

THE CORRESPONDENT

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A word from the Gen Sec...

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” it should be, but apart from Storm Brian, we’ve been unseasonably lucky weather-wise – certainly “close bosom-friend to the maturing sun”.

Please do take advantage of all the (free) expertise that will be on hand on that day. Details have been sent out separately, but you can always contact the office for information on this event – or anything else! We always look forward to seeing you and hearing from you.

And many of us were lucky too to have seen and heard Fr Timothy Radcliffe in such good health and on such good form at our General Meeting last week. You’ll be pleased to hear that his inspirational talk is now on our website (www.corew.org). Do check out the COR website: you will find a great deal of articles and information there, and it is updated regularly.

It’s a long way away, but please make a note of our AGM in your next year’s diary: Monday 21st May to Wednesday 23rd May 2018. See you then, if not before!

Many members will have been to the “Embracing Change” seminars; now Buzzacott and Stone King are organising another event on 8th November, entitled “Under the Spotlight: Religious Orders and Property”, which I’m sure will be of great value and interest to many congregations.

Br. James Boner

NEW LEADERS AND TEAMS

Please could you inform us if there is any change of leadership or contact details in your congregations, so that we can update our database.

WELCOME TO NEW LEADERS



Brentwood Ursulines

Sr Anne Spilberg has come to the end of her term of office, and the new Leader is **Sr Margaret Soper**.

Society of All Saints Sisters of the Poor

Sr Jean Raphael Heritage has come to the end of her term of office, and the new Community Leader is **Sr Jane Cledwyn-Davies**.
The Sisters have a new website: www.allsaintssistersofthepoor.org.uk

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Fr Joseph McGee has come to the end of his term of office, and the new Provincial is **Fr Carl Tranter**.

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UCESM

Please see the attached email and initiative from Sr Marjolein, the Secretary General of UCESM (Union of European Conferences of Religious Major Superiors), entitled “**Mary – Mother of Europe**”.

CATHOLIC ARCHIVES SOCIETY TRAINING

Last March’s successful training afternoon is being repeated on **Monday 30th October 2017, 1pm to 5pm**. It will take place at Herefordshire Archives and Record Centre. A flyer is attached. Please contact Margaret Harcourt Williams for further information and if there is anything particular you would like covered: mm@harcourtwilliamsme.uk

CONFERENCE for MAJOR SUPERIORS and VOCATION ANIMATION PERSONNEL in Rome

Attached is a letter from Archbishop Secretary, José Rodriguez Carballo OFM, regarding this Conference which is in anticipation of and in preparation for the Synod of Bishops to be held in 2018 on the topic: “**Young People, Faith and Vocation Discernment**”. The details are all in the letter and can be found on the website: www.congregazionevitaconsacrata.va . Please note that you need to register by **31st October 2017**.

LEGAL ENTITY IDENTIFIER

What is a *Legal Entity Identifier (LEI)* and how are they relevant to charities? Charities with investment managers trading in investments, or acting on their behalf, may need to obtain an LEI code **before 3rd January 2018**. The link to explain LEIs can be found on our website under MORE/Reports/Legal, or click on it here:

[http://www.buzzacott.co.uk/news/what-is-a-legal-entity-identifier-\(lei\)-and-how-ar](http://www.buzzacott.co.uk/news/what-is-a-legal-entity-identifier-(lei)-and-how-ar)



BISHOP DAVID WALKER’S PAPER on NEW MONASTIC COMMUNITIES in the ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bishop David Walker chairs the Advisory Council (broadly similar to the Mixed Commission). We think his Paper will be of interest to members of COR, and can be viewed on the front page of our website (www.corew.org) under Members.

