



## Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News

Firstly, the deanery meetings with Bishop Richard on the Pastoral Plan are now nearing completion. The last meeting will be on 14 December. The Pastoral Plan can be read on the [Diocesan website](#). A new easier to read version has been added though without the Appendix showing likely dispositions of Deaneries and Parishes.

Please do share this eNewsletter with others and invite people to subscribe by signing up [here](#) - you can unsubscribe at any time. Also a reminder that you can also add parish and other events and courses on the [Diocesan Website](#) at any

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of  
Arundel & Brighton



**The information  
contained in this**

time.

Please remember in your prayers Fr David Goddard who died on 23rd November. Remember also his wife Susan and his son, Fr Matthew and daughter, Kate. His funeral will take place at 11am on Wednesday 19th December at Arundel Cathedral, Arundel, BN18 9AY.

Finally, please pray for Deacon Jack Lusted who will be ordained a priest on the same date, Wednesday 19 December 7pm at Arundel Cathedral.

With every prayer and blessing,  
*Mark Woods* - Communications  
Officer

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

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

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## National & International Events

**AoS Christmas Carols Service:** The Church of our Lady of the Assumption, 10 Warwick Street, London W1B 5LZ (we'll be joined by the Victoria Children's Choir) on Thursday, 13 December 2018 at 7pm. Please RSVP: Roland Hayes (email: [roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) or phone: 07887 893 763). There'll be mince pies and mulled wine after the service.

**Week of prayer for Christian Unity 2019:** The Churches of Indonesia have provided the resources for the Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18-25 January 2019. They focus on the increasingly pressing areas of peaceful unity between different peoples and global economic injustice. There are the usual daily prayer resources for the week, an order of service that can be adapted for your context and which includes prayers that could be adapted for the prayers of the faithful on Sunday 20 January 2019, and also some great all age resources. Even if you cannot pray with other Christians during the week itself consider committing to say the daily prayers as a family, or with a friend, or use the resources in some way in your usual activities and meetings with fellow Catholics. For more information see the [website](#) or contact Diocesan Adviser for Dialogue and Unity, Catherine Martindale at [catherine.martindale@dabnet.org](mailto:catherine.martindale@dabnet.org) who is happy to support you if you need help or advice on how to use or adapt these very good resources.

**Peace Sunday 2019:** This will be held on Sunday 20 January 2019. The theme for 2019 is 'Good politics serves peace'. Every year Pax Christi promotes the Holy Father's World Peace Day Message on the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. This is in the [Liturgical Calendar](#) cycle of prayer. Pax Christi sends resource materials to every parish in the country to help them mark and celebrate the day. For more information and resources see the [Pax Christi website](#).

**Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms: Art, Word, War:** This exhibition now on at the British Library in London running from October to February includes the beautifully illuminated Lindisfarne Gospels, *Beowulf* and Bede's *Ecclesiastical History*, which sit alongside stunning finds from Sutton Hoo and the Staffordshire Hoard. The world-famous Domesday Book offers its unrivalled depiction of the landscape of late Anglo-Saxon England while Codex Amiatinus, a giant Northumbrian Bible taken to Italy in 716, returns to England for the first time in 1300 years. For more information and to book tickets click [here](#).

**Baby Loss Matters Week:** This begins on Sunday 3 February because the readings are particularly appropriate. Life will provide, free of charge, [the](#)

[materials your parish might need](#) to create a memorial as a way of commemorating the lives of those lost before, during, or shortly after birth for any reason. They will also provide suggestions for additional activities to highlight the event such as a Mass offered for the babies and their families and a second collection to support the counselling and outreach services Life provides to save lives every day. Find more information and get materials [here](#).

**Rural and Catholic Conference:** The next National Conference for Rural Catholics will be held in Sarum College, 19 The Close, Salisbury, SP1 2EE between the **25-27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. For more information and booking, please go to [www.ruralcatholics.org.uk](http://www.ruralcatholics.org.uk).

**Flame 2019 - Join 10,000 Catholic Young People at Wembley Arena next**

**March:** Around five hundred people from A&B went to Wembley Arena last March for Flame 2017. The arena was filled, and it was great to be a part of. The good news announced just last week is that it's happening again next March. Specifically Saturday **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, once again at Wembley Arena. Tickets are already on sale and unlike last time they can be booked online. Head to [cymfed.org.uk/flame2019](http://cymfed.org.uk/flame2019) for details.

Flame 2019 boasts an impressive line-up of speakers. More names will follow in the months ahead, but Cardinal Nichols, Robert Madu, Guvna B, and Emma B from 'Girl Got Faith' are already on board. Hurry though - there are only ten thousand seats and at least 5,000 tickets have already gone!

**Monastic Experience Weekend at Quarr Abbey:** The Monastic Experience Weekend is designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. They will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation.

