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Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass



St Hugh's College, Tollerton Hall, Nottingham, 1948 – 1986 **SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

Bishop Ellis, like all his predecessors and successors, strove for native vocations to the priesthood in the Nottingham Diocese, and to this end he opened a diocesan secondary school, St Hugh's College, at Tollerton Hall, in 1948.

The College was open for 38 years, and closed in 1986. During this 38 year period there were 810 students, of whom 50 became priests.

This year, the seventieth anniversary of the opening will be celebrated in LINCOLN CATHEDRAL on FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER.

By courtesy of the Dean and Chapter, there will be Mass



in Saint Hugh's Quire at 11.30 am with Canon Needham as the celebrant, Canon Bowdren as homilist, and the Cathedral choir and organist. Lunch will follow in the Chapter House and Cloister, and a there will be a Re-union Party in Central Lincoln on the Friday evening.

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Altar Servers from all corners of the Nottingham Diocese gathered on Saturday, the 22nd of September, at the cathedral, for the Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass. The mass was led by Bishop Patrick who welcomed the servers, their families and friends to this special occasion.

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The Catholic News is looking for a Parish Correspondent in your parish to send in local news for publication in this newspaper. All items to be emailed to johnclawson@icloud.com before 10th of the month



Double Celebration

We had a double celebration this week in St Joseph's Catholic Academy in Matlock, Sister Eleanor O'Gorman is one of our Foundation governors as well as being a school representative for CAFOD. So our school took part in CAFOD's 'Brighten Up' campaign where Sister led a presentation for the children explaining how the money they had brought to school would support our global neighbours. All of the children came to school in their brightest clothes, with bright hair and nails! Our school raised £93

Our other celebration was the Harvest Liturgy. This year we decided to support a relatively new charity in Derby called 'Gears of Goodwill'. This charity was set up two years ago by a gentleman called Mark to support the Homeless in Derby. One of our office assistants helps with this charity once a month - Mrs Griffiths. Our school has donated five large tables for them to use every Friday evening when they are serving food for the Homeless in Derby City Centre. Their website is: <https://gearsofgoodwill.org/about-us>



Preparing to Celebrate the Canonisation of Oscar Romero

Bishop Patrick, as a new Trustee of CAFOD, visited El Salvador earlier this year and experienced first hand the legacy of Oscar Romero. He is inviting the people of Nottingham Diocese to learn more about the soon to be Saint (the canonisation takes place in Rome on 14 October) and on Monday 26 November he will be hosting an evening at The Becket School in Nottingham. Bishop Patrick has invited two people to come and share their experiences and knowledge of Romero with us. Clare Dixon, CAFOD Head of Region - Latin America and member of Romero Trust; along with Ciara Hogan who visited El Salvador as part of her CAFOD Gap Year last year when she was based at The Briars. The evening will begin with refreshments at 7pm and finish at 9pm.

lice not to follow orders to kill civilians and stop the repression.

Archbishop Romero was shot dead on 24 March 1980, aged 62, while celebrating Mass. In the following decade, some 70,000 Salvadorans were killed in the civil war.

In the 1970s, CAFOD supported Romero's famous radio broadcasts, which - at a time when the press was heavily censored - were often the only means by which people in El Salvador knew the truth about the atrocities occurring in their country. When Romero's radio station was blown up, CAFOD provided funding to rebuild it. CAFOD also helped to fund the support given by the Church to thousands of people who had fled their homes because of the violence.



Oscar Romero was the Archbishop of San Salvador from 1977 until he was assassinated in 1980. During his three years as archbishop, Romero repeatedly denounced violence and

spoke out on behalf of the victims of the civil war. In a time of heavy press censorship, his weekly radio broadcasts were often the only way people could find out the truth about the atrocities that were happening in their country. He defended the right of the poor to demand political change, a stance which made him a troublesome adversary for the country's rulers. On the day before his assassination, he urged soldiers and po-



After Romero was martyred, CAFOD staff successfully petitioned Lambeth Council to re-name the Brixton street where their office was located 'Romero Close'. And when CAFOD

moved to a new office in 2009, it was named 'Romero House'

For more information and to book your place please contact Maggie Mairura - Telephone: 0115 975 6138 Mobile: 07710 094 455 (Maggie) Email: nottingham@cafod.org.uk



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November

3 Saturday - "All is vanity". Study of the Book of Ecclesiastes by Fr Antonio Belsito. Mass at 10.00 am with talk at 11.00 am and shared table lunch at 1.00 pm. Please Book in advance. All are welcome.

9 Friday - Healing Service led Fr Denis Labartette. Rosary at 7.00 pm followed by Mass, Adoration and prayers for healing.

17 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on **The Four last Things**. Shared table lunch at 1.00 pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.

24 Saturday - *Lectio Divina* starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

December

8 Saturday - Advent Retreat starts at 10.00 am with Mass followed by Meditation, Prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Lunch provided. Please book in advance. Suggested donation £15.