ARISE FOUNDATION: OFFICE SPACE NEEDED

The Arise Foundation was created in 2015 to support the work of religious life against human trafficking and modern slavery. Arise gives small capacity building grants for anti-slavery work, seeking to weave threads of solidarity between those devoted to the defence of human dignity at local level and those in a position to help them. Arise has a particular interest in prevention, which it sees as the neglected pillar of anti-slavery work. To date the Foundation has worked with partner organisations involving religious in five continents. The Arise Foundation is fortunate to have a dedicated donor covering all charity overheads, enabling everything donated to the charity to go directly to frontline organisations. Charity trustees include Sr. Patricia Murray IBVM, Secretary General of the International Union of Superiors General, Sr. Lynda Dearlove RM, Founder and CEO of Women at the Well, and Jane Leek, Company Secretary, Porticus. For more details, see www.arise.foundation

Arise is about to take on another member of staff. This necessitates an office move. Whilst there is no shortage of office space for rent in London, we are looking for somewhere that resonates with our mission and ethos. We are therefore looking for space in a building belonging to a congregation. Our needs are simply: a room in Central to West London that would accommodate three desks, and to which we could conceivably get a separate phone line. Any help of advice would be very gratefully received.

Please contact Luke de Pulford (Director) on 07706 701413 or luke@arise.foundation

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WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/RETREATS

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT: RELIGIOUS ORDERS AND PROPERTY

Please join Buzzacott, Gerald Eve and Stone King for their first ever event regarding **property and religious orders**. This full day, **Wednesday 8th November 2017** (10.30 to 4pm), will cover a wide range of topics, including how to deal with many property issues, and also the tax implications and all aspects of trading subsidiaries. Take this opportunity to find out all the answers to your property queries and safely navigate your way through this complex arena.

For any queries, you can email events@stoneking.co.uk

More details are on our website (www.corew.org), under Members on the right of the Home page, where you will see that you book with Stone King direct (not via COR). This is a free event.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CONFERENCE'S CONGRESS IN THE USA

The Religious Formation Conference's biennial National Congress, entitled "**Grace in the Now: The Gospel of Encounter**", will be held in **Milwaukee** from **16th to 18th November 2017**. This will be followed by a special Post-Congress Workshop on 19th November. For further details, please contact Carol Regan SUSC, on cregan@relforcon.org

THE BRIERY RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

A Retreat entitled "**Living with a Life-Changing Loss Through Bereavement**", led by Abi May, is being held from **17th to 19th November 2017**. For further details and to book a place, please contact the Administrators on 01943 607287, or email: briery@btconnect.com

There is more information on the Briery Centre under the "Properties Available for Retreats etc" heading, later on in this newsletter.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH GROUP

The meetings for this group are held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP. All are welcome and there is no charge. They started in February 2017, and the group is studying **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love** – Pope Francis's encyclical on the family (£4.95).

The next meeting is on **15th November** with Alan Rainer, and **20th December** with Bishop John Sherrington.

Any queries, please text John Woodhouse on 07908 888586, or email woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PRIORY, WALES

The Priory is offering **3 Contemplative Retreats led by Fr Anton Altnoeder SJ** and Team, the first of which is **from 13th to 22nd November 2017**. The following two retreats are in August and November 2018.

These retreats, with individual daily guidance, are for those seeking an **Introduction to the Contemplative Way of Praying and Living and to the Jesus Prayer, in the way of Fr Franz Jalics SJ**.

For further information and application form, email the Administrator at enquiries@houseofprayer.org.uk

Tel. 01492 514223.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM

There will be a day, held at the university, entitled "**The gifts of old age: mental well-being, spirituality and elderly people**" on **Saturday 2nd December 2017**, to explore the integration of mental health and the spiritual life bringing together elderly people and those who care for them. The day will run from **10am to 4pm**, and will include talks, workshops and plenary forum. See www.stmarys.ac.uk/inspire for more details or contact Kit Penny at inspire@stmarys.ac.uk A flyer is attached to this newsletter.



CSAS TRAINING FOR WESTMINSTER DIOCESE

As part of the "One Church Approach" to Safeguarding, the CSAS has devised national safeguarding training for representatives. All safeguarding representatives are invited to attend a one-day course, taking place at St Aloysius Parish Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston NW1 1TA, from 10am to 5pm, on **Tuesday 5th December 2017**.

