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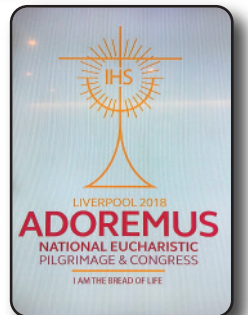


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National Eucharistic Congress Liverpool 2018



In his welcome to Liverpool Archbishop Malcolm Mc Mahon O.P. spoke of the 'Liverpool Experience' to the first gathering of the thousands of diocesan and parish representatives at the Congress.

The objective of Adoremus 2018 was to be 'a unique opportunity for the church to gather and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist and particularly to explore the place of Eucharistic Adoration'. When we all left for home having got thoroughly wet through after the Eucharistic Procession around the streets of Liverpool I am sure the objective had been achieved not least by the tremendous singing of hymns despite the rain showers. The 'Liverpool Experience' now had an added dimension which we all hope will be welcomed and actioned in our parishes.

'If Christ is the centre of our life, everything else falls into place in harmony, with integrity, beauty and caritas.'

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Bishop Robert Barron

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Apostleship of the Sea
 Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Port chaplains, ship visitors commissioned in Grimsby

Two port chaplains and seven ship visitors from Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) in Nottingham Diocese were commissioned by Fr Andrew Cole during Mass at St Mary on the Sea Grimsby on September 5.

The Mass was the first in a series of 15 to be held across Great Britain in September and October to commemorate the feast of Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Those commissioned were AoS Immingham and Grimsby Port Chaplains Steven Willows and Bryony Watson, and ship visitors Tony Collins, Aileen Heald, Deacon Richard Jones, Joanna Perry, Savino Romagnuolo, Anne Marie Smith and Theresa Watson.

Nearly 100 people, comprising ship visitors, parish contacts, supporters and parishioners of Grimsby, Immingham and Cleethorpes joined in the Mass to pray for the ministry of AoS and for seafarers.

Mass was concelebrated by Fr Andrew and AoS Immingham Port Chaplain Fr Colum Kelly.

Delivering the homily, Fr Colum spoke of how AoS had become an integral part of St Mary's Church and parish life, and not just a side issue.



He said, "You became a part of the AoS story and over the years that story has been enriched by the fact you became a part of it. You joined in our work, became ship visitors, brought in clothes for seafarers, packed shoeboxes at Christmas time for them."

He added, "You prayed for AoS, engaged

with our ministry and responded to it. The story isn't just a series of words but is now a part of you, and it has become richer because of the wonderful work done in this parish."

Dates and times of all the Masses can be found at <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/stella-maris-masses-2018>

FRANKLY SPEAKING

When my mother died the funeral director arranged a memorial photograph and the printing agents added a picture of Saint Pio Pietreluna still known with affection as Padre Pio. This particular memory occurrence was just 18 years after the death of this outstanding priest and 16 years before his canonisation, so he really was a saint for our modern times.

As you receive this newspaper the calendar will have moved on to the 50th anniversary of Padre Pio's death, the month of September also incorporates the date he received the stigmata 100 years ago. Padre Pio suffered poor health all his life which was devoted to prayer and piety which complimented his poverty. I am no historian but it seems clear that like so many other saints his total dedication to his faith was the simple reason why thousands sought him out for Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Last month I wrote about the impressive progress of Catholic schools which more or less coincided with the lifetime of Padre Pio. Well we now have another claim about "religious indoctrination of children". The alleged originators of this charge would appear to be schools and family members. I was reading newspaper reviews of this atheist claim when the latest CAFOD magazine came thro my letter box. "Side by Side" has an impressive centre page spread and shows how CAFOD is giving practical aid in many parts of the world to those in greatest

need. Not only aid but practical education to improve the quality of life for so many. Family Fast Day on October 5th will surely give strength to families around the world who really need our support.

When I was a member of Amnesty the subject of Myanmar (Burma) was frequently on our agenda and the internal concerns for Justice and Peace never far away. The advent of 24 hour news coverage means we now have greater knowledge of the human rights issues in the country, in particular the plight of Rohingya refugees in neighbouring Bangladesh.

The CAFOD magazine tells us how they have provided food, water, sanitation and other essential supplies to 60,000 refugees fleeing Myanmar whilst preserving their safety and dignity.

Our children need to know about Padre Pio and the work of CAFOD. With so many distractions not least on social media there is a danger that they will not know unless we tell them. Those who speak of "indoctrinating children" should tell us what they are doing about helping the refugees in Bangladesh which is one of the world's worst humanitarian crises and innocent children are amongst the victims.

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God's Love Story



The idea for the holiday family group activities at the Good Shepherd Church, Arnold, was a response to the lack of organised groups for parents and their children during the school holidays. This offered us as a Christian community the opportunity to step in and fill that gap. This would also allow us as, Mother Church, to both care for and evangelise our families. Attendance was good, the activities were varied ranging from stories, songs, crafts to roll play. A great spirit was generated and shared. The theme throughout was God's love for His people expressed in His covenant relationship throughout scripture from Adam through Noah, Abraham, Moses, David to Jesus and His Church. We are looking to do this again next year during the summer and maybe do Christmas and Easter sessions too

Peter Bruccoleri

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

As I write in mid September there is already a definite autumnal nip in the air especially in the early mornings, the daylight hours are ever decreasing and it seems quite a shock to the system after the long and hot summer we enjoyed this year. But despite this obvious change to the season, autumn is a favourite time of year for me, that old stale summer air begins to turn crisp and there is a cue we are entering a kind of newness, schools have now been back for a few weeks, our parish autumn programmes have begun, the commercial world is already reminding us that Christmas approaches. The autumn season reminds us that life is in continual change, autumn like Advent and January 1st seem to be a new beginning with opportunities to grow in our lives, to help others and to see God differently in our world. In October the dynamic colours of the world are in drastic change and the autumn season reminds us all that our faith and understanding of God undergo constant development and change too. However, this change is not always as easy or as obvious as we would like, sometimes we may feel stuck or as stale as the late summer air.

