

Welcome to A&B eNews  
Welcome to this further edition of  
the A&B eNewsletter.

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of  
Arundel & Brighton

I have reissued the warning from  
LIFE (see below) about the scam  
being used on parishes and others,  
especially as the individual  
continues to be actively contacting  
parishes in our diocese.

On a separate issue but also linked  
to money I have included  
information on BT MyDonate which  
enables parishes to take donations  
from their websites. I have also  
included information about the  
Cinnamon Network who offer  
funding for projects to support  
those in need in our parishes. Full



The information contained in  
this email is included in good

details below.

Finally, can I highlight new opening hours for the Diocesan Bookshop set out below.

With every prayer and blessing,

Mark Woods - [Communications](#)

[Officer](#)

faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.

## Warning

We been asked by [LIFE](#) to warn you that they have been aware for the last 5 plus years of a hoax caller who targets unsuspecting groups and individuals including Priests and other religious orders, stating that he and his girlfriend (sometime a Muslim) are being forced by her parent into abortion. He says he is in a wheel chair, they are trying to escape the situation by moving away from the area but have no rent money etc. The caller goes by a number of aliases "Ashley" is a favourite, along with "Jamie and Michael", in recent calls he's added "Mark" to the collection. Please do be assured that in [LIFE Pregnancy Matters](#), they do treat every caller as a genuine client, but "Ashley" is well known to them and whomever he contacts he will ask you not to contact Life Head Office or the National Helpline. Please do not give him money.

## Diocesan Information

- [Diocesan Bookshop Opening Hours](#)
- [Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#) (for 11-18), early 2017, various venues
- [A&B Justice and Peace Assembly](#), 28 January, Crawley
- [Mass for the Deaf with Bishop Richard](#), 4 February, Horsham
- [Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting](#), 11 February, Crawley

- [Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion](#), 11 February, Arundel
- [Parish Secretaries Days](#), Various dates and venues
- [RELIT - Evangelisation Training Tool for Parishes](#), Ladywell Convent, 26-28 May
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2017 - See [website](#)
- [A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and Redshirts](#), applications now open.
- [Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women](#)
- [BT MyDonate for Parish Websites](#)
- [Lent Reflection Materials information](#)

[Diocesan Bookshop Opening Hours](#): The DABCEC Bookshop at 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 10am to 4pm, and Wednesday from 11am to 4pm. Alternatively please ring them on (01293) 651165 or email [bookshop@dabnet.org](mailto:bookshop@dabnet.org)

[Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#) He is once again inviting young people (11-18) to join him for Evenings of Reflection at different places around the Diocese. They will run from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. Dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday January 28th - St Joseph's Church, Redhill

Saturday February 11th - St Paul's Catholic College, Burgess Hill

Saturday March 18th - St Mary Magdalene's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea

Some important points to note: Capacity is limited, so it is absolutely essential to book. To do so, please email the Youth Adviser

[Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org). Jack will confirm whether there is space. He

is assumes each group will have adult leaders present. Young people who want to come alone must contact directly with Jack.

[A&B Justice & Peace Assembly 2017](#): 'Am I A Good Neighbour? -

Globalisation and the Fair Society' with Bishop Richard, Fr Augusto Zampini-

Davies and Jenny Sinclair on Saturday 28 January, 10am-4pm at Christian Education Centre (DABCEC), 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley RH10 6RP. To book a place email [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or book online on the Diocesan Website.

[Mass for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#): The next monthly Mass will be held on Saturday February 4th at 1pm in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. Bishop Richard will preside at the Mass this month. Diocesan Coordinators and Communicators for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People: Mr Peter Booker and Mrs Maria Booker, c/o DABCEC, 4 Southgate Drive, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 6RP. Email: [mag.booker@gmail.com](mailto:mag.booker@gmail.com) . Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

[Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting](#): The Diocese invites you to a Formation Day on Saturday 11 February 2017 Christian Education Centre, Crawley RH10 6RP with Austen Ivereigh, Papal Biographer, Coordinator and Co-Founder of Catholic Voices and a contributing editor for Crux. The day begins at 9.30am (coffee and registration from 9am). Ends at 2pm. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome to attend. You can book online or contact Mark Woods on 01293 651170 or email: [communications@dabnet.org](mailto:communications@dabnet.org)

[Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion](#): This day on 11 February will be led by Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral Centre from 11am-4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Booking is essential. To book and for more information contact ruth Gerun: [ruth.gerun@dabnet.org](mailto:ruth.gerun@dabnet.org) or phone: 01293 651164.

