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The Papal Nuncio and Bishop Alan met students at St John Fisher High School in Peterborough and had a discussion with other faith leaders, below.

Papal Nuncio pays East Anglia a visit

The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Edward Adams, spent four days during May touring around the Diocese of East Anglia after accepting an invitation from Bishop Alan Hopes. Keith Morris reports.

■ The Papal Nuncio is the Pope's personal representative in GB and he began his visit on Sunday May 19 with a visit to the Jewish Synagogue in Norwich and then celebrated Mass at St John the Baptist Cathedral in Norwich, before meeting parishioners over coffee.

He went on to visit Norwich Anglican Cathedral where he was shown around by Cathedral Dean the Very Rev Jane Hedges and took part in Compline.

On the Monday, Archbishop Adams visited St John Fisher Catholic High School in Peterborough where a meeting took place with local faith leaders, including the Peterborough Inter Faith Council and Anglican, Buddhist and



Islamic representatives.

Archbishop Adams brought them greetings from Pope Francis: "Pope Francis is very much interested in what you do and in this type of inter faith dialogue. Dialogue comes from the respect we have for each other and the love of what is true and what is good. Shortly after his election, Pope Francis called for

more inter-religious dialogue as a way of building bridges," he said.

"He encourages every effort between people of different faiths for positive relations and constructive inter-action. So I am happy to be here and offer you the best wishes of Pope Francis and to commend you for working together and

■ Story continued on page two.

Ordinations set for Cathedral

■ Eight men will be ordained as either priests or deacons in the Diocese of East Anglia at St John's Cathedral in Norwich this summer.

On Saturday June 22, Bishop Alan ordained three men to serve as Permanent Deacons. They were: Brett Gladden (from Bury St Edmunds), James Hurst (from Newmarket) and Martin L'Estrange (from King's Lynn).

Seminarian Peter Wygnanski will also be ordained a transitory Deacon by Bishop Alan in Rome (Palazzola) on July 14.

On Saturday July 6 at 11:30am, five men will be ordained as priests for the Diocese; the highest number ordained at one time in nearly 20 years, and a real blessing for our Diocese.

Those to be ordained to the sacred priesthood are: Rev Jude Belnas (from St Philip Howard, Cambridge), Rev Michael Brookes (from Sacred Heart, Dereham), Rev Simon Davies (from St Neots), Rev Alan Hodgson (from St Edmund's, Bury) and Rev Paul Spellman (from Our Lady and St Joseph, Sheringham).

Bishop Alan said: This is a grace filled moment for our Diocese – a great blessing from God – and I hope that every parish will be represented in the cathedral on this day both to pray for our new priests and to welcome them amongst us as they prepare to minister to the people of God in East Anglia. I ask everyone to pray fervently that more men will answer God's call to serve Him and his church as priests."

All are invited and are welcome to attend.

■ Pictures and reports in the next edition.

Safeguarding training

■ The Catholic Trust for England and Wales has purchased a Safeguarding Awareness package of e-learning programmes available to all members of the Catholic community free of charge. This is part of the Church's ongoing commitment to safeguarding.

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Church marks 80th

■ St Peter the Apostle church in Gorleston celebrated its 80th anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan on June 12. The Mass was followed by a time in the church hall sharing memories and refreshments.

news in brief

Talk on terrorist threat to church

■ Norfolk counter terrorism police have spoken to parishioners from St Mary's, Thetford, about what to do in a security incident reports Paul Gilbert.

The police were invited to attend the meeting in the church hall on May 13 after concerns were raised due to events around the world of religious communities being attacked by extremists.

Parishioners listened attentively on what John Dolan, Counter Terrorism Advisor, had to say regarding what to look out for, and how to report any suspicious behaviour or activities in or around the church by people unknown to the parish community.

It was highlighted by the counter terrorism officer that there is no specific threat against any faith communities, but all should be vigilant in the course of everyday worship.

"This presentation is about making people aware of how to prevent an incident occurring, what to do during and in the aftermath of an attack. It is not to alarm people in anyway, but to ensure that everyone is kept safe," said John.

Throughout the presentation, people were able to raise questions regarding fears and concerns. John soon put those fears and concerns to rest by giving reassurance and acknowledged that security is a key concern in light of terror attacks across the world. John also mentioned that the police are working with the Catholic National Shrine at Walsingham regarding pilgrimages.

The message was clear, during an incident - get out if able, hide, call the police on 999. If people suspect anything untoward, report it. John could not stress enough how important it is to report and challenge unusual behaviour, for it could ultimately save lives.

The police are offering this presentation free to all community groups across the diocese. If your church wishes to have a presentation, please do get in contact with your local police.

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The Papal Nuncio, along with Bishop Alan, met representatives of the Filipino and Syro-Malabar communities at St Philip Howard Parish in Cambridge.

Nuncio meets people

■ Story continued from page one. bringing people closer to God."

The Nuncio then celebrated Mass with students and staff members of the chaplaincy team at St John Fisher in the small school chapel and spoke to them of how God wants to be close to us and love us.

"When God loves us it changes us, we can't be the same afterwards. We respond to his love and show our love for him, which can be seen in the way we respond to God and love each other."

The Archbishop then shared lunch with senior school staff, led by head-

teacher Kate Pereira and school governors, followed by a question and answer session with a group of sixth formers who asked him about his role as Papal Nuncio.

