

Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Refugee Crisis eNewsletter  
with News and Updates about the Diocesan Refugee  
Response.

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## **eNews Alert on Refugees and other matters**

### **Refugees**

The Diocese of Arundel & Brighton together with its partners continues to work hard for Refugees across the Diocese. A newsletter with updates on this work has gone to all parishes this week. You can also view and download the newsletter on the Diocesan Website in [Resources for Social Action](#)

### ***Diocesan Justice & Peace and Social Action Adviser, Aidan Cantwell says:***

Please find below a suggested note for parish newsletter which will also be included in the Diocesan eNewsletter which is due out this Wednesday:

'A Refugee Crisis Newsletter for Autumn 2016 is available at the back of the church detailing how, as a diocese, under the guidance of Bishop Richard, we are responding to the ever growing challenge of the global refugee crisis.

The newsletter includes the latest information available to

us and highlights some tremendous work that is ongoing by the partners we are choosing to work with. Please take a copy and share it with family and friends. Anyone who wants to learn more about how to get involved should contact our Coordinators (details on page 11).'

***Bishop Richard says in his covering letter in the post to all parish priests:***

Dear Father

Please find enclosed our second newsletter that details how, as a diocese, we are responding to the ever growing challenge of the global refugee crisis. The newsletter includes the latest information available to us and highlights some tremendous work that is ongoing by the partners with whom we are choosing to work.

With the support of the Refugee Steering Group, I am committed to making our diocesan response as effective as possible. We will do this by enabling key partners to grow and develop the vital services they provide to an ever increasing number of people caught up in this crisis. I mention in my foreword that, 'it is important that the diocese continues to develop innovative ways of working, to ensure that we can engage all our parish communities in effective action'.

I would like you to promote this newsletter and encourage anyone in your parish who would wish to get involved to contact our Coordinators (details on page 11). I very much hope that parishioners will take a copy and share it with their family and friends.

Further copies can be requested by contacting Rosie Read, Pastoral Team Secretary, at DABCEC on Tel. 01293 651161, or email her at [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org).

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Richard



### **Fr Seamus Stapleton SCA RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Seamus Stapleton SCA, parish priest of St Mary Star of the Sea, Hastings who died last weekend. Fr Seamus was a member of the Pallotine order who serve the parish of Hastings. May he rest in peace.

Fr Seamus is shown in the picture above next to Bishop Richard.



### **Parish Portal Training**

On 17 November there will a course on 'How to create a website for your Parish with Parish Portal'. There are separate morning (10.30-12.15) and afternoon (1pm-2.45pm) sessions to choose from. Parish Portal is a joint project between the Diocese and Digital Agency, *All Interactive*, with the aim to help parishes to get online, easily and affordably. The session is best suited to either Priests who are interested in creating a new Website for their Parish, or to existing users of Parish Portal, who need some extra support or training. There is also an

opportunity to ask questions about Parish Portal and to request new features.

For more information, please contact Mark Woods, or email [communications@dabnet.org](mailto:communications@dabnet.org) or visit [www.parishportal.net](http://www.parishportal.net) . Please note, unfortunately lunch is not available. Book online at [www.abdiocese.org.uk/Courses](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/Courses) under Communications.

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