[Parish Secretaries Days](#): Thursday 11 May, Holy Cross Priory, Heathfield, E.Sussex; Thursday 18 May, Sacred Heart, Cobham, Surrey and Monday 22 May, St John the Evangelist, Horsham, W.Sussex. Bishop Richard, the Bishop's PA, Colette Swift and the Vicar General, Fr Jonathan Martin will

lead the day along with members of the Diocesan Administration Team. More information will be sent to parishes in the New Year.

[RELIT – Evangelisation Tool for Parishes](#): Michael Dopp STL, the founder of RELIT has spent the last eight years transforming parishes across Canada and the USA through his revolutionary training programme. Michael Dopp will be visiting the UK for the first time in 2017, starting in Arundel and Brighton Diocese. He will present RELIT live over a weekend retreat on Fri 26 - Sun 28 May at Ladywell Convent, Goldalming, Surrey. Full Board for £189. Michael Dopp will also offer an abbreviated training programme particularly suitable for priests on Friday 26th May 11am - 4pm. Venue TBC, but provisionally St Joseph's, Guildford. For further information please contact: [David.Wills@dabnet.org](mailto:David.Wills@dabnet.org) / 01293 651157 and See [www.relittraining.com](http://www.relittraining.com)

[Dates for Diocesan Musicians](#) for 2017: See [Diocesan Website](#) for dates of rehearsals for musicians for Rite of Election, Chrism Mass etc. Dates include Saturday 1st April in Crawley for a 'Come and Sing' morning followed by Chrism Mass rehearsal and Saturday 13th May in Woking for a Music Day organised by the Society of St Gregory. All details on [website](#). For more information contact [Catherine Christmas](#).

[A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017 - Helpers and The Redshirts](#): People are invited to apply as Helpers for this year's pilgrimage, and as well as young people in years 10 and 11 are invited to apply now to join The Redshirts for a year of fun, faith and laughter including the pilgrimage to Lourdes with others of the Diocese from 26 July- 4 August 2017. For more information and application forms see the [A&B Lourdes Website](#).

[Diocesan Link for the National Board of Catholic Women](#): Sue Petritz the recently appointed Diocesan Link to the [NBCW](#) would like you to share their hopes and concerns with the diocese. The National Board of Catholic

Women is a forum dating from the 1930's in which Catholic women of England and Wales come together to share their hopes, views and concerns at diocesan and national level, and these are conveyed to the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales. It also has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC). You can contact Sue Petritz by email: [spetritzma@gmail.com](mailto:spetritzma@gmail.com).

[BT MyDonate for Parish Website](#): Web based or online fundraising is becoming the norm for donors to give to charities. It is estimated that online donations make up as much as 30% of all donations to charities. BT MyDonate (BTMD) permits us to set up parishes as branches of the Diocesan trust using the parish bank accounts. Donations and GA tax reclaimed go direct to the parish bank account. The process to set it up on your website is straightforward, but must be done via the Diocesan Finance Office. Obviously, the parish has to have a website! So if not contact Mark Woods about [Parish Portal](#). The parish website must be legally compliant by including the following two sentences on its home page: "The parish is part of the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton. Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Trust registered charity 252878". There should also be a link to the Diocesan website. Until these points are all correct you cannot carry the process any further. You can see a good example of a compliant site [here](#).

[Lent 2017 Prayer and Reflection Programme](#): This year's material will have a focus on the 2nd reading for each Sunday of Lent. The material will also further develop our understanding of the Kerygma - the primary proclamation of Salvation. Booklets can be ordered from DABCEC bookshop - tel (01203) 651165 or email [bookshop@dabnet.org](mailto:bookshop@dabnet.org) The material will also be available on the website from 1 February [www.abdiocese.org.uk/resources](http://www.abdiocese.org.uk/resources) and click on the Adult Formation tab.

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## ***St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre Information***

Programme for 2017

See full details of their new programme for the year on their [website](#).

Residential Retreats coming up are:

Friday 3rd February - Sunday 5th February: Women in the Bible Magdalene, Lydia, Priscilla and Sarah: Exploring Original Paintings by Silvia Dimitrova. Led by Bishop Graham Kings.

Monday 13th March - Wednesday 15th March: Finding Forgiveness. Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton.

