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Celebrating Health and Social Care workers in our Diocese

On Saturday 7th September, over a hundred people gathered in St Barnabas Cathedral for a special Mass celebrating the work undertaken by Catholics from across our diocese who work in Health and Social Care settings.

With musical accompaniment provided by the Nottingham Hospitals Choir led by the cathedral's own Director of Music, Alex Pattison, the principal celebrant Bishop Patrick was joined by clergy from across the diocese who undertake hospital chaplaincy roles.

In his homily, Deacon David Knight, the Bishop's Healthcare Advisor recognised the wide variety of roles within Health and Social Care settings, as well the range of settings which health and social care is delivered such as in hospitals, in the community, our hospices, in the ambulance services, working with people with physical ill health, mental ill health, Learning disabilities and providing social care in peoples own homes.

He went on to say: "St Paul describes the church as a body made up of many parts with Christ as the Head. This image is one which can so equally be used when we think about our Health and Social Care Services. Like the human body, Health and Social

Care is by its very nature a very complex system, made up of multiple departments each staffed by a range of professionals, Support Workers, Clerical and ancillary staff, and at the same-time totally dependent on each other. What use is the Surgeon if there is no-one to make sure that the Operating Theatre is fully equipped and stocked up and that there is a team to support recovery after surgery? Why have an Accident and Emergency Department if there is no means of transporting people to it? Why help people to recover from physical and mental ill health in hospitals if there is no social care available to support them when they go home? The image of the Health Service as a body also works on another level in parallel with St Paul – Asking ourselves, 'Why do we do it?' – and here we turn again to that image of Christ as the Head.

As Catholics working in health and Social Care, we recognise and celebrate that we have each, in our own unique ways, been given special gifts and talents, which have been honed and developed through education, training and experience, and our responsibility is to be able to share these with those around us. Our mission is to use these talents as He has commanded

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Pope urges people to pray for political leaders

Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Casa Santa Marta recently and during his homily, reflecting on the day's readings, he advised everyone to pray for all people in government and political leaders, rather than insulting them.

The Holy Father said that St Paul, in his letter to Timothy (1 Tm 2:1-8), calls us to pray for everyone, "for kings and for all in authority" and that it should be done "without anger or argument". St Paul adds that we do this so "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity."

"Paul emphasizes the environment surrounding the believer: prayer. Here he focuses on intercessory prayer: 'Everyone should pray, for all, so that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life, in dignity and devotion to God.' Prayer helps make this possible. But there is an emphasis I would like to talk about: 'For everyone' and then he adds 'for kings and for all in authority'. So, he is talking



about prayer for people in government, for politicians, and for the people responsible for political institutions, nations, and regions."

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Bryony Watson is port chaplain at Immingham for Apostleship of the Sea Casting a lifeline

Before hearing about the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris), ships to me were mere lights on the horizon when you walked along Cleethorpes beach. I didn't consider the crew, they simply existed in a world outside my own. A talk given by Fr Colum Kelly changed that. I left his talk with an image that he had showed us burned into my mind; a picture of a Filipino seafarer cleaning out the bilge tanks with no protective clothing or equipment. I became a volunteer and am now a chaplain for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris), working in the Port of Immingham.

Every day I am reminded of the need for our ministry. Yesterday, along with Tony, a volunteer ship visitor, I visited a ship where the door of the huge fridge freezer was hanging open, totally bare. The cook made light of it and said it was a good time to clean and defrost it, but something in his manner suggested that was not the only reason. He told us that they were running out of food, that they had very little meat and rice to last the thirteen men until they received their provisions. The ship was changing owners, and food for the crew did not seem high on anyone's list of priorities. Worryingly, the cook said it had happened before. We came back with bags full of bread, eggs and other essentials. Small things which we take for granted, that the crew should have been able to take for granted too. I am glad to think that because of our visit the crew will have breakfast this morning, but I am furious and saddened that this can happen; that seafarers can be in danger of going hungry on our shores.

Here in Immingham, and around the country, seafarers facing the difficulties of a life at sea are supported by port chaplains and volunteers. Our volunteers give their time, their care and their energy to supporting seafarers; they are friends who can discuss the latest football scores on a deck in the

rain or watch endless videos of a new baby that the father so many miles from home is desperate to show to someone. They knit an endless supply of warm woolly hats, the thoughtfulness of the gesture never lost on the seafarers who receive them; they are the school children who collect Easter Eggs and make Christmas shoeboxes so that seafarers don't miss out on the celebrations of these most special times of the year; they are the parishioners who fundraise, donate, collect much needed warm clothes, and support us tirelessly. Without volunteers we could not hope to provide the service we do to our seafarers.

The plight of the crew running low on food is just one of the many reasons that Sea Sunday, celebrated on the 14th July is so important. Sea Sunday is a chance to raise awareness of the lives of those at sea, in the hope that our actions and the work of our parishes and volunteers can cast out a net to those in need at sea.

Watch the Sea Sunday film, shot on the Humber, at
www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/aos-film



Thoughts from Elston Hermitage...

As we travel around the diocese many people ask about our life as hermits and many find the concept of hermitage life a difficult concept to grasp. Most people, of course, have visited a convent or a monastery but a hermitage is something outside their experience and perhaps seen as something new.

However there is nothing new about the eremitical or hermitage life. From the earliest of times within the church there were hermits living alone or in small communities a life of seclusion dedicated to prayer.

Elston Hermitage near Newark is a small monastic community of Priests/Hermits following the Rule of St Benedict. Our simple hermitage dedicated to Our Lady and Saint Benedict is to be found in the conservation village of Elston in the rural countryside of Nottinghamshire surrounded by farming land and agriculture which supplies a perfect setting for our life - the hermitage garden offers a relaxed, contemplative openness to the beauty of God's creation. The hermitage here is both our home and the centre of our life and ministry within the Diocese of Nottingham. We are under the patronage of our diocesan Bishop according to the Code of Canon Law 603. We are dedicated to a life of prayer for the needs of all people and outreach to anyone seeking spiritual growth. Our Benedictine way of prayer and solitude revolves around times of daily prayer, beginning at 4 a.m. daily both communally in our Oratory and our solitary prayer in the silence and stillness of our hermitage. We are called to a life then is one of silence, solitude, prayer and penance for the good of the whole Church and the salvation of all people. We live out the Evangelical counsels of Poverty, Chastity and Conversion of Life - this we do mainly in a Contemplative way although we are not cloistered or enclosed and may be found very often serving within the parishes of our diocese and working in the local community.

Prayer however is the most important thing we do each day as well as offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Eucharist being the pivot of our daily lives. "Ora et Labora" Prayer and Work is often put forward as the Benedictine motto - here at the hermitage the Benedictine balance of prayer, work and study are maintained daily - in this way the



whole person body, mind and spirit are offered in a ever growing closeness to God. Each day begins and ends with prayer. Prayer, it is said, 'is the soul's greatest privilege, it's hardest labour, and its purest joy'. Like rain which nurtures the earth, causing plants to grow and giving food to all, our life of prayer is an invisible spring, pouring forth the grace of God's love to all mankind.

We support our hermitage, liken unto the early apostles, by the work of our own hands and have all things in common in community life. You will always find a warm Benedictine welcome at the hermitage and we maintain that every guest should be received as Christ himself. Both the Priests at the hermitage are available for spiritual direction or the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or just a chat and a brew and are available for talks and quiet days upon request and appointment. Fr Richard offers statue repair and restoration at modest costs.

