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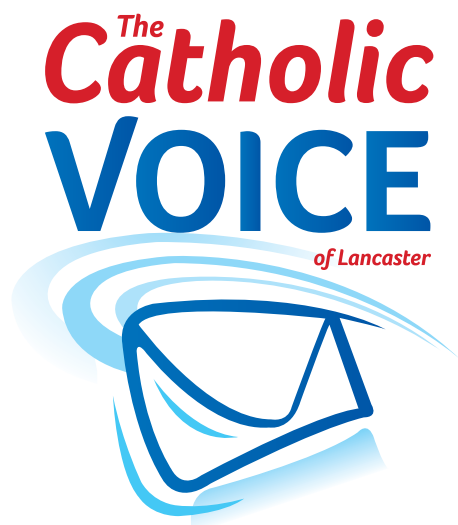
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## EDITORIAL

**N**ovember is traditionally the month of Remembrance when we call to mind those who have gone before us whether relatives or friends or those who have died in conflict or disaster.

The Church begins the month with the joyous celebration of All Saints, those who bask in the presence of God thanks to His gift to them for the fruits of their labours here on earth. On this day the Church reminds us that each of us through our Baptism is called to this state of holiness and the way to do this is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, loving God and loving our neighbour.

All Saints is followed by the commemoration of All Souls when we pray for all those who have died but who are not in a perfect state of Grace and Communion with God and therefore rest for the atonement of their sins in purgatory until they are called into the glory of eternal life. Our prayers contribute greatly to the release of the souls in purgatory into heaven.

And on the last Sunday of November we celebrate the great feast of Christ the King, when the Church reminds us that Jesus came to this earth for all and that he gave us the pledge of eternal life. "I am **the Way the Truth and the Life**, no one can come to the Father except through me" Jesus said. It is poignant that on the feast of Christ the King we celebrate Youth Sunday – what better example of love can the Church put before our young people than that of Jesus.

The *Catholic Voice* believes that November is a time to take stock, to consider our own mortality and ask whether our life is worthy of being in full communion with God and all the saints. Participating in the liturgies of All Saints, All Souls and Christ the King is a good first step but the *Catholic Voice* recommends that in addition we should each find some quiet time, in the presence of the Lord, to reflect upon our life and, if necessary, make the adjustments necessary that will allow us to follow the example of Jesus more faithfully.





**'We are  
merely  
servants:  
we have  
done no  
more than  
our duty.'**

## Retirement of Fr John Collins

This quotation from chapter 17 of St. Luke's Gospel set the tone for the Mass of thanksgiving celebrated for Fr. John Collins on Wednesday 23rd August 2017. The venue was The English Martyrs Church, Highcross, Poulton le Fylde, where Fr Collins served as parish priest for the last ten years.

He took the wise step to preach the homily himself, speaking of the servant nature of our Christian calling and the blessings he had received during his many years of priestly service. Parishioners did Father proud with a well organised concelebrated Mass, lovely buffet, and a generous presentation. A local group of singers from various Catholic parishes in the area supported the singing in a packed church which included members of Fr. Collins' family, parishioners, local priests, and people from former parishes.

Born and brought up in Blackpool, ordained priest in St. John Vianney, Blackpool on 30th May 1964, serving at Highcross, with a good view of Blackpool Tower, Fr. Collins has now retired to Blackpool! His new home is in fact St. Kentigern's Presbytery along with the two priests who serve the parish of Christ the King and St. Kentigern.

Fr. Collins brings to his retirement parish a wealth of priestly service and experience. His years as a curate were spent in Preston, St. Annes and Lytham, including the role of chaplain at St. Bede's High School. He served as secretary to Bishop Bernard Pearson who was Bishop in Cumbria. For some years he was on the pastoral staff at St. Cuthbert's Seminary, Ushaw, Durham. He studied for an MA at Lancaster University and served as parish priest at St. Nicholas Owen, Little Thornton, Holy Family, Freckleton, St. John Southworth, Cleveleys, and St. Teresa's, Preston, before moving to Highcross.

A hall mark of his ministry in all his parishes was door to door visiting. He literally opened the door for many people who needed a kind word or a prayer, or a helping hand in some way. With a wealth of experience to bring to a new phase of life – we wish Fr. Collins a happy and active retirement with more time for a game of golf and following the football! *Fr. John Winstanley*

## Parish Plugs-in to Electric Vehicle Revolution



**S**t Mary's, Ulverston, has become one of the first Catholic churches in the country to provide dedicated charging facilities in its car park for parishioners and visitors with electric vehicles. Parishioners from the church, which is situated in the Lake District area, spotted the irony that there are currently few charging facilities for electric cars and other vehicles in an area that is visited by hundreds of thousands of people annually because of its natural environmental beauty and clear air.

The parish chose September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to officially switch-on the vehicle chargepoint. Pope Francis initiated this annual day of prayer for creation in August 2015, following publication of his encyclical letter 'Laudato Si' that same year.

The Pope's encyclical on the care of the environment, provides a critique of consumerism and irresponsible development. Pope Francis also laments environmental degradation and global warming, and he calls all people of the world to take swift and unified global action to protect God's creation. The introduction of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in the Catholic Church mirrors a similar initiative begun by Orthodox Church communities some years before; and subsequently other church groups have also used this date as a focus for similar prayer and activity.

St Mary's is one of many Catholic churches in the

country which uses electricity generated from renewable sources, provided through Inter-diocesan Fuel Management Ltd, a Catholic fuel purchasing cooperative, originally set-up by some northern Catholic dioceses in the 1990's.

