

Bulletin Extra...Everything that should be in the bulletin but there is no more room!

EVENTS:

Sundays - Children: Redemptorist Publications is pleased to introduce *Celebrate*: an initiative designed to help children grow in their faith. Each week we will provide a Children's Liturgy in the form of a video of the week's Gospel reading, a reflection and a final prayer. Fun, engaging and practical worksheets/resources will also be provided to help children continue to practise their faith during this time.
<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/celebrate-following-your-faith>

Sunday 12th September: Education Sunday is marked this year just after the new academic year starts. The theme for 2021 is 'A word in season', taken from Isaiah 50:4. Churches Together in England (CTE) rightly describes teaching and studying as "demanding and privileged callings" and Education Sunday gives us the opportunity to give thanks to God for all who teach and all who study, for all who continually have to find the right words and deliver them with enthusiasm and graciousness. This is all the more poignant as we attempt to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers, pupils and leaders in our schools have suffered 18 months of disruption and uncertainty. For the second year in a row, GCSE and A Level students have been Centre Assessed or Teacher Assessed – a challenging situation for both teachers and pupils. On 12th September, we pray that God will fortify those working to make our schools places of learning and sanctuary – not just teachers and leaders but all the support staff whose tireless work sometimes goes unnoticed. We pray for all our primary and secondary pupils – particularly school leavers who have had such a difficult journey in recent times – not to mention students in higher education and vocational training.

Sharing the Journey Sept 2021-July 2022: An opportunity for catechists to be renewed and refreshed by taking part in a series of 10 on-line conversations with a variety of speakers from around the country. Each speaker will offer their own insights into different aspects of catechesis and evangelisation, followed by time to discuss, comment and share ideas. All are welcome to join, including anyone who is interested in this area of ministry but not yet involved. First session:

23rd Sept: What is the Church asking of us? Fr Jan Nowotnik

21st Oct: Sycamore - Susan Longhurst

25th Nov: Celebrating the Rites—why bother? Mgr Kevin McGinnell

20 Jan: Called by Name - the significance of the Rite of Election - Sarah Adams

24 Feb: The Lenten Journey through Art

24 March: Entering the Mystery, Praying the Triduum - Fr James Hanvey SJ

21st April: Mystagogia – it's not a swear word - David Wells

19 May: Supporting people in our parishes who present with intellectual difficulties - Cristina Gangemi

16 June: Being a Catechist - David Wells

July: Retreat

The conversations will take place on Microsoft Teams, 7.30–8.45pm. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent out a few days before each talk. To register contact: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Sat 25th Sept, DIOCESAN CATECHIST TRAINING 11am-4pm:

Family catechesis is the education of children in the faith by parents. David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe will help us reflect on the role of parents in catechesis and give catechists the confidence to enable them to be the first teachers of their children's faith. St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge, Refreshments provided from 10.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Numbers will be limited for the day; please register at adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

[This would be really helpful for anyone who wants to join our team of Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists at 10.30am Mass. It would be great to have catechists ready and enthused for when we restart up our CLOW sessions]

Saturday 25th Sept SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: The Diocesan Safeguarding Team will deliver an online safeguarding awareness session to volunteers on Saturday 25th Sept 9.30am–11.00am The training will be delivered via Microsoft Teams so, if you would like to attend, please contact Beci Monks rebecca.monks@cliftondiocese.com

Friday 1st October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal is focusing on the poorest communities most affected by the climate crisis. Please stand alongside them and help communities who are protecting Our Common Home. Join in CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday 1st October and to give online, or to the collection at Masses on 3rd October. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>.

Sat 2nd Oct CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE: Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Sat 2nd Oct (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He sends a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2021 or those who will marry during this year. If you have or will celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th wedding anniversary during 2021, or are engaged, please contact the parish office bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com. We would like your permission to send these details to Bishop Declan so that personal invitations can be sent to you.

Love Christmas webinar Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm: Looking for a way for your parish to spread love, hope and kindness in your community this Christmas? Love Christmas is a national initiative to do just this. Together we are mobilising volunteers through local churches to sponsor and deliver a million Christmas Boxes to the most vulnerable and isolated. By partnering together, you will be joining thousands of churches from across the UK. It is easy to take part and it is an effective way of reaching out to those around us. Join the **Love Christmas webinar** on **Wednesday 6 October, 11am – 12pm** to hear more and to find out how to get involved. Sign up here: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4917266> and watch the **YOUTUBE ADVERT** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3IK1oYuuUts&t=12s>

Sat 23rd October: CAFOD invite you and others in your parish to a **Clifton Climate Liturgy, Clifton Cathedral** at **11.00am** on **23rd October**. This will be a celebration of the work done so far to inspire a love of Our Common Home and an encouragement for us all to pray and advocate for its protection in the lead up to COP 26. There will be several faith organisations involved in the Climate Crisis Campaign present at the Liturgy for you to engage with. In the lead-up to the Liturgy, CAFOD suggest planning some activities in your parish to celebrate the Season of Creation, 1 September – 4 October. There are helpful resources at [Home Interest - Season of Creation](#).

