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## Police sirens and fire engine at St Teresa of Lisieux

What a fantastic time was had by all at our recent Garden Party. This was the second year we held a Garden Party and following its success I now believe that this will be a permanent event in our Church Calendar. The weather was perfect, a beautiful warm and sunny day which reflected the mood of all the attendees as there was a great buzz in the air. The event was very well attended by young and old and everyone enjoyed the activities and the food on offer. There was a great array of food to choose from for lunch, many of our different nationalities supplied their national food. For example we had different curries, noodle dishes, rice dishes, BBQ, cream teas, ice cream and a wide selection of cakes from different countries. We also had a sweet stall for our younger parishioners and a licensed bar for the older ones! The choice of food available was incredible and delicious and would give many restaurants a run for their money. This year we upped our game by including an entertainment section and all the acts were provided by our very gifted and talented parishioners on a stage provided by our school for the day. We must give a big shout out to all the children who took part. They joined in with such enthusiasm and each and every one of them had the biggest smile on their face which was infectious and very reflective of the day. The

presence of the Fire service made the day extra special for the children (and some adults) despite having to attend two emergency call outs. The police service was also represented and the children thoroughly enjoyed setting the sirens off. For the more energetic and younger parishioners there was a football competition and bouncy castle. The finale was an opportunity to "splash the priests". Fr Stanley and Fr Richard sportingly agreed to be imprisoned in the stocks and have wet sponges thrown at them. This drew a crowd and caused much hilarity. We raised money for our roof fund from the different stalls and this is a fantastic achievement as the essence of the Garden Party is to socialise as one family. It is nice to have an occasion where we can meet up, get to know each other better and make some new friends along the way. Well done everyone!

*Breege Chapman  
St Teresa of Lisieux, Aspley, Nottingham*



## St Mary's Academy Children Join Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage

Our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes was once again a great success for both parishes and Schools. It gave the opportunity to come together as a Catholic community and share in prayer, devotions and social time.

For the first time a primary school was able to take part. St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy took four of their Yr 6 Chaplaincy Team members, Isabel, Shreya, Elna and Amelia. St Mary's staff were supported by the deputy head of another primary academy, Blessed Robert Widmerpool in Nottingham. It is hoped that both schools will take pupils in 2020 and that others might join them.

The children took part in the full programme during the 3 days they were in Lourdes, and were especially moved by the Mass for the anointing of the Sick. They explored the old town of Lourdes and found out more about where St Bernadette lived. There was time for relaxing too, with Fr Greg Tobin, priest of St Mary's Church Derby and Director of the Pilgrimage, taking them and staff out for ice cream.

*Fran Wickes*



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The Catholic News is looking for a Parish Correspondent in your parish to send in local news for publication in this newspaper. All items to be emailed to

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before 10th of the month

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

In August we usually see television coverage of our young students who are awaiting or giving assessment to examination results which may or may not lead to their career prospects. Writing this article on the feast of The Transfiguration I have just watched the first group of hopeful teenagers who were clearly dedicated to achieving a professional future for themselves.

Eighty years ago the month August was to be the last month of peace in Europe as Germany prepared to invade Poland. In the main cemetery in Newark there is a well kept large area dedicated to the Polish brave men who gave their lives in that dreadful conflict. 2019 is not 1939 for which we are all grateful, but amidst a large number of worldwide worrying news items those young students may have noticed that our future relationship with Europe is far from settled. The hopeful young people see a coming political crisis as a direct result of the way in which our country has drifted after a referendum in which they did not have a vote.

Brexit unless stopped by some parliamentary device will happen on October 31st. If we have "no deal" we will reverse around 45 years of an economic and legal coalition which we have all got used to since the previous referendum in June 1975. Yes we do live in a changing world with much uncertainty not just for our young people but for all of the country if

we are to believe the concerns that supplies of fresh food may be affected. Let us hope that panic buying will not be a news item as it was during a bread strike in the 1970's when shelves were quickly emptied.

What is particularly disturbing is that as our MP's deserted Westminster in late July there appeared to be no good will from many of them towards opponents who look took a different view on Europe. One friend of mine who has told me that he never gets any agreement on the Christian issues he raises. If the MPs would agree that of course would mean getting involved.

I think my friend has drawn his own conclusions to this, but we must never give up. A recent "Songs of Praise" programme gave an indication of just how hard Catholics worked after the restoration of our Faith in the 19th Century.

On a recent little reported national radio interview the head of Cafod revealed that Ebola perhaps the world's most chilling disease is a tragic infection where Catholics are bringing hope when it is most needed. I will also end with a quote from Archbishop John Wilson newly installed in Southwark Cathedral. "I know I have much to learn, I rely totally on the Holy Spirit to guide my new ministry." Politicians please take note.

Frank Goulding

# Nottingham Diocese LGBT+ ministry

Bishop Patrick wishes everybody a warm welcome in the Diocese; that includes, in an explicit way, members of the LGBT+ community. To demonstrate and share the Good News of God's love for all, the Bishop has set up a pastoral ministry directed particularly at LGBT+ people, their families and friends. LGBT+ Catholics share their lives as disciples of the Lord Jesus with all other groups and communities in our diocese; we enrich each other and grow together as the Body of Christ.

If you are an LGBT+ Catholic, or a friend or family member, you will be welcome in any parish or pastoral ministry of the Diocese.

The dedicated LGBT+ ministry is there for you if:

- you want to meet other LGBT+ Catholic., you want to talk to a priest who has experience in accompanying LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends.
- you have been hurt by the Church and you seek healing.
- you are an LGBT+ person and you are wondering whether there is a place for you in the Catholic Church.
- or it just seems the right place for you to go.

There are priests and lay people connected to the LGBT+ ministry in all cities of the Diocese. We'll be happy to put you in touch with someone near you.

The LGBT+ ministry organizes an annual mass for LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends. It aims to bring our community together from across the Diocese. Other events are organized locally.

To get in touch with our dedicated team, please email to [lgbt.pastoral@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:lgbt.pastoral@nrcdt.org.uk).



## Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

As I write in the first week of August in order to meet the dead line for September's Catholic News, I have last week had the joy and privilege of offering the Holy Mass at the Portiuncula run by the Franciscan Sister's Minoress at Clay Cross in Derbyshire on the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. It was my first visit to the Portiuncula and it was wonderful to share in the prayerful atmosphere and the quiet of another 'hermitage'. The chapel where the Mass was offered had an all encompassing feeling and in the four niches in the chapel were the beautiful paintings of four angels more than befitting on the wonderful Feast of Our Lady of the Angels - in this small chapel one could almost feel the power and working of God's Holy Angels. Since returning to our hermitage here in Elston I have reflected many times upon these paintings and the powerful work of the Holy Angels. in our lives.

Usually in the month of September 29th we observe the Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels - however this year the 29th falls on a Sunday which takes priority.

The Bible has many passages referring to angels, both in the Old Testament as well as in the New Testament. The New Testament mentions frequently of angels at significant moments. There were angels giving messages to Mary-Joseph and the shepherds; angels ministered to Christ after his temptation in the wilderness, an angel visited Christ in his agony, there were angels at the tomb of the risen Christ and of course angels liberated the Apostles Peter and Paul from prison.

However, it makes only two references to 'archangels' They are in Jude 9 where Michael is an archangel and in 1 Thessalonians 4:16 where the "voice of an archangel" will be heard at the return of Christ.

Most names do not reveal much about the person who carries them, however this is not true of angels. The name Michael means 'Who is like God' and is known for his great power in fighting against Satan and his demons. Gabriel, whose name means 'strength' and certainly gave strength to Mary when he told her she was to be Mother of God. Raphael, whose name



means 'healer' cured Tobit's blindness. (Tobit 11)

And so the celebration of the feast of these three Archangels focuses on three aspects of God. It reminds us that God is Almighty and is victorious over evil. Also the mystery of life and death- suffering and evil are in the hands of God who is the source of all mystery. God is also our Healer who forgives us our sins and strengthens us with His love.