Thursday 13th April - Sunday 16th April: Celebrate the Easter Triduum at St Cuthman's.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Creating Community- Led by Dr. Stephanie Thornton.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September (9 nights): St. Beuno's Individually Guided Retreat

For more information on all these and other events in 2017, and to book individual private retreats and quiet days visit [www.dabnet.org](http://www.dabnet.org). To book: tel: 01403 741220; or email: [stcuthmans@dabnet.org](mailto:stcuthmans@dabnet.org)

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### **Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service**

For information about and for vacancies in our Diocesan Schools see [Diocesan Education Service website](#). In particular they wish to highlight the

Headteacher vacancy at Annecy Catholic Primary School in Seaford. More information [online](#).

RE trainee teachers needed: Do you want to inspire young people and consider training to be an RE teacher in a secondary school? Do you want to discuss possible routes into becoming an RE teacher? If so then please contact either Sally Dudley, Recruitment Lead at Sussex University ([s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:s.e.dudley@sussex.ac.uk) or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University ([claire.rooney123@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.rooney123@btinternet.com) or 07710550339). We are keen to talk with any potential trainees for September 2017 and support you in training with the University of Sussex and would welcome an informal phone call or email.

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## Local & Parish Events and Information in the Diocese

Father Athanasius McVay in Conversation with Fr Alexander Lucie-Smith: On Monday 30th January at St Hugh of Lincoln, Knaphill, GU21 2AA. Father Athanasius is resident in Rome, a Canadian subject and a member of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, of which he is a distinguished historian. He will talk on a variety of subjects: the present situation in Ukraine; the ecclesial situation in Ukraine; the history and character of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (an Eastern Church in communion with Rome, which numbers some 6 million members); the state of relations between Catholicism and Orthodoxy; the ways in which Latin Catholics can learn from their Greek brethren; and much else besides. Come and learn more about our Eastern brethren. All are invited and all are welcome. The evening starts at 8pm, and will end at 9.30pm. There will be time for questions from the floor.

CAFOD Local Area Meetings: All are welcome to attend for an update on CAFOD Fast Day and other issues on the following dates:-

30th January: Holy Redeemer Church hall, Hollington East Sussex TH37  
7AS 7:00pm

6th February: Christ Prince of Peace Church, Weybridge, Surrey KT13  
8JB 7:30pm

8th February: St Joseph's Church Redhill, Surrey RH1 1LF 7:30pm

8th February: St Joseph's Church Brighton, BN2 3AA Presbytery Meeting  
Room 8-9pm

11th February: Our Lady of England, Storrington, West Sussex RH20  
4LW 10:30am

14th February: St Joan of Arc Church, Farnham Surrey GU9 8DJ Surrey  
7:30pm

18th February: The Friary Crawley West Sussex RH10 1HR 10:00am

20th February: St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Woking Surrey GU21  
2AA 7:30pm

21st February: Our Lady Immaculate and St Philip Neri, Uckfield, East  
Sussex TN22 5DJ 7pm

4th March: Our Lady of Ransom Church Eastbourne East Sussex BN21  
4EU 10:30am

Quiet Days: Led by Chemin Neuf Community at Storrington Priory, School  
Lane, Storrington RH20 4LN

Wednesdays: 1st February, 29th March, 10th May from 10am-4pm. Simple  
lunch provided. More details: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org) or see the [website](#).

Responding to the Refugee Crisis: Worthing Deanery is holding a morning  
event on Saturday 25th February from 10am-1pm with Aidan Cantwell,  
Diocesan Justice & Peace/Social Action Adviser and Mary-Jane Burkett,  
Director of Voices in Exile. This will take place at English Martyrs Catholic  
Church, Goring Way, Goring By Sea BN12 4UE. For more information  
contact Anne Niven on 01903 242624 or email: [emgoring@english-  
martyrs.co.uk](mailto:emgoring@english-martyrs.co.uk).

