



VISION DOCUMENT: SHAPING OUR FUTURE

e-bulletin

February 2019

Welcome to the February e-bulletin about our work together to evangelise our diocese in the context of our Vision Document: Shaping Our Future.

I have been pleased to answer lots of questions this month. These questions have arisen from the many meetings that have been taking place across our wonderful diocese. The answers to the direct questions have often led to further discussion that I know have helped to progress matters. On the website you will find two documents “An Aid to Thinking About Possibilities” and “A (very) Rough Guide to Canon Law”. If your partnership has not yet read and considered these documents I would urge you to do so.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/resources/>

It is heartening to see so many people of goodwill working so well together for the common good. Please do invite me to future meetings if I can help.

Young People: Formation Day 9th March organised by the Vicariate for Evangelisation working with the Vicariate for Pastoral Formation. This is a key area of renewal highlighted right across our diocese; please come. For more details contact adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Our prayers go with all the young people going to Flame 2019 this weekend and with Bishop Alan, Fr Dominic and everyone accompanying them. If it is possible try to find ways to let young people share their experience with your Parish Partnership when they get back. Thanks also to our diocesan members of the Catenian Association who have provided practical and prayerful support for the event. www.cymfed.org.uk/flame2019 <https://thecatenians.com/>

Leadership: Parishioners support marriage and family life in many ways. Read Tim’s reflection after many years of service to Marriage Care in our diocese. Perhaps this an area where you know people who would like to be of service. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/12-strands-renewal/family/>

Charity, Justice and Social Action: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/>

The Medaille Trust is a wonderful charity founded by religious congregations and supported by many people in our diocese. They have several marvellous

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opportunities for people to work against the evils of human trafficking. Please share details of these paid roles <http://medaille-trust.org.uk/jobs>

Education: Our Catholic Schools deserve all the support we can give them and one way to do this is to become a school governor or trustee of a Multi Academy Trust. We welcome Debbi Botham to her new role in our diocese and she'll be pleased to help people on the path to this invaluable leadership role. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/12-strands-renewal/leaders/>

Vocations: Is God calling you to be a priest? A monthly vocations group to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, time of prayer and some food. The sessions take place at St Edmund of Canterbury church, 9 Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. Tuesdays: 5/3; 2/4; 7/5; 4/6; 2/7.

Please contact Fr Mark Swires, Vocations Promoter for more information:

vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/12-strands-renewal/vocations-to-the-priesthood/>

Pastoral Statistics: We have presented the Mass Attendance statistics in a new way at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/chancery/resources/> This will help your Parish Partnership to think about trends of attendance and if you combine these figures with a look at your age profile they will help you to think about the future. If you're quick you might spot the deliberate mistake before the Chancery department has chance to correct it!

Canon Peter Connor OFS has offered this beautiful reflection on the Mass

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/12-strands-renewal/christian-life-worship/>

Evangelisation: Please do what you can to encourage someone from your Parish Partnership to come to each one of these great events being offered to help your work and make time to hear from that person after the event.

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Future-Dates-2018-2019.pdf>

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