

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

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton

The Bishops' Conference of
England and Wales has published
new Guidelines on Marriage
Preparation and you can see more
information below and on their
[website](#).

You may be thinking of renewing
your parish website in which case
you do come along to our day on
23 February on the Parish Portal
which will provide a no obligation
introduction to the website for
parishes being offered by all
interactive and supported by the
Diocese. For more information and



The information contained in
this email is included in good

to book online see [Diocesan Website](#).

Finally, can I highlight corrected new opening hours for the Diocesan Bookshop which are 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.

New Marriage Preparation Guidelines

In response to the Pope's call in *Amoris Laetitia*, and as a fruit of several years' work, including a survey of marriage preparation providers and a conference hosted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales in 2011, the Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship have published '[Guidelines for the Preparation of Couples for Marriage](#)'. The process proposed in the Guidelines envisages a life-long pastoral accompaniment by the community – flexible and gradual, meeting each couple where they are, and walking alongside them in a Christ-like, loving, steady, reassuring way, in steps and stages, at all times being assured that the grace of God is at work. The Guidelines appreciate the engaged couples' need for preparation in both the relational and spiritual aspects of marriage, encouraging them and equipping them to make the best possible start, with the assurance that they do not make this journey alone – family, friends, the community of the Church, are there to support them in their 'life-long project'. For help and information on this contact the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Adviser, [Katherine Bergin](#).

Diocesan Information

- [Diocesan Bookshop Opening Hours](#) - A Correction
- [Lent Reflection Materials information](#), Booklet now available
- [Defending the Catholic Faith without Shouting](#), 11 February, Crawley
- [Day of Reflection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion](#), 11 February, Arundel
- [Evening of Reflection with Bishop Richard](#) (for 11-18), early 2017, various venues
- [St John Vianney Group](#), 19 February, Horsham
- [Parish Portal Website Training](#), 23 February, Crawley
- [Interested in Social Action](#), 25 March, Crawley
- [Gift Aid AGM](#), 1 April, Burgess Hill
- [Baptism Catechists Day](#), 13 May, Crawley
- [Parish Secretaries Days](#), Various dates and venues
- [RELIT - Evangelisation Training Tool for Parishes](#), Ladywell Convent, 26-28 May
- [Mass for New Catholics and RCIA Catechists](#), 3 June, Arundel
- [Children's Liturgy Training](#), 24 June, Crawley
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2017 - See [website](#)
- [Diocesan Grandparents Day](#), 7 June, venue TBC
- [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](#)

[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 11am-4pm. Alternatively please ring them on (01293) 651165 or email bookshop@dabnet.org

[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 The material is now available to [download online](#)..

[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

[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 or phone: 01293 651164.

[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 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. 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.

[St John Vianney Group](#): A group for men, aged 18-45 who wish to explore

whether they have a calling to the priesthood. The next meeting takes place at 4pm on Sunday 19 February at The Presbytery, 3 Springfield Rd, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 2PJ. For more details contact the Fr. Con Foley - 01932 842643 or email foleycon@gmail.com

[Parish Portal Website Training](#): On 23 February from 1:45pm - 3:30pm. An introduction with James Godaby on how to set and use Parish Portal. This is an effective and easy to use template website for parishes. For more information contact Mark Woods on 0752 843 8042 or email: communications@dabnet.org. To book online go to the [Diocesan Website Courses](#) and click on Communications button.

[Interested in Social Action?](#): On Saturday 25 March from 10am - 1pm at DABCEC Crawley. Helping to set up a Network for Social Action in the Diocese. For more information contact [Aidan Cantwell](#) and to book contact [Rosie Read](#).

[Gift Aid AGM](#): On Saturday 1 April at St Paul's College, Burgess Hill. It will be time to reflect on how the Diocese has fared over the last 12 months, now into its second half century. Starting at 12 noon with a seminar for those who are new to the Diocese's GiftWise scheme or for those who just want a refresher on the system. The AGM will be at 2.30pm, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. Then, with the formal business over, it is a chance for the Diocese to say a big 'thank you' to all those unpaid volunteer Gift Aid organisers with supper.

