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175th anniversary celebrations of the Cathedral

On Tuesday, the 11th of June, feast day of the Apostle S. Barnabas, celebrations were held at the Cathedral for the 175th anniversary of the dedication of the building, done at a time when it still functioned as a parish church rather than as a cathedral. Mass was offered in the presence of the Bishop by His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and Metropolitan, the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, who was assisted by several of the Bishops of England and Wales, by several priests of the diocese and priests from beyond, and by lay representatives from parishes around the diocese. The cathedral was pleased to receive once more His Grace the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon, her previous Bishop, and at present the Archbishop of the metropolitan See of Liverpool, who gave the homily at Mass. He said, "St Barnabas Cathedral started life as a parish church and was the second church to be built by Fr. Robert Willson in Nottingham. The first which is still standing in George Street was a modest building dedicated to S.



John the evangelist. That building which now houses an architect's office looked like many non-conformist chapels, to avoid attracting attention. Fr. Willson acquired a large site on Toll-house Hill to cater for the needs of the growing Catholic community. Some of the site was kept for the convent of mercy but the remainder was used for a church and large presbytery. The Earl of Shrewsbury financed the new church and Bishop Wiseman laid the foundation stone. The architect was Augustus Welby Pugin who was at the height of his powers and fame in 1841 when the building began.

"Fr. Willson was appointed bishop of Hobart Town in Tasmania in 1842, and one of his last acts, Canon Dolan relates in his work, 'Good News for the East Midlands,' was to bless the cross on top of the 173 foot spire." *You can read the full homily on the diocesan website.*




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Sea Sunday

14th July is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. As it is dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously.

Over the next year The Apostleship of the Sea, are making the change from The Apostleship of the Sea to 'Stella Maris' which is the name seafarers know them as.

Stella Maris has chaplains and volunteers in ports all over the world, 'a friend in every port' for seafarers and fishermen, in good times and bad alike. This is one story of how vital the work of Stella Maris is for seafarers and their families when difficulties arise.

A group of Kenyan seafarers were stuck in Cape Town Port for over a year between 2017 and 2019 and were supported by Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea). The men had been working on a tug boat which was hired to deliver a barge from Mombasa in Kenya to Port Elizabeth in South Africa, they were then to sail on to Nigeria. After delivering the barge the crew tried to sail onwards to Nigeria, but extremely high waves forced them to turn back to Port Elizabeth.

They waited for the weather to clear and eventually reached Cape Town some weeks later. For over a year the seafarers were stranded in the port as a deal with the new tug owner failed to materialise, and their ship was put into dry dock for repairs. The crew, three Catholics and four Muslims were visited onboard their ship in Cape Town by the Stella Maris director, Nicky Barends.

Nicky said "I can't imagine how they coped; arriving here after a dangerous voyage which left them fearing for their lives, and then stranded in a foreign port away from

their families for over a year." For many months the crew didn't receive their salaries. Can you imagine what it would be like for you not receiving your salary month after month?

One seafarer asked Nicky to intervene on his behalf. He was very worried as he needed to send money home as his child in Kenya needed medical treatment. He also told Nicky that the ships cook had gone back home to Kenya without getting paid the salary that was owed to him.

During the many months this crew was stranded in Cape Town the Stella Maris team; Nicky and his volunteers visited the crew regularly to support them and let them know they were not forgotten. They took the Catholic seafarers to Saturday evening Mass at the seafarers' centre each week and one week, Nicky arranged a barbecue at his home for them to try and keep their spirits up.

Working with the Stella Maris team in Lon-



don and other maritime authorities after nearly two years all the crew were eventually sent home and paid their wages. Meaning that families could be reunited and children's medical treatment could continue.

Every year Stella Maris visits more than 70,000 ships around the world, day in day out. This work is only possible thanks to your prayers, generous donations and those people who remember Stella Maris with a gift in their Will.

So on Sea Sunday, please pray for seafarers who bring us the goods we consume every day, pray for the Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers who ensure that seafarers can live with dignity and practise their faith. Your generous contributions will help all this work continue.

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

"There was a man, Benedict, who was revered for the holiness of his life, blessed by God both in grace and name. While yet a boy, he showed mature understanding and possessed a strength of character far beyond his years, keeping his heart detached from sinful worldly pleasures.

While still in the world, he was in a position to enjoy all that the world had to offer, but seeing how empty it was, he turned from it without regret." (from the dialogues of St. Gregory the Great)

Last month I celebrated another birthday, it was of course not only a day of celebration but also a wonderful opportunity to take stock and reflect on the past years but also to look forward to the future as a Christian, a priest and a hermit - however, over the years now past, I was able to see how fundamental God's providence had been in establishing my faith and helping it to grow and mature and leading me to live as a solitary (hermit).

Like so many people it was in my early twenties that I had begun to ask questions - what would I do? where would life take me?, I knew deep within my heart that I was yearning for a sense of direction.

It was at this time that I first read about St Benedict and the short quote from St Gregory above and was first introduced to the religious life, to the Rule of Saint Benedict and began to experience life living within a Benedictine community - something had changed my life and I knew it could never be the same again.

Some forty four years later, life has taken many twists and turns, many successes and failures, but whenever I felt my life may be on a wrong path, it was the Rule of Saint Benedict that re-directed me to Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

Thomas Merton in his book on the Holy Rule of Saint Benedict, (Initiation Into the Monastic Tradition) wrote:

"The purpose of the Rule is to furnish a framework to build the structure of a simple and pure spiritual life, pleasing to God by its perfection of faith, humility and love. The Rule is not an end in itself, but a means to an end and is always seen to be in relation to its end. This end is union with God in love and shows how to get rid of self love and replace it by love of God."

It may seem odd that some of the best guidelines for achieving a balance in our world today, where stress has become the norm, come from a sixth century Italian monk, who at one point in his life chose to



live alone in a cave. Yet throughout the centuries millions of people, not only those aspiring to live the religious life, but many others have found the teachings of St. Benedict and his rule a key to their spiritual well-being. The spirituality of St. Benedict over my own life and to many others who follow its path is a way to faith filled living through work, prayer and living in community.

