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Simple Profession



One year old meets Pope Francis

It is not every day that one of our parishioners is given a personal blessing by a Pope!

Ifechukwude celebrated his first birthday at Easter in Workington and within days he was on pilgrimage in Rome with his parents Joseph and Ebele where he received a blessing from Pope Francis in St Peter's Square. Joseph and Ebele are doctors in West Cumbria and attend Mass at the beautiful church of Our Lady Star of the Sea and St Michael in Workington.

Joseph said "God is good, it has been a wonderful experience for us." *John Garner*



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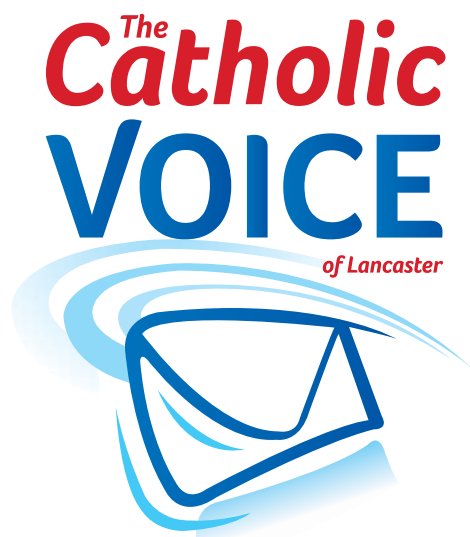
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EDITORIAL

This time last year preparations for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, 'Adoremus' were in full swing. In September around 10,000 people came together in Liverpool to celebrate the Eucharist, in the Mass, in the Word, in a Blessed Sacrament procession through the city, in music and song, by taking part in workshops and listening to a variety of speakers. The occasion was very special and was reported widely by the media. But it takes work to keep the flame of renewal still burning.

Within our own Diocese of Lancaster, thanks to the initiative of Bishop Paul and the Education Service, Eucharistic Adoration has been successfully introduced into our schools and at parish level more and more people are engaging in

Eucharistic Adoration through Holy Hours and Benediction. Whilst the Mass is the pinnacle of our worship, Adoration of the Eucharist outside Mass allows time for us to deepen our faith and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Without this closeness to the Lord we cannot become the people He wants us to be: a people of faith, a people that recognises our human failings, a people of compassion, a people of care and forgiveness reaching out not only to those around us but to those on the fringes in equal measure.

The *Catholic Voice* hopes that the flame of renewal lit at 'Adoremus' 2018 continues to burn in our hearts so that we can be the true witnesses of faith that are desperately needed in the divided world we live in today.



The Clamour of the Young



“Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us.”

(Pope Francis)

Throughout the world, young people are saying “enough is enough”. They are demanding action on climate change, not least through the school strikes. Whether or not one agrees with the strikes themselves, the clamour of the young is becoming increasingly loud.

This is a generation that has been failed by its elders’ wholesale embracing of the consumerist lifestyles over the last 50 years, consumerism which in its present forms involves exploitation of both the planet and the poor.

There is a great opportunity coming up for people of all ages to have their voices heard on climate change. On 26 June, there will be a mass lobby of Parliament, organised by the Climate Change Coalition, of which CAFOD is a founder member. We hope that, not only will many adults from our parishes come, but also any young people who have finished their academic commitments for the year. Some schools may wish to take a party of students as an Educational Visit. Sadly, there may be many school students who would love to come, but cannot.

However, there is an answer! We would like as many young people, youth groups or schools as possible to prepare something to send to their MPs to tell them that they care passionately about the world they will inherit and want their MP to do something about it. This could be a piece of artwork, a letter, a mini-petition or whatever else their wonderful imaginations can think of. Alternatively, schools could invite their local MP to talk with pupils about climate change. Every

little action helps to build a better world.

Pope Francis is telling us in no uncertain terms that preventing an environmental catastrophe, and tackling the destructive consumerism which lies at the root of it, is now very much an issue for the Church. Our young people are seeing in the Church something that they are not currently seeing in either governments or the corporate world, namely a passionate desire for environmental and social justice.

Pope Francis’ call to care for our common home resonates so clearly with Sir David Attenborough’s pleas for radical action to save the planet. There is resonance too between Sir David’s concerns about the rate of extinction and the Pope’s eloquent lament for species that will “no longer give glory to God by their very existence”. We must embrace and support our young people in their quest for a better world - the Church must be their friend.

10 years ago, in an almost unprecedented act of unity, Parliament made the Climate Change Act which committed the UK to meeting binding targets for reducing CO2 emissions. It was a world first and has now been copied by many nations. Our MPs, now distracted by other matters, have largely forgotten about it. They need an urgent reminder of what is currently the most important challenge facing the world. Let’s act now!

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Over the Easter weekend, young people from all over North-West England, and beyond, gathered at Castlerigg Manor for our Easter Retreat. From Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday we journeyed together: learning, reflecting on and then celebrating the pinnacle of our faith, Jesus's death and resurrection to save humanity from sin.

The theme for our retreat was "Christus Resurrexit Sicut Dixit," this translates from Latin to English as "He is Risen as He said". This is the reality of Easter! We can often just think of it as a nice story, or like a drama we see on TV. But the events of Holy Week: the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection, are not just a story but a reality! Jesus is risen, as he said he would be! What we celebrate

in Holy Week and at Easter, the last days of Jesus' life and his resurrection, are not just events that we celebrate that week, but that we remember, celebrate and get hope from at every mass we go to and every time we pray, reminding us of how much Jesus loves us and continues to do so.

We started our retreat on Maundy Thursday, remembering Jesus' Last Supper and how Jesus washed the feet of His disciples. In this moving Mass, Fr John washed the feet of 12 young people. This is a symbol of how Jesus, priests, and indeed all Christians are not called to be served, but to serve others. Washing the feet of others is an act of humility.