The training is *mandatory* and thus important that all representatives attend one of these days. It would be helpful to have completed the Educare Safeguarding E-learning training beforehand. Please note that the places on each training day are limited, and bookings will be on a first come first served basis.

Please confirm your attendance, stating which day you are attending, by email to:

gabrielesedda@rcdow.org.uk Or ring the RCDOW safeguarding office on 020 7798 9356

RETREATS AT ST MARY'S KINNOULL 2017

Further details about the **Sabbatical Courses 2017 at Kinnoull** are now available on their website:

www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk/article/sabbatical-course-2017/ The brochure and booking forms are available on that page.

For information and booking of either of the above, please email info@kinnoullmonastery.co.uk or telephone 01738 624075. Address: St Mary's, Kinnoull, Perth PH2 7BP, Scotland.

RETURNING FROM THE BRINK

There are several days run by Sr Josephine Bugeja LCM to address Age-related Memory Loss; Memory Fog; M.C.I. and Early Alzheimer's. Contact Sr Josephine on 020 8810 4432 or jbugeja@aol.com

CATHOLIC MISSIONARY UNION - 2018

The CMU and Missio, at the request of CBCEW, are presenting a **National Course for Ministers from Overseas**. This will be from **25th January to 2nd February 2018** in Chigwell. It is a specially created programme for those coming from outside the UK to minister here – a mixed programme of personal development, learning and discussion of issues, culture, law, language, politics and safety. It is suitable for those who have either recently arrived or who have been here for over a year and still have anxieties.

The cost is £700, to include all materials, field trips and meals.

Although it is not until next year, please do *book as soon as possible*: secretariat@cmu.org.uk

ST. MARTHA'S CONVENT: PREACHED RETREAT

There will be an 8-day preached retreat at St Martha's in East Sussex, from **16th to 24th February 2018**, led by Fr Paul Rocher CM, who is a Vincentian missionary and a retreat master.

For further details, please contact Sr Cecile on 01273 302354. Or email stmarthasrottingdean@gmail.com

IGNATIAN PILGRIMAGES - 2017/2018

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre is the only centre offering Ignatian Pilgrimages and 30 day retreats in Loyola in English. They have the following pilgrimage coming up:

Full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius in Loyola, Spain: 26th June to 30th July 2018. These spiritual exercises are with experienced native English-speaking guides in Loyola. Trips to Xavier and Aranzazu, and a tour of Ignatian Loyola are included. Cost: £1,895, to include transfer from the airport.

Further details: www.iscglasgow.co.uk/30days.html

Any further queries should be addressed to Fr David Birchall SJ, Ignatian Spirituality Centre, 0141 354 0077.

COLD ASH CENTRE: Seeking Wholeness – 2018

The **Programme for Personal Renewal and Leadership** will be held at the Cold Ash Centre from **5th June to 26th July 2018**.

Although it's next summer, the applications need to be in by **31st January 2018**.

Further information and forms can be obtained from the Cold Ash Centre, coldashcentre@hotmail.co.uk

AN TAIRSEACH Dominican Farm and Ecology Centre

Details of the **Ten-week Sabbatical Programme** and **Retreats** run at An Tairseach can be found on their website: www.ecocentrewicklow.ie . Alternatively, you can email: info@ecocentrewicklow.ie or telephone: 00 353 404 61833.

CELTIC RETREAT/PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCE

Are you looking for a special way to mark your Jubilee Year or your Sabbatical Renewal Time?

Why not consider a unique Celtic Retreat/Pilgrimage Experience from **August 6th to 16th 2018**, facilitated by Hilary Musgrave and Monica Brown.

This is a 10-day pilgrimage that will take you to Glendalough, Newgrange, The Boyne Valley, The Hill of Slane, Jerpoint Abbey, Kilkenny City and County Carlow, visiting ancient ruins and old burial sites, high crosses, holy wells, medieval cities and sacred places. Through music, song, story and myth, dance, mime, imagery and scripture-storytelling, Hilary and Monica will invite you to listen to your own story in this Celtic Landscape where you can come home to yourself and to your God.