However, this is not a spirituality that requires always a departure from normal everyday life, but rather a way of being that embraces and becomes engaged in holiness that permeates our daily life and the call to follow Christ in all that we do. The Rule of Saint Benedict, its existence and living it throughout daily life, changes the way we think about ourselves, treat each other and spend our time - the Rule has taught me to value what is really important in life - what outweighs desire for money, status and success and points to the authentic spiritual self deep within each of us, in a world where spiritual health is seen as something separate from everyday living.

The Rule of Saint Benedict over many years has given me the wisdom and understanding to help centre my own life in God and to live daily in union with him through a simple way of life, continually being open to God's Providence and listening "with the ears of the heart" (prologue of the Rule).

All this of-course begins with letting go of all that holds us back, a letting go of the many things we attach ourselves to. The lesson for us all in this, no matter whose rule we follow or whoever our favourite Saint is, whatever spirituality we are drawn to and whatever draws us closer to God, all first begins with letting go of our own wills. As St. Benedict wrote in chapter 72 of his Rule "let us prefer nothing whatever to Christ, and he may bring us all together to everlasting life".

This month we keep Saint Benedict's feast on the 11th - a day kept with great Solemnity here at the 'hermitage' and not only this but it is the anniversary of our Priestly ordinations, please pray for us.!

**Fr. David + h.d.n.
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FRANKLY SPEAKING

In all the arguments about having a second referendum on our membership of the European Union our political leaders seem to have forgotten our young people. The at times robust or even bitter arguments have rarely embraced the future for our teenagers not least those who were not old enough to vote in the 2016 vote. We hear much about the 17 or 16 million who did vote in the referendum for remain or leave but who cares about the generation who will inherit the legacy of the post-Brexit Britain we are due to finally commence this autumn?. It is not only our teenagers we should be concerned about. Many of our parishioners will have attended Mass in recent months and witnessed the young children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. The joy and reverence of this occasion should not be forgotten. Indeed we really should talk about these great family gatherings with great pride. The Columban Missionaries calendar for July this year has a special prayer which speaks of the "Gift of Family". This embraces a "thankyou" for family and friends to be with us in times of not only sorrow but also joy and moments of celebration. The prayer embraces spiritual assistance to help us in days of need and on the same calendar we are encouraged to do good and share what we have, this is surely the message our children need to hear. As I write this article there are 13 politicians who have said they want to be our next Prime Minister

and very few of them or their supporters have spoken out to give the necessary encouragement our young people need. I was fortunate at the age of 16 to apply for and get a factory job which lasted for 40 years. No one else applied for the post in 1960, just over 2 years before my good fortune the Prime Minister of the time, Harold MacMillan had spoken of many in our country "never having had it so good". In stark contrast the Confederation of British Industry (the CBI) told us a few weeks ago that goodwill between business and government was at an all time low. One final message for industry must be what is our Country doing for our young people who like me will not go to University? The apprenticeship levy introduced in 2017 has not matched its much stated aim to "change British workplaces for the better", we have a skills shortage, surely any young people are looking for new opportunities as vacancies become difficult to fill. Our young people are waiting for answers. On June 3rd a leading article in "TheTimes" suggested Things can only get better. This was also the feast day of Saint Charles Lwanga who with his companions bravely suffered martyrdom in what is present day Uganda Saint Charles died for his Christian Faith, as the patron of African youth we could all learn from his principles and courage.

Frank Goulding



On 12 May, after almost 30 years, Blessed Sacrament Church in Leicester embarked on their last Parish Pilgrimage to the West of Ireland. Throughout all those years there have been parishioners who have been on all, or almost all of them, including Parish Priest, Father John Joe Maloney, who began them soon after his arrival in the Parish in 1990. This year there were 49 pilgrims, 20 of whom were going for the first time.

Being the final pilgrimage, the itinerary had been carefully planned to include places of special remembrance, deep spirituality and extreme natural beauty. As for each pilgrimage it began at the church. After a spell of cold and wet weather, summer arrived on the Sunday morning and we all departed on our now very familiar and much loved yellow Silverdale coach, saying a specially written Rosary on the Mystery of Us.

The Irish Sea was like a millpond from Holyhead to Dublin. The hotel chosen was the Westport Coast Hotel whose dining room looks out over the beautiful Clew Bay and also up to Croagh Patrick. It's hard to concentrate on food with such views.

There has always been something different about these pilgrimages and it probably has something to do with the fact that it is not just the homeland, but also the very area where our Parish Priest grew up. Everywhere we have visited carries his personal

history as well as a cultural one and the deep spirituality of the people of Ireland over the centuries.

We came to places like Ballintubber Abbey where Mass has been celebrated each day since 1200 - despite the best efforts of the English and the ravages of the famine, and the great migration which took away so many of the young Irish in the late 1800s and onwards. After Mass and a talk about the Abbey, in small groups we went round their unique Stations of the Cross with reflections specially written for our visit. We went to Croagh Patrick where St Patrick spent the 40 days of Lent in 441 in prayer and penance. We didn't get to the top, but we did pray. Many of the pilgrims walked well over a mile of the 22 mile Famine Walk from Louisburg to Delphi, a walk that in 1847 took many lives and reminded us not only of their suffering but of those who suffer today.

Wednesday is always Knock, the focal point of the pilgrimages, where we have Mass in the Apparition Chapel and there is also a Healing Mass in the afternoon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Rosary and the Stations of the Cross are all part of the visit there; this year we 'sang' the Stations, which was quite special. The Basilica must be one of the most beautiful anywhere, but then, we are biased. Apart from the year when Mother Theresa was there at the same time as we were, it is usually very quiet and

peaceful when we come to Knock, the perfect opportunity for renewal - a day that you just cannot experience anywhere else.

For most pilgrims Thursday's visit to Bofeenaun - our first - was particularly blessed as it was where Father John Joe said his First Mass after his Ordination 55 years ago. In this year of his retirement and our last pilgrimage it was both emotional and spiritual. We received a wonderful welcome from the Parish Priest and parishioners who joined us for the Mass and laid on refreshments afterwards. It was hard to leave.

And so to the final farewell. Many will return but never find the same experience as on the Parish Pilgrimages. Having said the Mysteries of the Rosary during the week, on our return journey we said another specially written Rosary of thanksgiving to God.

