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Ordinations to the permanent Diaconate of the Diocese



On Saturday 14th of July, Bishop Patrick ordained four men to the permanent Diaconate of the Diocese, thus bringing to an end the period of preparation that they had spent between their parishes and the seminary of the archdiocese of Birmingham at S. Mary's College, Oscott. We congratulate the Reverend Mr. J. B. Baxter of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Burton, the Reverend Mr. S. Grabb of Holy Souls, Scunthorpe, the Reverend Mr. D. Kerry of S. Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham, and the Reverend Mr. S. O'Looskan of the Sacred Heart and S. Margaret Mary, Leicester, on their ordination to the sacred Order of the Diaconate and wish them well as they begin their new ministry in the Diocese.

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The UK's highest court has ruled that legal permission will no longer be required to end care for patients in a permanent vegetative state.

Bishop John Wilson responds to the Supreme Court ruling to back agreed end of life decisions:

"On 30 July 2018 the United Kingdom Supreme Court ruled it is no longer necessary to seek legal permission from the Court of Protection to remove artificial feeding and hydration from patients in a persistent vegetative state. This means that clinicians and families can decide among themselves to bring about a patient's death by discontinuing the provision of food and water by artificial means.

A person in a persistent vegetative state exists in an altered state of consciousness following some kind of trauma. The person breathes without assistance and follows patterns of sleeping and waking, although without any detectable external response. They are not dying as such, but remain dependent on medical and nursing care.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales addressed the question of artificial feeding and hydration in cases of patients in a persistent vegetative state in their 2004 teaching document *Cherishing Life*. In considering the ethics of suicide and euthanasia, the Bishops stated: "There is a basic level of nursing care that is demanded by human solidarity. We all recognise that leaving a patient cold, unclean, in pain or without human contact for significant periods of time would fall below a decent standard of care. Within the health service,

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Response following Supreme Court ruling to back agreed end of life decisions

great efforts are made to maintain high standards in this area, despite the pressure of resources and limited staff. In general, providing food and fluids should also be considered basic care.' (185)

The Bishops continued: 'when patients are in the final phase of dying they should not be troubled by intrusive treatment and efforts to place or replace a feeding tube may well be excessive or burdensome.' However, they clarified: 'What is not morally acceptable is to withdraw tube-feeding, or other life sustaining treatment, precisely in order to end a patient's life. This would cross the line from reasonable withdrawal of inappropriate treatment into the realm of passive euthanasia.' (185)

No one should underestimate the challenges placed on families and carers when a loved one enters a persistent vegetative state. Sus-

tained pastoral support for them is essential. Artificial nutrition and hydration, however, are not treatment. They do not cure anything. In whatever way they are delivered, food and water for a person in a persistent vegetative state fulfil the same purpose as for any other person. They keep them alive as part of their basic care. They prevent death by malnutrition and dehydration.

Patients in persistent vegetative states are some of the most vulnerable in our society. It is not an act of compassion to remove their food and drink in order to cause their death. Equally, it cannot be in patients' best interests, whatever their level of consciousness, to have their life intentionally ended. Our care for those in such situations is the test of our common humanity and our solidarity with some of the most fragile of our brothers and sisters."

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What's on offer?

On Saturday 8 September there's a dynamic Youth Congress during the day, not to mention the opportunity to join in Nightfever that evening.

You can also join silent prayer with the Carmelites, enter into prayerful worship music with Youth 2000 and learn more about the extraordinary 15 year-old who's just been declared Venerable - on the path to sainthood!

The current hot topic of immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers is looked at in the context of an historic Irish immigrant parish.

An exhibition looking back to the previous Eucharistic Congress in London in 1908 continues this walk through history.

There's lots on offer for families, such as family-friendly Holy Hour with the Redemptorist Community and peace-making in families with 'Together for the Common Good' (T4CG). Plus you can try your hand at bread-making from scratch or engage with the "Messy Church".

Our Christian neighbours, the Anglican Bishop of Liverpool the Right Reverend Paul Bayes and Reverend Dr Sheryl M Anderson, the Methodist District Chair will discuss Jesus's words "I am the bread of life" with the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool,



with an opportunity for audience questions.

Naturally there'll be lots of music, from an original concert of classical music written by Jesuits and composers with 'Jesuit connections', to the stunning Soul Sanctuary gospel choir who will also perform a concert.

And how could we be in Liverpool without the Beatles? Their iconic music will feature in the evening sing-along of famous Liverpool songs.

These are just some of the offerings extended by our Liverpool hosts along with others, for the full programme check the website below especially as some of the events are allocated, meaning places have to be secured in advance.

You can download the Adoremus 'Parallel Programme'. at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Adoremus-National-Eucharistic-Pilgrimage/Parallel-Programme>

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Dear Friend,

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to a Diocesan Day of Renewal on Saturday 6th October 2018, from 10.00 – 17.30 at St. Mary's Primary Academy, Wellington Street, Grimsby, DN32 7JX.