INSPIRE Teenage Retreat for Years 7-9: @ Worth Abbey – February 10-12th. INSPIRE is part of the youth retreat programme at The Open Cloister. The retreats are run by an experienced team, with the support of the monastic community at Worth, and the Diocese. It is a chance to meet other young Catholics and to explore their faith in the beautiful atmosphere of Worth Abbey. There are also games, sports, social activities and much more. The weekend costs £84, but bursaries are available. For more information, or to book, Email [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net) - bookings close February 3rd, or when the retreat is full. If you have any questions, you are also free to contact the Diocesan Youth Officer, Jack Regan: [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org)

Approaching the Passion: Lent Retreat for Young Adults

- From February 24-26TH - Talks - Space - Mass - Prayer – Friendship. A weekend retreat to enter more deeply into the season of Lent and to explore the path walked by Jesus. The weekend will offer the chance to encounter Christ in prayer through the Benedictine monastic tradition, with inspiring talks, space for reflection, participation in the rhythm of prayer with the monastic community (the Divine Office), Lectio Divina, walks in the beautiful Sussex countryside, and time for building community and friendships. The main Speakers will be Fr. Stephen Ortiger OSB and Br. Paolo of Taize. Cost: Donations per person between £62 (unwaged) and £102 (waged). Bookings will close when full or on 17th February. For more details or to book, contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net). You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org).

Icon Retreat at the Poor Clare Convent, Crossbush, Arundel BN18 9PJ from 5th-11th March. You will deepen your relationship with the Lord through writing (painting) an Icon, have an Icon to take home at the end of the retreat. No artistic skill needed with hands on tuition by Sr. Maria. Contact Ms Frances Fogg for more details and booking on [frances.fogg@phe.gov.uk](mailto:frances.fogg@phe.gov.uk).

Easter Retreat for Young Adults – The popular, and powerful, Easter

Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13<sup>th</sup>) to Easter Sunday (April 16<sup>th</sup>), offering young adults the chance to journey together through the key events marked by the Easter Triduum. If you've never experienced this in the heart of a monastic community, surrounded by people your own age, alive in the faith, it's really worth doing! For more details or to book, contact [toc@worthabbey.net](mailto:toc@worthabbey.net). You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – [Jack.Regan@dabnet.org](mailto:Jack.Regan@dabnet.org).

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: From 12-21 May 2017. In the footsteps of Jesus - From Nazareth to Jerusalem via Bethlehem and Jordan Valley. Led by members of the Chemin Neuf Community. See [website](#) for more information or Email: [storrington@chemin-neuf.org](mailto:storrington@chemin-neuf.org)

Volunteer Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators needed in A&B Diocese: Marriage Care is a faith-based organisation which draws on its Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. They provide marriage preparation and relationship counselling and are looking for volunteers in this diocese to join the friendly teams across the diocese to help prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. Our Marriage Preparation Course Facilitators present and facilitate marriage preparation days for small groups of engaged couples (training for the role is provided). For more information or to apply, visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk)

Refugee Stations of the Cross and Photo Display Available: St Mary of the Angels, Worthing J&P group has a Refugee Stations of the Cross made up of a black & white photo display available through an organisation called 'Journey Together' who work to reunite & keep refugee families together. They were taken by professional photographer Marksteen Adamson. You can see more on a [website](#). If you would wish to borrow them contact Mr Dereck Prentis by [email](#).

Pope Pius XII Memorabilia: Would anyone be interested in books and memorabilia of Pope Pius? If so please contact Michael Rycroft at [ms@mandsrycroft.plus.com](mailto:ms@mandsrycroft.plus.com)

Matthew's Gospel Resource Book: The Catholic Bible School has a new resource book. A guide for small groups and individuals to really pray with and study Matthew's Gospel for the new liturgical year beginning this Advent. Copies are available to order from their [website now](#) - including a downloadable free copy of chapter one.

Mary's Dowry Productions - this Sussex based company produces DVDs on the lives of Saints, many of them British saints and martyrs . Their latest DVD is on St Joan of Arc. For more information and to buy their DVDs go to their [website](#).

Chapel Benches; The Grace and Compassion Sisters have a number of chapel benches with and without kneelers and of various sizes available, free of charge currently being stored at Holy Cross Priory in Heathfield. For more details please contact Sr Carmel on 01273 502129 or [carmel@graceandcompassion.co.uk](mailto:carmel@graceandcompassion.co.uk)

Could you be a volunteer chaplain?: YMCA DownsLink has successfully recruited for its Brighton projects and is now currently looking for volunteer chaplains to support one of its supported housing projects in Worthing. Worthing Foyer is an inspiring place where young people can get support and encouragement to turn their lives around. Could you add real value to the work at Worthing Foyer? For more information or to download a job description click [here](#).

