



Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton

Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News. Last time I wrote following the atrocity in Manchester and I now sadly write in the wake of the London Bridge attacks. I am sure, as before, the prayers of the people of the Diocese will join with Bishop Richard (see below) and thousands of others across the world for those hurt, injured and killed in the attack. As I said last time this forms part of a broader pattern of attacks across the world against innocent people of all faiths and none from Sudan to Afghanistan, and France to USA and many other countries of the world. Please remember them all in your prayers over the coming period.

The election is now imminent as I



The information contained in this email is included in good faith. Please take up any

write so if you have not yet decided how to vote below you will see a news release from the Bishops of England & Wales together with links to their letter on the election and some suitable resources. CAFOD also have some useful questions on social justice to put to candidates on their [website](#) as does the LIFE charity [website](#) on life issues and National Justice & Peace Network on Environment [here](#)..

Finally, I would also remind you that you are welcome to share this eNewsletter with others and invite them to subscribe by sending me an [email](#) - you can unsubscribe at any time. You can also add events and courses on the [Diocesan Website](#) at any time.

With every prayer and blessing for the Easter season,

Mark Woods - [Communications Officer](#)

queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.



Bishop Richard asks for prayers for all those affected by the attacks in London on the night of Saturday 3rd June - for those who have died, those who have been injured and all in their families, for the emergency services who responded to these events and for an openness to peace in the minds and hearts of all peoples.



Bishops issue election guidance with encouragement to vote

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter to Catholics on the forthcoming general election, which has been distributed to all parishes across all dioceses.

The letter is an encouragement to all Catholics to play an active part in the election. While voting for any particular political party is a matter of conscience, the bishops encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations, as we prepare to leave the European Union. The letter lays out broad principles to guide our thinking in the run-up to the election, **taken from Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium.**

“To a great extent the outcome of this election will determine the approach taken on how this (leaving the European Union) is achieved, the priorities we pursue and the values we wish to treasure as our own in the UK and as partners with countries around the world. It will determine how we can heal divisions in our society, care for the vulnerable, how our public services are run and whether we can remain a united kingdom.”

The letter then moves from these broad guiding principles to some more specific questions for consideration and to raise with candidates, including questions on how best to encourage and enable families to flourish, promote freedom of religion across the world and care for refugees and asylum seekers.

The letter concludes with a prayer:

“Lord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace.”

The full letter is downloadable from <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17-bishops-message-news>. Other resources can be found at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17>.

National & International Events

A Lifeline for Marriage – **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has **helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels** including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the programme - commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June 2017 in Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham - email info@retrouvaille.org.uk : call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Launch of Reframe by Catholic Voices: On Wednesday 14 June at Holy Apostles, Pimlico, Cumberland St, London SW1V 4LY with Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Dr Austen Ivereigh. Reframe is a new programme for parishes. **They are now officially launching their Public Speakers' Programmes (PSP) and our 'Reframe' Parish programme. PSP is a response to Pope Francis' call** in Evangelii Gaudium to become a Church of missionary disciples. We have trained a number of Catholics in public speaking skills and to use the Catholic Voices method of civil communication to go into Parishes to help more **Catholics than ever to 'defend the faith, without raising their voice'**. To confirm your place at the launch please email psp@catholicvoices.org.uk

Divine Renovation: moving your parish from maintenance to mission: The author, Fr James Mallon, is visiting Portsmouth Diocese on **Thursday 15 June 2017** from 3.30 – 7:30pm at De Vere Beaumont Estate, Burfield Road, Old Windsor, SL4 2JJ. To apply for tickets go to the [Booking Website](#). If tickets have sold out then you can contact David Wills, Arundel & Brighton Evangelisation & Catechesis Adviser who may have spare tickets: david.wills@dabnet.org or tel: 01293 651157

Day for Life - 18 June: This is the annual day in the Church is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In October 2017 it will be 50 years since the **1967 Abortion Act was passed in England, Scotland and Wales. This year's Day for Life** provides us with an opportunity to pray for and remember all lives lost before birth and to offer practical and emotional support to women and men who are worried and concerned about an unexpected pregnancy. For information and resources see the [Day for Life Website](#).

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 July in Manchester or London or Birmingham. To book, for costs and to find out more information visit their [website](#).

London Bible Week, Day Conference: During the course of a full day conference, **Living like Jesus**, on Saturday 22nd July at the Emmanuel Centre in London, they will be looking at what the Bible says about how we can live **more like Jesus in four key areas. You'll be joined by** Tom Wright, Calvin Samuel, Vaughan Roberts and Celia Apaegyei-Collins to lead us deeper into the scriptures and help us experience the Bible brought to life as never before! For more information see the [website](#).

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

Welcome to Paradise: Chemin Neuf are running a Youth Festival (18-30 years old) in Hautecombe Abbey, Savoy, France. It's an international Festival between 1200-1500 people for one week with opportunity to worship, for talks, workshops, sports and much more from 6-13 August. You can find out more [here](#).