Autumn however, despite its appeal to some of us, may be saddening or challenging to others, we have our faith and fellow Christians to help us freshen our perspective on God's presence in our lives, we have each other to learn from, to walk alongside and support us as we go through the joys and challenges of life that change may bring. Change whether joyful or sad is stabilised by our faith that God is in the midst of us continually. God is active in our lives through the people around us, we are guided and supported by Christ so that we may see each other more clearly, and love one another more fully. St. Paul writing to the Corinthians says just this- 'so if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away: see everything



has become new' (2 Corinth.5:17) The autumn season then reminds us of new beginnings and the changes we continually undergo in our Christian pilgrimage and life in Christ. God shows us we are supported and loved despite the uncertain changes in our spiritual lives, despite the constant changes in our seasons, we can be assured of God's never ceasing presence and changelessness in our world and in our lives.

In this autumn time as the seasons change let us have grateful hearts for all that God has given to us as people of faith, lets praise God and thank him for his goodness to us, in every season may we rejoice in the Lord of creation, our God who reveals himself in word and sacrament. As members of our Holy Church by the waters of baptism may each one of us answer God's call, may we be evangelizes in our church and world making God known and loved. We are all called to evangelize in these times of change, the shortage of priests in our churches mean that we are meeting challenging times in the life of our parishes, we all need to rise and respond to this change. So let us pray for one another reflecting on God's love and goodness that we see in nature as seasons change, in his Word, in the Church and in every person made in his image.

*Fr David + h.d.n.
Priest and Hermit
Diocese of Nottingham.*

Poor Clares Share the Journey

By Maggie Mairura

Two weeks ago I popped in to visit our neighbours, the Poor Clare sisters. Catching up with each others news is always good! Their community is growing from 4 to 17 as another Convent in North Wales is closing and the community moving to Nottingham. So we remember them in our prayers as they face these new opportunities and challenges.

I updated them on the Share the Journey campaign and passed over some of the campaign cards. This morning after Mass, Sr Lily asked me to pop in again. 'We did our walk on Saturday, the feast of St Clare, and I have some photos for you'.

They walked around their garden, joining in solidarity with the many, many Catholics in England & Wales who have now walked



over 100 000 miles! 'It was only a short walk, not much', Sr Lily told me. I assured her that whatever the distance, their participation is wonderful!

I also heard today that the parish of Al-freton & Clay Cross organised a walk on Saturday 15th September. So don't worry if you hadn't taken part yet. There is still plenty of time!

Organise a Share the Journey walk and sign the petition

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A Visit to York to honour the Patron Saint of the CWL

On the 30th August the Lincoln Section of the CWL visited York in homage to our patron saint, Margaret Clitherow.

After lunch at the Bar Convent we were given a guided tour of the chapel, an impressive building completed in 1769. Inside the chapel is a relic of the hand of Saint Margaret Clitherow who was crushed to death in 1586, during the reign of Elizabeth, for harbouring priests.

The Bar Convent (The Convent of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin) is the oldest sur-

living Roman Catholic Convent, established in 1686 and created, in part, by Sir Thomas Gascoigne for the education of girls. The laws of England at the time prohibited the foundation of catholic convents and as a result the convent operated in secret.

We enjoyed a lovely day with beautiful sunny weather and hope to repeat our pilgrimage in 2019.

*Liz Aldridge,
St Peter & St Paul, Lincoln*



Later we visited the house in The Shambles where it is believed Margaret Clitherow had lived.



The exhibition at the Bar Convent gives a fascinating audio-visual account of the persecution of Catholics throughout the ages and its relevance to religious persecution today.

Confirmation Mass



Confirmation Mass offered by Bishop Patrick at Saint Winefride's in Shephed, on the 25th of May, 2018. With many thanks to Mr. Luis Vaz and the Rev. Fr. Michael Eastwood.





Strengthening family life through friendship and faith Catenians celebrate Kevin's 50 years

At its August meeting the Derby branch of the Catenian Association gathered to celebrate Kevin Hurst's 50 years of membership. Kevin and his wife Shirley are active members of the congregation of All Saints Parish, Ashbourne. He joined the Catenians in 1968 in Nottingham and served as President of Nottingham in 1983/4.

Over 70 Catenians, wives and guests from all over the district attended dinner at the Mick-leover golf club. The dignitaries present included John Hogan, National President, David Baldam, Provincial Director and Keith Webb, Provincial President. A fitting tribute was paid to Kevin by Phil Adams of the Catenian Nottingham branch.