We cannot help then but admire the Archangels, like all the angels they have remarkable abilities - as pure spirits their knowledge and power are beyond our comprehension.

And so the best way to honour the angels and archangels is to join with them in worshipping Jesus. At every Mass we may not see the angels, but they are there, adoring Jesus on the altar, and along with them, we can be caught up in the love and holiness of the Son of God and be moved to lay down our lives before him. At Mass we are able to receive Jesus as our nourishment! All the qualities of God that the angels share in - his wisdom. his love. his beauty are contained in the Eucharist. So know that next time we are at Mass, know we are in the company of the angels and join them in giving Jesus all the praise and worship our hearts can muster!

Jesus has made us lower than the angels - yet he comes to us as the Bread of Life - may we be constantly open to all the grace we receive in the Body and Blood of Christ

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



# Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham

With grateful thanks to Jo Franks, who encouraged us as St Peter and St Paul Parish, Lincoln, to consider a small summer pilgrimage by mini-bus to the shrine at Walsingham. As a result 15 stalwarts and Deacon Peter Brogan, our intrepid driver, set out just after 8am on Tuesday 6th August from the church car park in Skellingthorpe Road, sent on our way with a Blessing from Father Eddy Jarosz.

Excited chatter enlivened our sleepy morning state, sharing stories "en route" of the A15 landscape, memories of previous journeys to the Norfolk shrine. A coffee stop

revived us further, breakfast for some, and on setting out again we embarked on the first Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, since this was a Tuesday. This served to focus our minds, filled with purpose, good intentions and the sharing of names of those people and situations we could carry with us to Our Lady in the Holy Place.

We arrived at the Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, "England's Nazareth", where display boards reminded us of the history of the setting up of a replica House of the Annunciation, several years before the Norman Conquest and the Battle of Hastings. A chosen Lady Richeldis was visited by visions of the Blessed Virgin and requested to begin this shrine. Much is told in later histories of the Kings who respected and followed pilgrimages to this Holy Shrine, continuing until the destructions of Henry VIII, but in 1897 came the first restorations with the approval of Pope Leo XIII. Developments followed and in 1934 Bishops led a pilgrimage of 10,000 and declared that the Slipper Chapel should be the National Shrine of Our Lady. This continued to be the centre of pilgrimage and in 2015, Pope Francis gave the Shrine the



honour of Minor Basilica Status.

We acquainted ourselves with the site, visiting its many beautiful areas for meditation since we were in good time for the Pilgrims' Mass just into the afternoon, which we celebrated with many others. A group photo was taken on the sanctuary steps before beautiful engraved glass images of the Annunciation. We moved on to a tented area full of images of Our Lady to say the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together, where families joined us sharing their intentions to ours. Our picnic lunch was enjoyed in the lovely gardens. We felt much blessed, yet more was to follow, for Deacon Peter soon ushered back to our bus and drove us into the village by meandering lanes.

Our destination was the Anglican shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, where we took photos in the colourful and well-stocked garden and viewed the many paintings and



sculptures embellishing the structures. Here, in the Ceremony of the Sprinkling of the Waters, further explanation was given of this unique legend, the flowing stream and the discovery of the well during renovations. We each received a sip of the water from a silver ladle, was blessed with a cross on our foreheads and had some poured over our hands, which we could take to our afflicted areas as required. Some bathed their wounds and painful locations. Unfortunately because of the parking restrictions we had to leave rather promptly to rejoin our mini-bus.

Our reward came with Fish 'n Chips at Wells-next-the-sea, down by the shore where a sudden shower drove us inside and

resulted in Deacon Peter offering to fetch the bus and pick us up. As we waited a beautiful rainbow appeared to crown the joy of our splendid day. Continuing on our way we said the Glorious Mysteries and completed our itinerant Rosary. An apt emotion for how we felt, truly blessed, fortunate and inspired, ready to share our newfound joy with the Parish back home.

Brian Davis





## Rosmini Centre

### House of Prayer

#### Thought for September

I have a great dread of learning, but an immense love for charity. Oh, may knowledge never be a cause of division among us; may charity build us up and make us one in Jesus Christ our Lord. To Him be all honour and glory for ever!

*Rovereto, 01.02.35*

#### Autumn Programme to Christmas

<p><b>September</b>  <b>14 Saturday</b> - 2-4.30pm                  Rev Seamus O'Looskan,                  Senior School                  Chaplaincy Leader                  GOD IN MY LIFE:                  INVITATION,                  MISSION, GRATITUDE  <b>17 Tuesday</b> - 7-8.30 pm                  The Letter of St James, on                  Christian Practical Wisdom -                  Fr. A. Belsito IC  <b>20 Friday</b> - 7-9 pm                  Healing Mass  <b>28 Saturday</b> - 3-4.30pm                  Mercy Chaplet                  and Lectio Divina</p>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b>  <b>12 Saturday</b>                  Mr. Bryan Spence, Founder                  of Carpenters Arms                  GOD IN MY LIFE:                  INVITATION, MISSION,                  GRATITUDE  <b>18 Friday</b> Healing Mass  <b>22 Tuesday</b>                  Amos, a prophet for                  our own times -                  Fr. A. Belsito IC  <b>26 Saturday</b>                  Mercy Chaplet and                  Lectio Divina  <b>NOVEMBER</b>  <b>9 Saturday</b>                  Margaret Smidowicz,                  An Ordinary Person</p>	<p>GOD IN MY LIFE:                  INVITATION, MISSION,                  GRATITUDE  <b>15 Friday</b>                  Healing Mass  <b>19 Tuesday</b>                  Endurance and hope in the                  Splendid Book of the                  Apocalypse of St John -                  Fr. A. Belsito IC  <b>30 Saturday</b>                  Mercy Chaplet and                  Lectio Divina  <b>DECEMBER</b>  <b>7 Saturday</b> 10 am to 3.30 pm.                  -Advent Retreat                  (Full Day)  <b>13 Friday</b>                  Healing Mass</p>
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**To pupils, students and teachers wishing you a fruitful and safe academic year.**