Romero Centenary Pilgrimage to El Salvador: The Archbishop Romero Trust has organized a third pilgrimage to El Salvador to coincide with the **Centenary of Blessed Oscar Romero's birth which is being celebrated** throughout 2017. It will take place from 13-25 November 2017. Bookings are now open but will close in June. For further information and to make a booking or to reserve a place on the pilgrimage please contact by **mid-June**: Anthony Coles, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX. Tel: 020 7431 3414 Fax: 020 7794 7803. Email: arctc@btinternet.com

World Meeting of Families 2018 in Ireland: Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 22-26 August 2018 and we have already started to prepare for this event.

[Please click here to be included in future newsletters from them.](#)

You are now able to apply to volunteer for the Meeting on www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer.

National and International Appeals and Programmes

The University of Notre Dame in England has the following job opening available: Rector (Residence Hall Director) for our London Program. This live-in person serves as the primary pastoral leader, administrator, community

builder and resource for our undergraduate and graduate study abroad students residing in our building near Waterloo. Applicants need to have the right to work in the UK. For more information and application instructions, please visit the University jobs website: <https://jobs.nd.edu/postings/9121> **Job applications close on June 15.**

Power to Be CAFOD Campaign: Every child has the power to achieve great things. But one in six people live without electricity. This holds children back **from reaching their full potential.** By joining CAFOD's **Power to Be** campaign you can speak up for local renewable energy and help families around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. Having access to electricity means that children can study after dark, vaccines can be kept cold, clean water can be pumped to villages and farmers can irrigate their crops. CAFOD is asking the World Bank to spend more money on renewable energy so that the poorest communities can have access to electricity. So please organise a card singing in your parish or school and encourage everyone to sign the campaign action cards. These can be ordered from shop.cafod.org.uk or call 020 77337900. There are posters, children liturgy resources and a short talk about the campaign which can be given at the end of masses on the website cafod.org.uk/powertoBe

The Art of Dying Well website has received a very positive response from the public and the media. It was described in the Guardian as ***“making a positive contribution to society’s communal wellbeing.”*** Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the final journey. Thank you to those of you who have already added a short piece about the Art of Dying Well to your parish website. We need to keep up the momentum, so if **you haven't had the chance to add a link to your site – www.artofdyingwell.org** – Adding the link will boost how the Art of Dying Well website ranks in Google searches for terms related to death and dying, thereby helping people to easily find the site when they are searching for help with these issues.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is the new name for the well-known and popular Apostleship of Prayer, a Pontifical service that's been entrusted to the Jesuits for over a century. In Britain, in various innovative ways, all the faithful are being invited to be Apostles of Prayer. This can be done by sharing the Monthly Intention of the Holy Father www.thepopevideo.org and his new, "Urgent Action" intentions announced each month; there will also be, in some dioceses, a local intention too. There's no cost to join, but there are lots of resources, online and printed – see www.popesglobalprayer.net where you'll also find a reflection on each month's Intentions that can be used in parish bulletins and websites. Fr. David Stewart SJ is ready to visit parishes and Chaplaincies to promote the network in your Catholic community – just ask him: dstewart@jesuit.org.uk @jesuitsinbritain

The Shack tells the story of Mack Phillips (Sam Worthington), a man who has an extraordinary encounter with God in the wake of a family tragedy. The film is coming to UK cinemas on 9th June. Damaris Media are providing free booklets for church groups to engage with the film. Email: hello@damaris.org if you would like to receive some for your parish or school. You could also arrange a private screening of the movie. For more information visit theshackmovieuk.com/privatescreenings.

CAFOD Gap Year Programme: Applications are still open in a couple of **placements for CAFOD's gap year programme**. For anyone aged 18 – 30: an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit CAFOD partners overseas. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year or email cjones@cafod.org.uk

Catholic Women Preach: A new website offering reflections on the Sunday readings by Catholic women. An additional resources for preparation for Sunday Mass. Click on www.catholicwomenpreach.org

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. Though this information only applies to services streamed via a UK based company and not Ireland or elsewhere.

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. As there is now an election taking place this a good time to act. To take this action [click here](#).

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](#).

Life have recently launched a new Social media page aimed at reaching people who really need their support. To help them to find LIFE log on to our Facebook page to “Like” and “Share”

us! <https://www.facebook.com/pregnancymatters/>

Churchmarketplace is a national collaborative buying group, a not-for-profit organisation, created by the Catholic Church to help our community. They have negotiated contracts you can trust, saving you time and money on all your purchasing needs. To find out more, please visit the website www.churchmarketplace.org.uk

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 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.

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](#).

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 Oxofrdshire: 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 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 Global Rosary Relay for Priests begins at the stroke of midnight on 23 June (the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) this year, commencing in East Asia as it begins its journey around the world. We thank you for making this worldwide prayer event a success in the past as we now look forward to sharing in a greatly enhanced event for 2017, when over 100 lead shrines in more than 50 countries around the world will pray the rosary in their local language at their allocated time. See [website](#) for more information.

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 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.

Interreligious Newsletter 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.

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

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](#).

