

APRIL 2018

What a glorious way to start the month of April with the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection on the first day of the month. I hope you are all enjoying a happy Eastertide!

I managed to make my way up the M5 motorway on Sunday 8th April to meet the Baptism Preparation Team at the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Churchdown. I attended Sunday Mass and had a long chat afterwards with Katherine and Jacky, who have established a rhythm to their baptism preparation and are willing to offer help and advice, and to share their experience with our newly-formed teams.



I came away from our meeting feeling blessed that we had made contact (doesn't our Heavenly Father always provide what we need) and with some dates in hand, began to plan a session with our new team members in our pilot parishes, observing team in action at Churchdown. However, the month of May was too soon for many and we have had to re-schedule so it looks like September is going to be the month where we manage

to all get together to do this, I hope!

I am happy to report that we have had several other enquiries to introduce baptism preparation in other parishes. Also, our beautiful baptism cards are available (at 5p each) to all parishes wishing to remember their baptism anniversaries. Just send me an email to anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com and I will get them in the post to you.

The Rawlins family have moved over the last two weeks of April – back to the parish of St George's in Warminster and it's been wonderful to meet up with 'old' friends and see some familiar faces from 14 years ago!

Baptism For Life – With You Always is a simple, effective way of reaching out to the families in your parish, those who are established and those, in particular, who are new to the parish. When they approach to request baptism for their child, a huge, enriched welcome awaits them when you are able to offer this lovely preparation course.

Walking with Families

We also want to reach out to parishes who wish to support their parents in gentle faith formation, while their children are receiving catechesis for their First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. If you are such a parish, please get in touch and I will help you to do this.

Wishing you all a happy and fruitful Eastertide!

He is Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!

