

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

July 2017

Chief Operating Officer – Lyn Murray

Thank you and a look forward.....

I want to start off this briefing with a big 'Thank You' to all the Parishes who attend one of our six Diocesan Roadshows recently.

We had a total of 74 Parishes represented from all corners of the Diocese and these events provided an opportunity for the various departments of the Curial offices to introduce themselves and give an overview of their respective area.

This was the first time we did the roadshows in this manner, as traditionally they have been a finance focused evening. All our six departments were represented: Safeguarding, Finance, Property Services, Adult Education and Evangelisation, Schools and Colleges and Communications.

We received positive feedback about the way these roadshows were conducted and many people thought it was a good idea as it put a face to the voices at Alexander House and St Ambrose. People now have a much better understanding of who is who and where to go to for various issues and support. We will be running these roadshows annually and I will let you all know nearer the time when and where they will be held in 2018.

On Track for our new Company.....

We are on-track with plans to change the legal status of Clifton Diocese from a Charity to a Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable status.

As discussed in previous communications and recently at the roadshows, we are changing the legal structure of Clifton Diocese with effect from 1st January 2018. There will be very little change on a day to day basis, though the new company will be known as Clifton Diocese and not CCDTR.

Alexander House gets Greener.....

Over the last six months our administration offices, Alexander House in Bristol have had a few changes, such as new desks and pedestals. We have now completed an upgrade to the lighting system by installing new LED lighting. These lights are much more energy efficient and work off PIRs so as not to waste unnecessary energy when a room, hallway or toilet is not being used. This energy saving improvement adds to the other recycling initiatives the offices undertakes.

Staff news

We welcome Aimee Gallian to our staff team for a ten week Internship.

Aimee is studying media at the University of the West of England and is spending her time with our Communications Officer, Phil Gibbons, where she will be helping with all things media and will also be developing the new Diocesan website with Phil.



Safeguarding Training for FREE

Interested in receiving FREE Safeguarding Training?

Any member of the Diocese can register to access free online EDUCARE Safeguarding training by emailing your name, parish/religious congregation and role e.g. Parish Priest, Catechist, Governor etc. to Rebecca.Monks@cliftondiocese.com

Once registered you will have instant access to all seven modules of the E-Learning programme and will be able to print out your own Certificates of completion.

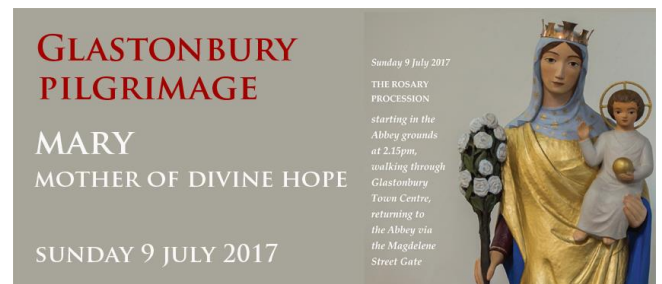
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Special Events

GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

Twelve months has come round so quickly and the diocesan pilgrimage is always a great gathering of the diocesan family at this beautiful shrine of Our Lady in Glastonbury. Seeking her maternal help and protection under the title of Mother of Divine Hope, we gather on Sunday 9 July for an afternoon's prayer, procession, reflection and celebration as God's people. It'll be good to see you and your parish there.

Full details of the programme are featured on the diocesan website.
www.cliftondiocese.com



Young People's Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes offers young people aged 16+ a unique opportunity to journey to a place of great healing and prayer. As a group we support the less able members of the diocese, enabling them to take part in the large gatherings, prayer services and Masses.

We also support the main Catholic Association pilgrimage by offering our services as stewards, readers, servers and banner carriers. We make time in our week to reflect on our own faith journey and to socialise as a group.

If you are interested in attending, a registration form is available on the Youth Ministry page of the Clifton Diocesan website. www.cliftondiocese.com/departments/youth



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Planning well ahead, Bishop Declan is set to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018 (22 - 30 October) staying three nights in Galilee, two nights in Bethlehem, and three nights in Jerusalem. Initial costings indicate a figure of £1210 per person (based on two people sharing).



We've always had a superb time in the Holy Land and it'll be good to look forward to another trip in the autumn of 2018.

Interested? Then we're taking initial refundable deposits of £100 (the cost of the flights isn't available until November, so the 'final figure' is dependent upon BA and the flights they release). A booking form is available from the Adult Education and Evangelisation department, and we will keep you updated.

Baptismal Preparation

Anitra Rawlins has been with the department now for 6 months working with two or three pilot parishes in seeking to implement preparation for baptism and welcoming families into the lives of our communities.

Anitra has been working to help shape and form teams in parishes of baptismal preparation as well as helping them consider the welcome that is necessary and the 'what comes after' baptism.

If you're interested in finding out more about the material or what she has been doing in support of our Marriage and Family Life coordinator, Anne Marie Sparrow, in the world of Marriage and Family Life, you can contact her through the Adult Education and Evangelisation department. Anitra, Anne Marie and Fr Christopher are also exploring what a diocesan marriage preparation course might look like to support couples in their journey towards Marriage and parish communities in their desire to accompany those on their pilgrimage towards the Sacrament.

Contact Anitra: anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com

Youth Ministry

Formation evenings for those involved in Confirmation catechesis and those involved in youth ministry are taking place across the next four or five weeks. Hosted in Brockworth, Corsham, Patchway and Taunton, these sessions are designed to enable us to reflect upon how we form our young people, not simply for one celebration, but to be disciples and followers of Christ.

Details of these four sessions can be found on the diocesan website. You can contact Dave Wheat for more details and to book your place. Contact Dave:

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READY AND WILLING Formation evenings for Confirmation Catechists

Retreat Days

Two retreat days have been arranged for youth leaders, catechists, teachers and those who work with our young people in September 2017 and January 2018.

These two opportunities for reflection and prayer allow those in the thick of working, forming and leading our young people to have space to explore their ministry.

September 16 - St Cassian's, Kintbury

January 20 - Brownhill.

Full details can be found of the diocesan website.

Booking is essential.



News from the Parishes

Priest changes later in the Summer...

The main news from the Parishes this quarter relates to a few of our Priests moving to a new Parish. These moves will happen in September and are as follows:

Canon Richard Dwyer is moving to St Catharine of Alexandria, Frome
Fr Kevin Hennessey is moving to Corpus Christi, Weston-super-Mare
Fr Paul Brandon is moving to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Churchdown
Fr Mark Moran is moving to Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary, Charlton Kings
Fr Anthony Paris is moving to Christ the King, Amesbury
Canon Liam O'Driscoll is moving to St Thomas More, Bradford-on-Avon
Fr Tom Finnegan is moving to St John the Baptist, Trowbridge
Fr Bede Rowe is moving to Our Lady St Mary, Glastonbury
Fr James Finan is moving to St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Filton
Fr Cavan McElligott is moving to Clifton Cathedral as Curate



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Feedback

It is important that everyone has a chance to give feedback and to ask questions about anything discussed in this Diocesan Information.

We will make it available online at www.cliftondiocese.com/briefing where there will be an open comments and feedback facility.

If you would like to question anything in person, please speak with your line manager or Priest or email briefing@cliftondiocese.com