After our Maundy Thursday Mass, we processed with the Blessed Sacrament

to our very own Garden of Gethsemane. On the night before he died, Jesus went with His disciples to the garden, where he prayed for the courage to do what He knew he had to: sacrifice Himself for us all. We spent some time in reflection, song and prayer in the Garden, praying with Jesus as He asked His disciples to.

On Good Friday, we heard about the importance of Good Friday and why we say it's good. This day represents a day of mourning and great sorrow, but also of an immense act of love! He showed that to the people he met on his way to Calvary, forgiving the thief beside him when crucified, until his last breath.

Jesus reminds us that even when life throws challenges at us, we must and can remain in love and faith till the very end.

We joined the local parish for our Good Friday service: many of us were involved in reading, serving and in the choir. The beautiful weather we enjoyed while walking through the Stations of the Cross in the Castlerigg gardens reminded us of the great contrast between the sadness of Good Friday but the glory and hope that awaited us in the coming days! On Holy Saturday, we heard from Rachael about the importance of waiting.

We so often demand to have things immediately, be it food or our ASOS

delivery or the latest updates on social media. But on this Saturday, all we can do is wait. Just as Mary and the disciples did: they didn't know what was coming, all they could do was trust in God.

In the evening came the main event: The Easter Vigil! This is my favourite Mass of the whole year: it's so dramatic! We start gathered around a bonfire outside church, to bless and light the Easter candle. The church, which yesterday was so empty of life and light, is now full of candles, beautiful bright flowers, and crisp white linen instead of the mournful purple. Alleluia! Praise God! He is risen! In the readings we hear a lot from the Old Testament, including Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea to escape from Pharaoh. All of the Old Testament is leading to this point, this holy night when Jesus rose from the dead. After the Vigil, we gathered back at Castlerigg to have a party, featuring cake, dancing and some funky bow ties!

The Easter Retreat brought us closer to Jesus: we are witnesses to that Resurrection, and we have a mission to proclaim the Gospel, bringing the hope and joy that our faith gives us to others.

We enjoyed the friendships, laughter, and joy we experienced with the young people over Easter and pray for them that they will bring God's love to the people they will encounter.

I hadn't expected it to be life changing

I had been praying in the chapel I came so much closer to God. My faith grew so much within a couple of hours. I hadn't gone there intentionally for anything to change but a lot did.

Firstly I had been praying for my sister who has struggled with addiction for many years. I prayed for her to find God and find peace, and then I prayed for myself to find strength and to stay positive and strong. It's hard to stay hopeful when trying to help someone suffering with addictions. Then I prayed for my partner to be happy as he was struggling with depression and was quite down at the time. Our group leaders prayed over me during this time.

I left the chapel in floods of tears of relief - feeling that I had got everything out. One of the leaders came to find me with a book called "God's Guide to Anti-Depression" and I thought 'oh great, now they think I need help and I'm depressed.'

But I went to one of the quiet rooms at the front of the house and read the book, and thought 'hmm, yeah, that's about right.' When I got home I had one cigarette, last one in the packet, and remembered the line in the book "He

has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. A human being has life and death before him, whichever he prefers will be given to him" (Ecclesiastes 15:16-17)

So I threw the packet away and that was that (4 months ago). Then to my amazement, I said to my partner 'read this book!' So he read it, and joined the gym. Then I said to my sister read this book! She went to an AA meeting the following night and then onto rehab, and is now in recovery and going to Church!

So the book went in my bag to work where I told a girl I work with about it who gave it to her partner who began counselling sessions shortly after to find some long lost peace of his own.

So in one short trip to Castlerigg, God answered all my prayers, gave me strength hope and faith where I needed it. I made new friends and spent some amazingly peaceful time, being able to connect with God and not have any daily disturbances.

Thank you to those who support our Alpha group and to everyone at Castlerigg Manor. It's an amazing place to be.



A week we'll never forget

Back in 2005, on a year eleven residential stay at Castlerigg Manor with our high school, Cardinal Allen, a cocky 15 year old boy sat me down on some red chairs on the landing and asked me to be his girlfriend. Luckily for him, I said yes. Fast forward fourteen years and that same person is now my husband. We got married in 2014 and we have two beautiful boys- Nathaniel and Alexander.

We often come to Keswick and drive past Castlerigg and reminisce about our week there. It's a week we will never forget. Castlerigg will always hold a very special place in our hearts and we will always have it to thank for the fact we have each other! So thank you Castlerigg!



Dates for the Diary

7th July – Barbeque

To celebrate our fiftieth year at Castlerigg. Keep the date!

25th July – 3rd August – Lourdes

The Youth Section will travel over land to join the diocesan pilgrimage in Lourdes. Each year the service offered by young people makes it possible for others to make this pilgrimage, but it is also a moment of grace for the young people, spending time in this holy place. Open to young people in year 10+, £585. Bookings are also open for the main (adult) section of the pilgrimage, we are looking for adults to work with the Youth.

For more information about all of the above, and for bookings, please see the What's On section of our website:

www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/

Fifty Years at Castlerigg

2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Youth Service moving to Castlerigg Manor, and stories have been coming in from far and wide. It is amazing to hear how a retreat at Castlerigg Manor has touched so many people's lives, and how fond your memories are.

