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A&B joins Rosary on the Coast



TWENTY-ONE LOCATIONS in our Diocese joined in the national 'Rosary on the Coast' day of Pilgrimage and Prayer that took place at 3pm on Sunday 29 April.

It was estimated that 400 groups all around the coast of Great Britain joined the mass prayer event.

Pope Francis sent his blessing to those taking part and Bishop Richard offered his wholehearted support, saying that he would '...join in prayer that day in asking the intercession of our Diocesan Patron, the Virgin Mary Assumed into Heaven, on behalf of the people of the United Kingdom that we may more deeply value the God-given dignity of each person and the essential worth of each human life.'

Among the locations was the 184-year-old 'Birdcage' Bandstand on Brighton seafront where Fr Ray Blake of St Mary Magdalene Parish led 90 worshippers in a

program of praise and prayer (*above*) that included 'Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, Come' and the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary.

Despite the bitter cold, everyone was in good voice – especially the sizable Polish contingent – and the full ten verses of 'Immaculate Mary' were sung with particular gusto.

In Worthing (*below left*), parishioners gathered in St Michael's Church with Deacon Mark Woods for a more comfortable but no less devoted service of prayer and praise followed by Benediction - and then coffee and cake, with donations to the SVP. Some of the other participating parishes are mentioned in correspondents' reports on page 10.

From early medieval times right up until recent times, England was known as 'Mary's Dowry' – a title that may once more resonate with the faithful.

Story: A&B News Team

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Richard III's Final Resting Place

PARISHIONERS FROM SOUTHWICK, Portslade and Hangleton (Brighton & Hove Deanery West) went on a wonderful day pilgrimage to Leicester Cathedral and Richard III Visitor Centre.

On arrival in Leicester we were met by staff from the Richard III Visitor Centre who started us on our tour. The centre is housed in the former Victorian Grammar School building which stands on the site of the



medieval friary of the Grey Friars, where King Richard III was buried over 500 years ago, after his defeat by Henry Tudor at the Battle of Bosworth.

We were able to see the very place where King Richard III was hastily buried, now transformed and preserved under a glass floor.

There was time for lunch before our guided tour of Leicester Cathedral, which stands opposite the Visitor Centre. The Cathedral is now home to the final resting place of Richard III. As well as King Richard III's impressive tomb (pictured above), the Cathedral has some very beautiful features, such as the magnificent East Window, installed as a monument to those who died in World War I.

Fr Alistair Simmons celebrated Mass with us in the St George's Chapel and we concluded our pilgrimage by staying to listen to and take part in Evensong, sung by the boy choristers of the Cathedral.

Story and pictures: Gill Sajnog

Italian Pilgrimage

A GROUP OF PARISHIONERS from St Anthony's, Rye, accompanied by Fr Matthew Chadwick together with a few people from other parishes, enjoyed a five day pilgrimage to Assisi and Padua during April.

It was a great joy to spend time in these holy places so closely associated with St Francis and with St Anthony of Padua, patron saint of our beautiful church in Rye.



Our group in front of the Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli, Assisi

We all experienced times of intense spirituality, particularly when Fr Matthew celebrated Mass at the tomb of St Francis in the Basilica di San Francesco in Assisi and at Camposampiero where St Anthony spent time in a Franciscan hermitage. We also visited San Damiano where St Francis was asked to repair God's church.

The good company and shared faith of our fellow pilgrims further strengthened the already close bonds between us all.

Story: Jocelyn Rowe
Picture: Simon South

Wintershall Players: 'The Life of Christ'

Wintershall Players will be performing 'The Life of Christ' at the Huntly family's beautiful farm, Wintershall, among the rolling Surrey Hills. The open-air performances will take place from Tuesday 19 to Saturday 23 June, from 10am to 3.30pm each day. More details and booking arrangements can be found at: www.wintershall-estate.com

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Carnival of the Animals



With music script on the mural relating to the correct animal, the children had an immersive introduction to this popular piece with a host of exciting activities including dance, music, learning animal names in French, baking animal shaped biscuits, art and an exciting visit by 'Animazing Animals'!

The boys and girls also hosted an Art Exhibition of their own work and invited parents and friends to the 'Gallery'. We were delighted to welcome Virginia McKenna from the Born Free Foundation to visit our Art Gallery. After learning about the wonderful work of the Born Free Foundation in helping animals, this charity was chosen to receive the generous donations of nearly £400 from the exhibition.

Story: Shelagh Connolly

OUR JUNIOR DEPARTMENT corridors have had a complete makeover with wonderful wall-size murals based on 'Carnival of the Animals' by Camille Saint-Saens.

Royal Correspondence



YEAR 3 & 4 TOWERS PUPILS WERE DELIGHTED to receive a letter from Her Majesty the Queen after they wrote to her whilst working on their topic of recycling waste. The pupils developed two different skills by writing to Her Majesty; their literacy skills were enhanced by the task of writing real letters to real people and their knowledge of 'green' issues was greatly increased.

Story and picture: Clare Trelfa

St Erconwald Parish Walk

FORTY SIX PARISHIONERS set off from St Erconwald Parish church Walton on Thames to walk down to the River Thames at Cowey Sale and then along the river path to the Minnow's pub in Thames Street Weybridge and back again on Sunday 29 April.

The event was organised by our Maintenance group (M2M). 18 of our confirmation candidates joined the walk and their role was to assist our wheel chair team to complete the journey. The event was organised with support from CAFOD in response to Pope Francis' call to support refugees and migrants across the world. Catholics across the globe are supporting similar events in a hope to walk 24,900 miles collectively — the distance around the whole world.

