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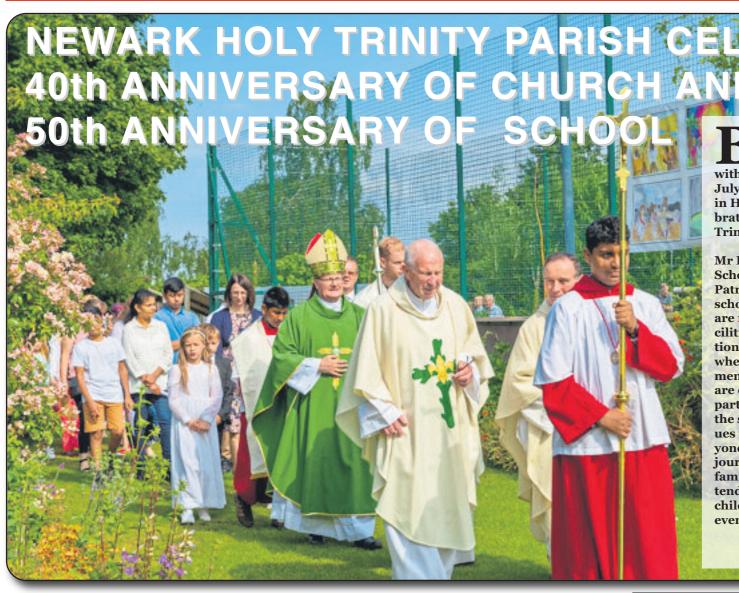
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ishop Patrick brought the **Holy Trinity Parish in Newark** weekend celebrations to a close with a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday July 7th 2019. A large crowd gathered in Holy Trinity Academy which is celebrating 50 years and processed to Holy Trinity church.

Mr Robert Beall, Chairman of the School Governors welcomed Bishop Patrick, parishioners and guests to the school saying: "Our school and Church are neighbours, we share land and facilities, and we are in a unique relationship. We are a parish family, where the youngest and the oldest members, and everyone in between, are equally welcome, important and part of parish life from Baptism and the sacramental journey which continues through school, church and beyond. In many cases it is a continuous journey which is a part of your normal family life. Many of you will have attended Holy Trinity School, now your children are pupils here, and maybe even your grandchildren".

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Congratulations to our two newly ordained priests, Fr. John Owens and Fr. Liam Carpenter, ordained 6th July at St Barnabas Cathedral, (see the photos with their families) and our newly ordained Deacon Lim Gamsi (see page 5) also ordained on 29th June at St. Mary's Seminary,





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# The big fat truth about life

By Julia Beacroft

AS I'M SURE most parents can attest to, children have a most embarrassing habit of saying the wrong thing at entirely the worst time. And I'm afraid that mine were certainly no exception! Of course, part of our so-called good parenting guide involves teaching our offspring to keep their thoughts to themselves, but on occasion this simply goes by the board. I don't think that young children necessarily mean to be rude – they are simply observant and curious. Nevertheless, their poor parents can sometimes feel some measure of humiliation.

#### **INNOCENCE**

I can clearly recall one such occasion. I had taken my two older children into town and was having tea, juice and cakes with them in a café (which they always enjoyed). My little girl was looking around with interest, when she suddenly spied a very pregnant lady walking towards her table. To my horror, she bellowed at the top of her voice:

"Mummy, why is that lady SO fat?" Obviously, in her innocence she had no idea that the lady was in fact, due to have a baby very soon.

New life is, of course, miraculous and few other events in life can compare with the wonder of it. And as an average of about 250 babies are born every minute, this miracle is going on around us all of the time. And every time that a child enters the world, we can be thankful that God the Father originally gave us life and then the injunction to 'be fruitful and multiply' and also the promise to Abraham that 'I will give you as many descendants as there are stars in the sky'. And incredibly, the Word was made flesh when Jesus Christ entered our world as a helpless baby, when his mother Mary gave an unequivocal "Yes" to God.

#### THE TRUTH

And so we give thanks to God for the gift of

our lives and for all new life. Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life' and we know that all life comes from Him – both our human and our spiritual lives.

Often we are forced to face a truth and

sometimes our children clearly see truth in all its simplicity and reality and are unafraid to voice it. And yet for all of us the truth is simple – we are the children of God – the Lord, the giver of life.

### Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

As most of you know the weekends see us away from hermitage life and out and about in the diocese supplying in parishes. This is a great joy for us as we are privileged to meet so many lovely people also, as well as supporting our brother priests by giving them an opportunity to take a well earned break. Occasionally on my return journey I take the opportunity to visit friends and acquaintances whilst in their area. One such visit is to an old school friend with whom I have maintained contact. She is not a Catholic nor would she profess any Christian faith, in fact she views religion as out of the realms of any reality and has always made her views clear to me suggesting that I do not live in the real world as a hermit. (although I still fight the battle of convincing her of the reality of priesthood and the religious life)

On the 15th August we will celebrate the lovely Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady and at Mass on that day we read of a visit that Mary made to her older cousin Elizabeth. This gives us an opportunity to realise the reality which is at the heart of our faith. Like in the eyes of my friend, religion has often been seen as a great escape from the real world and from reality, however as Christians we are charged with selling and peddling the faith to the world in which we live that often has no concept of faith. Mary's visit to Elizabeth - like that of mine to my old friend- reveals just how down to earth real religion is. It involves for Mary a journey and a visit. It involves practical help. It is a work of mercy. Nothing could be more realistic and sensible than this visit. And it involves Our Lady's whole person, body and soul. We can clearly see that Mary is not a split but a well rounded personality. And as it were to stress the point read Mathew's general judgement scene to see to what extent our religion is grounded in reality. (Matt:25:31-46)