To celebrate this anniversary Bishop Paul is joining us for a barbeque at Castlerigg Manor on Sunday 7th July. We hope that as many people as possible will join us, whether you are a keen supporter, have memories of a retreat here, last year or fifty years ago, or maybe are still looking forward to coming. Everyone is welcome and, although donations would be appreciated, there is no charge – we just ask that

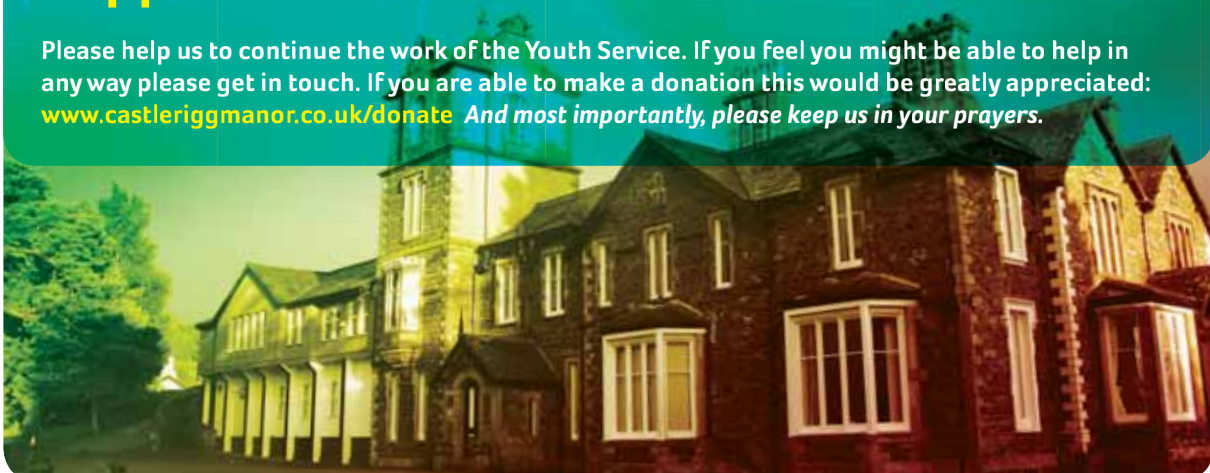
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For the rest of the year we hope to include in this page your memories and pictures of Castlerigg (or its predecessor, Lakeside House). More will be posted on our website: www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

If you came to Castlerigg as a young person whether in 1969, 2019 or any of the intervening years, we'd be delighted to hear from you. What do you remember of the experience and how has it touched your life? **Please get in touch at team@castleriggmanor.co.uk**

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Dear Editor,

Dear Editor,
 I wrote this poem for our Parish Newsletter as my 'mission' was to spread joy amongst the congregation. The poem was very well received and I was encouraged to send it to you.

I am from the Parish of St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's in Fleetwood

The Lord is There

*The Lord is the answer
 He listens and hears,
 to the good & the bad,
 through our laughter & tears.
 No matter the problem
 He'll always be there,
 often showing us signs
 of His love & His care.
 Believe in the prayers
 we offer each day,
 for the Lord knows we believe
 in our own special way.
 His love it exudes &
 His kindness embalms
 believe He is there with
 His outstretched arms.
 Each one of us can please
 Him & show that we care,
 by the prayers that we offer
 & the love that we share.*

Sarah Wade

Dear Editor,

What a wonderful Editorial there was in the April edition of the *Catholic Voice*. To read such candid comments in a Catholic newspaper about the Church is, quite frankly, astonishing (*and surprising*).

Of particular relevance is the recognition that many devout Catholics have been so appalled at the child abuse scandal that they no longer feel able to remain as part of the Church.

Some will claim that the abuse was the result of human weakness, but the subsequent cover-ups were 'institutional' hypocrisy and unforgivable.

The cancer of paedophilia flourished in the Church for many, many years and was allowed to continue by those at the highest level. We should remember that concern about the abuse was being expressed for a long time but was arrogantly dismissed by the Church.

The Church is now facing up to the scandal following a public outcry and Government action and this is to be welcomed.

Respectfully yours,
 J.A. Brown, Preston



Dear Editor,

In a doubly interesting May edition of the *Catholic Voice* I thought I was looking at a 'photo of Fr Slattery (of Thistleton Lodge, Underley Hall et al) on Page 3 But it was seemingly Bishop Paul Swarbrick. There's obviously a retired priest in Milnthorpe available if the Bishop requires a look-alike to stand in for him! Canon John Gibson's appearance has changed rather more than his erstwhile Greek and PE teacher of Thistleton Lodge / Underley Hall, but there again haven't we all.


Turning the pages to Page 10, I read about Fr Tom Dakin's early days at Underley Hall taking pupils out on trips in his car. This too, reminds me of Fr Slattery and a trip to Hutton Roof in a three-wheeler Bond mini-car with several other classmates. And I feel sure that 'the priest that taught French' at Underley pre 1963 would be Hugh Kay, who invariably bounced into the classroom with the greeting "Bonjour mes petite chous". We were all very green in those days.


Thank you for reviving the memories of those happy days of over fifty years ago.

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Sister Michaela Toulmin celebrated her Silver Jubilee with Mass in a packed Chapel consisting of her community, family and friends at the Monastery of Our Lady of Hying.

Fr. Anthony Keefe was the principal celebrant and preached the homily recounting Sr. Michaela's early life at school in Lancaster. During the Mass Sister Michaela renewed her monastic profession: I, Sister Michaela Toulmin promised twenty-five years ago, stability, conversion of life and obedience according to the rule of St Benedict and our Constitutions. I confirm my profession today, in thanksgiving for the past and with humble confidence for the future, sustained by the mercy of God and the prayer of my Sisters.

After Mass guests were treated to a splendid buffet lunch. Arrangements for seating were organised with military precision, each area being colour coded which ensured everyone was fully catered for.



Sr Michaela and her great niece.



Sr Michaela with her celebration cakes, chocolate, lemon and coconut.

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In 1892 ten young Sisters went to the Congo, in fact, they were the very first European Sisters to go there, where they cared for lepers, the sick and taught in schools. Soon after this Sisters went to India to set up schools and to care for the sick. Since then we have spread throughout Asia, Africa, Holland, England and Ireland.

In 1949, I and several other young women, entered the noviciate in Hertfordshire.

There was a very strict rule of silence broken only by an hour of recreation after lunch and again after supper. I did not find the discipline so hard as I was in the army before entering the convent.