Each individual on our walk completed approx 11,777 steps with a total of 212 miles which will go towards the CAFOD target. Importantly, we read the migrant stories and tried to place our feet in their shoes. Pictured below is Caritas, the international partner of CAFOD, distributing aid at a refugee camp in Bangladesh to the over half-a-million Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

We started and ended our journey together helping to build our Christian community. In the afternoon we all stopped walking and said the Hail Mary in support of the Coastal Rosary event that so many Catholics were also taking part in.

Those willing to donate to CAFOD in support of the refugees can do so at cafod.org.uk/give

Story: Ann Meehan, M2M Group, Picture: CAFOD



Pupils Talk Their Way to Success



AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE in an awe-inspiring venue that I'll always remember,' said Lucy Owen, chairperson of the winning public speaking team from St Philip Howard Catholic School in Barnham. The team travelled to Churchill College, Cambridge on 21 April to participate in the National Finals of the English-Speaking Union (ESU) Public Speaking Competition. Having won through regional rounds and heats, the 'Champions League' atmosphere of competing against the best teams in the country awaited them.

Main speaker Mollie Finnear chose to speak about forgiveness and restorative justice using a quote from Churchill's Finest Hour speech as her title: 'If we open a quarrel between the past and the present, we shall find that we have lost the future.' Having just returned from a year living in Rwanda, her speech explored the Rwandan people's united and courageous response to the 1994 genocide, rebuilding their communities and turning to restorative justice as a means to work together for a brighter future.

The third member of the team, Alyssa Castillo, was the questioner, with the job of

questioning an opposing team member for four minutes in a supportive yet probing style. Head of English, Kevin Finnear, said, 'All three girls were outstanding. To win against such tough competition is an amazing achievement. They've all developed their skills so much during the course of the competition.'

The ESU itself is celebrating its centenary this year. The organisation, which promotes public speaking and debating through a range of activities with schools, sees the annual competition as a vital part of its mission: 'Public speaking is a vital life skill that students will use throughout their academic careers and in their everyday lives. Participants leave the competition having built confidence and experience in articulating their ideas and sharing them with others.'

Having won the award for 'Best speaker', Mollie now goes forward to the International ESU competition next May, with what she claims is the 'terrifying prospect' of delivering speeches with only 30 minutes' warning of the topic!

Story and picture: Kevin Finnear

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THAT 400 GROUPS gathered all around the British coast and simultaneously prayed the Rosary is quite wonderful. We were represented in A&B by 21 participating locations, from West Wittering to Camber Sands.

Over the next four months many from our diocese will also take part in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin and the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool.

For those of us not travelling, one alternative is joining the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. St Francisco Marto (canonised last year) used to worry about the lonely 'hidden Jesus' in the tabernacle of his local church and make every effort to keep him company. DABCEC now has a small chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and I will try to visit the 'hidden Jesus' every day I am there.

Harry Robertson

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JUST A THOUGHT

Holy Communion

RECENTLY I accompanied our priest when he visited one of our housebound parishioners with Holy Communion. I felt very honoured to be there and as Father administered the Sacrament it struck me how beautifully simple and at the same time profound it is to receive Holy Communion.

I remember when my dying father received Holy Communion for the last time. He could barely speak or swallow but he knew the words of the prayers so well and was able to move his head slightly and make a barely audible 'Amen' before the priest gave him the tiniest morsel of the Sacrament onto his tongue. He was so at peace after that.

Holy Communion has always been something beautiful and precious in my life. Even when as a young adult I was struggling to understand aspects of my religion I always felt a deep sense of love and peace on receiving Holy Communion.

A few years ago a deep personal tragedy hit me very hard, I felt my whole sense of security in the world and who I was fall apart. For some time I endured a period of bewilderment and adjustment, but my faith in God was and is my absolute rock. When I could find no words sometimes I would sit silently and just weep before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since then I have experienced a deeper joy in receiving Holy Communion. I have realised we don't need clever or profound words, Jesus comes to us just as we are, whatever our circumstances and he gives us Himself, totally, with love and deep inner healing.

Clare Neal

The Eucharist: A Kaleidoscope

The Ever-New Mystery of the Mass

I SUPPOSE I SAY ABOUT 1,000 MASSES every three years – which means that I've now passed the 9,000 Mass mark. An outsider's reaction might well be: 'Doesn't it get boring, saying the same words day after day?' To which my answer would be: 'But it's always different!' Consider the sheer variety of names used in Christian Tradition to describe it: Mass, Eucharist, The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, the Paschal Feast, the Heavenly Banquet, the Divine Liturgy, the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice, the great Remembering, the Bread of Life, Manna in the Desert, the Real Presence ... No single doctrinal statement can capture all of that.



There is such an infinite richness to this palette of ideas. How could we ever think that we have 'nailed' the (one and only) meaning of the Mass? It is the Pilgrim Church's pilgrim meal – and to understand it is itself a journey. It is a whole library of meanings. So I prefer to speak of Mass as a *Kaleidoscope*. Every Eucharist brings a new twist to what happened the night before Jesus died. And it is always Christ who is the principal actor in the drama: our host at table; the one we recognise in the breaking of the bread (Lk 24.35); the one who invites us: 'Come and have breakfast' (Jn 21.12).

The Eucharistic Journey

We gather in the name of the Trinity, reclaiming our baptism. The Sign of the Cross isn't just a formality but a reminder of why Christ came – that he might dwell in us and we in him (see Jn 17.21-23). But, of course, we are unworthy of God – for how could creatures 'earn' divine approval? So we *confess* – not chiefly our sins but Christ's mercy – and are in turn drawn into praise of God in the Gloria, together with all the angels and saints; with all who have gone before us and all who will come after us; with the whole Cosmos, in fact.

