



Welcome to A&B eNews with National and International News

Happy Easter to one and all.

The recent devastating attacks in Sri Lanka on churches and hotels, and the shooting in San Diego at a Passover Meal are obviously at the front of many people's minds. We would ask your prayers for all affected and all who perpetrate these atrocities. If you would like to assist the communities in Sri Lanka then you can not only pray but assist financially either via Missio (the Church's overseas mission society) or Aid to the Church in Need.

Secondly, we would highlight several job vacancies that may be of interest

Rt Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel & Brighton



The information contained in this email

to people. In particular the Marriage & Family Project role to assist our Adviser's work has had the application date extened to the end of May. Please share them with others.

Finally, please note that the Inspire
Day for youth leaders on 11 May has
now been cancelled. A new date will
be rearranged in due course.

With every prayer and blessing for the rest of the Easter season Mark Woods - Communications Officer is included in good faith. Please take up any queries with information from outside the diocese with those who have provided it.

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

Diocesan & Other Vacancies

Project Officer for Marriage and Family Life: The Diocese of Arundel and Brighton wish to recruit a permanent part time project officer to the Marriage and Family Life Ministry within the Diocese.

Based at the St Philip Howard Centre in Crawley reporting to the current adviser, the successful applicant would work with the Commission in delivering both specific projects and in supporting the ongoing work of the Formation Team.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who has a heart for working with families in developing faith and supporting couples through all stages of married life.

You can see job description and application form by clicking here.

Closing date has been extended to Friday 31 May 2019 by 5pm. Interview early May. All application forms to be returned to Bishop's House, The Upper Drive, Hove BN3 6NB or coo@abdiocese.org.uk for the attention of Sarah Kilmartin, Chief Operating Officer.

School Chaplain & Deanery Youth Worker Worthing: Chatsmore Catholic High School and the participating parishes in Worthing Deanery are looking to hire an experienced youth minister for the above post, starting in September. Application deadline is May 20th. Salary £30,000. For an application pack, Email Jack.Regan@abdiocese.org.uk

A full-time Spiritual Support Lead: This post is at St. Wilfrid's Hospice in Eastbourne. All the details, links to job description and person specification are available through the <u>St Wilfrid's Hospice website</u>.

National & International Events

March for Life UK - Saturday 11 May 2019, London: The day will start at 9.30am-1.30pm with an indoor festival called LifeFest19 which takes place this year over two venues: Venue 1 is The Emmanuel Centre, 9-23 Marsham St, Westmister, London, SW1P 3DW. Venue 2 is Church House, Deans Yard, Westminster, London SW1P 3NZ. These will comprise of workshops, children's activities, education stalls, speakers and prayer. Because there is limited space at these venues and a lot of prolifers, you will need to book your place beforehand. It only costs £3 per adult (2 for £5), youth £1 (6-17yrs), children (under 6yrs) FREE. Your ticket will enable you to attend either venue on a first come first served basis. The March itself will run from 2pm - 4.30pm starting

from the back entrance of Westminster Church House 25 Great Smith Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3BN. It will end with Christian prayer and keynote speeches. For more information and to book your tickets for the morning events, please visit www.marchforlife.co.uk.

To make a one off gift to March for Life this Lent (which a generous donor will double up to the total value of £10,000) please click on the <u>website</u> or make a bank transfer to March for Life UK payee account 39971560 with sort code 77-29-18 or you can send a cheque made payable to March for Life UK to 19, Geraldine Rd, Malvern, Worcs WR14 3NT.

Spirituality and Mental Health Day: More and more people's lives are being touched by mental ill-health and the issues that surround it. Medication has improved considerably but there is also increasing interest in the part that spirituality can play in helping someone to live with their illness. The speakers Kathy Devlin and Fr Conor Stainton-Polland bring considerable wisdom and experience to share with us and will give ideas to take back to our own communities or practices. The day will take place in London and Liverpool. The London details are: Tuesday 14 May, St Aloysius, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA. The day runs between 11am-3.30pm (Coffee from 10.30).

Lunch – please bring your own on. Donations to help to cover costs welcome. To book and for more information contact Martin Foster, 39 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1PL. Email: martin.foster@cbcew.org.uk.

Veterans Wanted as Pilgrims: If you're an ex serviceman or woman, we need you! Every year there is the International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes. HCPT Group 507 takes disabled and sick ex servicemen and women or dependents of those who have served. We stay in Hosanna House at a wonderful location just outside Lourdes. We need helpers and VIPs, our term for those we are caring for, to join us on this year's Pilgrimage. This year's dates are from May the 16th to May 24th.

