

## October 2017



It's been a hectic and progressive month; a month of conferences with firstly, the Annual Marriage and Family Life Residential held at Hinsley Hall, Leeds during the first week. It was a super agenda and non-stop information-sharing and presentations. There is so much going on in the world of Marriage and Family Life ministry!

We managed to squeeze in some training at St Alphege's in Oldfield Park, and ran a session with three families for baptism! The first of many as they plan to offer the formation to families each month, beginning in the new year. Very exciting!



The budding team at St Mary's, Glastonbury attended another training session which went well and they wait expectantly for a family to request baptism and receive our formation. St Michael's has a team in place and we have had the fortune to have already supported one family with the prospect of another in the next couple of months.

A quick update with Fr Matt at St Bernadette's reveals that it is still very quiet on the baptism front.



During the middle of October, I was fortunate enough to attend the Divine Renovation Conference with Fr James Mallon. The need to become missionary parishes, overflowing with welcome and love, is important if we are to grow, become disciples who able to reach out to help others to grow in their faith. As part of the welcome to families, the baptism project plays a key role and is a massive opportunity to enrich the welcome we give.

See the trailer for Divine Renovation here: <https://www.divinerenovationuk.org/gallery>

If you are reading this and feel like learning more, please do get in touch with me. Even if you are thinking it over as a parish, I can come and spend time with you to explain it more fully. As we enter our Year of Mission accompanied by St Mark, it's an ideal opportunity to introduce 'Baptism For Life – With You Always' to your families; please don't hesitate to call me on 01749 342587 or email [anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:anitra.rawlins@cliftondiocese.com)

I am very happy to give a very short explanation at the end of Mass, or meet up at another time. Just let me know how I can help you in fulfilling your vision for mission in your parish or deanery.

I look forward to hearing from you – God bless and love, Anitra