



# CLIFTON DIOCESE

## Chaplaincy Newsletter November 2006

*Compassionate and loving God,  
you created the world for us all to share,  
a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.*

*Creator God,  
You gave us responsibility for the earth,  
a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,  
so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.*

*God of peace and justice,  
You give us the capacity to change,  
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.  
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,  
so that the pillars of injustice crumble  
and those now crushed are set free. Amen.*

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The Prayer above is taken from the Cafod website, [www.cafod.org](http://www.cafod.org) where you will find information about the **Live Simply campaign** which begins on November 26<sup>th</sup> (This is National Youth Sunday.) It is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Populorum Progressio**, and it is perhaps more important than ever that we try to live in a way that promotes justice for all. Cafod are providing many resources for use throughout the next year and there is also a dedicated web site, [www.livesimply.org](http://www.livesimply.org) Bishop Declan is also asking parishes and schools to try to promote awareness of, and raise money for, **San Antonio parish in Peru**. San Antonio parish is looked after by Father Daniel O'Sullivan, a priest of the Clifton Diocese, who is originally from Bath. Father Daniel is member of the St James Society – a missionary organisation providing priestly ministry in South America – since 1982. Previously he had been a Curate at St George in Taunton. For more information about the Peru appeal, please email [peru@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:peru@cliftondiocese.com).

### **National Youth Sunday: November 26<sup>th</sup> 2006**

At the time of writing materials were not yet available but should be soon from the catholic youth service website [www.catholicyouthservices.org.uk](http://www.catholicyouthservices.org.uk) If possible could you facilitate the involvement of students in their local parishes on this day. The material will contain many ideas for liturgies and could be adapted for use in assembly

## **“Come Lord Jesus Come” An Advent preparation Course**

An opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Advent and Christmas. The course will give ideas and materials that can be used with pupils to celebrate the season of Advent in a meaningful way. There will be opportunities for discussion during the course of the evening. This will be an ideal opportunity for all members of a school community including teachers, governors and support assistants to come together in prayer. The course is aimed at both secondary and primary schools and will be held in Bristol on November 14th at Alexander House and in Salisbury on the 16th November at Alabare House. Both evenings will run from 4.30pm to approximately 8.30pm. The cost is £30 including a light supper. To book your place for the prayer evening at either event please contact [Jenny Fitzgerald](mailto:Jenny.Fitzgerald@diocese-salisbury.org) on 0117 902 5593 by Monday 6th November 2006.

## **Chaplaincy Meetings**

If you hold chaplaincy meetings in your school I would be delighted to receive an invitation to attend one in order to form a better picture of chaplaincy throughout the diocese.

### **Mass for Teachers and Governors Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006 at 7.30 pm.**

This will be held at Clifton Cathedral and our main celebrant will be Bishop Declan. It will be an opportunity for all to rededicate their work to God. Afterwards tea and coffee will be served in the Apostle's room to give everyone a chance to meet their colleagues from around the diocese. **I would appreciate it if you could draw this event to the notice of all your colleagues and parents and encourage them to attend. In particular if you try to encourage your school not to hold any other events on that night I would be grateful.** If you would be willing to help with the music, (please!) could you contact me as soon as possible.

### **Education Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2007**

A more detailed information pack giving details of how you can support this event will be available from the CES in November

## **Resources**

Many of you will be receiving into your schools students whose first language is not English. In order for liturgies to be meaningful and inclusive we need to provide translations where possible. Translations of readings can be found at the following two sites, there may well be others.

<http://www.conferenciaepiscopal.es/pastoral/turismo.htm> this site belongs to the Spanish Bishops conference. It is in Spanish but they show the flags of the countries they provide translations for. The second site <http://www.virc.at/all/english.htm> is the Vienna international religious centre and is in English. Both these sites provide translations of the readings. If anyone knows of a site that provides translations for the prayers of the mass will they please e mail the information in so we can circulate.

Thank you for all your work and dedication  
God Bless

Ann Fowler (Chaplaincy Coordinator)