We are delighted to welcome Monsignor John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham and Father Paul Keene, Vice-Rector of Oscott College as our speakers. The day will include workshops & seminars, Holy Mass, praise and time for prayer.

There will be activities for children of all ages. Entry is free and there will be a collection during the day to cover the costs of the day. Booking is essential so please call contact the parish office Tel 01472 342301 or holytrinitygci@gmail.com as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you are unable to attend we would ask you to join us in prayer sometime during this day.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to this very special day.

Deacon Richard & Team

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

SS Peter & Paul's, Lincoln.



The wonderful occasion of Fr Eddy Jarosz Silver Jubilee at SS Peter and Paul's occurred on one lovely Summer Evening. There was also a family, friends and clergy event at lunchtime that day at The Bentley Hotel and a BBQ and social at the Parish centre after Mass.

The Parish were very determined to make this a special occasion for such a much loved parish priest and everyone in the Parish was at some stage involved. The ceremonial presentation was highly regarded and this was supported by the Lincoln Deanery Choir.

The Parish presented Fr Eddy with a special

chalice, and Bishop Patrick a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, which drew warm applause. Fr Eddy's good friend from Seminary days, Fr Peter Clarke from the Diocese of Lancaster, gave a moving homily. The Mass was concelebrated by a number of our Diocesan priests and many others came to the lunchtime event before returning to say Mass in their home parishes.

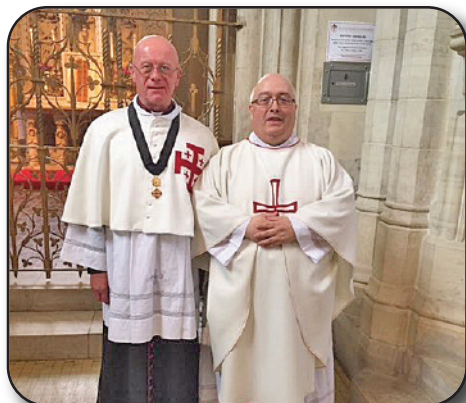
A special aspect of the event was the presence of Fr Eddy's Mum, Dad, two brothers, close friends and relatives.

*Text and pictures by
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Congratulations to Canon Geoffrey Hunton

Canon Geoffrey Hunton, parish priest of St Mary's, Derby, was honoured to be asked to become a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. This is an internationally recognised order of knighthood under the protection of the Holy See. The Pope is sovereign of the order which traces its roots back to 1099 and was formally recognised by a Papal bull in 1113. Canon Geoffrey was invested into the order during a special ceremony at St George's Cathedral Southwark.



Fran Wickes

St Mary's, Derby, say farewell and good luck to Year 6



It was an emotional Mass on the last day of term at St Mary's Primary School as they said goodbye to the Year 6 pupils who will be moving on to the next phase of their education. Special congratulations go to Maia, Angel, Christina, Joel, Rosie, Anna, Zofia, Emma and Henry who were awarded the end of year trophies and prizes for achievements in sport, the arts, academic work, progress, faith in action and good citizenship. All the children are in the thoughts and prayers of staff and pupils.

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Share the Journey 
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Sharing the Journey in Long Eaton

Helen McElhone, school chaplain writes.....

On Thursday 21st June you may have seen a school on the move! All the pupils and staff of English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy walked in unity to raise awareness of the global refugee crisis.

Last September Pope Francis launched the Share the Journey campaign. He has declared this time a 'unique opportunity' for us to press our governments to make global commitments which place the human dignity of people on the move at their heart. CAFOD's response was to invite Catholics in England and Wales to walk the 24,901 miles which is the distance around the world, not because they want us to keep fit but because it is important that all people are aware of the plight of refugees and migrants around the world.



We walked a circular route from our school passing our neighbouring schools on the way, it was a distance of 1.14 miles, when we multiplied that by the number of people who were walking (290) we have walked a total of 330 miles. We have added our total number of miles to the CAFOD totaliser and hope that we have done our bit to influence the decisions of World Leaders when they meet at The United Nations this September to develop new global agreements on refugees and migration.



.....around the Diocese

Sharing the Journey on NottsTV

Monday morning and a message on the answerphone. Charlotte from NottsTV has seen that we are having a Share the Journey walk this morning and would like to come along and interview us! It wasn't how I was expecting the day to start!

Charlotte arrived and set up her camera and it was great to have our Solidarity display in the background – displaying lots of photos from around the Diocese of the many walks that have taken place.

After the interview we went outside to prepare for our short, 1 mile walk, around the block, making it back in time for Mass in the Convent at 12.30pm



Charlotte walked with us and filming as she went. She also interview Roger Neale, husband of Ann, one of our school volunteers. Roger is recovering from a knee operation and has been adding his recuperating miles to the campaign.

As I write (Thursday 26th July) the totaliser now stands at 83 968 miles, well into our fourth loop of the globe!