[Baptism Catechists Day](#): On Saturday 13 May from 9:30 - 1pm at DABCEC, Crawley. This morning will look at a Baptism Preparation resource (Growing up Catholic) which focuses less on imparting information, but on offering parents an encounter with Jesus Christ. This is a continuation of the session for Catechists held in September 2016, but will also be open to those involved with infant baptism preparation. For more information contact [Ruth](#)

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[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 – Evangelisaton 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 / 01293 651157 and See www.relittraining.com

[Mass for New Catholics and RCIA Catechists](#): This event on 3 June at Arundel Cathedral will, in addition to the Mass, offer an afternoon of catechesis for both New Catholics and RCIA Catechists. For more information contact [Ruth Gerun](#).

[Children's Liturgy Training](#): On 24 June 9.30am-1pm at DABCEC, Crawley. The day will be led by Catherine Christmas, Fr Martin Jakubas and David Wills. For more information contact [Ruth Gerun](#).

[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](#).

[Diocesan Grandparents Day](#): This will take place on Wednesday 7 June 11am-3.30pm including Mass with Bishop Richard. For more information contact [Rosie Read](#).

[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.

[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](#).

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:

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 1st May - Wednesday 3rd May: Creating Community- Led by Dr. Stephanie Thornton.

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

Monday 18th September - Tuesday 19th September 2:00pm to 2:00pm: Retreat Led by Bishop Richard Moth of the Diocese of Arundel and

Brighton

Other Events

Saturday 16th September 2016 from 10:00 – 16:00: Apple Picking Day

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

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 St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Redhill. See 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 or 01273 877050) or Claire Rooney, RE Curriculum Tutor for Sussex University (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.

Local & Parish Events and Information in the Diocese

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

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

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.

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

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

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 - 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

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. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – 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.

Renewal of Promises by the Wellspring Community: On Saturday 25 March at Worth Abbey on the Feast of the Annunciation members of the Wellspring Community will renew their promises at 9am Mass in the presence of Bishop Richard Moth and the Worth Monastic Community.

The Secret of Romero - Passion for God and Compassion for the Poor: On Saturday 25 March at 4pm at St John's the Evangelist, Horsham RH12 2PJ followed by Mass at 6pm. Speaker Martha Zechmeister CJ from El

Salvador.

Easter Retreat for Young Adults – The popular, and powerful, Easter Retreat for young adults will be running again this year from Maundy Thursday (April 13th) to Easter Sunday (April 16th), 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. You are also welcome to contact Jack Regan from the Diocesan Pastoral Team – Jack.Regan@dabnet.org.

It Takes Two is an event for any couple who want to invest a little more in their relationship. Whether your marriage is in good shape or things are tough right now, whether you've been married for a few months, for many years or you've just got engaged, this event will help unlock the potential of your relationship. Join this event at Christ Church Woking, Jubilee Square, Surrey GU21 6YG on Thursday 4 May. For more information [visit the website](#).

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

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 or email 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](#).

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

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

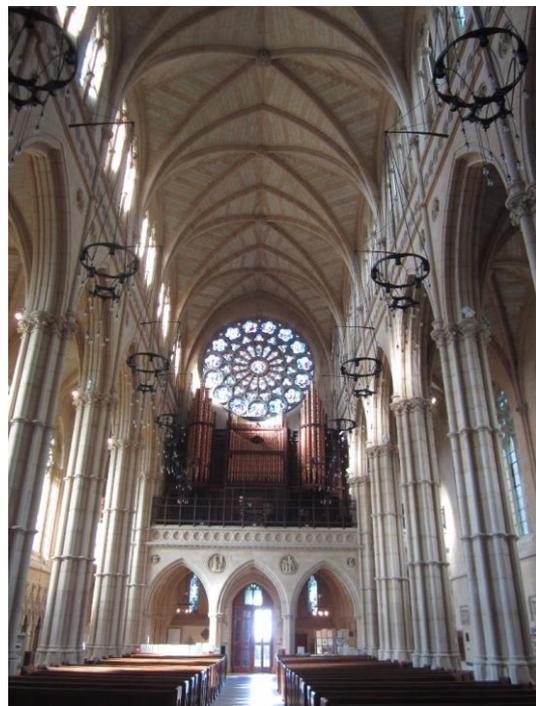
and encouragement to turn their lives around. Could you add real value to the work at Worthing Foyer? For more information or to download a job description click [here](#).