Fr. D. J. Tobin IC

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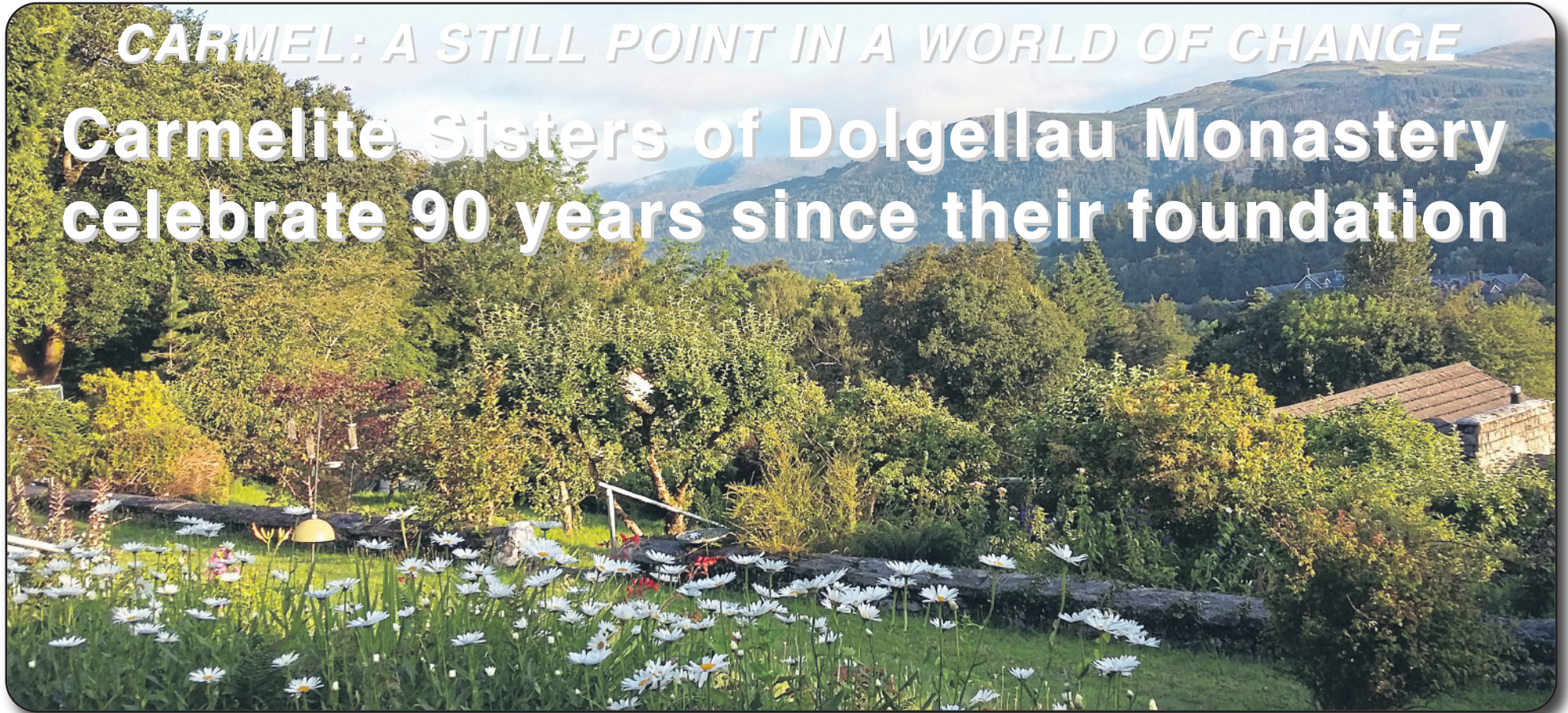
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# CARMEL: A STILL POINT IN A WORLD OF CHANGE

## Carmelite Sisters of Dolgellau Monastery celebrate 90 years since their foundation



On 20 July, the Feast of the Prophet Elijah, the Carmelite Sisters of Dolgellau in Wales celebrated 90 years since our foundation. A beautiful cake bore the Order's motto, Elijah's words: *zelo zelatus sum pro Domino Deo exercituum* ("With zeal I have been zealous for the Lord of hosts") (1 Kgs 19:14). The prophet Elijah is a wonderful symbol of the Carmelite nun's vocation to stand in God's presence (2 Kgs 3.14). As Pope St Gregory the Great said, we stand wherever our mental gaze is directed. The Carmelite nun directs her mental gaze towards God, as she prays and goes about her daily work.

### The Story of our Foundation

The Jubilee was all organised by Sr Paula, a former Prioress, originally from Nottingham. We watched two films about the history of the monastery, put together by one of our novices for the event. It was an opportunity to remember our collective story.

In 1928 the Bishop of Menevia, Francis Vaughan, asked Mother Mary of Jesus, the Prioress of Notting Hill Carmel to found a Carmel in his Diocese to spiritually support his widespread needy Diocese with its small number of Catholics and scattered lonely priests. Pope Pius XI gave the venture his privileged blessing.

On 21 May 1929, a group of eight founding sisters set off by train for Dolgellau, although they had been warned by a letter from the locals not to come. Pastors told their flocks not to attend the opening ceremony, but nonetheless 2000 came. The Holy Spirit seemed to seize people at Holy Mass. Those who came to disrupt Benediction knelt down with great reverence. Reactions warmed as locals got to know the sisters, and Protestant visitors were soon providing alms, glad and surprised to discover that Roman Catholics loved Jesus as they did. These days, thankfully we live in much more ecumenical times and there are visits to our monastery by people and groups of different denominations.

There was great poverty in the early years and the sisters struggled to support themselves financially by baking altar breads, living off the fried remains, and growing their own fruit and vegetables.

### Change and continuity

Our newest novice, Sr Elizabeth John from Belper, Duffield, put together a timeline about the house (and wider world). Within the monastery we have seen so many small

changes over 9 decades: building works, postulants being clothed in the habit of the Order, solemn professions, jubilees, new prioresses, changes of chaplain, people and pets coming and going, and deaths. We have seen challenges lived through and surmounted.

In the world 'out there' we have seen more dramatic changes that have occurred at a rate unprecedented in human history, outstripping our capacity to absorb, process and adapt: achievements (landing on the moon – 1969); technological discoveries (the Pill – 1960, test tube babies – 1978; the Internet 1990; cloning of Dolly the Sheep – 1996; the iPad 2010; gender realignment); changes in moral values and fashions; geo-political change and tension including global terrorism (the creation of the EU and now our imminent exit from it; the Berlin Wall going up in 1961 and coming down in 1989); tragedies (deaths of Princess Diana and John F. Kennedy, the September '11 attacks, Chernobyl, AIDS, Ebola); greater equality (for women, human rights, and Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech – 1963); climate change, a global refugee crisis, and wars – to mention just a few areas.

These secular changes register and have their impact inside the monastery, both in the sisters' prayers, and in what has been lived through, carried and suffered, and in how we have been formed and continue to be formed as human beings.

Yet amidst the change, the praying presence of this monastery, nestled in the Welsh hills, represents a constant: the bell keeps on ringing; the Sisters keep on praying; meals to cook, washing up to be done; sowing seeds, planting out, harvesting, the rolling seasons. Whilst much has changed – this, for instance, is being written on a laptop not a typewriter – much has stayed the same: a Sister in need of help; washing to hang out; water jugs that need filling; anguished people to hold up before God in prayer.

### Walls and bridges

We live again in an era where there is talk of building walls. But Pope Francis urges us to 'build bridges, not walls'. Carmelites live enclosed within walls, and yet within these walls we seek to grow through, and integrate difference, endeavouring to engage in a dynamic peace building that ripples out into our needy world.



**SCRABBLE, Sister X: "Is that really how you spell that?"  
Sister Y: "It is how I spell it!"**

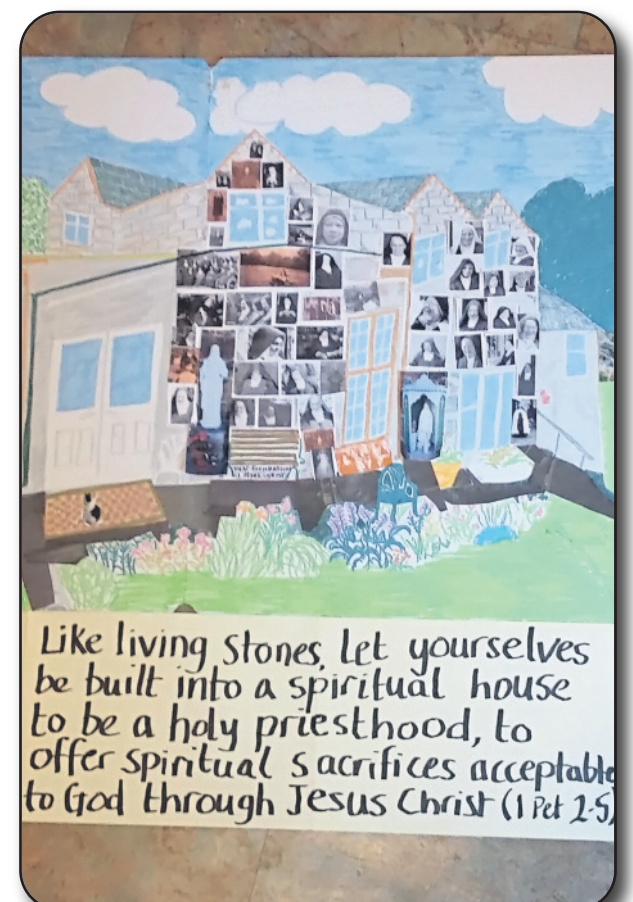
Our enclosure marks out and symbolises a space in which we can be alone with God. The solitude is to make space for Him. St Teresa helps us to pray:

'I'm not asking you to do anything more than look at Him. For who can keep you from turning the eyes of your soul towards this Lord ... Imagine that this Lord Himself is at your side ... you should stay with so good a Friend for as long as you can ... If you become accustomed to having Him at your side, and if He sees that you love Him to be there and are always trying to please Him, you will never be able to send Him away, nor will He ever fail you. He will help you in all your trials and you will have Him everywhere. Do you think it is a small thing to have such a Friend as that beside you?' (Way of Perfection).