The Nuncio's party then moved to the next door St Thomas More Primary School where headteacher Anne-Marie McElhinney was leading an assembly for the school's 420 pupils.

Archbishop Adams was introduced to the children who asked him a series of entertaining and searching questions about his role, what he enjoyed and found most challenging about it, how old he

was and how often he went to the Vatican.

On Tuesday, the Nuncio's party headed to the Catholic National Shrine at Walsingham where Archbishop Adams celebrated Mass in the Slipper Chapel, the first Papal Nuncio to do so for 20 years. He also had the opportunity to meet some of the growing number of Religious Brothers and Sisters now living in Walsingham.

He went on to visit Sheringham and performed a blessing on a house which has just been bought by the St Vincent de Paul Society to house up to ten



The Papal Nuncio with Religious Brothers and Sisters at Walsingham.



The Papal Nuncio and Bishop Alan met representatives of Caritas and the SVP at Our Lady and St Joseph in Sheringham.

across the diocese

homeless people.

"This is just one of many social action initiatives which take place across the diocese, promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his love," Bishop Alan told a gathering of SVP and Caritas members who engage in social action across the diocese.

The final visit of the day was to the Carmelite Monastery at Quidenham where the Archbishop joined the sisters for Vespers.

The final day of the Nuncio's visit included a meeting with the Filipino and Syro-Malabar Communities at St Philip

Howard Parish in Cambridge and lunch at Our Lady and the English Martyrs.

At St Philip Howard, the Apostolic Nuncio and Bishop Alan first prayed before the Blessed Sacrament in the Parish Church then had the meeting with the two communities.

Representing the Syro-Malabar community were Fr Philip John, Fr Thomas Parakandathil, Santos Mathen and Joseph Cherian.

Representing the Filipino community were Rev Alfonso-Jude Belnas, Bienn Carlo, Expedita Amper and Phoebe Vargas.

Then the Papal Nuncio visited the Parish Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs before leaving for London after a successful four days around the Diocese.

Speaking about his visit to the diocese, Archbishop Adams said: "I want to thank Bishop Alan for giving me the opportunity to come to the diocese and see the reality of the church and the people and to be able give the Pope an idea of the life of the Christian community in this part of the world."

■ **There is a full picture gallery at: www.rcdea.org.uk**



Pupils at St Thomas More Primary in Peterborough got the chance to ask questions of the Papal Nuncio.

news in brief



First as church services go online

■ Saint Laurence's in Cambridge has started to stream its services live online and is believed to be the first parish church in the Diocese to do so, report Sean Martin and Ronald Haynes.

Live streaming of the sanctuary allows people unable to be physically present to participate at Mass or other activities held in the church. Housebound, sick, or parishioners in care homes can continue to be engaged in parish life, even though they are not able to travel to the church. It will also be of benefit for relatives and friends unable to travel greater distances to baptisms, weddings and funerals.

A camera has been installed by the recently formed parish "tech" group, and the camera streams live video and audio through to YouTube, and is accessible anywhere via the internet.

There are three views of the sanctuary: a regular view, a wider view also covering the font, and a silent meditative view. The tech group is working in conjunction with the SVP who are in touch with many in the parish likely to benefit, and can loan out laptops.

St Laurence's regularly has Masses and celebrations in several languages other than English, and streaming provides access to remote and scattered community members of these traditions. We are now able to publicise and stream parish talks from the pulpit, and so extend sharing and outreach more widely. We are considering the possibility of recording special events, such as weddings, or other occasions, for family members.

We took a DIY approach to the installation and service and therefore the project is well within the initial budget of £2000 and streaming to YouTube incurs no additional monthly cost beyond the cost of the broadband connection.

The tech group can offer advice and technical assistance to other parishes that might also be interested in starting live streaming. If you are interested please contact us by email at techgroup@saintlaurence.org.uk or www.saintlaurence.org.uk/live/

Trio make profession

■ Three members of the Pax et Bonum Secular Franciscan Order in Norwich made their profession on Saturday May 11, at the Church of Our Lady and St Etheldreda, Newmarket.

The ceremony was held during the Mass that was the central event of a Regional Day of Recollection for Franciscans in the East Anglia area.

Francis Taylor, Laurence Smith, and Simon Hambrook, made their promises before Brigid Rawlinson, the Fraternity Minister, who accepted them on behalf of the fraternity and the Order.

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Free training chance with Catholic Voices

A team from the well-known Catholic Voices project are set to run a free training day in Wymondham near Norwich on Saturday September 7 to help Catholics from across the Diocese of East Anglia talk about their faith in public situations.

■ Called How to Defend Your Faith in the Public Square, CEO Brenden Thompson will lead a team from Catholic Voices in running the event which is aimed at young adults, parish communications champions and New Evangelisation reps in particular, but is open to all.

Organised joined by the diocese communications department, New Evangelisation team and Ignite Youth Team, the workshop aims to get participants to see chances to share their faith in public

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as an opportunity and to share some tips and techniques in preparing them to do so.

It will include practical skills in "defending your faith without raising your voice" and how to talk about controversial topics with charity and clarity.

New Evangelisation Co-ordinator,

Rebecca Bretherton, said: "We know Jesus Christ asks each one of us to tell people about God's Good News. This training will give some practical ideas about how to really do so."

