

Cathedral Deanery Newsletter

Lent 2022



My dear brothers and sisters in the Cathedral Deanery,

I am sure that most of you will remember the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese which was produced before the pandemic turned the world upside down. Bishop Richard is working on a revised version of this, which will take into account everything that we have learned over the last two years as well as some of the insights that have been gained during the discussions that have taken place in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. I hope that we will have the chance to study this revised document together, but in the meantime it is worth going back to something from the original plan, that I am sure will not change: the plan said that the Deanery would become increasingly important, and it would be the place where Formation for the parishes takes place, with an increased sharing of resources and administrative tasks across the Deanery.

This move to more collaborative working between our parishes is essential, and we need to work more and more closely together for the proclamation of The Gospel. We need to share good ideas, good practice, and resources. We are, after all, trying to do the same thing. It would be a shame if some event happened in one of our parishes, unknown to parishioners elsewhere, who later end up thinking 'I wish I had known, I would love to have taken part in that'. I hope that we can work on ways of improving the ways in which we communicate within the deanery – but in the meantime each of our parishes has a website, so why not go on a virtual tour and see the websites of the other parishes? You can read the newsletters while you are there, and that will give you an idea of what we are all doing.

I hope that you have a fruitful Lent, and that Easter will be full of joy for us all.

Best wishes,

Fr Peter Newsam



Cathedral Deanery Parish Websites

Arundel: arundelcathedral.uk

Bognor: bognorcatholicparish.co.uk

Chichester, Selsey, Bosham & Witterings: saintsofsussex.com

Petworth & Midhurst: petworthcatholic.org

Storrington: ourladyofengland.parishportal.net

The Bartimaeus Project

The Bartimaeus Project began on 1 March and continues throughout March. In this project, a number of parishes in the diocese are working together in preparing a series of sessions on our Catholic Faith. The title, 'The Bartimaeus Project' remembers Bartimaeus' request of Jesus, 'Lord, let me see.' He is, of course, asking for physical sight, but in the Gospel that is also a metaphor for understanding.

The sessions are delivered both 'really' and 'virtually'. The speaker each time will have a real audience, and the session will be streamed to audiences in other locations, and also available online.

On each occasion there will be refreshments, and after the talk, a chance for discussion. The final part will be an opportunity to put questions back to the speaker. More details can be found on the website bartimaeus-project.org



Corpus Christi at Arundel Cathedral

The Cathedral is planning to lay a Carpet of Flowers for the Feast of Corpus Christi this year after a two-year hiatus and would be delighted if volunteers from around the Deanery would come and boost their ranks to help with the preparations, and on the days they are open for the public to come and view the carpet.

There are lots of roles to fulfil: cutting flower heads, serving teas, sweeping up, stewarding and more. It is a lovely opportunity to work and chat together. Preparations begin on Monday 13th June and the carpet is on display on 15th & 16th June, with Mass at 5.30pm on the 16th, followed by a procession to the Castle.

If you can offer a few hours, please either complete the form at: forms.office.com/r/quNH1ncyA or contact the Cathedral Office at arundel@abdiocese.org.uk or on 01903 882297.



Lent Reconciliation Opportunities in the Cathedral Deanery

In Confession, Jesus welcomes us with all our sinfulness, to give us a new heart, capable of loving as he loves. (Pope Francis)



Storrington	Sunday 13 th March	4pm	Reconciliation Service
Arundel	Sunday 20 th March	4pm	Reconciliation Service
Petworth	Saturday 2 nd April	Noon	Holy Hour & Confessions
Chichester	Tuesday 5 th April	7pm	Reconciliation Service
Midhurst	Saturday 9 th April	10am	Holy Hour & Confessions
Bognor (OLOS)	Monday 11 th April	7.30pm	Reconciliation Service

Chrism Mass

Bishop Richard will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with a number of priests from our Diocese on Wednesday 13th April at 6pm at Arundel Cathedral.



The Bishop will consecrate the sacred Chrism and bless the other oils during the Mass. It is with the sacred Chrism consecrated by the Bishop that the newly baptised are anointed and those to be confirmed are signed. It is with the Oil of Catechumens that catechumens are prepared and disposed for Baptism. Finally it is with the Oil of the Sick that those who are ill are comforted in their infirmity. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like to watch the service via the Cathedral livestream please visit abdiocese.org.uk/livestream



Invited Season 2: Growing in Faith

Coming Eastertide 2022!



Invited Season 2 is on its way! It will debut on Easter Monday and continue throughout Eastertide, ending at Pentecost.

Last year, the episodes were very much a product of their time, with everything being recorded on zoom due to lockdown, and some in-house editing that was very much a case of learning on the job! This year the Invited team has been able to recruit a Catholic film company, who filmed on location at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in West Grinstead. They are now editing the episodes, to create a professional and engaging set of films.