More information about the Derby branch of the Catenian Association can be obtained from Richard Penna at richard.penna@ntlworld.com

Kevin Hurst
Catenian Association, Derby 46 Publicity Officer



Through the eyes of a saint

Yvonne Ripley, of St Anne's parish, Buxton

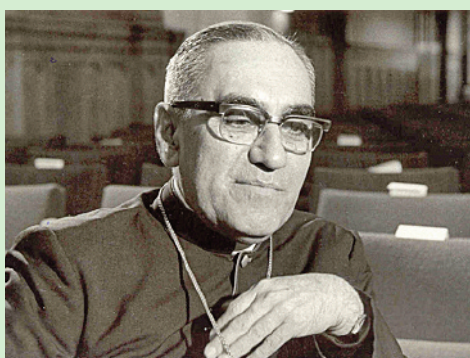
A few years ago I was gathering support for a Justice and Peace group in our parish. I worked hard at doing a really good job of communicating what it was, and why it was important. My moment of humility was waiting for me at the end of the month when I asked one gentleman if he wanted to join. He answered "But Yvonne, what's it really all about, this Justice and Peace?" The words that came to the front of my mind were 'Oscar Romero'.

It isn't always easy to try and encapsulate what justice and peace is all about: we can spout the concepts of justice, peace, equality, fairness, living as Christ taught us to live and so on, but the problem is that it's all very general, and it's also huge. It needs breaking down. It needs linking to our faith. It needs to seem manageable. And it needs to be relevant to people, because we are called to grow and to change.

The person whose life captures the essence of justice and peace for me is Blessed Oscar

Romero. Briefly: Oscar Romero was archbishop of San Salvador and became the voice of the voiceless poor in his country. In a time of murderous repression, hardship and conflict, he supported the poor and the oppressed, denouncing lies, coverups, torture and killings. He received multiple death threats and eventually was assassinated on 24th March 1980 whilst saying mass. He was beatified in 2015 and is to be canonised by Pope Francis this month on 14 October.

How is Oscar Romero's life relevant to us in the diocese of Nottingham? It is only when we start to see everyone – even those who are very different – as children of God that we shall be looking through his eyes and challenging injustice to create a better society where we live. As Blessed Oscar Romero himself said: "A civilisation of love that did not demand justice of people would not be a true civilisation": "Love must win out, it is the only thing that can."



"If we could see that Christ is the needy one, the torture victim, the prisoner, the murder victim, and if in each human figure so shamefully thrown by our roadside we could see Christ himself cast aside, we would pick him up like a medal of gold to be kissed lovingly. The person is Christ, and in the person viewed and treated with faith, we look on Christ our Lord."

Blessed Oscar Romero



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St Barnabas Art and Craft Group

At the beginning of the year an open meeting was held at St Barnabas Cathedral, to gather ideas for the celebrations in 2019 of the Cathedral. Among the ideas to commemorate the occasion, it was suggested that a group of banners could be designed and made showing the history of the Cathedral.

The idea was picked up by a small group of ladies in the parish who came up with quite a few designs, and after an initial meeting, the St Barnabas Art and Craft Group was formed.

The group decided that they would use their collective talents this year to make items that would be sold to help raise funds for the Cathedral restoration, and to help pay for supplies to make a series of banners.

Among the groups talents we have, quilting, embroidery, knitting, art, calligraphy, jewellery making, book making, flower arranging, soft toy making to name but a few. Over the past months we have met weekly and created a wonderful collection of handcrafted bespoke items including, jewellery, flower arrangements, designer cushions, Christmas decoration, hand-made books, bags, even a new collection of collectable "Clerical Bears". All these will be available to purchase at the St Barnabas Artisan Craft Fair, to be held at St Barnabas Cathedral Hall, on Saturday October 13th and Sunday October 14th, between 10.00 and 4.00. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be available through the day. So for a beautiful handcrafted gift for yourself or for a friend, why not come along.



If you cannot make that weekend, the Group will also have their work on exhibition, on Friday 16th November at a floral



art demonstration, called "Christmas memories".

Maria Kirk

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In an impassioned letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such "atrocities".

Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis (full text)

To the People of God

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26). These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike. Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.

1. If one member suffers...

In recent days, a report was made public which detailed the experiences of at least a thousand survivors, victims of sexual abuse, the abuse of power and of conscience at the hands of priests over a period of approximately seventy years. Even though it can be said that most of these cases belong to the past, nonetheless as time goes on we have come to know the pain of many of the victims. We have realized that these wounds never disappear and that they require us forcefully to condemn these atrocities and join forces in uprooting this culture of death; these wounds never go away. The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced. But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence it, or sought even to resolve it by decisions that increased its gravity by falling into complicity. The Lord heard that cry and once again showed us on which side he stands. Mary's song is not mistaken and continues quietly to echo throughout history. For the Lord remembers the promise he made to our fathers: "he has scattered the proud in their conceit; he has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty" (Lk 1:51-53). We feel shame when

we realize that our style of life has denied, and continues to deny, the words we recite.

With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives. We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them. I make my own the words of the then Cardinal Ratzinger when, during the Way of the Cross composed for Good Friday 2005, he identified with the cry of pain of so many victims and exclaimed: "How much filth there is in the Church, and even among those who, in the priesthood, ought to belong entirely to [Christ]! How much pride, how much self-complacency! Christ's betrayal by his disciples, their unworthy reception of his body and blood, is certainly the greatest suffering endured by the Redeemer; it pierces his heart. We can only call to him from the depths of our hearts: Kyrie eleison – Lord, save us! (cf. Mt 8:25)" (Ninth Station).