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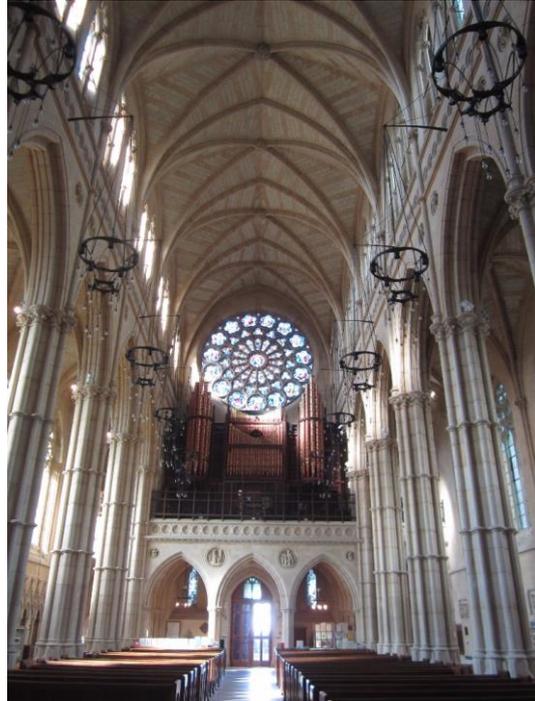
## National & International Events

Natural Family Planning Training Offer: The Natural Family Planning Teacher Training Association invites those involved in Marriage Preparation Courses and similar to train to become NFP Teachers and learn the latest methods available. They will run courses in February and July in Manchester or London or Birmingham. To book, for costs and to find out more information visit their [website](#).

National Marriage Week: This runs from 7-14 February. The focus this year is on celebrating commitment. For more information and event ideas go to the [website](#). You can also contact our Marriage and Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin on email: [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) or tel: 01293 651152.

Thirteenth National Conference for Rural Catholics 13-15 February 2017

## Arundel Cathedral Information and Events



For information on Arundel Cathedral and events at the Cathedral see the [website](#).

## National and International Appeals and Programmes

Cinnamon Network aims to make it as easy as possible for local churches to transform their communities by reaching out to those in greatest need. They help

at Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury SP1 2EE. For more information and to book contact Fr Robert Miller, Catholic Bishops' Conference National Rural Officer on [rwhm274@btinternet.com](mailto:rwhm274@btinternet.com).

National J & P Open Networking Day: 18 February 2017 from 10.30am – 4.00pm - 'Being A Listening Church' with Leeds J&P Commission in Leeds. Please register [online](#). For more information contact Email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk); Tel : 0207 901 4864.

To mark the Centenary of the Apparation of Our Lady in Fatima on Saturday 18 February, Cardinal Nichols will receive, bless and crown the World Apostolate of Fatima National Pilgrim Virgin statue in Westminster Cathedral. The day begins in the Cathedral at 1.45pm and continues with a Symposium in the Cathedral Hall from 4pm. For more information see the [website](#).

churches respond by providing a menu of best-practice Cinnamon Recognised Projects that can easily be replicated. Alongside the projects they offer advice, funding, support and leadership training. For more information go to their [website](#).

National Churches Trust: The National Churches Trust have launched an initiative. It is the new maintenance grant. This is a fantastic grant that can/will help those who are in the planning stages of a project to get access to some hard found start up funds. More [here](#) on this and other funding.

Open Bethlehem DVD: Now available. The film tells of the return of film director Leila Sansour to Bethlehem to make a film about her home town, soon to be encircled by a wall. She intends her film to be a tribute to her late father, founder of Bethlehem University, and a man regarded as a hero by his town's folk. As Bethlehem approaches ruin her decision to flee this sleepy town, taken much to her father's

Poverty Sunday on 26 February. How can we allow God to transform us into what Pope Francis has called a “poor Church for the poor”? For more information and resources see [CAP website](#).

Fairtrade Fortnight 2017: This year it is from 27 February-12 March and we want the Big Brew to be bigger and better than ever – so please start planning to get your friends and family together to enjoy a cuppa and fundraise. This year’s pack includes all kinds of new resources, cake flags to games. Packs are available to order online from [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk)

Beginning Experience: Are you single again through separation, divorce or the death of a partner? A weekend programme to help you move to have a future with renewed hope on 17th to 19th March at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For an informal chat about what happens on the weekend contact Freda 01322 838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John

regret, comes to haunt her. Available to buy [online](#).