Salvation involves the whole person - The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady teaches us that God's concern is with the whole person and the whole of his creation. The whole of our world and everyone one in it is



sanctified, and made holy, being made by God and belonging to Him. This is why we are called temples of the Holy Spirit; we are not our own, but are possessed by Him. The feast of the Assumption of Our Lady is precisely about that possession by God of the Mother of his Son. The whole person of Mary was assumed back into the presence of God himself after her earthly life - a life which she lived in the reality of the life, passion and death of her Son Jesus Christ. On the feast of the Assumption we are able to rejoice because of God's intimacy with all humankind and we see in Mary the reality of what will take place in ourselves, at a much later date. Mary of course does not have to wait for the general resurrection; we do however. But we do know what will happen and of-course we believe it. The intimacy for Mary continued immediately on her death. That was her privilege. And it will be our reality one day. We rejoice that Mary heard God's voice and obeyed it, and from that her Assumption followed.

For us - well our response is delayed at the best of times; so too for that matter is our union with the intimate God. But in the reality of our faith we know from Mary what will happen. This is a great cause to rejoice. Hail Mary! Her total loving response is now with the intimate God as we pray our's will be one day.

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

#### FRANKLY SPEAKING

On a recent train journey between Manchester and Nottingham I had a good visual view of my fellow passengers in the same carriage. The vast majority on a sunny Saturday morning were all under the age of 30 and despite the early hour of 8.30am they did not engage in much conversation but did seem to spend the entire journey tuned into social media.

The lack of conversation was particularly noticeable, as passengers left the train their attention to the various mobile phone devices was also clearly still a vital part of the journey. It is without question that social media is highly useful allowing people of all ages to reach into an area which a few years ago would not have been possible. Despite all the benefits of modern technology we should all consider the negative impact that participating online can have on our daily lives.

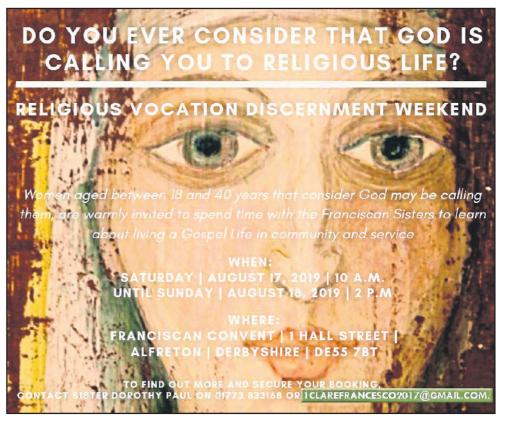
Most of us know what is appropriate and what is not, some will have had the advantage of a strong family guidance and good education. Others may not be as fortunate and may not always realise that a particular item is not acceptable. Social Media is however a relatively new method of communication and online conduct may

need new guidance. Those in public office or in powerful influence may well need to speak out more strongly.

There is a further unknown factor in social media that would have been unheard of 20 years agao. In recent years the subject of mental health has often been raised by some politicians. Is the excessive use of social media having a serious impact on the mental health or even the welfare on its users particularly our young people? Also in recent times stories of fake news and cyber bullying have been mentioned all too frequently,

So if those in authority choose not to define what is acceptable it is surely necessary that we promote our own dividing lines for social media. I realise the issues raised in this article are not easy and for many they will not be necessary but for some they will be. During August we celebrate the feast day of some of our bravest saints. Margaret Clitherow and Maximilian Kothe had such a strong faith and had the wisdom to cope with big decisions at great personal cost.

Frank Goulding Holy Trinity Parish Newark



# The 2019 Blessed Sacrament procession in Nottingham

On Sunday, the 2nd of June, 2019, Bishop Patrick led Catholics from Nottingham City and its surrounds, and many visitors from further afield on a procession through the streets of Nottingham carrying the Most Blessed Sacrament from the parish church of St Mary's, Hyson Green, to the Cathedral. The The procession finished there with Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and with prayers at the tomb of the Venerable Sister Mary Potter (a long-time resident at Hyson Green and well known as a pioneer in social care in the City) for the beatification of Sister Mary. The following is a small collection of images from the event.













# **CWL Annual Strawberry** Tea





St Peter and St Paul's being the name of our church the 29th of June or as near as possible was the chosen date for this event.

Each year the money raised is set aside for a chosen charity. This year the money will be sent to FISH, which stands for Food In School Holidays. Many children who receive free school meals will go hungry during the holidays. This money provides the parent with vouchers that can be spent on healthy food.

The food began to arrive: tempting sandwiches, luscious desserts, healthy salads and cakes to please everyone, a feast to beTired but proud, at the end of the day the takings were added up and we were delighted to have made over £550. A magnificent effort from everyone, thank you.

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## Celebrations in Newark

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He added "I now ask Bishop Patrick to bless our School before we start our procession around our school garden, through the Community Centre and to continue our Mass in Church".

Over 350 people heard the Bishop say "the responsibility for sharing the good news belongs to everyone" and quoting Cardinal Newman who will be canonised a saint on October 13th by Pope Francis he reminded children, young people and adults "God has created me for a definite service. I shall do good, I shall do his work". Bishop Patrick

congratulated the whole Catholic community "giving thanks to God that 50 years ago it was decided to build a new school followed by a new church ten years later". Fr Tim O'Sullivan who was parish priest when the church was opened in 1979 concelebrated the Mass along with Fr Peter Ingman and the present parish priest Fr Michael O'Donoghue.