The day, on Saturday September 7, will run from 11-4pm at the Parish Hall, Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, 1 Norwich Road, Wymondham, NR18 0QE. The venue is a short ten-minute walk from Wymondham train station and there is plenty of

free parking at the church.

Place are free but are limited and participants are asked to book a free place in advance with Rebecca Bretherton at evangelisation@rcdea.org.uk

Drinks will be available but you are asked to bring your own lunch.

www.catholicvoices.org.uk



Pictured with Bishop Alan (centre) outside the White House are, from the left, jubilarian priests Fr Michael Vulliamy, Fr Roger Spencer, Fr Anthony Shryane and Fr Denys Lloyd. To see more pictures visit: www.rcdea.org.uk

A celebration of priesthood

A Celebration of Priesthood Mass and lunch took place at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Poringland and at the Bishop's White House on June 13.

■ Around 40 priests from across the Diocese of East Anglia joined Bishop Alan on the Feast of Jesus Christ the Eternal

High Priest.

Priests across the diocese celebrating jubilees of ordination this year include Fr Anthony Shryane who marks 50 years of service; Fr Michael Vulliamy, Fr Laurie Locke and Fr Roger Spencer who all mark 40 years as priests; and Fr Bruce Burbidge, Fr Sean Connolly, Fr Edmund Eggleston and Fr Denys Lloyd all marking 25 years of service.

In his homily, Bishop Alan told the

priests: "I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you, and especially those of you who are celebrating jubilees this year, for transforming the joys and the hopes, the visions and the dreams of the countless thousands of people you have served over the years."

"As we look to the future, let us remind ourselves that ours is a religion of hope as well as faith. We place all our trust and hope in the Lord."



To view and download free pictures of the Mass and of all couples meeting Bishop Alan, visit www.rcdea.org.uk Pictures by Peter Jones.

Marriage and family life celebrated at Mass

Around 300 people attended the annual Marriage and Family Life Mass on Saturday June 8 at St John's Cathedral in Norwich to celebrate the joy of holy matrimony and parenthood and to celebrate the significant anniversaries of their loved ones. Bonnie Lander Johnson reports.

■ Among those present (and pictured above) were Filip and Ina Baillien who are celebrating their first anniversary and will soon welcome their first child. The Bailliens were married in their native Italy but returned to begin their married lives in Swaffham.

Also pictured above (on the left) are Alec and June Motts who have lived their

whole lives in the Diocese. The Motts were married 55 years ago at Hoveton before settling in Cambridge. Most of their children went on to be baptised and married in the Diocese. When asked for their advice to those starting out in married life, the Motts' said that "honesty and trustworthiness are paramount and that the Church is a rock of faith and something which encompasses the family".

Peter and Alice Hughes (pictured on the right) were this year celebrating their 65th anniversary. The congregation applauded their long lives together as they walked the aisle to receive their certificate from the Bishop.

In his homily, Bishop Alan reminded those present that the family is a school of love, in which children learn the truth of the Gospels through the examples of mothers and fathers. Married people also, he said, reveal the truth of God to

the world. The Bishop spoke about the beauty of the Church's two doctrinal truths for married people: faithfulness and fruitfulness.

These two divine truths are central to East Anglian marriage preparation, a course that runs throughout the year in all areas of the Diocese, and through which some 300 couples were this year prepared for marriage. These couples are taught that just as God is faithful to us, and fruitful through us, so married couples reflect God's love in their faithfulness to each other and their openness to life.

At this year's Marriage Mass, Bishop Alan called all those present to "Continue to love one another! For by doing so you will learn who God is and you will show him to our world – for God is the spouse who is faithful unto death and whose crucified love bears fruit in every generation."



news in brief

Catenian annual conference held

■ A Solemn High Mass, celebrated by the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon, Archbishop of Liverpool, formed part of the annual conference of the Catenian Association which this year took place in Liverpool in May.

One of the highlights of the weekend conference was a Carnival Dinner enjoyed in the Golden Miller Suite at The Earl of Derby Stand at Aintree racecourse.

Attending the conference were the current Norwich Circle president Phil Hoy plus immediate past president Tony Baker and former president John Kenny with their wives Chris, Val and Wendy.

Thy Kingdom Come

■ Sacred Heart church in Ramsay joined with other local churches for a series of events as part of the Thy Kingdom Come initiative marking Ascension to Pentecost from May 30 to June 9. Events included silent prayer and scripture readings and A Journey with Mary at the church of the Sacred Heart.

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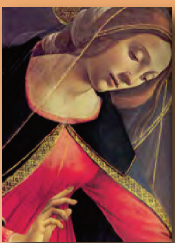
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Joyous children's

Over 550 children and families attended the annual East Anglia Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham on May 28, taking part in a walk, attending Mass and then enjoying a picnic and fun on Wells beach. Keith Morris reports.

■ Groups from across the diocese including Cambridge, Huntingdon, Peterborough, Wisbech, Norwich, Wymondham, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Sawston, Cambourne, King's Lynn, Mildenhall, Brandon, Beccles, Bungay, Costessey, Sheringham took part.

Organiser Chris Storman said: "Our theme for the day was 'This is Your Mother' – remembering that Jesus gave us all into the keeping of His mother – and so we honour Our Lady at her Shrine for her care and intercession."