14 Friday - Healing Service led by Fr Ted Mullen. Mass at 7.00 pm followed by Adoration and prayers for healing.

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TRIPLE CELEBRATIONS AT THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH, BEESTON

A wonderful evening was recently celebrated at the Church of the Assumption,

Beeston when THREE of our parishioners received the Benemerenti medal from Pope Francis for long service in the parish. The evening started with a Celebration Mass which was attended by many family members, friends and parishioners. All three recipients are thought of with affection by the Parish as they have been and still are very active members and, all have a great love for the Church and our Parish..

Father Christopher Thomas presented the medals during the service together with their Certificates.

After Mass everyone celebrated with a "Hog Roast" supper in the parish hall and Anne & Nancy (Des' wife) were presented with beautiful flowers in the Benemerenti colours. Also a large celebration cake



was enjoyed by family and friends.

DES BURROWS, aged 93 years, has been a Eucharistic Minister a member of the SVP since 1964, a member of the Parish Choir and has constructed full sized crosses for the "Walk of Witness" in joint co-operation with Churches Together in Beeston.

BOB SOLLOWAY aged 87 started out as an Altar Server. At the age of 16 he joined the SVP and is still, 70 years later a very active member. During his time he held the office of President several times and for a number of years was Treasurer of the Nottingham SVP West Council. Bob and his wife spend

many hours visiting and comforting the sick and lonely in the Parish.

ANNE SOLLOWAY aged 78 and wife of Bob has been a member of the Church cleaning team and still helps with the flower arranging on a regular basis. For 24 years Anne was responsible for cooking the monthly Senior Citizens lunch in the Parish also lunches for the Deanery Meetings and Council of Priests Meetings which were held in Beeston. In 1962 she joined the SVP (prior to this only men were allowed to join) and held the post of treasurer for many years and is still a very active member.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Two significant news items seemed to get "lost"

During the recent Party Conference season two significant news items seemed to get "lost". The two stories were perhaps not sensational but they seemed to represent some of the problems that easily develop in our country today.

Tucked away on the inside pages of one newspaper was the revelation that the government has ordered a problem into the UK's auditing industry in the wake of a number of business collapses. Two days later another newspaper reported that the number of construction firms going insolvent had increased by a fifth following the collapse of a company that had been involved in large scale projects both across the UK and internationally. In the latter revelation we learned that 780 companies in the industry fell into insolvency in the first three months of 2018 which was a 20 per cent increase on the previous year. The Business Secretary said "It was right to learn the lessons and apply them without delay" and the chairman of the Work and Pensions Committee commented on a "cosy club of auditors" These reactions are of small consolation to

those who lost their jobs at BHS and in so many other failed projects when the construction industry is being pushed to build 300,000 new homes each year.

Perhaps that frequently used comment that "lessons will be learned" could be put into good business practice. This century started with the so called Millennium Bug which was a "non-event", and then the financial crash which most certainly was a big event even drawing an observation from The Queen. These two disasters would surely have at least been partially avoided had we had more efficient auditing.

Having worked in industry for 40 years I am well aware that auditing is not popular by those who are being investigated. This also may not fit easily into the digital age. Christians frequently have to audit our lifestyle particularly when we need help at difficult times. Our politicians should do likewise.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish,
Newark

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Pastoral Letter appointed to be read out at all Masses celebrated on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September 2018.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrated Education Sunday. However, as this was also the weekend of Adoremus - the National Eucharistic Congress, I decided to delay my Pastoral Letter on Education until this weekend.

Education Sunday is that special time of year when we celebrate and support our Catholic schools. Coinciding with the beginning of the academic year, it is an opportunity for us to give thanks for the important work that our schools perform, and to acknowledge the commitment of thousands of teachers, support staff, governors and directors who play such a crucial role in making our schools among the most successful in the country.

In the gospel reading for last week, our Lord spoke the words, 'Ephphatha – be opened'. This reminds us that Catholic schools are to be open, welcoming places, where children and young people's minds are opened to the revelation of Christ's teaching and his love for us all. Like Peter in our gospel today, we desire that they are given opportunities to encounter Jesus personally, and come to recognise Him as the Christ, the anointed Son of God.

In my Pastoral Letter for Education Sunday last year, I described the changes that would

be taking place in our diocesan schools over the coming year. I am pleased to tell you that this major work has been completed, and that we now have four Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Thérèse of Lisieux, St Thomas Aquinas and St Ralph Sherwin. The remaining voluntary-aided schools have been converted to academies, with a very small number due to be converted at the beginning of October. Each Trust is led by a Chief Executive Officer and a number of other staff to provide support in the areas of Catholic Life, standards, finance, and human resources. A newly constituted board of directors will oversee and challenge the work of each of these Trusts.

This major change will now mean that all our diocesan schools will be part of a Trust, which will provide both challenge and support to enable each school to provide an outstanding Catholic education to the young people it serves. There will also be far greater possibilities for schools to collaborate and support each other in a much more structured way, so that no school is left in an isolated or vulnerable situation. Over time increasing amounts of the administrative and compliance work, that occupies a great deal of Headteachers' workloads, will be taken on by the Trusts so that school leaders can devote themselves more fully to leading both the Catholic Life of the school and teaching and learning.