Despite the steps that many motor manufacturers are taking to make their petrol and diesel engines cleaner, the British government has recently stated its intention to ban the sale of all new petrol and diesel vehicles by 2040 – a date just over twenty years away.

Canon Paul Embery said, "Although electric vehicles are only just becoming commonplace, their use is set to grow exponentially over the next decade. People will increasingly expect the places they visit to provide charging facilities; be that the workplace, supermarket or church." Recognising the challenge that lies ahead for the Catholic Church in putting the Holy Father's words into practice through provision of chargepoints, Canon Embery added, "We need to start putting electrical infrastructure for vehicle charging in place now. Any parish or Catholic school undertaking major building works or re-wiring in the next few years should consider future-proofing their site by building-in capacity now, rather than having to add it later at possible considerable extra cost."

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# Retreats at Castlerigg



## BEING A YOUNG CATHOLIC TODAY

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**B**eing a catholic has definitely played a huge part in my life. Choosing to prioritise faith over what is expected of a person my age in this society has been difficult, but at the same time so rewarding.

Catholicism is all I've ever really known. I was baptised, made my first holy communion and confirmed in the parish I've spent my whole life involved in. However, it wasn't really until my mid-teens that I truly started to understand what my faith meant to me and just how important it is. Being brought up in catholic primary and secondary school exposed me to the teachings and word of Jesus Christ, allowing me to have a good understanding from a young age. However, after a while I felt as though I was stuck in a habit of just attending mass and not taking that next step on my faith journey.

For me, in terms of my faith, 2014 was a real turning point for me. As a year 10 of St. Bernard's High School, Barrow, I attended my first ever retreat to Castlerigg manor, still not really sure of what I could expect. That week is still one of the most poignant moments of

my life. During the week I was encouraged to open up and ask questions about faith. I learnt so much about prayer and the relationship we all have with God, ultimately leaving me to feel much closer to him. Castlerigg gave me the confidence to go forward and to be proud of my faith and inspired me to push myself and take the next step along my faith journey. Encouraged by this retreat, in 2015 I attended a pilgrimage to Lourdes with Lancaster Diocese and Castlerigg Manor, and in 2016 I attended World Youth Day in Krakow. World Youth Day has helped me especially as a young Catholic in today's society. Being amongst two-million other young Catholics was indescribable. Listening to the words of Pope Francis helped me to realise the importance of the role young Catholics play in our communities.

All these experiences have helped shape me into the person I am today. In August I started as a volunteer at Castlerigg Manor and I will spend this year in youth ministry and living in community. I am extremely excited of what this year will bring and I am looking forward to where my faith journey will bring me next.



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**T**oday young people are often under as much pressure as adults with the stress of school, home life and the peer pressure to conform to a particular lifestyle. Their lives can be swamped in the noise and pace of modern life, making it difficult to find time and space to tune themselves to God. There is often little time for personal reflection in spiritual growth.

Every year Castlerigg Manor, the home of Lancaster Diocese Youth Service, welcomes young people from across the diocese and further afield, coming with school, parish and youth groups. At Castlerigg Manor, young people have the chance of “time out”; time to unplug from everyday routines, time and space for personal spiritual growth, and time to have a bit of fun.

A retreat at Castlerigg Manor makes possible what Paul writes about in Romans 12:2 “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you can discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Our aim is to create a space for young people to spend time with God, with others, and to enable them to share their life experiences and to use their different talents.

Fr John Moriarty and Sr. Shienrose, with retreat leaders Patricia and Narquita lead the work at Castlerigg and are helped by volunteers who come from different parts of the world.

“I feel so happy to be among the lucky volunteers who came to Castlerigg to change the hearts and minds of young people” If you want to come to Castlerigg please get in touch. There is more information on our website, [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk), where you will also find information about how to make a donation to support our work.

Cleophas Tukamarwa

Cleophas Tukamarwa is from Uganda and is spending a year at Castlerigg Manor as a gap-year volunteer. Before coming to the UK he worked as a journalist and radio presenter.





# The Big Walk

**Every year, energetic and well-motivated young people from Castlerigg Manor join others from across the Diocese of Lancaster, walking to St. Mary's Cleator to celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes and to reflect on their personal journey in faith.**

The first time I read about the Big Walk on the Castlerigg website, I did not know that it was not only a walk but a great trek to encounter God, discover new things and to explore the beauty of the Lake District. I was among the lucky group of eighteen young people who participated in the Big Walk this year. My friends and I had waited so long for the Big Walk. My friend Matthew, from Newcastle, and I spent part of the night practicing how we will walk while shouting "Yahooooo", our crazy way of showing togetherness.

We started our two day journey with Mass concelebrated by Fr. John Moriarty and Fr. Philip Conner, and then we had to prepare with waterproof clothes, walking boots, packed lunch, and everything else we would need.

Like any other journey, we started it with big smiles and different ideas about where we were going, but a few miles from Honister, as we started to climb the mountain, some of us started to slow down in our walking and speed up in our breathing, our water bottles doing their job, softening our throats and refreshing us.

The walk was a moment to reflect on God's love towards mankind, making new friends, helping each other and crossing different streams and small rivers. Fr. John, Fr. Philip and Sister Shienrose helped to remind us about God who is our shield against bad wind, storm and rain, and on our way we stopped to pray the rosary; it was a great moment for me to pray the rosary in my Ugandan language (*Runyankole*)

but thank God that as Catholics we have the same rhythm of praying the rosary, so everyone was able to follow me in English.