Hopefully, this will give some insight and a clearer picture into the ethos of our way of life here in Elston where we endeavour to live at all times and places in a atmosphere of prayerfulness-quiet and contemplation in God's presence.

And so we are able to say with the disciples. "It is good for us to be here" Matt: 17: 4

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

The month of August this year could easily have been dominated by the issue of Brexit as the only news item. Some Mp's seemed not to be on holiday and if they had a break their mobile phones would not have been far away, The environmental and climate issues of the world ensured that we all had much to digest apart from our future relations with the European Union.

At the beginning of September Hurricane Dorian one of the most powerful storms recorded in the Atlantic battered into all the islands adjacent to the Florida coast. The sheer strength of all this "category 5" status must have caused great fear in an area of the world which must be getting accustomed to these dangers to life. A little earlier the wildlife crisis in the Amazon could not be ignored by the rest of the world. The Brazilian rainforest is in need of environmental protection and the fire that raged is clearly not just a Brazilian issue.

Another area of concern is the issue of ever warmer weather in the Arctic which threatens a serious rise in sea levels. Greenland is on the frontline for extreme environmental change which could have serious implications for much of the weather patterns in coastal areas in the rest of the world. Much nearer to home this summer we witnessed unexpected floods in the Wainfleet area of Lincolnshire, in the Yorkshire dales and in

North Derbyshire where an 188 year old dam could have sent 300 million gallons of water cascading into a valley in Whaley Bridge.

With thanks to a Chinook helicopter, fire crews and the army, Whaley Bridge returned to its normal peaceful residence but was this a wake-up call on climate issues? These news stories from the recent summer can truly only be answered by the appropriate authorities. The date for 2030 seems to be of significance for some commentators and on a recent wet Friday I came across a group of young people who were on a peaceful mission in a corner of Nottingham next to the Council House. They seemed to be trying to get their message on climate change across to young people warning of the action needed in the next eleven years.

I will conclude this article with a quotation from Pope Francis. "I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conservation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots concern and affect us all" (Laudato Si') In 2015 Pope Francis called on us all to work together to tackle climate change

**Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark.**

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

'Baptised and Sent'

Extraordinary Month of Mission 2019

World Mission Sunday - the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission - will happen on 20 October this year. And this year, it is running alongside another exciting global event!

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has declared October 2019 to be a special month of prayer and action, to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. And the Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019) is nearly here.

EMM2019 marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, which Pope Francis describes as 'a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work'. And a century later, the call to *missio ad gentes* is as urgent as ever. This is an incredible opportunity for all of us to reflect on and pray for the Church's mission, and for the whole Church to fully realise that in our rapidly changing world the Gospel is needed now more than ever!

Missio: today, tomorrow, together
Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio's National Director, says: 'All of us who believe in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour received our faith from God through those missionaries, who long ago left their homes and families to share their faith with those in foreign lands. Their sharing usually took place in the context of serving those in need, especially the poor and oppressed, thus demonstrating the character and power of God's love in our world.'

'I have seen the fruit of that work in many countries in Africa and Asia, where there is a host of young and dynamic Catholic communities committed to following Jesus Christ. Yet we must not make the mistake of assuming that mission abroad has no place in our modern world.'

'The Holy Father challenges us to be in a permanent state of mission, for "each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love" (Message for World Mission Sunday, 2019).'

'I hope that this month will help us all the look back in thanksgiving for all that has been achieved by the missionary work of the Church and look forward with hope to a future when all peoples will know the saving and liberating love of Jesus Christ.'

Missio invites everyone to get involved in EMM2019, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. Find out more about EMM2019 at missio.org.uk/emm and see how you can get involved - personally and as a community - in this special celebration of mission. You can find out more about World Mission Sunday (October 20) at missio.org.uk/wms

MISSIO: KEY MESSAGES ON MISSION

Introduction

Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission, being 100 years since Pope Benedict XV's teaching on mission. It will be a special month of prayer and action, calling us all to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples. (PMS) As a way of increasing our understanding of mission to the nations, and our commitment to it, we offer these short key messages about Mission, taken from Church documents.

WHO?

We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about sharing the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. All of them have the right to receive the Gospel. (EG 15) One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV wrote, "There still remain in the world immense multitudes of people who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death". (MI) Today, the Church, sent by Christ to reveal and to communicate the love of God to all nations, is aware that there still remains an enormous task for her to accomplish. (AG 10)

WHAT?

Mission is to bear witness to the Risen Jesus and his Gospel. There can be no true evangelisation without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord. (EG 110 - SJP2) God became one of us and knows our joys and sorrows. He calls us to love with all our hearts: to act with humility and respect for the dignity of each and every person, to be at the service of the poor and the marginalised, to forgive and let go, to be responsible stewards of creation, and to build a world of peace and justice. God calls us into communities of faith and action.

WHY?

At baptism we receive our mission to evangelise to the ends of the earth. (FM) Everyone has a right to hear the Gospel: the good news that God loves them and that love is stronger than death. (EG 15) There must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel to those who are far from Christ, because this is the first task of the Church. (HFMI) One of the worst discriminations that the poor can suffer is the lack of spiritual care. We must not fail to offer them God's friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith. Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care. (EG 200)

The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves and to share with others the blessings we have received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it. (WMS 1992)

WHERE?

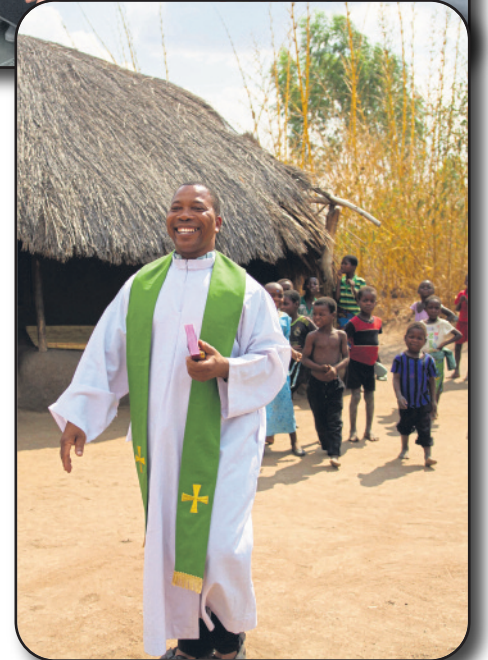
In response to the Great Commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to 'go make disciples of all nations', we bear witness to Jesus Christ, especially in situations of poverty, persecution and marginalisation throughout the world. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (EG 114)

HOW?

In continuity with the mission of Jesus, we are open to the joy of the Gospel, and with courage beckon the Holy Spirit to create newness in the ways we bear witness to the nations. (PMS) Missio enables Catholics in England and Wales to live out their call to mission, received at Baptism and enables local Churches to reach out to their own communities with the love and compassion of Christ. Missio encourages the Catholic Church across the world to work together in proclaiming the unconditional love of the Father for all peoples. Missio's goals consist of informing and



forming the People of God to share in the Church's universal mission, promoting vocations ad gentes and encouraging cooperation in the work of evangelisation with a truly universal spirit. This universal spirit expresses in concrete ways the Holy Father's concern for all the Churches.