Sharing the Journey in Glossop

Well done to our Catholic Community in Glossop! As well as walking for the Share the Journey campaign, staff and students at St Mary's Catholic primary school also managed to raise funds! Headteacher Simon Groake told me; "The whole school rallied round to walk through the town to show our support for the plight of refugees and to raise funds for CAFOD's latest campaign, "Share the Journey". Parents, family members and parishioners joined the children on their walk. In Norfolk Square we sat and reflected upon the feelings refugees must have. We honoured them with a minute's silence and sang 'When I needed a neighbour' On returning to school, parishioners handed out refreshments for the children after their walk. We hope to have raised £1000 for CAFOD with our sponsored walk. The Liturgy Council organised the whole event to promote the Catholic Life of the School"



What great witness from the parish and school who added 226 miles to the totaliser that day. They also managed to get their 'journey' published in the local paper, the Glossop Chronicle! Fr Greg Tobin, parish priest said, "I was delighted to see such a positive article in the 'Chron' about St Mary's school joining in the CAFOD 'share the journey' campaign. There were some lovely photographs and a form of evangelisation as the school went down into the town highlighting the plight of refugees, and the work of the Church in relieving their suffering through the work of CAFOD"



Other walks have also been organised in the parish so thanks to all involved especially CAFOD parish contact Moira Hind.

Would you like to organise a Share the Journey walk? CAFOD's target was to walk the 24 900 miles that circumnavigate the globe. As I write today (19/7/18) we have reached 79 220 so we are now on our fourth loop of the globe!

By Maggie Mairura



Apostleship of the Sea
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Ensuring support for seafarers in Nottingham



Seafarers often spend months at sea, confined within the space of their ships, with limited human contact other than with their crew mates.

Many also miss out on things like family events, and crew members who are Catholic often have to forego Mass and other sacraments until they reach their next port of call.

In June, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Immingham Port Chaplain Steve Willows met the captain and two crew members of a vehicles' carrier when it docked at the port.

It was the captain's first time off the ship since joining. He had been at sea for about five months.

His first words when stepping off the linkspan was "Thank God, I have arrived!". He was so excited to come off the ship and to be able to get away for a few hours.

Steve took them to the Seafarers Centre in Immingham to get some supplies and some lunch. He spent time talking with and listening to them, and they spoke about places in the Philippines where the men were from.

The seafarers then asked if they could go to a local church, so Steve took them to St Mary on the Sea Church, Grimsby.

"When we arrived, Benediction was just starting so it was good that they could be there for that," Steve said.



"After that I took them back to the ship as they had to set sail later that day. The few hours they had away were much appreciated," he added.

The next day Steve received a message from the captain saying, "Many thanks for the opportunity for us to see your beautiful place. Its worth remembering and wonderful. Wish you all the best."

In the Nottingham Diocese, AoS has three port chaplains providing spiritual and pas-

toral support to all seafarers arriving at ports in Immingham, Grimsby and Boston, with great support from parishes, groups and schools.

On September 5th at 6pm a Mass in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea will be held to pray for seafarers and for AoS' work. The Mass will be at St. Mary on the Sea, Grimsby, DN32 9DZ and celebrated by Fr Andrew Cole. All invited, please come along. For more information and to RSVP contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

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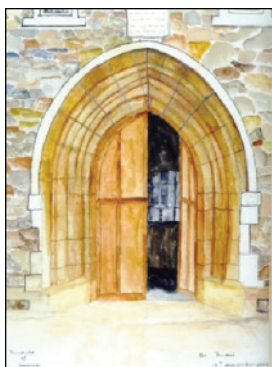
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Over the past year LACY have received support from the Leicester 53 Catenian Circle and have been fortunate to be their charity during 2018. We are most grateful to them as this has greatly helped to boost our funds.

The Countryside Stations of the Cross at Mount St. Bernard Abbey in March had, at the last minute, to be cancelled due to the heavy fall of snow. However, all was not lost thanks to Fr. Stephan Foster who allowed us to bring the Stations of the Cross to St. Mary's South Wigston, after which we had our Youth Mass and then shared our food with some of the parishioners! We hope that we will be able to have these Stations of the Cross at the Abbey again in 2019.

"Hidden Treasures" at Topstones Campsite and Activity Centre, near Houghton on the Hill, on 13th May was the highlight of our Summer! This event was geared to those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and was a huge success with young people looking more fully into their own individual journeys of Faith and linking the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit through physical and reflective activity. An auction attracted all – putting priority on the most important areas of our lives! Parishes involved were St. Mary & St. John Bosco, Leicester, St. Edward's Aylestone, St. Thomas More Leicester, St. Joseph's Leicester and St. John the Baptist and St. Peter's Melton Mowbray. Thirty three young people and eight adults shared the day and an uplifting celebration of Mass was celebrated on the field by Fr. Simon Gillespie at the

end of the afternoon.