For further information and booking, please visit: www.celticspiritpilgrimage.com You can also ring: +353 51 347333 or email: celticpilgrimage@gmail.com

RETREATS BEYOND DOVER

Retreats Beyond Dover was launched by Anthony Weaver in 1995, with the aim of organising retreats for British Catholics and others in France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Malta and the Czech Republic – always staying in monasteries and other religious houses, never hotels. Website: www.retreats-beyonddover.com

They are organising a retreat entitled “**Encountering our Muslim Neighbours**”, given by Dom Martin McGee OSB of Worth Abbey; this will take place in France, from **13th to 23rd October 2018**.

For further details ring 020 7379 7273 or email: retreatsdover@gmail.com

CULTURAL EXCHANGE WITH CHINA (CEC) – Human Rights Proposals & Workshop

You can find their October 2017 Web Updates, on their website: www.cecchina.co.uk .

There is a short documentary on the Catholic Church of China on:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/09/25/catholic-church-china-short-documentary>

AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS



NATIONAL OFFICE for VOCATION

You will find a great deal of information about NoV on their website: www.ukvocation.org We have added their Newsletter to our website; you will find it on the front page, under Members.



INTERNATIONAL UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL

The UISG website has information on upcoming events, including Seminars and Webinars. Further information can be found on their website: www.internationalunionsuperiorsgeneral.org There is also a link on our own website, on the front page under Members.



The combined website for USG and UISG is www.vidimusdominum.org. This presents items of interest regarding religious life worldwide. The site is presented in four languages, but the content varies in each language section



THE MEDAILLE TRUST

The Medaille Trust Summer 2017 Magazine can be found on our website under MORE/Anti-trafficking. Please do draw it to the attention of your congregations, friends and colleagues – either on the website, or by printing it off and passing it round. Note that there is a Donation form on the last page.



THE RETREAT ASSOCIATION's latest newsletter can be viewed on www.retreats.org.uk/newsletter. As well as reports from Founding Members and staff, the latest edition includes all their latest news. Do have a look.



NATIONAL JUSTICE and PEACE NETWORK

NJPN is a network of people working at the grassroots for a more just and peaceful world, in the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching. It includes diocesan J&P bodies, parish groups, religious orders, national Catholic and ecumenical agencies, families and individuals.

“Come and join us and help us to support you!

Membership is open to all who share our aims and values. We only ask £12 a year, but welcome any extra you can give.”

Download a membership form from the website or contact the Administrator: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk Tel. 020 7901 4864.

Fracking Discussion Paper

The NJPN Environment Group has updated this Paper, which was produced in 2014. The new Briefing Paper is on the following link:

<http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/cms/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Fracking-Briefing-Paper-NJPN-May-2017.pdf>

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Refugee Crisis – Ways to Help



Catholic Bishops' Conference: Refugee Crisis – Open Your Hearts:

If you are an individual wishing to host, **please sign up here:**

<http://www.paih.org/host-a-refugee/>

For more details on how you can help refugees, please do look at the NJPN bulletin: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk

Also see Housing Justice: www.housingjustice.org.uk (for London) and the No Accommodation Network: www.naccom.org.uk (for outside London)



Information on all the work of **CARJ** can be found on their website: www.carj.org.uk – including details of a series of formal and informal events they are organizing, entitled “**A Time for Reflection and Discernment**”, in particular their **AGM on 4th November 2017**. There is also a page describing the work CARJ engages in, entitled “**Join us in the Struggle for a more Just, more Equal, more Co-operative Society**”.

There is a **CARJ Press Release** attached to this newsletter on the “**Race Disparity Audit**”, recently published by the Government.

For further information on any of the above, please ring CARJ on: 020 8802 8080 or email: info@carj.org.uk



CORAB – Commission on Religion and Belief

Please do have a look at the CORAB website for background information, National Consultation and Contact. www.corab.org.uk



VINCENTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP: the VIP Justice Group e-newsletters can be found on www.vip-gb.org giving you the latest news from the VIP and Vincentian Family, and actions for the justice campaigns they are involved in.