Children and families gathered in the Friday Market Place in Little Walsingham outside the Church of the Annunciation and from there set off in procession behind an image of Our Lady of Walsingham and the baby Jesus to the Catholic National Shrine along the old railway track.

Flowers and petals were strewn before the mile-long procession and hymns and prayers to Mary featured throughout.

Once at the Shrine and inside a packed Chapel of Reconciliation, everyone was welcomed to the 12 noon Mass by Bishop Alan, who said: "You have come to a very special place at a very special time as May is the month of Mary, the Mother of God and the mother of the Church."

In his homily, Fr Pat Cleary said that the pilgrimage had started 34 years ago with just a couple of parishes, Thetford and Great Yarmouth, getting together.

"It is now a wonderful tradition which has grown and grown and now fills the Chapel of Reconciliation."

Fr Pat spoke about us all as babies: "When we were born we were all just little bundles of needs and the bond especially between the mother and child is a strong one," he said. "As babies we keep close to our mother who will meet all of our needs."

"God chose Mary to be the mother of the baby Jesus who, just like us, had lots of needs. At the end of his life Mary was there again for Jesus. Mary is also our mother in heaven and points us to Jesus his son and asks us 'to do what he tells us'," said Fr Pat.

"Someone once said to me that children are the church of the future, but I don't think of it like that. I think children are the church of the present along with everyone else here."

"It is now that we can love God, it is now that we can put our faith into practice," said Fr Pat.

The children's choir from Costessey sang beautifully through the Mass.

Afterwards, families enjoyed a picnic in the Shrine grounds before many headed for Wells beach for some fun on the sand.

At the end, organiser Chris said: "I think the pilgrimage went very well, with beautiful flowers and was one of the largest we have had. It was a truly joyous



walk. Children carrying their many banners and strewing flowers and petals behind the statue carriers, performing happily and with reverence.

"The day began with us wondering about the weather and if it would dampen it, but it finished in glorious sunshine at the beach and somehow seemed to make everything even more special."

Co-organiser Rosemary Williams said: "The Mass had a wonderful feel to it, with the children really involved and it all came together beautifully just like the walk which was full of joy."

■ Full picture gallery to download at www.rcdea.org.uk and at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmDQHf5a>



pilgrimage



Pictured is the Children's Pilgrimage and Mass at Walsingham.



reflection

Are you honest in prayer?

In his monthly series of reflections, Deacon Peter Coates from Woodbridge asks are you honest when you pray?



Jesus invites us to be intimate with God, to be truly close to Him. This implies openness and honesty. That is what makes it difficult for me. I want to be on good terms with the Lord but He knows what I am really like!

I want to pray – "I love you, Jesus, my love above all things. I repent with my whole heart for having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always and then do with me what you will."

But those phrases are so demanding. Can I really mean it when I say them? The most intimate thing we can say to anyone is "I love you".

The implications are immense and the final clause makes it clear. If the love we offer is true, the beloved is trusted totally. This is too much. I cannot rise to such heights.

It is so difficult to find words to express our adoration of the most Holy God and to worship and to love Him. Words just do not do it! I want to worship my Lord. I want to open my life to Him so that I live His Way. "Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all."

I want to love the Lord. It is enough.

■ Peter spent 15 years as a Methodist minister before European Education and Training projects in Portugal (where he converted), Hungary, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova where he lived for six years. He was the first permanent deacon ordained in the former Soviet Union in the Diocese of Chisinau, Moldova.



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Historic treat for Mosquito Club

■ A group of students from the Mosquito Club at St Benedict's Catholic School, Bury St Edmunds, visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford recently

The lunchtime history club has a loyal group of 15 students who all have interests in the area of historic military aviation and its heritage.

It meets once a month and is named after a famous aircraft of World War II, the De Havilland DH.98, the 'Mosquito'. The Club supports charity, The People's Mosquito, which is involved in the restoration of a Mosquito aircraft to fly again in the UK, the charity's motto being "To Fly-To Educate-To Remember".

Through its links to The People's Mosquito, on Saturday April 6, the Club were invited to visit the Historic Aircraft Collection (HAC) at IWM Duxford.

They currently have five historic aircraft restored to flight at Duxford: a Supermarine Spitfire, a Hawker Hurricane, a Hawker Fury, a Hawker Nimrod and their most recent restoration, a De Havilland DH.9 First World War biplane.

Teacher Jon Gregory said: "What made this trip so special was that we were allowed access 'beyond the ropes' and could actually walk around and even underneath the individual aircraft and be given expert tuition by HAC's experienced ground crew."

"The highlight of the visit was being allowed to actually climb up the port wings of the Spitfire and Hurricane, just as wartime RAF pilots would have done, and be able to see into the cockpits to see all the equipment inside."

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New primary school plan given approval

The Government has announced its approval for a bid from the Diocese of East Anglia for a new Catholic voluntary-aided (VA) primary school for the Hampton East housing development in Peterborough.

■ The school will help to meet demand for more school places in the city as well as providing more Catholic school places.

Helen Bates, Assistant Director for Schools, said: "This is fantastic news. It will provide the first brand-new, purpose-built Catholic school in this Diocese for decades. We would like to thank everyone

who helped us make this bid a success by providing their support earlier this year.

"We will now need to go through a statutory consultation to make our case to the local education authority (Peterborough City Council), to approve the opening of the new school.