Carmel is a 'still point around which the world turns' (T.S. Eliot). The world is rushing faster and faster. Meanwhile Time moves at a slower pace within the monastery's wall, and yet, paradoxically, because of the reduction of stimuli and novel experiences, it seems to whizz by. We thank God for all His blessings to this Carmel through the years. May we remain anchored and rooted in Him, our Creative Still Point:

'Oh Thou who changest not, abide with me' (Henry Francis Lyte').

With two sisters from Nottingham, we often pray for the Diocese and its needs. Please pray for us! For more info see [www.carmel-dolgellau.uk](http://www.carmel-dolgellau.uk) (under construction).





# Gathering for the Gospel

**Paul Bodenham, the diocese's programme leader for social action, invites you to the upcoming Justice and Peace Assembly**

Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission has announced plans for this year's annual assembly.

You are invited to St Thomas More church, Knighton, Leicester on Saturday 2 November. Put the date in your diary now – and you're welcome to sign up for further details by contacting us as outlined below.

Come and find out about how the diocesan Faith into Action programme is shaping up, and how it can help you make a positive difference, locally and globally.

We'll be joined by Jenny Sinclair, Founder and Director of a national charity called Together For The Common Good. Jenny is the daughter of the late Bishop David Sheppard, whose working partnership with Archbishop Derek Worlock and Free Church leaders in Liverpool a generation ago is the inspiration behind the organisation.

The aim of Together For The Common Good is to strengthen the bonds of social trust to ensure the flourishing of all. They help everyone to act on their vocation, by living out the 'Common Good' which underpins Catholic social thought.

Jenny's contribution could not be more



timely here in the Diocese of Nottingham. As you may have read in recent editions of Catholic News, through the Faith into Action programme we are working to build support for everyone in our parishes, so that together we can make the world a better place.

But the day also comes at a crucial moment in our nation's history. Communities in Nottingham Diocese are among those which voted most heavily to leave the European Union. We'll explore how our faith calls us now to heal wounds, risk reconciliation and build the common good, in our parishes, nation and world.

Together For The Common Good have exciting ideas for getting people together, learning how our faith is calling us to act, and equipping each other to be a force for good. Come and be empowered, and hear how the Gospel can guide our choices for the decisions ahead.

- Find out more on the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction)

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- Or contact Paul to explore how you can get involved in Faith into Action: email [justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or

# Parish Walk



The group in the Arboretum before setting off on the walk

On Tuesday evening 16th July, over 40 parishioners from Sacred Heart & St. Margaret Mary's Leicester, set off on the annual parish walk. This year we did a gentle stroll around the Evington Arboretum, a popular open space on the eastern edge of the city. The arboretum is well loved by visitors and local residents alike for its unique combination of recreational, botanical, wildlife and historical features. This was our 11th annual walk and once again we were blessed with good weather and delighted that our Parish Priest Fr. John Lally, visiting priest from Nigeria, Fr. Francis Onwunali and Deacon Bill Myers could join us.

On completion of our walk, which took about an hour, the evening was rounded off with a hearty supper at the neighbouring 'hostelry', the 'Cow & Plough' where we also held a raffle which raised £100.00 to be donated to the Sacred Heart re-decorating fund.

All in all a lovely time was had by all, good weather, good company, a bit of exercise and a nice meal to round it off.

What better way to spend a summer evening!

Ted Keller

How many wounds grow deeper due to epidemic of animosity and violence, which leaves its mark on the flesh of many of the defenceless!  
*Pope Francis*

Down the middle of the city street, on either bank of the river, were the trees of life... the leaves of which are the cure for the nations.  
*Revelation 22. 2*

## Leaves For Healing

Rebuilding the common good together

The Annual Assembly of Nottingham Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission

**Saturday 2 November 2019**

St Thomas More, Knighton, Leicester

**with Jenny Sinclair**

Director of Together for the Common Good

Put the date in your diary.

For further details call 07470 907656 or email [justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:justice.peace@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

At this time of growing polarisation, how does our faith call us to heal wounds, risk reconciliation and build the common good, with our neighbours and the wider world? How can the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching guide us in the decisions we now have to make as a nation and in our communities? Join us for a day building bridges for our parishes and our world.



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Speaker:

**Bishop Alastair Redfern**

Former Bishop of Derby

and Anglican Co-ordinator of antislavery initiatives.

**21st September 2019**

10.30am - 3.30pm

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Tea and coffee available. Bring a packed Lunch.

The event is free.

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# Well Dressing 2019

## Church of the Immaculate Conception New York, Charlesworth

This year, as we all know is the 175th Anniversary of our Cathedral in Nottingham, St. Barnabas.

Months ago, our Parish Priest, Canon Don Bowdren came back from a meeting in Nottingham and asked if our church would take part in a floral tribute to celebrate this anniversary – we said, “Yes, we’ll do St. Barnabas as our main Well Dressing in 2019”.

Well Dressing, as many know is a tradition peculiar to Derbyshire – images created from everything natural pressed into heavy pallets of soft clay.

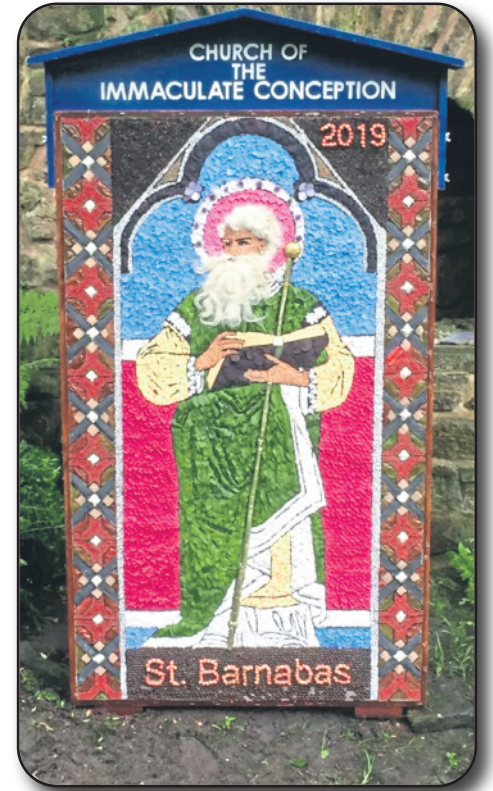
Our Church is situated on the banks of the River Etherow – the border between Nottingham and Shrewsbury Catholic dioceses. As a Church community we have been Well Dressing for just fourteen years (another idea of Canon Dons!)- amateurs getting better each year.