After climbing mountains and hills and crossing many streams, we finally reached Ennerdale Valley and Low Gillerthwaite Field Centre where we were welcomed by kittens and chickens, and we had our dinner and a social evening.

On our second day everyone had to wake up early, stretching muscles as we headed to our breakfast. We started our journey to St. Mary's, walking in pairs, sharing our spiritual and social life, talking as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus.

On our way to St. Mary's it was not an easy journey, as that of Israelites when they were coming from Egypt. We had to walk 10 miles in the rain but we were prepared enough for any kind of weather. At lunch time, guess what!! All of us had to gather under a storm shelter. All of us, including our friend Bosco (*Fr Phillip's dog*) crowded in under a bright orange sheet!

Finally we reached our destination at St. Mary's church and we were welcomed as heroes by the beautiful people of Cleator. We changed our clothes to a very smart orange T-shirt to identify us pilgrims. The walk into the church was just amazing. Going through the whole building with the cross, people cheering and clapping, it was a good moment for the people who had walked the long journey.

Mass was celebrated by Bishop Michael, and we joined in prayer with many others from around the whole Diocese of Lancaster. It was my great life experience. How I wish that next year's big walk I will be part of it but unfortunately I will be in Uganda praying for you. *Cleophas Tukamarwa*



# Ten Years on the Big Walk

**I have been on this annual pilgrimage every September since 2008. This year marks my tenth Big Walk and I have had some time to reflect on what that means to me.**

The Big Walk has given me the opportunity to make many friends and every year meet the new Castlerigg team members and catch up with old acquaintances. We have discussed many things on the Walk; life, faith, studies, jobs, hopes, aspirations and tired legs! I have been lucky enough to experience the Lake District in all its beauty and in many weathers; this year, our first day was sunshine and blue skies and the day after was horizontal rain and blowing winds!

I have come to learn that the weather doesn't matter. It all adds to the pilgrimage experience.

The Big Walk has helped me gain a deeper understanding of my faith which has grown and strengthened with the support of all the Youth events I have been involved with.

I am incredibly grateful to all the teams (*past and present*) at Castlerigg for their support, guidance and friendship. If anyone is considering taking part in the Big Walk, I can only say do it, and I'll see you next year!

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### Dear Editor

Whilst I agree with most of Fr Parkers article on Co-responsibility in the Catholic Church (*September 2017 edition*) I have to highlight something I have thought for many years. We have been urged to pray for vocations to the priesthood for as long as I can remember. Priest numbers and congregations continue to fall in most of our parishes with Fr Parker right to highlight what our ordained minister's core function is.

However, when we pray we seem to look for the answer that we want i.e more male Priests. Maybe the Lord is giving us an answer but it's not one we want to listen to? Maybe the Lord wants us to change but we choose to stick to the way we have done things for years...hundreds of years. When we have all prayed for vocations the Lord may have answered but we may have chosen to ignore Him because it's not the answer we were looking for.

**God Bless.**  
**Gary Salisbury via catholic voice website**

### Dear Editor

I read with interested Canon Thomas Dakin's article in the October edition of the Catholic Voice, entitled Papists and Prejudice. He rightly takes us back to the time when we, as Catholics, faced prejudice. He says we should be the last to indulge in prejudice today against the Muslims living amongst us. He is right and it is within my experience that prejudice was an issue for many people here in the UK. In the 1950s and 1960s my own father who was a Site Manager in Liverpool with a large building firm arrived at work one day to find that the men whom he employed had written on a building on the site in bold paint 'Gus is a Papist'. A derogatory term as Canon Dakin said. Not very nice for my father to have to face that when he arrived at work. Though I was too young to really sympathise with him at the time I have never forgotten that it happened.

I too experienced prejudice when I married into a non Catholic family in 1961. Imagine now if your son or daughter was about to marry into another faith and for you to be told as I was, that when people asked whom her son was to marry, my mother-in-law, a lovely well educated woman would say '*she is very nice BUT the only thing is, she is a Catholic.*' Many years later she did say that it had been a good thing that her son had become a Catholic (*my words*) because she could see that her fears were unfounded. She was a loving grandmother to our children.

Today it is very hard living with terrorism. It is horrendous. But at the same time we should remember our own history which too was horrendous to say the least. We have to strive to be tolerant, to reach out where we are able to, to those of another culture, another faith. We can all play our part in bringing peace to our corner of the world. Thank you Canon Dakin. You made me think and reminded me of our past.

**Pat Costain, Garstang**

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### Dear Editor

The article '*Reflection on Water*' (*September 2017 edition*), highlighted the importance of water to our lives and civilisation, but sadly reiterated misconceptions about the causes of recent weather (referred to as "climate change").

For example, the article apports blame for extreme weather events on increasing carbon dioxide emissions '*particularly from first world countries*'. This is incorrect between 1980 and 2013, China and India increased their per capita emissions by 500%, whilst the derided US and U.K. reduced theirs by 20 and 30% respectively.

The author makes the unsubstantiated claim that '*the four worst weather events in Cumbria all occurred in the last ten years*'. I suggest that he/she reads A History to Flooding – The River Derwent, by John Bracegirdle, which highlights a multitude of severe floods in Carlisle, Keswick and Cockermouth, since the earliest he could trace in 1749. They might also reflect on statistics from Symon's British Rainfall relating to the exceptional rainstorms of 1897 and 1898, including the 11.6 inches of rainfall on 13th November 1897, at The Sty, near Seathwaite. Maybe the author could then explain the apparently perverse role of the relative absence of atmospheric carbon in the highest recorded annual rainfall in the UK, that occurred at Sprinkling Tarn (257 inches) in 1954, when carbon parts per million were 25% less than today's level, or in the highest recorded temperature (33.3C) in Cumbria, which occurred on 20th July 1901 at Newton Reigny, near Penrith. (*Carbon ppm lower than today by 30%*).