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- PMS - Address to PMS Assembly 2018, Pope Francis
 - EG - *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis
 - MI - *Maximum Illud*, Pope Benedict XV
 - AG - *Ad Gentes*, Vatican II
 - FM - EMM October 2019, Fr Fabrizio Meroni, Secretary General, PMU
 - HFMI - Holy Father's Letter on *Maximum Illud* (2017)
 - WMS 1992 - Message of Pope St John Paul II for WMS 1992

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Almost two years on from a Caritas presentation about welcoming refugees into local communities under the government Community Sponsorship scheme, Derby deanery is approaching the stage where we can submit our application to the Home Office.

The road has not been easy, but we feel that, as the first Catholic community in Nottingham diocese to undertake the work, we have smoothed the path for others to follow, by being involved in setting up the necessary support structures which are now available for other groups to use. Throughout the seventeen months we have been working on this, we have been inspired by Pope Francis' words in 2015: "I make an appeal to parishes, religious communities, monasteries and shrines throughout Europe, that they express the Gospel in a concrete way and host a refugee family."



Following an enthusiastic initial response from deanery parishes, both in terms of fundraising, and in offers of practical support, we formed a steering group to take the process forward. The application process is daunting, as the form requires detailed information on how the refugee family allocated to the group will be housed and supported. Groups are required to raise £9,000 to cover initial costs and contingencies, and the expectation that housing can be identified before the application is accepted, and well in advance of a fixed arrival date for the family caused a huge amount of difficulty.

Our first real breakthrough, however, was in finding a Catholic charity with a presence in the diocese that was prepared to support our application and, in the longer term, to offer similar support to other Catholic groups wishing to participate in the scheme.

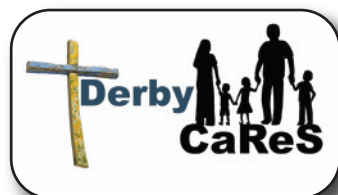


Faith in Families have stepped up to the mark, and are proving to be enthusiastic and energetic partners, with full backing from the diocese. They will be the nominated Lead Sponsor on our application, which means that we have not had to seek charitable status for our deanery group, and we have all the knowledge of charity related issues and safeguarding that small initiatives often struggle to find.

Shortly after initiating the relationship with Faith in Families, who have agreed to be the lead charity for this initiative for the diocese, we were introduced, through the City Council and

the Red Cross, to a local housing association, who are willing to provide accommodation for our family once the Home Office approves our application and sets a date for their arrival. This has enabled us to proceed with the application, the fundraising and the general promotion of the project across the deanery with confidence that the family's basic needs can be met.

We are now focusing on finding volunteers in our deanery who will support the family on their arrival in the UK, though, with no definite arrival date in view, this is quite a challenging prospect. If you live in Derby and would



be interested in offering help to the family, by visiting, accompanying them on shopping trips, helping them to understand the transport system, coaching them in IT skills, helping apply for jobs and to improve their English language skills, particularly if you have taught English as a second language, if you have any knowledge of languages from the region and could help with translation, or if you have furniture that could be used to help them set up home, contact Lis Martin by phone on 01332 552627 or by email at lisjmartin@aol.com



CAFOD

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Global Learning: 'The Beating Heart' of a Catholic School

Have you ever stopped to think about how many hands and resources go into every item you buy, eat and use? Our world is more interconnected than ever before, and only by understanding this, can we respond to it in a way that lives up to Catholic Social Teaching and promote sustainability, compassion and solidarity. Martin Luther King pointed this out to us in 1967 when he said "Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world" and it is becoming more obvious in today's society with growing crises like climate change, conflict and increasing numbers of refugees.

CAFOD's new CPD, supported by the British Council, is an effective opportunity to enrich the curriculum through embedding global learning into Catholic schools in the UK. Young people are at the heart of the battle against social injustice and are central in creating positive change in our world. Offering pupils global learning opportunities is an effortless way to reflect the OFSTED requirements for a broad curriculum with demonstrable impact. These courses help teachers and chaplains to equip young people with the skills and knowledge they need to become active global citizens, through the curriculum, school life, and young leadership.

CAFOD is also offering a course on school linking, which promotes the building of equitable and mutually beneficial partnerships between schools in England and overseas. Stephen, a teacher at St Edward's School, Romsey, recently took part in this course, pointing out that "Young people are looking for opportunities to put their faith into action. Global learning makes Catholic education come alive in the classroom. Understanding faith in action is what makes it worth coming to work in the morning."

CAFOD's new free CPD is an opportunity to inspire the Catholic life of the school and put faith into action through embedding global learning into Catholic schools in the UK. A teacher in Brentwood diocese pointed out that the courses are "a great opportunity to reflect on global justice issues and how we can practically weave these themes into our teaching practice."

Stephen recognises that "global issues should be the beating heart of a Catholic school." St Edward's School, where Stephen works, have a link with Notre Dame School in Uganda. Inspired by their link school's development plan for the year, which includes planting medicinal and fruit trees, and greening their local community, St Edward's are aiming to plant 1200 trees before March 2020 so that "young people can say they are having a direct impact on climate change in our own country". Climate change is one of the biggest crises our world is facing, and an excellent example of the global reach of our actions. It is already affecting some of the poorest communities by multiplying hunger, migration, conflict and extreme weather events. We are reminded by Pope Francis that "concern for the environment... needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society" (Laudato Si', 91).



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Is there any cost for the CPD?

No, all four courses are free to state-funded schools, due to support from the British Council.

What support will I get from CAFOD and the British Council?

There will be ongoing support after all courses, to ensure you feel confident in implementing global learning in your school and to allow you to feedback and discuss ideas with other participants on the course.

The British Council can assist with establishing links with overseas schools, and offer funding for reciprocal school visits.

Visit connecting-classrooms.britishcouncil.org for more information on the support the British Council can offer schools.

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Pope Francis went on to say that politicians often receive either "praise from their supporters or insults."

He added that priests and bishops receive the same treatment. Some people say they will pray for their priest or bishop "only if they are worthy," and go on to list a litany of "insults and curse words," said the Pope.

But, he noted, people in authority "have the responsibility to guide their nation." "How can we leave them alone, without asking God to bless them?" he asked. The Pope said that few people pray for those in government, spending most of their time "insulting them."

St Paul, said Pope Francis, makes it clear that we must "pray for all of them".

The Pope then recalled the recently resolved crisis in the Italian government.

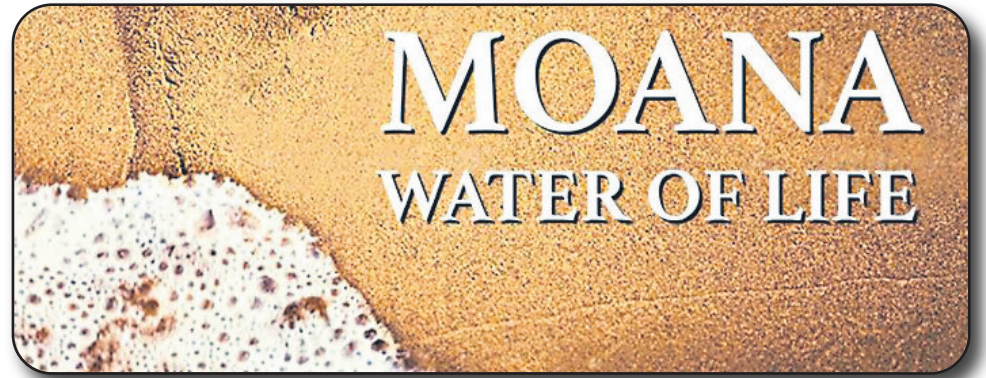
"Who of us prayed for people in government? Who of us prayed for parliamentarians, so that they might reach an agreement and guide the nation forward? It seems that the patriotic spirit doesn't reach into prayer. Sure, criticism, hate, fighting, and it ends there. 'It is my wish, then, that in every place people should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.' Discussion must happen, and this is the role of

parliament. Discussion must occur, but without annihilating the other. Rather, each must pray for the other, for those who have a different opinion than I do."

