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The God Who Speaks

Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

2020 is the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These

dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

Throughout 2020 there will be a range of events, activities and resources to participate in all around the country. To help achieve transformation in our hearts and in our communities there will be three themes of **celebrating, living and sharing** God's word. Take a look around the Bishop's website at <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/the-god-who-speaks/> and see how you can get involved.

Artist for the Year

The Bishops Conference of England and Wales have commissioned Pete Codling as the artist for 'The God Who Speaks'. Pete will take his artwork around the dioceses of England and Wales.

He has created an artwork based on The God who Speaks theme and the Bishops say "we're really looking forward to seeing how he interprets this idea."

Pete will take his artwork around the dioceses for you to see and he will be talking about his artistic journey from early ideas to completion.

Pete's Vision

"My art commission for the 2020 'God who Speaks' has really challenged me creatively. The main theme has taken me into both familiar territory of the bible narratives and technically in terms of composition, traditional materials and learning a new skill. Without giving too much away, my research has taken me to Ravenna and Venice in Italy in search of materials, technique and craftsmanship.

It has also been a spiritual journey of my own in relation to exploring devotional works from all the religions and places of worship; museums, art galleries, temples, cathedrals and ancient Greek and Roman palaces have all added something to the inspiration for this piece.

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The Diocese of
Nottingham hosts
The National
Scripture Tour



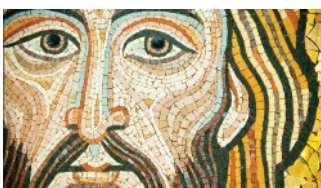
YEAR OF THE WORD

A day with Scripture

Saturday 22nd February 2020

Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark, Notts. NG24 4AU
visit anytime between 10 am and 4.30 pm

Keynote Speaker, artist for the year:
Pete Codling, who will be showcasing his work



ALL WELCOME

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Sharing The Word, Living The Word

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Email: adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk for timings of talks

Racial Justice Sunday

On the weekend of 9 February 2020, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday.

The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales".

Historically, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have experienced discrimination both in the wider society and, sadly, within the Church.

The aim of this Racial Justice Sunday is to celebrate the contribution that the Travelling Communities make within our parishes and to encourage parishioners to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.

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Wanted - Parish Correspondents

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 johnclwson@icloud.com before 10th of the month

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Over the recent Christmas period some commentators attempted to predict what the new decade would determine for our country and our world. There is clearly much uncertainty but many other decade's have also recorded similar observations. Perhaps we should not hesitate to learn from the past as we gaze into the future. On the night of January 2nd came news of an incident involving modern warfare in Iraq which involved America, Iran and Iraq. Once again we were left wondering 'what this would mean for the future of the Middle East. At the time of writing this article there is a great concern of serious consequences and the real risk of a ferocious conflict with one British newspaper giving us the headline of "On the brink of War" between Iran and the USA.

In Australia the New Year started with thousands having to flee raging fires in what became an unfolding tragedy. The close links that we have with Australia have made our television screens provide difficult viewing as a number of states have been ravaged with a disaster likely to last a long time. In those first few days of January the weather in our country was somewhat mild and yes worrying news from Iraq and Australia meant that our NHS and repercussions from the recent General Election were given perhaps a lower priority in the news agenda. This may well change as the early months of this decade unfold.

So whatever happens in the rest of this year the spiritual content of our lives needs to incorporate the pleas for peace

Pope's message for World Day of the Sick

Source: Vatican News

"Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened" is the theme of the 28th World Day of the Sick, which will be marked on 11 February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In his message for the day, Pope Francis encourages all healthcare professionals, workers and volunteers to follow the human warmth and personalized approach of Christ, the Good Samaritan.

The mercy and comforting presence of Jesus, he says, embraces people in their entirety, regardless of their condition, discarding no one, but rather inviting everyone to share in His life and to experience His tender love.

The Pope explains that Jesus does so because He Himself became frail, endured human suffering and received comfort from His Father. Only those who personally experience suffering, the Pope argues, are able to comfort others.

The Pope notes that sometimes human warmth is lacking in our approach to those suffering incurable and chronic diseases, psychological diseases, situations calling for rehabilitation or palliative care, numerous forms of disability, children's or geriatric diseases... "What is needed is a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring, in view of an integral human healing."

In addition to therapy and support, he says, they expect care and attention - "In a word, love". "At the side of every sick person, there is also a family, which itself suffers and is in need of support and comfort." Those who are sick, the Pope says, attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. "Christ did not give us prescriptions, but through His passion, death and resurrection He frees us from the grip of evil." In this regard, he says, "The Church desires to become more and more the "inn" of the Good Samaritan



Pope Francis greets the sick during his visit to Chile in 2019

who is Christ, that is, a home where you can encounter His grace, which finds expression in closeness, acceptance and relief." The Holy Father acknowledges the key role that healthcare workers, such as physicians, nurses, medical and administrative professionals, assistants and volunteers play in caring for the sick. As men and women with their own frailties and illnesses, these healthcare workers show how true it is that "once Christ's comfort and rest is received, we are called in turn to become rest and comfort for our brothers and sisters". In serving the ill, Pope Francis urges healthcare professionals that "the noun 'person' takes priority over the adjective 'sick'. He

urges them to "always strive to promote the dignity and life of each person, and reject any compromise in the direction of euthanasia, assisted suicide or suppression of life, even in the case of terminal illness." "Let us remember that life is sacred and belongs to God," he says; "hence it is inviolable and no one can claim the right to dispose of it freely." "Life must be welcomed, protected, respected and served from its beginning to its end: both human reason and faith in God, the author of life, require this."

