

This round up is to keep everyone in Clifton Diocese up to date with information that is important to us all

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Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly Team Briefing document which is intended to keep everyone up to date with things happening within Clifton Diocese.

Diocesan Roadshows:

As in previous years, during April and May we will be holding Diocesan roadshows in various locations throughout the Diocese. These events are an opportunity for Parish Priests, Secretaries/Administrators and Volunteers responsible for specific activities in parishes to receive updates on key activities and to meet with personnel from the Curia offices. This year we will also be joined by members of the Justice & Peace Commission, who will provide an overview of the work they do.

Dates, times and locations of the roadshows are as follows:

Alexander House, Bristol	Thursday 12 April at 2.30pm and 7.30pm
St George, Taunton	Thursday 19 April at 7.30pm
English Martyrs, Tuffley	Thursday 26 April at 7.30pm
St John the Baptist, Trowbridge	Thursday 10 May at 7.30pm
St Joseph, Wroughton	Thursday 17 May at 7.30pm

If you would like to attend one of these roadshows and have not yet replied, please contact Paula Asquith at Alexander House on paula.asquith@cliftondiocese.com

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR):

The new General Data Protection Regulation comes into effect on 25 May 2018 in the UK and all member states of the EU. It focuses on the rights of individuals and particularly the retention of personal data. Key changes under the new regulation include:

- Enhanced rights for individuals
- Additional obligations
- New rules on consent
- Access rights
- Enhanced sanctions

We are currently working through guidance for parishes and will be issuing more information over the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding Data Protection and the new regulation please feel free to contact me.

An invitation from Bishop Declan

'Communication is an art learned 178 in moments of peace in order to be practised in moments of difficulty.'
AL 234

'It is important that the divorced who have entered a new union should be made to feel part of the Church. The Christian community's care of such persons is not to be considered a weakening of its faith and testimony to the indissolubility of marriage; rather, such care is a particular expression of its charity'. AL 243

We gather together each year in celebration of marriage and can, so easily, *walk by* those whose marriages have broken down, those who are separated, those who are divorced and those who have remarried.

Bishop Declan is celebrating Evening Prayer in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Westbury-on-Trym on **Sunday 29 April at 3.30pm**. Recently, he spoke of his desire to invite those in our parish communities who may be divorced, remarried or simply separated and to make good use of the opportunity for prayer and for encounter. That invitation is warmly extended and the Bishop hopes that many will feel able to gather with him for this time together. In the Easter Season, it is time to know the risen presence of Christ and to find in him affirmation and encouragement.

There will be refreshments in the St Margaret Mary room after Evening Prayer. It would be useful to know approximate numbers simply to allow us to cater appropriately. If you be kind enough to indicate that you are coming along, that would be useful. You can reply to adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Pope Francis: His vision and our future – Series of lectures to think ahead

Pope Francis marked the fifth anniversary of his election last week and as five years has come and gone, it provides our diocesan community with an opportunity to reflect upon this five years, explore what has taken place, what Pope Francis has offered the Church in his pontificate and maybe consider what might lie ahead of us. The diocesan department of Adult Education and Evangelisation has arranged a series of three lectures across the spring and summer to allow us to look back, to assess, and to think ahead. Fr James Hanvey SJ and Austen Ivereigh will be with us as part of this series of three lectures. Of course, we will have opportunity to consider Pope Francis' key contributions through his publication of *Evangelii Gaudium, Laudato si' and Amoris Laetitia* as well as keeping his agenda of reform somewhere in the 'mix'.

The lectures will take place at **St John's Church, South Parade, Bath**, and begin at 7pm. The lectures are free and all are most welcome.

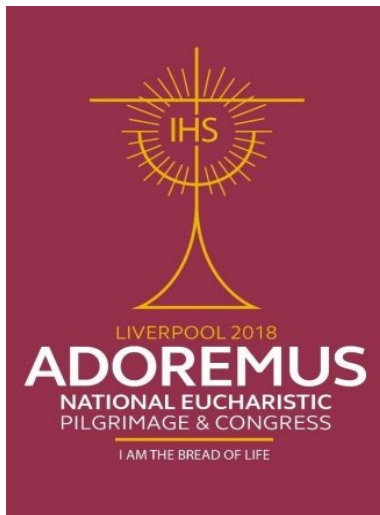
Tuesday 24 April – Fr James Hanvey: Pope Francis and his vision for the Church of the 21st... even the 22nd Century.

Tuesday 26 June – Austen Ivereigh will help us reflect upon Pope Francis and the Church of Mission and his call to evangelise.

Wednesday 19 September – Fr James Hanvey SJ: Pope Francis and the future!

Fr James Hanvey SJ is Master of Campion Hall in Oxford and a great friend of the Diocese having accompanied our diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Assisi as well as facilitated a week of study in 2017 for some of our priests. He has been a Headmaster, lecturer at Heythrop, theological consultant for the Bishops' Conference, as well as finding time to write and publish. He has worked with Clifton on *Faith and Art* series alongside the Catholic Communications Network and the National Gallery.

Austen Ivereigh is a Catholic writer, campaigner, and co-ordinator of Catholic Voices. His book *Pope Francis, The Great Reformer*, was published in December 2014. Austen has visited our diocese before and been a keynote speaker at our diocesan day.