To receive more detailed information contact Brendan McWilliams by sending an email to brendan.mcwilliams@icloud.com.

If you can't come this year, we could take you next year

Vocations Weekend for young women: On the theme of Discernment and Vocation from 24-26 May 2019 in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Mothers Prayers Retreat: Peace is my gift to you – Do not let your hearts be Troubled or Afraid (John 14 v 27). The retreat will take place at The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, West Yorkshire, LS29 9BW. It will take from Friday 24th May – Sunday 26th May 2019 (After 4.00pm on Friday – After lunch on Sunday) To book contact retreat@mothersprayers.org or tel: Liz: 01959 532505 for information. Cost - £170. Please note that booking for this Retreat is closed two weeks before the event. In the case of overbooking, priority will be given to those who have not been before.

World Communications Day: This year is celebrated on 2 June. Materials will be sent to parishes in May. Since the launch of the internet, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all. This year Pope Francis invites us to reflect on our 'being-in-relation', and to rediscover, in the current communications context, the very human desire not to be left isolated or lonely. Read the full text of the Pope's message here: www.catholicnews.org.uk/wcd19-pope-message.

From Christendom to Missiondom - Changes for the Parish: On 17 June at The Exchange, 75 London Rd, Twiuckenham TW1 1BE. Sherry Weddell, author of Forming Intentional Disciples, first coined the term "Missiondom" to describe the new, cultural landscape we seek to evangelise in the 21st

Century. In this keynote, Weddell will explore bold questions about how parishes can prove to be "capable of self-renewal and constant adaptivity" (Evangelii Gaudium, 28), how they can adapt to the new demands, assumptions and rules of "Missiondom". While numerous programmes of evangelisation promise the renewal of the parish, Weddell will explore the deeper change that is needed: mindsets, culture, language, models. Is the parish still a relevant or effective means of evangelisation? Tickets £10; Students £5.

Book your place <u>here</u>. (This keynote is the culmination of a day's symposium on the parish: see <u>here</u> for more details).

Restored Lives - recovery from divorce and separation: Familias is delighted to offer 3 workshops to equip individuals and teams to run the Restored Lives course in their parishes. Founder and presenter Erik Castenskiold has been running the Restored Lives programme for over ten years. The course helps those who have experienced separation and divorce to recover from the trauma of relationship breakdown and rebuild their self-confidence, offering them the tools and skills needed to live a restored, happy and fulfilled life. There are 3 sessions in Sheffield on 6 June, London 20 June at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN, and Birmingham on 2 July. Booking for all venues is essential via: fammflew@gmail.com. The day runs from 10.00am-4.00pm (coffee from 9.45am & sandwich lunch provided). There is a charge for attendance.

For further information on the London event contact Roger Carr-Jones, family@rcdow.org.uk, Tel: 020 7798 9363 ex 2363.

Sea Sunday: This will take place on Sunday 14 July and is a wonderful opportunity to pray for and support the work of Stella Maris, The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS). On this Sunday the Church asks us to support the vital work done by AoS port chaplains, cruise ship chaplains, and ship visitors. For more information go to www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

Annual Justice & Peace Conference: This year this will take place on 26—28 July 2019 (Note change of date) at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. The theme is 'Forgotten People, Forgotten Places: Being Church on the Margins'. You can find more information on the National Justice & Peace website.

Society of Saint Gregory Summer School: The 90th anniversary Summer School will take place at *Worth Abbey and School* from Wednesday 14 – Saturday 17 August. The Society of Saint Gregory is the national society for liturgy and music in the Roman Catholic Church in the British Isles. The Society is a charity whose purpose is to promote study, understanding and good practice in the celebration of the liturgy, in accordance with the teaching of the Church. For booking and more information on the summer school go to: www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2019/

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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees: The 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be observed on Sunday, 29 September 2019. The theme this year will be "It is not just about migrants". With this theme, Pope Francis wants to emphasize his frequent calls on behalf of migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of human trafficking along with the many other people who, in peril or ignored, find themselves on the outskirts of life.

In order to make this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees as beautiful and meaningful as possible, the Migrants & Refugees Section is mounting a communication campaign offering monthly reflections, information and multimedia materials, from a variety of viewpoints, to promote a deeper understanding of the theme chosen by Pope Francis.

Visit of Our Lady of Walsingham statue: Next year, on 25th March 2020, the Feast of the Annunciation, England is going to be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary' and in preparation for this the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be visiting Arundel Cathedral in the autumn, from 28th to 30th November. The title "Dowry of Mary' goes back to St. Edward the Confessor (d. 1066). During the course of 2018 to 2020 as part of the preparation for the rededication, the statue of Our Lady from the Slipper Chapel at the Catholic National Shrine in Walsingham is being taken to every Cathedral in England for a three-day triduum of prayer. Each visit takes place between a Thursday and Saturday. For more information see here.

