

Diocesan run events

Wednesday 2 October Retreat Day at Sussex Heritage and Retreat Centre, Arundel, BN18 9QY: 'Day by Day, a day looking at a variety of ways we might use the Ignatian 'Examen' to deepen our daily walk with God'. Led by Roger Hagon, an experienced spiritual director and retreat leader. From 10am to 4pm, please bring a packed lunch. Cost £15. To book please phone Maria on 07413 267267 or email info@sussexheritage.co.uk

Joy and Despair - the life and poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins: Friday 4 October 2024 7.30pm - 9.30pm – Free to attend but booking is essential. Join us at St Augustine's Abbey near Guildford for a special evening to learn about the greatest of the Victorian poets, Jesuit Priest and devout yet conflicted Catholic. Peter Thompson, Jo Russell, Julie Ainscough and Sheila Longman will present an evening of poetry and music, including wine and nibbles. Book here: <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/joy-and-despair-the-life-and-poetry-of-gerard-manley-hopkins> We meet in the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery. The evening aims to raise funds for the Catholic Benedictine Monastery of St Augustine's Abbey. Please be generous with your donations on the evening. Thank you.

Beginning Experience Weekend - 4-6 October, Brentwood The 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 Maura M: 07795 498445 or E: BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com

CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest (Friday 4 October)
Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. St. Catherine's **2nd collection for CAFOD on weekend 5/6 October**

Animal Blessing Service at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 5 October at 2.30pm Pets, animals and people are warmly invited to join Bishop Richard at Arundel Cathedral for our popular annual Animal Blessing Service. There is no need to book - tea will be available at the Cathedral Centre after the service.

Catholic health & care workers' Mass at Arundel Cathedral - Saturday 5 October 2024, 11am – 3pm with Bishop Richard
There will also be a talk on "Palliative care, not assisted dying" by Dr Dominic Whitehouse and social afterwards, in Cathedral centre. Soup lunch provided – donations to Catholic Medical Missionary Society!

Catholic Singles – Games Night with a Difference! Saturday 5 October 7.30 to 11pm in Crawley The Diocese is hosting a singles event for young adults (20-40 somethings) where you can meet like-minded people, chat and mingle over food, and play some giant games as a way to break the ice!. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more details.

Would you like to help young people be more engaged? Saturday 12 October 11am to 3pm in Crawley The Diocesan Youth Adviser is hosting a taster session to help you explore what might be possible in your community.. We will explore some really practical steps that any Parish can take to help enable more young people to grow in faith. E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk for more information

Marriage Anniversaries Mass – Saturday 12 October 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral
Bishop Richard will celebrate Mass followed by a drinks reception. Please join us for a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows and revel in the joy that marriage can bring. Family and friends are very welcome. To book your place please use the attached link

[Marriage Anniversaries Mass \(12-Oct-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website

Anti-Slavery Day – Friday 18 October – Focus on Modern Slavery, Chichester

A day of events raising awareness of Modern Day Slavery. Chichester Cathedral 10am-5pm The Chapel of St. Clement will be set aside as a creative prayer space with a Modern Slavery theme and there will be an information desk about Modern Slavery. In the Cathedral, Evensong at 5.30pm with a focus on Modern Slavery. The Assembly Rooms, Chichester 6.30pm-8.30pm a free information event with presentations from a range of organisations involved in eradicating Modern Slavery Assembly Rooms Address: 6, St Martin's St, Chichester PO19 1AF.

Altar Servers' Mass at Arundel Cathedral, Saturday 26 October at 12 noon Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan

Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral led by Bishop Richard. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch. Contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers; E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

Grandparents' Formation Day – Wednesday 6 November 11am – 3.30pm at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Come along for a day with Becky Sedgewick, author of the inspiring 'Grandparenting for Faith' book. To book your place please use the attached link [Grandparents' Formation Day \(06-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website

Marriage Catechists' Day – Saturday 16 November 11am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

Please join us for our Annual Day of Formation. Bishop Richard looks forward to welcoming you to celebrate all that you offer in your Ministry and to share how marriage preparation will continue to develop under the revised Pastoral Plan. If you are part of a team it would be wonderful if the whole team could attend. To book your place please use the attached link [Marriage Catechists Day \(16-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Living with Loss 11 -14 November 2024 Cost: £220 per person Led by Simon Holland-Brown Dip. Couns MBACP & Fr Peter Williams OSB Further information about both events can be found on the website [W: worth.co.uk](http://W:worth.co.uk) or call T: 01342 710318. Limited spaces available.

Mental Health Awareness Seminar – Saturday 16 November 10am at the St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley

The Diocese is pleased to be working with Mental Health First Aid England to provide a Mental Health Awareness Course focused on being able to identify the early symptoms, and warning signs, of mental ill health in those around you. Attendees will also learn how to signpost people to resources, networks, and appropriate medical professionals. To book your place please use the attached link [Mental Health Awareness Seminar \(16-Nov-2024\) · ChurchSuite Events](#) or book through the Diocesan website events calendar.

Flame – 15 March 2025

This is the most wonderful event for young people – a real mountain top experience. The largest Catholic gathering of young people in England & Wales. See the poster in the porch.

If you are interested in taking a group OR interested in going contact Adrienne asap sablondell2@gmail.com

See diocesan website for more information on all events