In the face of those who say certain politicians are "too communist" or "corrupt", Pope Francis - citing the day's Gospel of Luke (7:1-10) - invites us not to discuss politics but to pray.

The Pope said some people say "politics is dirty", but Pope Paul VI held that it is "the highest form of charity."

"It may be dirty, just like any profession can be dirty... We are the ones who dirty something but it is not so by nature. I believe that we must convert our hearts and pray for politicians of all stripes, all of them! Pray for people in government. This is what Paul asks of us. As I listened to the Word of God, I thought about this beautiful event from the Gospel - the person in authority who prays for one of his underlings: the centurion who prays for his servant. Even people in government must pray for their people, and this man prays for his servant, who may have been a domestic servant. 'But no, he is my servant. I am responsible for him.' People in government are responsible for the life of their country. It is good to think that, if people pray for authorities, people in government will be capable of praying for their people, just like this centurion who prays for his servant."



At the end of August the Anglican Diocese of Lincoln and the University of Lincoln jointly hosted a conference entitled 'Moana - Water of Life' with a focus on navigating climate change for planetary health.

The Nottingham Diocese was represented by Canon Edward Jarosz who was able to attend most of the sessions that took place at the University campus. There were addresses from a number of different perspectives including scientific and theological ones. Perhaps the most memorable contributions were given by speakers from Polynesia in the South Pacific who added song and movement to their spoken words.

Although some of the lectures were quite specialised and technical, one of the Polynesian speakers gave a simple summary; 'You Europeans worry that climate change will

affect your grandchildren, for us in our part of the world climate change is already severely affecting us'. Such words challenged all present to reflect on whether they could do more to reduce their own carbon footprint as well as encouraging them to get involved in campaigning on this matter.

Canon Edward also acted as a host to Father Kurt Priem who was attending from the Diocese of Brugge in Belgium. This was a further expression of the ecumenical partnership and friendship that the three dioceses have built up over the past 40 years.

Our own Nottingham Diocese will be holding its own study day on climate change at St Barnabas Cathedral Hall on Saturday 5 October between 10am and 3.30pm entitled 'Let the earth be glad'.

Only the Uniforms Change!



Thomas Roche in his RAF uniform.



Thomas Roche KSG in His uniform

The two photographs shown, one of a teenage RAF recruit, the other of a Knight of Saint Gregory are both of the same man, Mr. Thomas Roche of Marple Bridge. The two photos separated by a mere 74 years!

Tom (91) is a well-known and greatly respected member of our Catholic community in the High Peak. He still serves at Mass regularly in Saint Mary's Marple Bridge and Saint Mary's New Mills. When asked when he became an Altar Server, he replied: "To be honest I cannot remember, but it was a long time ago."

He spent his first two years as an Air Signaller with RAF Bomber Command, before being selected for Pilot training. To trained as an RAF pilot in Southern Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe). He had the misfortune to become seriously ill, and came close to death. After recovering, he was no longer able to continue as a pilot, and returned as an Air Signaller, flying for the next five years as aircrew in RAF Long Range Transport Command, and was

involved in much post-war relief work.

Shortly after his return to "Civvy Street", he married Margaret RIP in Saint Cuthbert's, Manchester. They were blessed with six sons and a daughter, and now he has seven grandchildren.

Tom spent his working life in the aeronautical, electrical and electronic industries as a Design Engineer, finishing his career as Sales Director.

He has always been very active in support of Catholic Education and the Lay Apostolate, and his many friends in the High Peak were delighted when the Holy Father honoured him with a Papal Knighthood earlier this year.

Congratulations Tom on your lifetime of service to God and Country. Different uniforms to be sure, but the same loyal and generous heart beneath them both.

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JUBILEE!

The Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of heaven - what a fitting day to celebrate not one, but two Jubilees!

On Thursday August 22nd, the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Bulwell, was invited to celebrate with our Poor Clare Colettine Sisters.

Mother Maria Francesca was celebrating 60 years of Profession and Sister Amata, 40 years – between them, 100 years of faithfulness in seeking to follow Our Lord. In the words of St. Clare, “may you be praised, O Lord, for you created us”. The Jubilarians have been a great witness in the Poor Clare way of life, both in their community and also to all those that they met.

Mother and Sister are part of the community that moved from Hawarden in North Wales to Bulwell at the end of last year and have considered this move as yet a “second Spring” in their journey of life.

Mother Francesca has fulfilled many roles: originally from Germany, she was, for many years, the Abbess and Mother of the community; Novice Mistress and ongoing formator, an accomplished teacher, cook, gardener, furniture remover, organiser. She loved to play the guitar, sing and excelled at hand crafts; you name it Mother has done



it! She is now resident in the infirmary, but enjoys being in the Chapel and also at recreation time with the Sisters. She loves to crochet and embroider- Poor Clare Sisters never retire! This celebration was an opportunity to thank Mother for all that she has done over so many years.

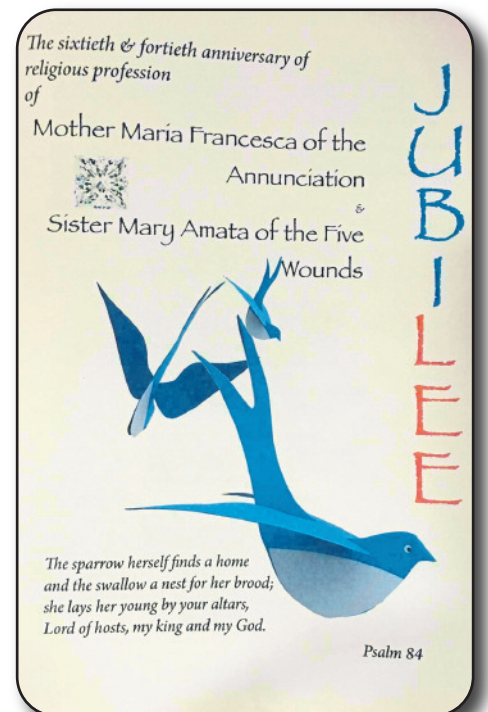
Sister Mary Amata has also fulfilled many roles over the years. She was the portress at the monastery, helped in the infirmary and was generally supportive of all the common works, such as tidying, washing and helping out wherever necessary.

Sister is very musical, possessing a beautiful soprano voice. She plays the guitar, accordion, keyboard and balalaika, but not all at once! Sister composes music and until a few years ago, she loved to dance at community recreation time. Science and mathematics were key subjects of interest.

Sister now continues to be supportive and helpful in every way also enjoying embroidery and making flowers out of ribbons. Thank you Sister, for your faithfulness in carrying out all the “little tasks” so well and for adding all the colour to the community.

We welcomed family members plus several priests, who concelebrated Mass with Fr John, our parish priest.

The Sisters prepared the Liturgy and Music and it was so joyful and uplifting to be present; indeed it was a privilege to be able to partake in their celebration. After the Homily, it was time for the Sisters to renew their vows to the life of the Gospel, lived out in poverty, chastity, obedience and their commitment to cloister. As the Jubilee candles were lit and the crowns were blessed

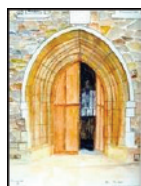


and placed on their heads, it was impossible not to feel so moved and inspired by these women and gave us an opportunity to think about our own faithfulness in our Christian life and witness.

