

MONTHLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SHEET
SEPTEMBER 2017

CAFOD: Hear about CAFOD's work in El Salvador for this Harvest Fast Day!—come along and hear from one of our CAFOD staff members who have in-depth knowledge about our work overseas. Two dates to choose from. Either **Sat 16th September 2.00pm – 4.00pm** – talk by Jean-Claude Vivier, Auditor of CAFODs Overseas Development work at **St Marys Our Lady St Mary, Magdalene Street, Glastonbury BA6 9EJ**. Or **Wed 20th September 7.30 – 9.00pm**– **St Bonaventure's Parish, Egerton Road, Bristol BS7 8HP**, talk by CAFOD Latin American programme officer Tania Dalton. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD to book:01179 428 328 ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK, CO. MAYO, IRELAND

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September. £699 per person sharing. Price includes flights from Bristol with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £60. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613. (There may be spaces available)

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS ORGANISATION During the weekend 20 – 22 October 2017 young Catholic Adults will be running at Retreat at Douai Abbey. The weekend will be full board. There will be Marian Processions, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Rosaries and socials. Prices start from £18.50 pp per night. For further information : <http://www.youngyoungcatholicadults.co.uk>

NEWS FROM AMMERDOWN RETREAT CENTRE, RADSTOCK BA3 5SW

8 September Quiet Day – Ammerdown's Guided Quiet Days offer an opportunity to take time out from our busy lives to pray, reflect and meditate with the help of **Libby Dobson and Sarah Chabowska**. There will be five days spread throughout the year, on the theme of 'Journey of the Heart –Rooted and Grounded in Love?'. **Each day stands on its own or together they create a journey throughout the year**. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Quiet-Day-2017> or ring [01761 433709](tel:01761433709)

24 – 28 September Finding Fulfilment with Gill and Antonio Benet and Jacqueline Evans
This unique experience, described as "*marvellous and inspiring*" by a past participant, will offer an opportunity to see the complementary nature of the relationship between mind, body and spirit in the evolution of consciousness. It will also offer practices that will open us to finding fulfilment in our daily life. Centering Prayer, sometimes known as the prayer of consent, is a way of opening our hearts and minds to the divine action within. The Law of Three enables us to discern the true nature of reality. The Alexander Technique will offer an easy gentle way of releasing physical tensions caused by our addiction to thought. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Finding-Fulfilment-2017> or ring [01761 433709](tel:01761433709)

29 September to 1 October John Main, Desert Father and Celtic Monk led by Stefan Reynolds One of the greatest challenges that Christianity faces today is the practical rediscovery of its age-old traditions of prayer and contemplation, and one of the main attempts to do this in recent times was begun by the Benedictine monk and priest **John Main**. **Bede Griffiths** called him "*the most important guide in the Church today*", for his teaching of a simple clear way of prayer that helps discover the Divine spark within as children of God. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/John-Main-Desert-Father-and-Celtic-Monk-2017> or ring [01761 433709](tel:01761433709)

October

2 – 6 October Ammerdown Autumn Break here is another opportunity to enjoy a relaxing break in excellent company, enhanced by the unique atmosphere of Ammerdown. **Revd Anna Garvie** and members of the Ammerdown team will once again be your devoted companions for a week which will offer the usual enjoyable mix of creative workshops, craft activities, entertainment, talks, prayer services and liturgy as well as quiet times. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Ammerdown-Breaks-2017> or ring 01761433709.

3 – 5 October Polymer Clay with Sally Boehme. Polymer clay is a material available in a variety of lovely colours that can be shaped and then cured in a domestic oven. This course will provide a taster of its potentially addictive qualities when creating your own bespoke jewellery or decorative elements for your personal projects. For further information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Polymer-Clay-2017> or ring 01761 433709.

24 – 26 October Understanding Islam with Dr Chris Hewer Chris writes: *“A good understanding of Islam is a must in Britain today, where Muslims are by far the biggest religious group after British Christians. In many of our major towns and cities, they make up a substantial minority of the population. This should encourage us all to get to know Islam and Muslims better and to explore ways of building bridges of mutual respect and understanding – especially those among us involved with Muslims as neighbours, workplace acquaintances, or clients in the caring professions.* For more information or to book a place go to <http://ammerdown.org/Understanding-Islam-2017> or ring 01761 433709

“DRINK UP THY CIDER” A Musical about the life of Adge Cutler and The Wurzels. Taking place in The Redgrave Theatre, Percival Road, Clifton from 3rd to 9th September and starring well known West Country Comedian and Actor Andy Ford as Adge Cutler. Contact the Redgrave Theatre for tickets.

THE ART OF DYING WELL *“The Art of Dying Well”* is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about dealing with the journey through death to eternal life. For further information : www.artofdyingwell.org or phone 020 7630 8220.

THE VIANNEY GROUP

The Vianney Group is a discernment group for men who want to explore more deeply a call to the priesthood alongside other likeminded men. It is named after St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests. Meetings are always on Tuesdays and take place at St. Bernadette’s Church, 731 Wells Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 9HU from 7.15 pm to 9.15 pm.

For further information contact Fr. Matt Anscombe at vocations@cliftondiocese.com

There are cards in the freestanding folder on the table.

RETREAT DAYS FOR CATECHISTS AND YOUTH LEADERS Youth Leaders, Catechists, teachers, clergy and all interested in Youth Ministry are invited to take time to explore, reflect and pray on one of 2 days : Saturday 16th September at St. Cassains Centre, Kintbury or Saturday 20th January 2018 at Brownhill Monastery, Stroud. Both days 10 am – 4 pm. Lunch provided cost £20 per person: Booking **ESSENTIAL** youth@cliftondiocese.com

CATECHISTS COURSEThe next Catechists’ course starts on 4th October and is designed for the formation of catechists of our diocese. The formation course is aimed at forming new catechists as well as supporting and refreshing existing and “well seasoned” catechists. This series will be hosted in Clifton Cathedral. The course will run once a month on a Wednesday evening until July 2018 from 7.30 pm. Minimal cost is £50 which will be paid by the parish. Look up Clifton Diocese website for more information.

DOWNSIDE ABBEY LECTURES (1) “A Cloistered Life” - 29th September (b) “Scholar Monks” – 27th October. Cost £25 per day to include lunch and Monastery tour. : Time 9.30 am to 4 pm Visit www.downside.co.uk Tel: 01761 235 323 to book.

