



**Letter for the Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After Five and a half years as Bishop of the Forces, Pope Francis has given me a new appointment as the Bishop of Arundel & Brighton. I shall be taking up this new post on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, but shall be moving from Farnborough a little before that so that I can take a short retreat before taking up this new responsibility.

The Holy Father has continued to place a good deal of trust in me in giving me this new appointment. May I ask for your prayers for me as I prepare for the role. Please pray, too, for the people and priests of Arundel & Brighton that, together, all may grow in the service and proclamation of the Gospel.

I shall most certainly miss the Bishopric of the Forces. It has been a privilege to serve the Bishopric and I have appreciated very much indeed the kindness and support of chaplains and people alike. The life of the Bishopric is very special and I have witnessed many examples of great faith, together with the witness of our chaplains who offer so much to those in their care. Chaplains, personnel and their families of all three Services will always have a very special place in my thoughts and prayers.

As the Bishopric looks to the future, I ask you to continue in the support of your chaplains and to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the time comes for the appointment of my successor.

With every Blessing,

Bishop of the Forces