Over the past year, I have also made clear my strong desire that our four Trusts work in close collaboration with each other and that our schools recognise that, first and foremost, they are all part of the Diocese of Nottingham and that they are charged with carrying out the educational mission of the Church here in our diocese.

You may recall that in my Pastoral Letter on Education last year, I appealed for members of our community to consider the possibility of becoming a Foundation Director on one of the new boards; I am delighted at the very positive response to this, and would like to thank all of our new directors for their generosity in accepting the invitation.

This year, I would like to issue a similar appeal, but this time for Foundation Governors. The role of a Foundation Governor continues to be an extremely important one. The fundamental duty of a Foundation Governor is inextricably linked to me as the diocesan bishop. It's about ensuring that both the Catholic Life of the school and the academic standards within it are as high as they possibly can be. The role of Foundation Governors will now enable them to devote themselves more completely to these core tasks, whilst also providing a much-needed link with the local parish communities.

So, I ask you now to consider the possibility

of carrying out this important role in support of our local schools and the diocese as a whole. If you are interested in finding out a little more about the role, please ask your parish priest or contact the Diocesan Education Service.

Please don't think that this role is just for those who have a knowledge of education. Our local governing bodies need to have committed Catholics, from all walks of life, who wish to support Catholic education in their local area. Good training and support will be provided.

Please join me in seeking the prayerful intercession of Our Blessed Lady, and Saints Thérèse of Lisieux, Thomas Aquinas and Ralph Sherwin, to watch over and guide our schools, their pupils and staff, so that they and we may all come to encounter ever more deeply in our lives, Jesus as the Christ, who loves each and everyone one of us, and who invites us to serve him generously.

With my prayers and blessing to you all.

+ Patrick

Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

Let Earth be glad

Saturday 10 November 2018
St Hugh's Church, Lincoln
10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Three years on from Pope Francis' ground-breaking 'green encyclical' *Laudato Si'*, come and find out:

- How the quest for a safe and just future is going, globally and locally
- How we in the Nottingham diocese can become 'good news for all creation'.

Speakers include **Graham Gordon**, Head of Public Policy at CAFOD, on climate at the crossroads; and **Cllr Chris Burke**, City of Lincoln Council, on faith in the community.

And we'll get stuck in to exciting new plans for justice and peace in the diocese, to:

- help Catholics grow in living the gospel
- make a difference together in society
- confront poverty in our cities, towns and villages
- welcome refugees and asylum seekers
- tackle modern slavery.

Come and join friends from churches across the diocese for the Nottingham Diocesan **Justice and Peace Commission Annual Assembly and AGM 2018**: a day of inspiration, challenge and networking, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick.

It's free of charge, but book your place early. For programme and booking, visit jpnotttingham.eventbrite.co.uk or call **Paul Bodenham** on **07470 907656**

Let Earth be glad

Paul Bodenham invites you to the annual diocesan Justice and Peace Assembly

When did you last talk about climate change? We find it really tricky, don't we? It's very easy to think it's an unmanageable problem that's beyond us. But let's think again.

The building blocks are already in place, and we have the technologies that can deliver a solution. What has been lacking is courage among politicians to make far-reaching decisions. And to be fair to them, our leaders need people like us to come together in solidarity and give them a mandate. They will find courage if we reach out to each other.

Reaching out is exactly what we'll be doing at the Justice and Peace Commission's annual Assembly and AGM this year. It's on Saturday 10 November at St Hugh's, Lincoln, starting from 10.00 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. We'll be taking stock of the state of the planet and exploring the challenges that lie ahead, with the help of two speakers who can help us tackle climate change from 'both ends of the telescope'.

Graham Gordon is CAFOD's Head of Public Policy, and will bring us up to date on progress in the international process. The Paris Climate Agreement set a target to limit the average global increase of temperature to 1.5 degrees Centigrade. Beyond that modest increase there are serious risks of

mass destabilisation and hardship, especially among the world's poorest, and of swingeing extinctions of species. The stakes could not be higher. That's why CAFOD are sending a delegation to Poland in December for the next United Nations summit. Among the party will be people from the Nottingham Diocese, and we'll be keeping you posted!

Cllr Chris Burke knows a thing or two about making a difference locally. He's a recent mayor of Lincoln and current chair of the city council's Policy Scrutiny Committee, and he's also president of the Lincoln Circle of the Catenians. He and other local speakers will help us explore what we as a diocese can do to help create a 'net-zero carbon' economy in the next 30 years – a world in which we stop fuelling climate change.

We'll also launch the Justice and Peace Commission's new plans for the next few years, and offer you new ways to get involved. Perhaps you want to confront poverty in our cities, towns and villages, or give a practical welcome to refugees and asylum seekers, or tackle modern slavery. Maybe you'd like to help your fellow Catholics grow as missionary disciples, or be a gospel presence in the civic life of your community. The Commission is there to help you do all of that, so let's get together.

