



WELCOME TO A&B eNEWS:
DIOCESAN AND LOCAL
INFORMATION & EVENTS

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of
Arundel & Brighton

Welcome to the last A&B
eNewsletter for 2017.

Please note Diocesan Offices are
closed from lunchtime on Friday 22
December until Monday 8 January.

If you are thinking of renewing your
Parish website in the New Year then
the Diocese is able to offer you
Parish Portal, a reasonably priced
and easy to administer website, in
association with *allinteractive.com*.
There is currently a special offer of
free setup if you order your site
before 1st March 2018. You can find



information about this special offer at parishportal.net.

Peace Sunday in 2018 takes place on Sunday 14 January and the information and resources available from the Pax Christi website include liturgy notes and homily outlines from Fr Rob Esdaile, parish priest of Our Lady's, Thames Ditton in this diocese.

You can listen to Bishop Richard speaking about the Catholic Church and its work around mental health on Heaven's Road Radio via the web www.heavensroadfm.com on Monday 8th January at 9am, 3pm, 9pm and 3am or using the listen again button outside these times.

With every prayer and blessing for the rest of the Advent Season and Christmas

Mark Woods - [Communications Officer](#)

The information contained in this email is included in good faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.



Christmas Cards and materials are still available from the Diocesan Bookshop in Crawley. See [website](#) for opening times and how to order online.

Items marked in red are new additions since the last eNewsletter.

Arundel Cathedral Information and Events



For further information on Arundel Cathedral and events at the Cathedral see their [website](#). Bishop Richard will preside at **Christmas Midnight Mass** at the Cathedral beginning with Carols at 11.30pm. If you are interested in supporting the Cathedral through Friends of Arundel Cathedral then take a look at their [website](#) where you can see how you can become a member.

Diocesan Information

- [Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#) with Bishop Richard, 6 January, Horsham
- [Justice & Peace Assembly](#), Hope overcoming Fear in the Modern World, 27 January 2018

- [Intentional Marriage - Reflection Day](#), 10 February, Worth Abbey
- [New A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage CD Performance](#), 8 April, Worth Abbey
- [World Meeting of Families](#), 21-28 August 2018, Dublin
- [National Eucharistic Congress](#), 7-9 September 2018, Liverpool
- [Diocesan Bookshop Trading Hours](#), an update
- [Dates for Musicians](#) in 2017 - See [website](#)
- [Evenings of Reflection for Young Adults with Bishop Richard 2018](#)

[Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#): The next monthly Mass will be held on *Saturday January 6th* at 1pm with *Bishop Richard* in St John the Evangelist, Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2PJ. 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 . Mobile: 07970428601 (sms [text] only) Tel: Mr Jim Mortell on 01273 552159.

[Evenings of Reflection with Bishop Richard, 2018](#): In 2016 and 2017, Bishop Richard invited Confirmation candidates to join him at Evenings of Reflection held around the Diocese. More than 350 people attended in 2017, and had the chance to meet with Bishop Richard and to be led in the practice of Lectio Divina. Bishop Richard will be doing the same thing in 2018. The dates and locations are now available so that parishes and Confirmation co-ordinators can factor them into their planning.

Thursday January 18th - **St John's Church, Horsham**

Thursday February 8th - **St Joseph's Church, Epsom**

Thursday February 22nd - **St Michael's Church, Worthing**

Saturday March 3rd - **St John's Seminary, Womersley**

Saturday March 10th - **St Mary Magdalene's, Bexhill.**

All evenings run from 7pm to 9pm. BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. Contact Jack.Regan@dabnet.org

[Annual Justice & Peace Assembly - Hope overcoming Fear: The Church in the Modern World](#): On Saturday 27 January 2018 at DABCEC 10am – 4pm with

Jack Valero of Catholic Voices and Dr Anthony Towey of St Mary's University. Themes to explore will include a Christian response to rising nationalism, the media including social media, how we inform ourselves and messages of hope. To book please contact Ruth Gerun e:

ruth.gerun@dabnet.org t: 01293 651164 or visit www.dabnet.org/courses

[Intentional Marriage - Reflection Day](#): All marriages, no matter how wonderful, can always be enriched. Ensuring our marriage **doesn't become stale and** floundering requires giving it attention.

Making a choice to become intentional about our marriages is more than a **good idea, as Catholics it's part of our reason for being. Christian marriage is a** vocation, a calling from God to live our lives in a certain way to bring him glory by imitating the love he has for us.

For people interested in exploring how they can invest more into their marriage please join us at Worth Abbey on Feb 10 at 1.30 for inspiration from organisations that support marriage, followed by Mass with Bishop Richard. For further information or to book please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293651152 or katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

[New A&B Lourdes Pilgrimage CD](#): You will be able to hear the Lourdes Choir perform some of the pieces from the new CD on Sunday April 8th, at Worth Abbey, alongside performances from other Diocesan musicians. More details in the New Year, but save the date.

[World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage](#): Bishop Richard is leading a pilgrimage to Dublin to participate in the World meeting of families. Participants will have access to a 3 day conference led by world renowned speakers with age appropriate streams available for children and young people. The festival of families will be a joyful celebration of the gifts of family life and on the final day we will share in the wonderful experience of Mass, presided by Pope Francis. The Diocese will cover the cost of registration and other sponsorship may be available.