Throwaway statements about carbon concentrations leading to increases in extreme weather events, and rising sea level resulting from ice melt do not stand scrutiny. The number and intensity of hurricanes and typhoons have decreased in recent years, and since the Little Ice Age ended about 160 years ago, tide gages show that sea level has risen at a steady rate, with no correlation to the rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Melting sea ice has an insignificant impact on sea levels (*estimated to be 1.9% of recent recorded annual rise*).

**Regards John Ellwood, Carnforth**

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To listen well we need to fully focus on what is being conveyed to us. But how often do we mentally contrive, simultaneously, to develop our response or counter argument. Nowhere is this more prevalent than in Radio and TV debates and even in Parliament when talking over another (sometimes even shouting, as if this becomes more convincing) seems to be the norm.

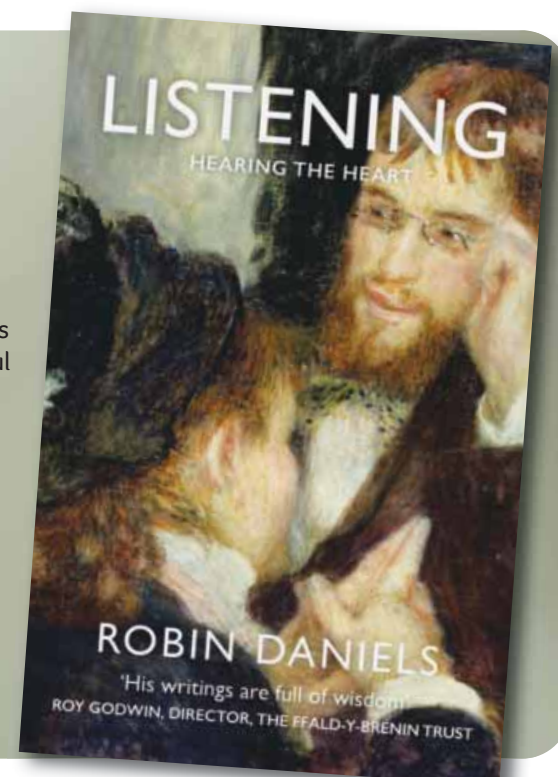
**Does this sound familiar in our own daily lives?**

Listening by Robin Daniels takes us out of the daily hubbub and draws on a wealth of his own personal experience as well as writers, poets and scriptural texts to help us find another dimension to listening that is through the heart. And he explores how music can help and the importance of silence in the process.

It is not a long book but it is full from start to finish of helpful material that takes the

reader through a variety of situations and techniques that would be helpful to anyone wishing to improve their own ability to listen but especially those involved in pastoral or counselling work.

So often we are caught up with what we want to get across and we can become oblivious to what is being said to us. Is that true of our prayer life too? If so, Robin's book is for you too.



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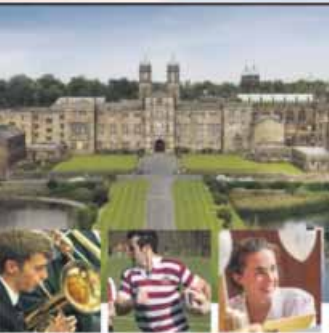
  
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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

**A** couple of months ago my wife Olive and I spent a few days in Scarborough. Walking along the paths of the Italian Garden in the South Bay we were reading the memorial plaques placed on various benches looking out across the bay. Inevitably my attention was drawn to one in memory of Walter Metcalf (1910-1981) – professional footballer, a name I knew nothing of. On returning home I discovered Scarborough born Walter began his career with his home town team but went on to make 76 appearances for Coventry City prior to the start of WW2.

November is a special time for remembering and my grandfather Charlie Mills served his country with the Lancashire Fusiliers at Gallipoli and on the Western Front in WW1, my father Ben took part in the D-Day Landings, and Olive's father Jim had been at Dunkirk in WW2. Happily all three were to return able to 'tell the tale' but, like so many who survived these conflicts, did not wish to do so.

The 1914/15 Football League season went ahead despite the outbreak of war and as the months went by the football authorities received increasing criticism. However the Football League and the FA argued that matches served as an effective source of army recruiting. The season came to a close on Saturday 24th April 1915 with the FA Cup Final switched to Old Trafford from Crystal Palace because of wartime travel restrictions. It became known as "The Khaki Final" because many of the 50,000 crowd were soldiers in uniform. At the end of a 3-0

victory for Sheffield United over Chelsea the Earl of Derby gave his famous speech. "You have played with and against one another but it is now the duty of everyone to join with each other and play a sterner game." Ironically that evening the people of Bury and elsewhere went to bed oblivious to the tragic and heroic events which were to unfold at 'W' beach (*The Lancashire Landing*) at Gallipoli the following day.

By 1917 Britain and its Allies were in danger of losing the war, as the endless slaughter continued. British Football had also lost many of its sons with almost every club affected. Amongst those who died in 1917 were two well-known Scots, who just a few years previously had scored the winning goal in FA Cup Finals. Manchester United's Sandy Turnbull and Bradford City's Jimmy Speirs had scored the only goal in 1909 and 1911 finals respectively. Sandy, who had scored the very first goal at Old Trafford, died at the Battle of Arras on 3rd May 1917, and Jimmy, awarded the Military Medal for bravery, died at Passchendaele on 20th August 1917.