Taizé European Meeting 2019-20: The next European youth meeting will take place in Poland, in the city of Wrocław, from December 28, 2019 to January 1, 2020. This will be the third time that this gathering of European Christian youth of all faiths will take place in Wrocław (after 1989 and 1995) and the fifth time in Poland (after Warsaw 1999 and Poznan 2009). For more information go to <u>Taizé website</u>.

National and International Appeals and Programmes

Marriage & Family Life Surveys: Liverpool Hope University is asking families to help with projects concerning families and faith. There are four projects with attached surveys as follows:

Project 1: online survey for <u>new parents</u> (This project is inviting parents to contribute to the wider field of knowledge, based on their own experience, thus helping to inform and improve support and activities provided for new parents). **Project 2**: online survey on <u>provision for church-going families</u> (This project seeks to discover what activities and provision are already present for families

WITHIN the church. In contrast to missional or outreach activities, this project is interested in activities of a pastoral care, discipleship or fellowship nature, specifically for families who attend church regularly or semi-regularly).

Project 3: online survey on experiences of being a Christian parent (This project seeks to understand the influences on Christian parents, and different approaches to parenting/faith parenting).

Project 4: Christian parents observing and documenting their child's faith and spirituality or email youngfaith@hope.ac.uk for more information. (The aim of this project is to gain insight into spirituality in young children, from parental first-hand perspectives. Parents/carers will be asked to observe aspects of their child's spirituality and record their observations on an online form, for a six month period. This will allow the researcher to understand the degree to which young children engage spiritually, but also how much this varies across different stages of a child's development in the early years. In this way, parents will be contributing to the wider knowledge on this subject, which will help other parents, teachers and church workers to more effectively nurture faith in young children).

Sion Community Parish Missions: They are offering two new mission formats. One, a "Celebration Week", compresses parish visiting and three evening events into a single week. The other, a "Festival Weekend", has a slightly larger Sion Community Team running a weekend of events in a parish. Either way, the weekend is meant to be an encouragement for parishioners to begin offering a basic Gospel course such as Alpha or Discovering Christ on a recurring basis. Where a parish lacks the resources to train its parishioners to do this in-house, Sion Community can also provide the training.

Details of their new mission packages are on their website at www.sioncommunity.org.uk and any parish wishing a conversation about what we offer can contact frgareth@sioncommunity.org.uk or 07944 536 511.

'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word: The Catholic Bishops'
Conference of England and Wales has designated 2020 as 'The God Who
Speaks': A Year of the Word to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Verbum

Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin.

Ahead of 2020 Year of the Word, they would like to hear how people currently make use of Holy Scripture. The information, which is submitted anonymously, will help them to plan events and resources that will help you and those you meet to hear more effectively God who speaks to us through his word. Please take part in ITHE God who Speaks survey, and pass it around to the Catholics you know: Thank you for taking part in the survey.

FaithKeeper - the Film: In the Middle East, the birthplace of Christianity, Christians and other minorities are being violently persecuted, driven out and wiped out. Even their places of worship are being destroyed. Faithkeepers gives face and voice to the humanitarian crisis and genocide affecting millions in the Middle East as a result of religious and ethnic persecution. The film is a testament to the stories of the persecuted and an inspiring portrait of the human spirit. Its message and testimonies are especially poignant at Easter. This film is free to screen around the world, including in all schools and churches worldwide. Here is a link to the Faithkeepers trailer and booking form. To receive the code to screen the film for free, or if you have any questions please contact; Jeremy at Clarion Project - jeremy@clarionproject.org or lan Davies at jandavies55555@gmail.com. Please forward this to anyone you feel may be interested.

Cyclone Idai Appeal: For anyone who still wishes to donate to the DEC CAFOD appeal for the victims of Cyclone Idai you can do so <u>here</u>.

ATS Pro Terra Sancta Appeal for Syrian Refugees: The Franciscans in the Middle East are appealing for help for Syrian Refugees this Lent and Easter. They currently distribute food parcels, provide vouchers for the purchase of medicines and coverage of medical expenses, kits for personal hygiene and products for newborns; assist children and young people in paying tuition fees

and purchasing educational material; and help many families to pay the rent and find a decent accommodation. If you wish to help go to their <u>website</u>.

New Pilgrim Path Website: This website is inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to 'walk the streets of the digital highways .. in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.'