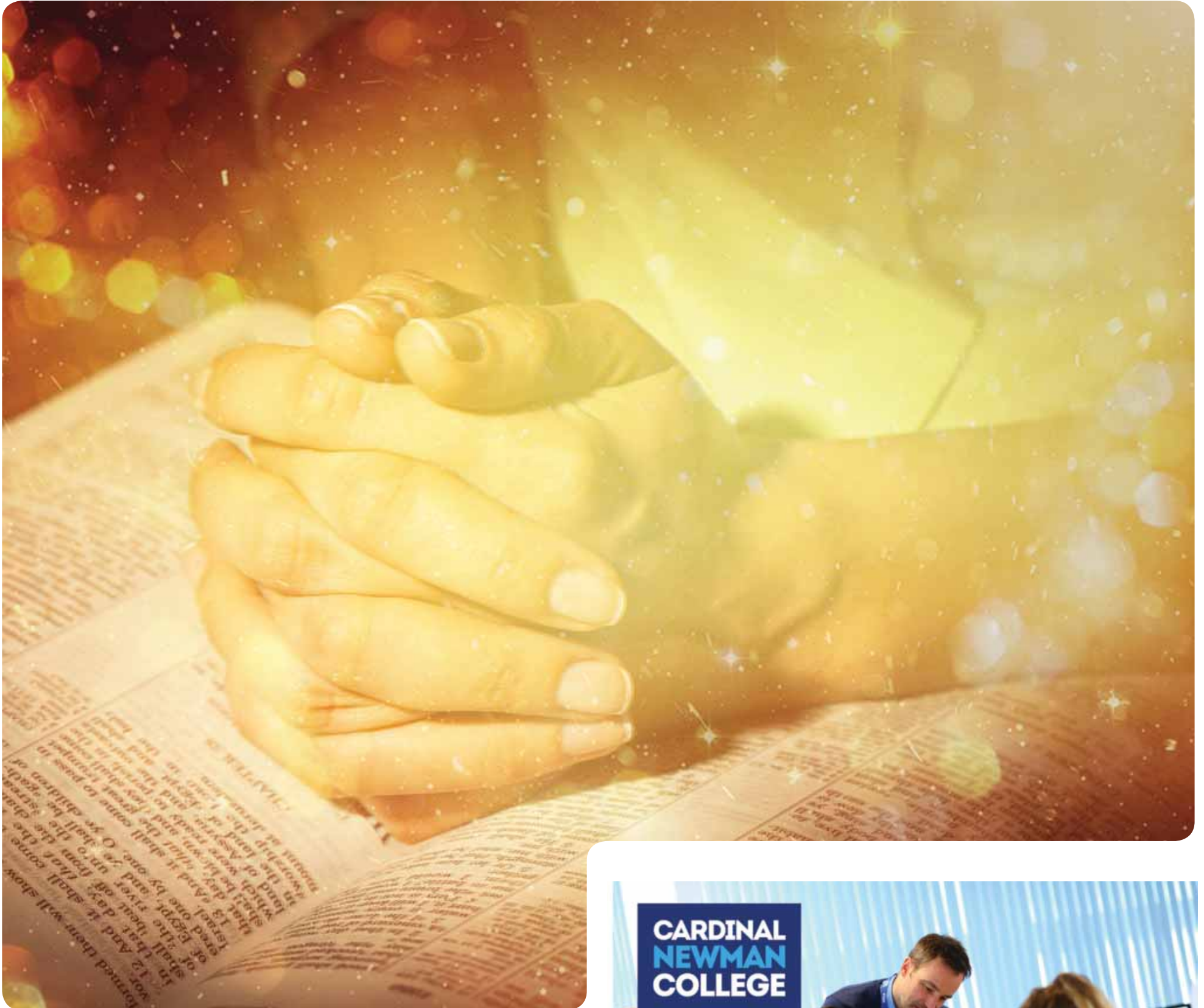
The hardest thing was, perhaps, that we would never be able to go home.

Now, however, since Vatican Council II in the 1960's we are able to go home and to enjoy a holiday.

These days, in 2019, we, in the Anglo/Irish Province, mostly do not live in large communities but rather in two's and three's, spread throughout England and Ireland. In Lytham St Annes we have a Care Home, Stella Matutina, managed by Lay Staff, here there is a community of eight Sisters, all retired.

The Religious life is very different now. I think the personal responsibility of living a dedicated, simple lifestyle requires much more prayer, discernment and commitment than when we followed a very strict rule and regime.

Our central government is in Brussels, Belgium, where our Mother General, an Indian Sister, has four Councillors – two



from Africa, one from Sri Lanka and one from India. These were all voted in at the General Chapter, 2017, a very important Meeting of Sisters from every Province/Region of the Congregation. This Chapter takes place every 6 years. It is a grace filled time, the primary objective being to keep alive and vibrant the SCJM charism in the world today and to foster communion within the Congregation.

The theme of the last Chapter in 2017 was *"feed my lambs, feed my sheep"*.

Our Province, the Anglo/Irish Province, is governed by a Provincial and three Councillors.

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Students get help for Lourdes

Ten students at Cardinal Newman College will be heading off for the trip of a lifetime for a pilgrimage to Lourdes, with a little help from the Lark Hill Association.

The Association, is a group of former pupils of Lark Hill Convent School for Girls, the School that was on the site of Cardinal Newman before it became a Sixth Form College in 1978.

Each year the Association gifts the students who are making the Pilgrimage to Lourdes some money to contribute towards the cost of the trip. Yesterday the ten students were awarded a cheque by Pauline Drake, from the Lark Hill Association. This years' lucky recipients will be heading off to Lourdes to make the Pilgrimage during the summer holidays,

spending a week in the town in the Southwest of France.

Lourdes is a major Catholic pilgrimage site. Each year, millions of people visit the Grotto of Massabielle (*Grotto of the Apparitions*) where, in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared to a local woman. In the grotto, pilgrims can drink or bathe in water flowing from a spring.

The trip which is organised through the Lancaster and Liverpool Diocese and publicised through the College's Chaplaincy Department, will enable the students to help them to develop spiritually and feel closer to God. We wish them a safe and happy journey and hope they enjoy their experience.