Then we still ourselves to listen to God's Word. In the past Catholics often undervalued Scripture, but the Second Vatican Council arrived at the most beautiful (and startling) expressions of our faith in this presence of the Lord: 'It is Christ who speaks when the Scriptures are read in Church' (SC n.7); 'In the sacred books the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them' (DV n.21). Here too we bow and worship. We ponder and reflect (with the help – I hope! – of the preacher) and then we respond in prayer.

Then we offer ourselves to the Lord by bringing forward the bread and wine for the Eucharist. For me, this moment is one of the most moving elements of our worship. *All* of life is here! We hand ourselves over to Jesus; not as we think we ought to be or as we wish we were but as we actually are. Yesterday's arguments, today's wounds, tomorrow's fears ... *these* Christ takes and blesses and breaks and hands back for sharing. The 'handing over' of Christ by our betrayals becomes the 'handing over' of his life for our renewal.

There is such movement in the Eucharist. It is not a static 'tableau vivant', recreating a once-upon-a-time moment. It is a making present of this transformation, this 'wonderful exchange' by which Christ gives us His broken body to make us one. If we are 'there' in the Upper Room, on Calvary and Emmaus, that is solely because He is here in our midst by his Spirit.

He is the one who leads us in our prayer throughout, culminating in the 'Our Father'. We pray for our *stewardship* of God's world (that God's Kingdom and not our own may come),

for *sufficiency* (Give us the bread that we need, rather than the distractions we dream of!), for *reconciliation* (forgiving as we have been forgiven) and for the *grace* to resist evil. This is the path to the peace of which we then share a sign.

Gathered and Sent

And thus we arrive at 'communion' – the paradoxical communion of all those who know themselves 'unworthy to receive' the Lord – but who do so anyway, by faith. He places himself in our hands. But what happens next is our call. Will it change me? Will I recognise the presence of the Lord, not just here in bread and wine but in my brothers and sisters, too, and in



myself?

That is the commission which completes our celebration of the Sacrament, closing the circuit that the current may flow, the current of this extraordinary power which is Christ's self-gift. We call it, in an unlovely way, 'The Dismissal'. But that is precisely what it is, a sending out from Mass of those who have eaten the Body of Christ in order to become that Body. We are scattered into the world that the world might be gathered to Christ. So out we tumble!

The Tabernacle – Icon Of Our Exodus

But what of the place of the tabernacle in our churches and our Catholic spirituality? What of Eucharistic Adoration? The consecrated elements are not some inert relic left behind, the 'left-overs' from the meal (although they are chiefly reserved that the sick and housebound might share in the Eucharist and offer a visual reminder of all who are absent from our assembly). The Eucharistic shrine is an icon of the Lord's constant accompanying of us on our Exodus journey. Here is a pilgrim's rest, a place of quiet to ponder what it means to say that we, sinful though we are, are Christ's Body and His presence in the world. And every visit, like every Mass, is another twist of the kaleidoscope, revealing the Lord's patterns in our lives. I hope that the *Adoremus Congress* in Liverpool in September and our own local preparations for this event will remind ourselves of that.

Fr Rob Esdaile, Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes, Thames Ditton

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

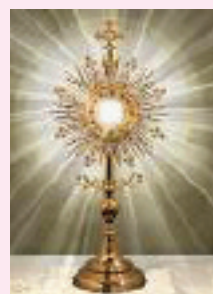
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'Let us take time, in the course of the week, in passing, to go in and spend time with the Lord who is so near.'

Pope Benedict XVI

For more information contact the Apostolate Secretary: Rosie Westcott, email:

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New Religious Magazine Launches at St John's, Horsham

THE FAITH COMPANION magazine was launched on 29 April 2018 at St John the Evangelist Church in Horsham.

It is a two-monthly glossy publication containing 'features, articles on the Catholic Tradition, exploration of prayer, faith stories and much more,' the inspiration of Kathy Bishop.

In attendance was Bishop Richard Moth, who blessed the Faith Companion team; Fr Kevin Alban, Prior Provincial of the Carmelite Order of Great Britain; Sister Kamfwa Mutale, Mother Prioress of the worldwide Order of the Dominican Missionary Sisters and a large number of supportive parishioners.

Kathy Bishop and her editors, Anneli Figura and Brian McDonogh, presided over the celebrations. Thanks were given to their theological advisor Brother Andrew Brookes OP who was unable to attend. Kathy also offered thanks to her Mother, Anna Bishop and daughter, Mari-

anne Bishop, without whose support she felt she 'could do nothing'.

The first (May/June) edition of the magazine was on sale at the launch and copies were quickly snapped up. In her Introduction, Kathy describes the magazine as 'a space where people can encounter the Catholic Tradition and share experiences of God.'

The Faith Companion is a Community Interest Company and will donate 65% of its profits to the Church, where it is intended that they will be used for the laity. As Kathy says 'The more we profit, the more the Church will profit.'

For more information, visit the website:

www.thefaithcompanion.co.uk

Story & Picture: Kathy Bishop and A&B News Team

(Photos from the launch may be seen by entering 'Flickr + Arundel & Brighton' in Google or another search tool and viewing recent albums)



Celebrate Brighton Weekend 14 and 15 July 2018



CELEBRATE BRIGHTON returns this year to Cardinal Newman Catholic School on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 July when Bishop Richard Moth will be celebrating with us on the Sunday.

Celebrate Brighton has given a yearly family-friendly weekend of faith, fun and formation for the last 10 years (except for one year taken out to support the Diocesan Jubilee Celebrations). During this event, children are catered for with age appropriate activities which follow the theme of the weekend. It welcomes all people of all ages and offers a chance to listen, reflect, praise and worship God in a full two days of activities.