"The Legacy" of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to be explored even further when we meet again at St. Joseph's, Leicester, on Sunday afternoon 30th September to discuss where we are at now, pray together and lift our voices to God through Praise and Worship! Sharing food afterwards! Come and share some more with us by finding out all the information on our facebook page – ask to become a member.

Our LACY Vision is to keep all young people very much in our prayers, meeting them where they are at through "Fun! Faith! and Food!" Young people are a joy! The people of the Church today!

FRANKLY SPEAKING

If you live in or have any connection with the Diocese of Nottingham I can most certainly recommend the book published this year whose author is Canon Anthony Dolan. "Good News For The East Midlands" is a comprehensive story of Catholic Christianity in a large area of England. We are often told by academics that we can learn from history. In his introduction Canon Dolan speaks of "the rush but often unknown spiritual tradition we have inherited" As we approach the Autumn of 2018 we should reflect on the principle aim of the book which is to be a powerful aid in "spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ in the twenty first century."

The month of September is of particular importance this year. The National Eucharistic Conference in Liverpool is a shared pilgrimage and we must pray and hope that any weak batteries will be fully re-charged for all of those attending and equally important to our brothers and sisters far away from Liverpool, geography will not matter between September 7th -9th.

The next few weeks will also witness the start of a new academic year. Earlier this year the Education

Secretary appeared to perform a "u-turn" on the issue of Catholic schools and their future. Despite a "firm policy" on faith based admission the 50 percent cap will remain. Not by any means the first time that politics has been a principal factor in education. Throughout Canon Dolans' book we read of the creation of Catholic schools in Victorian times and beyond. In the history of Our Lady and St Edward in Nottingham we read of "the schoolrooms being a stable and hayloft in 1884." In 2018 the latest figure shows 827,000 children being educated in Catholic schools.

The Catholic community is rightly proud of its schools, those who give their time as governors need to develop an even stronger relationship with the clergy and parents. The twenty-first century will continue to present new challenges for our children and teachers, the opponents of Catholic schools are well organised and we need to be the same. We surely owe this to that Nottingham based stable in 1884 and to so many who have been the basis for Canon Dolans book.

**Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish
Newark**

Fr David Cain Leads the Renewal Days for Derbyshire's Extraordinary Ministers

Fr David Cain from St Alban's Church in Chaddesden, Derby, led informative and engaging talks entitled – 'Exploring Our Fruitful Membership of the Body of Christ at Home and Abroad,' for EMs at Our Lady of Lourdes in Mickleton and St Anne's in Buxton. This was done through the medium of Catholic Social Teaching, a topic that could be quite dry but Fr David brought life and heart to the subject and thoroughly engaged us.

The talk was broken down into different sections, with an initial introduction to Catholic Social Teaching (CST), looking at the sources and documents – including rare archival film of Pope Leo XIII from the 1890s, evidence that here was a man ready to embrace new ideas. CST makes clear that we are called to flourish as individuals and as a community and we do that through connecting with others, by having a vision of how our world could be different if we make particular choices for Christ. Fr David asked us to think about how our choice to become Extraordinary Ministers was an act of service to others and a vocation.

Human dignity must always be respected and Fr David spoke about how we are called to see the face of Christ in everyone. We can sometimes struggle to do this if we have decided we do not like a person or what they represent. But it is precisely at those times that the call is greatest – it is easy to see Christ in one's friends, the tough part is see-

ing Him in our enemies. Fr David recounted the story of buying a pair of shoes through a Fair Trade organisation, and being sent regular updates by the workers on these shoes as they were made. It connected him to the dignity of the workers, they became real people, not just faceless cogs in an impersonal manufacturing process. Though it might not be possible to have that level of contact with the producers of everything we consume, it certainly brings home the point that our needs and wants affect other people. We are called to live in solidarity with others, and look at them through God's eyes. In becoming human, Jesus showed the ultimate act of solidarity with us. When we strive for freedom, we also need to be aware that our actions can limit others' freedom to choose.

Fr David spoke about the importance of true peace, and how this is much more than a mere absence of war. We should all be engaged in an enterprise of justice, a conversion to letting go of what drew us to war and anger in the first place. Ultimately each of us is called to be a reflection of God to others – though it can sometimes feel like an impossible task, Fr David left us feeling a little more well-equipped to do it. The renewal days included a time of Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with Mass, where Fr Michael Eastwood gave an uplifting final message.

Fran Wickes

Fr Peter from St Georges, Derby working with the local Roma Community



Fr Peter has for the last six years been taken into the heart of the local Roma Community in Normanton, Derby. As part of the Parish Outreach/Evangelisation programme they are one of a number of groups that receive both practical and spiritual support from the Parish, the Church is in old Normanton, Derby and the local community has changed considerably since the new Millennium.

Now surrounded by families from all over the world it brings a richness to the Parish that they are embracing. What began with one Roma family receiving instruction for their child's baptism has grown, with many Roma children and adults receiving catechism for all the sacraments. Fr Peter along with Mrs Karan O'Connor his Parish Assistant visit the families in their homes and work with them.