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School celebrates Ofsted 'Good'



Pupils and staff at Corpus Christi Catholic High School, Preston, are celebrating after inspectors rated the school 'good' in all areas.

Inspectors judged the Fulwood school to be a school with serious weaknesses in 2013 and then gave the school 'requires improvement' in both 2014 and 2016.

When Ofsted visited the school for two days at the end of February they commended leaders and governors for working tenaciously to raise standards in those areas that required improvement. They said that leaders have created a strong and supportive community where pupils feel safe, valued and cared for by staff.

Inspectors recognised that the quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved considerably since the last inspection. The inspection report states that 'Teachers have high expectations and they expect the best from pupils. As a result,

pupils have positive attitudes to learning. They want to do well'.

The report shows that inspectors were impressed by the school's pupils. Their good manners, their good behaviour, their respect for each other and their keenness to learn were all praised by inspectors.

Outcomes were also graded good and inspectors noted that since the last inspection, the progress made by pupils at key stage 4 has improved significantly, particularly for the most able. The report also recognises that GCSE results for the last two years demonstrate a strong trajectory of improvement.

Headteacher David Hubbard said, 'we are delighted that Ofsted have judged our school to be good in all areas. The report is overwhelmingly positive and strongly demonstrates how much we have changed our school together as a team over the last few years, particularly since our last inspection'.

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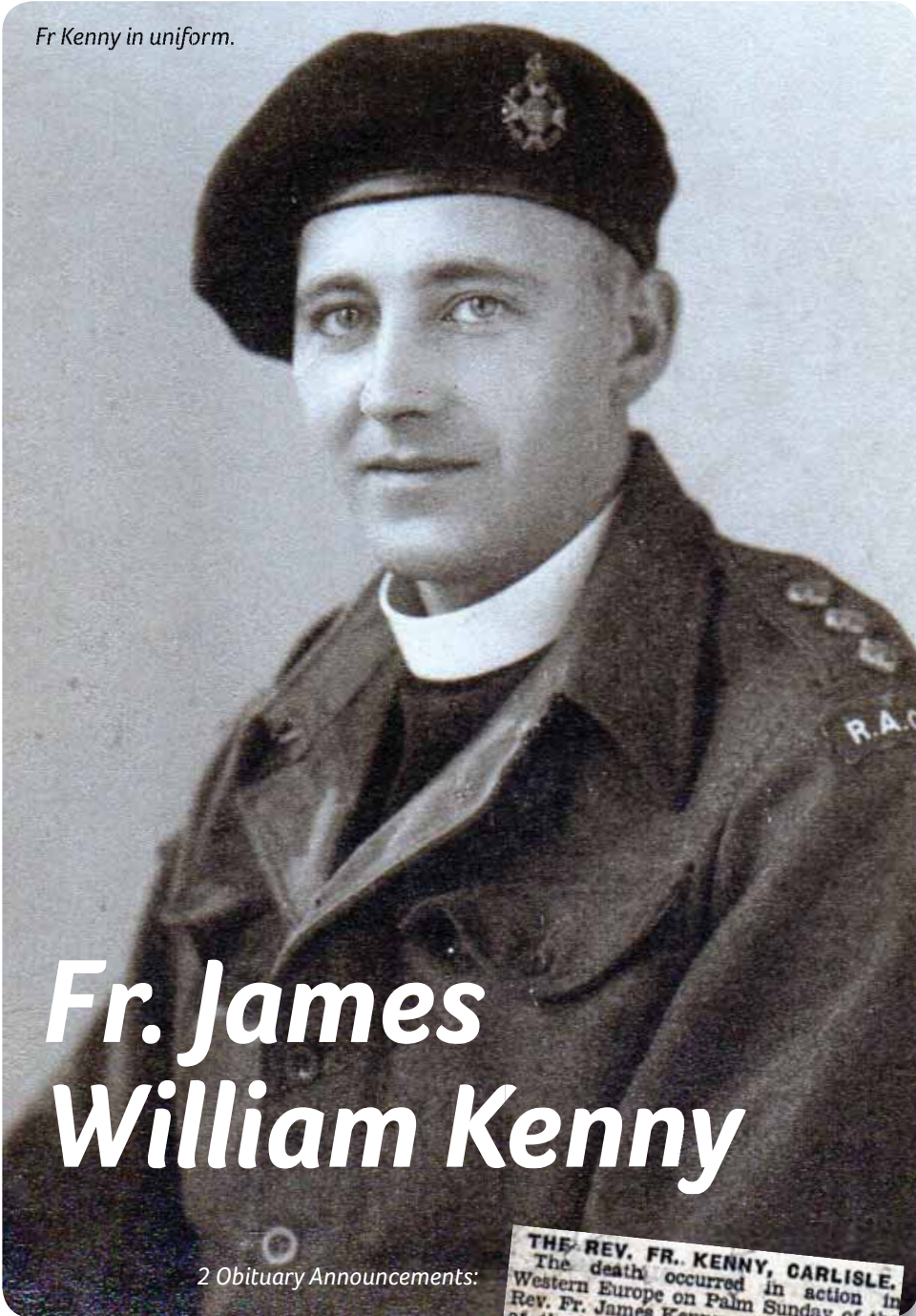
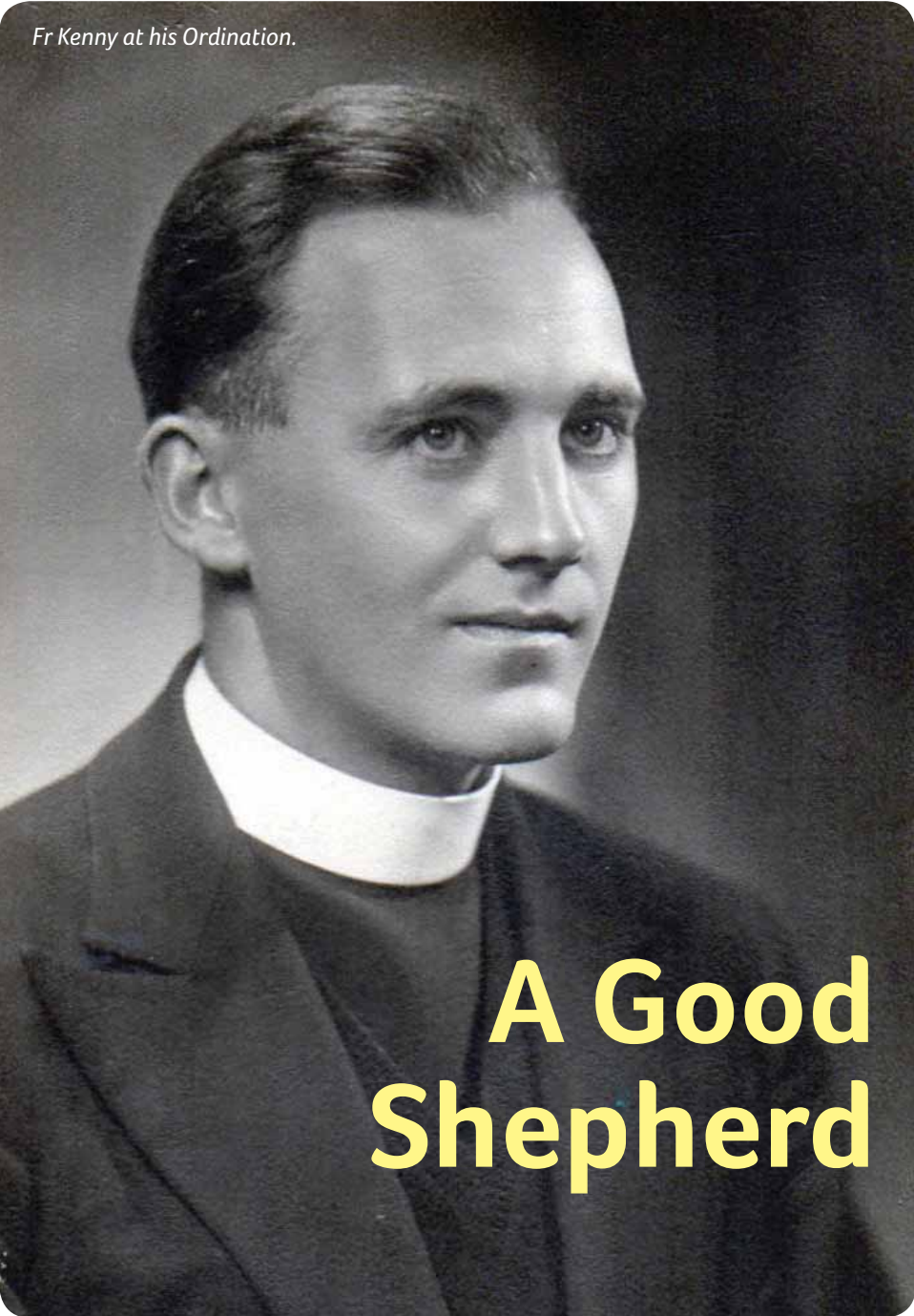