We remain pilgrims all our lives. It is not just one week each year of heightened awareness of the closeness of God in the beauty, company and spirituality of a pilgrimage, but every week knowing His presence, His love, His grace always in our lives

Mass for neophytes, 2019

On the afternoon of Sunday the 19th of May, the Bishop offered Mass at the Cathedral for all recently-baptised Catholics (neophytes) of the Diocese. This is an annual event, and Mass is offered in all solemnity for the intentions of these new Catholics. May we continue to pray for them and for all new candidates for baptism for the coming twelve months.



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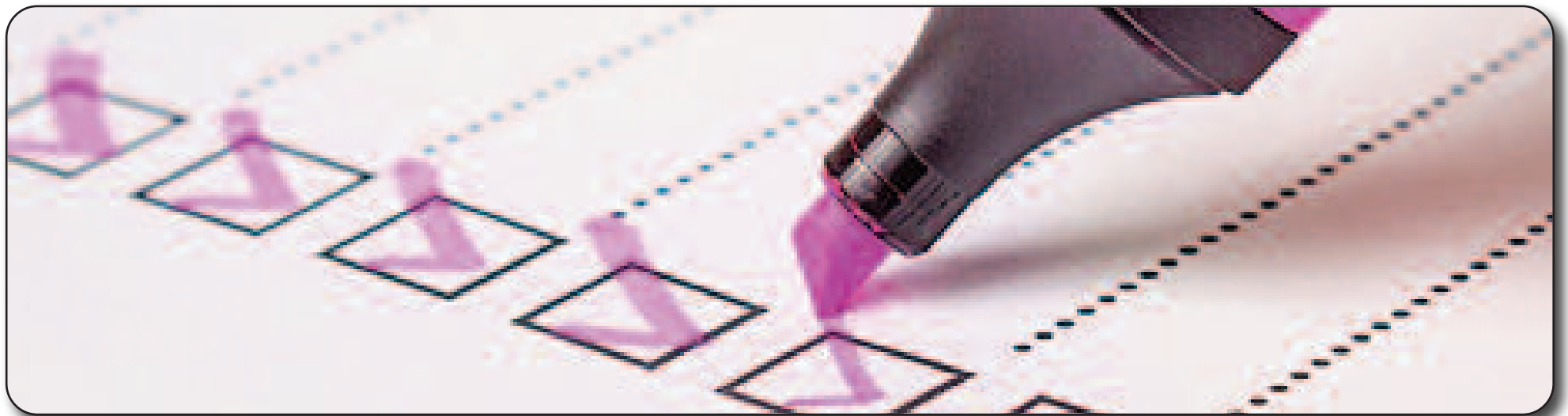
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Reaching out



Paul Bodenham, the diocesan Justice and Peace Fieldworker, reports findings from a survey of social action in our parishes.

It's time for the Church to tackle the epidemic of social isolation, a new survey in Nottingham Diocese has revealed. Alongside care for elderly people, isolation topped the list of concerns which parishes felt Catholics could help to address.

The questionnaire was circulated just before Lent to clergy, with lay people often involved in the research. Responses have so far come in from about half of parishes, and more are on their way. The evidence is proving to be invaluable, so if you have contributed your insight to the survey, thank you. Already a picture is emerging of the wealth of social action going on in our parishes. Here's a preview of those findings.

The first main question asked what social outreach projects and activities the parish is already involved in. Three-quarters report working directly with members of Traveller communities, and also with parents and children, elderly people and young people. Many parishes also have active volunteers who support SVP (75%) and CAFOD (86%), with over 60% of respondents saying they are working towards CAFOD's Livesimply Award. Over half of parishes reach out to people with disabilities (67%) or prisoners (52%). A similar proportion report an active commitment to Fair Trade. Nearly half (42-47%) take practical action to care for the environment, reach out to seafarers or people with mental illness or dementia, or offer marriage counselling.

For some activities, parishes are more likely to work with other churches and agencies in their neighbourhood. Half of parishes collaborate ecumenically for Justice and Peace issues or to help refugees (compared with 30% doing it themselves). And over half (57%) contribute with other churches to a local foodbank, to work with refugees or on environmental concerns. Parishes often support other organisations which provide the expertise, notably with pro-life services (62%) and homelessness (48%), in addition to the vulnerable groups mentioned in the previous paragraph.

The questionnaire also enquired about activities which the parish is beginning to develop. The Livesimply award and environmental concerns, dementia and Justice and Peace are attracting most attention, between 40% and 25%.

Looking to the future, the survey also asked 'What do you consider the main concerns to be addressed in your locality?' As reported above, top of the list were care for elderly people (82%) and isolation (62%). At least half also cited health (including mental health), poverty and debt, and the needs of young people, with homelessness not far behind at 44%.

So what can we learn from the responses so far? The evidence shows that Catholics are doing much valuable work already, and that hands-on 'missionary discipleship' deserves to be sustained and strengthened. And there is an appetite to do more to meet the additional needs the survey has brought to light. The Justice and Peace Commission will be organising Deanery workshops through the coming year to explore the potential for collaboration both within



and between parishes. And it won't stop there. Thanks to a grant from Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), we will be able to help all these aspirations to bear fruit. With CSAN's help the Commission is planning to strengthen charitable work