National Eucharistic Congress invitation

Friday 7 – Sunday 9 September

Would you like to take part? A FREE ticket can be yours!

News of the National Eucharistic Congress has started to trickle around the Diocese and, as a diocese, we are invited to participate in this great gathering that is due to take place in Liverpool from **Friday 7 – Sunday 9 September**. Centred upon the theme of *Adoremus* this national gathering invites us to reflect upon the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives of faith and to reflect upon all that the Eucharist calls us to be as a people nourished, fed, formed and moulded by the Eucharist itself.

Each parish was asked to consider sending delegates to the Congress so that the diversity of our diocese could be truly represented.

We've pledged to sponsor the Congress *fee* of £40 for the Saturday gathering to enable as many as can to take up this opportunity from our allotted allocation. Parishes have responded but we have a number of tickets available for the Saturday gathering. Bishop Robert Barron (Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles) is speaking at the Echo Arena and amidst the opportunities to listen to presentations and speakers, there's also chance for stillness and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

Would you like to take part? A ticket can be yours (free of charge) and all you would have to do is get up to Liverpool... and your parish may well support your travel costs, too. If you would like a ticket, just contact Fr Christopher or Doreen at the Adult Education office (adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) 0117 902 5595 and we'll make sure your place is reserved.... However, we need to be in a position to send in names of diocesan participants as soon after Easter as we can, so get your name in quick!

Our diocesan delegates will be invited to come together beforehand so that there is a clear sense of being sent up as *ambassadors* for the Diocese and also a mind to what we need to 'do' by way of ensuring a certain legacy from the Congress. Details will be available shortly.

The Friday part of the Congress is suited to our Priests and Deacons, our Religious, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our Catechists, our Teachers and our Heads of RE, School Chaplains and all those involved in the adoration ministry in so many parishes in Clifton.

The Sunday of the Congress is focused around the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, of course, and that public act of witness with the outdoor Eucharistic procession.

You may want to go up to Liverpool for the three days... it would be great if you did. Contact Fr Christopher if you would particularly like to take part in the gathering of 10,000 on the Saturday. We'd love to have you represent Clifton and it would be good for the Congress to have your presence.



Holy Land Pilgrimage – 10 places remaining

There has been a fantastic amount of interest for the Pilgrimage and deposits and booking forms are now due. Tangney Tours, who are looking after arrangements for our pilgrimage, have reserved hotels and flights for the group. There are 10 places remaining and deposits need to be in asap, as Tangney Tours can only hold these prices for a limited amount of time.

Contact Richard in the Adult Education Office if you are interested in taking part in the Pilgrimage 22 – 30 October 2018 richard.williams@cliftondiocese.com 0117 902 5595

Staff news

Alexander House staff raise £236.00 by eating soup!

Staff at Alexander House came together during Lent for our annual soup lunch to raise money for charity. Ronnie Mitchinson, a former employee of the Diocese, provided soup for the first and last Wednesdays, with other members of the Curia team taking on the remaining weeks, making the soup (from scratch!) and providing bread.

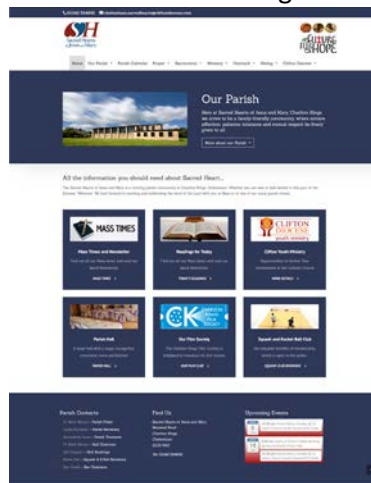
This year we managed to raise £236. The total has been split with half going to CAFOD, and half to supporting Lisa Paniccia-Brown, a member of the Department of Schools & Colleges, who is running the Brighton Marathon on 15 April 2018 for Mind – a charity that supports Mental Health. To support Lisa in her marathon please visit her donation page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LisaPanicciaBrown>



New Parish websites launched

www.sacredhearts.org.uk



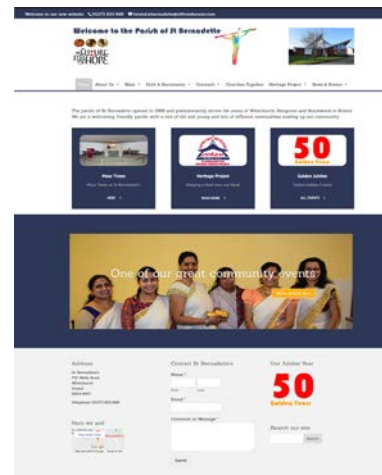
Two new websites have been launched recently for parishes in our diocese in collaboration with the diocesan communications department.

Taking up the offer to use the Diocesan theme of their website, the new sites were built by the communications department with the parish populating all the content.

All those parishes currently using the Diocese to support and host their websites, will be updated shortly to the new theme and many more parishes are now engaged in the development of their new sites.

If you think your parish needs some help or would like a new website please contact the Communications Department: phil.gibbons@cliftondiocese.com

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