**Friday 8th (evening) - Sunday 10th March 2019.** Contact: [Brother Duncan](#) for more information or see [here](#).

**March for Life UK - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019, London:** The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called LifeFest19 which takes place in the Connaught Rooms, Convent Garden. This will comprise of workshops, children's activities, education stalls, speakers and prayer. Everyone will then leave together to process across the city for keynote speeches outside in the afternoon. For more information, please visit [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**Rise Theatre Summer School:** Professional Christian Theatre: Summer Theatre School for 13-18 year olds 'Kingdom Colour' – Explore what it means to bring God's kingdom to earth, all whilst gaining new creative skills in drama, music and art. £265 inc. Venue St Cassians's Centre, Kintbury, Berkshire. More info. At [www.risetheatre.co.uk](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk)

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## National and International Appeals and Programmes

**All or Nothing: Sr. Clare Crockett:** This documentary on DVD tells the life of Sr. Clare from the perspective of over eighty people who knew and dealt with her during the different stages of her life: from her childhood years in troubled Northern Ireland, her dreams of one day becoming a famous world renowned actress, her first professional achievements to her conversion at the age of seventeen through an experience she had before the cross during Good Friday in the year 2000, which caused her to exclaim: *"He died for me. He loves me!... Why has no one ever told me that before?"* Following that experience, she made the difficult decision between two worlds which led her to give her life completely to Jesus Christ in the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother. She died during an earthquake in Ecuador in 2016. The DVD can be purchased from [EUK Mamie Foundation website](#).

**Adoremus - National Eucharistic Congress:** For those who attended a chance to listen again to talks and inputs, and for those who didn't to see what they missed. You can find this [here](#).

Also what are you doing to follow up Adoremus in your parish? Please send any feedback to [communications@dabnet.org](mailto:communications@dabnet.org) by 30 December.

**Volunteers for Jesuit Missions Wanted:** Jesuit Missions is now recruiting volunteers to travel overseas in 2019. The international development office for the Jesuits in Britain offers four volunteer opportunities, varying from one month to six-month placements. This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in a new culture, experience a different lifestyle and grow in the Christian faith. Put your faith into action and register your interest today! You can find out more detail about all these volunteer opportunities and read more about past volunteer experiences by visiting the volunteer page on the Jesuit Missions website: <http://jesuitmissions.org.uk/volunteering/>

**Professional Theatre Production about Saint Oscar Romero:** Now available on DVD from RISE Theatre who are delighted to release a DVD recording of their original professional stage production 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador', which toured the UK in 2017-18. Produced in association with the Archbishop Romero Trust. In it we see a moving and truthful presentation of Saint Oscar Romero's life and martyrdom. Rated PG by the BBFC. Available to buy at [www.risetheatre.co.uk/shop](http://www.risetheatre.co.uk/shop) - also a great resource for schools and churches. "A challenging and moving production." Bridget Fenwick, CAFOD

**The Catholic Universe Digital Edition for Free:** The newspaper is offering to anyone a free subscription for a period of two months. To register to receive your free online copy click [here](#).

**Columbans Schools Journalism Competition 2019:** The Columbans have launched a 2019 competition with the title: 'The Challenge of Climate Change'. Students aged 15-18 inclusive are invited to write an article or make a video report that informs and raises important issues on the topic. Closing date for entries: 8 February 2019. The winning articles and videos will be announced

in Columban media on 15 March 2018, and some will feature in the Columban Far East Magazine. All details about the Schools Journalism Competition at: [www.columbancompetition.com](http://www.columbancompetition.com).

**Online Survey on Transmission of the Catholic Faith:** As part of PhD research for St Mary's University people are asked to complete a survey about transmission of the Catholic faith in families. The survey is totally anonymous and respondents are not required to provide personal data such as name, address or parish. To take part please click [here](#).

**The Wall of Answered Prayer:** It's a project to build an national monument in the UK with a million bricks, with each brick representing an answered prayer and there will be a way to access and read these. They have the land, next to a motorway in the Midlands, and now they are trying to raise funds and answered prayers. Please add any testimonies that you feel able to share with the nation you might be interested. These testimonies would then be available for the generations to come to hear of God's love, mercy and faithfulness. Please look on their website [www.thewall.org.uk](http://www.thewall.org.uk) to find out more.

