

Diocesan run events MARCH 2025

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Applications for this summer's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25-31 July by air or own transport, 24 July-1 August by coach/jumbulance) are now open on the diocesan website: <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/lourdes/home> Our pilgrimage to Lourdes is one of the most significant pastoral events in our annual Diocesan calendar. Pope Francis has declared 2025 is a Jubilee year, the Lourdes theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope'. We are invited to set out on our pilgrimage journey with our Lady and St Bernadette, in the 'hope born of grace, which enables us to live in Christ.' (Pope Francis, Spes non Confundit 2025)

Mens' Spiritual Exercises, 30 March – 4 April 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men with a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass.

For more information and to

book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

Bishop Richard is leading a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham this summer (Friday 6 June to Sunday 8 June), with people across our community of faith invited to mark the 60th anniversary of our diocese and Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year. To find out more and book your place, please click here: abdiocese.churchsuite.com/events/ocoptzuu

Beginning Experience Weekend - 4-6 April at the Sion Community, Essex Beginning Experience is a special residential weekend programme for widowed, separated and divorced people, which helps participants with natural feelings of grief and loss. The weekend is led by trained volunteers, who have experienced having to adjust to life as single people again. For further details please contact: Mary T: 07730 884315, or email E: BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com.

Religious Heritage in an Age of Persecution - 9 April at 3pm, The Cathedral Centre, BN18 9AY (Cost: £15) A talk by architectural historian Dr John Robinson, Join Dr Robinson for a compelling talk exploring the impact of the Reformation in Sussex, organised by The Friends of Arundel Cathedral. In the social, political, and religious turbulence of the Tudor period, the role of faithful families across the kingdom, particularly in Arundel, was unique. At great risk to themselves, they ensured that proscribed religious artefacts were safely hidden and secured, with priceless vestments, devotional items, and manuscripts preserved for the benefit of future generations. To book your place visit; w: pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q85P5Y21 or E: aruncathfriends@btconnect.com

Health & Safety Officer (P/T) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. Join the diocesan Central Office Team as our new Health & Safety Officer. The successful applicant will focus primarily on monitoring and supporting H&S compliance. Visit the Careers section of the diocesan website to find out more and apply: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers

P/T Clergy Welfare Officer (Registered Nurse) based at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley. The post holder will collaborate with the Ministry to Priests Director and other colleagues to deliver an effective welfare support service for all the clergy of the Diocese. To read the job description and apply, visit the Careers section of the diocesan website: www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers

Young Adult Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome Join our pilgrimage for young adults aged 18-30 to celebrate the special Jubilee year. Celebrate with other like-minded people, as we travel to the beautiful city of Rome and reflect on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for information. **CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH**

St Catherine's Catholic Primary – Foundation Governors St Catherine's is looking to appoint more Foundation Governors to their Governing Body. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop and have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school. They also ensure that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed. The position means a commitment to attending 6 half-termly Governing Body meetings each year, usually held in the early evening and lasting no more than 1.5hrs. There is the opportunity to be more involved in school life and assist the school in providing both a high quality academical and spiritual education to their pupils. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Mrs Ward, Clerk to Governors, via the school office on 01903 716039 or by emailing office@st-catherines.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Christian charity [Home for Good](http://HomeforGood.org.uk) is looking to promote adoption and fostering within local churches as Arun is currently the second highest area of need in West Sussex. There are currently 88 children from Arun District needing placements, and only 46 carers in our area. Bognor and Littlehampton is currently the second highest area of need in West Sussex in terms of numbers of children who need caring for. There will be a vision event to be held on the 20th of March in Crawley (please see below) and interested parties are kindly requested to attend the event. If there are any questions pertaining to the aforementioned event, please do not hesitate to contact Billy-Jo O' Leary from Home for Good who will attend to your enquiries. Billy- Jo can be contacted at the following email address: billyjo.oleary@homeforgood.org.uk. We look forward to your support.