If you would like more information about the event visit

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/

For more information please contact Katherine Bergin on 01293651152 or katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

[Adoremus - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018:](#)

The bishops of England and Wales have announced that they plan to hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year (7-9 *September 2018*). You can find more information here on the [Catholic Bishops' Conference website](#). The Diocesan Contact for the Congress is Canon Tom Traherne who you can contact on 01424 420815 or by email office.admin@parishofgoodshepherd.co.uk.

[Diocesan Bookshop Trading Hours:](#) Please note that until further notice the Bookshop will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12pm-4pm. For orders and enquiries outside those times please email bookshop@dabnet.org or telephone 01293 561165. Messages will be answered as soon as possible.

[Dates for Diocesan Musicians for 2017:](#) See [Diocesan Website](#) for dates of rehearsals for musicians for Rite of Election, Chrism Mass etc. All details on [website](#). For more information contact [Catherine Christmas](#).

St Cuthman's Diocesan Retreat Centre

News from St Cuthman's Programme for 2017 See full details for the year on their [website](#).

Residential Retreats coming up are:

'Listening with the Ear of the Heart' Retreat led by Bishop Richard Moth. 2:00pm on Monday 30th April 2018 to 2:00pm on Tuesday 1st May 2018. The retreat will focus on teaching and practical experience of Lectio

Divina.

Please see the "Special Offers" page on the [website](#) for up to date information on any offers.

New Activities for Lent: Every Tuesday in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross in the orchard (Chapel if wet) at 10.30am followed by coffee in the house and Mass at 12pm.

Private Individual or Small Group Retreats
Contact St Cuthman's for availability.

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

Diocese of Arundel & Brighton Education Service

For information about, details of courses and for vacancies in our Diocesan Schools see [Diocesan Education Service website](#). Both St Paul's Primary School, Thames Ditton and St Mary's Primary School, Worthing is looking to appoint a new Headteacher which can be found on the [Diocesan Education Service website](#).

Outside the Diocese Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form is looking to appoint a chaplain. See their [website](#) for details.

Local & Parish Events and Information in the Diocese

Advent & Christmas Music from Handel's "Messiah": Worth Abbey Consort and Soloists with Director Michael Oakley on Sunday 3 December at 7.30PM

in Worth Abbey Church. There will be a collection for Worth Irundu Friendship. Refreshments will be served in the Narthex afterwards together with the sale of Jams and Chutneys and the Traidcraft Stall.

Romero - Further Performance: RISE Theatre Group Performance: On 13th January, at 7pm, **the “RISE Theatre” will give a** performance of their highly **acclaimed play “Romero”**. This will take place in the Performing Arts Centre at Worth School. There will be refreshments beforehand and the play will last about an hour. To book tickets, please contact Worth Abbey parish, on parish@worth.org.uk or you can buy online (additional booking fee) at www.ticketsource.co.uk

Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 for children (Includes one free drink)

Barnardos Supported Lodgings Project: Could you offer a spare room and some free time for someone who is homeless or leaving the care system? Could you help someone reach their potential? **Barnardo's are** looking for individuals or families in Sussex to open their doors and provide safe and secure homes for 16 to 21 year-olds. Hosts offer emotional care and practical advice to help a young person build their confidence and prepare for independent living. Hosts receive round-the-clock assistance, a dedicated key worker, a comprehensive training programme and an allowance of £150 per week. For more information about becoming a Supported Lodgings host, call 01273 412010 or email brightonlodgings@barnardos.org.uk

Bogus Emails and Internet Scams: If you receive any of these e.g. I am ill in country X send me money, my husband died and I want to give you money etc, then contact the police NFIBphishing@city-of-london.pnn.police.uk

Catholic Bible School - Bible Weekends: This is an opportunity for parishes to have a scripture-focused time of enrichment that includes: faith formation through talks and workshops, retreat experiences through services and times of prayer and a short mission like experience for parishioners to be evangelised and become intentional disciples. For more information visit their [website](#).

Chaldean Rite Catholics in A&B: The Chaldean Catholic Community is wanting to be in touch with any Roman Catholics belonging to the Chaldean Catholic Church from Iraq and elsewhere who might be living in this diocese. Contact Anne-Marie: annemarie.legal@outlook.com

Catholic Bible School: Various events and Scripture days in Nutbourne, Chichester and Eastbourne. This includes weekly Thursday Scripture Study as well as Saturday talks. To make use of this great resource within the Diocese and for more information visit their [website](#).

Helping people to budget: Local CAP Money courses are run throughout the year and are a means for people to learn budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. Helping people to budget, save and prevent debt. Find out about a course in your area and other CAP services [here](#)

Equipes Notre-Dame (Teams): This is an international Catholic lay movement which offers married couples a framework for living out the Sacrament of **Marriage. A 'Team' is a group of 4 to 6 married couples who meet monthly with,** where possible, a spiritual advisor. Bernard and Susan Kelly are the Southern Regional Couple for this movement and they can be contacted by email on southern@teams.gb.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](#).

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](#).