2. ... all suffer together with it

The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way. While it is important and necessary on every journey of conversion to acknowledge the truth of what has happened, in itself this is not enough. Today we are challenged as the People of God to take on the pain of our brothers and sisters wounded in their flesh and in their spirit. If, in the past, the response was one of omission, today we want solidarity, in the deepest and most challenging sense, to become our way of forging present and future history. And this in an environment where conflicts, tensions and above all the victims of every type of abuse can encounter an outstretched hand to protect them and rescue them from their pain (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 228). Such solidarity demands that we in turn condemn whatever endangers the integrity of any person. A solidarity that summons us to fight all forms of corruption, especially spiritual corruption. The latter is "a comfortable and self-satisfied form of blindness. Everything then appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centeredness, for 'even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light' (2 Cor 11:14)" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 165). Saint Paul's exhortation to suffer with those who suffer is



the best antidote against all our attempts to repeat the words of Cain: "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9).

I am conscious of the effort and work being carried out in various parts of the world to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable. We have delayed in applying these actions and sanctions that are so necessary, yet I am confident that they will help to guarantee a greater culture of care in the present and future.

Together with those efforts, every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need. This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does. For as Saint John Paul II liked to say: "If we have truly started out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he wished to be identified" (*Novo Millennio Ineunte*, 49). To see things as the Lord does, to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help. I invite the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord's command.[1] This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says "never again" to every form of abuse.

It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God's People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives.[2] This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church's authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the

abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that "not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people".[3] Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say "no" to abuse is to say an emphatic "no" to all forms of clericalism.

It is always helpful to remember that "in salvation history, the Lord saved one people. We are never completely ourselves unless we belong to a people. That is why no one is saved alone, as an isolated individual. Rather, God draws us to himself, taking into account the complex fabric of interpersonal relationships present in the human community. God wanted to enter into the life and history of a people" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6). Consequently, the only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God. This awareness of being part of a people and a shared history will enable us to acknowledge our past sins and mistakes with a penitential openness that can allow us to be renewed from within. Without the active participation of all the Church's members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change. The penitential dimension of fasting and prayer will help us as God's People to come before the Lord and our wounded brothers and sisters as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion. In this way, we will come up with actions that can generate resources attuned to the Gospel. For "whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 11).

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Derby Celebration of 65 years of Marriage



Win and Albert Woodcock celebrated their Blue Sapphire Anniversary at a Thanksgiving Mass & reception at St Georges Church, Derby along with fellow Sunday morning parishioners. At the Mass Canon Alan Burbidge presented them with a letter of congratulations and best wishes from Bishop Patrick and Cardinal Vincent Nichols recognising and commending them on their long happy marriage. Fr Alan shared with the parish a summary of the last 65 years they have shared they also received a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis, a card from the Queen, a special cake and flowers and cards from parishioners.

Mr & Mrs Woodcock 12 September 1953

Here's how it all began - Win and Albert were both born in 1932 and grew up in Wigan, Lancashire. They met when they were both 18. Win loved dancing but unfortunately Albert didn't dance which, in Win's words was a 'fly in the ointment'! ..but instead of Win's regular dancing evenings they both enjoyed frequent visits to The County Cinema.

They got married at the age of 21 on 12 September 1953 at St Patrick's RC church in Wigan. Their reception was at Daltons cafe in Wigan with a 'lovely boiled ham salad'! Unfortunately the wedding clashed with Wigan playing in the rugby league final so in the afternoon all of the men left to go and watch the match and then returned to the reception in the evening! They went on their honeymoon to Paignton, leaving on the 10:30 PM train and being waved off by all of their guests. Unfortunately the train was so full that they had to sit at opposite ends of the carriage for the eight hour overnight journey.



At first Win and Albert lived with Win's parents. Albert worked for the coal board, teaching at the local tech college and working in the laboratories but then Win's Dad got him a job 'down the pit' and he continued his teaching in the evenings. Win was a seamstress and worked in Manchester. They had the opportunity to set up their first home when they bought a grocery shop in Wigan from an uncle for £2000. He promised them it was 'well-stocked' but when they moved in there was a room full of Daz washing powder and boxes and boxes of tinned plums and that was the full extent of the stock! Win gave up her sewing job and took over 'W Woodcock Provisions'. In 1955 James was born.

Albert drove a three wheeler car called 'Frisky' and the family enjoyed many wonderful family holidays travelling to Win's mums caravan in Fleetwood.

Sadly, W Woodcock Provisions was hit by the introduction of the super-market and after about five years the shop closed and was converted into just a house. In 1962 Carole was born.

In 1966 Albert got a promotion with the Coal Board working in research in London. and it was with a very heavy heart that they left Wigan. Only three years later Albert's job was relocated to Britney. They had many sleepless nights worrying about selling their London house for £5250 and having to pay £ 7250 for a house in Derby!



When they moved to Derby Win and Albert became very involved with St George's - both at the school and the church. Albert set up a boys and girls club with Father Briffa, he became one of the first school governors and was one of the first Eucharistic Ministers. Win became a dinner lady at the school - a job she loved for over 25 years.

Win and Albert have 3 Grandchildren- Claire, Chris and Catherine and are always so happy to spend time with them.

Win and Albert always attend 9.30 Mass on Sunday and really look forward to seeing all of their friends on Sundays and wanted Fr Alan to say the mass for them in thanksgiving and celebration.

On 12 September 2018 Win and Albert celebrated 65 years of marriage. 65 years of marriage = 23,740 days which is 568,778 hours which is 34,186,680 minutes which is a very long time! - Best wishes Win & Albert from all at St Georges RC & Holy Spirit, Derby

We wish to thank most sincerely Fr Alan for the wonderful celebration mass for our 65th Wedding Anniversary. Also Karan for all of her incredible work 'behind the scenes' and Fr Peter for his prayers and good wishes.