It's not too late to book your place: visit jpnotttingham.eventbrite.com or call me on 07470 907656. I look forward to meeting you on the day!

Welcoming Mosque Visit



Last month a small group from Saints Peter and Paul's RC Church in Lincoln went to visit the local Mosque after 9am mass. The Lincoln Central Mosque and Cultural Centre is newly built, and just around the corner from our Church so we headed off both as an act of welcome, and also out of our own curiosity. A purpose-built Mosque is apparently quite an unusual thing, and the architecture from the outside is quite striking with a large green dome topping the building off so most of our Church have watched with interest as this has been erected over the last couple of years. It has been built to serve the whole of the, approximately 2000 strong, Muslim community in Lincoln for their worship, but also as a community centre for anyone in Lincoln to make use of irrespective of religion.

We were welcomed by Jadeed Beita who had agreed to give us a tour of the building. We were also greeted by Semiu Gbadebo who accepted our welcome gift on behalf of the Islamic Society. We visited the men's and women's prayer areas, and saw the preaching platform. Inside the building a small number of large and simple spaces create a wonderfully peaceful environment. Everywhere the design had beautiful details such as the calligraphy and the chandelier, and the rooms were fabulously carpeted. Jadeed also spoke about the use of the

building and form of the worship in Islam. We listened to his explanation of the background to Islam and the Qur'an, including the extent that Jesus and Mary feature in their holy book. The washing facilities and rituals particularly grabbed the interest of the youngest member of our group. After the tour we stopped for some refreshments in the kitchen and, through many informal exchanges highlighted the huge areas of common life that we share both in our religions and the mundane matters of being part of a Mosque or Church community.

I would certainly like to see this as a good opportunity for our congregation to develop connections to our new near neighbours. I believe that in the context of both local and global discordant noises that we hear commonly in the media, that we as a Church value such relationships. Indeed, to be seen to be valuing them is an important message. As we left we were encouraged to return in the future with a larger group, since there had been many who had missed out on this occasion, and we in turn extended an invitation for a group from the Islamic Society to come and have a similar visit and look around Saint Peter and Paul's.

*Jonathan May,
Saint Peter and Paul's, Lincoln*

All for charity

Our parishioner Paul Stewart lives in Barrow upon Humber close to Barton upon Humber and this village is approximately 2 miles from Barton. He was recently told that he couldn't have a council bus pass any more... apparently he doesn't qualify any more until he is a few years older than 60 despite being on benefits! So he decided to walk everywhere from where he lives...he walked to church each Sunday, the shops and backwards and forwards to Red Cross charity shop, where he volunteers, several times a week...all for charity ie Cafod's Share the Journey. An appeal was made at a Sunday mass to ask that parishioners just put extra into our donations jar that is in the coffee room (we have tea and coffee after mass every Sunday) for the appeal in support of Paul. Paul has now walked 800 miles and the donations from Parishioners was £407.77 in total. This has now been forwarded to Cafod. We are so grateful to Paul and are very proud of him here at St Augustine's. Thank you Paul.

*Ann Taylor
St Augustine's, Barton*



Catenians Help Street Pastors



Left to right: Deacon Kevin O'Connor, President Mike Hall, Gary Peddle, Very Rev Canon Owen O'Neil

The President, Brothers and Ladies of Market Harborough Circle of the Catenian Association celebrated their annual clergy night dinner with the Very Rev Canon Owen O'Neil, Parish priest of Our Lady of Victories Market Harborough and Deacon Kevin O'Connor of Our Lady of Victories and St Alphonsus, Lutterworth as their guests.

The highlight of the evening was an illuminating presentation about the work of Market Harborough Street Pastors, which was given by their treasurer Gary Peddle. Market Harborough Street Pastors was the chosen charity for the year of Circle President Mike Hall, who presented Gary Peddle with a cheque for £400. In thanking the Circle, Gary said how important such generous donations were to the valuable local

work of Harborough's Street Pastors.

Gary Peddle explained that the aim of the Street Pastors was to care, listen and help anyone they met. Although independent, they worked closely with the local police, community safety partnership and Harborough District Council to make Harborough safer at night. The Street Pastors will stop and chat to anyone they meet whilst providing a peaceful presence on the streets at night. Harborough Street Pastors are affiliated to the Churches in Market Harborough through "Church together in Harborough" all of the Street Pastors and prayer support team come from local churches with the support of the church and a reference from a member of their clergy.

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St Mary's Church Welcomes the New Foundation Stage Children



The new children from St Mary's Academy in Derby were welcomed at St Mary's Church during the 9am Mass by Fr Tim O'Sullivan. The Head Teacher, Mrs Amanda Greaves, thanked the parishioners for their warm welcome. Each child was given a Presentation Folder which will be used to hold certificates and special work they will receive during their time at the School. In Year 6 the children will bring their folders back to the church to be blessed."