Fr Michael thanked the organising

committee saying "When it was decided to mark these special occasions it was decided that the sick and housebound should not be forgotten. Our celebration or the sick on Saturday was a real joy. Afternoon tea was taken in the school after the church service and older members of the parish were delighted to be given a guided tour of the school. Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5th – 7th July 2019 was a feast for soul and body".

















# Diaconal Ordination of Rev. Limnyuy Gamsi









Rev. Lim Gamsi was ordained to the diaconate at St Mary's Seminary, Oscott, on 29 June 2019. After the summer break Rev. Lim will return to the seminary to complete his final year of formation before, God willing, being ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Nottingham.

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# Why Bother Praying?

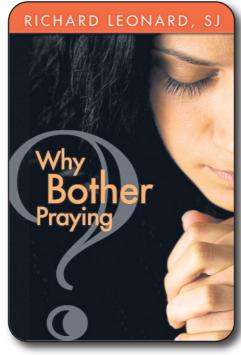
Fr Richard Leonard SJ

After only a few pages of Why Bother Praying?, before I had even reached the end of the introduction, I had already laughed, cried, remembered and celebrated, all in the knowledge that Fr Richard Leonard SJ had travelled a road somewhat similar to my own. Not many books on prayer have such an immediate impact.

A road accident left Fr Leonard's sister a quadriplegic; one brief incident changed her life and that of her family beyond all of their imagining. Her brother's priesthood did not mean that he had all the answers or that he was able to accept immediately such a massive trauma inflicted on someone he loved. The struggle to come to terms with the impact and the lasting results of the accident led to questions, anger, confusion and misery. Yet, in the midst of the upheaval and the darkness, Leonard realised that his belief in a loving God took on a new dimension, becoming ever deeper and more real. His were the lessons learned through tears, harsh reality and the need to rebuild shattered dreams. Why Bother Praying? is one of the results of that journey towards and with God. Leonard begins with the fundamentals: what if there is no God? What if, at the end of the day, the atheists are right and Christians are misguided or downright wrong? What if my image of God is nothing like yours? Is prayer merely a case of presenting God with a list of petitions which might or might not be answered? If God needs to be placated with some great sacrifice before my prayer can be answered, what is the point of praying? Leonard takes these and many other questions and answers them simply, honestly and frequently with humour. When he quotes another writer, he does not sound as though he first swallowed a dictionary or a theology textbook. All of this makes Why Bother Praying? profound, well-researched and - importantly - highly readable. It is not aimed at academics or would-be mystics. Instead, it is for those who, like Leonard himself, struggle to remain faithful to prayer and to appreciate God's goodness in the midst of heart-breaking tragedy or in the mundane ordinariness of daily life.

Leonard's learning to trust in God did not happen overnight. In the book, he describes his experience as a Jesuit novice, sent out for ten days to be totally dependent on God's providence and the charity of others. 'Those ten days were the only time in my life when I've experienced hunger... I learned more about prayer in those ten days than in the previous twenty-five years... I prayed for my daily bread. I prayed for somewhere to lay my head, and I was often overwhelmed with gratitude for the smallest kindnesses.'

The God who emerges in Why Bother Praying? is compassionate, understanding, loving, and does not mind that a hungry nurse coming off night duty forgot that it was Ash Wednesday and treated herself to a large plate of bacon and eggs. God 'cannot wake up in a bad mood today, and he is not unpredictable.' We go to God as we are — and if we are angry with God, there is no harm in saying so. If prayer is not honest, it is not prayer! There is an interesting chapter describing various 'tried and tested' methods



of prayer, describing succinctly and clearly Franciscan, Benedictine and Ignatian prayer amongst others. But Leonard maintains his light touch throughout, saying clearly that what God expects is that we 'pray as we can, not as we can't'. Whether or not someone uses any particular 'method', prayer is all about a relationship of love: love is its beginning, its reason for continuing and its end.

In addition to private prayer, Leonard discusses the importance of public, liturgical prayer. The message which comes across loud and clear is that sometimes the best and most meaningful liturgical prayer is, from the theorist's viewpoint, also the messiest and the most embarrassing. He describes the near-disaster of his own ordination: its potentially perfect rubrics could have been overwhelmed by the sound of the Salvation Army's 'Carols by Candlelight' in the nearby football stadium, and the ordinand himself fainted half-way through the ceremony! He also describes a school nativity play in which a young Muslim boy wanted to play Joseph rather than the innkeeper and ended up in a fight (on stage) with the shepherds and the magi! Prayer does not need to be serious and straightlaced in order to touch hearts and bring joy into people's lives.

Many do not understand why Catholics have such a great love for Mary. Leonard explains Marian feasts, dogma and the rosary with the same simplicity that characterises the entire book. Why Bother Praying? offers a brief description of each decade of the rosary, but does so in terms of daily life that will make sense to anybody and everybody. He stresses that our prayer is not merely 'otherworldly', but is also part and parcel of our mission.

Leonard is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting, and so at the end of this book he adds a list, with brief descriptions, of 40 'Films upon which to pray'. This further increases the value of this book as a resource for teachers at both secondary and tertiary level.

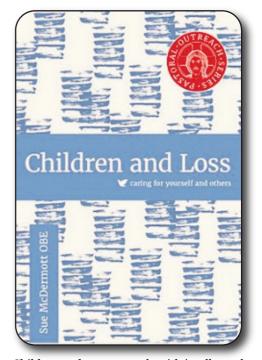
Why Bother Praying? is thoroughly enjoyable, moving, funny and commonsensical in its approach to prayer. Its language is simple and direct, so that it will appeal to all ages and stages in life. The book gives a real sense that, wherever we might be and in whatever mess we might find ourselves, God is with us.