"We will be asking for people's support once again when we do this. When this consultation starts there will be further information available on the Diocesan website at www.rcdea.org.uk/vaschools."

It is expected that when the new school is full it could have up to 90 places or three classes in each year group. It is also expected to have a nursery.

"We will work closely with Peterborough City Council to make sure that the

right number of school places are available at the right time," said Helen.

The Diocese submitted bids for three new VA schools, with the others being in Northstowe in Cambridgeshire and Great Haddon in Peterborough.

"We were not successful with these two bids," said Helen, "and are waiting to find out the reasons behind this from the Government. But to be successful with one is great news."

Voluntary-aided schools are state funded and unlike free schools, have no limit on faith admissions.

"We expect that this school, like most schools in the Diocese, will have a wide mix of children of all faiths and none. On average, about a third of pupils in our schools are not Catholic," said Helen.

Pupils wins prizes for their paintings

■ Pupils at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Lowestoft have received prizes after submitting winning entries for two painting competitions run by the Knights of St Columba.

On May 10, Year 2 pupil Lola Tomlinson received a national award certificate and £30 for first place in the whole country at KS1 for the Nativity Scene 2018-2019 competition.

"The eyes of the children in Friday assembly lit up when this was announced," said Bro Chris Brooks who was making the presentation, along with Bro Jason Wickard.

Lola then presented the headteacher with a £200 cheque from the Knights for the winning school, which was gratefully received.

Three other St Mary's pupils also won regional prizes in the Key Stage 2 category from the Lowestoft Council 518 and from the East Anglia Province 27.

They were First – Alyssa de Pina – Yr 5 (£8 award), Second – Indiarna McComb – Yr 5 (£5), Third – Saimaya – Yr 5 (£3).



The winners including, front centre, Lola Tomlinson.

They were also presented with their awards on May 10 and the winning entry by Alyssa de Pina has been sent to Head Office for national

adjudication.

There are two current KSC Youth competitions running until September, namely: Prayer Writing and Essay Writing. De-

tails have been sent to schools but any parish family interested can enter by contacting PPGK Bro Chris Brooks by July 12, on 01502 563208.

Climate pilgrimage

■ CAFOD campaigners from across East Anglia were set to join thousands of others on June 26 for a Mass Lobby of Parliament, where hundreds of MPs are expected to meet with their constituents as they call for urgent climate action.

At The Time is Now climate pilgrimage, organisations belonging to The Climate Coalition, including the Catholic development charity CAFOD, united in a call on the government to take urgent action on the climate crisis.

CAFOD's local representative in East Anglia, Jane Crone, said: "CAFOD supporters in parishes and schools across East Anglia Diocese know that now is the time to confront the climate and environmental crisis. On their retreat day year 10 students at Notre Dame High School in Norwich showed their willingness to commit to reducing carbon emissions to zero by photographing themselves in a big zero outside the school (pictured right)."



YOUTH MATTERS

A family celebration

Over 200 people enjoyed the Celebrate East Anglia Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend in Bury St Edmunds at the start of June under the theme “Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you”.

■ Staged at St Benedict's High School on June 1 and 2, the event provided high-profile speakers, workshops and a full programme for younger age groups – led by the Ignite Youth Team.

The opening speaker was founder of the Celebrate conferences Charles Whitehead, a past president of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services and a Papal Knight.

Charles said: “We are always in a time of change and nothing stays the same – God moves on and is always challenging us. The Spirit is a spirit of change who wants to move us on all the time,” he said. “There is also a strong possibility that the Lord's new things is going to be challenging.”

Charles also spoke about Pope Francis' vision to launch Charis at Pentecost – a move to bring all of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal bodies into a single movement to oversee everything charismatic in the Church.

“In Pope Francis we have a Pope who is strong and courageous and we now have an opportunity to promote the importance of the Holy Spirit,” said Charles.

“The Spirit is the presence of God in us and at Celebrate conferences we offer the experience of the Spirit for the whole



Celebrate East Anglia, left, activities for young people from the Ignite Youth Team and, below, main speaker Charles Whitehead.

family,” he said. “The challenge today is to bring the experience of renewal into your parish and church – we are called to mission not maintenance.”

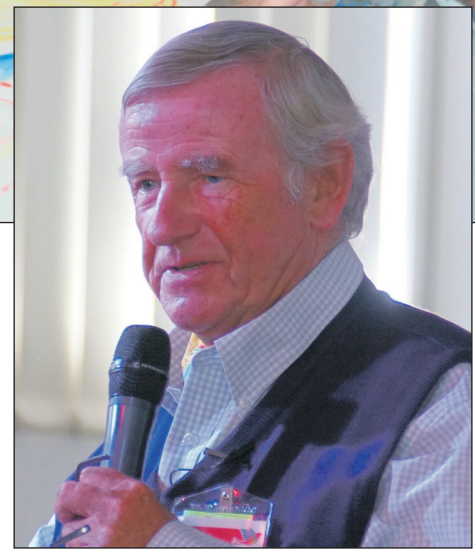
Other speakers included Fr Chris Thomas, who is director of the Irenaeus Project and a trustee of the Catholic Renewal in England and Wales and Mary Hardiman, counsellor and specialist in teenage mental health.

On the Sunday Bishop Alan closed the

conference by celebrating Mass with everyone.