HOUSING JUSTICE: their latest E-news is available at www.housingjustice.org.uk Do have a look at their website where you will see details of **Homeless Sunday** on **28th January 2018** and how you can be involved.

Please note in particular their **Annual Service of Commemoration for those who have died homeless** at 11am on **Thursday 9th November at St Martin-in-the-Fields**. You can send the names of anyone you know to have died to be read out during the service to: info@housingjustice.org.uk

ST LUKE'S CENTRE

Information on all the services offered at St Luke's Centre can be found on: www.stlukescentre.org.uk



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CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

This Centre, the CCSTP, acts as network and focal point through which like-minded groups within the Catholic community can more easily collaborate with one another. It brings together academics, charities, religious orders and social movements who are engaged in Catholic social thought and practice, and facilitates an ongoing conversation about how to think, talk and act in response to our rapidly changing context and the social thought of the Church.

The new CCSTP was launched last June, with a new website – www.ccstp.org.uk

There will be a place on this website where you can engage with content, such as blogs, videos and more – and you can find out about their latest news, events and projects.

If you would like to write a blog for the page, or if you think the your organisation could work well with the CCSTP, please do get in contact with Joseph Ewing on joseph.ewing@cafod.org.uk



CLASSIFIEDS... CLASSIFIEDS... CLASSIFIEDS

SPECIAL OFFER!

The FCJ Sisters are refurbishing their community home in Central London and have the following items on offer – *free!* They would need to be collected.

- Three prié dieux
- One hymn number stand
- One monstrance stand
- One thurible
- One humeral veil stand

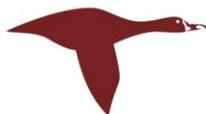
If you are interested, please contact Sr Gloria on 020 7387 7174 or gloriafcj@gmail.com

FOR SALE

The Salesian sisters are refurbishing one of their houses, and thus have some items for sale. There are 12 green chairs with space for books both underneath and behind, and also a large cross – all of which are in very good condition. They are asking £350 for the lot, and they would need to be collected.

Please contact Sr Pauline Clark for any further details, on 020 7350 2038, or paulinefma@gmail.com

WILD GOOSE WEBSITES



A NEW WEBSITE FOR 2017?

If you need a new website, or would like to update your existing one, **Wild Goose Websites** is there to help. They have 17 years' experience in web design in the UK and worldwide, and the majority of their clients are religious congregations. At **Wild Goose** they are known for making things simple, giving friendly support, and a commitment to excellence. Their advanced tools allow them to make customised “**mobile-friendly**” websites quickly.

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If you would like a new or upgraded religious website that's easy to use and easy to update, please ask for a free consultation. Call **Jon Harris on 07814 003376**, or email: jon@wildgoosewebsites.co.uk or visit www.wildgoosewebsites.co.uk Website references are available on request.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

NURSING HOME RECRUITMENT

A Registered Nurse (Clinical Lead) is required for a nursing home in the South East, which is owned by Religious. An aptitude for managing and communications is desirable. Short-term accommodation can be provided if re-locating. Salary negotiable.

For further information please contact Sarah Fulbrook, Home Manager on 01304 822135.

CARDINAL HUME CENTRE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Cardinal Hume Centre in Westminster enables people to gain the skills they need to overcome poverty and homelessness. They work with homeless young people, badly housed families and others in need. The Centre is looking for volunteers to join the team, who can:

- Help migrant/refugee children with their homework;
- Help adults learn computer skills;
- Teach English, if you have a CELTA;
- Raise money in their charity shop.