Mother and Sister received flowers and gifts and as the Sisters returned to the convent, the party continued in the parish centre. Mother and Sister would like to encourage us “to pray and stay close to the Lord”

In the words of St. Clare: “Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally, for your love.”

Congratulations Jubilarians and THANK YOU.



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In a very real way therefore, all those who work in Health and Social Care settings, or support the work that they do, are Gods instruments to undertake His work here on earth.”

After the Mass there was an opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones over a cup of tea in cathedral hall. Many people commented that they had really valued the occasion and the opportunity for the work they undertake, or have been involved with throughout some very long careers, to be recognised.

Bishop Patrick commented that he hoped that this will become a regular annual diocesan occasion following the success of this inaugural Mass.

If anyone who works in a Health or Social



Care Setting would like to find out more about future events or would be interested in getting in touch with other Catholics working in Health and Social Care please contact Deacon David Knight at david@sthughslincoln.org.uk

A Fond Farewell to Fr John



Left and above: Fr. John chatting with the party guests

Nearly 200 people gathered at the Elim Church, Waterside Park, Ashbourne last Saturday to bid farewell to Father John Guest from All Saints Church.

Fr. John was ordained in 1970 and has served as a priest in Rome, Paris and London before taking up his ministerial duties closer to home in Nottingham and Derby. He is held in high esteem all over the diocese as was borne out by the people from different parishes who turned up to say goodbye. There were also amongst the gathering, representatives from every church denomination in Ashbourne. He has served as Parish Priest at All Saints for 16 years and is to retire to Cornwall shortly to be near family members.

The Bishop of Nottingham, Rt Reverend Patrick McKinney, found time in his busy schedule to attend the party and paid tribute to the contribution Fr. John had made to the Nottingham Diocese over the years.

Kevin Hurst All Saints



Bishop Patrick McKinney



Guests in conversation

NIGERIA COMES TO SACRED HEART LEICESTER

For several years now here at Sacred Heart we have enjoyed the company of many visiting priests from various parts of Africa who stay with us for a few weeks experiencing parish life and assisting our parish priest and deacons in their ministry.



For the last three years one of those visiting priests has been Fr. Francis Onwunali from Nigeria who has become very popular with our clergy and parishioners, so much so, that this year we invited him to share with us a little bit about himself, his country and his journey to the priesthood. This he was quite happy to do and so on Thursday evening 29th August a little bit of Nigeria came to Sacred Heart parish in Leicester.

Our evening began with some welcoming refreshments and social chit chat and far more people turning up than we expected (60 plus!) which really got us off to a good start.

Fr. Francis then took the floor and with the aid of a well prepared Powerpoint Presentation gave us a brief overview of the history of his home country.

He explained how modern Nigeria dates from 1914, is made up of three different nations and gained independence in October 1960. The first capital City was Lagos but is now Abuja and has been since 1976. The country has a Federal / Presidential system of Government, is a secular state and has two major religions, Christianity and Islam.

He then went on to tell us how the Nigerian economy is one of the largest in Africa and is endowed with numerous natural resources and is the sixth largest producer of oil and gas in the world. Thus Nigeria is rich and 'yet the people are poor with the minimum wage of less than a hundred pounds a month!'

We also learned about the agriculture, the prospects and challenges facing the country, the standard of living and different cultures before bringing his talk to a close with the background to his own life and ministry.

He entered seminary training at age 11 in 1983, was ordained in 1998, ministered in Umuahia Diocese from 1998 through 2007, then Brisbane Archdiocese in Australia until 2017 and is currently a student at the Catholic Institute of West Africa.

After approximately two hours our evening drew to a close with a hearty round of applause and our thanks to Fr. Francis for what had been a thoroughly enjoyable, informative and interesting evening and another delightful get together for our parish.

Ted Keller

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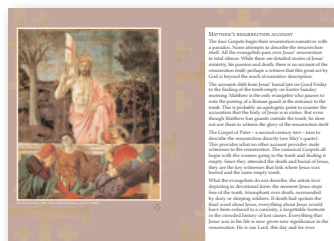
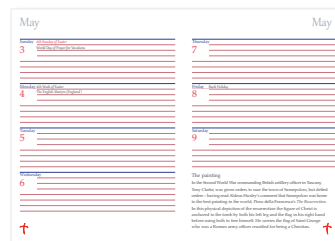
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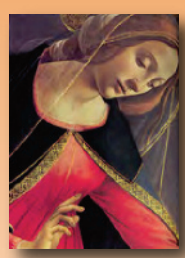
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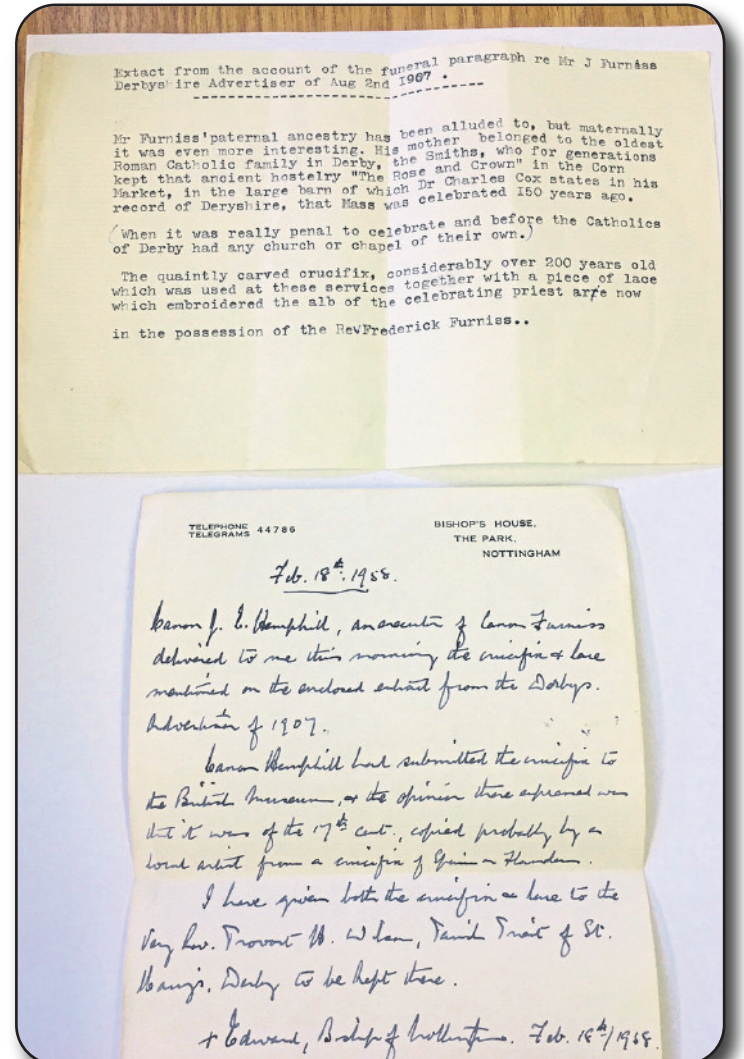
It's amazing what you can find inside an old cigar box - while clearing cupboards at St Mary's Church in Derby a small carved wooden crucifix was discovered. Though perhaps not especially striking in itself, letters found with the Crucifix reveal that it was being used in Masses over 250 years ago. Of course, celebrating Mass at this period was still illegal, but services are known to have been held in a back room of the "Rose and Crown" public house in Derby's Cornmarket. This hostelry was owned for many generations by one of the oldest Catholic families in Derby, the Smiths. The paperwork reveals the crucifix was passed down the family and was eventually left with the Bishop of Nottingham in 1958, who handed it to Mons H. Wilson to be kept at St Mary's Church. The British Museum examined the crucifix at the time and confirmed it was 17th century and was probably copied by a local artist from a crucifix in Flanders.

