEC, Crawley and reporting to the paper's Editor. Commitment is expected to be three to five days a month, full training will be given and travel and other appropriate expenses will be reimbursed.

If you are interested please send your details to Ruth Gerun at ruth.gerun@dabnet.org or on 01293 651164; and if you wish to discuss the position further please contact Harry Robertson, Editor, on 01293 513052 or harry.robertson@dabnet.org.

Knights of St Columba Medal



BROTHER PADDY HOOKE, of Hastings and Rother Knights has received his 25 Year Jubilarian Medal from Fr Miceal Beatty, Parish Priest at St Thomas of Canterbury Church. Fr Miceal, Bro Sean Harkins, Bro David Giles and Bro Stephen Bradshaw are pictured joining the brothers in congratulating Bro Paddy with a celebratory glass which was raised to his health after the Council in the John Fisher Room at St Thomas of Canterbury where Hastings and Rother Council meetings are held.

Story and picture: Patrick Coates

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

HOW QUICKLY Lent seems to have arrived this year.

We have Lent Courses in many parts of the parish. In addition Fr Tony Lovegrove has held sessions Exploring Prayer.

Our confirmation group have been on a day retreat to St Cuthman's at Coolham.

The Youth SVP served pancakes after Mass on the Sunday before Shrove Tuesday.

The Burns Night held in January raised £1,061.30 for Extratime which provides after school activities for learning disability children.

The entire parish has completed a Questionnaire to enable future planning for our deanery and diocese. The results were collated by a team of volunteers and were read out at Mass.

Penny Richardson

CRAWLEY

OUR INTREPID parishioner Katie-George Dunlevy recently formally opened a new gym and indoor cycling studio at the K2 leisure centre in Crawley. Paralympian Katie-George uses K2 Crawley for her training.

On 11 February we held a cake sale in aid of our lovely Blue Sash choir. As Fr Simon Dray said, a final chance to indulge before Lent!

Many thanks to our Mauritian community for the excellent job they did in 'spring-cleaning' the church – everything is now beautifully clean and polished!

Barbara Winstanley

EASTBOURNE

Christ the King and St Joachim

PARTIES HAVE been held at both of our churches to mark Fr Barry Anderson's retirement after having served as our parish priest for over 21 years.

Fr Barry's immense popularity was obvious for all to see by the large number of parishioners who attended each of the celebrations. Presenting Fr Barry with a financial gift, realised as a result of a collection among parishioners, Deacon Eugene Adams thanked him for his many years of devoted service to the parish and to his parishioners. Fr Barry in turn thanked Deacon Eugene and the parishioners for their kindness to him throughout his long stay as our parish priest.

Following Fr Barry's departure we are now pleased to welcome Fr Neil Chatfield who was previously assistant priest at our adjoining parish of Our Lady of Ransom, St Agnes and St Gregory.

The Matthew 25 charity has thanked our parish for its generous donation towards helping homeless and vulnerable people in our town. A mailing has also been received from the Infant Jesus Sisters in Nigeria thanking us for our Christmas gift to their girls' school situated in an area that faces many challenges, not least the HIV epidemic and the ever present threat of attacks by Boko Haram.

John Carmody

MOLESEY

THE NEW YEAR has seen us back to normality. However we have had a particularly busy few days.

We celebrated the Feast of the Purification with a procession of candles to start Mass.

On Friday evening 2 February we had a presentation of Duke of Edinburgh's Awards by the Mayor of Elmbridge. The young people ran the proceedings and six Gold, three Silver and 11 bronze awards were received.

On Saturday 3 February we received the Blessing of St Blaise at morning Mass, then during the evening Mass a special thanks was given to Mr Michael Le Marie for his stalwart work during the past 50 years, looking after the church and associated buildings among other things in our parish.

Also on Saturday some of our Confirmandi attended the prayer evening with the Bishop at Womersley. This was an excellent evening and very enjoyable.

Jean Casha

WEST BYFLEET

THE PARISH INAUGURATION of the Day for Adoration of the Eucharist took place on Thursday 22 February. We now have a full rota of attendance from 10.00am to 10.00pm each Thursday.

On Ash Wednesday two services were held at Our Lady's, the evening service being supported by the attendance of clergy and members of other churches in the area.

The Catenian Group continues its regular meetings, and is planning to launch in July as a Catenian Circle under the leadership of former National President Vernon DeCruz.

The parish Craft Club which meets monthly on Saturdays, seeks to have fun and share craft skills, eg in crochet, knitting, card making, and preparing handmade gifts for sale at Christmas.

On 21 March we welcome Dr Martin Hodson, a former lecturer at Oxford University, to give a talk on climate change from both scientific and Christian viewpoints.