The conference also enjoyed praise and worship from the Celebrate band, led by Hamish MacQueen and mime from Steve Murray.

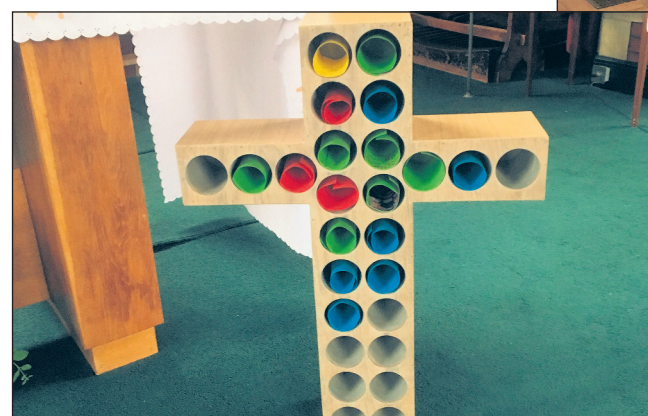
Workshops included Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Growing in the Prophetic, Mothers Prayers, Walking in the Spirit and Prayer – the Journey to Union with God.



Children's Holy Spirit Pentecost crowns

■ Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church, was celebrated with a Pentecost Cake made by a parishioners at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Lowestoft reports Kathy Fallon. Fr Paul Chanh and Dcn Stephen Pomeroy cut the cake. During Mass the children, with their Holy Spirit crowns, enjoyed the Homily from Dcn Stephen. Afterwards they enjoyed the red balloons and everyone joined in with a shared international buffet.

The children's Prayer Cross at Our Lady (below) was made and donated by parishioner Przemek. It is used for the First Holy Communion children to put their prayers in. Previously the church only had a cardboard box cross. Przemek offered to make one as his daughter made her First Holy Communion on Saturday June 15 with the other children in the Parish. It will now be used as our Parish Children's Prayer Cross that the children can use all the time for their prayers.



Diary dates 2019



■ **August 5 - 9:** New Dawn Family Conference, Walsingham.

■ **August 22 – 26:** Youth 2000 Prayer Festival, Walsingham.

■ **August 23 – 30:** Lourdes Pilgrimage.

■ **August 23 – 26:** Summer Camp for those aged 8 – 14, Bury St Edmunds.

For more details of each event, please see www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

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E-news: If you would like to sign up to the Diocesan Youth Service mailing list to receive information about new initiatives and upcoming events then visit www.rcdea.org.uk/youth

Volunteers honoured by the Pope

Papal Blessings have been presented to six CAFOD volunteers in Norwich and Beccles who, between them, have served the Catholic charity for an amazing 150 years.

■ Known as the Marmalade Ladies, Gloria Irons, Pat Buxton, Gill Bannon and Jenny Campling from St George's in Norwich all received their awards from Fr Sean Connolly for over 25 years' service as Catholic Agency for Overseas Development volunteers on Sunday June 2.

Since 1994 the ladies have raised over £100,000 for CAFOD including selling plants. Gifts and over 5,000 jars of marmalade, alongside fund-raising lunches.

CAFOD East Anglia organiser, Jane Crone, said: The Mass was a wonderful celebration of all that they've done over the years as well as a CAFOD Creation Celebration, thanking God for creation and praying for Our Common Home climate campaign."

Two long-serving CAFOD fundraisers from St Benet's, Beccles were presented with Papal Blessings at a crowded 6pm Mass on Sunday May 19.

Sydna Playford and Gloria Willis have given long and devoted service – in a variety of ways – to stimulate the generosity of parishioners for this very worthwhile cause.

The presentation of the Papal Blessings was made by CAFOD Organiser, Jane Crone, who paid tribute to the commitment of Sydna and Gloria over the years. By co-incidence, the "Second Collection" at this celebratory Mass was for



The Norwich volunteers and, below, the Beccles duo.



Christian Aid – and the congregation responded magnificently. While not for CAFOD, this was perhaps a fitting tribute to our fundraisers!

The initiative by CAFOD to highlight the urgent need for all governments to take action to achieve "Net Zero Carbon Emissions" if we are to avoid cata-

strophic environmental damage, and the ensuing poverty in the developing world, was publicised.

Writing to congratulate the six volunteers, CAFOD director, Christine Allen, said: "As a charity, we were founded by a small group of passionate women volunteers and, over 50 years, we continue to thrive because people like you have made it their mission to support our work.

"By sharing your time, skills and energy you are helping to create a fairer world, are inspiring other to act for global justice and ensuring that in the future no one is beyond our reach.

"Your hard work and dedicated fundraising make an enormous difference to people living in poverty and suffering from injustice," said Christine.



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31 July 2019, 9.30-5.30. Cost £15.

The day will include a keynote from **Prof. Jeremy Begbie**, lunch and refreshments.

To book a place e-mail: mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk

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10th–31st October 2019

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Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ

Author of "The Way of Ignatius", Dr Gemma Simmonds has led and directed retreats and course on Ignatian Spirituality for many years.

7th–28th November 2019

The courses are taught on Thursday afternoons, 2.00-5.30 pm. The teaching ends with the Holy Mass at 6 pm and is followed by supper at 7pm.