It is particularly poignant for St Mary's to have rediscovered this link with the past during her 180th year. The crucifix will be displayed during the anniversary celebrations that will culminate with a Mass led by Bishop John Sherrington, auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, on Wednesday 9th October - the actual date of the 180th anniversary of the consecration of St Mary's.



Other events planned for the 180th anniversary include a Novena to St Therese of Lisieux asking for a deepening of prayer life within the parish and that all should have a personal encounter with Christ. Two 'Nights of Light'

where passersby are welcomed into the Church during the evening to light a candle and say a prayer. An historical walk around the local area. Plus celebrations for the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman who it is believed visited St Mary's Church."



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Fran Wickes

Strengthening family life through faith and friendship

Derby Catenian awards

Derby Catenian President, Richard Penna from St George's and Soldier Saints parish, Derby, presented awards at the August meeting to two members. The first was to Eddie Gray from Holy Family parish, Allestree, for his long service as an officer of the Derby branch. The second was to Norman Cottrell, St Mary's parish, Derby on the occasion of his 80th birthday. More information about the Derby branch of the Catenian Association can be obtained from Richard Penna at richard.penna@ntlworld.com

Kevin Hurst
Derby Catenians Publicity Officer

Picture shows from left to right - Norman Cottrell, Richard Penna, President, and Eddie Gray



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Pax Christi works for peace, reconciliation and nonviolence. Together for the Common Good is a charity helping the churches play their part to strengthen the bonds of social trust. In this time of division and upheaval,

they call and equip people to fulfil their vocational responsibilities by living out 'Common Good' principles. Drawing on Catholic social thought, the organisation is inspired by the partnership in Liverpool a generation ago between Archbishop Derek Worlock and Bishop David Sheppard, Jenny's late father.

In the afternoon there will be opportunities to shape exciting plans for the development of social action in our diocese.

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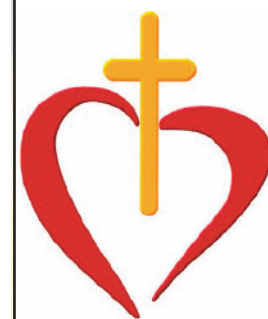
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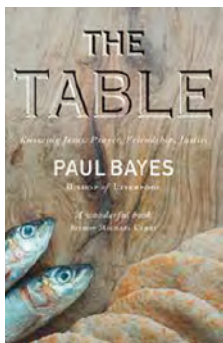
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REVIEWS

The Table - Knowing Jesus: Prayer, Friendship, Justice by Paul Bayes DLT, (2019), Paperback, pp.158. £12.99.

Sitting at the table with Jesus as a friend and follower is hardly a comfortable spot to be. This book should have a warning similar to the stories on media when something disturbing is about to be said on radio, or appear on screen. Bishop Paul Bayes is dangerous, provocative, risky, vulnerable, and his writings will stretch you beyond your comfort zone – which is no bad thing. He has been vilified for some of his tenets and principles, which are all Jesus-centred, and which radically challenge the reader. This book has the potential to either soften you, or harden your heart and attitudes. It is an exciting and possibly life-changing epistle, written by a true Christian, who happens to practise what he preaches.



duces profound change in those who are called to his table. Throughout the life of the Christian Church Jesus has provided “reminderpeople”, edgy folk who challenge the status quo, people of the wellsprings, nourishing and enriching like an underground stream.

Friendship round the table means meeting eye to eye, thus committing to tell the truth, and to stand in loving truth. Such friendship is free and prophetic, bringing the smell of beginnings, a community that grows to know they all are chosen to be with Jesus, a living community of the face. Jesus takes individuals as they are, and his welcoming friendship opens individuals to repentance and to ministry. This pattern of friendship, repentance and ministry is clearly seen in the stories of Peter [Lk 5.1-11], the Samaritan woman [Jn 4.1-42], and Zacchaeus [Lk 19.1-10]

The author sums up: “The necessary practice for meeting at the table and watching in the moment is two, three or more Christians meeting one another with a durable honesty, so that they know life-changing friendship leading to repentance and ministry.” [p.69] Friendship with the poor Carpenter means his mercy, his judgement leads to truthfulness, and transparency follows.

Christian life then becomes what it is meant to be: “an adventure, a voyage of discovery, a journey sustained by faith and hope, towards a final and complete communion with the Love at the heart of all things”. [p.85]

Stretching for the Kingdom is what it says: a costly stretch, going beyond comfort zones into the world of those on the edge, learning the wisdom of the wounded, and embracing the witness of the excluded. Bishop Paul walks into the Open Table of the LGTBI community, and allows himself to be both challenged and expanded by the experience, wrestling as pastor and as Bishop. As he says powerfully: “The point is not that we should be ‘accepting’, still less ‘tolerant’ of these [LGTBI] or of any other children of God, but that we should sit and learn more from all on the edge of things, about the One who emptied himself.” He uses the meeting of Jesus with the Syro-Phoenician woman in Mt 15.21-28, where Jesus first snubs her, then recognises the greatness of

the faith of that woman-on-the-edges.

The Appendix is even more challenging, and provocative: he proposes “the undefended table”.

As a missionary Bishop in post-Christian Europe he is aware that salvation is offered to the broken. He shows great honesty and vulnerability, and his postbag and tweets will as a result produce more noise and condemnation. But his voice needs to be heard, and his challenge heeded.

This book is likely to change you, to make you more open to be more welcoming, less judgemental, and dare to broach such delicate pastoral questions.

It deserves to be read widely by Christians of any tradition.

Review by © Denis Blackledge SJ

The Mission of Moidart 1769-2019 Published by NetCet Ltd, Paperback, pp.16, 2019, £6.50

On Tuesday 6th August Bishop Brian McGee of the Diocese of Argyll and the Isles led a one day pilgrimage to Moidart, in celebration of the foundation of its Mission 250 years ago. St Finnan, a monk of Iona, had originally brought Christianity to the area, founding a monastery on Loch Shiel (St Finnan’s Isle). Following the Reformation Catholicism was banned throughout Scotland although the Moidart people remained Catholic, supported by intermittent missionaries. After the appointment of Fr Austin MacDonald in 1769 three concealed Churches and a secret seminary were built!



The pilgrimage began with Morning Prayer in St Agnes’ Church, Glenuig followed by Prayer for vocations and priests at Samalaman, site of the secret seminary. Boats sailed from Dalilea for the 10 minute sailing to St Finnan’s Isle on Loch Shiel where Mass was celebrated within the ruin of St Finnan’s Chapel. Following Tea this memorable celebration came to a close with Vespers and Benediction in Our Lady of the Angels Church, Mingarry.