On 2 March we join other local churches at St John's West Byfleet for a service of prayer for The Women's World Day of Prayer, using a liturgy prepared by women from a particular country – this year being from Surinam, with the theme 'All God's creation is very good'.

Paul Tipple

ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA



Fr Beatty standing, with from left to right, Rev Sean Gilbert, Rev David Hill, Rev Janet Mandell and Rev Luke Irvine-Capel

TO ALL OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

ITEMS for the May 2018 issue must reach the Editorial Office at Crawley by 10am on Monday 2 April 2018 and for the June 2018 issue by Monday 30 April 2018. 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.

ON THE FEAST DAY of St Blaise, Saturday 3 February, it was great to see so many parishioners at Mass at the church of The Holy Redeemer, Hollington, celebrating the Feast of St Blaise and even better that Fr Mícheál Beatty, our parish priest, had the opportunity to bless so many throats.

On Thursday, 8 February, Fr Mícheál met with members of St Leonards Fraternal for the first time. (St Leonards Fraternal, which meets every other month, provides an opportunity for the clergy from local churches to get together to discuss ecumenical matters and items of local concern or interest). They started their recent gathering with Midday Prayer of the Church followed by a most enjoyable luncheon.

Elizabeth Fitch

MIDHURST

LENT: 'Jesus went into the desert for forty days of prayer, fasting and confronting temptation.' In acknowledgment of Lent, the parish held two types of gatherings during the 40 days, for prayer, fasting and charity.

The parish held popular Friday Lent lunches with a selection of soups with bread and cheese. Donations from these lunches go to the Food-bank.

Praying together in Lent is led by Fr Peter Newsam. Groups of people were invited to get together during Lent, when Fr Peter would join them to lead the prayer.

At our parish Lent events, we strive to follow Jesus' example.

Paula Dempsey

OBITUARIES

Frances (Fran) Rourke

FRAN was born in South London. Her mother died when she was six and she moved around with her father and brother in the south London area, finally going to live with her grandmother and two maiden aunts in Sidcup.



She was twice evacuated during the war to Chichester and to Wales.

On leaving Notre Dame School, she worked for local authorities in London until early retirement due to her disability – Transverse Myelitis. In 1983 she married John, whom she had met through a work colleague. The couple moved to Eastbourne, where John died just five years later.

She had a variety of interests and a strong faith. This led to her work with A&B NEWS, which lasted 22 years.

She became correspondent for Eastbourne parish (which was all one unit in those days) in November 1997. She continued in that role for many years. In parallel with that role she joined the editorial team in July 1998, travelling up several times a month from Eastbourne.

In recent years her health began to deteriorate, she became less mobile and eventually unable to come to Crawley. However, she continued to undertake work from home and in particular the monthly updating of the index. She had only recently stood down from this task.

Fran has never lost her interest in the paper, keeping in touch with the changes over the years. She has been a very loyal and useful member of the team.

We offer our sympathies to her niece and her many friends.

May she rest in peace.

PG

Patrick Brady

1929-2017

PAT (AKA PADDY) CAME TO ENGLAND IN 1949 to attend his sister's wedding and stayed for the rest of his life.

He joined Surrey Regiment and served in North Africa. To ladies he was 'a charmer', to men 'a loveable rogue'.

Pat was a cornerstone in the parish



of St Joseph's Redhill. His sociability made him ideal for raising funds through the covenant scheme. He would greet new parishioners with one hand and offer a form and pen with the other. In those days Redhill received the highest return from the revenue and Paddy's efforts in this regard were worth around £40,000.

There were peals of laughter as Fr Laurence Quin Morris, who had flown over from Canada especially for the service, recounted incidences in Pat's life. Generous but frugal he learned to his cost the danger of economizing, when instead of using antifreeze he used his overcoat to keep his car engine from freezing. One morning in haste he forgot to remove the overcoat and a short way down the road the car ground to a halt as Paddy discovered his overcoat in shreds mangled around the fan-belt.

Mass was immensely important to Pat. Hating the cold he was very fond of his electric blanket. One winter morning, when he returned home he discovered the fire brigade outside emptying the contents of his house on to the street – in haste to get to church on time, he had forgotten to turn off the electric blanket!

He founded a social club and was busy every Sunday night as the local DJ running dances.

The St Patrick's Day dances were legendary hosting many of the big band names of the day including his personal favourite, Sean Wilson, and of course the menu for that evening had to include gammon and Jameson's. He also started and ran a parish football team.

Paddy was always a 'natty' dresser. Even in his coffin he was wearing his best suit and proudly sporting his Bene Merenti medal which he received from Bishop Cormac.