If you are interested, please contact Flora or Emily on volunteering@cardinalhumecentre.org.uk

You can also find out more at: <https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk/help-us/volunteering/>

PROPERTIES AVAILABLE for RETREATS, REST etc:



FATHER HUDSON'S CARE

Fr Hudson's Care, the social care agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham, runs St Joseph's, a residential care home for older people and people with dementia. Based in Coleshill, it can accommodate seven retired priests, and Mass is celebrated daily. Bedrooms are available for long-term or respite care. For further information, or to arrange a visit, call Sally on 01675 434500 or email st.josephs@fatherhudsons.org.uk

THE KAIROS CENTRE

The Kairos Centre is now taking bookings for **2019**. If you are planning a Congregation Retreat or Chapter in 2019, then now is an ideal time to reserve the dates most suitable to your requirements. Most of 2019 is currently free. Their accommodation consists of 27 rooms (18 of which are en-suite) and 10 meeting rooms which have a capacity of 9 to 120 people. The Centre also has a large Chapel, and a more intimate Prayer Room, all situated in beautiful grounds next to Richmond Park (near to central London).

For further information, please contact them on: bookings.kairos@psmg.org.uk or 020 8788 4188.

Their website is: www.thekairoscentre.co.uk

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HOLIDAY/PRIVATE RETREAT ACCOMMODATION

The Daughters of Divine Charity have a small **Convent Guest House** in Hunstanton on the North Norfolk coast, just a few minutes from the sea and the town, and 20 miles from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. It comprises:

- Four single rooms for Priests or Sisters for a holiday or private retreat
- Bed, breakfast and evening meal
- Daily Mass in the Parish Church across the road
- Chapel; comfortable lounge; large garden; lift

Please contact Sr Thomas More for further information on 01760 724577/726363 or sisterthomasmore@yahoo.co.uk

VILLA PALAZZOLA

This lovely villa is offering good deals for clergy and religious in 2017 and 2018. Please contact direttore@palazzola.it for dates and photos. Website: www.palazzola.it

NAZARETH RETIREMENT VILLAGES

The Sisters of Nazareth have developed two Retirement Villages – one in Beardwood on the edge of the Ribble Valley in Lancashire, and another one on the Stonehouse Peninsular in Plymouth, Devon. Both villages offer a mix of one and two bedroom apartments, together with a broad range of social and leisure facilities and support services. These include a restaurant, bar, coffee shop, lounge areas, library, hairdressing, 24-hour emergency alarm, handyman, cleaning and laundry services. At Beardwood there is also a minibus and private cinema.

Mass is celebrated on a daily basis in the beautiful on-site chapels, and some of our residents are retired priests and sisters.

A “trial in style scheme” in a fully furnished and equipped apartment is offered, where you can stay for up to five days to experience life at each of the villages.

For further information, please ring: 01752 229534 (Plymouth) or 01254 677926 (Beardwood), or visit our website: www.nazarethretirementvillages.co.uk

A QUIET PLACE FOR A SABBATICAL or SINGLE LIVING TIME

Anne Alcock, a former religious (Dominican missionary), is offering an upper floor apartment in her house in Cork to any Religious looking for a sabbatical or for some single living time. This would be for a negotiable rent, for 6 or 12 months, either this year or early next year. Contact Anne on 00 353 8761 76193.

ST. MARY'S MONASTERY – Redemptorist Centre for Spirituality

This newly refurbished centre has en-suite accommodation and step-free access throughout the building. It is available for retreats, sabbaticals, conferences, chapters, meetings and for times of recollection. Have a look at their website on www.kinnoullmonastery.co.uk, and for further details ring 01738 624075 or email info@kinnoullmonastery.co.za

RETREAT HOUSE CHESTER

This is a year-old charity seeking to offer a thoughtful and open place of retreat in the city, rooted gently and deeply in Christian tradition. They are running retreat-related activities as they work towards opening a non-residential retreat house right in the heart of the city, in Chester's old retreat house next to the Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to draw on the mission of the religious communities that have served the house, just as their programme draws on and promotes monastic tradition – and they are keen to develop relationships with religious orders and communities.