# Children and Loss: Caring for yourself and others

Sue McDermott OBE, Redemptorist Publications, Paperback, pp.65, 2018, £4.95

This is an excellent pastoral outreach approach booklet, scripted by an author who has more than twenty-five years of experience with Rainbows Bereavement Support Group GB. Written with simplicity, sound sense and deep sensibility, it covers not only bereavement through the death of a loved one, but also other significant losses, such as loss owing to refugee status, loss of trust owing to abuse or neglect, or loss through separation or divorce.

There are sections which deal with "those who care" and "those who suffer" – remembering that in many cases this will be the same person. There are careful explanations of the variety of ways in which children may grieve, depending on their age or background. Nor is the evident need for safeguarding protection issues omitted. Noone can tell another how she or he will grieve, and that grief may come not just post-death, but pre-death, for example, in the case of a loved one dying of a terminal disease.



Children and young people with intellectual disability are dealt with delicately, as is the issue of caring for the carer. The whole "feel" of the booklet is just-right. A variety of Christian prayers are added, as is a sample service of remembrance which may be used profitably annually in a parish or church assembly. There is also a selection of further reading, with a wealth of practical suggestions. All in all, superb - I recommend you go and get a Networking Volume 20, Issue 3, Summer Term 2019 39 copy. It may help you with events that happened long ago when you were a child or young person, and were plunged into loss and grief. It certainly rang bells in my own mind and heart when I lost my own dad in an accident at work when I was eleven. It is also a way of thanking all those individuals who give their time and love to the Rainbows

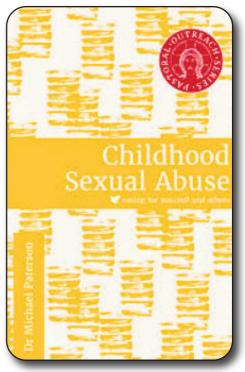
# Childhood Sexual Abuse: Caring for yourself and others

Dr Michael Paterson, Redemptorist Publications, Paperback, pp.53, 2018, £5.99

"Sexual abuse is devastating." From the opening lines of this superb booklet the reader is given a clear and deeply pastoral approach to the delicate issue of child sexual abuse. The hurt is palpable in these pages, and the issue is faced full-on, with no holds barred. It is just what is needed in the current climate within the Catholic Church.

The author, a priest and psychotherapist with over twenty years of experience of survivors, explains what sexual abuse is; outlines immediate and longterm consequences; offers guidelines for handling disclosure; suggests practical forms of pastoral care; and points to resources that are available. Sexual abuse takes place, explains the author, "when someone forces or persuades another person to indulge in sexual activities, sexualised conversation or sexual exposure without their understanding or consent." Such abuse may be either contact or non-contact. Topics such as "sexting", blackmail, bullying, unwanted attention, emotional distress, humiliation, self-harm and risk of suicide are covered.

Abuse impacts physically, psychologically, and socially. It may involve behavioural or spiritual effects. The result means that all sexual abuse is serious and emotionally



traumatic, and recovery and healing will be costly and long-term. All this is brought home with individual personal stories. Paterson provides five guidelines when someone discloses: believe the survivor; take abuse seriously; tell the survivor it was not their fault; assure the survivor that disclosure is the right thing to do; and take appropriate action to safeguard other children. Survivors who are believers are in need of particular pastoral care. Prayers and reflections are suggested, and a series of resources and help. This is an absolute "must" for anyone in pastoral ministry, and it would be an excellent idea to give a copy to all seminarians and clergy.

The Reviewer Sr. Janet Fearns FMDM is Communications Coordinator for Missio.

We acknowledge our gratitude to Sr. Janet for permission to publish these reviews.

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# **Derby Catenians** give support to a school in **Africa**

#### Strengthening family life through friendship and faith

The Catenian Association has recently given a bursary grant to Isabel Wretham to assist her in her voluntary project to help to design and build a better school in South Africa. Isabel is a second year student at Nottingham University and is studying architecture. She was offered the opportunity, along with other architectural students, to design and then go out to South Africa and build a school!! She was required to raise over £2000 to fund herself on the project. The very creditable results of their efforts can clearly be seen in the finished building.

For various reasons it was not possible to ensure that Isabel received the grant before she left but subsequently, her grandfather, Kevin Hurst of the Derby branch of the

Catenian Association was able to present the cheque to her.

Isabel, who together with her family is a member of the congregation at St. Thomas' in Tean, Staffs, said: "Being around a different culture and lifestyle was eye opening. To see the children's faces every day as the building developed was amazing. This experience will stay with me forever; we have provided a four classroom school and a borehole for the community of Moruti. Thank you to the Catenian Association for helping to make this possible".

> Kevin Hurst **Derby Catenians Publicity Officer**



The architecture student group, Isabel is in the middle in yellow



a parishioner of St Charles Borremeo in Hadfield, in memory of her dad Ernest Hall and a friend Tony Payne. The evening was arranged to raise funds to cover extra medical costs for the forthcoming deanery pilgrimage to Lourdes.. The amount raised was just under £800.00 pounds. Everyone enjoyed a great evening for this very worthy cause.