We are so grateful to Jenny and the music group for the lovely hymns and a special thanks to Roman - accompanied by his son - singing Ave Maria. All of the music was beautiful.

It was such a surprise to have a special Order of Service sheet - thank you Hazel for printing them.

It was so lovely to share the special cake - thanks to Betty for her cutting skills!

We are really thrilled with our letters of blessings from the Bishop of Nottingham and Cardinal Vincent Nichols and of course the Papal blessing - it was all so wonderful.



Last, but not least- all parishioners, family and friends who joined us in the celebration. You all made it a perfect day for us.



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World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) England and Wales October Rosary Campaign

by Donal Anthony Foley

The World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) in England and Wales are organising an October Rosary Campaign as a follow up to the very successful Visitation of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco, to many dioceses and cathedrals around the country last year.

Since then, a special Centennial Rosary to match the Centennial Crown for the statue has been donated to WAF by Mr Jorge Leitao, whose jewellery firm were responsible for the original crown for the first Fatima statue.

October is the month of the Rosary, and of course 13 October is the anniversary day of the famous Miracle of the Sun on 13 October 1917, when at least 70,000 people who had gathered at the Cova da Iria in Fatima, at the place where Our Lady appeared to the children, saw a tremendous miracle.

So we would like to celebrate October as the month of the Rosary by inviting parishes, groups, families and individuals in England and Wales to pray the Rosary during this month of October.

Pope Leo XIII (1878 -1903) wrote numerous encyclicals promoting the Rosary, and encouraged the practice of saying it every day in October. Recent Popes, too, including Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, and in particular Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical Rosarium Virginis Mariae of October 2002 – as well as Pope Francis – have also strongly promoted the Rosary as a means of deepening one's faith and combatting social evils.

And since Our Lady requested during each of her six apparitions at Fatima that people should pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world, and said of herself on 13 October 1917, "I am the Lady of the Rosary," we know that it is a prayer she particularly favours.

We are also encouraging the saying of the



Rosary in parishes and in people's homes, and to this end, we would like to publicise our Rosary Pledge campaign, as a way of encouraging as many people as possible to pray the Rosary daily, in imitation of what happened in Austria in the 1940s and 1950s. You can read more about this here: <https://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/rosary-pledge-campaign/>

We likewise want to emphasise the month of October, because 13 October is the Fatima anniversary date, and also because Our Lady linked the conversion of Russia and the promised era of peace with the saying of the Rosary and the Five First Saturdays devotion, which was fully revealed to Sr Lucia in 1925.

The success of the Rosary on the Coast initiative last April is a sign that people are interested in Marian devotion, do want to pray the Rosary, and realise its importance. The organisers estimate that some 45,000 people took part in around 400 locations, and it was supported by all the Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland.

And likewise, The Dowry of Mary Pilgrim-

age, from 2018 to 2020, when there will be visitations to the cathedrals of England of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, is another very important initiative, which will lead up to our Bishops renewing the dedication of the country to Our Lady as her Dowry.

So WAF England and Wales wants to play its part in this Marian renewal by focusing on October as the month of the Rosary.

If a Rosary campaign is something you can start, with your parish priest's permission, in your parish this month, please let us know via: info@worldfatima-england-wales.org.uk.

But even if a parish-based Rosary campaign isn't possible, there's nothing stopping anyone organising the praying of the Rosary in their family, or with their friends or neighbours.

Further information about this, including posters and flyers, is available on the WAF website at: <https://worldfatima-england-wales.org.uk/october-2018-rosary-campaign-2/>

Worth waiting for

By Julia Beacroft

Wait for the Lord

*Wait for the Lord, his day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch,
take heart.*

WE NOW MOVE into the beautiful autumnal month of October with all its accompanying spells of sunshine, showers and mists. The month of October has always been a particular favourite of mine – and not just for the weather patterns either.

Both my mother and my eldest son have their birthdays during this month and there is exactly fifty years and one day difference in their ages. How lovely, you might say, but when I gave birth, my Mum was quite indignant about the date! The story goes something like this...

INDIGNANT

When I'd had my first scan during my pregnancy, we were all thrilled to find out that

my due date of delivery was the same as my Mum's birthday – October 11th. However, nature has a way of taking control in these matters and my beloved first-born arrived a day early on the 10th of the month. When the besotted grandparents arrived at the hospital to see their first grandchild, my mother turned to me and said indignantly: "Well, you could have waited another day!" This has become a family joke to this day and one which my grown-up son often laughs about with his grandmother.

All of us, at some time or another find that we have to wait for things and this can often be frustrating and sometimes stressful in varying degrees. In fact, in a world where we all tend to demand things instantly, it is surprising how much time we still spend awaiting decisions, actions, advice, news and a whole host of other factors.

TAKE HEART

Yet even in this modern world there is another aspect of our 'waiting' which we understand is vital to our spiritual well-being

and contentment. The Lord waits for us to spend time with him. And in this waiting we know that his invitation is an open one and all we have to do is to take advantage of it. Prayer, reflection and contemplation and being in his presence at Holy Mass are simple means to which we can build our relationship with Jesus Christ and spend the vital time with him, which we all need.

Furthermore, we have been assured that the Lord will come again to this world in all his glory. We may have been waiting for this to happen for over two thousand years but we can still be assured that this will be the case. And so, in recognition of this 'waiting' we must also keep our own lives in good order as we never know when this event will occur. In the words of the beautiful Taizé chant, we must 'keep watch and take heart'.

