



YEAR OF VOCATION

DECEMBER 2018 - NOVEMBER 2019

**2ND DECEMBER
ADVENT SUNDAY**

Launch of Bishop Martin's Rule of Life

**13TH JANUARY
BAPTISM of CHRIST**

Launch of the Year of Vocation with Baptism Cards
marking the date of our own Baptism.
Launch of the Order of St Richard

**6TH MARCH
ASH WEDNESDAY**

Start of the Lent Course - 'Living Christ'

**21ST APRIL
EASTER DAY**

Renewal of our Baptismal Promises
Launch of the Parish and School Mosaics

**30TH MAY
ASCENSION DAY**

Nine Days of Prayer between Ascension Day
and Pentecost focused on 'Thy Kingdom Come'

**24th-27th MAY
May Camp - Wildfire**

Our annual diocesan youth event.

**9TH JUNE
PENTECOST**

Renewal of our Confirmation Promises
Unveiling of the Parish and School Mosaics

**8TH SEPTEMBER
EDUCATION SUNDAY: VOCATION TO TEACH**

**5TH OCTOBER
ORDER OF ST RICHARD AWARD CEREMONY**

**23RD NOVEMBER
CHRIST THE KING**



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2019**

LIFE IN CHRIST

**'THE GLORY OF GOD
IS A HUMAN BEING
FULLY ALIVE'**

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For each of us to have a Way of Life is important if our calling to life in Christ is going to be ordered and disciplined.

On the 2nd December, The first Sunday of Advent, is the launch of Bishop Martin's Rule of Life. There will be practical materials on the Diocesan website about how to make a Rule of Life which could make this Year of Vocation life changing and life enhancing for us.

The second Sunday in January celebrates the Baptism of Christ and will mark the beginning of the 'Year of Vocation'. This is a Diocesan initiative to help us to understand more fully God's calling to us both individually and corporately as a Diocese. The Year will celebrate vocation in its broadest sense. How do we live out our life in Christ fully every day of the week and at different times of life.

The Year will be launched on 13 January with specially designed Baptismal Cards which will mark the date of our own baptism and the beginning of our life and calling in Christ. At Pentecost on 9 June, we will receive specially designed Confirmation Cards which will mark the date of our own Confirmation when we were sealed with the Holy Spirit and committed ourselves to growing into 'the full stature of Christ'.

Also on 13 January the Order of St Richard will be launched. The Order of St Richard is an award for lay people which recognises and celebrates exceptional contributions to the parish, the local community and the Diocese. Ten people will be nominated from each Archdeaconry every year for the award. Details of how to nominate people can be found in the Diocesan website.

The Year of Vocation Lent Course - Living Christ - is about Christians across Sussex exploring what it means to live out their vocation to know, love and follow Jesus.

With video contributions from a farmer, an artist, a mental-health campaigner, a carer and many others, the course consists of five sessions exploring all aspects of life. Along with Scripture, prayer and discussion, it is hoped that Living Christ will be an engaging resource for small groups across the Diocese.

Between Easter and Pentecost, parishes and schools will be encouraged to gather together photographs of individuals or places which reflect the life of the parish or school and then turn these into a mosaic of for instance the face of Christ. The process of turning a number of photographs into a mosaic is uncomplicated and a step by step guide is available on the Diocesan website.

May Camp is our annual diocesan youth event, camping in Plumpton, with a focus on nurturing young people in their faith that is also the most fun weekend of their year. May Camp is a unique opportunity for developing close relationships with young people and bonding within a group. It draws together churches from across the whole diocese from a breadth of traditions built on engaging well with youth culture and focussing on unity.

In addition to participating in the mosaic project, the Education Department will also be promoting in 2019 the vocation to teach not only in schools but also more broadly in terms of Sunday school teachers.

The Archbishops launched the Thy Kingdom Come initiative several years ago as an invitation to pray during the period between Ascension and Pentecost for people we know to come to know Jesus. This year the focus will be on responding faithfully to God's call as reflected in the words 'Thy will be done'. There will be more details available via the Diocesan website.

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week and at different times of life.**