This booklet, co-authored by Networking’s

founding editor Peter Boylan, has been written and published as part of this landmark celebration of a faithful community that has preserved its pre-Reformation faith. A fact made all the more remarkable for its close geographical association with the Young Pretender Charles Edward Stuart who landed at Glenfinnan having sailed up Loch Shiel which flows through this extended parish.

The book faithfully identifies an amazing list of the fragments of buildings and sites associated with this remote community’s holy places of association, study and worship that are still in evidence to this day alongside the fuller accounts from the records kept since the foundation of this extended parish now being honoured.

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Did you know how long ago there were Christians in these parts? More than 1700 years ago some lived in Lincoln and Adelphus, one of three British bishops who attended the Council of Arles in 314AD was possibly from there.



To retell the story Canon Dolan was ‘volunteered’ by a brother priest. A native of Nottingham, educated in the diocese, a seminarian in Austria, a student in Cambridge, a seminary teacher and longstanding diocesan priest, he set to using an earlier history and later material.

Good News for the East Midlands was a pastoral project. It traces the history of Christianity in the East Midlands from its beginnings in the fourth century, until the Reformation in the sixteenth century. From that point onward, it deals specifically with the story of Catholic Christianity leading to the establishment of our diocese in 1850. The book is enriched by vignettes of the early Church, and those who ministered in good times and bad.

The bulk of this 360 page book in easy to read print size tells of the diocese itself, its bishops, the cathedral and our parishes.

Orders of religious, men and women, are listed with the parishes in which they did and still do provide service and in a special chapter of their own. Life outside the parish structure has contributions written by other diocesan priests, depicting our saints and holy people, St Hugh’s College at Tollerton, the Briars, Spanded, pilgrimages within and from the diocese, the more recent Permanent Diaconate and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministry and the changing profile of our people from different races, languages and nations.

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The chief executive of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust is set to jump 10,000 feet

The chief executive of St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust is set to jump 10,000 feet from an aeroplane to raise money for charity – despite being terrified of heights. Sean McClafferty is hoping to raise £1,000 for Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People, one of the Trust’s nominated charities.

Taking on the same daring challenge will be Trust Chair Jacqueline Rodden, who will be raising money for another of the Trust’s nominated charities, Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice. Both are set to complete their jumps on Sunday, October 13th at Langar Airfield, near Nottingham, and are keen to raise as much money as possible for these amazing charities.

He said: “I am absolutely terrified of heights. I can’t even climb up a ladder to put the Christmas lights up so this is a really big thing for me.

“Obviously the Trust is supporting Rainbows for the next two years and so many people are getting involved by doing amazing things. So I wanted to do something that I know will be a challenge to me and support such a wonderful charity.

“Three years ago I lost my wife to cancer and when she was really poorly, she did a fundraising skydive. I thought to myself that if she could do it when she was going through chemotherapy, then I can do it. I would like to thank everyone who is supporting me.”

Jacueline said: “It is sad when anyone dies before reaching a proper old age and all the more so when the lives of young children are cut short. Although I have read about how terrific children’s hospices are, I was

still blown away by the happiness and fun which was so evident at Bluebell Wood. Visiting with my teenage son, who is going to make a pitch at his school for Bluebell Wood to be voted as their next charity of the year, we were given a warm welcome by enthusiastic staff and saw first-hand children enjoying games and painting, some amazing musical instruments which the music therapist

uses with the children and parents getting ready for dinner with their whole family including siblings of children staying in the hospice. We also met George, a therapy dog and key member of the team. It is a privilege to support the work at Bluebell Wood. The people who work there, as well as the huge number of volunteers who support them, reflect in their work some of the core values of our Trust caring for people at vulnerable times in their lives. Choosing them as our charity partners was an easy decision for us to make.”

In January, the Trust announced its charity partnership with Rainbows in Loughborough and Bluebell Wood Children’s Hospice, in Sheffield.

The Trust, which was formed in September 2018, is made up of 25 schools across five local authorities. It has pledged to fundraise for the children’s hospices for its first two years. Rainbows, in Loughborough, cares for babies, children and young people with life-limited illnesses, including those from Derbyshire.

Ali Furlong, Rainbows Community Fundraiser, said: “For Sean to take on this challenge with his fear of heights is an incredible feat. We couldn’t run our hospice without our fundraisers and on behalf of

everyone at Rainbows, I wish him the best of luck.” Bluebell Wood also cares for seriously ill children and young people across South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire, North Nottinghamshire and parts of Lincolnshire.

Hannah Saunders, from Bluebell Wood, said: “The kindness and generosity of the Trust is more appreciated than you know and I would like to say a very personal thank you on behalf of the families and children in our care. I will be cheering Jacqueline on all the way for her skydive, from the comfort of my office chair.”



To sponsor Sean, visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/srsrainbowsskydive](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/srsrainbowsskydive), to sponsor Jacqueline, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/srbluebellwoodskydive> and for both, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/srsskydives>

Catholic Truth Society launches a prayer book for prisoners

Supporting prisoners is a key part of our mission to evangelise and the CTS are constantly being asked by prisoners for materials that will help them to learn how to pray or discover more about their faith. We are delighted to have collaborated with Fr Paul Douthwaite, National Catholic Chaplain for Prisons to publish A Simple Prayer Book for Prisoners, a special edition of our longest-standing and most popular title, the CTS ‘Simple Prayer Book’.

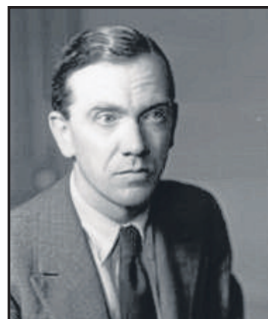
It has been specially adapted for prisoners and those in Young Offender Institutions and has been distributed for free to chaplains around the UK thanks to a very generous donation.

“When someone asks the question ‘how do I pray?’ there is neither a quick nor a simple answer. The Prison Chaplain is

often asked this question in the most extreme of situations, at times of crisis, and when the prisoner is looking for spiritual strength and guidance. This edition of A Simple Prayer Book for Prisoners gives the Prison Chaplain a collection of accessible prayers that can enable and guide those who seek to embark upon or deepen their relationship with God. It is a resource we have been hoping for, for some time.” (Fr Paul Douthwaite, National Prisons Chaplain)

The lasting impact of prison ministry comes from the personal presence and care of the clerical, religious and lay chaplains who accompany and support those serving sentences. This prayer book is intended as a very practical and simple way for those chaplains to support their work and the response from prison chaplains has been tremendous.

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

A half-day of study as part of our 175th anniversary celebrations

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.

To book, send e-mail to events@fiveleaves.co.uk, or call into the Five Leaves bookshop. Admission free but donations gladly accepted.

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Good News for the East Midlands

An account of the background to, and the story of, the Diocese of Nottingham

compiled by Anthony P. Dolan
(published in 2018)

“This book outlines the history of Christianity in the English East Midlands (including Lincolnshire) from its beginnings in the fourth century until the Reformation in the sixteenth. From this point onwards, it deals specifically with the story of Catholic Christianity leading to the establishment of the Diocese of Nottingham in 1850. Brief biographies of the Bishops of Nottingham are followed by accounts of each of the parishes of the diocese; these take up the major part of the book. In addition to the diocesan (or secular) clergy, the diocese has been served, at various times, by members of some fifty Religious Congregations of men and women. An outline of their origins, specific charisms and work in the diocese leads onto a consideration of the saints and other holy people connected with the Diocese of Nottingham. The post-World-War-Two era has seen many significant developments, and some of these are now listed.”