There were players of our local clubs perhaps lesser lights who also fell, many of whom are forgotten, who are still stars in the eyes of their fans, who watched them play. Amongst them was another Scot John Ford who played for Preston North End the last two seasons before The Football league was suspended. A right winger John made 43 appearances for North End scoring 4 goals. He died at Arras on the same day





as Sandy Turnbull and both their names appear on the Arras Memorial.

A team mate of John Ford's was Preston born William "Sunny Jim" Kirby who in a footballing career of over 420 games played for a number of clubs. An inside forward best known for his six seasons playing for Portsmouth in the Southern League, William returned to Deepdale in 1911 and over the next two seasons scored 22 goals in 55 appearances.

Tragically a third PNE player who had played in PNE's 1911/12 & 1913 relegation and promotion seasons Benny

Green also died at Arras in April 1917. Inside forward Benny's career had begun at Barnsley but moved to Small Heath (that became Birmingham FC) scoring 43 goals in 185 League appearances. He scored the first goal at the club's new ground St Andrews, a feat which resulted in him being presented with a piano! However in 1909 he had a spell with Burnley before joining PNE. Benny completed his 'Lancashire Trio' ending his playing career at Blackpool between 1914 and 1915 before enlisting with the King's Own (Royal Lancasters).

Benny appears in the team photo featured

as does goalkeeper William 'Tommy' Fiske in the centre of the back row. William's Blackpool playing career began in the reserves 1907/08 season but he soon established himself in the first team going on to play 217 first team League games. In 1915 he played a handful of games for Nottingham Forest. William, a sergeant with the Border Regiment, was last seen going 'over the top' in his shirt sleeves near the village of Fismes. His name is one of the 3,887 British soldiers killed in the area between May and August 1918.

One of the last footballers to die in the conflict was 'flying winger' Wilf Bartrop

who played just three games for Liverpool following his transfer from Barnsley in 1914. A member of Barnsley's 1912 FA Cup winning team Wilf died on 7th November just four days before the end of the war.

Dave Yates

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# R.I.P.



## Mgr Michael Kirkham 1927 – 2017

**M**ichael John Kirkham died in the early hours of Thursday 21 September 2017 in Blackpool Victoria Hospital. May he rest in the peace of the risen Lord.

Michael Kirkham was born on 6 February 1927 in Cleveleys, Lancashire. He was educated at St Mary's School, Fleetwood, St Joseph's College, Blackpool and then Upholland College before being sent to the Venerable English College, Rome. Eventually he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at the Chiesa Nuova, Rome on 20 December 1952.

The newly-ordained Father Kirkham was appointed as Assistant Priest to St Gregory's, Preston (August 1953 – August 1959) and then to St Ignatius', Preston (August 1959 – July 1961) and to St Cuthbert's, Blackpool (July 1961 – January 1966). During this time he was also involved in the Diocesan Tribunal as a notary and then as an Advocate (1955 – 1966). After St Cuthbert's, Blackpool he was appointed to the Catholic Missionary Society (January 1966 – September 1973) and from this team he went to Oscott College as Pastoral Director (September 1973 – July 1976). He then returned to Preston as Assistant Priest at St Joseph's (September 1976 – August 1977).

Father Kirkham was then appointed Parish Priest of St Ignatius,

Preston (August 1977 – September 1980) before being appointed to Ushaw College as Spiritual Director (September 1980 – June 1984). He returned to Oscott College, this time as Rector (May 1984 – June 1989). In January 1990, he was appointed as Parish Priest of St Mary's, Great Eccleston and remained there until his retirement from parish ministry in September 2002. From 2001 he served as Episcopal Vicar for Religious for the South of the Diocese until 2009. Earlier this year he had moved from his own flat to reside very happily at Stella Matutina in Ansdell.

The Requiem Mass for Monsignor Kirkham was celebrated at St Joseph's, Ansdell on Friday 6 October 2017 – followed by burial in Fleetwood.

My deepest condolences go to Monsignor Kirkham's family, especially to his nephews and nieces and indeed all who have lost a dear friend, brother priest and former Parish Priest.

Our thanks and prayers, too, for all at Stella Matutina.  
+ Michael G Campbell OSA  
Bishop of Lancaster

**Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen**



# Sister Anna Ursula van Duin M.B.E.

## R.I.P.



## A life remembered

**S**ister Anne van Duin who was known to many people in the Preston area, died on 27th August in her order's motherhouse in Tilburg, Holland.

She was born on 21 October 1925 in Warmenhuizen and entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy in Tilburg on November 3, 1943.

With wisdom and insight, Sister Anne accomplished the many tasks entrusted to her throughout her life. In the early period of her religious life, she worked in different places in the Netherlands. Then she had a distinguished period of 40 years in England. As a well-known 'Mount Street' sister, she delivered many babies in maternity care. After the Mount Street sisters closed their own hospital, Sister Anne retained her links in healthcare by visiting patients at the Royal Preston Hospital.

She also assisted in the pastoral care of inmates and staff in Preston Prison as part of the Catholic chaplaincy team. This period of service coincided with the aftermath of the infamous 'Strangeways riot', which occurred on April 1st 1990. Many inmates were subsequently moved to other prisons, including Preston, where they were still, understandably, viewed with suspicion. Sister Anne was renowned for her own caring version of 'Christian tough love' to which many younger inmates responded positively. She was for many of them a surrogate grandmother within the jail walls; but no pushover.