The weekend is a lively and engaging way of experiencing Christian spirituality. The music is modern, the surroundings colourful, the atmosphere relaxed and joyful and the sense of the presence of God is very real (as shown in a picture above from last year's event). For the adults, talks and workshops are provided by some of the best national and international speakers who give encouraging advice about living the Christian life in today's world. This aspect is both entertaining and enlightening. There are three main speakers: usually two Catholic and one from another denomination. The ecumenical aspect is an important part of the event.

Each year people who come express gratitude for the opportunities that the weekend has given them to go deeper in their faith, meet like-minded people, feel free in worship and be challenged through the talks and workshops. Parents, in particular, are grateful for the opportunities their children receive to experience their faith alongside other children while having lots of fun. Many comment on how alive the Mass and the worship are and how the weekend has given them a sense of the Joy of the Gospel and a renewed energy and desire to develop their own relationship with God.

Each year people ask if it will be repeated next year, so that they can return and invite others to come along too, and this year we are offering half-price tickets to families new to Celebrate. The theme for the event this year is: 'See, I am doing a new thing!' (Isaiah 43:19) Participants will be invited to reflect on this - what it means for them personally and us as a church. We look forward to seeing you at the weekend.

For more information please contact the Celebrate Brighton Organising Team on their website celebrateconference.org/brighton

Story and picture: Richard Kennedy

Celebration of 20 Years Ministry at Sutton Park

PARISHIONERS of St Edward the Confessor, Sutton Park, celebrated the 20 years of devoted ministry to the church and the wider community, of Fr Brian Taylor and his wife, Hilary, on the feast day of St George, 23 April 2018.

A sung Mass in the beautiful Victorian church was concelebrated by Fr Brian and his fellow priests from the Parish of Guildford: Mgr Tony Barry, Fr Roy Waters and Fr Sebastian Paul: (all pictured at the Mass below).

The Mass was followed by a joyful reception in the church hall, when parishioners took the opportunity to express their thanks to Fr Brian and to Hilary.

A number of gifts including a crystal travel-

ling clock, a hand made card which contained many messages of thanks and appreciation from parishioners of all ages, a Spiritual Bouquet of Prayers from the children, a floral bouquet, a painting of the church by a parishioner, and a cheque. Another parishioner made a trio of cakes reflecting the interests of Fr Brian and Hilary: gardening and books.

In response to a speech of appreciation, Fr Brian spoke of the warmth of the welcome he and his wife had received when arriving 20 years ago and the tremendous support of all parishioners over the years which had made them both so happy.

Story and picture:
Rosaline Brothers



'Why Can't We All Be One?'



WHEYBRIDGE HAS BEEN fortunate to welcome seminarian Tom Kent from St John's, Womersley, on his parish placement this year. Tom has immersed himself into every aspect of parish life, spiritual, social and pastoral, and a high point was a recent event entitled 'Why can't we all be one?' which explored the differences between Christian denominations.

Through Churches Together we are all well used to inter-denominational events which celebrate what we have in common - the Good Friday walk of witness is a wonderful example - but this initiative bravely focused on what separates us. Methodist Minister David Faulkner, Womersley seminarian Stuart Ford and our local Anglican Rector, the Reverend Brian Prothero, (l

to r above) gave candid accounts of the differences in their beliefs. We faced head-on issues like the real presence, apostolic succession and infallibility, all the presentations being moving but invariably delivered with humility and good humour.

There was lively discussion among those attending and a question and answer session skilfully chaired by Tom and young parishioner Catherine Simon. Well, we didn't reverse the Reformation, but did greatly increase mutual understanding and respect and made many new friends. We ended with a commitment to further develop the initiative and, hugely important, to pray for healing the wounds of separation.

Story: Peter Clapham Picture: Fr Con Foley



THE VIRGIN EYE

by Robin Daniels

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

This book offers insights into contemplative prayer and mindfulness; making wise decisions; enjoying a creative relationship; slowing down; and managing change and stress. Daniels demonstrates how we can put St Paul's challenge request to 'pray without ceasing' into practice. He explores how we can turn suffering and trial into opportunity and growth, as we learn to see God, ourselves and other people with a pure heart and a pure eye

This book is a treasure.
Sister Wendy Beckett, Art Critic, BBC's Sister Wendy's Odyssey

I wish it had been available years ago. It should be required reading.
Roy Godwin, Executive Director, The Ffald-y-Brenin Trust and author of The Grace Outpouring

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Creative Arts

IN MARCH, the Education Service held a training day 'RE through the Creative Arts' where practitioners were encouraged to visualise the Gospel together. The aim for the day was to grow critical thinking, enrich theological and religious literacy, encounter the living word and deepen reflection through collaborative creative activities.