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 or tel: 01293 651152.

Arundel Cathedral Information and Events



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

National and International Appeals and Programmes

Racial Justice Sunday: Sunday 12 February will be an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the many complex challenges facing us in a troubled world. On Racial Justice Sunday, there will be a collection in parishes across England & Wales to support the Church's work for racial justice. For more information and resources for the day see the [CARJ website](#).

Thirteenth National Conference for Rural Catholics 13-15 February 2017 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.

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; Tel: 0207 901 4864.

Live Streaming of Mass: This is now possible and cheap to do. So if you are thinking of broadcasting your services onto people's computers and mobile devices, as they happen, you can now do it through Live Streaming. However, if you are planning to stream the whole service including the music you will need to ensure you have the appropriate copyright license to ensure you are not broadcasting without being covered. You can read a little article on [this website](#) on How to Live Stream and the license you will need to do it.

Holy Land E-Action: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has an e-action asking you to write to your MP concerning the occupation of the Palestinian Territories (East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza) which is now in its 50th year. To take this action [click here](#).

Cinnamon Network aims to make it as easy as possible for local churches to transform their communities by reaching out to

The Way We Worship - Society of St Gregory. This will be led by John Ainslie on Saturday, 18 February, 11.00 to 4.00 (Coffee from about 10.15) at Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading. The day is intended for all ministers – Readers, Musicians, Welcomers etc – and for anyone who is interested in learning a bit more about what we do at Mass and how and why we do it. All are welcome. For more details, please contact Joan Dils who is co-ordinating the event - email earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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](#).

those in greatest need. They help 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.

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](#).

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 even – 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

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 01992-

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 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](#).

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Sir Harold Hood Memorial Lecture
& Symposium 2017 - Is

Relationship Education a key
ingredient to successful Prison
Safety and Reform? On Friday 17
March at London South Bank
University, Castle Lecture Theatre,
London Road Building, 100-116
London Road, London, SE1 6LN,
9.30am-12.30pm. It will be opened
by Bishop Richard Moth. For more
information visit the [website](#)..

Catholic-Lutheran Common

Prayer Service: 26 march at 3pm at
St George's Cathedral, Southwark,
Lambeth Rd, London SE1 6HR. The
prayer service will be followed by a
social event in the Cathedral's Amigo
Hall. All welcome to attend

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

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
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 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

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; Contact: taizebirmingham@gmail.com

National J & P AGM & Open Networking Day: 13 May 2017 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; Tel : 0207 901 4864

Familias Event: The Joy of Love: The challenge of Amoris Laetitia in the Home, Parish and School. Fr

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](#) 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

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

Big Church Day Out: Annual Christian Gathering at Wiston House, West Sussex from 27 - 28 May. For more information [visit their website](#). If booking contact Diocesan Youth Adviser, [Jack Regan](#) who will organise group discounts.

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; Tel : 0207 901 4864

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 and/or contact John Murphy direct (07903683227) if you wish to start a group or register a group that already meets.

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



“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 that these intentions will lead to

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 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](#).

rapid action in response.

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. See also the new online App, including these intentions and daily offering 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>

Papal Blessings for weddings, anniversaries etc - As from January 2015 only available online from the Vatican @ 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](#).



St Cuthman's the Diocesan
Retreat Centre -
www.stcuthmans.org



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](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2017).



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