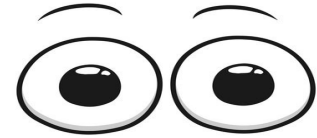


C&B NEWS & VIEWS

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On 4 March 2023 18 young people from our parish attended **Flame 23** at Wembley Arena. The event brought together 8000 Catholic youth from across England and Wales . We heard talks from Cardinal Tagle , Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, and a Catholic lawyer Robert Bilott from the US whose most high profile case was made into a film starring Mark Ruffalo as the lawyer (Dark Waters available on Amazon should anyone want to watch it). There was even an appearance from Ant and Dec on screen.

The music was hugely inspiring and we heard from a number of award winning artists and bands. The worship music was led by One Hope Project. The day ended with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It was a day full of faith, fun and unity between the young people. Everyone enjoyed it, perhaps even more than they anticipated! The theme was Rise Up and we would ask for prayers for our Confirmandi that they are able to Rise Up in the Lord's name using the gifts from the Holy Spirit they will receive on 7 May 2023 at their Confirmation. Here is the link to the One Hope Project if you would like to take a look.

<https://www.onehopeproject.co.uk/>

Just before Lent we enjoyed a Pancake Sunday in St Tarcisus Hall.

Pancakes were happily flipped or tossed by Lindsay and Hellena for a lovely group of parishioners!! A multigenerational group came and joined the fun.



We lingered over the choice of Lemons and sugar or Golden Syrup or Nutella to drizzle over the delicious pancakes while getting to know new faces. We enjoyed several cups of coffee and tea. Enthusiastic help came from Anna Cassidy, Nick Dorrington and Don Craig and Kevin O'Flaherty. We would love to repeat this get together for the parish next year. I think for everyone who attended, it was a chance to sit down and have cosy chats with friends.!

It was fun!! A very big thank you to all those who helped and a big thank you to all who attended! Please come and join us next year!! More the merrier!

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OUR MINISTRY AND SERVICE - COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS

"seeing people experiencing Jesus personally and deepening relationships", "To journey with, learn from and share my faith with others", "praying for people and them sensing the presence of the Holy Spirit to strengthen, encourage and comfort them", "working with children and watching them grow in their faith." "It is wonderful to see the young people being inquisitive about God and the gospel" "watching the relationships and friendships blossom", "providing good liturgical experiences for our parishioners", "guiding people to proclaim the Word in the best way possible"

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT OUR MINISTRY AND SERVICE - COMMENTS FROM PARISHIONERS cont.

“we encourage parishioners to help others. Its Heart warming to see generosity of parishioners.”
“I enjoy praising the Lord and leading others to do the same. Working as a team with like minded people I am really delighted when the new parishioners just come along and help clean. I enjoy the friendship of the team who gather each week”. “Sharing this lovely prayer to Our Lady with different people, and the little meditations they bring to each Mystery”.



**TRINITY
TROOPERS
YOUTH CLUB**

The Trinity Troopers youth group has been busy recently, with lots of different crafts, games and activities. Sometimes we do something that is connected to the church year – such as Mothering Sunday cards – and sometimes we do something just because it seems fun. Last session, they all tried their hand at building elaborate constructions out of spaghetti and mini marshmallows. Turns out that marshmallows get a mixed review as a building material – not so strong but definitely tasty! Daisy Watson leads our games at the end of sessions, giving all the Troopers a chance to let off steam and try new things. They also enjoy some snacks and drinks, and Fr Paul is always there to lead them in a time of prayer and reflection. Hopefully, we will start to learn some good songs to sing as well.

All children in school years 4 to 7 are very welcome to come along and join in the fun!

On Saturday 25/Feb, we celebrated the Rite of Election at Arundel Cathedral where over 140 adults from across the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton formally declared to Bishop Richard Moth their desire to be initiated as Catechumens for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or as Candidates for the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. The Rite of Election is a key stage in the preparation for full reception into the Catholic Church which will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 08/Apr 8:00pm at St. Peter &



St. John Church. Halimat Oman (pictured to the left of the Bishop) and Kendra Stenberg (pictured to the right of the Bishop with her parents) were joined by their sponsors Aurelia Maynard and Simon Tierney. Joined with the Bishop we continue to pray for Halimat and Kendra in their preparation - 'Lord God, You created the human race and are the author of its renewal. It is Your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into His all-embracing love. Bless and guide these chosen ones: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of Your Son and seal them with the Spirit of Your promise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.'