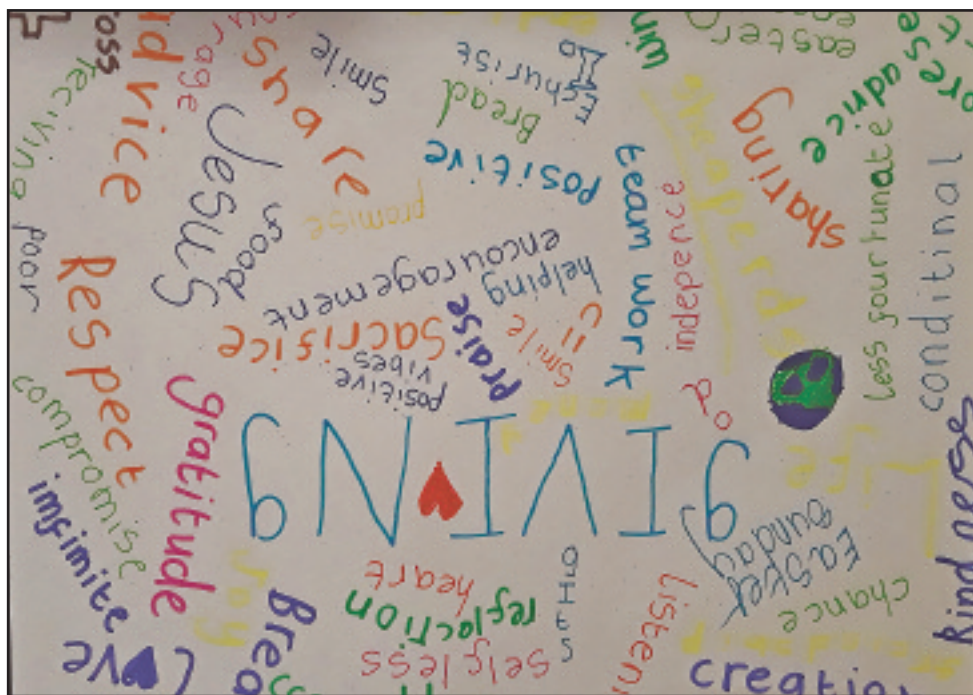
We were supported through the day by Rachel Woods, artist, who offered her expertise in how practitioners can provide an accessible scaffold to develop high quality RE enquiry and reflection.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Worthing were in attendance on the day and during their Spirituality Week, w/c 26 March, all the children from EYFS to Year 6, explored the theme of Giving. They created 'wordles', icons/emogis and stained-glass windows inspired by the course 'RE through the Creative Arts'.

The stained-glass windows were based on the children's interpretation of scripture. They worked in groups, each group choosing their own scripture passage to work with from a selection including: Water into Wine; Feeding the 5,000; the Good Samaritan; and the Prodigal Son. Some samples of their work are shown.

We are thrilled with their work!

Sarah Feist, Primary Adviser:
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Thursday 14th June 2018
Primary RE Coordinators CPD Day (Day 3 of 3)
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Wednesday 20th June 2018
Good Shepherd Celebration
11.30 at Worth Abbey

Wednesday 27th June 2018
Cross-Phase Catholic Leaders' Conference for Headteachers, Deputy/Assistant Headteachers, Heads of

RE, Chaplains and Chair of Governors
09.30 – 15.15 at TBC

Thursday 5th July 2018
Secondary Heads of RE CPD (Day 3 of 3)
09.30 – 15.15 at DABCEC

Friday 6th July 2018
Rainbows Conference
09.30 – 15.15 at DABCEC

Thursday 12th July 2018
Section 48 Inspectors' CPD Day
09.30 – 15.15 at DABCEC

..and future events to look out for:

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Wednesday 20th June 2018
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Wednesday 27th June 2018
9.30 – 15.15

A Night of Diocesan Stars



IN THE BENEDICTINE SURROUNDS of Worth Abbey a packed church with 500 people was treated to an evening of glorious music by the Arundel and Brighton Lourdes choir on 8 April.

All the songs were drawn from the latest CD of religious music called 'Deep Within' which the choir has just recorded under the leadership of Anne Ward, pictured above. The CD costs £10 to purchase.



On the night we were transported by the choir singing hymns which remind us of the richness of modern liturgy with composers like David Haas, Ernest Sands, and one beautiful piece composed by our very own Anne Ward.

We were treated to anthems sung by the Worth Consort, and solos from a variety of the talent of our diocese – in his closing words Bishop Richard praised our 'virtuoso musicians who bring so much joy to the diocese and enrich our celebration of the liturgy.'

Grateful tribute was paid to Anne Ward for her services to the diocese and the Lourdes pilgrimage, for which she was awarded papal recognition with a Pro Ecclesia and Pontifice medal.

The evening started with some words from Sue Sherlock (*below*) who has been to Lourdes a number of times as an assisted pilgrim.

'When I went the first time, I came back on a spiritual high as I had been really touched by the pilgrimage experience. Now when I want to connect to Lourdes I just listen to the wonderful CD's and I am transported back there.'

She added afterwards her gratitude to the Lourdes sick fund which had helped finance her trips. This was the purpose of the concert and a wonderful £9,400 was raised from the proceeds of the concert.

Sally Nicholls, who led the organising committee for the evening, sums it up 'It was a wonderful evening, bringing together the glorious music and the generosity of spirit that is our diocesan pilgrimage.'

Story: Adam Simon Pictures: David White



Gerald Mason, gold-plated Server



Pictured above are the servers from Our Lady of Ransom, Eastbourne. Gerald Mason is standing next to Fr Raglan Hay Will.

As reported on page 10 of last month's A&B News, Gerald received his Guild of St Stephen award for 50 years of loyal service from Fr Raglan Hay Will at the 9.30am Mass on Easter Sunday.

We offer our congratulations to Gerald.