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As the Nation marks the 75th Anniversary of D Day on 6th June and then various anniversaries that led to the end of the Second World War, it is important to remember the sacrifice made by many of our clergy who spent time as Chaplains to Armed Forces and particularly those who lost their lives in action.

Tucked away in the archives of the Carlisle Council 60 of the Knights of St Columba was a cutting from the Lancaster Catholic Voice of June 1995 with a letter from Bishop John Brewer concerning Fr James Kenny who in turn had been a Member of Honour of the KSC back in the late 1930's. Nothing special about that I thought until I started to research Fr James William Kenny a little further to discover a war hero involved in the D Day Landings 75 years ago in 1944 and the Rhine crossing in March 1945.

James William Kenny was one of 3 sons the others being Bernard and Thomas, of James and Matilda Kenny of St Helier's Road, Blackpool. Mrs Kenny will have brought up her children on her own as her husband had been killed in action in Egypt during WW1. James attended St Joseph's School in Blackpool and went on to the seminary at Ushaw College in County Durham. He was ordained on 29th July 1939 at English Martyrs in Preston and appointed assistant priest to Mgr R L Smith at Our Lady and St Joseph's Church in Carlisle and was an honorary Chaplain to the troops at Carlisle Castle. Mrs Jo Widdowson recounts her childhood days when

THE REV. FR. KENNY, CARLISLE.
The death occurred in action in Western Europe on Palm Sunday of the Rev. Fr. James Kenny, who was a priest at the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Carlisle, for nearly five years. A native of Blackpool, Fr. Kenny was educated at Ushaw College, Co. Durham, and during his ministry in Carlisle made many friends, being an officiating chaplain at the Castle. He was commissioned as a chaplain to the Forces in August, 1943, and at the time of his death he was attached to the 6th Airborne Division. He was about 30 years of age, and two brothers are serving in the Forces.
There will be a solemn Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St. Joseph on Monday at 9 a.m., at which the celebrant will be the Bishop of Lancaster.

Roll of Honour
FATHER J. W. KENNY

The Rev. Father James W. Kenny, eldest son of Mrs. M. Kenny, of St. Helier's-road, South Shore, has been killed in action. Father Kenny was chaplain in an airborne division which was landed across the Rhine. He joined the Forces in August, 1943, and was wounded in Normandy when he landed on D-Day. He was 33 years of age, and was for four years at Our Lady's and St. Joseph's Church, Carlisle, where a solemn requiem mass was sung by the Bishop of Lancaster on Monday. Father Kenny was well-known in Blackpool. There are two brothers in the Forces. Sapper Tom Kenny is serving in Western Europe, and Corporal Bernard Kenny has been in the Middle East for four-and-a-half years.