To overcome any language barriers Mr Juan Sepcik has been assisting Karan with translation.

On Saturday 28th July Fr Peter baptised 7 from the Roma community, it was a wonderful occasion with many families of the Roma community attending. Fr Peter added "It was a wonderful celebration following the weeks that Karan has spent preparing them, they are lovely people who once a level of trust is found totally embrace you, they remain committed to the Catholic Church and have a strong faith, we are richer in Spirit to have such a diverse and cultural mix amongst our worshippers."

Who are the Roma Travelling Community? Origins & History

The Roma originate from Punjab and Rajasthan areas of India. Their ancestors emigrated from India approximately 1000 years ago and travelled through Asia to Europe and later to the Americas. For centuries they maintained a nomadic lifestyle but were forced to settle under the communist regimes of Eastern Europe.

The Roma have faced centuries of discrimination, persecution and forced assimilation. In many countries the Roma remain marginalised, experiencing barriers to employment, education and health. The Roma first came to the UK as asylum seekers. For several years they were subjected to strict immigration and work restrictions, which have greatly impacted their mental health and contributed to distrust towards questionnaires and detailed questions about themselves. Since the EU accessions of 2004 and 2007, the Roma have been coming to the UK as economic migrants.

Religion and Faith

The Roma Community are predominantly Catholic, Pentecostal & Muslim, they do follow their faith; and often religion is the first point of contact outside their close communities in the country where they are living.

Fr James at St Joseph's Mablethorpe

On the Feast of St James 2018 the Frost and Jenkinson family who have been holidaying in Mablethorpe for the past 35 years presented Fr James Lynch with a framed tribute thanking him for his priestly service to them over many years. Fr James has always made us very welcome along with the parishioners of St Joseph's and the family who are from the Hallam diocese wished to give their thanks.



Winner of the Knights of St Columba Easter Painting Competition

The Knight's Easter Painting Competition was won this year by Esther-Ruth (Essie) Tremeer, a Year 7 student from Our Lady's Convent School, Loughborough, Leicestershire, for her depiction of the cross silhouetted against a darkening sky. As well as the trophy, Essie received a cheque for £75 and a certificate at the end of school Mass on 2nd July. The school has also benefited directly from Essie's artistic talents, being presented with a cheque for £200 which they have already spent on two icons for the school chapel. Will Holland, Grand Knight of Loughborough Council 197, said, "The creation of any work of art involves considerable thought about what is being depicted, and this is very evident in Essie's powerful and evocative picture. I congratulate her for her deserved success."



Esther-Ruth Tremeer with her prize-winning picture, with Father Simon Gillespie and Grand Knight Will Holland



House of Prayer

September

- 14 Friday - Healing Service led Fr Denis Labartette. Rosary at 7.00 pm followed by Mass, Adoration and prayers for healing.
- 15 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on Saints for our Complex World. Shared table lunch at 1.00pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.
- 22 Saturday - "Prayer is a constant awareness of God's loving presence". Talk by Fr Antonio Belsito. Mass at 10.00 am and talk at 11.00 am. Shared table lunch at 1.00 pm. Please book in advance. All are welcome.
- 29 Saturday - Lectio Divina starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

October

- 12 Friday - Healing Service led by Fr Ted Mullen. Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration and prayers for healing.
- 20 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on Difficulties in prayer. Shared table lunch at 1.00pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.
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2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield; wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown; first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear; Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home: from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away, giving angels charge at last in the fire that tares to cast; but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home: gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide: come, with all thine angels, come.

AS A YOUNG child my reading, writing and verbal language skills were good. However, I had an unfortunate habit of mispronouncing some words and quite often these were names. My family hooted with laughter when I tried to say the name 'MacLeod' pronouncing it phonetically (Mac-lee-od), instead of saying Mac-Cloud, and of course the same occurred with the name 'Cholmondeley', (how on earth could this be Chumley, I wondered?) And it wasn't always just a case of a simple verbal blunder either. It was not unknown for me to also misinterpret the sense of a sentence...

HARVEST HOME

As summer ends and autumn appears on the horizon, I am reminded of the beautiful Christian harvest hymn 'Come ye thankful people come', which I used to sing at primary school each harvest-time. But you probably won't be surprised to hear that although I loved this hymn, I was always puzzled by the second line of the first verse: 'Raise the song of harvest home'. What, I used to wonder, is a harvest-home? What sorts of people live in one and what does it look like?! And of course, this phrase is also repeated throughout the hymn. It was quite a few years later before I realised that the line, of course, refers to the safe gathering in of the harvest from the land.

When the rest of these lovely verses are read, it quickly becomes apparent that there is so much more to be garnered than the harvested crops, important though this is. We too are gathered in to the Lord as we are nurtured and as we grow both in our life and our faith journeys. And incredibly this is only the beginning, as ultimately our time of harvested maturity will come at the end of our earthly lives, and we will be gathered in by the Lord to be in his own wonderful presence.