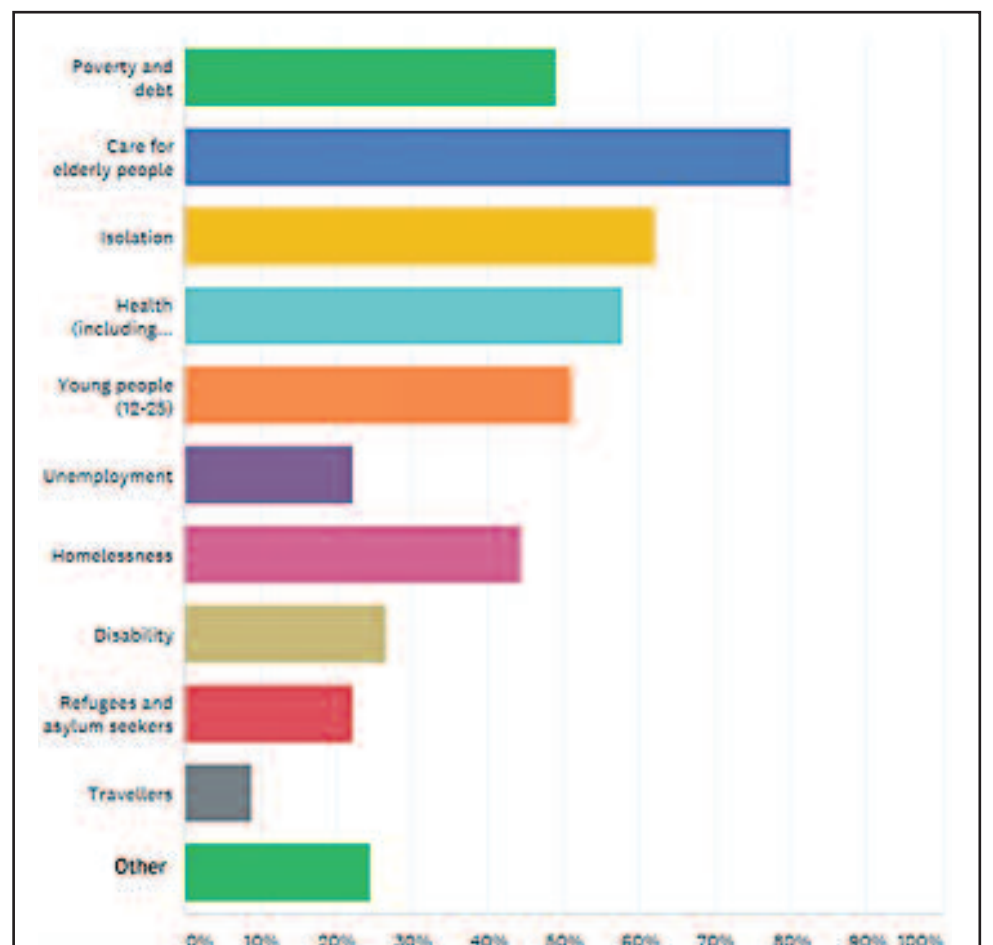
across the diocese under the umbrella of the nationwide network of 'Caritas' agencies. It's all set out in the remit for Faith into Action, outlined in the May 2019 edition of Catholic News and available online at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction.

Many of the problems of our time hit the ground in Nottingham Diocese, and claim our compassion. The survey results hint that the crisis of loneliness is a problem we are poised to tackle. Unlocking it is a matter of both justice and charity – it reconciles people with each other, and enables them to claim their God-given dignity.

With the volunteers and meeting spaces at our disposal, the Church is well-placed to tackle social isolation among people of any age. The problems are complex, but the solutions are simple. And for us the motive power will be God's love, searching, generous and unconditional.



The Friendship Group at St Patrick's in Leicester combats social isolation. Every week it welcomes people regardless of faith, and not just from Beaumont Leys but from across the city. (Image from a film by Imran Qureshi available at www.dioceseofnottingham/faithintoaction)



The diocesan social action survey in Lent 2019 revealed that care for elderly people and isolation are the main concerns which parishes want to see addressed in their locality.

“The Church’s deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable” (Pope Benedict XVI, Deus caritas est, 25)

“Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political... It makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the common good are outstanding expressions of charity” (Pope Francis, Laudato Si’, 231)



Blessing of parish lawnmower

Fr Greg is being assisted with the blessing by Canon Tim O'Sullivan. On the lawnmower is Bruce Martin, who together with his wife Maureen Martin dedicate many hours to ensuring the lawns and hedges surrounding the church at Mackworth are kept tidy. The blessing took place after Saturday evening mass with many parishioners looking on - from behind the camera!

Delivered a speech to the whole school before the vote

Two Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy students are celebrating after being appointed Head Boy and Head Girl.

Every prefect was invited to apply for the prestigious roles and Year 10 students Harrison Powell and Sienna Grant, both 15, were successful.

Prefects were asked to write a letter to senior members of staff stating their qualities, why they would be suitable for the role and set out any ideas for improvements to the academy.

A shortlist was then drawn up by senior staff members and students ran a publicity campaign, making posters and badges to encourage their fellow students to vote for them.

They also had to deliver a speech to the whole school before students and staff were asked to vote.

Harrison and Sienna were told they had been successful by head teacher Joan McCarthy and they were presented on stage to their fellow students and teachers.

Sienna said she was shocked but pleased to have been named Head Girl.

She said: "I was quite surprised as the competition was so good but I was really pleased. When it was announced to the school everyone clapped and cheered and we were allowed to call home to tell our parents and they were really pleased too. We've got ideas for changes we'd like to see but we're not planning anything unrealistic. I think being Head Girl will lead to me becoming more confident and it will also help me to work on my communication skills."



Harrison said he was looking forward to the challenge of being Head Boy.

He said: "I was really pleased to be offered the chance to be Head Boy and after we were given the news it felt like all the stress was over and then it started to sink in. I'm really keen on giving other students the chance for their voices to be heard. I've heard lots of ideas including bringing the pasta bar back at lunchtime and seeing if we can get lockers for KS4 students. We meet with the Student Council and they feed back ideas from their form groups and we see if we can take them forward. I think it's really important that students are represented, particularly the younger ones because they are the future of our school."

Mrs McCarthy said she was extremely proud of both students.

She said: "We would like to thank all of the students who applied to be Head Boy and Head Girl and I was particularly impressed by the campaigns that they ran. Harrison and Sienna are great ambassadors for our wonderful school and I know they are looking forward to representing their peers and making a difference."

Strengthening family life through faith and friendship Derby Catenians change officers

The April meeting of the Catenian Association, Derby branch, saw the installation of new officers.

David Barke, the retiring President, installed Richard Penna as incoming President for 2019/2020. Richard, in turn, installed Tomasz Bandura as Treasurer and Aidan Keogh as Registrar.

The newly installed President then had the pleasure, as his first presidential duty, to enrol Vasso Vydellingum as a new member. Vasso was formerly a lecturer at Surrey University and on his retirement he moved to the Midlands, together with his wife Priscilla, in order to be nearer his sons, Jay and Julian, and the grandchildren. They are members of the parish of St. Mary and St. Modwen in Burton on Trent. In welcoming Vasso to the Derby Catenians, Richard Penna, the President, said "The Derby branch of the Catenian Association continues to expand its membership and we are delighted that we will be able to enjoy the friendship of Vasso and his wife Priscilla."

