

## **17th October 2021 Bulletin Extra...Everything that would be in the bulletin but there is no more room!**

### **EVENTS:**

**Rediscover Your Marriage** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on **21<sup>st</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> October 2021** Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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.

**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](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com)

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Bishop Declan and CAFOD invite you to a **Clifton Climate Liturgy “What can we do about Climate Change?”, Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am on 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** Bishop Declan is inviting us all as the community of Clifton Diocese to join him in celebrating God's creation. Each one of us has talents to bring to the care of our common home, whether beginning our journey or if we have been working for climate justice for some time. Come and meet others to find out what you can do and to share ideas and experiences, share in the challenge to do something about Climate Change, and bring families and friends - all are welcome! 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.

**YOUTH COUNCIL:** As you may have seen on the diocesan website, Bishop Declan wishes to form a Youth Council that will support the faith life of the young people within Clifton Diocese. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone who has a concern for young people and would like to get involved in this new venture. Information about the make up of the council and the intended role of those who are selected can be found here: **Diocesan Youth Council booklet** [Diocesan-Youth-Council-booklet.pdf](http://Diocesan-Youth-Council-booklet.pdf) ([cliftondiocese.com](http://cliftondiocese.com)) If you know of anyone that maybe interested then please do encourage them to get in touch: [Youth@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:Youth@cliftondiocese.com) The council will be made up of dynamic, enthusiastic and flexible volunteers who care about young people and want to make a difference to Youth Ministry in the Diocese. Are you interested? Write to us telling us why by 25th October. Youth Council selection afternoon: Sunday 7 November. Commissioning by Bishop Declan: 5 December.

**STARTS 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER: CELEBRATE** are running the fantastic **Parenting for Faith** course online on Tuesday evenings from 20:00 - 21:15, starting on 2nd November, 2021. The goal of the course is to help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him. The course is eight weeks with an extra optional live session, and will be run in November and then January of next year, as we are going to break in the middle of the course for Advent and Christmas. Everyone is welcome - parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, friends, catechists - all who have a heart for the next generation. Before the sessions start you can join us for worship, and during the sessions there will be opportunities to discuss the content with others on the course. Discussion groups online will be organised in regions so there is an opportunity to get to know other families in your area.

[SEE WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT](#)

When: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 24th November 2021; January 2022

Where: Zoom

[BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE ON THE COURSE HERE](#)

## **CURRENT ISSUES/ JOBS/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

Million Minutes invites us to join them for a webinar on how we support our young people post-lockdown on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** to discuss how we, as youth ministers, volunteers and parish communities, can support young people post-lockdown. This session will have input on current research, sharing of resources available, and opportunities for discussion and network-building.

The session aims to:

- Gain an understanding of how young people have been affected by the national lockdowns through examining research
- Discuss the support that we can offer as Catholic communities to young people over the coming months
- Be aware of the resources available to further enable our work
- Building our network through opportunities for discussion

This will be a live session and will not be recorded. You will receive a digital resource pack, including any presentation slides, following the session. Register now at:

<https://millionminutes.org/events/2021/youngpeoplepostlockdown>

If you have any questions regarding the event, feel free to email Beth (Senior Parish Engagement Officer) at [beth@millionminutes.org](mailto:beth@millionminutes.org)

### **News from the Genesis Trust:**

**Choral Concert - Sat 30 October.** Wonderful concert at St Michael's Church Bath called In Beat and Bach We Trust. Tickets on sale [now](#).

**Bath Contemporary Artist Fair - Sun 14 Nov.** We will have a stall at Green Park selling the beautiful artwork of Peter Fergie. Also on 12 Dec. You can see his paintings [here](#)

**Bath Half Marathon – 13 Mar 22.** If you would like to run for Genesis please register [here](#).

**London Marathon - 2 Oct 22.** If you would like to run the London Marathon next year please get in [touch](#)

### **Notices**

**Jars of small change, foreign coins, notes and obsolete currency - please donate!** We can turn these into useable money. Please contact [Hilary](#).

**Give as You shop.** Online shopping that benefits Genesis Trust. Details [here](#).

**De-clutter and Donate.** Alternative ways to support us through [recycling](#) items such as books, DVDs, CDs, ink jet cartridges, old coins and even cars!!

**Gift Shop.** Visit our [Gift Shop](#) for gifts, beautiful hand-crafted items and artwork.

**Thrift+.** A new way to buy and re-sell clothes and raise money for Genesis. Details [here](#).

**Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care:** Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. We are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with us as **relationship counsellors** and make a world of difference to couples and families.

Marriage Care are delighted to announce the launch of our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) recruitment route. It is particularly open to those who would like to train and volunteer with us as relationship counsellors but do not hold any previous counselling qualifications. The CRC course, which has received funding from the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal Fund, will train and equip selected volunteers to safely and effectively counsel couples. They will then be able to join one of our local centres and support our mission to provide donation-based counselling services to those in need – volunteering just two sessions a week that will make a huge difference to couples and families.

We are hosting an online **CRC Open Event** for anyone who would like to know more about this role, the training and Marriage Care. The event will be held on **Monday 25th October (1-2pm)** via Zoom.

For more information please visit: [www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc)

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS:** There are 62 maintained schools in Clifton Diocese, educating 21,673 pupils. They are 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 and sustain Catholic education in the Diocese for current and future generations, and so has produced a new promotional video where the Bishop and current governors and Headteachers, talk about the importance and value of school governors. Visit <https://schools.cliftondiocese.com/governance> and click on the Recruitment tab to watch the video to discover some of what being a school governor is about. If you would like to support catholic education and so would like to apply 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](mailto:bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com) or call 07710094976 for more information – he would love to hear from you!

#### **Live streaming from St Mary's:**

There is an ongoing cost of nearly £2,500 each year for support from ChurchServices, & other costs such as broadcasting licence fees. Could you help pay for this? Please contact Michael Gage if you can Gift Aid your donation [msg.gage@gmail.com](mailto:msg.gage@gmail.com) You can also use the donate button on the parish website [www.stmarysbath.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbath.org.uk) or send a cheque (payable to "St Mary's Catholic Church Bath") to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF.

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