PLENTIFUL

Jesus was, of course, fond of using analogies which referred to the land, food and wine in his parables, to enable his disciples and followers to more clearly understand his teaching and preaching, and in so doing he frequently referenced the harvest. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus sends out his disciples in pairs and 'he told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' We too are invited to share in the rich and plentiful harvest of God and also to labour to ensure that others are aware of the Lord's call.

And so this autumn, may we raise the song of harvest home with no fear of misinterpretation or mispronunciation as we acclaim 'Jesus is Lord!'

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BRIGG FAMILY'S TRIPLE CATENIAN AWARD



Photo shows from left to right: Fr. Luke, Fr. Benedict, Ellie Clark, Nathan Clark and Tony Brookes

The Catenian Association has a Bursary Fund to help young Catholics (16 – 24) to assist on Diocesan/HCPT Lourdes pilgrimages or to do voluntary charitable work abroad. Quite remarkably three young people from a Brigg family have now received Catenian Bursary Awards. Nathan Clark received an award to work in India in 2015. In January the President of Scunthorpe Circle, Tony Brookes, presented a cheque for £1000 to Nathan's younger brother, Paul, at Sunday Mass at St. Mary's, Brigg. Paul has just returned from Cambodia after spending 5 months working with Bosco Volunteer Action.

Tony Brookes was back in Brigg in July to present a cheque for £900 to Nathan and Paul's sister, Ellie Clark, who will start charitable work in Tanzania in September. Ellie was congratulated by Fr. Luke, visiting from Rome, who celebrated Mass and by parish priest Fr. Benedict.

If you would like further information about the Catenian Association please contact Tony Brookes (07721 834084) who will put you in touch with your nearest Circle. Further details of the Bursary Scheme can be found at www.thecatenians.com/bursary

Fr PETER'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

On behalf of Fr Peter and his family, we extend very sincere thanks to all who came to the parish evening on Thursday at St George's Social Centre.

Fr Peter began the event with a presentation in words and pictures on the Pope's call to holiness in today's world entitled "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be Glad). Pope Francis begins his apostolic exhortation with words of Jesus to his friends of all time who will be persecuted or humiliated for his sake. As we know from the Gospels, Jesus himself was persecuted, humiliated and executed for being true to his mission from God Our Father. Jesus, living the basics of religion of the Old Testament which are love of God and love of others to the best of one's ability by prayer and good deeds, nevertheless was rejected and crucified. Pope Francis spells out some essentials of living in today's world which will help anyone who takes him seriously to grow and develop in the way of Jesus the man for others, friend and saviour of human beings. The parish party which followed Fr Peter's exposition of Gaudete et Exsultate was attended by about 60 parishioners. We enjoyed a lovely buffet prepared and set out by Karan and helpers. Fr Peter then cut his 90th birthday cake, made by one of his three daughters, and we sang Happy Birthday. During the evening Fr Peter received gifts and cards from lots of parishioners and the proceeds of a collection at Holy Spirit Church, together with a donation from St George's. On Saturday celebrations take place with about 50 family members at a local restaurant Littleover Lodge. We wish Fr Peter many more happy years in God's service



came along last Thursday to celebrate my 90th Birthday. I was overwhelmed with the attendance of so many of you and the lovely fellowship shared. Many thanks for all the gifts, for all who helped with the technical support and to refreshment AND buffet team. I will be donating the generous collection from St George's & Holy Spirit of £220 to the Derby Night Shelter.

Special thanks to Fr Alan who is my good friend as well as a fellowpriest. I am so blessed to be able to be part of such a wonderful, vibrant and active parish. Final thanks to our faithful Parish Assistant Karan who enables both Fr Alan and I to get on with our duties without worry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to all who

God Bless you all – Fr Peter "90 Years Young"

Benemerenti medal from Pope Francis for over fifty years of service

Patrick Dugard, from Grimsby, recently received the Benemerenti medal from Pope Francis for over fifty years of service to the Catholic Church in North-East Lincolnshire, in particular the Parish of St Pius X, which is now part of the Parish of the Most Holy & Undivided Trinity, Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham.

Patrick has been serving Mass, in St Peter's Church and then St Pius X Church, from shortly after he received his First Holy Communion, and he has trained, and still does train, many a server to assist in the sanctuary diligently; he has a lightness of touch that makes people want to serve. However, serving at Mass has been the rightful tip of a very big parochial iceberg - Patrick has led worship when no priest or deacon was available, worked as a catechist, helped with the implementation of the RCIA in the Diocese of Nottingham and organised many a social function that has brought parishioners together and helped to make the parish a warmer and more welcoming community.