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

Kevin Hurst
Derby Catenians Publicity Officer



David Barke, retiring President, centre left and Richard Penna, incoming President centre right with Tomasz Bandura (right) and Aidan Keogh (left)



Richard Penna (left), President Derby Catenians and Vasso Vydellingum (right)

Appointment of the Eleventh Archbishop of Southwark

The Holy See announced recently (11th June) that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop John Wilson as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Archbishop-elect Wilson succeeds The Most Reverend Peter Smith, who has been Archbishop of Southwark since 2010. Archbishop-elect Wilson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster since 2015 and previously a priest in the Diocese of Leeds, will be the 11th Archbishop of Southwark and his Episcopal Installation will be celebrated in St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on 25 July.

Speaking of his appointment, Archbishop-elect Wilson said: "Someone once said if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. In whatever way I might have imagined God's plan for my life to unfold, the news of my appointment by Pope Francis as the new Archbishop of Southwark came as a complete surprise. I am grateful to His Excellency Archbishop Edward J. Adams, the Apostolic Nuncio, for his encouragement, and for reminding me of C S Lewis' invitation to be 'surprised by joy.' It is the joy of the Gospel, the Good News of God's love for the world in His Son Jesus Christ, that sustains and animates the Church's mission in which I am to share in a new way."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, said: "On behalf of the peo-



ple, priests and religious of Westminster I assure Archbishop-elect Wilson of our whole-hearted support and prayers as he moves to take up his role as Archbishop of Southwark. We thank him most warmly for his service in Westminster both as an area bishop and a dedicated part of episcopal oversight of the Archdiocese, especially in education."

The Archdiocese of Southwark is part of the Metropolitan Province of Southwark, which covers the South of England. The Cathedral Church is St George's Cathedral, Southwark. The Archdiocese covers the London boroughs south of the Thames, the county of Kent and the Medway Unitary Authority.

Southwark was one of the dioceses established at the restoration of Catholic hierarchical structures in 1850 by Pope Pius IX.

Blessing of the bells at the Church of Corpus Christi Clifton

Bishop Patrick blessed the peal of six bells at the Church of Corpus Christi on Saturday 1 June 2019. It was fitting that this took place at the weekend for World Communications, as the sound of bells is one of the oldest forms of communication.

Grace Dieu Manor School chapel has a ring of bells but Corpus Christi is the first Catholic parish church in the Diocese of Nottingham, which includes Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, to have a ringing peal of bells. The installation will raise the profile of the Catholic community in Clifton and provide a team exercise for parishioners and others to partake in.

This peal, previously housed at the Church of St. Francis Clifton, the gift of Christine Mills in memory of her husband Brian, The Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and Hayward Mills Associates, was generously gifted to the Church of Corpus Christi in an ecumenical gesture by the Church of England Community of Clifton when the Church of St Francis closed.

The bells were installed at Corpus Christi in Easter Week 2019 by a team of volunteers under the direction of TLB Services of Collingham.

The installation costs were met by gifts and donations from the parishioners of Corpus Christi and local Ringers, and grants from the Guild of St Agatha and The Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.



Bishop Patrick McKinney blessing the bells with holy water

Austin Bryan
Corpus Christi Parishioner and Clifton Ringing Master



and the incensing them



After blessing the bells, Bishop Patrick chimed the tenor, the largest bell



Then the ringers rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles



Bishop Patrick then celebrated Mass with Fr Christopher, Fr Enrico and Fr Wilfred



Time to relax

Fr Gregory Tobin is Inducted as Parish Priest of St Mary's Derby



The parishes of St Mary's Derby, Holy Family Allestree and Christ the King Mackworth, came together to officially induct their new parish priest, Fr Gregory Tobin. The ceremony involved the formal handing over of the keys and a Bible to Fr Greg by representatives of each community. Fr Greg renewed his vows as a priest and promised to lead the Catholic community faithfully. Leaders from other traditions, including the Orthodox Church and Salvation Army, attended to wish Fr Greg well and offer the hand of friendship as he embarks on his new ministry.

predecessor, acknowledging all he has done for the Catholic faith in Derby during more than twenty five years in office. Fr Tim was presented with a cheque by the parishioners as a token of their esteem and affection for him. Typically modest, Fr Tim was clearly surprised at this gesture and said that he would divide the money between his four chosen charities, thanking the parishioners for being kind enough to give him the opportunity to be able to do something for others. He wished Fr Greg well and commented that he had more faith in his successor than Theresa May, who had announced her forthcoming resignation that day – Fr Tim assured her that not being in charge has its compensations too!

The Mass was celebrated by the Dean of Derby, Fr Mark Brentnall, and other priests concelebrated. These priests included the new assistant priest for the three parishes, Fr Paul Smith, and the former parish priest, Canon Timothy O'Sullivan. Fr Greg took the opportunity to give a warm address to his

The evening concluded with a buffet supper in the Parish Centre."

Fran Wickes



Celebrating 175 years

As part of the celebrations for the 175th anniversary of the Cathedral of St Barnabas, the art and craft group have been working for over a year designing and making banners for the occasion. On a quite morning on Monday 3rd June we completed the hanging of the banners around the pillars and walls of the Cathedral, but we had saved the best till last, the banner of St Barnabas, we quietly said a little prayer of thanksgiving and together we hung our special banner. Geoffrey one of our organists was practising some music, and as we hung

the banner in place he played a fanfare, it was quite an emotional moment as a lot of work had gone into creating it, the Dean Fr Malachy joined us, led us in prayer and gave a blessing.