It was very difficult to find a reasonable image of St. Barnabas that would nicely enlarge, in detail to meet our 5’ x 3’ requirements. After a lot of searching a clear image of a stained glass window housed at St. Margaret’s C of E Church, Brandram Road, London, SE13 5EA was spotted and the Parish of St. Margaret’s, Lee granted permission to use the image. The side panel are intended to duplicate the floor tiles of the Cathedral in Nottingham.

The second image this year was inspired by the announcement that Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised this year. There were not many suitable images of him either! This smaller board was worked mainly with eggshells ( different colours collected by parishioners for months), each piece painstakingly shaded one piece at a time. The background is tea! A stunning result which we hope to try and preserve until 13th October 2019 to give it a second “airing” on John Henry Newman’s big day.

Both dressing took a team of parishioners and friends six days and a total of 318 hours to complete.

A prayer in every petal.



### Study finds churchgoing improves mental health in over 50s

A new study by the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA) at Trinity College Dublin, uncovers some of the relationships between faith and mental health in Ireland. The study is published by the peer-reviewed journal Research on Ageing.

The research, involving more than 6,000 adults aged 50 and over found that a majority of over 50s in Ireland attend religious services regularly, and that regular religious attendance was associated with lower depressive symptoms in this population. Observations took place for six years, from 2010 to 2016.

The relationship between being religious

and mental health was found to be complex. Although those with higher religious attendance had lower depressive symptoms, those who said that religion was very important to them but who did not attend very frequently, had worse mental health. Religious attendance was also related to having a bigger social network, which in turn had a positive effect on the mental health of the population.

**Key findings:**

Over the first four waves of TILDA (January 2010 to December 2016), religious attendance declined slightly for both men and women, from 91% to 89% in women,

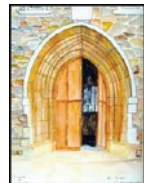


and from 89% to 87% in men.

The majority of people reported religion as important to them (86% women and 76% men).

Source: Trinity College

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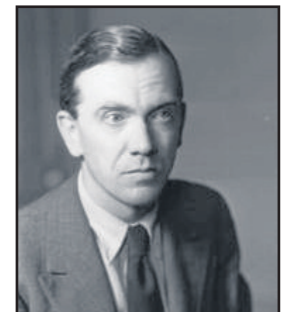
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## Faith, Nottingham and Graham Greene: a half-day's study



When: Saturday, the 19th of October 2019, 14.00 - 19.00

Where: Cathedral Church of S. Barnabas, North Circus Street, Nottingham NG1 5AE

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**Speakers: Dr. Creina Mansfield:** *the Virtue of Disloyalty - how Greene was 'a piece of grit in the state machinery'*  
**Michael Eatton:** *Home from home - Graham Green in Nottingham*  
**Dr. David Belbin:** *Fictionalising Greene*

The half-day will include discussion with a panel of speakers, a book-stall, an optional tour of the Cathedral and a social event in the early evening, which will include readings from the work of the Catholic Creative Writing Group.

Graham Greene (1904-1991) is regarded by many as one of the 20th century's greatest novelists. In 1926, he lived in the All Saints area of Nottingham, while working as a journalist on the Nottingham Journal (now the Nottingham Post). During that time, he was received in the Roman Catholic Church at S. Barnabas' Cathedral. Through 67 years of writing, which included over 25 novels, he explored the ambivalent moral and political issues of the modern world, often through a Catholic perspective.

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# New President of the YCW in England and Wales



The Young Christian Workers has officially welcomed its new President, Marc Besford, this week. This follows his unanimous election at the 80th National Council of the YCW held back in March 2019.

Marc has been a member of the National Team for the nearly 3 years and the paid worker for the last 2 years, following his time leading activity in his parish up in Billingham. The President is a voluntary position, involving chairing the regular team meetings and annual National Council, representing the YCW at home and abroad, and coordinating the training and development programme.

Marc will continue to work as the National

Training and Development Worker and be based at the Trafford Park HQ.

He takes over from Kate Wilkinson, a long-time member of the YCW who became involved in the movement when she was at high school. Kate currently works as a School Chaplain and is involved in numerous Catholic youth ministry projects. Thankfully, she will continue to support the work of the YCW alongside her other work around the country.

Commenting on his new role, Marc said: "I have experienced things through the YCW that I wouldn't have dreamed of, I have met new people a

# IT'S A LONG WAY TO EL CAMPELLO



L to R Tony, Lynda, Isabel and Kevin

Derby Catenians, Tony Hanson and Kevin Hurst met recently for lunch in Spain!! Tony and his wife Lynda, from Holy Family Parish, Allestree, Derby, stay on the Costa Blanca south of Alicante; Kevin and his wife Shirley, from All Saints Parish Ashbourne, have a Spanish home north of Alicante. On this occasion Kevin was accompanied by his granddaughter, Isabel, who is on summer leave from studying architecture at the University of Nottingham.

Lunch was in the La Cova restaurant in the lovely seaside resort of El Campello which is roughly half way between their two locations.

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

**Kevin Hurst**  
Derby Catenian Publicity Officer

# St Mary's Academy Derby says Farewell to Year 6



Fr Paul Smith, assistant parish priest at St Mary's Church, led the final Mass of the school year for St Mary's pupils in Derby. The children enjoyed seeing photos of themselves from throughout their time at the School. Head teacher, Mrs Amanda Greaves, Head of School, Mrs Gill Novak-Lemmings, and Assistant Head, Mrs Rebecca Smith, gave out the Year 6 awards for sports, art, helping hands, academic achievement, faith in action etc to the well-deserved winners. At the end of the day, the

Year 6 made their traditional walk down through the school to the applause of all the children and staff.

The school also said farewell to teaching assistant, Mrs Margaret Lloyd, who has taught children there for 25 years, she is looking forward to a busy and happy retirement.

**Fran Wickes**



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# The theme of the new banner is Augustus Pugin



After a very busy start to the year, and making over 30 banners to decorate St Barnabas Cathedral for the 175 years anniversary, the Cathedral Art and Craft Group, decided to have a week off before starting on their next project.

The theme of the new banner is Augustus Pugin, and features many decorative pieces inspired by his designs in the Cathedral as well as his famous work of the houses of Parliament and Big Ben.

The edging of the banner has been painted entirely by hand with gold paint, by the steady hands of Sue Sylvester, Maggie Catherall and Emily, a new member of the group who comes all the way from South Korea, not every week we hasten to add, Emily is on holiday visiting her daughter who lives in Nottingham. She has proved to be an amazing painter onto fabric, a new skill she was not even aware of!

Hopefully the banner will be unveiled for the Pugin weekend at the Cathedral in September. The group is also busy working on items for the Christmas craft and gift fair, and next year we will be having an art and craft exhibition, on the theme of "Out of

Darkness into Light".

We have been delighted at the response to our work and have received two commissions for pieces to be made for two parishes

in the Diocese, so we look forward to a busy crafting time.

*Maria Kirk*

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## London Golf Classic will support peace-building in Eastern Africa

By Matt Moran

The Shalom London Committee which supports the Shalom Centre for Conflict Resolution & Reconciliation (SCCRR) in Eastern Africa will hold its third annual golf classic at Moor Park Golf Club in north London on Tuesday, 17 September. The event will be followed by a dinner and an auction of items donated by guests and supporters of Shalom. The Roscommon-born founder and International Chairman of Shalom - SCCRR, Fr Patrick Devine SMA, will be present to update attendees on the on-going work of Shalom in peace-building in conflict zones in Eastern Africa. The Country Director of Shalom in Kenya is another SMA missionary, Fr Oliver Noonan, from Cork City Shalom - SCCRR thanks the Shalom London Committee, and their personally owned businesses and associates, Chairman Andy Rogers (Rogers Associates Ltd), Seamus McGinley (McGinley Group), Mick Crossan (Powerday PLC & London Irish Rugby Club President), Seamus Carr (ICCT Ltd - Kryton International), Brendan Morahan (Invennt Ltd), Martin McAtamney (Red Kite Consultants Ltd), and Julie Brennan (Executive Assistant, McGinley Group) for their generous input in organising this large fundraising event on 17 September.