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TO HEAR MORE or share news do contact me:
Sue Petritz: NBCW Diocesan Link, at NBCW@rcdab.onmicrosoft.com
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BISHOP'S DIARY

MAY/JUNE

May		
Sat 26	11am	Woking Deanery Confirmations, & 2.30pm St Dunstan's Parish, Woking
Sun 27	8am	Mass at Big Church Day Out
	3pm	Crawley Deanery Confirmations, Worth Abbey
Mon 28	9.30am	Worth Discipleship Project, Worth Abbey
	6pm	Mass with Dominican Sisters, Crawley
Wed 30	5.30pm	Vespers with Dominican Novices, Fitzalan Chapel, Arundel
Thu 31		Corpus Christi, Arundel Cathedral
June		
Fri 1	12.30pm	Golden Jubilee Mass for Sr Patrick at the Towers
	7pm	Induction Mass for Fr Peter Andrews, St Dunstan's Woking
Sun 3	12 noon	Families Day, Womersley
Tue 5	10.45am	Education Committee Meeting, DABCEC
	2pm	Episcopal Council
Wed 6	4pm	Bishops' Staff Meeting Womersley
Thurs 7		Visit to Cenacolo Community, Boarbank Hall
Fri 8		South of England Show
Sat 9	9am	Scout Mass
	5pm	Deacons' Mass, Arundel Cathedral
	2.30pm	Lewes Deanery Confirmations, Worth Abbey
Mon 1	3pm	Meeting Birmingham
Wed 1	11am	Visit Lourdes Chaplains' Day
	11.30am	Mass for Grandparents' Pilgrimage, West Grinstead
Thu 14	8.30am	Churches Together in Surrey, Chertsey
	10.30am	Deans' Meeting, High Oaks
	2pm	Mental Wellbeing Meeting, DABCEC
	5pm	Meeting at High Oaks
Fri 15	6pm	KHS Vigil at St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Sat 16	9am	KHS Investitures and lunch at St George's Cathedral
	6pm	Ordination of Jon Harman at St. Richard's, Chichester
Sun 17	3pm	Cathedral Deanery Confirmations, Arundel Cathedral
Mon 18	9am	Opening of hall at St Joseph's Primary School, Haywards Heath
	7pm	Mass for Fr Jonathan How's Silver Jubilee at Sacred Heart, Cobham
Tue 19	2.30pm	CTS 150th Anniversary Mass, Westminster Cathedral
Wed 20	11.30am	Good Shepherd Celebration, Worth Abbey
Thu 21	8.30am	Meeting at High Oaks
	2pm	Remuneration Committee, St Mary's University, Twickenham
	5pm	Governors' Meeting, St Mary's University, Twickenham
Fri 22	10.00am	Mass and Tea Party, St Wilfrid's Primary School, Burgess Hill
Sat 23	11am	Guildford Deanery Confirmation at Cranleigh
	2.30pm	Guildford Deanery Confirmation at St Joseph's, Guildford

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TAKE A WALK IN THEIR SHOES

THERE ARE MORE MIGRANTS and refugees in the world today than ever before, about half of whom are children – many unaccompanied. The number of newly displaced people equates to twenty every minute. Three-quarters are being hosted by developing countries – relatively few come to countries in Europe.

In his recent Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate, Pope Francis writes that, for Christians, '... the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a better future to their children. Can we not realise that this is exactly what Jesus demands of us when he tells us that in welcoming the stranger we welcome him (cf Mt 23:35)?'

With the leadership of Bishop Richard, our diocese has a strong record of taking practical action to welcome refugees. Another way we can all support them is to take part in **Share the Journey**, an initiative of Pope Francis and launched by him at the Vatican in September 2017 which has been taken up by Catholic organisations around the world, including CAFOD. There are two ways to join in.



1) Take part in a prayerful walk in solidarity with refugees and migrants. If a walk is not already being organised in your parish, why not arrange one? It need not be big – just invite a few friends to do the walk with you. You could invite your MP to join the walk. Or you could always do the walk on your own, maybe by walking to Mass on Sunday or while walking your dog. 18-24 June is Refugee Week, so that would be an ideal time to hold your walk but you could do it any time during the summer. Please note the total number of miles walked by all the members of the group added together and send this to CAFOD at cafod.org.uk/sharethejourney, where you can see how many miles have been completed so far – the aim is to reach 24,900 miles (the distance around the world) by September. The website also has a **Share the Journey** guide and prayers to use during the walk. A walk is being planned between many of the churches in the Weybridge Deanery on the 23-24 of June which you'd be welcome to join. See the CAFOD A&B website for more information cafodarundelbrighton.wordpress.com/

2) Starting in September, world leaders will be meeting at the UN to reach two global agreements, one on refugees and one on migration. We want our Government to ensure that these agreements respect human dignity, protect the vulnerable, support host countries, keep families together and tackle the reasons for migration. To play your part, order campaign cards from CAFOD and ask each member of your group to sign one or add your name to the on-line petition at cafod.org.uk/sharethejourney.

Thank you for Sharing the Journey
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Below is a picture of the National Board of Catholic Women when on 14 April they walked the London streets as their contribution.



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So, if you are about to start Year 11, 12 or 13 this September, and have attended a Catholic youth event in the past or have completed your confirmation programme but just know there is something deeper, this is probably the thing for you to get involved with. This is what the organisers say about it: 'It can be tough to live out our faith, right? Especially when we don't have around us people who are encouraging and cheering us on in our faith journey. We also think that it really is not enough just to complete a confirmation programme or attend an annual youth event in order to become a passionate disciple of Jesus. So, because of this we have come up with a bit of a crazy idea; we want to invite you to come and join theASCENT family as we travel together over a three-year period where we will do life together and learn from each other. Based around three weekends and weekly Google hangouts in PoDs (Pockets of Disciples) we want to enable you to fall deeply in love with Jesus and your brothers and sisters in Christ. Sounds simple? It is. But we really believe this could be the process that helps you to influence your locality with the Gospel.'

The process involves a degree of commitment. There are three weekends a year, and weekly online meet-ups, but it's a process which can be life-changing for those who take part. It's been running successfully for a few years now in two other locations around the country, and we're delighted it's coming to A&B. Bishop Richard has recently signalled his support for the process.