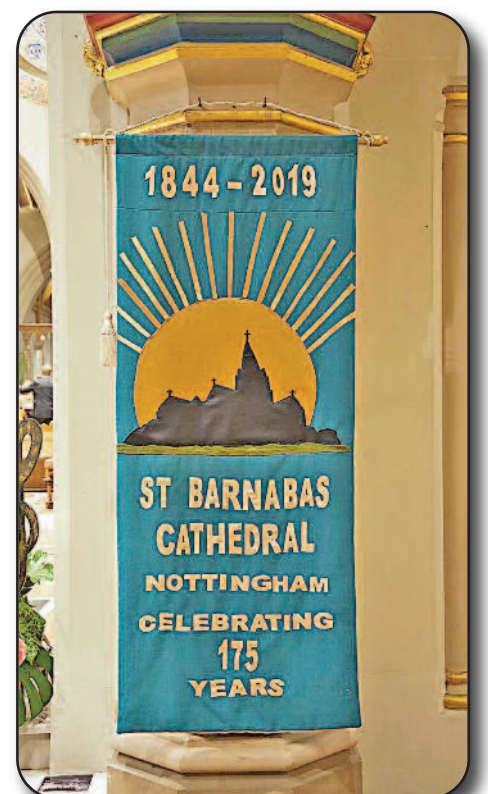
The whole piece had taken 10 weeks to create, Anne Verdon our artist had painted the face, hands and feet onto silk organdie, Maria Kirk had stitched the robes, halo and put the whole piece together and Sue Sylvester stitched the gold leather lettering. He looks magnificent, a truly original piece

of artwork, there is no other in the world. Mid week saw the arrival of church flower arrangers from the whole diocese of Nottingham with buckets of flowers and leaves and a mixture of all sorts of wonderful creations, by Thursday evening the whole Cathedral was a riot of colour with beautiful flowers everywhere and magnificent arrangements. One visitor commented that she had paid £25 to visit Chatsworth flower show and this was much better!

We were ready for Choral Vespers which took place on Friday evening with representatives from the many religious denominations in Nottingham alongside dignitaries, the Canons of the Church and guests with Deacon Kerry, the Dean Fr Malachy and Bishop Patrick looking resplendent in matching vestments which were Pugin originals on loan from Birmingham St Chads Cathedral.

We now await the Mass on 11th to celebrate our patrons Feast Day, with Cardinal Nichols and visiting clergy, together with representatives from each parish, religious houses and schools of the Diocese.

As you read this sadly the flowers will have gone, but the banners are still in place, so please do come and visit your Cathedral and have a look at our beautiful banners, especially St Barnabas. We are now working on phase 2 of our banner project which is a



banner focused on Pugin and his work, and St Micheal, so if you visit on a Monday you might find us busy stitching or eating cake!.

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Our dedication to improving wellbeing led to the planning and building of this unique space at the heart of the College. Today's fast-paced society, driven by technology and the need to constantly prove oneself whether through examinations, co-curricular pursuits or our relationships with others, can leave little room for individuals to stop and be still. The idea of daily quiet contemplation is rare yet, for those of us who pray or who make time for ourselves in this way, we understand just how important it is to find balance in our lives, allowing God to speak to our hearts. In the words of our College founder, Blessed Antonio Rosmini, "Adorare, tacere, godere" Adore, be silent, rejoice. Through silent contemplation, we are able to calm our minds,



retain a healthy perspective on our busy lives, untangle the ever-growing to-do list, refocus, and re-centre ourselves, reminding us to live in the moment. As Matthew's Gospel tells us, "do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

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Ecumenical activity in Barrow upon Soar

The Catholic community in Barrow Upon Soar, Leicestershire, were inspired by last month's 'Catholic News' story on what ecumenism looks like in our diocese, to share with us their experience. Since St Alban's church closed in 1984 they have not had a Catholic church in Barrow. This initially left a small but very committed and close community somewhat adrift. Since then they have been part of St Gregory's Sibley where they have been welcomed and play an active part in parish life. However, they have been able to keep together as a Catholic community in Barrow because each of the parish priests has been prepared to come and say Mass for them once a week on a Wednesday evening in a rented hall.

Barrow Catholics have continued to play a part in the ecumenical activities of the village. The Churches Together enabling group meets three times a year after Wednesday mass.

During Lent they have house groups, two this year, with each of the four Christian churches being represented. They also enjoy Lenten lunches every Friday in the Anglican Church hall. A simple lunch is prepared each week by volunteers from the four churches and all the money raised goes to a charity. Generally a Christian charity is chosen; this year they supported the Mental Health unit in the hospital in Gondar Ethiopia which was set up and is supported by a psychiatrist who lives in Barrow. The Lent lunches, along with the collections at

the joint services in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Advent service and the Good Friday service, raised an impressive £1200 in 2019.

Christians of all traditions meet regularly for prayer on the first Monday of the month led either by one of the ministers or a lay person. They pray together each day during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, meeting in each church in turn, the Catholics turn is on a Wednesday evening before the weekly Mass.

Kathryn Timmons, one of the Catholic members, pays tribute to how well supported she felt by members of the other churches during her husband's illness and death - "Each week a member of the Baptist church and one from the Methodist church came to read to him. They also read the Bidding Prayers at his funeral. A Methodist friend was always on hand to look in on him if I needed to be out for a while. He died on a Saturday evening, and before I went to Mass on Sunday I phoned someone from the other three churches and asked them to pray for him during their service, it was great comfort to me."

It is good to see ecumenism thriving in our diocese, we are called as Christians to nurture others' faith and look for ways to bring about reconciliation. As Pope Francis reminded us earlier this year "Ecumenism is not something optional."

Fran Wickes

Sandra Endsor retires as Ecumenical Commission Secretary



Mrs Sandra Endsor, the long time Secretary of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission has stepped down from the role. At their last meeting, the other Commission members paid tribute to Sandra for her commitment to ecumenism and all her hard work. They presented her with a silver cross necklace and flowers as a token of appreciation.

The Commission is now looking for a new Secretary. If you think that the work of ecumenism is calling you and you could volunteer your time to work towards closer relations with our Christian brothers and sisters in Christ, please contact Mrs Fran Wickes, the Commission Chair, at fran@brightshark.co.uk

‘Today Not Tomorrow’ – St Ralph Sherwin CMAT Calls Pupils to Evangelisation

The St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust brought together representatives from all its 25 Derbyshire Schools at a conference held at Pride Park Stadium. Mr Joe Hopkins, the Lead Lay Chaplain, shared the inspiring story of St Ralph Sherwin with the children and young people – how he trained in Rome but yearned to return to his Derbyshire home and spread the Good News in a country which was dangerously polarised between Catholic and Protestant. St Ralph paid the ultimate price for his faith but his example and motto of “Today not tomorrow” stands as a challenge to everyone to not put off being missionary evangelists and take up the mantle today.