And so in this lovely autumnal month of October, may we wait for the Lord and wait upon the Lord who is always with us no matter what the date.

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Blessed Sacrament procession through Melton Mowbray



On Sunday 9 September a special Blessed Sacrament procession was held through the centre of Melton for the first time in living memory. The event coincided with Adoremus, the first National Eucharistic Congress in England and Wales in 110 years, which took place in Liverpool that weekend. Fr. Dominic O'Connor, Melton's priest, said "The Congress given over to pondering and celebrating the great mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist and finished with a procession. So the local Deanery wished to join with this by our own procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament through the

streets of Melton. It was a royal procession, with the monarch Christ, the eternal High King."

Headed by five priests carrying the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy, about fifty people processed from the Franciscan Convent on Dalby Road, across the park, and along Sherrard Street to St. John's church, singing hymns and praying as they went. Other Deanery parishes represented were Oakham, Grantham, Stamford; Bourne and Deeping St. James.

Melton parish has held Blessed Sacrament processions before, but they have been small events which hardly touched public roads. Older parishioners, looking back on eighty years of parish life, can remember nothing like Sunday's procession through the town centre. "It was good to see the joy and enthusiasm of those who attended," said Fr. O'Connor. "There was a lot of interest from the public, and the marshals reported that several people asked them what it was about. It was a great witness to our faith in the real presence of Jesus. We pray that he will continue to bless our church and our town."



Friends of St John's Church, Melton Mowbray

The Church of St John the Baptist, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, is one of the oldest churches in the Diocese still in use for worship.

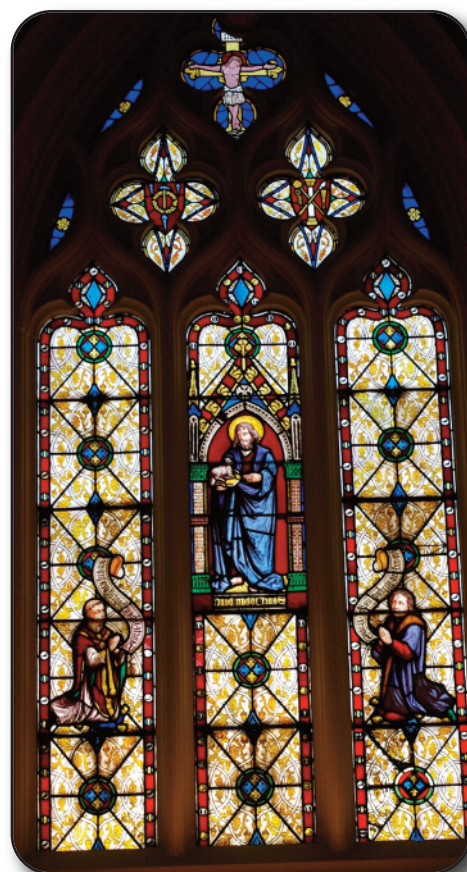
Completed in 1842, before the restoration of the hierarchy, it has been in continuous use for worship for 175 years. The famous architect A.W.N. Pugin was involved in the design, and the building still has many fine original features, in particular the stained glass east window by Thomas Willement, which unusually contains a martlet, Pugin's heraldic device. However, the window was accidentally installed backwards, exposing the pigment to the weather, and its condition is causing concern. Last January a Friends of St. John's group which has for many years raised money towards the upkeep of the church, decided to "gear up" the fundraising and to become a formal charity, Friends of St. John's Melton Mowbray.

The charity has already raised over £1,400, and has also been making strides in engaging with the local community. The Museum is interested in lending volunteers to help renovate the gardens of the historic church opposite it and to create a beautiful corner of Melton. Friends of St. John's secretary Sheila Sulley said, "We hope to see this area of town made really beautiful and also beneficial to wildlife, especially insects."

To raise money for plants and compost, a Cream Teas was held in the Garden of Remembrance next to the church, on Saturday 1 September. It was a huge success, raising over £350. This is the first time such an event has taken place in the church garden,



and it was blessed with beautiful weather and a very good attendance. Visitors enjoyed scones with clotted cream and home made jam, fresh strawberries and a selection of home made cakes, as well as playing on the tombola. Guided tours of the church were also available. Treasurer Ann Kirby said, "It was marvellous to see the garden such a hive of enjoyable activity, and to see the church doors standing wide open. This is a town centre church, ideally situated to witness to the Catholic faith, and we really want to see it at the heart of the local community. It was the first event of this kind, but it won't be the last!"



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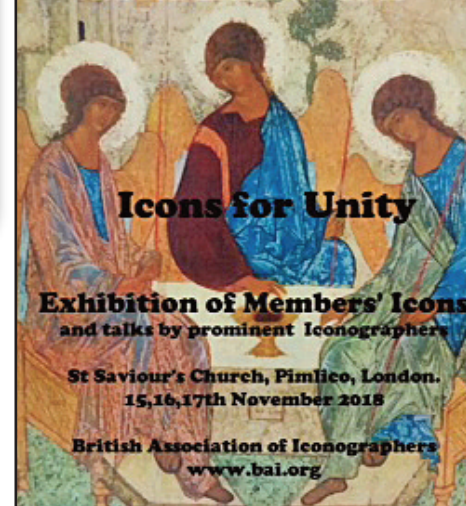


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Saturday Morning Early Catching God in the Art of Creation

By Fr Val Farrell

Fr Val Farrell is the immediate past Editor of the Catholic Voice of Lancaster. Whilst editor of the Paper Fr Val wrote a Blog which provided the reader with impromptu reflections on personal experiences, sights and moments, finding a spiritual dimension in each and inviting the reader to share their thoughts.