Isabel (left) receiving the cheque from Kevin Hurst of Derby Catenians (her grandfather)



The finished school



#### Thought for August

Gentleness is a most delicate virtue: it is easily hurt; a raising of the voice, a hasty gesture, a glance, a smile, a touch of irony, a tone of voice — any of these things can be enough to offend against gentleness. It is as delicate as self-love itself, and nothing is easier to hurt than that

Blessed Antonio Rosmini Domodossola, 20.12.32

#### **Autumn Programme to Christmas**

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# Honouring a founding Brother and War hero, George Palejowski

Formerly of The Carpathian Lancers Regiment, George Palejowski died on 25th October 2016, aged 92 years. Husband of the late Audrey and beloved father of Jan and Anna, George was a founder member of Grimsby 185 Circle.

After being formed in French Syria in 1940, the The Carpathian Lancers Regiment, consisting of Poles who escaped both the Nazi and Soviet invasions of their country, moved to Palestine and fought with distinction as part of the Polish Forces in North Africa and Italy alongside the Desert Rats of the British 8th Army.

The Carpathian Lancers camped in Weelsby Woods, Grimsby in 1945 when they were demobilised after the war but were unable to return home because of the Russian occupation.

At the 680th meeting of the Grimsby 185 Circle of the Catenian Association and the 61st anniversary of its Charter, George's family presented the Grimsby Circle with a commemorative silver plate which will be awarded to a Brother that is deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the life of the Circle.

Before presenting the memorial plate, George's son Jan, spoke about his father's early life and how the early years were difficult for George and despite not having friends or family nor able to speak English he drew strength from his Catholic Faith.

After the war George studied Architecture



and as a result spent a lot of time in London. After completing his studies George settled in Grimsby where his faith and generosity were instrumental in him being a founding member of the Grimsby Circle.

Jan explained to the assembled Brothers how his father had told him how he would sit for hours in Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Old Brompton Street in London, asking God for help and spiritual strength.

Jan joked how that despite the fact that he was born on the 26th of May 1958, it was a

mere 2 weeks later that the Grimsby Circle was inaugurated, meaning that George had more things on his mind than just his wife's pregnancy.

The presentation of the "George Palejowski Memorial Plate" was made to Circle President Richard Mellows by George's son and daughter, Jan and Anna.

The first recipient of the George Palejowski Memorial Plate is Brother Keith Littlewood for his unstinting efforts to encourage Brothers to visit other Circles and in recruiting new members.

# Pope Francis Welcomes CHARIS

Pope Francis welcomed CHARIS, the new one service for Catholic Charismatic Renewal, at Pentecost 2019 in Rome.

On Saturday 8 June, Pope Francis greeted members of the newly-formed Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service (CHARIS) in the Paul VI hall who took part in an International Conference in the Vatican.

He told them: "This Pentecost begins a new stage on the journey inaugurated by the Charismatic Renewal fifty-two years ago." The new service is called CHARIS and the Pope thanked the Dicastery for Laity, Family for making it a reality.

In his address, the Pope alluded to the fact that they were embarking on "a new and unique service of communion." He said that, at times, what is new can be destabilizing, but then added: "The new things of God are always a blessing because they flow from his loving heart."

The Pontiff invited those gathered to embrace the new, stressing that the temptation "to leave things as they are" was not a way of thinking that came from the Holy Spirit.

The Pope explained that the notion of "service" meant always giving and caring "for a variety of needs and to assist the journey in the best way possible."

Pope Francis underlined what he and the Church expected from this new service, CHARIS, and from the entire Charismatic Renewal: to share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, and to serve the unity of the body of Christ, which is the Church. He also said they were called to serve the poor and those in greatest need, physical or spiritual.

He added that these three things were "forms of witness which, by virtue of baptism, all of us are called to give for the evangelization of the world." It is an evangelization, Pope Francis stressed, "that is not proselytism, but first and foremost witness: a witness of love."



### CHARIS

Following his discourse to those gathered, the Pope invited them to stand and observe a minute of silence for peace. It came on the fifth anniversary of the meeting between the Israeli and Palestinian Presidents, along with Pope Francis, where they prayed in the Vatican Gardens for Peace.



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# Blessed John Henry Newman is to be Canonised!

#### POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES THAT BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN WILL BE CANONISED IN ROME ON SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2019.

The Fathers of the Birmingham Oratory are delighted to announce that Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on Sunday 13 October 2019 alongside 4 others. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and soon became the leader of the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845. He founded the Oratory in England and was later made a cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral.

Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century.

The cause for his sainthood was opened in 1958 and he was declared Venerable by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1991 after his life of 'heroic virtue' was recognised. Pope Benedict XVI declared him Blessed in Cofton Park near Birmingham in September 2010, as part of his historic visit to Britain.

The canonisation was made possible by a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed John Henry Newman, consisting in the medically inexplicable healing of a pregnant woman with life-threatening complications due to her pregnancy. The

cure took place in Chicago, USA, in May 2013. After an initial investigation carried out by the archdiocese of Chicago, it was submitted to the Holy See in 2018, and approved by Pope Francis on 13 February 2010.

During the ceremony for his beatification in 2010, Pope Benedict said that Newman "tells us that our divine Master has assigned a specific task to each one of us, a 'definite service', committed uniquely to every single person."

"The definite service to which Blessed John Henry was called," continued the Pope, "involved applying his keen intellect and his prolific pen to many of the most pressing 'subjects of the day'. His insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilised society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world."

Fr Ignatius Harrison, Provost of the Birmingham Oratory which was founded by Newman in 1849, said that "Newman's lifelong success in bringing others to Christ shows us that the apostolate of Christian friendship achieves much more by attracting people to the Lord than by aggressive polemic. Newman's long and incremental spiritual pilgrimage shows us that God leads



us to Himself step by step, in ways that He customises to our individual needs, and in His own good time."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, said "This is a moment of great pride. On Friday it was the feast of the Sacred Heart and we held a mass for the priests of England and Wales. Foremost in our minds was the declaration of a saint who was a priest here. John Henry Newman is known for many great qualities, but we remember him particularly for the kindness and compassion of his ministry to the people of Birmingham. At his death they turned out in their thousands to salute a much loved priest on his funeral procession from Birmingham to Rednal."