The pupils took part in various workshops – the NDCYS offered prayer activities; Miss Colette Power spoke about the call to holiness; Rainbows Hospice, one of the CMAT’s official charities, talked about their work with young people with life-limiting conditions; and Bishop Patrick McKinney allowed himself to be well and truly grilled with no questions off limits!

The day ended with Mass, actively involving the young people who had written different parts of the celebration, including the prayers of intercession and penitential rite.

The CEO of the CMAT, Mr Sean McClafferty, spoke of his confidence in the children and young people. Catholic Schools are the cradle of missionary discipleship for the future and today.”

Fran Wickes



Celebrating her 10th year of being in charge of the Swadlincote primary school

A headteacher is celebrating her 10th year of being in charge of the Swadlincote primary school where she was a former pupil along with the completion of £200,000 worth of building work.

Jayne McQuillan first joined Saint Edward’s Catholic Voluntary Academy as a pupil in 1972 and 47 years later she is extremely proud of the school which she describes as a wonderful community.

She said: “It was strange to come back to work here in 1991 after being a pupil and although the buildings had changed I still felt that family feeling that I’d experienced when I was young and I think that’s partly because the Catholic ethos runs through everything we do here, we are such a strong community.”

Jayne’s links with the school extend even further for her mum was a welfare officer and her aunty was the caretaker when she was a pupil.

She said: “I was well looked after here. We had great links with the church and the convent across the road, it was all quite joined up. When I was a pupil things were very different. There have been a lot of changes since then. When I started, the school building was completely open plan and there were two classes in the infants. We used blackboards and the teachers were nuns who were very good to me.”

Jayne fondly recalls school trips to York,

London and a particularly memorable journey on the ferry to the Isle of Wight.

She went on to study at Blessed Robert Sutton CVA, in Burton, and originally wanted to become an interpreter.

She said: “Those were brilliant times at Blessed Robert, it was a great place to be. I remember there was a French girl who came over to visit and the school wanted someone to go back with her so I stayed in Paris for three weeks and I’m still in touch with her now.

“I wanted to be an interpreter and work for the World Health Organisation in Geneva but someone said I would make a good teacher. I did my PGCE in Derby and I loved every minute of it. It was hard but so rewarding.

“That’s what I love about teaching, it’s the difference that you can make. When you see a child’s face light up when they understand something, I don’t think you can ever underestimate that.”

Now Jayne is looking forward to a new era



at the school after £200,000 of building work was completed.

This has included an extension to the school hall with more storage, new pupil and staff toilets, new office and administration areas and a new front office.

Jayne said: “These are exciting times for Saint Edward’s and it’s great to have such supportive staff here. We are at full capacity throughout the school and looking forward to receiving a positive outcome in our next Ofsted inspection. We have converted to an academy and we are also part of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust which provides us with great support. There is a real momentum here at the moment.”

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Local Funeral Director is Honoured by the National Association of Funeral Directors

A local Funeral Director who has dedicated over 50 years of his life to the bereaved in Nottinghamshire and South Derby has awarded the distinction of Honorary Membership of the National Association of Funeral Directors (NAFD).

Nigel Lymn Rose who is Chairman of A. W. Lymn The Family Funeral Service being a fourth generation funeral director was delighted to receive the honour at the NAFD annual conference earlier this month.

Such an Honour is extremely rare in this profession. Membership of the Association is usually restricted to companies not individuals but an exception is occasionally made for someone who has given outstanding service to the profession.

Giving a citation, fellow funeral director and Past President of the Association Jeremy Field shared comments from parliamentarians who had worked with Nigel over the years. The Former All Party Group chair Baroness (Lorely) Burt said:

“Nigel is infinitely charming and courteous, but he has never pulled punches in his efforts and ceaseless determination to represent the interests of his industry and its clients - the grieving families who often find themselves beset by issues and problems due to Government policy.

“Because of Nigel I found myself signing letters and going to meetings with a succession of Ministers for whom help with funeral payments, delay in burials and mercury pollution levels from fillings in crematoria was not the most urgent and exciting gig in their lives! Twenty minutes with Nigel and they usually experienced a sharp reversal in opinion! He is so deserving of being honoured in this way.”

The Association’s National President David Barrington, comments: “Nigel is one of a very small number of individuals to have ever been awarded Honorary Membership. In fact only 30 have been awarded across the Association’s 114 year history and he is richly deserving of this most prestigious of honours. Nigel has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Association and its membership, campaigning for change in the UK’s parliaments and assemblies – as well as in Europe – to help funeral directors to care for bereaved people. He



is well known and respected, particularly in Westminster, for his unparalleled knowledge of legislation and his determination, across almost 40 years, to secure commitments from ministers and civil servants that will help funeral directors to do their important work.”

Accepting the certificate of membership Nigel said: “I am quite emotional. It’s a privilege to serve the Association, a pleasure, indeed a lifetime ambition – having started by attending local meetings nearly 50 years ago at the age of 15. I was delighted to receive this award and I am very grateful to the members for their support!”

Bishops welcome the Vatican document 'Male and Female He Created Them'

A spokesperson for the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales has commented on the Vatican document ‘Male and Female He Created Them’:

“The issuing of the Vatican Congregation for Education document ‘Male and Female He Created Them’ is a welcome contribution to developing Catholic thought on gender”.

The Vatican document complements the statement on gender that was released by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales last year.

That statement expressed both deep concern that the ideology of gender is causing confusion and promoted listening and accompaniment.

Both documents note the words of Pope Francis that the ideology of gender: “denies the difference and reciprocity in nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society without sexual difference, thereby eliminating the anthropological basis of the family. This ideology leads to educational pro-

grammes and legislative enactments that promote a personal identity and emotional intimacy radically separated from the biological difference between male and female. Consequently, human identity becomes the choice of the individual, one which can also change over time”... It needs to be emphasised that “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.” Amoris Laetitia 56

Both of these texts propose listening and dialogue rather than ideology, as the bishops’ statement notes:

“We recognise that there are people who do not accept their biological sex. We are concerned about and committed to their pastoral care. Through listening to them we seek to understand their experience more deeply and want to accompany them with compassion, emphasising that they are loved by God and valued in their inherent God-given dignity. There is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church”.