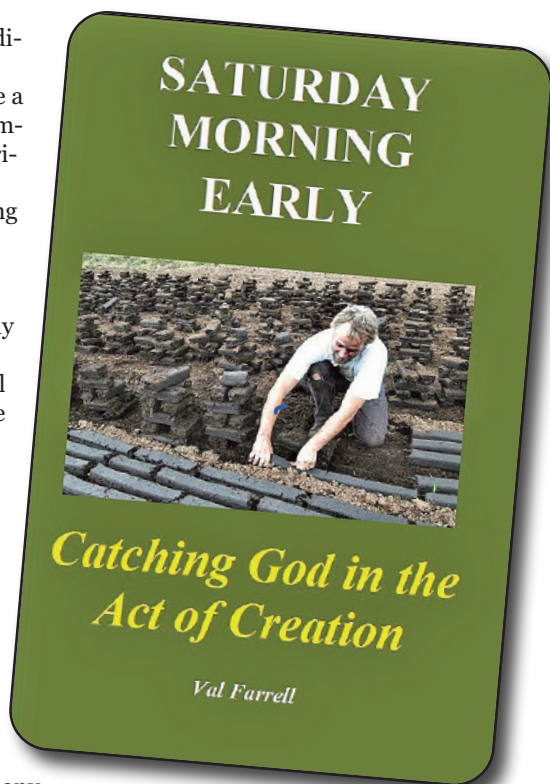
Now some years later Fr Val, using a good deal of the material that originally appeared on his Blog, has released a book 'Saturday Morning Early' it is full of down to earth reflections that create so much imagery that it makes one feel that one is walking around with ones' eyes and ears shut. These glimpses of life are indeed rich in spiritual observation.

Fr Val says that he is still 'work in progress' but that could be said of us all. As he quite rightly asserts it takes longer than a lifetime to find out 'who we are'.

If you can imagine an onion with its many layers of tightly fixed skins that is how best to describe our lives. Fr Val's book using Creation as the backdrop will help readers to slowly peel away those layers and gain spiritual nourishment from everything around us.

The final word from Fr Val "I come away from all this thinking and writing convinced that if I watch with the heart and mind of Jesus, I can still catch sight of my creator at work on me, day after day, year after year".

To obtain a copy of this book priced at £14 - UK Delivery £1 Package Deal to Republic of Ireland (includes book and delivery) 25 Euros Contact: Rev Val Farraell, St. Winefrides, Low Moor Road FY2 0PA Email: evalfarrell@gmail.com



Derby Deanery to bring a Syrian family currently living in a refugee camp to settle in Derby



Derby Deanery is the first Catholic community in Nottingham diocese to take on the challenge of welcoming a refugee family from Syria into their city.

It all started at the Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission's AGM in November 2017, when Sean Ryan from CARITAS Salford gave a moving presentation about how his parish had joined the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme and had worked together with other communities in the area to welcome a family. It all started at the Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission's AGM in November 2017, when Sean Ryan from CARITAS Salford gave a moving presentation about how his parish had joined the Government's Community Sponsorship Scheme and had worked together with other communities in the area to welcome a family. We were inspired by his stories of how the project brought people together and successfully integrated a new family into the local area, and we wondered, initially, whether this might be an activity that could help our two parishes (Holy Family and St Mary's) to continue to build on our shared parish activities by taking on a fresh commitment.

We held a couple of initial meetings in the two parishes to establish that there was a

good level of support, then invited Sean to repeat his presentation at an evening event in St Mary's. Having advertised the event across the Deanery we were delighted to find that we had interested individuals in attendance from seven of the parishes, and a level of enthusiasm for the idea that made it possible to transform the project into a cross-deanery initiative - which, at a time when we are being encouraged more than ever before to think in deanery rather than parish terms, feels quite prophetic.

The scheme is part of the Government's promise to accept 20,000 Syrians currently living in refugee camps, offering an alternative route to safety for families who have chosen not to embark on the perilous journey across land and sea to Europe. Community groups are invited to work with their local authority and other interested groups to identify accommodation and support for a family and raise a sum of money (£9,000) to cover possible initial costs. When everything is in place the group submits an action plan, approved by their local authority, to the Home Office and, once the Home Office is satisfied that the group has made adequate provision, a refugee family is identified, given refugee status and brought to the UK to be greeted and supported by the sponsoring group. We are a long way from there at present,

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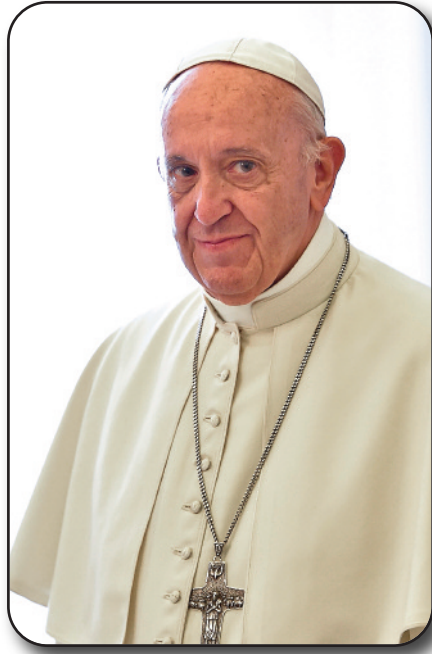
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All eyes were on the welcome and the events

Sr. Philomena Rooney PBVM is one of the Sisters of the Presentation of the BVM in Nottingham. She attended some of the events organised for the visit of the Holy Father Francis, when he visited Ireland about two weeks ago, towards the end of the World Meeting of Families. Here is a note sent by Sr. Philomena about her experience there.



they had enjoyed the concert.