CURRENT ISSUES/ JOBS/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

SAFEGUARDING Fr Jeremy needs to recruit one more **Parish Safeguarding Representative**. A P.S.R. is a really important role within the parish, to help safeguard the young & the vulnerable. Part of the role is making sure all those who volunteer in certain roles are checked using the Disclosure & Barring Service. If you are interested in learning more about the role, please ring 01225 311725 or email Fr Jeremy to discuss it bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com. Alternatively, you can speak to Becky Cawsey at the Diocesan safeguarding office Becky.Cawsey@cliftondiocese.com

Parish - Mary's Meals: We welcome donations of small balls (tennis balls), & flip-flops/sandals in children's sizes (up to size 2). Leave balls & shoes in the box marked "Mary's Meals" next to the confessional in St Mary's church. Sandals/ flip flops can be nearly-new. We would also welcome monetary donations to buy storage boxes. This will help sort donated clothing, stationery & hygiene items, plus keep the newly decorated Parish Centre tidy. Use the PayPal button on the parish website, or put cheque/cash into an envelope marked "Mary's Meals", & put it into the collection. Any money left over will be given to Mary's Meals.

****Thank you very much for the donations of flip flops and money so far!****

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project>

Job: Clifton Diocese Safeguarding Officer Part-time – 21 hours per week (Wednesday to Friday)

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Clifton is committed to safeguarding and this vacancy provides an opportunity for a skilled and experienced professional to join the Safeguarding team. The Safeguarding Officer role supports the ongoing development of safeguarding across the Diocese, the management of cases, and working with the Safeguarding Co-ordinator, responses to safeguarding issues that arise. The successful applicant will need to have a comprehensive knowledge of safeguarding legislation, policy procedure and best practice guidance and come from a background of either Social Work, Health, Probation or Policing, with specific experience in safeguarding. For further information/informal discussion about this role please contact Becky Cawsey, Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Clifton Diocese on 0117 954 0993. Closing date for receipt of applications: 17th September

Retrouvaille: You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on ... **21st – 24th October 2021** Call or text 086 821 1795+44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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[Facebook Group](#) Twitter: [@greenchristian](#) Instagram: [greenchristianuk](#)
[September Prayer Guide](#)

Green Christian: Why Faith Matters at COP26

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As the Season of Creation begins Green Christian is launching [Why Faith Matters at COP26](#), a lively visual presentation highlighting the four main areas which we feel COP decision-makers need to address: our interconnectedness with nature; the importance of climate justice to protect the vulnerable; the potential for wellbeing without ever-increasing consumption; and the significance of hope if change is to be achieved.

Can you help us get *Why Faith Matters at COP26* to your own MP and local councillors? See a [sample message](#) you can send to her or him with the weblink. Find contact details [here](#). *Why Faith Matters at COP26* supports the call for action in the Glasgow Action Plan in a visual and imaginative way which we hope your MP will find inspiring and helpful.

Please share [Why Faith Matters at COP26](#) widely with your Church, your friends, your family, your work colleagues. Your Church might find this a helpful resource during the time of Creationtide, or for a Harvest or Climate Sunday service.

All the [Reflections](#) written for Green Christian by leading Christian theologians and climate activists are now on our website.

A [Novena of Prayer](#) based on *Why Faith Matters at COP26* : We invite you to start each of the next nine days into Creation Season with the prayer written by GC member Catherine

Fish. Then simply spend some time looking at [Why Faith Matters at COP26](#) and letting the Holy Spirit move you to pray for all who will be participating in COP26 as they reach for decisions which will affect us all.

[Why Faith Matters at COP26](#)

Green Christian events

[More info and to book](#)

Deep Waters

Deep Waters, our eight-week journey exploring climate and ecological grief, along with the place of wisdom, love and justice, begins again online on

Monday 27 September

Deep Waters is free to join and all are welcome, including those who are not Green Christian members. Discussions take place in confidential small groups, run by experienced facilitators.

“Cloud and Fire: Travelling by day
and by night”

Places still available for our

Green Christian Retreat

8-10 October

Ringsfield Hall, Beccles, Suffolk.

The retreat will be led by Frankie Ward

[More info and to book](#)

[Visit Eventbrite](#)

Climate Crisis: What would Jesus Do?

Saturday 2 October Colchester, Essex

Shilpita Mathews is the key note speaker at GC's first “On The Road Together Event” since lock-down. Shilpita guest edited the current *Green Christian* magazine (Youth Activism Issue). Workshops. Booking is essential.

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