Each book costs £12.00 including postage and packing. Cheques should be made payable to ‘Sick and Retired Priests Fund’ and sent to: Canon A. P. Dolan, The Bungalow, 90 Brooklyn Rd, Nottingham NG6 9ES.

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Outstanding GCSE results underline students' Strength of Mind at Ratcliffe

Students at Ratcliffe College celebrated outstanding GCSE results this year. Following on from the College's excellent A Level results, which once again placed the School in the top 10% nationally by value added, these wonderful GCSE results reflect the superb teaching and learning at Ratcliffe, underpinned by the College's inclusive ethos.

The College is delighted with the increase in this year's overall pass rate, with 94% of all grades C/4 or better and 47% of all grades were A*/A or 7/8/9.

Headmaster, Mr Jonathan Reddin commented: "As part of our Vision to develop students' strength of mind, we encourage them to be truly independent thinkers and to think 'big' ideas, using their creative instincts. We have empowered them to develop resilience through a growth mindset adopting a not yet... rather than a can't do...

attitude to their learning and their personal development."

"We are incredibly proud of our students' academic achievements this year and of the unstinting commitment of their teachers and support staff. We look forward to the year group's continued success as they begin their next phase of education in the Sixth Form."

Some of our students had great things to say about their results and their time here at Ratcliffe:

Annabel Mills achieved four 9s, four 8s and two 7s and an A in Further Mathematics and said: "honestly, I am so happy and amazed! My Dad is so proud. I've been at Ratcliffe since the age of three and am looking forward to the Sixth Form here. I will be weekly boarding for the first time, which

will help me study better, saving on travel time and make friends with people in each year."

Archie Heaney gained four 9s, four 8s, a 7 and a 6 and an A* in Further Mathematics. He said: "my experience at Ratcliffe has been so good, I've made some amazing friends and the sense of community here is very special. These results are the cherry on top!"

Thomas Leite achieved four 9s, four 8s, two 7s and a B in Further Mathematics and said:

"I'm really pleased with my results; it is such a relief having put so much work into this! The support from teachers has been brilliant – they really helped us all so much".

Eleanor Shaw achieved two 9s, six 8s, a 7 and a 6. She said: "I'm really relieved be-

cause I wasn't sure what to expect. I'm hoping to be a Sports Psychologist. I've been a Sports Scholar at Ratcliffe since Year 7 which has given me many opportunities to play in school teams such as hockey, netball and rounders and given me extra confidence and belief in my sport."

Krishnan Jivanji achieved a 9, seven 8s and two 7s. He said: "I'm so surprised to have achieved these results and I'm really looking forward to telling my family. I'm keen to do A Levels in Maths, Chemistry and Physics and hopefully go on to a good university afterwards".

To find out more about what makes Ratcliffe College so special, you can visit us at our Open Morning on Saturday 5th October between 9.30am and 12.00 noon. Book your place online at www.ratcliffecollege.com/visit



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

- 1 Cases I select at random for the book (12)
- 8 Concentrated exchange of Russian using little American money? (7)
- 9 Widespread looting at first during search (5)
- 10 Nets second following corner (5)
- 11 Stay in bed to read Punch, perhaps (3,4)
- 12 Obtain a new piano sound, but there's no intro to give one a clue (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese massage some Muslims, and after time, American's back (7)
- 17 Up to now more than one's being abominable (5)
- 19 Hand needs week to bring on puppy (5)
- 20 Still, it is the road back after stagnation (7)
- 21 Decision at pontoon bridge: maybe it's one too far? (5,2,5)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 What cohesion? Everyone's different (4,2,3,3)
- 2 Georgia's study, majoring in dance (5)
- 3 Money nearly stretches to the Orient in subscription which covers two continents (7)
- 4 Carol's nice dull bijou building (2,5,6)
- 5 Lost cat after a little way, following fish (5)
- 6 See Jeff Endicott's lodging in address out east (7)
- 7 Scanned to get rub, something that's good for blocked pipes (12)

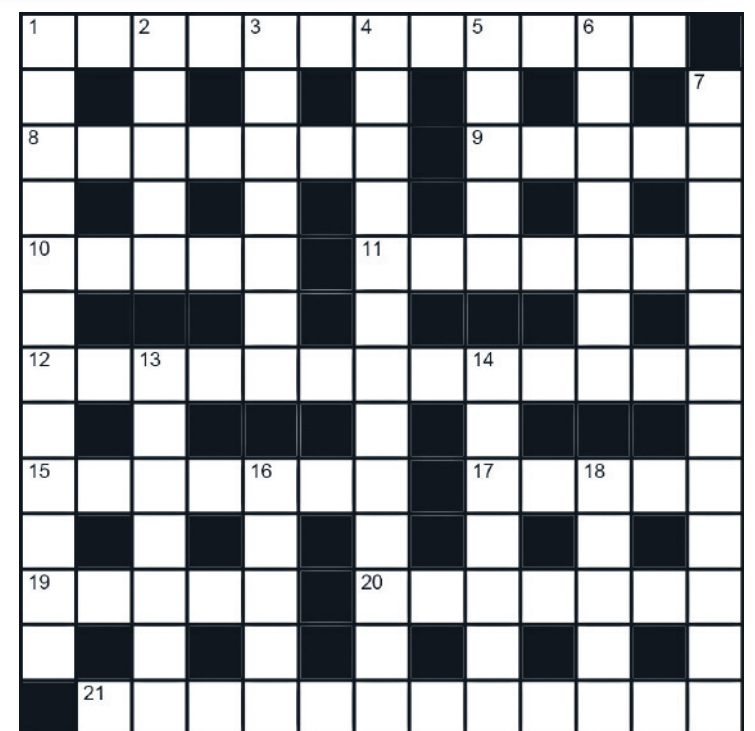
- 13 Virginia, one at home being the most self-important (7)
- 14 Critical point for resort in Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subject of river stems from a line on a map (5)
- 18 Sounding impatient but no good leaving when all are playing together (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 One of the OT's Wisdom Books (12)
- 8 Focused (7)
- 9 Weapon (5)
- 10 Ensnares (5)
- 11 Don't get up early from bed (3,4)
- 12 Get wind of something; suspect (4,2,7)
- 15 Japanese form of acupuncture (7)
- 17 Legends of the Himalayas (5)
- 19 Cub; pup (5)
- 20 Sloth; passivity (7)
- 21 Dilemma in pontoon to hold what you have or gamble by taking another card (5,2,5)

QUICK Down

- 1 Saying that everyone has a right to have different preferences (4,2,3,3)
- 2 Latin American dance with dancers in single file (5)
- 3 Unbroken landmass from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific (7)



- 4 Christmas song anglicized as Good Christian Men, Rejoice (2,5,6)
- 5 Alley cat, for example (5)
- 6 Title of respect from the Ottoman Empire (7)
- 7 Chesty cough medicine (12)
- 13 Most conceited (7)
- 14 Resort at the southernmost tip of Florida (3,4)
- 16 Subject matter (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Ecclesiastes, 8 Centred, 9 Rifle, 10 Traps, 11 Lay into, 12 Have an inkling, 15 Shatusu, 17 Yetis, 19 Whelp, 20 Inertia, 21 Stick or twist. **Down:** 1 Each to his own, 2 Conga, 3 Eurasia, 4 In Dulci Jubilo, 5 Stray, 6 Effendi, 7 Decongestant, 13 Vainest, 14 Key West, 16 Topic, 18 Tutti.