"I was happy to be in Ireland when Pope Francis came to the World meeting of Families. Early in the week, I attended two preparation ceremonies in packed churches. One was in my home town, when the relics of the Little Flower and her parents, S. Zelie and S. Louis, were venerated over-night and then for the opening ceremony in Carlow Cathedral, where the bell ringing led into the symbolic service, which was led by the bishop and the people of the diocese with a choir of a hundred and fifty.

"Once Pope Francis arrived, all eyes were on the welcome and the events that were relayed to us by television. The welcome was warm and challenging to the Pope. There were very special moments during the day, which culminated in the festival at Croke Park. Everyone I met said how

"I travelled by bus with the pilgrims from my home town, with my family members. We were photographed and arrived in Kylemore Park and had the long walk in the rain. It was amazing to look forward and backward [during the walk], as the throngs of people went forward to the gate. We participated by looking at the big screen as the altar was way up front.

"Pope Francis smiled and waved as he was led around in the mobile. He was challenged on issues of abuse, and he listened very carefully and responded by asking for pardon and forgiveness. One prayer was ended by him, saying, 'Give me the strength to ask for justice.' I am so pleased to have been present and thank Pope Francis for his love and the joy he brought to Ireland."

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Much of the Congress will be available to parishes by means of modern technology, it was the clear wish of all at Liverpool that our local communities understand and feel part of the discussions. The first keynote speech by Canon Mervyn Tower set the tone for the weekend by speaking of the importance of the old testament readings, reminding us of the link between the Holy Eucharist and Holy Scripture, but also reflecting on how the world had changed in the last ten years. Needless to say Canon Tower also spoke of the Holy Spirit. I could mention so much more but perhaps will limit my memories for this article by mentioning the presentations by our young people complete with relevant drama and testimony by the brilliant analysis of the Mass and Holy Eucharist by Bishop Robert Barron. The attendance by dozens (perhaps hundreds) of our priests was most re-assuring as was the sight of a full hall. Many had clearly made a special journey to Liverpool despite Sunday Mass commitments. The Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham on the week-end of her birthday was a special presence on such a well organised and successful Congress. The Pilgrimage to Liverpool now continues in our parishes.

Frank Goulding
(Holy Trinity, Newark)

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It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion.

Likewise, penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings and to overcome the thirst for power and possessions that are so often the root of those evils. May fasting and prayer open our ears to the hushed pain felt by children, young people and the disabled. A fasting that can make us hunger and thirst for justice and impel us to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary. A fasting that shakes us up and leads us to be committed in truth and charity with all men and women of good will, and with society in general, to combatting all forms of the abuse of power, sexual abuse and the abuse of conscience.

with God and of the unity of the entire human race" (Lumen Gentium, 1).

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it", said Saint Paul. By an attitude of prayer and penance, we will become attuned as individuals and as a community to this exhortation, so that we may grow in the gift of compassion, in justice, prevention and reparation. Mary chose to stand at the foot of her Son's cross. She did so unhesitatingly, standing firmly by Jesus' side. In this way, she reveals the way she lived her entire life. When we experience the desolation caused by these ecclesial wounds, we will do well, with Mary, "to insist more upon prayer", seeking to grow all the more in love and fidelity to the Church (SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, Spiritual Exercises, 319). She, the first of the disciples, teaches all of us as disciples how we are to halt before the sufferings of the innocent, without excuses or cowardice. To look to Mary is to discover the model of a true follower of Christ.

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express before these crimes of abuse our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

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New partnerships, new friends, new horizons... and now a new minibus!

St Francis Catholic Primary School in Melton Mowbray took delivery of its first minibus this week. The minibus was kindly donated to the School by Ratcliffe College. Ratcliffe Headmaster, Mr Jonathan Reddin said, "I made friends with Mrs Anderson and her team in June this year following my visit to their wonderful school. During our discussion on possible ways to celebrate our shared Catholic faith through future partnership work, one of the potential stumbling blocks was transport, as St Francis did not have a minibus. Fortuitously, Ratcliffe was about to update part of our fleet, so I offered St Francis one of our minibuses, which Mrs Anderson was delighted to accept. I am thrilled that we were in a position to help a fellow Catholic school, and I know that the minibus will support the children in their learning."



growth of the children in both schools with opportunities for shared collective worship and RS lessons. The minibus will enable children from St Francis to travel to Ratcliffe College for such occasions as well as Ratcliffe children attending St Francis.

St Francis Head Teacher, Mrs Jo Anderson said, "Our new friendship with Ratcliffe College is going to be a very exciting venture for us as Catholic schools to share our faith. We are so grateful for the generosity of Ratcliffe College and the Headmaster, Mr Jonathan Reddin. The minibus is a fabulous addition to our school resources and will be of enormous benefit to our school curriculum and the children's faith journey as we link together."

The minibus will be a valuable resource for St Francis, enabling students to participate in additional local sports fixtures, as well as transporting students and staff to activities off-site to support their curriculum. St Francis and Ratcliffe hope to collaborate further this year supporting the spiritual

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