Patrick's family and friends gathered in St

Mary on the Sea Church in Grimsby to see him receive the medal from Fr Andrew Cole, the parish priest, who said: 'I value very much his counsel, and his friendship, and everything else he does; we work together closely, not just about the liturgy but he is chair of our social and fundraising group, which does brilliant work in arranging our programme of social events. He is a great organiser - I've just got to think of the parish Christmas dinner last December to prove that. I was blown away - by the sheer number of people who came, the amazing atmosphere, and the great work that went into it, and all the other stuff that we've done since I arrived here in January last year. It is a great honour and a privilege for me to be your parish priest, and that job is made much easier, and more pleasant, by the hard work, enthusiasm and support of Patrick and of so many other people. For outstanding service within our parish, Patrick has rightly been honoured by the Holy Father with the Benemerenti Medal.

Congratulations!'



Confirmation St Georges & Holy Spirit Derby

The celebration of Confirmation took place on 21st July at St Georges & Holy Spirit, Derby. It was a particularly joyful Occasion, it was lovely to meet the families and friends of the Confirmation candidates who travelled from as far a field as Ireland and Croatia. My thanks and appreciation to Fr Joe Wheat who led the celebration, Karan O'Connor their catechist, the servers and musicians from St Georges school and the ladies who helped with the lovely refreshments. The Confirmation candidates arranged the Mass liturgy choosing the hymns, readings and writing the Bidding prayers, it was a great testament to their maturity and growing faith. The last word was given by the Confirmed they asked "Please continue to pray for us as we leave here today that we will go out into the world to declare our faith and spread the Good news" We shall Keep them in our prayers- Fr Alan & Fr Peter.



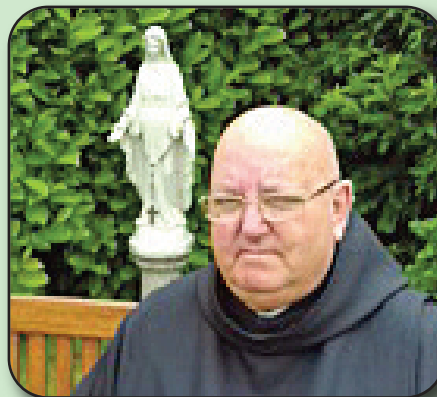
Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

As I write in the early part of August in our Sunday Gospels for the next few weeks we shall be hearing from St. John's Gospel chapter six and by the time you read this Catholic News edition we shall have journeyed through some of Jesus' clearest and most explicit teaching on the Eucharist. This is most fitting especially this year as during this month of September the Eucharistic Congress will take place in Liverpool and hopefully some of us will be participating physically at this event or otherwise will be marking it in our parishes in some way or another.

For some weeks now in the Gospel we have been following closely the public ministry of Jesus, we have heard of the many miracles he has performed some of these public but mostly in private, he had healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, has cast out demons, we have heard how he had fed a large multitude with just five loaves and two fish - this was a universal miracle performed not just for the benefit of an individual but for many people and for all to see. The miracle of the loaves and fishes is one well known to all and is the greatest sign and wonder which Jesus intended to be a sign to prepare us for something much greater - the miracle of the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church

tells us that the Eucharist 'is the source and summit of our Christian life', it is the summary of all God's work in history - to sanctify the world, to bring us communion with his divine life and to unite us as one family of God in his Catholic Church. It is because the Eucharist is so important that we have been having our attentions drawn towards this great mystery of faith. The Eucharist is a sign that God wants to be with us, that he wants to be part of our lives, it is Jesus - the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, as we know it, His Body, His Blood, his soul, his divinity. He comes to be with us in every celebration of the Mass and reception of the Eucharist.

In the Gospels Jesus teaches us the supernatural and spiritual truth of the Eucharist - we hear how Jesus took bread, gave thanks and gave the bread to his disciples, we know that the word to 'give thanks' means Eucharist. The Eucharist is the meaning of history, since he created the world God has been guiding all of history toward the coming of Jesus Christ and the revelation of the Eucharist. Every time we receive the Eucharist God is feeding us with his own hands, through the hands of his ordained priests with His own Body and Blood.



The Eucharist then is a remarkable reality that Jesus wants to be with us. During and after the Eucharistic Congress let us reflect on 'Jesus the Bread of Life', let us ask for the grace to be aware of how much God really loves us, let us have a greater faith in the Eucharist, a greater faith in God's love, we need to ask Jesus to 'give us this bread always', the bread from heaven.

May our Blessed Mother help us to answer the invitation of Jesus to open the door of our hearts to His beautiful love in the Eucharist.

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Paul Bodenham, Fieldworker for the Nottingham Diocese Justice and Peace Commission

The little patch of Nottinghamshire outside my window was a sorry sight this summer. But a threadbare lawn isn't the half of it. Across half the globe records were broken for heat, drought and wildfire. The scientists say it is the shape of things to come, and we must cut net carbon emissions to nothing in the next 30-odd years.

Against this backdrop the Vatican recently convened a conference with no less an aim than 'saving the future of life on Earth'. They heard that much can be done, in politics, finance and technology, but, said Pope Francis, 'all of these actions presuppose a transformation on a deeper level, namely a change of hearts and minds'.