Each week in the prison, Sister Anne organised a Tuesday evening group in the Catholic chaplain's room in the rafters of the chapel, for which there was always a waiting list of inmates.

During these meetings, inmates convicted of all kinds of different offences would practise hymns, discuss the readings for next Sunday and maybe watch an educational video, followed by a discussion. This was one of the few places in the prison where inmates could get a coffee in those days, together with time-out of cells. This was a jealously guarded privilege, and if anyone dared to misbehave, Sister Anne's icy stare was enough to put

even the most hardened criminal in his place. If this failed, and she had to say something, it was never going to end well for the poor recipient of her ire – other inmates had the good sense to suggest that he shut-up and behave, now!

Underneath this robust exterior however, was a caring heart. Many of the lads benefitted from her advice and listening ear. One of her happiest memories from her prison ministry days was a party held in November 1993 to mark her 50th year of entry into religious life. This so-called party with inmates was completely alcohol-free and consisted of a celebration of pork pies, sausage rolls, cold pizza, cakes and crisps – foodstuffs normally not available to convicted inmates. They kept in her good books, thus ensuring more coffee and other treats, by repeatedly saying that she did not look a day over sixty.

Shortly before she formally retired from active work, Sister Anne was thrilled to be awarded a Member of the British Empire medal by Her Majesty the Queen for her work in England over the decades. This was officially an 'honorary award', as she never actually became a British subject. The whole of Sister Anne's order, rightly celebrated this recognition as something that belonged to the whole community by proxy.

Eventually, she slowly withdrew from public life, spending more time with her community at Mount Street. When the order closed the convent, Sister Anne returned to Tilburg, where she enjoyed retirement.

Friends were always close to Sister Anne's heart, and she kept in contact with many of the colleagues she worked with over the years. During her last few decades of life, she also enjoyed the wonderful friendship of Joyce Fisher of Preston. Right up until her final few days of life, both were able to enjoy regular face-to-face conversations via the internet.

Sister Anne passed away peacefully at home in the convent. Her funeral was on Saturday 2nd September. May she rest in peace.  
**Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord**

*Canon Paul Embery*



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# The Joy of Love

*Pope Francis' love letter to families*

In September, coinciding with the 46th anniversary of Bishop Campbell's ordination to the priesthood, 'Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster' gathered for Mass and to consider the Apostolic Exhortation and reflect upon how it affects our lives, our families and our parish communities.

The day was led by Veronica Murphy from the Archdiocese of Liverpool, and she began with a reflection on the Word of God, pondering the story of Jesus going missing and then being found in the temple. We then shared amongst ourselves what family meant to us. Veronica outlined for us how we come to

receive and learn more about the Good News of God's unconditional love for us in Jesus Christ: through the Gospel, the scriptures, the tradition and teaching of the Church and the gradual development of our own conscience. She showed us how 'The Joy of Love' follows a careful process in which Pope Francis is calling us to an ever deeper understanding of the mystery of God's love for us in Christ. We are now the people of God in the Third Millennium and must contribute in our turn to what the unfolding of this great mystery means in our everyday lives. That is why 'The Joy of Love' (Amoris Laetitia) follows carefully after 'The Joy of the Gospel' (Evangelii Gaudium), 'The Year of

Mercy', and 'Laudato Si' (Care for our Common Home).


In 'The Joy of Love' Pope Francis brings together the riches of the two Synod meetings that were held in Rome focussing on marriage and the family. Those meetings drew especially on the experiences of marriage and family life in our world today. It has nine chapters and Pope Francis asks us to take it slowly, and select whatever chapter speaks to our needs.

No single day's meeting could do justice to such a rich resource, but with Veronica's help we focussed on two key areas. In the light of Pope Francis' insistence that "every person...be respected in his or her dignity," we shared how our own parishes treat those who are divorced, separated or remarried and welcome people "regardless of sexual orientation".

Later in the day our focus was on accompanying people in love as we

applied what chapter 8 of the document addresses, the many diverse problems that people experience in marriage and relationships today. "No one can be condemned for ever, because that is not the logic of the Gospel! Here I am not speaking only of the divorced and remarried, but of everyone, in whatever situation they find themselves." We recognised the importance of compassion, of being attentive to others, of providing mutual support and respecting confidentiality. Groups can be formed to share and pray about what is going on in their lives and in their families.

That is what everyone who attended this day experienced in the short time we were together, listening, respecting, supporting and encouraging each other as we were given new stimulus through this introduction to Pope Francis' compassionate teaching. It was fitting that our day ended with prayer for all our families as we listened to the hymn: 'Love never ends'. *Philomena Grimley SCJ*



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The Catholic community have a wonderful history of philanthropy and generosity. Motivated by their faith and compassion, many people give their money, time and prayers in support of the Church and Catholic charities.

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what is important to them and ensure this work can keep going for as long as it is needed. For others, it is a way of celebrating the work they cared about or giving back for help they received themselves. Whatever the reasons, a legacy gift is a wonderful way to celebrate our faith and ensure our values will live on far into the future.

As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action and share what we have with those most in need. Whether you want to support a local cause such as your parish, a parish project, the diocese, vulnerable families in Britain or the poor at home and overseas, your legacy could be the most far-reaching gift you ever make. Large or small, a legacy gift can make the world of difference so why not think of making a bequest that will you help change the world and celebrate your faith through a legacy gift in your Will?



# Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**T**here is one great question: how can man really be in the image of God? He must enter into silence. When he drapes himself in silence as God himself dwells in a great silence, man is close to heaven, or rather, he allows God to manifest himself in him. We encounter God only in the eternal silence in which abides. Have you ever heard the voice of God as you hear mine?

## The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise, Cardinal Robert Sarah

It is in the silence of the heart that the Lord speaks to us, and to encounter Him we must prepare within ourselves a space for in which He can come and dwell. Something which seems to have become the norm in our churches is the lack of reverence that the Holy Mass and the Holy

Eucharist deserve. For example, how many now neglect the practice of genuflecting while facing the tabernacle before we enter our pew? How many see the time before mass as a void to be filled, rather than an opportunity to communicate with God and offer up our prayers?

There is often movement and chatter as we are waiting for mass to begin, but how can we expect to encounter the Lord during the Mass if we don't recollect ourselves beforehand? We must begin in prayerful and silent preparation—it is wholly appropriate and necessary that we do. The modern mindset is addicted to noise. We feel as if we aren't doing or saying something, we are not doing anything productive.

Yet, in the Gospels, the man who raised Our Saviour is completely silent. At Mass

and before that body which was raised by St. Joseph, we should imitate him in our silence. We have prescribed periods of silence during the Sacred Liturgy, but it must first occur before the priest even makes the sign of the cross.

It was said by Saint Benedict J Labre, "By talking and irreverence in churches, we show disrespect to Almighty God in His own house." We respect each other by keeping silence in a library—so why wouldn't we do the same for Our Lord and Saviour?

We also have to ask ourselves – do we understand what is happening in the Sacred Liturgy and how Christ becomes fully present to us? When we enter a church, we are entering in to the presence of Our Lord. It's not merely a symbol, but that same body that was crucified for our sins. Surely if we understood that, we

wouldn't want to utter a single word but bask in the holy silence in which Our Lord comes to meet us?

Should we not also adopt the same comportment after Mass out of respect for people who want to pray and give thanks to God? Sunday Mass may be the only opportunity for some to do this. Many parishioners want to hear the voice of God, not the chuntering of voices chewing over the last episode of Coronation Street or someone's kitchen extension.

Our exterior surroundings impact our interior, and if we are surrounded by chaos our thinking will reflect that—silence enhances our senses. But if we maintain calm when we walk into church, we will be ever more disposed to hear the voice of God and encounter him in the Holy Mass.

Nicola Pope

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# Finding God in Silence



**F**inding God in the silence is not only challenging but counter cultural. We are dealing with noises in our environment as well as those chattering away in our heads. As a result the competition for peace is fierce. In a previous article we focused on simplicity and how it could be implemented in daily life. Our theme now is finding God in the silence amidst the busyness of everyday living.

**Solitude and Silence:** the absence of noise and company. *The desire to be alone, a space to gather one's thoughts, refreshment at the well and a listening space (italics mine).*

Information overload and constant external noise govern our lives. We look at the screen instead of what is in front of us.

So much so, that in our techno bubble we feel no need to apologise when we bump into someone. It is in the silence that we are challenged to make changes, whether it be our nature or even more disconcerting our circumstances. Little wonder then that we try to avoid it all costs!

Solitude and its partner silence is not a once-and-for-all state; it is a daily encounter with God. He does not shout at us in the storm but speaks quietly on the whisper of a breeze and even Jesus had to find a quiet place to pray!

***"But when you pray, go to your private room and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place and your father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."***  
*Matthew 6 v6*

When you encounter solitude you are in a place of safety and a place that you can call home. When we are truly "at home" in a place then we are fully ourselves. It is then that we can drop any pretences and sink into His presence in that moment of encounter. Silence provides a new start for each and every new day.

***"May I listen in prayerful silence for your holy word, at each stage and each moment of the day, so that communing with you***

***pervades my whole being, shaping every thought, feeling and activity."***

**Four ways of finding solitude and silence in the midst of a busy schedule**

**Make the most of those in between moments:** Waiting for the kettle to boil, waiting for a doctor's appointment or waiting to collect a child from school. Even with others around us we can sit quietly and unobtrusively and go within to the silence in our soul.

Our soul is the very essence of our being and it is the heart place where God's spirit resides. God IS love, He understands our every need and longs for us to spend time with Him.

**Block out time on the calendar:** Just as we set great store in writing down physical appointments begin the practise of marking down time with God. Set a reminder or alarm on your phone and be punctual! Try and make it the same time each day so that your body and your spirit become attuned to the task at hand.

**Recognise your needs:** If you can only find solitude in a quiet place such as a church then find somewhere that is open. Some folk find solitude in nature and for others it might be a public building such as a library or cafe. Use the environment to meet your needs.

**Be creative:** This is especially pertinent to stay-at-home-mums with small children. In order to find your "quiet time" it will no doubt mean working around the background noise unless you are able to use nap time as your quiet time. Find a table activity that is not too messy such as play-dough or stickers that is likely to provide a few minutes peace.

In this age full of digital static, we are assaulted by too much information and not enough knowledge. The only voice we really need to hear is that of the One who knows what we are made for: "Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth" (Psalm 138)  
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# Saving our bacon

by Julia Beacroft

**In our modern day quest to communicate with others, do we also connect them to the Lord..?**

While my son was at primary school he won a prize. No big deal, you're probably thinking; children win prizes at school all the time. And you would, of course, be quite correct. However, this prize was notable – not only because it was a poetry prize and my son hated poetry and English in general – but also because of the content of the poem. For reasons best known only to himself, he decided to write his masterpiece about – of all things – bacon! In fact the title of his poem, (and I use the term loosely), was 'The Bacon Rap'. And incredibly, the triumphant ending to his epic verse was: 'Bacon, bacon, comes from a cow!'