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Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow in the months ahead, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and (as of the start of May) and almost four thousand tickets have already gone!

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FROM THE PARISHES

ADUR VALLEY

THERE HAVE BEEN some very special events in our parish this month. The 33 days parish retreat finished. It had been a beautiful and challenging moment in many people's spiritual lives. As a response to the Divine Mercy celebration the Divine Mercy Chaplet is being prayed every Thursday after time of Lectio and Adoration.

As we are 'on the coast' we were able to take part locally in *Rosary on the Coast* and afterwards were able to walk back to the parish room for tea and cakes!

The Youth SVP arranged a Youth night of fun, games and pizza!

The Lunch club at St Peter's has re-launched and fish and chips with a dessert are being enjoyed by many of our parishioners.

There was a cake sale this weekend after Mass raising money for Brain Tumour research.

Our Missio collectors have raised over £2,000 this year.

Penny Richardson

BRIGHTON

St Mary's Preston Park

THE SOCIAL CONCERNS GROUP held a Homeless Sunday Coffee Morning on 28 January and raised £120 for St Anne's Day Centre which provides many services for the increasing number of rough sleepers in Brighton.

After our Lenten observance Easter was the usual very joyous celebration with the church beautifully decorated thanks to our dedicated team of flower ladies. The Easter candle was kindly donated by the Yates family.

Congratulations to John and Florence Bamin who celebrated their golden wedding with a special Mass on 7 April.

A new parish website has been launched: www.stmarysprestonpark.org.uk

The Social Concerns Group held a quiz night on 27 April with six enthusiastic teams, raising £205 for Christian Aid.

Claire Shelton-Jones

CATERHAM

PARISH LIFE continues with all its reflection of what humanity is all about.

The SVP makes a big contribution keeping an eye on the sick and elderly and organising the monthly film show and having a caravan available in Bognor for holidays.

The refugees in Madaba have figured in recent reports and the Easter cards and messages from the parish have been well received and appreciated. Raida (the school head) has expressed her thanks for the computer and reading books. Sadly, there is still some violence towards the refugees.

And on a similar theme we had an interesting talk by Felicity Dick on the Oxted parish on the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group, whose volunteers visit and befriend asylum seekers and people held indefinitely in immigration

TO ALL OUR

CORRESPONDENTS

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detention. Our parish priest, Fr Sean Finnegan, said a Friday Mass for the detainees when he was Chaplain at Gatwick Airport.

Bishop Richard Moth celebrated the confirmation of 17 candidates at our Church on 27 April after which they enjoyed meeting him at a reception on this happy occasion.

The Justice and Peace Group prayed the Peace Rosary on 6 April reflecting the need for justice and peace.

The parish Women's Group had their AGM on 4 April.

The CAFOD fast day during Lent raised over £1,300.

And on a very topical note we are having parking problems at the church!

Peter Patterson

CRAWLEY

OUR LENTEN small group meetings in the Quiet room reflecting on the Sunday readings were very well attended and a great success.

Our Easter celebrations started with acts of witness; on Good Friday one or two hardy parishioners joined in the town centre celebration, and on Easter Saturday we had an ecumenical procession of witness around Broadfield, followed by hot cross buns in the hall. A few VERY hardy church members joined in the Easter sunrise service at Tilgate park, and Fr Chris Dobson led our joyful Easter Sunday morning Mass.

Barbara Winstanley

EAST GRINSTEAD and LINGFIELD

OUR LADY and St Peter's Catholic Womens League held a coffee morning after Mass on Sunday 22 April. Cakes, plants, books and bric-a-brac were on sale in aid of the charities that they support.

Through the month, the annual Spring 'Charity Feast' was held at local Spanish, Italian, Indian and Chinese restaurants in East Grinstead and Lingfield. Restaurateurs contributed from the cost of each meal to be shared by local charities: East Grinstead Food Bank, Crawley Open House, Crawley Prison Fellowship, Age UK East Grinstead & District and East Grinstead & District Mental Health Association.

Clive Carpenter

EWELL

ST CLEMENT'S recently celebrated the 70th birthday of our very popular parish priest, Fr Graham Bamford. We began with a joyful Mass and then made our way into the church hall, where the food and drink tables were groaning with delicious items. We certainly know how to do a party in Ewell. The hall was teeming with parishioners of all ages and there was hardly room for all the gifts and cards for the birthday boy, who still looks as young as he did when he first came to us 25 years ago!



In response to the church's call to live simply our ever resourceful Jonathan Inns and his team have been working hard organising several initiatives and events, including a great evening of music with the locally well known Riotous Brothers (no, it's NOT a misprint!). The enthusiastic audience were on their feet dancing and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The boys very generously waived their fee and the evening raised over £600 for the Epsom and Ewell Food Bank.

Stories: *Charlotte Gregory and Ann Hannan*
Picture: *Ann Hannan*

MIDHURST

THE EASTER SEASON began with Fr Peter Newsam making the proud announcement that Bishop Richard Moth has asked him to take on the role of Episcopal Vicar for Sussex, in addition to his existing roles. This will mean some additional meetings as a member of the Episcopal Council and some other occasional duties. Fr Peter wrote in the newsletter 'Please pray for me, for our Bishop and for all the priests, deacons and lay people of our Diocese as we face times which are challenging and demanding, but also exciting and full of opportu-

nities.'

Entering the Easter Season is such a joyful time. The church was full of the Easter spring flowers reminding us of the renewal significance of Easter, though by the third weekend the eggs and chicks had disappeared.