Francis Wickes

Harvest Celebrations at Good Shepherd, Arnold

At the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary Academy in Woodthorpe, we have marked the Harvest in many different ways – thanking God for the food we are lucky enough to have, whilst thinking about those around the world who are not as fortunate. At a special assembly, Elizabeth from CAFOD asked us to 'Brighten up our World this

Harvest' and make a difference to the lives of others. In response, all the pupils collected coins and exchanged their school jumpers and cardigans for a coloured top to brighten up our school. Our Chaplaincy Team were ready and waiting, at the school gates, to collect the brightly coloured envelopes bursting with coins. The total raised for CAFOD so far is over £840, with more envelopes arriving each day.

We also wanted to think about those closer to home, who may be struggling to feed their families, so pupils generously brought in an amazing array of food products which were displayed in the hall. The donated food was collected by the Arnold Food Bank, to support those less fortunate in our local area.

Our Harvest Mass with Fr Philipp was a wonderful community celebration, thanking God for all that he provides for us. The choir excelled themselves with a lively number called 'Share' and it was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents joining us in the School Hall.



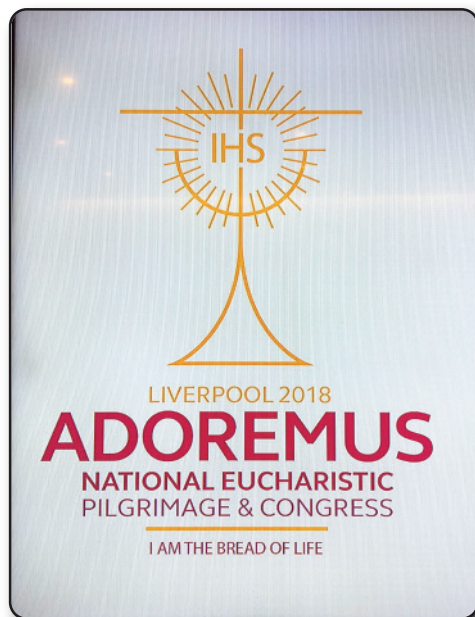
Derby Catenians Skittles Evening

Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

Derby Catenians held their annual skittles evening in early September. This popular well attended event takes place at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook on the outskirts of Derby. The skittles 'tournament' is interspersed with a thoroughly enjoyable fish and chips supper. The winners of a not very competitive skittles match were husband and wife team Richard and Sally Penna. More information about the Derby branch of the Catenian Association can be obtained from Richard Penna at richard.penna@ntlworld.com



Kevin Hurst
Derby Catenians Publicity Officer



A reflection from Sr. Margaret Finnegan PBVM and Sr. Justine Mulcahy PBVM, from Leicester St. John Bosco, on their attendance at Adoremus...

"After an early departure, we arrived in Liverpool in good time for the start at 10.00, at the Liverpool ECHO Arena. The place was full, with thousands of people from all parts of the country and one could sense the faith, enthusiasm and expectation of the participants.

"After the welcomes, and prayer, we had the first talk from Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles, a well-known speaker and broadcaster. He was excellent and kept us spell-bound with his serious and thought-provoking words on the Mass, yet delivered in a light-hearted manner.

"His message was that, primarily, our Christianity is a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Mass is the most sublime form of prayer and worship of our loving God and Creator.

"It is not meant for me or you alone. We are sent out to evangelise, to tell others of the joy, peace and love of being a follower of Jesus and a member of the Church, where we are supported in good times and bad. The theme of the second talk from Bishop Robert was sainthood and Eucharistic Adoration. If Christ is the centre of our lives, all other aspects are linked to that centre and bring about wholeness, harmony and a purpose in life.

"Questions to ask ourselves, perhaps? Is everything in my life attached to Christ or do I seek wealth, pleasure, power and honour? Do I 'waste' time in His presence in prayer? Do I use opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration? There were other presentations on

how to evangelise. At the end of the day, Cardinal Nichols and all the bishops processed into the arena and led the people in silent worship before the Blessed Sacrament. This was very prayerful and moving. The singing of the Cathedral choir and the thousands present was heavenly. We left for Leicester feeling joyful and spiritually uplifted."

Srs. Margaret and Justine.



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Preparing for Harvest Fast Day in North East Lincs

Last Friday morning I left home nice and early to travel north and then east to visit the furthest outreach of the Diocese, North East Lincolnshire! There was a very warm welcome from St Mary's Primary school in Grimsby.