Fr Devine expressed much appreciation to all their families for numerous kindnesses over the years. "We offer a special thank you to Colm McGinley (CEO) and the McGinley Group, for their immense secretarial support and solidarity to the event and the work of Shalom-SCCRR in Africa."

Shalom - SCCRR is very grateful to its ever growing support base throughout the UK. Earlier this year an interview with Fr. Devine was published in Jacqueline O'Donovan's company (O'DONOVAN Waste Disposal) bulletin - The O'D News - and shared with a wide circle of associated business connections and friends in Europe and the USA.

In 2018, Shalom completed 46 school / education projects emerging out of 176 SCCRR conflict transformation workshops in 15 high volatile conflict environments in Eastern Africa. An interesting aspect of Shalom's peace-building work is how it provides school building materials and solar lighting, underlining the importance of education in the road map to peace. These schools because of their solar lights also double up as evening community centres giving people the opportunity to come together in a neighbourly way to discuss issues of concern or local needs. The education of young people and sustainable development is underpinned by lasting peace and good relationships at community level.

Readers wishing to support or to get involved in Shalom support groups in the UK can contact Andy Rogers in London at andy@rogersassociates.com or 01-7785920810, or Harry Lloyd in Manchester



**Fr Devine receiving International Caring Award**

at harryl@btinternet.com. Further information about the pioneering work of Shalom - SCCRR can be found at www.shalomconflictcenter.org

*(Matt Moran is a writer on missionary stories, and the author of book - The Legacy of Irish*

## Walking to help the homeless

In September, a group from the parish of St Peter & St Paul, Lincoln, including parish priest Fr Jarosz, plan to walk the first half of St Cuthbert's Way, over 3 days. The walk is one of Scotland's Great Trails and a route of pilgrimage.

The walk is in aid of The Nomad Trust, which is part of YMCA Lincolnshire. The charity helps local homeless people- some of the most vulnerable and in need people in our society; in particular it is currently raising funds to create a new centre that will be open 24/7.

If you would like to be a part of the Catholic Church helping the homeless and support our fundraising efforts, you can leave a message and make a donation (much appreciated) through the internet at: www.justgiving.com and search for sssp-rcc2.

Please remember us and all the homeless in your prayers.



# Pope urges scouts to make service their way of life

By Robin Gomes

Pope Francis on Saturday urged scouts to give of themselves to others by building, serving and caring for others, saying it will free them from within and enrich the world.

He made the exhortation to some 5,000 young scout men and women from over 20 countries belonging to the International Union of Guides and Scouts of Europe. They met the pope at the end of their Euro-moot 2019 event, July 27-August 3, that saw them travelling along historical itineraries of Italy and converging on Rome.

## “Give, and it will be given to you”

Noting that during their itinerary, they contemplated Saints Paul, Benedict, Cyril and Methodius, Francis of Assisi and Catherine of Siena who travelled through Italy, the Pope said they gave their lives for others without keeping anything for themselves. The Pope said that the “Gospel is the map of life” where Jesus indicates a clear course to happiness: “Give, and it will be given to you.”

The Pope said that for Jesus, the starting point is giving, not having. It consists of coming out of the comforts of the armchair and going out to the field to give the world a little bit of goodness.

## Rewards of giving

The Pope assured that by giving one is not left empty-handed because when it seems that God is taking something away from you, “it is only to give you something more and better”. Jesus makes you happy from within, not outside, by freeing you from the false promises of consumption.

## “One receives only by giving .”

This, the Pope said is the secret of life. The latest smartphone, the fastest car or the fashionable dress, besides never being



Pope Francis meeting some 5,000 scouts from over 20 European countries on August 3, 2019. (Vatican Media)

enough, he said, will never give them you the joy of feeling loved and loving.

The Pope expressed appreciation for the scouting term “departure”, whereby scouts take upon themselves to serve as a way of life, living the brotherhood of scouting by being open to the others and doing good. “If you build bridges to others,” he said, “you will see others walk those bridges to you.”

“Look at your hands, that are made to build, to serve and to give and say to yourselves: ‘I care, the other concerns me,’” the Pope urged.

## Creation

The words of Jesus, “Give, and it will be

given to you,” the Pope said, is also applied to creation. “If we take care of it, we will have a home tomorrow too.”

Creation, he said, is an open book that teaches that we are in the world to meet others, to create communion because we are all connected. “Creation is made to connect with God and among us,” the Pope said, adding, “It is God’s social media.”

## Europe

Even the love of the scout rovers and rangers for their common homeland, Europe, the Pope said, requires not only attentive observers but active builders of reconciled and integrated societies that give life to a renewed Europe, not as protectors of spaces but as generators of encounters.

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# Derby Catenians pray for vocations



Canon Alan Burbidge immediately before saying mass for the Catenian congregation

Each year the Catenians of Derby attend mass with the special intention of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. This year, Canon Alan Burbidge of St George’s church, Derby, celebrated mass at the Mickleover golf club.

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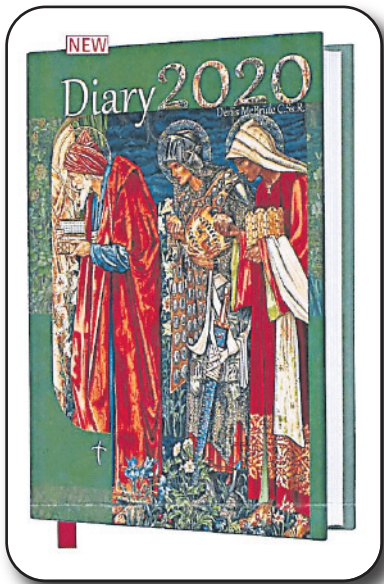
By Fr Denis McBride

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This stunning hard-back diary features a beautiful painting each month and a thought-provoking reflection by Fr Denis McBride, inspired by the Gospel of Matthew. In July read how "Jesus baptises the ordinary and tells us that it is in the theatre of the ordinary that the drama of salvation is being lived out." As well as being a practical and attractive diary, Diary 2020 offers, in its reflections, wisdom that will make you stop, re-read and return to the lessons we can learn



from Matthew and live them out in the "theatre of the ordinary" as we journey closer to God throughout the year.

Diary 2020 is A5 in size and has a practical full week to view across a double page spread; each week includes either a prayer, quotation, insight into the artwork for the month or a detail of the beautiful image that will help you to see it in a different way.

Included in the diary is an introduction from Fr Denis, year planners for both 2020 and 2021, key dates and feast days, notes pages, and a ribbon page marker. All of these features make it the ideal faith companion, appointment organiser and thoughtful gift.