**Calling all those working in healthcare:** St Mary's University Twickenham is delighted to offer a unique part time course for people working in healthcare. The Foundation Degree for Practitioners in Healthcare, Ethics, Theology and Care has been designed for healthcare professionals including chaplains, as well as care home workers. The course consists of two evening classes a week in three term blocks over two years. Lectures can also be accessed online. This degree enables you to reflect deeply on those moments that are formative for you as a healthcare practitioner and often life-changing for people you meet on the journey. For further details and how to apply please contact Matthew James ([matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk)) or go to the St Mary's website ([stmarys.ac.uk/foundation/healthcare-ethics-theology-and-care](http://stmarys.ac.uk/foundation/healthcare-ethics-theology-and-care))

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## National and International - Regular Items

**Global Healing - Faith and Building a Common Home:** This is a new tv-quality filmed resource for parishes, groups, schools & individuals helping us to engage practically with Pope Francis' passionate challenge for us to shape the future of our planet. It is a free film featuring well known experts, testimonies and beautiful UK locations with full web support produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) and commissioned by the Bishops of England & Wales. The film can either be shown in a single evening with a shared 'sustainable supper' or over several sessions that could form a short Advent course. Launch date is Creation Day 2018 (September 1st). For details and short trailer please see [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk).

**Safe Car Wash App:** The campaign 'Safe Car Wash App' was launched by the Church of England and the Catholic Church in England and Wales amid growing concerns that some of the estimated 18,000 hand car washes operating around the country are exploiting workers. The app lets drivers punch in their location when arriving at a car wash then flick through a series of slavery indicators such as whether the car wash only accepts cash, evidence of workers living on site or whether the workers seem fearful. If the answers indicate a high likelihood of slavery, users will be directed to a modern slavery helpline. You can download the app for Android and Apple phones. Clergy in particular are asked to raise awareness of the app and the campaign against slavery.

**Parish Rosary Programme:** The Parish Rosary Programme is so simple it only takes one dedicated person to Our Lady per parish to run it. It is just a matter of downloading, photocopying, and distributing small tear-away calendars to parishioners for them to tally the number of rosaries prayed each two weeks and drop the results in the collection basket. Weekly, year-to-date,

and grand totals are published each week in the parish bulletin to remind and encourage everyone to pray the rosary. For more information

[www.parishprojects.com](http://www.parishprojects.com) or email [phirzel2003@yahoo.com](mailto:phirzel2003@yahoo.com)

**Click-to-pray app:** The Jesuits in the UK have produced this very useful app which you can use to download a daily reflection for use in your prayer life. It is especially helpful for commuters. You can find it on [www.clicktopray.org](http://www.clicktopray.org).

**Radio Immaculata - Pro-Life Holy Hour:** A religious community based in Gosport is launching a weekly international “pro-life Holy Hour” on Thursdays from 7-8pm to pray for the ending of abortion. The hour will be live-streamed globally on [Radio Immaculata](http://Radio Immaculata).

**New Resource from NBCW A Guide to the Annulment Process (4th Edition):** The National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW) recently published a revised 4th Edition of A Guide to the Annulment Process, supported by the Marriage and Family Life Office at CBCEW. First issued in 1998, the Guide seeks to de-mystify the annulment process, making it easier to understand, and hopefully less stressful. The 4th Edition also takes into account *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, ‘The Gentle Judge, our Lord Jesus, the Shepherd of Souls’, the document published by Pope Francis in 2015 which gives a more streamlined and readily accessible way of proceeding in cases concerning the declaration of the nullity of a marriage. To find out more and order a copy look [here](#).

**New App from National Office for Vocations - God Calls:** This free App is designed to help you explore your ultimate purpose, and discover your unique path to heaven. To find out more and download the App go to [www.godcalls.co.uk](http://www.godcalls.co.uk)

**Funeral Planning for parishioners:** Help parishioners to ensure that their wishes for their funeral are known by friends, family and the parish using the form provided by the Pastoral Care Project. See their [website](#) for more information.

**Papal Blessings** for weddings, anniversaries etc - These are available not only from the Vatican @ [www.elemosineria.va](http://www.elemosineria.va) but also within the UK from the Apostolic Nunciature, 54 Parkside, London SW19 5NE or email: [nuntius@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:nuntius@globalnet.co.uk). The latter is the quickest way to obtain a Papal Blessing.

**Boarbank Hall**, Cumbria run by Augustinian Canonesses offers courses throughout the year. They have recently published their programme for 2018. See their [website](#) for full details.

**The Art of Dying Well** website has received a media award for its podcasts. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the final journey. Please add a link to your site – [www.artofdyingwell.org](http://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:** Please share the Monthly Intention of the Holy Father [www.thepopevideo.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:dstewart@jesuit.org.uk) @jesuitsinbritain

**LIFE** is unique in the UK, combining positive alternatives to abortion with pro-life advocacy work.

**Pregnancy Matters**™ - supports anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after abortion. #pregnancymatters – If you or someone you know needs help please send them to our website – [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

**Life Matters®** - inspiring and informing the next generation to value all human life from beginning to end. #lifematters (Media, campaigns and education programmes) – please show your support on our Facebook page /lifecharity

**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](http://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.

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](#) 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](#).

**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](#).

**Sarum College** Courses and Events in Coming Months. [See their website](#). They now have a new brochure for the academic year 2017-18 which you can see [here](#).

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