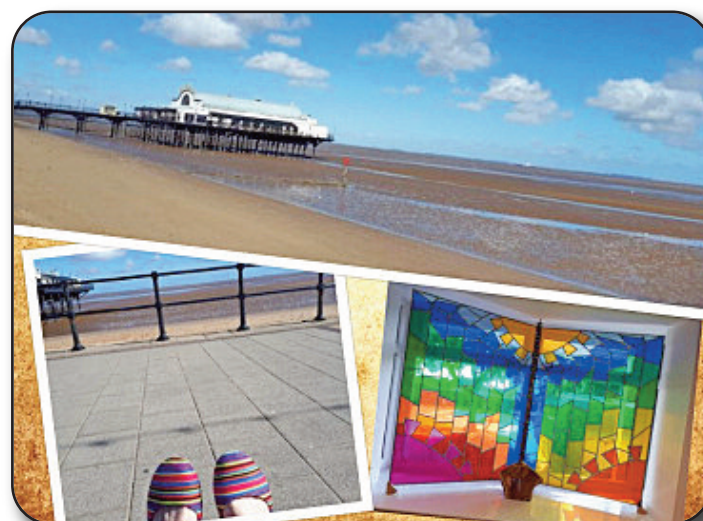


St Mary's School, Grimsby

Lovely displays of artwork and written work around the school. And thanks to some of the chaplaincy team for getting in the photo! The CAFOD BrightenUp Assembly was made even brighter by the children of Lisieux House who were all dressed in yellow! It was lovely to share in the news of the recent fantastic achievements of the basketball and tag rugby teams who performed brilliantly in local tournaments. Harvest Fast Day will be celebrated next Friday 5 October which will include donations of food for the local food bank. Since the current Year 6 have started the school has donated nearly £4000 to CAFOD with most of their fundraising done during Lent so some of it will have been doubled due to UKAid match funding. Well done everyone. It was lovely to visit you all. If any parents/grandparents are interested in supporting your school putting their Faith in Action, join us as a school volunteer. You won't regret it!!

Become a CAFOD School Volunteer

After an opportunity to soak up some sun on Cleethorpes Prom I then visited St Joseph's School in Cleethorpes. Again I led the CAFOD BrightenUp assembly for Harvest Fast Day. I had met the head Mrs Pollard and some other staff and students when we took part in the Humber Bridge Cross in May. So it was great to meet up again. The children are also combining Fast Day with supporting



Wearing my Brighten Up shoes while soaking in the sun

the local food bank as well as fundraising for CAFOD. What great mission in caring for their local and global neighbours! It was also a very full Good Work Assembly with lots of awards and trophies being given out for attendance, writing and personal achievements. A very expressive and detailed report from the young girl who got a swimming certificate! Great singing, a stunning window, lovely displays of work and a very inviting library! Thank you all at St Joseph's and I look forward to seeing your Harvest Fast Day photos from your assembly and fundraising tomorrow!

Maggie Mairura



St Joseph's School, Cleethorpes

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There were around 100 servers there, from those who had just begun serving, to others who had been serving for thirty-five years. Bishop Patrick spoke in his homily of the importance of servers within parishes and thanked each of them for the hard work they do. He asked all there to think about their vocations and how being altar servers can help them with this. He encouraged us

to pray and to be faithful at all times. Many of our diocesan altar servers took an active part in the mass: doing the readings, bidding prayers and offertory procession. Joe Hopkins and Bernadette Hickey received recognition for twenty years of service to the guild in their parishes and schools. James Noakes, who has loyally served for thirty years was thanked by the bishop and all in attendance for his great work - all three a great inspiration to younger servers watch-

ing from the pews. Music at the mass was provided by the English Martyrs School in Leicester whose singing filled the cathedral with lovely sounds. After the mass, servers posed for photographs with the Bishop and mingled with other servers. A great day!"

Mairi-Frances McKay
Parish of St Peter, Leicester



The best-known regular visitor to our diocese

Father Vincent Kanyankole is perhaps the best-known regular visitor to our diocese. He came originally in 1988 to get a badly broken knee rebroken and properly reset, and has been visiting and helping out in all our counties every summer for the last thirty years. So people everywhere ask how he is.

Well, he is now in BUSOWA PARISH, eastern Uganda. He writes:

'Our Lady Queen of Martyrs is one of 22 Parishes that make up the Diocese of Jinja, in the east of the Diocese along the road to the Kenyan border, 65km from Jinja town, along the Tororo / Busia Highway. We have 59 outstation churches, regularly visited. [There is another priest!].

Each outstation church has a catechist who conducts the Sunday liturgies and prepares people to be received into the Church. The Parish has over 25,000 Catholics spread over an area of 3600 square kilometres – bigger than any of the counties in Nottingham diocese, apart from Lincolnshire. Half of our Parishioners are native Basoga. The rest are migrants from Kenya and other tribes in eastern Uganda

Economically, agriculture and trade are the income-earning activities in the Parish. Some parishioners have shops along the

roads but the majority depend on subsistence agriculture on small plots of land. They grow coffee, cotton and sugar cane as cash crops, and maize, sweet potatoes, rice and beans for their own consumption. The people are so poor that they can hardly sustain their church. Sometimes they experience severe famine.

In the Parish we have 70 catechists who help in the outstation churches. We meet the trained catechists - who are 20 - every last Friday of the month and plan the work for the following month. Every first Friday of the month we meet with all the 70 and lay out the work-plan with them.