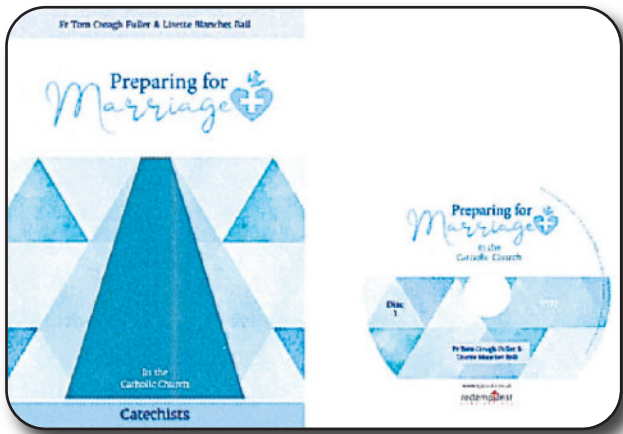
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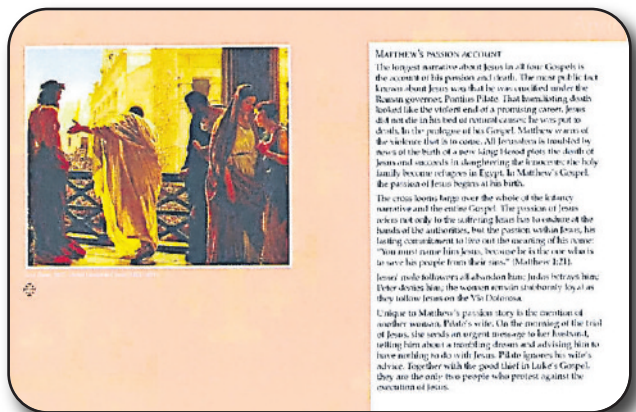
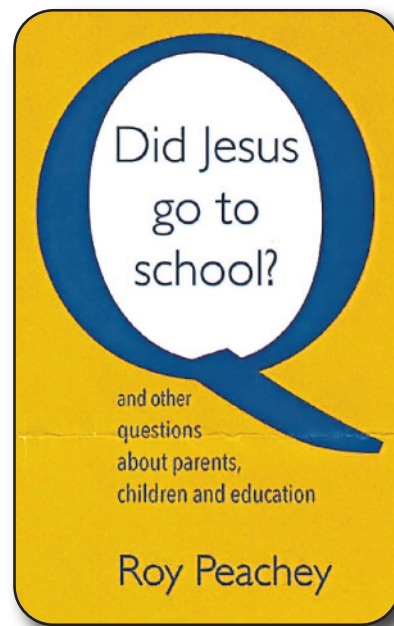
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# Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy celebrated at the school's presentation evening



The successes of students at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy were celebrated at the school's presentation evening.

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 received awards for academic, sporting and musical achievements and outstanding contributions to school life were also recognised.

The event took place at the Kirk Hallam school and was hosted by newly appointed Head Boy Harrison Powell and Head Girl Sienna Grant.

Assistant headteacher Pete McNally, who is retiring at the end of term after 29 years at

the school, was the guest of honour.

He said: "Every single award is formal recognition of how well you've done. It's an award that you have earned. We want you to be proud of your achievements here when you get things like this and to all of your parents I would like to say thank you for sending your children to this school and for supporting them, that relationship is crucial for the future success and happiness of your children. In all my 29 years here the support I've received has been second to none. We have a brilliant bunch of teachers and we've got the best lay chaplain who supports our students and our teaching staff every day."

Mr McNally went on to thank the caretakers, midday supervisors, the admin team, ICT support, kitchen staff, cleaners, governors, headteacher Joan McCarthy and deputy headteacher Steve Brogan.

Mr McNally said: "We are SJH community and this school will never be about buildings and facilities, it's about the people."

Mrs McCarthy told the gathered audience of parents and carers how proud she was of every student at the school.

She said: "All of the students should be proud of what they have achieved and I

would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication. We are so, so proud of you."

Mrs McCarthy also paid tribute to Mr McNally and described him as an SJH 'legend'.

She said: "You have inspired everyone in this room and this school community loves you and we wish you every happiness."

The Patrick Ward Memorial Shield was awarded to Caitlin Hawley, Olivia Drummond and Ellie-Grace Johnson. The Terry Murphy Award went to Lily-May Ward.



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**

- 5 Boy, along with Brian, can't find any banks in African place (10)
- 7 Emoji betrays British spymaster (6)
- 8 Lice returning to the French heads demands order (6)
- 9 Point to vessel at the stern to see a set that's forever young (7)
- 11 Pagan priest is oddly fake, receiving religious instruction throughout (5)
- 13 Condemnation after passenger at the front falls off platform (5)
- 14 Pepper USSR curiously banned after unnecessary modification (7)
- 16 Young Simpson's own goal brings in former star player (6)
- 17 Semitic deity, one among a hundred found in the western half of Ithaca (6)
- 19 He told stories relative to part of Babylonia after being toppled (5,5)

**CRYPTIC Down**

- 1 Raise the roof here in the Shetlands (4)
- 2 Classical – fancy woman's type of music? (7)
- 3 Journalist on a tabloid raked up an old sovereign (5)
- 4 Some of the Requiem Mass passes over an upset listener (4,4)
- 5 Issue a weapon to the old fellow for the final showdown (10)
- 6 Gideon beat them to southern France, the opposition

carrying a small number (10)

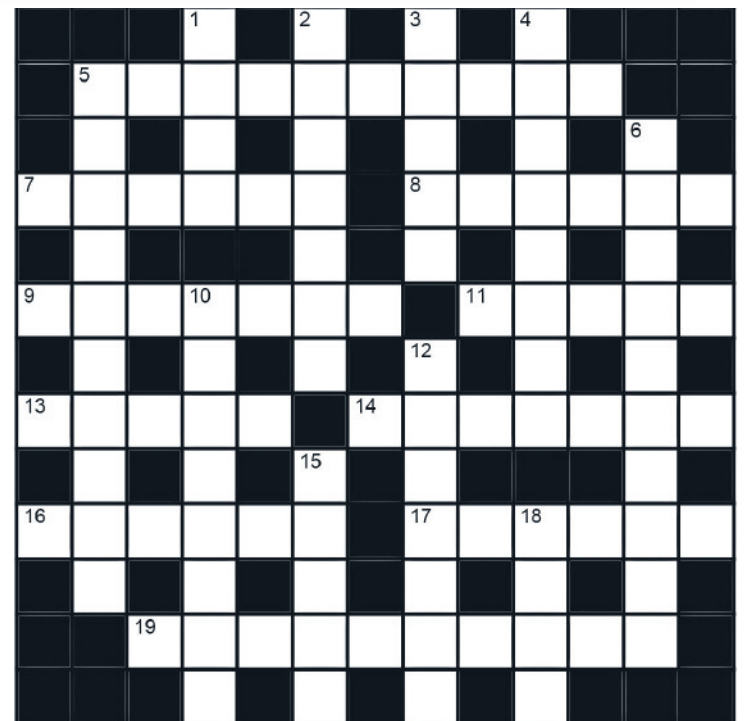
- 10 The French and Americans at Anney evacuated country – left for a Swiss resort (8)
- 12 Key road under shopping precinct one gets to duck (7)
- 15 Bikini tax follows after exposing fat middle bit (5)
- 18 Disruption of mail here in the Andes (4)

**QUICK Across**

- 5 Home city to Apollos, an important early Church teacher (10)
- 7 George -----, John le Carré's master spy (6)
- 8 State capital of Texas (6)
- 9 Undying, infinite (7)
- 11 Ancient Celtic pagan priest (5)
- 13 Disgrace; disgust (5)
- 14 Capital of French Guiana (7)
- 16 Humphrey -----, Oscar-winning actor for The African Queen (1952) (6)
- 17 Female demon of Jewish folklore who tries to kill newborn children (6)
- 19 Fictitious storyteller associated with Brer Rabbit (5,5)

**QUICK Down**

- 1 Second largest island in the Shetlands (4)
- 2 Magical queen of Homer's Odyssey (7)
- 3 ----- Allan Poe, Gothic novelist and poet (5)
- 4 Part of the Requiem Mass, 'Day of Wrath' – Judgment Day (4,4)



