

24th October 2021 Bulletin Extra...Everything that would be in the bulletin but there is no more room!

EVENTS:

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

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 \(cliftondiocese.com\)](#) If you know of anyone that maybe interested then please do encourage them to get in touch: 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.

The fifth World Day of the Poor will be on Sunday 14 November 2021. Pope Francis, on the first World Day of the Poor in 2017, implored that our service to the poor, "...lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life." This call to engage the poor among us as our brothers and sisters, and not to treat them as abstract, transactional relationships, reminds us of the love that Christ demonstrates for us. Caritas Social Action Network has prepared a Novena, nine prayers to be said over nine days from Friday 5 November to Saturday 13 November. The Novena will assist us as we seek to open ourselves to God's grace and to hear the cry of the poor. Each of the first eight days focuses on the cry of a particular group, with the final day praying for the building up of God's kingdom of justice, love, and peace. The daily prayers include an opening antiphon, a reading from Scripture, a period of silent reflection, a prayer for the day's focus, and a closing prayer. By this Novena, we make time to focus on God's will as we approach the World Day of the Poor. We open our hearts to God's will, and through our nine days of prayer we prepare ourselves to hear and to respond to the cry of our brothers and sisters. Please see link below for the message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the fifth World Day of the Poor: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20210613-messaggio-v-giornatamondiale-poveri-2021.html>

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.

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@cliftdioocese.com

CURRENT ISSUES/ JOBS/ VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2022 (Monday 26 September to Tuesday 4 October 2022) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial estimated costings indicate a figure of £1,959 per person (based on two people sharing). The bishop will be accompanied by Fr Nicholas King and the pilgrimage is always an enriching experience, tracing the steps of patriarchs, matriarchs, prophets and kings, apostles and disciples and, of course, tracing the steps of Jesus. If you want more details, contact the adult education office: adult.education@cliftdioocese.com

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 2022. If you would like to run for Genesis please register [here](#).

London Marathon - 2 Oct 2022. 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](#).

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 You can also use the donate button on the parish website www.stmarysbath.org.uk or send a cheque (payable to "St Mary's Catholic Church Bath") to 4 Harley Street, Bath, BA1 2SF.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

Please share these numbers so someone in need can find them.

WomansAid National Domestic Violence Helpline 0808 2000 247

The mix Advice for under 25yrs 0808 808 4994

Advice for Male Victims of Domestic Violence 0808 8801 0327

Childline Deals with a vast variety of children concerns inc. Domestic Violence 0800 1111

<https://www.csas.uk.net/wpcontent/uploads/2018/05/Guidance-Supporting-people-who-may-be-experiencing-domestic-violence.pdf>

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