VMM International formerly the Volunteer Missionary Movement has launched its short-term volunteering programme for 2017, offering the chance of a three-to-six-week placement in Africa tailored to the individual applicant. For this and other volunteer opportunities overseas go to their [website](#).

Marriage Matters is an online collection of 60-word snippets, adapted from the Sunday Mass Scripture Reading reflections found in I Am With You Year A. These can be placed in a newsletter, bulletin, website or blog. The idea is to support, encourage, inspire, challenge and motivate couples to deepen their relationship with one another and with God. See [website](#).

Million Minutes - a Catholic Youth organisation inspired by Catholic Social Teaching is offering small grants for projects which support

01992-642443 email

[johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk)

Women to Women Conference 2017: Join Maria Rodrigues from Premier Christian Radio's Woman to Woman show for an experience that will inspire, encourage and empower you! It will take place on Saturday April 1st at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster. For more information and to book visit the [website](#).

Taizé Birmingham 2017 Hidden Treasure - Inner Life and Solidarity: In cooperation with the churches of the city, the Taizé Community will be facilitating a young adult gathering in Birmingham next year, over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend, 28 April - 1 May 2017. Brother Alois, Prior of the community will take part. Information see - [www.taize.fr/birmingham](http://www.taize.fr/birmingham); Contact: [taizebirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:taizebirmingham@gmail.com)

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youth-led activities linked to Catholic Social Teaching. See their [website](#) for more details and information.

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors now has its own [website](#) for you to view. You may also be interested in The Centre for Child Protection which is part of the Pontifical Gregorian University which also has a [website](#).

Do support and help promote '[We're all Equal](#)' and '[Don't Screen Us Out](#)' two important campaigns; one to remove disability as a ground for abortion and the other to ensure Down's syndrome babies are not screened out by a new test.

Stonor House in Oxfordshire: The Stonor family who remained Catholic from the Reformation until today welcome parish groups by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays during April to the end of September with exclusive use of house, gardens and park. You can also arrange

from 10.30am – 4.00pm at CAFOD  
55 Westminster Bridge Road,  
London SE1 7JB. For more  
information contact Email:  
[admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk); Tel :  
0207 901 4864

Familias Event: The Joy of Love:  
The challenge of Amoris Laetitia in  
the Home, Parish and School. Fr  
Chris Thomas will offer an  
introduction to Amoris Laetitia, the  
Papal Exhortation on marriage and  
the family as an aid to reflection,  
dialogue and pastoral  
practice. London event on Wed.  
24 May, Vaughan House, 10 am  
until 3 pm. Lunch provided. Entry  
£10. Booking essential - contact  
Charlotte McNerlin: 0207 931 6064  
or at [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk)

Annual National Justice & Peace  
Conference: 21—23 July 2017  
at The Hayes Conference Centre,  
Swanwick, Derbyshire on 'A  
Sabbath for the Earth and the  
Poor: The Challenge of Pope  
Francis. For more information  
contact: Email: [admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk](mailto:admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk); Tel : 0207 901 4864

Mass in the Chapel. For more  
information see their [website](#).

This Worldpriest website has one  
overarching aim – to unite priests  
and laity so that everyone can  
come into a deeper relationship  
with Jesus Christ. They want  
[www.worldpriest.com](http://www.worldpriest.com) to be a place  
where you receive answers to  
questions of faith, where you can  
find information on church teaching,  
resources to support our priests,  
prayers for all occasions and where  
you can discover the truth of our  
faith – that God loves us and  
provides for us on a daily basis, in  
every situation. You can also sign  
up for their regular newsletters.

The Ephatta website puts in touch  
people looking for a temporary  
accommodation with other people  
willing to open their door and  
welcome them. Members can list a  
couch, a private room or an entire  
home. Hospitality can be provided  
for any event: holidays,  
pilgrimages, gatherings,  
professional trips...

They created the [Ephatta website](#)



## **“Urgent action” prayer intention of Pope Francis**

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network, known for many years as the Apostleship of Prayer, continues to promote the pre-planned Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis. He has entrusted the Jesuits with the task of sharing one pre-planned Prayer Intention each month throughout 2017.