The other blesseds to be canonised alongside Newman are Giuseppina Vannini, Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, Irmã Dulce Pontes and Marguerite Bays.

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# CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF JOHN BRADBURNE TO PROCEED

On 1 July 2019 the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome issued a formal nihil obstat for the cause of beatification of Franciscan missionary John Bradburne to proceed. The letter was sent to Archbishop Ndlovu, primate of Zimbabwe, who in April this year had convened a meeting of Zimbabwean Bishops at which there was unanimous approval to support the cause. A postulator, Dr Enrico Solinas, a lay judge at the Umbrian Interdiocesan Ecclesiastical Court of Perugia, was appointed in 2018, and is now taking the cause forward.

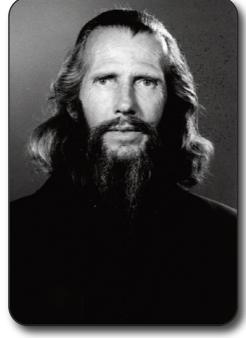
John Bradburne, born in Skirwith, Cumbria, in 1921, a third-order Franciscan, was killed in Rhodesia in 1979 for refusing to abandon the lepers he had looked after for many years. Since his death, Mutemwa, the leprosy settlement where he worked, has become a major pilgrimage centre. Each year, on the anniversary of his death, 5 September, thousands gather to hear Mass and process up the mountain where he walked and prayed.

On 5 September 2019, the fortieth anniversary of John's assassination, there will be a special ceremony at Mutemwa, where the cause will be officially launched. Thousands of people are expected to be there, including many from outside Zimbabwe. Two weeks

later, in the afternoon of the 21st, the celebrations will continue in London, with a Mass at WestminsterCathedral, followed by an exhibition in the hall about John's life, along with a talks and Zimbabwean music. John's Franciscan habit will be one of the things on display, as will his beloved typewriter, and some of his manuscripts. This will be the first time John's relics have been displayed publicly.

The John Bradburne Memorial Society was established in 1995 by Celia Brigstocke, John's niece and John Reid, to do two things: to continue his legacy by providing perpetual financial support for Mutemwa, desperately in need of help, and to promote his cause for beatification, given the widespread belief in his sanctity expressed by all who met him. The administrator of the Society is Celia's daughter, Kate Macpherson, who can be contacted for further information by email at info@johnbradburne.com or by post to P O Box 32, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 oYB.

To read more about John Bradburne, see the award-winning biography, translated from the French, by Didier Rance, The Vagabond of God (Darton Longman and Todd, 2017). For his poetry, there is David Crystal, A Life Made of Words: the Poetry



and Thought of John Bradburne (2018, available from the JBMS or through www.davidcrystal.com). A range of other pamphlets and books can be seen at the JBMS website (www.johnbradburne.com), including a CD of John reading some of his poems and a DVD made in Zimbabwe about his time there.

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# Thy Kingdom Come

Last year, during the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, friends from the local Methodist and Anglican Churches invited people from St Peter and St Paul's to their services to celebrate 'Thy Kingdom Come', the great global prayer initiative to the Holy Spirit. Thy Kingdom Come began in 2016 by Archbishop Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury "To light up the world in prayer" and very specifically to pray for 5 friends/family members during the Novena period. We enjoyed both these services and thought that, as Cardinal Vincent and Pope Francis were both very keen for Catholics to take part, we

would ask Father Eddy if we could do something as a Parish. Father felt it would be good to have services in a variety of different styles to attract as many people as possible.

After chatting about it to various groups it seemed a possibility. We had a Holy Hour with Benediction on the Sunday, an hour of meditation, prayer and intercession to the Holy Spirit on the Monday evening. Tuesday we had an hour of Prayer and Praise during the evening. On Wednesday evening we had Adoration. On Thursday morning we dedicated our usual Hour of Adoration

to the Holy Spirit and on Friday afternoon we had an hour of Adoration and incorporated the Divine Mercy service. We had an average of twenty people at each service and some of those folk came to every service, God bless them.

Saturday morning we had our usual morning Mass after which some of us went directly to Lincoln Cathedral to join in with the Ecumenical celebrations taking place throughout the morning. We arrived in time for the Praise and Worship time and it was so lovely to be present and joining in with Christians from all over the City.



By Sunday morning we were all expectant and waiting for the Holy Spirit to touch us all afresh and give us a new impetus to carry on with Bishop Patrick's desire for Missionary Disciples in the Nottingham Diocese

On Pentecost Sunday many parishioners joined together and enjoyed an International Meal to complete our celebrations. We had delicious spicy food from Nigeria, Malawi and Sri Lanka along with speciality dishes from Scotland, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. Salad, French bread and butter, Swiss cheese and crackers were followed by various heavenly desserts, tea and coffee – an absolute feast of food and company!

We had all been very conscious of this Novena and after our Pentecost celebrations it felt a little sad when Father said at the Monday daily Mass we are now entering ordinary time! We seemed to have been concentrating, and recollecting, and celebrating since Ash Wednesday and now we could look forward to summer.

Thank you to everyone who made the Novena such a success!