For this 'ecological conversion' people of faith have a life-saving gift – one to receive and pass on. Prayer gives a voice to the world's deepest longings, so it's a good place to start the journey. Pope Francis has called a Day of Prayer for Creation on 1 September each year. It is followed by a worldwide Season of Creation which

will close with the Feast of St Francis on 4 October.

For Sunday Masses during the season, the Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is suggesting some bidding prayers. You can download them from the diocesan website (just type is.gd/NdJSOO into your browser to get straight there).

To go further, take a look at Global Healing, a film-based event for parishes, groups and individuals. It is receiving its diocesan premier at Blessed Sacrament, Leicester on 29 September! You can download it free from www.ourcommonhome.co.uk. Why not use that as a springboard for seeking a parish award in CAFOD's LiveSimply programme? And at home, look into renewable electricity: almost every parish in the diocese now runs on it – and not a lot of people know that!

For more information contact Paul (email jpnottingham@nrcdt.org.uk or phone 07470 907656)

Parish Well Dressing 2018

Church of the Immaculate Conception

For the thirteenth time a traditional Derbyshire custom was undertaken at one of most northerly parishes in the diocese right next to the River Etherow.



Members of the congregation and volunteers from the local community started work on 8th July 2018 to create three well dressing boards.

The first, larger board was of an image of St. Tarscisius (patron saint of Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and First Communicants) - chosen to celebrate the Ruby Anniversary this year (2018) of Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry.

The second board was of an image of St. Hugh of Lincoln, secondary patron of our diocese and a smaller board with the image of St. Swithin.

278 hours after they were started, the dressing were erected at the "Holy Well" in the church grounds on the banks of the river on Friday 13th July.

After a short procession of Eucharist Ministers and congregation to the "Holy Well" during Holy Mass on St. Swithin's Day, 15th July 2018, Canon Daniel Bowdren V.F. blessed the Eucharistic Ministers, the Well Dressings tableaux and the congregation with water from the well.



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School gates opened for a day of family fun

St Georges Voluntary Academy, Derby opened the School gates to a day of family fun. It was 7 years since the school last held a Summer fair so lots of planning went into this year Family Funday to ensure it was a success, it was decided it would be a Family Fun day which would enable local families to enjoy a day out that was affordable and lots of fun.



With fantastic weather on the day the fields and school were full with inflatables, Welly throwing, bouncy castles, disco tent, water fights, teachers in the stocks, magic shows, raffles, local community police and competitions galore. With so much to do most of the families stayed the whole day and to keep them fed and watered there was lots to eat with BBQ stands, ice cream, cake & Coffee Café, Mock-tails, food from around the world & Vegetarian food stalls – there really was something for everyone.

Mrs Racheal Snowdon – Poole Head Teacher, Mrs Helen Janeusewski TA and Mrs Karan O'Connor representing the parish & Governors met weekly from January to ensure everything would go well, on the day all the teachers, staff and lots of parents volunteered to run stalls.

Mrs Rachael Snowdon-Poole said "What an absolutely fantastic day, we have been overwhelmed by the support and attendance from school families, parish and the local Community, we have had over 650 through the gates today and it has exceeded all our expectations. It's important as a school to be part of our local community of Littleover and put something back into it, I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such a vibrant community school and the support and donation from parents & parish today is amazing"



Local MP and council leader questioned by students at Saint John Houghton

Students from schools across Erewash quizzed MP Maggie Throup and council leader Carol Hart at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy.



Mrs Throup and Mrs Hart were being questioned by members of Erewash Youth Forum, which included students from Saint John, Kirk Hallam Community Academy, Long Eaton School, Ormiston Ilkeston Enterprise Academy and Friesland School.

After Mrs Throup and Mrs Hart introduced themselves, they held a question and answer session during which students raised issues such as pressures on the NHS and local GPs, university fees, HS2, the voting age and global warming.

In response to a question about what is being done to alleviate pressure on the NHS, Mrs Hart responded: "The pressures now are enormous as we are all living a lot longer. When a person goes to hospital they need to be seen as quickly as possible, get the right treatment and get home as quickly as possible. We need to do a lot more preventative work."

Responding to a question about the cost of going to university, Mrs Throup said: "I'm meeting more young people who are going down the apprenticeship route and I think it's important to give young people a choice."

Joan McCarthy, head teacher of Saint John Houghton CVA, in Kirk Hallam, said that all of the students involved were a credit to their schools.

She said: "It is so important that our young people engage with the world around them and are aware of issues that may affect them. The questions they asked at the youth forum meeting were excellent and they had clearly done their research. We are extremely proud of our own students who took part and all of the young people involved should feel very proud of themselves too."

Erewash Youth Forum is a partnership between Erewash Borough Council, Derbyshire County Council and local schools.

Its aims include listening to and speaking for the young people of Erewash, promoting equality for young people and helping them to be more involved in decisions that affect their lives.

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