

Diocesan events APRIL MAY 2026 Registered Charity No. 752878

The Diocese sends out a weekly E-Bulletin newsletter which includes Bishop Richard's Weekly Reflection, Please sign up mailchi.mp/7529e811ae63/joinourlist – it's a great way to stay in touch!

Grandparents' Formation day, Thursday 23 April 10-4pm at St John the Evangelist parish hall, Horsham Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Mental Health Awareness training, Saturday 9 May 2026 10-3pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley - Tickets are just £40 per delegate (usual price £120) One of the challenges that we are experiencing in our modern world is the growing number of people, of all ages, experiencing the darkness and challenge of various mental health conditions. Thanks to the support of Mental Health England, we are able to offer this training, to explore the realities, symptoms and impact of living with these many debilitating conditions. Thanks to the support of the trainer, we are able to highly subsidise the event. To register scan the QR code which can be found on the attached poster, or go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about this course, do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage & Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

Christian Heritage Centre **Forming Catholic Student Leaders** Two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Join us for 6 days in the beautiful Ribble Valley to explore themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). Meet new friends, discuss and share with peers, tutors and academics, learn new skills, develop your relationship with Christ, build your character. www.christianleadershipformation.com

Called to Love, 2 - 3 May 2026 A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst

Faith in Action Award Moderators - Would you be interested in supporting and championing young people? The Faith in Action Award is a national project designed by CYMFed to say a huge thank you to our young people for all the incredible acts of service they have undertaken throughout the academic year both in school and in their local parishes and communities. Currently running across 23 of our Diocesan Schools and parishes. The award offers an opportunity for them to reflect on their service in light of Catholic Social Teaching through guided reflection sessions, journaling and creating a final piece of work that encapsulates their journey of service. The Diocese are looking for individuals to be moderators of the Faith in Action work from **10am-3pm on Saturday 20th June**

2026. Full training will be provided, as well as lunch! Sign up to be a moderator: [Faith in Action Award: Moderation Day \(20-Jun-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) E: Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk Youth Project Officer, to find out more.

Participants requested for first ever National RCIA Candidates Study. A new anonymised and confidential study led by St Mary's University, Word on Fire Institute, and two other universities, aims to enable the Church to enhance pastoral planning by highlighting who is joining, how they found the Church, what their profiles and personalities are, and what they have found helpful. Every parish in England and Wales with an RCIA programme is invited to share the survey link with the members of this year's group. They can take the survey here: tinyurl.com/RCIA26. For further information E: francis.davis@kellogg.ox.ac.uk

Diocesan Finance Spring Webinar - Saturday 25 April at 11am. People across Surrey and Sussex are invited to join Fr Jonathan How and members of the Diocesan Finance Team for a Spring Webinar, aimed at all those supporting the work and mission of the Church in parish finance. The morning will include a range of topics and updates, with opportunities for Q&A. Register your place here: us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zjQ9C6zYTSSQ3lrDS6vRgw#/registration

One Hope Project Academy The OHP Academy is a six-month online worship school for aspiring worship leaders, musicians and songwriters who want to invest in their leadership, grow in their practical gifting in order to serve in their context and go deeper in their journey of faith. One Hope Project has over a decade's experience in leading worship, writing songs and equipping others and they want to share their learning with you! Most importantly they have spent a number of years following Jesus and want to encourage you on your journey of following Jesus too! Applications close 31 August 2026, start date 23 September 2026. If you are interested in taking part in the OHP Academy, please email info@onehopeproject.co.uk. Email Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk to discuss the support offered by A&B Diocese alongside the course.

Mass for World Peace, Friday 29 May 6.30pm, English Martyrs Catholic Church, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UH. People across our community of faith are invited to join Worthing Deanery Justice & Peace Group and pray for peace in our world. The Mass, celebrated by Fr Liam O'Connor, will offer an opportunity to pray for all those impacted by war, and for healing. All are welcome, there is no need to book.

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration, Saturday 18 July 12 noon – 4.15pm, Church of Our Lady of Consolation & St Francis, West Grinstead, RH13 8LT. A pilgrimage for people across our diocese - the day includes Holy Mass, a personal Consecration to Our Lady, the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, Exposition, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction. There is no need to book, to find out more contact Linda C-Dominguez T:01273463463 or M:07944377252 or Jayne Lock M: 07816422851 or E:jayne.lock1@gmail.com. Please bring a packed lunch.