Patricia, St Peter and St Paul's, Lincoln











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## A fool and failure

A while ago, over a period of time, the idea for a parish project came about. It involved creating a booklet for younger parishioners containing faith testimonies and advice from the elder parishioners. The vast majority of those invited to contribute happily did so, though a small number did not think they had anything to offer or were held back by fear. A booklet was produced; however, at that point the project stalled and the booklet was not distributed.

On the face of it the project was a failure and yet maybe it could reflect how Gods ways are not our ways (Is 55:8). Whilst the point of the project appeared to be the witness of faith from one generation to another, a very different purpose was achieved.

Listening to the Gospel on the feast of Corpus Christi (Luke 9:11-17), the thought occurred, how the project had, like Jesus, served to ask those involved to offer up their loaf or fish (ourself) and that the result, as for the disciples, was not what was expected. Rather than feeding the younger generation, by leading us to reflect on our own journey with God (and those of others), and through the strengthening of existing relationships, the building of new friendships, facing challenges and by the witness of faith, kindness and generosity that was shown by those who contributed not only their time but also their heart, we encountered the Lord, who

revealed Himself to us, nourishing us and glorifying Him. God blessed our efforts in ways not foreseen.

Like the crowd who sought food, it is easy to seek and become focused on outcomes, and like the disciples, through ignorance and arrogance, it is easy to think we know and understand what the Lord is asking of us (Ps92:5-6). One of the lessons this project can perhaps teach, is that whilst we may seek to do Gods will and achieve results, what God wants uppermost is for us to seek and find Him (Matt 6:33) letting go of our own agenda. The bread that gives us life is not what we do or a 'successful' outcome to our efforts, but the Lord, whom we encounter and grow in relationship with through the trustful offering of ourselves with love, openness and humility.

Lord, please grant us the courage to not be afraid of failure or humiliation, but to make an offering of self, and to seek You and Your glory above all else, trusting You will bless our little offering in ways that exceed our expectations and understanding.

Thank you to Fr Eddy (parish priest), parishioners from SSPP involved, together with Sr Eileen and Deacon Brogan, for their time and contributions to the project.

Jo, Lincoln

## The gap year that has spent a decade changing the world



Our Step into the Gap programme has a long history of making a change. Collectively, the scheme's volunteers have given nearly 100,000 hours towards helping others and devoted nearly 75 years to their faith.

This is definitely something to celebrate, so on 25 June volunteers from every year of the Step into the Gap programme came together at our headquarters in London to mark 10 years of the scheme.

The event was attended by members of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, who were founding members of the programme, and CAFOD Director Christine Allen, who said:

"We all know the story of the mustard seed that grew from a tiny seed to provide for so many people - what amazing mustard seeds you are.

"People often ask where the young people are in the Church and this programme encapsulates faith in practice. It is such an important experience showing the caring and inspiring living church."

#### A rich history

The Step into the Gap programme, which first began in 2009, involves young volunteers living and working in a UK community for a year and visiting a CAFOD project overseas, where they witness first-hand the impact donations from our supporters have on communities living in poverty.

For the last decade, Step into the Gap volunteers have lived in placements around the country – in university chaplaincies and youth ministry teams - teaching people about the work of CAFOD.

#### A bright future

Over the last 10 years, 74 young adults have taken part in the programme, which has helped them to learn new skills and develop leadership roles that have led to careers in teaching, politics and with char-

Julia Corcoran, CAFOD's Leadership Development Coordinator, said: "Step into the Gap is a great programme. It allows young adults to become leaders in their local communities.

"Whilst on the programme, they've gained experience and developed skills that have helped them with the careers they have gone on to.

"They've visited CAFOD partners and come back to the UK inspired to share the work of CAFOD and inspired a generation to work for a more just world."

Want to be part of the programme that is helping to change the world?

Applications are still open for this year's programme, and we are encouraging young people who are looking for a new challenge and seeking to develop their faith to get involved.

Apply for Step into the Gap Download the Cafod application form for 2019 from their website at www.cafod.org.uk





You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.

Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

#### CRYPTIC Across

- Aramaean maybe with Welsh girl putting in a little time
- Seaman's lounge is well-lit (6)
- Show recognition when there's something fishy to bur row into (7)
- 10 End with extremely long love letter (5)
- 11 Mountain is, going west, skirting Toronto, he thought (5)
- 12 Character of a German city church (7)
- 13 Badly desire coach to see this? (11)
- 18 Past one's prime, perhaps one in 4 (3,4)
- 20 Old medic that's at the heart of joint group (5)
- 22 Disagrees with tip off that this is the first sign of spring
- 23 Persistence in finding apartment number above... (2,3-2)
- 24 ...where Simon lived during tenancy renewals (6)
- 25 Repel family of rodents and get ant problem checked (6) **CRYPTIC Down**
- 1 Peels back harpy's facade to reveal an angel (6)
- Religious type informally sent up one Russian leader (5)
- 1 Ac capital having nothing, needs support of the church
- Lads say they keep their heads above water (5)
- Underworld opening near Naples for American after de
- Spanish article's identity is to be found inside protective
- 8 Be enticed in random order (11)
- 14 With fish row beginning to take off, getting more red-
- 15 Icicle, a paradoxically harmonic subject for her (7)
- 16 Ancient law of marbles, put together by Greeks and