Fees: £170 each course

Places are limited so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

For more information about the above courses or to register please email [Ela Wolbek on mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk](mailto:Ela.Wolbek@mbitadm@hermes.cam.ac.uk)

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Vicky is new co-ordinator

The Marriage and Family Life Commission has appointed a new Fertility Awareness Methods (FAM) co-ordinator to work with Natural Family Planning (NFP) teachers and couples across the Diocese of East Anglia.

■ The new FAM co-ordinator is Vicky Black who read Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, and stayed on for a PhD and post-doc, studying ancient changes in climate and ocean chemistry.

She is now an editor for a large scientific journal, and lives in Cambridge with her two small children and husband.

Vicky said: "I found NFP to be a very practical way of deepening our understanding of the Church's beautiful teaching on the nature of marriage. I also loved learning the science behind NFP, and feel very empowered having a tool that helps me understand so much about how my body functions. I'm always going to be addicted to graphs: I love collecting and interpreting data, and helping other people to do it well!"

Vicky's role is to co-ordinate all the NFP teacher in



New FAM co-ordinator Vicky Black

the Diocese and to ensure that Catholics (those preparing for marriage and those already married) can access all of the available FAM methods: Billings, Sympto-Thermal and Creighton.

So what are Fertility Awareness Methods?

Fertility Awareness Methods are the practice of observing a woman's signs of fertility and interpreting them to determine her fertile and infertile days.

This information can be

used for family planning – in each cycle, spouses can make a joint decision about conceiving or avoiding pregnancy.

Fertility awareness methods are modern and science-based. They rely on observing external signs which reflect exactly what is going on inside woman's body.

They are 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy when used correctly. In addition, they can help achieve pregnancy since they enable couples to identify their

fertile window. It has been reported that amongst those using those methods and trying to conceive 80% will achieve pregnancy within six months.

Woman can use fertility awareness methods throughout their reproductive years. Those methods do not depend on cycle length and do not require woman to have regular cycles; they can also be used when breastfeeding or nearing menopause.

Moreover, fertility awareness methods help monitor reproductive health and can help detect cycle abnormalities (eg short luteal phase).

Fertility awareness methods are different to contraception as marital intimacy always remains open to life. Respecting naturally occurring cycles, couples adjust their behaviour and cooperate with God's given gift of fertility.

The methods are natural and have no side effects. They do not alter the natural functioning of the reproductive system but respect the natural fertility cycle.

For more information please visit the diocese website at www.rcdea.org.uk and look for fertility awareness methods in the marriage and family life section.

Or you can contact Vicky Black directly at: famc.eastanglia@rcdea.org.uk

news in brief

Tribute to Fr Liam Crowley

■ Fr Liam Crowley, formerly of the Diocese of East Anglia, died peacefully on Thursday May 23 at the age of 91, in the nursing home in Ireland where he had lived for the last six years.

Fr Liam was born in Ballinadee, Bandon, in County Cork. He was ordained priest by the Bishop of Clogher in June 1965 for the Sacred Heart Community. He first served in the parish of Rochester, New York, and for seven years in the Missions in the Bahamas, stationed on Abaco Island.

On returning to England he served as an Assistant in West Acton in Westminster before his appointment as an Assistant in the parish of St Michael Huntingdon. As Parish Priest he served the people of God in the parishes of St Felix, Haverhill, St Jude's Whittlesey and St Joseph's, Sheringham.

He was incardinated into the Diocese of East Anglia in February 1991 and was then appointed to St Dominic's Downham Market. He retired in 2003 and went to live in the family home in Ireland.

The funeral Mass took place on May 25 in Ballinadee.

Invite to join Sisters

■ An invitation has been extended to join the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in walking the 50 miles from Bury St Edmunds to Walsingham on the annual St John Paul II Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage takes place from Thursday August 1 to Sunday August 4 and costs £90 for individuals, £60 for students and the unemployed and £50 for families. For more information contact sistercarino@dominicansistersofstjoseph.org, or ring 01590 681874. Book at www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII

What is Caritas all about?

New Caritas Development Worker for East Anglia, Jacinta Goode explains what Caritas is all about and what she will be doing in the role.

■ Caritas is a Latin word meaning 'charity', otherwise described as 'love in action.' With that in mind, you will have a clue as to why an international Catholic organisation calling itself Caritas may have some relevance to our faith and to our mission in the world.

We are all called, as Christians, to offer charity – or love – to our neighbours. Jesus commands us to 'love our neighbour as ourselves'. Indeed, Jesus goes on to tell us that on these two commandments – 'Love God' and 'love your neighbour as yourself' – hang the whole Law! (Mt 22:37-40) So this 'caritas' – this 'charity' – this 'love in action' – seems to be central to what we Christians are about.

This is why Caritas was set up as an international Catholic organisation – to serve (love) God by serving (loving) our sisters and brothers in need. In England and Wales, Caritas is part of the Bishops Conference and many dioceses are members of the organisation, as are many charities.

My role as the Caritas Development Worker is to oversee all of this social



Jacinta Goode.

outreach work in the diocese.

In East Anglia, many people are doing charitable work – putting their faith into action – and it's wonderful to see articles in every edition of Catholic East Anglia about these projects. Let's celebrate these achievements.

In the next few weeks every parish will be invited to fill in a short questionnaire so we can see what social outreach work is currently happening. This may be as an SVP conference, or working at the local night shelter, contributing to a food bank, running a community kitchen or community fridge, welcoming refugees or

giving shelter to the homeless in winter.