New Pilgrim Path explores and shares the rich spiritual resources of the internet. Visitors are helped to find sites that are relevant to them at the particular stage of their journey. They have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts and many others. Each week they also feature a 'Website of the week'. Please go to www.newpilgrimpath.ie for more information, you can unsubscribe at any time.

'Settled Status' - scrapping of application fee for EU Citizens living in the UK: Bishop Paul McAleenan of Westminster has welcomed Prime Minister Theresa May's announcement that EU citizens applying for 'settled status' to remain in the UK after Brexit will no longer be expected to pay an application fee of £65 each.

Applicants must have lived in the UK for five years to be eligible for 'Settled Status'.

Lead bishop for migration and asylum for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Bishop McAleenan said: "The Church stands in solidarity with all EU citizens who have made their home here and we will continue to engage with the government as the scheme is implemented."

See http://catholicnews.org.uk/eu-citizens-settled-status-210119 for more information.

Celebrating Young People Awards: Nominations are now open for the fourth Celebrating Young People Awards. The awards –powered by Catholic charity Million Minutes – honour the achievements of young people across the country who make our communities a better place. There are eight award categories,

which take their names from Catholic social teaching and recognise the enormous, often unseen, social action of young people. Parishes, schools and individuals in Arundal and Brighton Diocese are being invited to nominate young people. If you know an unsung hero or heroine or a group that have worked together to help their community put them forward for an award now at www.millionminutes.org/awards. The award nominees will be invited to attend a special ceremony in London's West End in July. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be the guest of honour and present the Pope Francis Award to one lucky young person.

At the 2017 awards 4 young people from St Edwards and St Luke's Parish, Keymer, West Sussex received the Cardinal Hume – Living out the option of the poor Award. More details can be found at www.millionminutes.org/awards. Nominations close on 24 May 2019.

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 <a href="https://example.com/here/bh/he

The Catholic Universe Digital Edition at a Special Price: The newspaper is offering to anyone to register to receive your free online copy click here. It's £8 per year for a Catholic Universe annual digital subscription-approximately 15p per week and a 33% discount on their usual price of £12 per year. You can subscribe here to receive a weekly digital edition.

National and International - Regular Items

Prayer

The 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. They have just launched *Mission Lands* that reaches out to priests, lay faithful, religious, families and young people who will contribute captivating content on a monthly basis. You will receive real-life experience from home lands and foreign lands, with stories from around the world for readers to reflect upon covering evangelisation, catechetical, pastoral, intellectual, human and spiritual outreaches. The first contribution comes from our Worldpriest Representative for Indonesia and Pakistan, Father Mushtag Anjum, Mi. Should you wish to contribute to this new, exciting, though at times challenging section, please email Worldpriest Global Apostolate at info.worldpriest@gmail.com.

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 or email 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.

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.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: Please share 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

Ammerdown Retreat Centre - Various events and retreats. <u>See their website</u>.

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 to find out more.

Formation

New Theology, Religion, and Ethics Foundation Year at St Mary's
University: Countless people ask theological, religious, and ethical questions
every day. But many do not have the opportunity to pursue these questions in a

structured academic setting. The St Mary's Foundation Year in Theology, Religion, and Ethics provides access to higher education for those who might not gain access through the traditional routes. You might be looking to explore a broader context of your own faith. Maybe you'd like to find out what some of the best minds of human history have to say about the search for meaning. Or perhaps you simply want to get requalified in something you've always been passionate about. Either way, St Mary's offers an academically excellent programme combined with high levels of pastoral support to set you on the right track for future success. Come and study with us at the UK's premier Catholic University. For more information see the website.

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.

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

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.

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 <u>website</u>.

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.

Sarum College Courses and Events in Coming Months. <u>See their website.</u> They now have a new brochure for the academic year 2017-18 which you can see <u>here</u>.

Mission

Archives of the Venerable English College, Rome: A new website for the historic archives of the Venerable English College is now online. The College has been on the same spot in Rome since 14th century. It has been used by the Catholic Church in England from then to the present day.

RISE Theatre DVD - 'Romero - Heartbeat of El Salvador': This toured the UK in 2017-18. Produced in association with the Archbishop Romero Trust, 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 - also a great resource for schools and churches.

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.

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.

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 ludex Dominus lesus, '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.

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 <u>website</u> for more information.

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

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 — 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.

LIFE is unique in the UK, combing positive alternatives to abortion with prolife 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
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

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.

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 <u>website</u> 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.

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.

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 downladeable (pdf) Sunday readings in about a dozen European languages, for those who have different language groups in their parish. Download here.