Naturally, despite the prize from the school, he's never been able to live down the joke to this day! However, although hilariously funny, this event served as an excellent means of communication to us and to the school. It announced loudly and clearly that he certainly loved bacon!

## Taken Off

Today, communication has become increasingly important and is readily available in a veritable plethora of means and methods. Social media, in particular, has 'taken off' in a way that no-one could have anticipated. It has actually become an integral part of our lives, with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram being universally used as an excellent way of keeping in touch with others and sharing ideas and opinions. In fact, the Pope himself tweets on a daily basis. Facebook and Twitter are particularly good at suggesting 'friends' and 'followers' as a way of putting people in touch with each other and connecting them.

In the same way, as we attempt to spread the Gospel message, we ourselves are connectors – we connect others to the providential love and grace of God. In so doing our methods of communication are all important, whether this involves talking about our faith, listening to others or helping our neighbour. Even such a basic action as a smile, greeting or kind word to another person is hugely important. It is surprising the way that such small moments of kindness and friendliness can make an enormous difference to the lives of others, and in so doing possibly plant a seed of faith which could germinate and grow. When we behave in this way, we are living the Gospel in action. And although there can, and have been problems with social media and that sometimes trivia or even nonsense have been posted on it, let's not forget that it is also an excellent medium or connector for evangelization, as it reaches out to the whole world with ease. Ironically, Pope Francis tweeted recently:

*'A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!'*

## Connectors

In today's technological world our communication systems are more advanced than ever as we e-mail, Skype, Snapchat and routinely use social media. Rightly or wrongly, letters and former written methods of communication are rapidly becoming an anachronism. Yet conversely our role of connecting others to our Christian faith remains essentially unchanged. May we always embrace any method of communication to bring others to the Lord, so he may take his place in their lives and 'save their bacon'.

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## Catenians help Brian House Children's Hospice Blackpool

Mike Grayston, Catenian Association, was delighted to be able to hand over a cheque to Michelle Lonican, community fundraiser for Brian House Children's Hospice. A charity Mike has supported for many years, the money was raised at a Burns night held at Pat and June Dempsey's Hotel where Mike was head waiter for the evening.



# Double Celebration

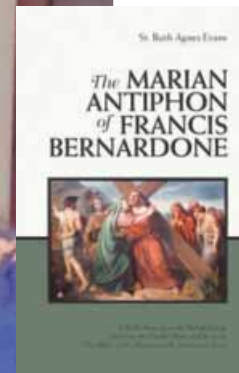
On Sunday August 27th Terence Donnelly, a Catenian Bursary Trustee, was warmly welcomed by Fr. Michael Murphy at St. Mary's Fleetwood. The occasion was the presentation of a Catenian Bursary Cheque to a Fleetwood Parishioner, Matthew Steen. That weekend the Church looked absolutely magnificent for the Fleetwood Flower Festival and the displays had been set up by the local Church flower arrangers and Members of the former Fleetwood Flower club to celebrate 150 years of worship in St. Mary's.

Matthew applied to the Catenians for a Bursary grant to help him with a 6 month volunteer project teaching Science in a town called Dodoma in Tanzania. Tanzania was formerly a British Colony called Tanganyika and is perhaps most famous for having the highest mountain in Africa, Mt. Kilimanjaro. Matthew's project has been organised by the Jesuit missions and he will be living and teaching in Dodoma. He will be teaching biology in the local secondary school and he will be like many others because most of the country's education is provided by volunteers. Matthew received a cheque for £900 to

help with this project. The Catenian Bursary Fund was set up to help Young Catholics to help others. Each year the Catenians distribute over £120,000 to help others. They recently supported many of the students who went to Lourdes with both the Lancaster and Liverpool Dioceses, of whom 500 were willing to help others less fortunate themselves.

Fr. Murphy offered the Mass to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of his cousins, Bernard and Margaret Pendleton. It was truly a fitting celebration for both Matthew's family and the Pendletons.

## The Marian Antiphon of Francis Bernadone by Sr. Ruth Agnes Evans (Tau Publishing, 2017)



Sr. Ruth's slim volume is subtitled "A Reflection upon the Relationship between the Virgin Mary and Jesus in The Office of the Passion of St Francis of Assisi". That tells the reader half the story.

Sr. Ruth offers a richly imaginative and compassionate exploration of a set of psalms that St Francis wrote in order to meditate on Our Lord's Passion. Each psalm was accompanied by the same antiphon, which pondered the role of Our Lady. Sr. Ruth draws out the way in which the antiphon echoes the silent presence of Mary as she witnessed her son's agony.

There is one strikingly unusual feature of this devotional meditation. Sr. Ruth has devoted much of her time to studying the plight of, and supporting, prisoners on America's Death Row. She juxtaposes the suffering of Jesus with that of his contemporary fellow-convicts in a way that illuminates both. It will also unsettle the easy assumptions of some readers, both the devotionally conservative who are uncomfortable with political radicalism, and the political progressives who are rarely introduced to the resources of religious devotion.

Sr. Ruth is from this diocese, having been brought up in Barrow. The book is available from the Arundel Poor Clare bookshop, to contact her email: srclaremargaret@googlemail.com

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