Fr Kenny organised the Youth Club in Waterton Hall and outings for the children; another elderly parishioner remembers him leading the May processions round the grounds at Warwick Square. But Europe was at war and before long priests were being called up to serve as Chaplains in the Armed Forces. Fr Kenny was one of 2 priests called up from Carlisle, the other being Fr Peter Firth from an adjacent Parish. Fr Kenny joined the 6th Airborne Division in August 1943 and trained alongside the "Paras" over the next few months. As D Day approached, Fr Kenny was deployed

with the Airborne Brigade and a few days after D Day parachuted into France. At the Battle of Caen he was in the thick of the action, administering the Sacraments to the dying and wounded. It is recorded that at the Battle of Caen he carried a wounded soldier on his back to safety after they had been cut off. Bishop John Brewer thought of him on VE Day 1995 linked this to St John's Gospel 10.27 "Not one of them would be lost". What was left of the 6th Airborne Brigade after D Day recovered to England and was re-equipped and prepared for further action. On Palm Sunday 1945 Carrying

the Blessed Sacrament, Fr Kenny dropped into the hands of the enemy opposition at the Rhine crossing and was killed, "Laying down his life for his sheep". All three Kenny brothers served in WW2; it is believed that they both survived.

Mrs Anne Liddell records "Father Kenny was well known to her mother and her sister Wynne Horseman during his time at Our Lady & St Joseph's. Wynne went to stay with Fr Kenny's mother for a while after his death and later Mrs Liddell's parents took the family for a holiday in Blackpool and stayed with Mrs Kenny. In 2001 Wynne Horseman

was 90, she was treated to a holiday to Cologne to fulfil 3 ambitions including a wish to visit Fr Kenny's grave at the Reichswald Forest Cemetery in Germany."

On Blackpool's War Memorial are recorded two James William Kenny's. Fr Kenny's father is on the Roll of Honour for WW1 and Fr James William Kenny's name appears in the WW2 listings. He is also amongst all those remembered at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Blackpool which was built by the Diocese to commemorate VE and VJ Day.

Tony Parrini, St Augustine's Carlisle

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Saturday 29th June, SS Peter & Paul:
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R.I.P. Mgr. Michael Tully

The readings today are unusual for a Requiem Mass, but because we are in the Octave of Easter we are using those readings. During this week after Easter we are working our way through the Acts of the Apostles. In that 1st reading we hear Peter saying "I have neither silver or gold but I will give you what I have". It sums up the generosity that is demanded of priests. Good priests will give themselves to their people – often without thinking of themselves. It is simply what they do.

Michael Joseph Tully was one of these priests. He gave himself to his parishioners and to those hundreds who came to him in need of help from the Marriage tribunal. He was born on 3rd May 1938 in Blackpool only child of Teresa and Jack Tully – baptised in St. Cuthbert's he attended John Vianney Primary before going to Thistleton Lodge in 1949 one of the early intakes. From there he went to Ushaw – in the wilds of County Durham – and escaped to the English College Rome from 1957 to 1964. He was Ordained on the 27th October 1963 by Cardinal Heard in the English College Chapel.

His first appointment – like so many of that generation – was to the staff of the Junior Seminary at Underley Hall, where I think he taught English, Latin, Greek but definitely Cricket. (*I'm told that he was better at the latter*). Then 1966 saw him back in Rome for further studies at the Gregorian University. While there he was asked to translate the new Eucharistic prayers from Latin into English. His translation became the consultation and study text. (*Perhaps this explains why he*

was not overly impressed with our latest English translations.)

He had his first Parish Appointment, to St. Mary's Morecambe, in 1968. He and Greg Turner were curates together, and this was one of the happiest times of his priestly life. He threw himself into Parish Life with energy and enthusiasm – starting a youth Club which had Masses celebrated at the summit of various Lake District mountains – and initiating discussion groups to help people come to terms with the new Vatican II documents.

He managed to stay in Morecambe till 1982 when he was appointed parish Priest here at St. Bernadette's. He worked hard in this Parish – taking a great interest in the School – and drawing up plans to re-order the church, demolish the tower, and dispose of the surplus land. I joined him here in 1985 as a lodger and though we could sometimes go for several days without seeing each other – Saturday night dinner was sacrosanct – usually cooked by Teresa Gardner.

In 1989 he moved to SS Mary and James Scorton. His many other duties meant that he felt he couldn't do justice to the needs of this parish, he thought that something smaller would be better, and there he stayed till his retirement in 2013.

I don't think that Canon Law was ever Michael's first love – but in 1974 Bishop Foley persuaded him to join the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, and he became the Judicial Vicar in 1976 till his retirement.

In these 37 years he established a highly respected and very professional Diocesan tribunal, employing lay people and clergy, making sure that its officers had the training they needed and working tirelessly for the benefit of the many people that came to the Tribunal for help. Justice Delayed is Justice Denied was his motto.

He was always conscious in the early years that he held no Canon Law degree, as was being demanded by Rome – so when Heythrop began to offer an MA in Canon Law Michael was one of the first to sign up. He enjoyed the necessary trips to London but declared that one of the best things about the course was that he had used it to obtain a Readers Pass for the British Library. Later on he lectured on the course for a little while.

He was a long time member of the Canon Law Society and also a member of the American Canon Law Society – where he made many friends.

Michael could be very defensive about "his" tribunal. When Bishop Brewer took over the Diocese in 1985 he wrote to him saying that, as 'He' had a degree in Canon Law, he wished to make it his custom to review the decisions of the Tribunal. Michael requested an appointment. I don't know what was said in the meeting – but the idea was instantly abandoned.

Michael had a flair for languages, he was a great organiser and he loved to travel. Over the years "Tully's Tours" took pilgrims to the Holy Land, to Rome and to Lourdes. He arranged for members of the tribunal to travel to Rome to meet the officers in

the Curia, and managed to get them into Pope John Paul's private chapel for early morning Mass.