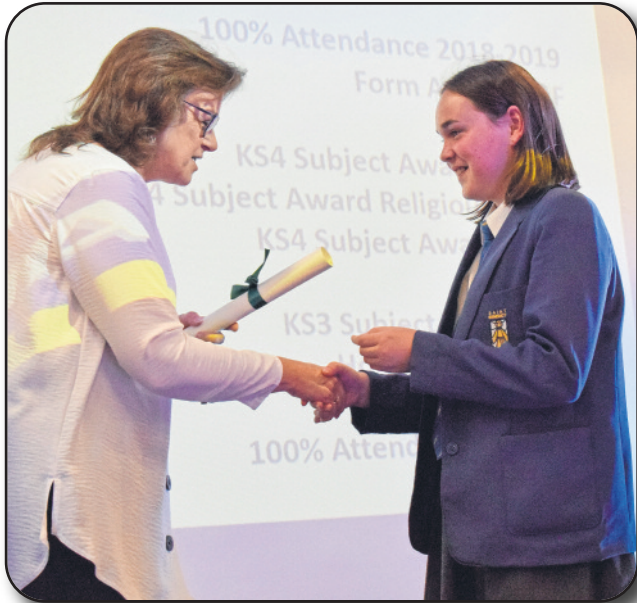
- 5 Another name for Megiddo, site of several biblical battles (10)
- 6 Followers of a son of Abraham defeated by Gideon (10)
- 10 Swiss resort on Lake Geneva, the seat of the International Olympic Committee (8)
- 12 Kind of duck: classic British steam engine (7)
- 15 Looping coral strand in tropical waters, often making a complete ring (5)
- 18 Peruvian city founded by Pizarro (4)

**SOLUTION**

**Across:** 5 Alexandria, 7 Smiley, 8 Austin, 9 Ageless, 11 Uncle Remus, 13 Odim, 14 Cayenne, 16 Bogart, 17 Lillith, 19 Druid, 18 Lima.  
**Down:** 1 Yell, 2 Calypso, 3 Edgar, 4 Dies, 5 Armageddon, 6 Midianites, 10 Lausanne, 12 Mallard, 15 Atoll, 18 Lima.



# Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy's Summer Presentation Evening



Awards for a range of achievements were handed out to students at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy's Summer Presentation Evening.

Students received awards in front of a packed audience of parents, family members, carers and staff at the academy, in Duffield Road, Derby.

House awards were also made, with the Athletics Day Trophy going to Kolbe House and the Attendance Shield being won by Teresa House.

Deputy head teacher Hazel Boyce welcomed everyone before Sherri Medcalf, chair of governors, spoke followed by executive head teacher Kevin Gritton.

He talked about the success of the England cricket team at the recent World Cup and how their strength came from their diversity.



Mr Gritton said: "I would like to say a huge well done to a fantastic group of young people. You are here for a specific reason, because you have excelled at something.

"I would like to share with you some of my observations and I thought it would be good to talk about the England cricket team because I think they are just like Saint Benedict.

"Their strength comes from their diversity and here at Saint Benedict we are a global community and because of this diversity our children leave here more equipped.

"The cricket team worked really hard and got there on their own merits, earning their way in life. They also showed real resilience. In some way, those of you sitting here tonight, you were resilient, whether it was by doing your homework, coming to school and giving your best effort in class, you showed great resilience."



Each of the House leaders spoke about the achievements of their own Houses since their inception – including more than £10,000 being raised for charity and 1,483 Christmas shoeboxes being collected. The House system is being replaced by Heads of Year from September 2019.

New prizes were handed out in the form of First Source Resilience Awards, which saw students who had made the extra effort or shown exemplary conduct rewarded with an Echo Dot, kindly provided by company First Source.

Ex-students who had recently taken part in Project Arusha also returned to talk about the work they did. Each year a handful of students who have finished Year 13 are chosen to travel to Arusha, a town in Tanzania, East Africa, during their gap year to teach for three months. In the classroom they mainly help students with their English although some have helped to teach Maths and Music.

## Canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) will be canonised in Rome on October 13th, the first English saint other than martyrs for many centuries.

His sermons as an Anglican clergyman at St Mary te Virgin Church, Oxford were renowned, and his influence on the Church of England via the Tractarian/Oxford Movement was profound. His conversion to Roman Catholicism was painful, a "parting of friends" - he never returned to Oxford University after his ordination as a Catholic priest and becoming an Oratorian Father. His home was to be in the very contrasting industrial city of Birmingham. But his writings on conscience, the laity and the development of doctrine were to influence greatly the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council.

Most Christians, even if they have little knowledge of his theology, will be very familiar with three of his hymns "Praise the Holiest, Lead Kindly Light and Firmly I believe and Truly", and many appreciate his "Dreams of Gerontius" set to music as a great Oratorio by his fellow Catholic Edward Elgar.

Newman's transition to Catholicism is described in an autobiographical novel "Loss and Gain" but his riposte to Charles Kingsley's (author of "The Water Babies") criticism of him was the "Apologia Pro Vita Sua" which has become a classic in English literature. Arguably his "idea of a University" is an outstanding exposition of an enlightened education and highly relevant to contemporary society. Yet writing in itself does not make a saint. Often forgotten is his pastoral care in Bilston, Wolverhampton during the cholera epidemic, his pioneering University Extension Lectures in Dublin, and his intervention on the side of Catholic working girls at Cadbury's - all provide a social and pastoral dimension to his life and labours.

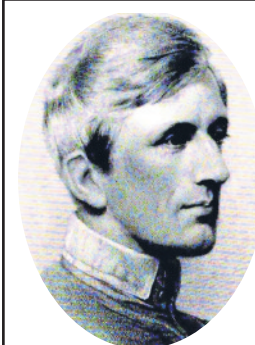
Moreover his personality radiated holiness. Shortly before his death he met the bishop William Ullathorne, who described the encounter thus:-

*I have been visiting Cardinal Newman to-day. He is very much wasted, but very cheerful. Yesterday he went to London to see the oculist. When he tries to read black specks are before his eyes. But his oculist tells him there is nothing wrong but old age. We had a long and cheery talk, but as I was rising to leave, an action of his caused a scene I shall never forget, for its sublime lesson to myself. He said in low and humble accents 'My dear Lord, will you do me a great favour?' 'What is it?' I asked. He glided down on his knees, bent down his venerable head and said 'Gove me your blessing.' 'What could I do with him in such a posture? I could not refuse without giving him great embarrassment. So I laid my hand on his head and said: 'My dear Lord Cardinal, notwithstanding all laws to the contrary, I pray God to bless you, and that His Holy Spirit may be full in your heart.' As I walked to the door, refusing to put on his biretta as he went with me, he said: 'I have been indoors all my life, whilst you have battles for the Church in the world.' I felt annihilated in his presence: there is a Saint in that man!*

Pope Francis will conform Bishop Ullathorne's insight later this year.

To celebrate the canonisation there will be an Open Weekend at Spilsby Catholic Church on September 14th and 15th, with an exhibition, talk/discussion. On Sunday at 3pm there will be an ecumenical service which will include Newman's hymns, extracts from his sermons both Anglican and Catholic and several appreciations of his life. All are very welcome.

*Patrick Doyle*



Catholic Church  
Spilsby

Blessed  
John Henry  
Newman  
1801- 1890

September 14th & 15th

Weekend to celebrate the pending  
Canonisation of Cardinal Newman  
(which will take place on  
October 13th in Rome)

Programme

Saturday September 14th

9.30am Mass

Followed by Talk/Discussion on -  
What is a Saint?  
Why does Newman merit  
Canonisation?

2 - 5pm Church Open - displays

Sunday September 15th

9.00 Mass

2 pm Church Open

3 pm Ecumenical Service celebrating  
Newman's Life (1801-1890)  
- his hymns, prayers, sermons  
& appreciations of his life

(Light refreshments, in the garden  
weather permitting)