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David Morris

PARISH-IONERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY gathered at St Teresa's church for the Requiem Mass of David Morris.



David, who died at the age of 97 was not only a founding member of our parish, but its oldest parishioner. Born in County Durham of mining stock, he came from a large family. He moved to London; in his tribute one of his brothers suggested this was to escape his many sisters. He did not mention there were a number of brothers too!

He trained as a plumber, a career which took him to the Middle East, after which he settled in Merstham with his wife. Still driving at 80 he rarely missed a Sunday Mass. His latter years were spent in Coppice Lea Nursing Home, where he was regularly visited by parishioners who took him Holy Communion.

The photo was taken on the Feast of Christ the King in 2008. After the Mass which also marked the start of our Golden Jubilee, Fr Charles Howell blessed the foundation stone. That same day the youngest parishioner, Genevieve McArdell, was baptised.

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Rosary on the Coast

for Faith, Life & Peace in the British Isles
Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3pm



ROSARY ON THE COAST is a lay initiative inviting the faithful to a Day of Prayer on 29 April from 3:00pm, asking Our Lady to arouse the renewal of Christian faith in the land, to put an end to the scourge of abortion and provide peace for all nations.

The intention is to form a huge prayer chain of volunteers around the coastline, girdling the British Isles, who will be asked to prepare for the event by fasting for 40 days and attending Confession immediately prior to it. This follows very successful similar events that have already taken place in Poland and in Ireland.

The rectors of our two National Marian Shrines (Walsingham & Our Lady of the Taper) in England and Wales have given Rosary on the Coast their full backing and encouragement, as has Cardinal Vincent Nichols and other senior clergy.

As we go to press there are 60 confirmed locations around the British coast. You can find lots of information on their page where you can also read the Briefing Document for the event.

www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

OBITUARIES (Cont.)

Peter Robinson

PETER ROBINSON, who died suddenly on 29 November 2017, was a huge asset to whichever parish he found himself in. Anything that had to be done, Peter would do it. His first love was music and playing the organ, but he'd turn his hand to anything - training the altar servers, serving on the altar, organising Eucharistic services, leading the singing. (For several years he led the singing of the Divine Mercy chaplet on Divine Mercy Sunday at St Mary Magdalen's Bexhill).

Born at Stanmore in Middlesex, his best friend was Brian Ward, who became a priest in Westminster. It seems that Peter considered the priesthood but decided it was not for him. He married Elizabeth, they had three sons, and later settled first in St Leonards and then in Bexhill. They moved to Eastbourne, where Peter felt the local church did not need him, so they settled in Hailsham parish, much to the joy of Fr Rory.

On 27 November after playing for a day of recollection at Holy Cross Priory organized by lay members of Hailsham parish, Peter was taken ill, called for an ambulance but died in hospital.

His old friend Fr Brian, now retired to Ireland, was chief celebrant at his funeral at St Mary Magdalen's on 11 December, supported by a number of local clergy. The church was packed. He will be sadly missed.

R.A.

Fr David Maskell and Fr John Pearson, RIP

As we were preparing to go to press, the sad news reached us of the death of Fr David Maskell, Parish Priest of Henfield, who passed away on Sunday 4 March, and also Fr John Pearson, Parish Priest of Walton-on-Thames, who died on Monday 5 March. We hope to publish obituaries in a later edition of the paper.

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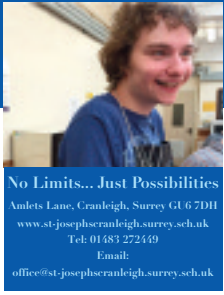
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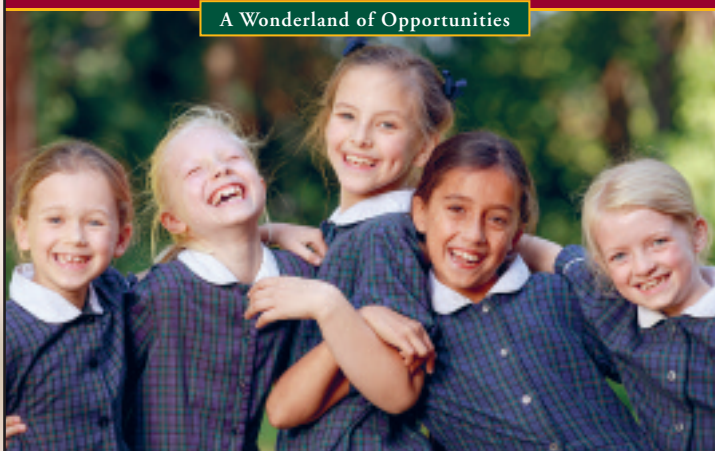
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