

19th September 2021

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

EVENTS:

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 Our local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change & protect our common home. This Family Fast Day, donate in the parish using a CAFOD envelope or online through the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis & help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can also add your voice to our online petition calling for our Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis, www.cafod.org.uk/climate Thank you for your generosity for our emergency appeals to support our sisters and brothers in crisis in Afghanistan and Haiti. You can read more about CAFOD's response at www.cafod.org.uk/emergencies

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](#).

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>

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), bars of soap, toothpaste, rucksacks, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases and hand towels. Leave items in the box marked "Mary's Meals" next to the confessional in St Mary's church. Sandals/ flip flops/ rucksacks/ hand towels can be nearly-new. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/the-backpack-project>

School Governors: 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese educate 21,673 pupils, supported by a 'volunteer army' of school governors, including 350 Foundation Governors appointed by Bishop Declan. The Bishop wishes to recruit new candidates to join the governing bodies, to help grow & sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current & future generations. He has produced a new promotional video where he & current governors & Headteachers, talk about the importance & value of school governors. <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> Click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover some of what being a school governor is about. If you could support Catholic education by applying to be a governor, please complete the online application form <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/form-2> or contact Bill McEntee, Governance Officer via bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com or call him 07710094976 for more information.

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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