Paula Dempsey

NEWHAVEN

THE EASTER VIGIL this year was made extra special, as we witnessed an adult confirmation in our parish.

Krzysztof Lademann was welcomed into full communion with the Church as Fr Chris Benyon, standing in for the bishop, laid hands on him. His wife Kamila who was his sponsor, stood at his side for this wonderful moment.

Just before Easter, the under 5's from Railway Nurseries came to church wearing their Easter bonnets, to celebrate Palm Sunday. Margaret Slattery who organizes the children's liturgy in the parish, and is a retired head teacher, set fern branches in the pews, and these were waved with great enthusiasm whilst an adult and child acted as the donkey and Jesus arriving in Jerusalem.

After a short service in which the parents had participated, everyone went back to the nursery to enjoy a celebratory buffet. A happy and joyful event, which was attended by 25 children and 21 parents.



The sumptuous celebration buffet

In December The Ashdown Singers gave a wonderful Christmas concert at St Thomas More Seaford. This has become an annual event which is well supported, and a great fundraiser for Homelink, the local charity which supports homeless people with loans to fund deposits for accommodation.

The concert is attended by the mayor and local MP's and is always a great social event.

Carolyn Orchard

RYE

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY of Faith on 29 April was the day chosen for Rosary on the Coast; a very important day in the history of the Catholic faith in the British Isles. Several of us from St Anthony's joined parishioners from Hastings and St Leonards at St Thomas of Canterbury and English Martyrs to recite the Rosary together and to pray for a renewal of Faith in our island nations. It was a cold wet afternoon, so we did not process to the seafront as planned, but remained at St Thomas of Canterbury in St Leonards where the Rosary was preceded by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction celebrated by Fr Miceal Beatty.

(See also *Rye Pilgrimage* on page 2.)

Jocelyn Rowe

WADHURST

FR MARTIN O'CONNOR lead the CaFE version of *Mary in our Lives* as our Lent preparation. This was a wonderful resource as to how Mary helps us to get to know Jesus better and was very much appreciated by parishioners.

On 19 March, Colleen O'Farrell organised a group of mothers to meet at the Church annex, where Janet Desmond, East Sussex co-ordinator for Mothers' Prayers had been invited to speak. Janet outlined the history of the group, which was originally formed in England in November 1995 by two grandmothers, who wanted to pray together for their children and grandchildren and to find the support they needed. This has now spread throughout the world with contacts in over 100 countries. Colleen originally set the Sacred Heart Mothers' Prayers group up 19 years ago. Although she was packing up and moving to Spain, she was delighted that Mothers' Prayers had been left in safe hands, as two of our young Mum's had been so inspired they have set up their own group.

Chrissie Sturgess

ST LEONARDS-ON-SEA

AT OUR EASTER VIGIL Mass at St Thomas' we welcomed Mrs Sue Furness into Full Communion. It was a joyous occasion. Our choir sang magnificently and all involved made it a truly wonderful celebration. Following the Mass we toasted Sue together with her family in our John Fisher Room. The picture shows Sue cutting her celebration cake, which was made by Pat Lee, her Sponsor, Pat Holmes, and our parish priest, Fr Miceal Beatty.

Elizabeth Fitch



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WEST BYFLEET

ON 28 APRIL we were entertained by a 'Choral Fusion' concert by the Icosa Choir. Conducted by Luke Mather, whose family are members of our music group, Icosa have a varied repertoire of folk, classical and gospel works, and encourage young composers to contribute new work. Further concerts are promised for July and Christmas.

A group of parishioners visited Weymouth the following day to take part in the 'Rosary on the Coast' programme.

This month the Widowed and Separated Group continued their regular lunch meetings.

Paul Tiplle



HERON'S GHYLL

THE FIRST LADY RANKEILLOUR, Mrs James Fitzalan Hope died on 24 April 1938 and was duly buried beside the beautiful Church of St John the Evangelist, Heron's Ghyll, which she and her husband had built at the close of the 19th Century.

Descended from an old Catholic family (she was born Mabel Helen Riddell), she had received the OBE and the Belgian Médaille de la Reine Elisabeth for her services during WW1. In later years she was president both of the Catholic Women's League for England and the wider International Federation.

A decade after her death, and despite the financial constraints felt by a small community following WW2, the grateful parishioners at Heron's Ghyll subscribed for a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes as a small memorial to their foundress.

In the 21st century, in continuing gratitude for her generous contribution to their rich heritage, the Heron's Ghyll parishioners led by their priest Fr. Ian Vane (pictured, with *sacristan Pat Cunningham*), marked the 80th anniversary of her death with a Mass for the repose of her soul followed by a short graveside ceremony on 24 April 2018.

Lisa Vaughan-Hughes



**"Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things."
- Psalm 119:18**



Augustine has been living his childhood in darkness. Will you help a child see the wonder of God's creation?

Dear A&B News reader,

As a fellow Christian, I wanted to share with you how incredibly powerful it is to witness a child seeing for the first time, after eye surgery.

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God bless you,

Andrea

Andrea Brandt von Lindau
Programme Manager for Inclusive
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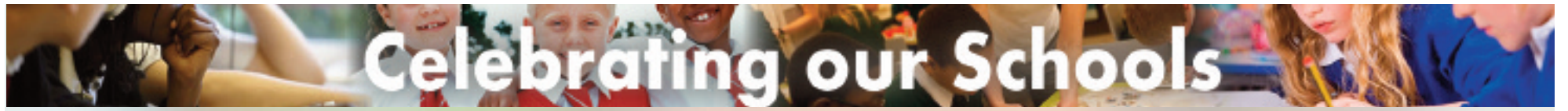
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