- Romans, perhaps (6)
- 17 Billet commanding officer where French power's contained close to Toulon (6)
- 19 Breach of the law for which cleric is beheaded (5)
- 21 Church music after a short while is, to the Viet
  - offensive (5)
- **QUICK Across**
- Alternative to Aramaean in Genesis (KJV and other Bibles) (6)
- On fire (6)
- 9 Competition prize (7)
- 10 ---- -3, fatty acid that aids in the reduction of cholesterol
- 11 Disciple of Socrates and the teacher of Aristotle; founder of the Academy in Athens (5)
- 12 Core; spirit (7)
- 13 Primate's jurisdiction (11)
- 18 Matelot; sea dog (3,4) 20 Ensemble (5)
- 22 Astrological ram (5)
- 23 Period without respite of intensity or pressure (2,3-2)
- 24 Greek city of Libya, home to one associated with the Crucifixion (6)
- 25 Plaid; clan-patterned clothing (6)

#### **QUICK Down**

- 1 Angel of the first order (6)
- 2 Jamaican cult, popularly called, based on the deification of Haile Selassie (5)
- One of two Biblical cities, one in Pisidia the other in Syria, sharing the same name (7)

- 12 23 24
  - 5 '---- up' = raises morale, spirits (5)
  - Lake in an Italian volcano, an entrance to Hell in Roman mythology (7)
  - Glass-like coating (6)
  - Religious Order's name given to a liqueur produced in Normandy (11)
  - 14 More rubicund (7)
  - 15 Patron saint of (church) music (7)
  - 16 Law of the Jews from Mt Sinai (6)
  - 17 Voucher: football pools sheet (6)
  - 19 Malicious burning to destroy property (5)
  - 21 Polyphonic choral liturgical piece (5

#### **SOLUTION**

15 Cecilia, 16 Mosaic, 17 Coupon, 19 Arson, 21 Motet. 5 Buoys, 6 Avernus, 7 Enamel, 8 Benedictine, 14 Ruddier, let-up, 24 Cyrene, 25 Tartan. Down: 1 Seraph, 2 Rasta, 3 Antioch, Essence, 13 Archdiocese, 18 Old salt, 20 Combo, 22 Aries, 23 No Across: 1 Syrian, 4 Ablaze, 9 Rosette, 10 Omega, 11 Plato, 12

# Saint John Houghton CVA students hear about life-saving work of Aquabox charity

Students from Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy heard about the life-saving work being done by the Aquabox charity.

Representatives from the charity addressed Erewash Youth Form at Saint John Houghton CVA in Kirk Hallam.

Students from Kirk Hallam Community Academy and Wilsthorpe Community School also attended.

Since its formation by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth in 1992, Aquabox has distributed more than 110,000 boxes, including a water filtration system, to hundreds of thousands of people in over 50 countries hit by earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides. The charity has saved numerous lives by helping people in distress to make dirty water drinkable again.

Trustee Roz Adamson talked to students about the charity before volunteer William Jones demonstrated the water filtration system

Roz said: "If you have unsafe water you die. We have sent boxes to a whole series of disaster areas, including Cameroon, Nepal and Kerala and our current priority is The Yemen.

"We know how important it is to get the message to young people about what we do. You can help in some way to spread the message about what we do."

Sienna Grant, Head Girl at Saint John Houghton, said she was impressed by the charity's work.



She said: "I can see that by having one of the Aquaboxes can help a lot if you are in a disaster area and I definitely think it's something we should be supporting in school."

Jim Nash, teacher at Saint John Houghton CVA, said: "The Erewash Youth Forum is currently making significant in-roads in supporting charity work across the Erewash District. The SJH youth forum is currently working on various fund-raising schemes supporting both the pupils of SJH and the wider community of Erewash. The Erewash Youth Forum is a great way for the students of SJH to make their voice heard at local level on the issues that affect them."

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

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

### Children enjoy week-long celebrations to mark St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy 50th anniversary

The Bishop of Nottingham celebrated Mass with pupils and staff at St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy at the end of a weeklong celebration to mark the school's 50th anniversary.

Bishop Patrick McKinney celebrated the Mass, at St Mary Crowned Church, which was also attended by families, members of the community and representatives from the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

This was the culmination of celebrations that began at the start of the week with pupils being invited to come to school dressed as they would have in 1969. Current pupils interviewed past pupils who were the first children to move to the new school site and this was followed by a street party and games on the field.

Children also enjoyed a Creativity Day which was themed around the arts and a Mission Day which was led by the Lead Lay Chaplain from St Ralph Sherwin CMAT, Joe Hopkins. During the Mission Day pupils considered how they could live out the new school mission statement.

Past pupils Joanna Brown, who plays for England rubgy team, and footballer Andrew Cannon, who plays for Portsmouth, visited the school for a sports themed day and told pupils about the hard work and determination it took to be a successful sports person. A multi-sports festival was held in the afternoon

Sarah Rudd, acting headteacher at St Mary's, said everyone had a fantastic week.

She said: "The celebrations were enjoyed by all of our children and staff, their families and members of the local community.

"We would like to thank everyone who



played their part in marking this momentous occasion for our school and hopefully the celebrations will be remembered for a long time to come.

"We could not have been prouder of the children and their participation in the Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the week; it was such a joyous occasion to bring to a close a very special week."

Sean McClafferty, chief executive of the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust, attended the Mass of Thanksgiving along with Trust chair Jacqueline Rodden.

He said: "I would like to thank the pupils and staff for making the 50th anniversary of St Mary's such a special occasion.

"The organisation and planning of the anniversary week was meticulous. The staff worked so hard to make sure the pupils and the community could participate fully in this special occasion.

"The week itself culminated in a Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick at St Mary's Church. It was such a special occasion and the pupils' singing was sensational. I felt very proud and wish the school and community every success for the next 50 years!"

Photographs from across the week are available to view on the school website www.saintmarysglossop.co.uk



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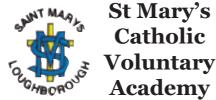
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