You may be doing something with other Christians, eg the Street Pastors, or it may be something not connected to church at all. Whatever you are doing, if it is in line with Catholic teaching, I want to hear about it.

Anyone can fill in the questionnaire and I would encourage each of you to do so. It can be found by going to the Caritas section on the diocesan website: www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia/ and clicking on 'Caritas questionnaire'.

We will be celebrating our 'love in action' in a Festival, which will take place in various locations around the diocese.

This will be a celebration of sharing God's love – an opportunity to represent your organisation and show others what you do. It will also be an opportunity to find out about the different ways in which you might be able to get involved. If you feel that God is inviting you to get involved, but you don't know how, this is the event for you! There will be Festival events in different areas of the diocese. Look out for one near you. More details will follow in future editions.

For information about the Festival, go to: www.rcdea.org.uk/caritas-east-anglia

If you would like to help with the work of Caritas East Anglia, please contact Jacinta at caritas@rcdea.org.uk

■ In the next edition of the paper I will be talking about Catholic Social Teaching.

CathCom apology

The June edition of Catholic East Anglia included a leaflet referring to Gender Theory. This leaflet was accepted by the publishers of the paper, CathCom, and not by the Diocese of East Anglia.

Due to an administrative error, CathCom accepted the booking of the leaflet without seeing it.

It was not approved by the Diocese in any way and therefore cannot be deemed to be representing the teaching of the Church regardless of the message, the content or the way it was presented.

CathCom wholeheartedly apologises to the Diocese for any misrepresentation and we will ensure that all leaflets will be passed to the Diocese before future editions go to print.

We are fully aware that this is a very sensitive subject on a very personal level for many people. We would like to reiterate that CathCom shares the view outlined in the statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in 2018 that "there is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church" and our hope is that all of our publications work to strengthen that sense of welcome and belonging for all.

News picture gallery from parishes around the Diocese

■ The Norwich Secular Franciscan 'Pax et Bonum' Fraternity held a Day of Recollection on Wednesday May 22 in the Barn at Orchard Cottage, Hainford, report Anne Murrin.

Present were all members of the Norwich fraternity and some members of other fraternities from around the region. Sisters Elaine and Francis, the Poor Clares from Swaffham, were also present, as were Friars Gerard Mary Toman and James Mary McNery from the community of Grey Friars based in Walsingham, along with Brother Joe who has recently joined them from Dublin.

Two thought-provoking talks on Franciscan Joy were given by Fr Gerard and Mass was celebrated in the middle of the day by Fr James with Fr Gerard concelebrating. This was followed by a shared lunch and a wander through the beautiful garden of Robert and Claire Hardie who very kindly hosted the event.



■ There was a lovely weekend of double celebrations for the Italian Sisters of Peterborough – The Working Sisters of the Holy House of Nazareth, reports Fr Jeffrey Downie.

They were honouring their founder St Arcangelo Tadini, on the tenth anniversary of his canonization, and wishing Sr Letizia a very happy 80th birthday.

On Saturday evening, May 18, in the Mass at St Luke's, the sisters provided beautiful music and dance and gave testimony to their history and way of life.

The celebrations continued at All Soul's on Sunday morning and then in the afternoon there was a very lively birthday party at The Fleet. Sr Letizia came to England nearly 50 years ago and has been serving the Catholic community in Peterborough for the past 35 years. Happy Birthday Sister!



■ Nicholas Wigglesworth, Penny Swallow, Sioned Williams and Russell Butcher, were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil, at St Mary's Ipswich.

Also pictured (centre) is Deacon Chris Brighten, who took the RCIA programme for 2018/19. Nicholas and Sioned were baptised, and all received the sacraments of confirmation and First Holy Communion from Fr Kevin Jordan, a Westminster Diocesan priest, who celebrated the Easter Triduum at St Mary's.



■ Diocese of East Anglia seminarian Anthony Asomugha, from St John's Cathedral in Norwich, has received Candidacy, the first stage leading towards priesthood, from the Rt Rev John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, at Allen Hall Seminary in London on May 25. Pictured (left to right) are: Rev Simon Davies (Deacon for East Anglia), Fr John Ablewhite (retired priest in East Anglia) Bishop Sherrington, Seminarian Anthony Asomugha and Mgr Canon Eugene Harkness.



■ St Benet's in Beccles joyfully celebrated one of the annual parish highlights, as a packed congregation saw 12 young parishioners making their First Holy Communion reports Terry O'Brien.

Proud parents and siblings were present on Sunday May 5 – with many grandparents and other family members too – as the young people played a full part in this, their most special Mass. They all had a role in the liturgy, as the communicants delivered both the Readings and the Bidding Prayers.

The 12 youngsters had undertaken regular weekly tuition with our devoted Catechists – led by Toni Harrison and our Priest-in-Charge, Fr Martin Gowman. They were given strong support by their parents and guardians, both in the formal sessions on Saturday forenoons and in the essential, on-going, follow-up training at home.

After Mass, there was a wonderful gathering in the Parish Hall. All parishioners congratulated the new communicants – they had made this Mass a truly significant event in our parish year.

Pictured are all the new communicants, with Priest-in-Charge Fr Martin Gowman. Picture by Toni Harrison.