There are 19 parish primary schools and a vocational secondary school, all visited on a regular basis.

Busowa Parish has 2 convents with 8 nuns. One convent is a spiritual centre for the formation of young nuns and this year we have 29 young Sisters under formation. I am the Chaplain to this convent.

This summer I was given an iPhone, so I can now enjoy WhatsApp and FaceTime conversations with my friends in the Nottingham Diocese!

So, Father Vincent has a parish about the size of one of our counties, with 25000 parishioners, and he takes it in his stride.



What are we worried about? In relation to him, we are very well off for priests, though we could envy him his catechetical system.

But in his late 60's he is the oldest working priest in his diocese, and may shortly be retiring. We wish him a healthy and happy retirement, and pray that he will still be able to visit us from his retirement home - which will probably be in the capital of Uganda, Kampala.

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

Throughout our liturgical year we celebrate and commemorate almost daily in our Mass and Office one of the many saints recognised by Holy Church. However, it is in particular at the beginning of November that we celebrate the lovely feast of All Saints. It is at this time that I reflect and not only think about the communion of saints, those gone before, but also every individual christian soul living among us, because there is a sense that it is also our feast too because we are all called to be saints. This is not simply a nice thought but surely it is the goal of our lives. This is why God made us to become saints. It may sound like something impossible to us, but it is our call. The saints whose lives we celebrate at All Saints were just simple, ordinary people like ourselves. Most of their lives were simply ordinary lives, rooted in the rhythms of normal daily life, often doing the same things we all do everyday. - earning a living, making meals, doing daily chores, serving in the community, teaching children, spending time together as a family. This is who they were and that's who we are, ordinary people trying to live faithfully to the teachings of the Church and relying on God's grace through the Sacraments.

Sometimes we think of the saints as having some special life, our lack of the concept of a saint makes it difficult to really understand and think what it is to be a saint. The call to holiness for us, is just a call to be faithful to God in the ordinary everyday things of our lives. But what really are the qualities of a saint?

When I try to answer this question I think that there are two main things; the first is Love. The saints knew the love of God and they wanted to share that love, the saints knew that God is our loving Father and that we are his beloved sons and daughters. They knew that God made all of us to be with him - to live as one family of God in his Church - this for me is the first thing about the saints LOVE. The second thing in my understanding about saints - or how to be-

come a saint - is service. The saints were called to be servants of our God, this means the saints knew they had a mission, a purpose in life. We all have that same mission to serve God's plan for creation, God's plan for the world and to serve one another. This is the beautiful vision that Jesus continually sets before us throughout the Gospels; to love God and serve one another.

It sounds easy but we know it is challenging. However, we are all called to be saints, this is what really gives meaning to our lives. Everything we go through in the personal circumstances of our lives make sense when we understand that we are called to be saints - to love God - to serve God and to love and serve our brothers and sisters. One of my favourite Gospel passages is the Sermon on the Mount or the Beatitudes (Matt 5: 1-10) these words of Jesus seem to set the standard for our lives as saints. The saints were and are men and women of the Beatitudes, we need to read and reflect on them often, they describe the qualities and attitudes that we need to really become saints. To be a saint we have to be meek and poor in spirit, we have to be peacemakers, we have to be merciful and have a pure



heart, we have to mourn to be in solidarity with those who suffer and finally to be a saint we have to be willing to undergo persecution for the sake of God. Let us pray for grace to grow in these qualities - to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes. In this way with the help of the grace of God that comes to us especially through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist - Holy Communication - we too can become real saints of the 21st century!

**Fr. David + h.d.n
Priest and Hermit
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Hats for Fishermen

This picture was taken on the steps of St Mary on the Sea, Grimsby, on the occasion of the CWL visit on Friday, the 12 October. We are wearing the hats knitted by the late Maeve McAllistair for the fishermen of the port of Immingham. The back row, from left to right, shows Bryony (AOS chaplaincy), Father Andrew Cole, Steve (AOS Chaplaincy), Mary and Liz. Second row, from left to right, Cecilia, Therese and Peggy.

**Liz Aldridge,
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WORLD PORRIDGE DAY



On Wednesday 10 October 2018 the Lincoln Section of the Catholic Women's League decided to add porridge to the usual Wednesday Coffee Morning fare!

This was in aid of Mary's Meals, which feeds approaching 1.5 million children every day in countries across the world.

Blueberries, grapes, raisins, almonds and bananas were provided for people to create a face on their porridge. The one featured here was Fr Eddy's artistic effort. The regular parishioners tucked in with gusto as can be seen from the photos.

A magnificent total of £150 was raised for Mary's Meals, in addition to a donation of £45 for the ongoing Uganda Clean Water project, our regular weekly charity.

We are truly grateful for the generous support our parishioners have given to this and many other projects.

Peggy McCarthy,
St Peter & St Paul's RC Church, Lincoln



Remember, Remember

By Julia Beacroft



'Remember, remember the fifth of November of gunpowder treason and plot.

I know of no reason, why the gun powder treason should ever be forgot'.