The latest innovation is that, as from Sunday 8th January, there will be a second, “urgent action” intention each month. The Pope will announce it each month at the Sunday Angelus, with the hope that all the faithful will join in prayer for his urgent concerns and challenges, and with the desire

because welcoming and travelling are unique ways to make meaningful encounters and strengthen our faith. As [Ephatta](#) means “be opened”, the website gathers those who want to open to others, whoever they are.

Maryvale Institute: The Institute offers various long-distance formation courses especially in evangelisation and catechetics from ongoing education courses to undergraduate and post graduate degrees including an Ecclesiastical Licence in Catechetics recognised by the Holy See. For more information on all their courses visit their [website](#).

Fathers Prayers: This is a world wide movement aimed at fathers (between two and ten per group) joining together on a weekly/monthly basis. Find out more on [www.fathersprayers.org](http://www.fathersprayers.org) and/or contact John Murphy direct (07903683227) if you wish to start a group or register a group that already meets.

that these intentions will lead to rapid action in response.

Pope Francis announced his first “urgent action” intention on Sunday for homeless people, especially during the cold winter weather. “During these very cold days, I think of and I invite you to think of all the people who live on the streets, affected by the cold and many times by indifference,” he said. “Unfortunately some didn’t make it. Let us pray for them, and let us ask the Lord to warm our hearts so as to be able to help them”.

The idea is that through praying for the intentions our hearts are opened up to the possibility of real, concrete charity and mercy; or, in a word, action. Pope Francis, informing his Network about these changes at the turn of the year, made it clear that he sees these urgent intentions as a way of “breaking us out of the culture of indifference”.

Speaking in Rome, the

PACT (prison's charity) is looking for volunteers: To support their work with prisoners and their families across England and Wales. They have a number of opportunities. Training is provided to all volunteers. If you are interested get in touch with them on 0207 735 9535 or [click here](#) to see what they have available.

Faith Inside: a guide for Catholics in prison - A new resource for Prison Chaplains and Catholic prisoners available from Redemptorist Publications.

Interreligious News letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference; You can subscribe at <http://eepurl.com/cavnJ9>, It is a newsletter aimed at Catholics who are interested in interreligious matters, and their friends.

LIFE Charity Pregnancy Help: Through their network of Care Centres around the UK, National Helpline or Text to Talk service, LIFE Care provides

International Director of the Pope's Prayer Network, Fr. Frederic Fornos SJ, reflected that the Pope's urgent intention is a way of confronting that "culture of indifference" by drawing attention and prayer to situations that are "more concrete, precise, current (and) related to actual circumstances." In London, the UK National Director, Fr David Stewart SJ, echoed this thought, noting that "It's got to come from the heart; just one of the reasons why the Apostleship of Prayer has always included a daily offering prayer to Christ's heart. These intentions, inspired by the great concerns of our time, are what is in the Pope's heart, in his own prayer, in which he invites us all to join him".

Each month the Prayer Network will continue to promote these intentions for Britain, a monthly reflection and a few suggestions for prayer appear each month on [www.popesglobalprayer.net](http://www.popesglobalprayer.net). See also the new online App, including these intentions and daily offering

counselling and support for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy, suffering the loss of a baby or coping after abortion. Just click on the [Life Website](#).

Readings in different languages - Handy downloadable (pdf) Sunday readings in about a dozen European languages, for those who have different language groups in their parish. Download [here](#).

Papal Blessings for weddings, anniversaries etc - As from January 2015 only available online from the Vatican @ [www.elemosineria.va](http://www.elemosineria.va)

Boarbank Hall, Cumbria run by Augustinian Canonesses offers courses throughout the year. See their [website](#).

Sarum College Courses and Events in Coming Months. [See their website](#).

Ammerdown Retreat Centre - Various events and retreats. [See their website](#).

prayers that change each day on <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/click-pray-new-app-pray-pope-francis>. Other resources, prayer-cards, a monthly calendar and Living Prayer booklets, can be found on <http://www.jesuit.org.uk/pray-pope-throughout-2017>



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prayer intention for January for  
Christian Unity



Flame 2017: Annual national Youth event on 11 March at the SSE Arena, Wembley. Matt Redman (grammy award winning Christian artist) will be leading the music, and speakers include Cardinal Bo of Burma, Fr Augusto Zampini-Davis (theological adviser to Pope Francis, and one of the key people behind Laudato Sii), and Sarah Teather

(former Minister of State for Children, and now director of the Jesuit Refugee Service).  
To book and for information visit [CYMFED Flame 2017 website](#).



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