CathCom would like to issue the following apology:

The June edition of the newspaper included a leaflet referring to Gender Theory. This leaflet was accepted by CathCom and not by the Diocese. CathCom accepted the booking of the leaflet without seeing it. The leaflet was sent by an external organisation directly to the printers to be included in the paper. Therefore, we were not aware of its contents until after the paper went to parishes. We wholeheartedly apologise that the Diocese was not given the opportunity to see the leaflet, or even be aware of its existence, prior to publication. We also apologise for the lack of clarity surrounding the origin and source of the leaflet. It was not approved by the Diocese in any way and therefore cannot be deemed to be representing the teaching of the Church regardless of the message, the content or the way it was presented. Our apologies to the Diocese for any misrepresentation and we will ensure that all leaflets will be passed to the Diocese be-

fore future editions go to print.

We are fully aware that this is a very sensitive subject on a very personal level for many people. We would like to reiterate that CathCom shares the view outlined in the statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in 2018 that “there is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church”¹ and our hope is that all of our publications work to strengthen that sense of welcome and belonging for all.

¹ A Statement on Gender from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales – 20/04/2018 [www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Bishops-Plenary-Meetings/Plenary-April-2018/Statement-Gender/\(language\)/eng-GB](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Bishops-Plenary-Meetings/Plenary-April-2018/Statement-Gender/(language)/eng-GB)

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CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Ecclesiastic he's identifying from following threads (3,2,3,5)
- 8 Horse after sheen's applied becomes favourite at break fast-time (4,3)
- 9 Deploying horse into unstable wadi in the end was Gordon's nemesis (5)
- 10 New York opera one of the press gets dealt (5)
- 11 Fool grabbing fish's tail is being reported (7)
- 12 Banish divorcee when bringing a pet into kibbutz (13)
- 15 Spies tarnish a comeback, totally, for old lingo... (7)
- 17 ...they are seen to back, note, a kind of shop signage (5)
- 19 Oomph Siamese loses - hard being a Philistine (5)
- 20 Two in Oxford's tormenting the Catholic Church disavowed? (7)
- 21 Manly no more, I play with a flirtatious star (7,6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Criminally damn Imam's home in the name of religion (13)
- 2 Saw up to nine together (5)
- 3 Annoyance expressed over loud Small Faces fan's feudal set-up (7)
- 4 He's almost Catholic, this cleric on drugs (4,9)
- 5 Mark's made to pause, seeing many in an unconscious state (5)
- 6 Shakespearean in support of Old English pub, stuffed to

get sick, falling down (7)

- 7 With heels, lassie's staggering about the road to see cult hero (5,8)

- 13 Writer's block that's obvious in some biblical text? (7)

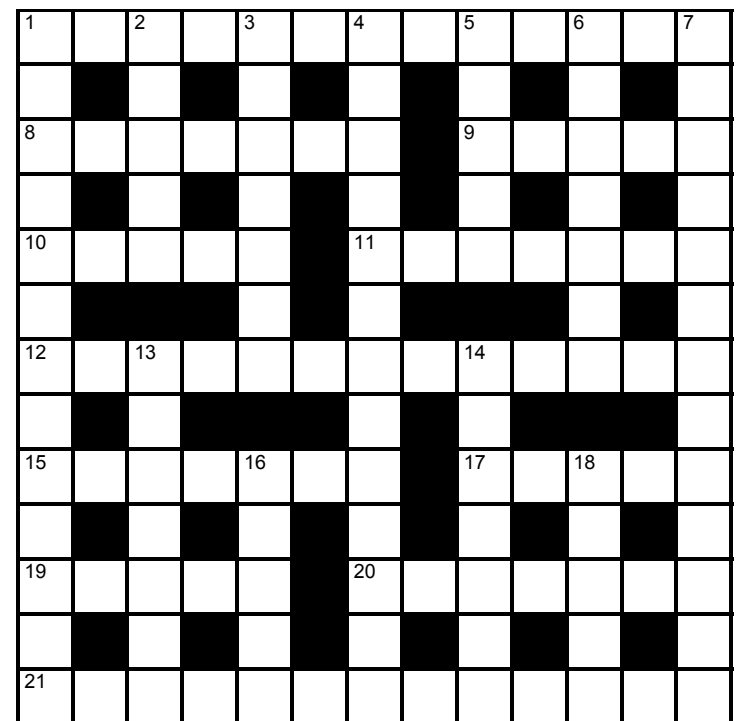
- 14 Extrapolate number to give one hell of a solution! (7)

- 16 Version of Jerusalem one detected in Lear nonsense (5)

- 18 More retiring to Colorado just in case Mexican king is overthrown (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Reverend, for one (3,2,3,5)
- 8 Boiled, fried, scrambled or poached, to be specific! (4,3)
- 9 Epithet of the Sudanese leader against British imperialism in the 1880s (5)
- 10 Doled (out) (5)
- 11 Call-sign for 'C' (7)
- 12 Exclude from a church or a religious community (13)
- 15 Language purportedly spoken by Christ (7)
- 17 Shop front nameplate (variant spelling) (5)
- 19 Philistine who became a commander in David's army (5)
- 20 Those who voluntarily suffer death as the penalty for refusing to renounce their religion (7)
- 21 Norma Jeane Mortenson, 1 June 1926 - 4 August 1962 (7,6)



QUICK Down

- 1 Islam (13)
- 2 Chamber group (5)
- 3 Domain controlled by a feudal lord (7)
- 4 Member of that part of the C of E that exalts the sacraments and the authority of the priesthood (4,9)
- 5 Punctuation mark (5)
- 6 Hamlet's one-time intended (7)
- 7 Focus of the Rastafarian movement (5,8)
- 13 Meeting of canons or monks (7)
- 14 Fiery Hell, as described by Dante Aligheri (7)
- 16 OT name for Jerusalem: Shakespearean sprite (5)
- 18 Not as confident; more squeamish (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Man of the cloth, 8 Hen's egg, 9 Mahdi, 10 Meted, 11 Charlie, 12 Excommunicate, 15 Aramaic, 17 Facta, 19 Itai, 20 Martyrs, 21 Marilyn Monroe. Down: 1 Mohammedanism, 2 Nonet, 3 Fiefdom, 4 High Churchman, 5 Comma, 6 Ophelia, 7 Halle Selassie, 13 Chapter, 14 Inferno, 16 Ariel, 18 Coyer.