It is fitting that the Gospel is the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, as He inspired his Emmaus Group to spread its wings and every two years go on pilgrimage. These included several visits to Valladolid, Assisi and Rome. There were trips to the excavations under St Peter's, visits to the tombs of Bonney Prince Charley and Cardinal Merry del Vall in the crypt, ignoring any number of Papal tombs on the way, Masses in St. Peter's, in various catacombs, at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi and in the convent of St. Theresa of Avilla. Then there were memorable meals, especially in a fish restaurant in Anzio and a side street in Salamanca. Wherever we went, Michael had been there before us.

One of his quirks was that he never took excess luggage. One very small bag was all that he allowed himself and he told me that he once travelled round Europe for almost two weeks with just whatever he could stuff into his pockets.

Michael loved Cricket, when he was in Morecambe he played for Heysham Cricket Club for 8 years and was a full member of Lancashire County Cricket Club for many years. He enjoyed going to Test Matches whenever they came north, but would go to Lords from time to time. A cricket bat, presented to him by his parishioners at Scorton was one of his prize possessions. In his later years he made do with a Sky Sport Package, often recording the overseas matches to watch at his leisure. Woe betide anyone who told him the result. When he moved into his flat in Bolton-le-Sands he made sure that a satellite dish was installed even before his furniture.

Michael was a reserved man, preferring not to talk about his many achievements. In his retirement years he became a much loved member of Bolton-le-Sands parish community. He enjoyed celebrating Mass for them, and could be seen saying his prayers in the Church morning and evening. He was once persuaded to put on his Monsignorial Kit, as he called it, for the village Remembrance Service at the war memorial, but for most of the time parishioners saw the kind, prayerful modest and gentle man that he always was. In the last twelve months, as his health deteriorated, he was cared for at Boarbank by the Sisters until he moved to Cartmel Grange Care Home in the last few weeks.

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The big fat truth about life

by Julia Beacroft

As I am sure most parents can attest to, children have a most embarrassing habit of saying the wrong thing at entirely the worst time. And I'm afraid that mine were certainly no exception! Of course, part of our so-called good parenting guide involves teaching our offspring to keep their thoughts to themselves, but on occasion this simply goes by the board. I don't think that young children necessarily mean to be rude – they are simply observant and curious. Nevertheless, their poor parents can sometimes feel some measure of humiliation.

Innocence

I can clearly recall one such occasion. I had taken my two older children into town and was having tea, juice and cakes with them in a café (*which they always enjoyed*). My little girl was looking around with interest, when she suddenly spied a very pregnant lady walking towards her table. To my horror, she bellowed at the top of her voice: "Mummy, why is that lady SO fat?" Obviously, in her innocence she had no idea that the lady was in fact, due to have a baby very soon.

New life is, of course, miraculous and few other events in life can compare with the wonder of it. And, as an average of about 250 babies are born every minute, this miracle is going on around us all of the time. And every time that a child enters the world, we can be thankful that God the Father originally gave us life and then the injunction to 'be fruitful and multiply' and also the promise to Abraham that 'I will give you as many descendants as there are stars in the sky'. And incredibly, the Word was made flesh when Jesus Christ entered our world as a helpless baby, when his mother Mary gave an unequivocal "Yes" to God.

The Truth

And so we give thanks to God for the gift of our lives and for all new life. Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' and we know that all life comes from Him – both our human and our spiritual lives.

Often we are forced to face a truth and sometimes our children clearly see truth in all its simplicity and reality and are unafraid to voice it. And yet for all of us the truth is simple – we are the children of God – the Lord, the giver of life.

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Karaoke on a container ship



A container ship might be the last place you'd expect to find a karaoke machine, but that's what composer Nathaniel Mann found when he went on board the Maribo Maersk.

Mann was making a programme about music and seafarers for the BBC Radio series *Between the Ears*. As a child, he used to sit on the bank of the river at Shotley in Suffolk and look out towards the port of Felixstowe, where "vast ships would arrive. Great cranes the size of dinosaurs reaching down to grab at the containers before heaping them up in piles."

However, nothing had prepared him for the sheer size of the Maribo Maersk, which he boarded in Gdansk in Poland. He described as "a huge steel beast." The Maribo is 400 metres long, the length of four football pitches, and can carry over a

staggering 18,000 metal containers.

As Mann pointed out, around 90% of goods imported into the UK come by ship. Inside those metal containers you can find everything from computers and clothes to parts for cars and food.

His reason for visiting the ship was to meet some of the Filipino crew and learn about their love of karaoke. They love it so much that the ship has a karaoke machine. A 170-page book contains hundreds of pop songs. Unsurprisingly, two of the most popular are Rod Stewart's "Sailing" and "Babe, I'm leaving now" by Styx.

The captain told Mann that if the machine breaks down then it's a priority to fix it. "Karaoke brings people together. When you have a vessel 400 metres long you can walk around without seeing anybody."

He added that some of the crew can be at sea for five or six months, so having some interaction means they don't spend all their time in their cabin when they're not working.

The Maribo, which has a crew of just 22, was about to embark on a 12-week voyage to Malaysia, China, and Korea via the Suez Canal. The average time in port is eighteen hours, which gives the crew no time to visit local shops or amenities.

What the programme highlighted so well was the isolation and loneliness seafarers have to cope with. Because they don't see their families for much of the year, they can miss the birth of their child, family celebrations, and not be there to help out in family crises.

The practical help and pastoral care offered to seafarers by the port chaplains

and volunteer ship visitors of Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is vital. That's why the Church asks us to support their work on Sea Sunday on 14 July

Amongst other things, AoS chaplains and ship visitors provide phone cards, SIM cards, transport to local shops, and woolly hats. They visit seafarers in hospital and liaise with their families back home, help to resolve issues over pay and conditions, and arrange for Mass to be celebrated on board a ship.

Ann Donnelly, AoS port chaplain in Plymouth and Teignmouth, said, "It is so important that the seafarer understands that they are not alone, this is what AoS does. We are here to accompany them along the way, no matter which port they are visiting anywhere in the world."

Greg Watts

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