In this season, we will begin to unpack what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Christ. The sessions will take us on a journey from a reminder of what the Good News really is, through allowing that to transform our lives, sharing it with others, the struggles we may face, and how the Church is here to support us. We finish with a focus on the Holy Spirit active in our lives.

Throughout the episodes, the team will aim to include some of the rich history of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, reflecting on the bravery demonstrated by Catholics during the Reformation. We will all also turn to Our Lady to console us as we continue to wrestle with ongoing uncertainty, this period of loss and loneliness, fear about future prospects and all those challenges we face on a daily basis. Each episode will have its own theme:

Loved — Transformed — Struggles — Hope — Ascension — Pentecost

The format will be the same as last year: every Monday an episode featuring a guest speaker, some personal testimony and then some reflection questions to reflect upon will be released. We will then be invited to join a conversation about our responses to those questions, later in the week. The team hopes that there will be several options for engaging in those conversations: online and in person, local and diocesan.

At the end of the season, we will all be invited to join in a Diocese-wide novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost and in some parishes there will be a Pentecost Vigil on 4th June, offering us the opportunity to consecrate ourselves to the Holy Spirit.

Mass in Celebration of the Canonisation of Charles de Foucauld

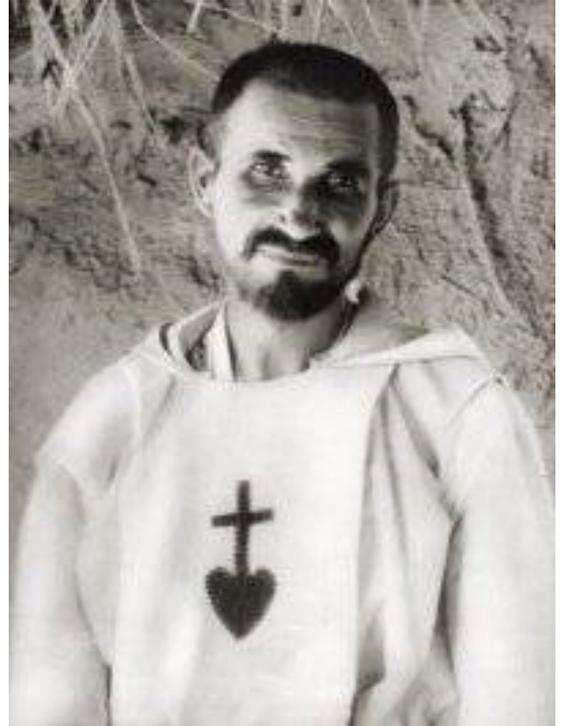
*We must love people as Jesus loved them and since that is what his name 'Jesus Saviour' means, we, like him, must make the salvation of all people the work of our life.
It is by loving people that we learn to love God.*

Tuesday 24th May, 12 noon, Arundel Cathedral.

All are welcome.

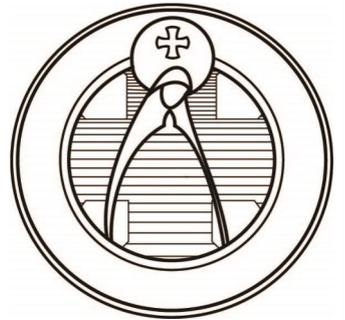
Blessed Charles de Foucauld was born in 1858 and was a French aristocrat and religious. During his life, he was a Cavalry Officer in the French Army, then an explorer and geographer, and finally became a Catholic priest and hermit, living among the Tuareg in the Sahara Desert. He lived a life of prayer, meditation and adoration, desiring always to be for each person, a 'universal brother,' a living image of the love of Jesus. He was killed by bandits on the evening of 1 December 1916.

Find out more about his Charles de Foucauld and his canonisation at charlesdefoucauld.info.



A Gift to the Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex

As a gift to the new Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Sussex (Chichester, Selsey, Witterings, Bosham), Fr Max Krat, who is currently serving in Selsey, has worked with a friend in his home country of Ukraine, a professional artist who has worked with organisations such as the National Theatre of Ukraine, to create a logo for the new parish. Fr Max has explained the symbolism in the design, thus:



- The big outer circle is a halo which represents the saints. Of course, the Saints of Sussex.
- The big cross in the background is both the symbol of Jesus Christ (He is always in the centre) and of holiness (the saints), according to the words of Jesus: 'Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."' (Matthew 16:24).
- When the artist drew the lines in the cross she told Fr Max she was thinking of 'a voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him"' (Mark 1:3). (They are also easier to print than a solid black cross!)
- Our Lady is Our Lady! On the logo she is praying by the cross of Christ, repeating the scene when the crucified Lord gave her to the Church as our mother (John 19:25-27). She also has a halo with a cross in it to stress that Jesus Christ is the source of every holiness.

The parish is enormously grateful to Fr Max and his friend for this gift, and now prays that she is safe amid the warfare in Ukraine.