(Alan Moore)

November is now upon us, a month which many of us find somewhat dreary, cold and a reminder that winter is only just around the corner. The name November actually comes from the Roman word 'novem' meaning nine, because November was the ninth month in the Roman calendar. The Anglo-Saxons, in their turn, called November 'Wind monath' because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow and Sir Walter Scott wrote of the month: 'November's sky is chill and drear November's leaf is red and sear (withered)'.

So all in all, not always a month which we particularly look forward to! Yet the first week of November has always been a time of festivals and celebrations, marking the end of harvest and the beginning of winter. Bonfire Night, of course, is one of these.

RELENTLESSLY

Even now, I can vividly recall an incident some years ago when my elder daughter was attending nursery. As usual, I had collected her at the end of the session and was waiting to hear all about her morning there. But apparently this was not to be! The children had been learning about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night which

was fast approaching and had been taught the rhyme 'Remember, Remember' (above). Unfortunately however, she had only remembered half of the first line: 'Remember, remember the fifth of November', which she then proceeded to relentlessly sing over and over again all the way home. And we were not in the car – we were walking!

MADE PRESENT

The great festivals of the Church at Easter and Christmas are traditionally the times when we particularly reflect upon our faith, and of course by November, Christmas is already starting to permeate our thoughts. But it seems to me that the words 'Remember, remember' are particularly apt for all Christians. Our faith journeys always involve our remembering our Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins, was resurrected and gave himself wholly and completely out of love for each and every one of us. And there is more. During the Catholic Mass, Jesus is made present over and over again at the table of the Eucharist – in fact every time that the celebration and the sacrifice of the Holy Mass takes place.

And so we count ourselves lucky that not only can we remember Jesus in our thoughts and prayers as we go about our daily lives, but we are enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit to encounter Him each time we go to Mass.

And so during this month of November – a traditional time for remembering – we give grateful thanks as we remember our Lord, because there is no reason why He should ever be forgotten.

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ALL OLD HUGONIANS and former staff and their families are invited and are asked to apply to the website at sthughstollerton.wordpress.com for tickets as soon as possible, as space is limited.

Current records are patchy so if you have contact details of any Old Hugonians, we would very much welcome help in contacting the maximum possible number of old boys. Or if you know of old boys who have died, we would also be pleased to have details so that they can be prayed for by name in the anniversary Mass.

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National Public Speaking Competition Winner

A Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy student is celebrating after winning a national public speaking competition.

Peter Firbank admits that speaking in front of an audience terrifies him but he still managed to triumph at the Catenians National Public Speaking Competition.

The 17-year-old, who is studying at Blessed Robert Sutton CVA Sixth Form, made it through to the national final after winning a regional competition.

At both events Peter spoke for four minutes and his speech was titled 'Freedom is not given, it is won.'

He said: "There were 15 of us altogether who were competing from across the country, Northern Ireland and Scotland, and there were about 400 people in the audience. I think that's the largest amount of people I've spoken in front of. I hate public speaking but I seem able just to put the fear to one side. I feel physically sick just before I go on stage but once I start talking it's fine, it's just the run up to it that's generally awful.

"I always go note free and I think that's because I have an acting background and it doesn't feel natural for me to be holding notes. I honestly didn't think I had a chance of winning as there were lots of very, very



good speakers at the competition who were really confident."

Peter has been supported by his maths teacher Amanda McDowall, who is also a public speaking coach.

He said: "We run through breathing exercises and she has talked to me about how to use tone and inflection to show emotion and how to use the tempo of your voice to make sure you sound genuine."

The teenager won £200 and a trophy for himself and £100 and a trophy for school. Aidan Smith, headteacher at Blessed Robert Sutton CVA, in Burton, said everyone was extremely proud of Peter.

He said: "Peter is a fantastic ambassador for Blessed Robert Sutton CVA and we are all delighted about his tremendous success. We encourage our students to be resilient, challenge themselves and conquer their fears and Peter is a great example of this."

Students interviewed by local businesses

Every Year 11 student at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy in Derby was interviewed by a local business representative as part of a careers advice programme.

The one-to-one interview sessions were organised by E4E, an initiative which aims to link employers with youngsters in a bid to create a better understanding about career opportunities and aspirations.

More than 25 business and organisations attended included HMRC, Derby City Council, Rolls-Royce and the University of Derby.



Clare Alderson, project co-ordinator for E4E, said: "I think students have an idea of what work and interviews are like but this is a chance for them to meet an employer and get the most they can out of it.

"We've had some great feedback and we'd like to thank the employers who gave up their time to take part."

Lydia Gretton, careers advisor at Saint Benedict CVA, in Duffield Road, said: "Our students gain so much from this session.

"For some it may be their first experience of an interview like this and it gives them a taste of what they can expect as they move forward to the next stage of their lives.

"We would like to thank all of the employers, organisations and individuals who attended and E4E for organising the session."



The students were given verbal feedback and the volunteers completed written feedback for each student.



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