A feature article will be published in the Retreats Handbook 2017. For more information, please see www.retreathousechester.co.uk or contact them on admin@retreathousechester.co.uk

THE BRIERY RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE

This Centre is only 10 minutes away from Ilkley town centre, yet also on the foot of Ilkley Moor, at 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley LS29 9BW; tel: 01943 607287; email: briery@btconnect.com
Website: www.briery.org.uk

Following a substantial refurbishment in August 2016 and Spring 2017, the Briery can now offer 20 en-suite rooms (including one suitable for disabled guests), and can accommodate retreat groups of up to 27 people in the house, plus 3 in the cottage in the grounds. Their retreats are full board, and include home-cooked food, conference facilities and use of their chapel. They have a new brochure for 2017, detailing forthcoming retreats, on their website. For further information, please call or email the administration office, as above.

SISTERS OF ST ANDREW

The Sisters of St Andrew welcome individuals and groups to their "Urban Oasis" situated half-way between Lewisham and Blackheath, close to Greenwich and Lee. Their beautiful round Oast House Chapel, with its stained glass windows, provides a space for both personal and group prayer. There is a large attractive garden, with a grass labyrinth, surrounding the house. Individuals are welcome, as well as groups (25 max. day – self-catering), and up to 9 people for individually guided retreats; there is also the possibility to come just for a couple of hours/half a day/overnight to pause, rest, reflect in silence.

The sisters are available for input/facilitation/spiritual accompaniment/self-catering retreats/ retreats in daily life/supervision/and outreach by prior arrangement.

There are also **programmed events throughout 2017**: please see the website: www.sisters-of-st-andrew.com or email: welcome@sisters-of-st-andrew.com

ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER CENTRE

St Joseph's Prayer Centre is at Blundell Avenue, Freshfield, Formby L37 1PH. Tel. 01704 875850.
Mobile: 07712 178670. Email: nora.coughlan@gmail.com Website: www.stjosephsprayercentre.com

The Centre runs retreats - either individually guided or preached/directed retreats.

Quiet Days: their Oasis Room provides a warm welcoming space for personal reflection, reading and prayer. Guests are very welcome to use the lovely chapels, and spiritual direction is available if desired.

SION CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

This Centre offers conference facilities for groups of up to 50 people. It is an ideal setting for inter-faith meetings, conferences, seminars, courses, parish days or in-service training. There is a loop and audio system, powerpoint projector, specialist library, and also a meeting room for up to 10 people. For more information email sioncentrefordialogue@gmail.com and have a look at their website: www.sioncentre.org

Their Autumn Programme is attached, and it would be helpful if you could let them know by email or 'phone if you are coming to any of their events – the next one being a day entitled "**Jewish Christian Relations: Significant New Beginnings**" on **Thursday 2nd November 2017**. Tel: 020 7313 8286 or email as above.

COLD ASH CENTRE

This Centre is ready to welcome not-too-big congregations for their chapters, as they have updated their audio-visual system, including a big TV screen and loop system. They have a purpose-built complex and chapel, plus the use of a beautiful church which seats 80 people. See also under "Workshops" section. For further details ring 01635 865353, or email coldashcentre@hotmail.co.uk

PSYCHOTHERAPY AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Fr Derek Lavery SSCC is now available full time for retreats, spiritual direction, talks and facilitation. He is based in London and can be contacted on **07919 370166**. (Please note: this number was incorrect in the May edition.)

Fr John Foley CSsR - Psychotherapist - is registered with the British Association of Psychotherapy (**BPC**) and the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (**BACP**).

John offers Psychotherapy and Counselling around whatever is troubling you – whether it is anxiety, depression, repeating patterns of behaviour, addictions, problems in relationships and/or community, bereavement and loss, long-term emotional difficulties, or a lack of fulfilment or sense of meaning in life. John is also a very experienced Spiritual Director and group facilitator, and offers ongoing support and accompaniment.

For further information and contact details: www.john-foley.co.uk

Sr Frances Woolman FMDM is a **BACP** accredited counsellor/psychotherapist, has a BSc in Pastoral Counselling, is a trained Supervisor and can also offer community facilitation.

She has had experience over many years, working with priests and religious from across different cultures. Sr Frances has also worked in formation and served in leadership within her own congregation. Her training is integrative, which means that she uses different approaches, depending on individual needs.

She works in the Coventry and Tamworth areas.

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