

After Lourdes....

After the amazing experience of Lourdes you may want to be of more service to your parish community, or explore your faith more deeply. In the first instance speak to your parish priest. Below are details of organisations within the diocese which regularly hold events and courses.

The Diocesan Pastoral Team which serves parishes and local communities, based at DABCEC in Crawley, organises various events or consultations, to meet the many different needs of parishes and parishioners.

Adult Formation (Education): **David Wills** - david.wills@dabnet.org: ABC Course - Certificate in Catechesis, Small group material for Lent and Advent – in conjunction with the *Year of Mercy*.

A Day with Jeff Cavins: Proclaim 15 follow up event - Sat. 14th November at St Theresa's School, Effingham:

Justice & Peace/Social Action: **Aidan Cantwell** – aidan.cantwell@dabnet.org

Annual Justice & Peace Assembly – Saturday 16th January, 2016, at DABCEC. Theme What does it mean to be “A Poor Church for the Poor”: With Bishop Richard. Looking at poverty in the UK and including a ‘Call to Action’. Speakers, discussion, stands plus much more.

Liturgy & Music: **Catherine Christmas** - catherine.christmas@dabnet.org Meets the needs of parishes by offering training on all aspects of Liturgy. Opportunities each year to sing or play at various Diocesan events, including the Rite of Election (Sat. 13th February at Arundel), The Chrism Mass (Wed. 23rd March).

Marriage & Family Life: **Katherine Bergin:** katherine.bergin@dabnet.org

Yearly Supporting the Bereaved Course, in conjunction with your parish priest. Training by a CRUSE Counsellor. Next course taster day on Wednesday, 21st October at DABCEC. Course proper from January to March 2016. Limited places.

Grandparents: Many parishes have their own group – affiliated to the Catholic Grandparents' Association. Annual formation/retreat day for grandparents held every year. Diocesan Grandparents' week: 27th September to 4th October.

Marriage Preparation – training and formation for Catechists.

Annual Marriage Anniversaries Mass with Bishop Richard. This year taking place on Sat. 17th October, at 12 noon, at Arundel Cathedral. Families: Supporting families in their prayer lives through initiatives such as ‘Home is a Holy Place.’

Parish Family – Groups Project: A two year project from 2015 – 2017. Please contact Kat Pond – Project Officer on 01293 651155

Inclusion: **Margaret Fraher.** margaret.fraher@dabnet.org Sacramental preparation for those who cannot access the parish sacramental programmes.

Helping parishes to tackle causes of inadvertent exclusion of any group or individual.

Youth: **Jack Regan.** jack.regan@dabnet.org. Support for parish youth workers and confirmation Catechists. Advice and resources for adults/young people in Youth Ministry. World Youth Day – Poland - July 2016. Places still available.

More details of all of the above at www.dabnet.org

St Cuthman's - Coolham, nr. Horsham: A&B Retreat and Meeting Centre: Holds regular weekends/courses and opportunities for Quiet Days. For more details and prices go to www.stcuthmans.com 01403 741220.

Coming Up in 2015:

Christian Meditation Week: 25th – 30th August. *Led by Fr Guidalberto Bormolini*

Creative Writing: 7th – 11th September. *Led by Ann R Parker & Jock Stein as part of the Creative Arts Retreat Movement (CARM)*

St Cuthmans' Apple Day: Sat. 19th September. Spend the day harvesting the apples!

Human Development and Spiritual Development: 25th - 27th September.

Led by Dr Stephanie Thornton. C.Psychol, AFBPsS

St Beuno's Individually Guided Retreat: 28th - 5th October (7 days) and 30th – 9th December (9 days): **Led by the St Beuno's Team.** *(Places limited to 14)*

St Cuthman's Christmas: Thursday 24th – 27th December. Time for silence and reflection as well as sharing in the joy of the season.

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