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Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

As we approach the beginning of the month of February perhaps Christmas seems like something which has been packed away into that box in the roof space containing the glitz and the baubles of Christmas until another year and the presents, some used and some put aside like the wrapping paper, seem to be in the distant past by now. However, hopefully in our churches the Nativity scene may have survived until Candlemas - February 2nd - for it is on this day that the church celebrates the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which is also the feast of Our Lord's Presentation in the Temple. On this day Jesus is forty days old and leaves Bethlehem with his Mother and foster father to go to the Temple. And so it is traditionally on this feast day that the conclusion of the Christmas season ends because the Holy Family no longer live at Bethlehem.



souls a fit place for His Presence. We are given the Light of God into our souls in so many and varied ways, not least through the Holy Sacraments we receive and because this Light is given to us then we must walk as children of that Light.

It is on this feast we commemorate Our Lady's act of obedience to the law of her Church and her people, her humble act of thanksgiving for the birth of her child. In the Greek church this feast is called 'the meeting' (Hypapante) and commemorates the meeting with Simeon and Anna. It was this old man, Simeon, who had been waiting for the redemption of Israel and longing for the fulfilment of hopes which only on this day did he rightly understand. As the Blessed Mother enters the Temple, carrying in her arms her Holy Child, suddenly the light dawns on him, he realises the meaning of the Temple, the sacred building has been waiting for this entrance, the Temple of Solomon was made for this day when the glory of the God had filled it, now into this Temple is brought by the Blessed Mother the Presence of God in a yet more wondrous way and Simeon feels the light on him, and so Life - Religion - the Temple are all for the possession of God. It was St Paul that reminded us that 'our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit' and we have to make our bodies a fit and holy temple that God may dwell in them - our

In this Year of the Word - Light is given to us not to save us trouble; but to enable us to make time and the trouble to read God's Holy Word; not to save us though, but to enable us to think more truly, more deeply as we try ever more to feed, to be inspired and lightened by the Word of God in this Holy Year. Our whole faith and our reading and hearing the Word of God should lead us to be possessed by the presence of God and Light of God.

Jesus then is proclaimed by Simeon as the Light. As we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas and finally close our Christmas devotions for another year, let us make sure we receive the Light into our hearts, let us make sure to follow the example of Simeon and Anna in receiving God into our lives. Our Christmas season will be fruitful only if we continue to carry the Light of the World and the Word of God within us through grace.

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

Frank Goulding
 Holy Trinity Parish,
 Newark

WAF England and Wales to celebrate Holy Mass to launch the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays Devotion at Westminster Cathedral on 22 February 2020

by Donal Anthony Foley, Board Member, WAF England and Wales

On Saturday, 22 February 2020 at 2 pm, Holy Mass will be celebrated at Westminster Cathedral to launch the Centenary of the request for the Fatima Five First Saturdays Devotion. This is part of the work of the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) in England and Wales in promoting this devotion, which was requested initially by Our Lady in July 1917, and then in more detail when she appeared along with the Child Jesus at Pontevedra in Spain to the Servant of God Sr Lucia, one of the three seers, on 10 December 1925.

Next month's event will take place three years after the very successful Visitation of the National Pilgrimage Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Westminster Cathedral, when Cardinal Vincent Nichols presided at Mass and reconsecrated the country to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and where up to three thousand pilgrims were able to venerate the Statue and show their love and devotion to Our Lady.

The Five First Saturdays devotion is a devotion of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and involves going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, reciting five decades of the Rosary and keeping Our Lady company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with all these being done with the intention of making reparation to her. If a person does this on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, then in return Our Lady promised to assist them, at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation. In other words, this a promise of the grace of final perseverance which is a great grace and a guarantee of heaven.

The centenary of this wonderful promise will occur in December 2025, and WAF is commemorating this event with a five year programme of preparation, with each year

having a different point of reference and theme.

For this year, the theme is taken from the greeting of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady at the Annunciation, "Hail full of Grace" (Luke 1:28,) and the point of reference is a remembrance of the need for reparation against the blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The catechetical focus for the year is the importance of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, a dogma which was promulgated by Pope Pius IX in Ineffabilis Deus in 1854.

It is, therefore, providential that three years after the centenary of the Fatima apparitions in 2017 we have the chance to celebrate the Five First Saturdays devotion, which is of great importance for our times. This is because not only is it an excellent practice in itself, but also because it was linked by Our Lady with the conversion of Russia and the promised period of peace for the world.

In addition, for those who take up the devotion, and then carry it on beyond the initial five first Saturdays, it means that they develop a commitment to frequent confession, attendance at Mass, and a meditative way of reciting the Rosary. If enough people around the country can be persuaded to take up this devotion, then it will surely lead to a great spiritual boost for our parishes and dioceses and help to bring about the renewal of England as Mary's Dowry.

Please show your love and devotion for Our Lady by attending the Launch Mass at Westminster Cathedral on 22 February 2020, when you will have the chance to see the National Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart and be blessed by the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

Baby and toddler group make special delivery



Local baby & toddler group makes a special delivery to Arnold Foodbank in time for Christmas.

Little Lambs Baby & Toddler group made a special delivery to Arnold Foodbank today as it donated £300 worth of food and everyday essentials to help struggling families throughout the festive period.

The baby and toddler group, which runs each Monday morning from The Church of the Good Shepherd on Thackeray's Lane in Woodthorpe, was so concerned that local families were struggling that it decided to hold a fundraising event and use the proceeds to buy much-needed items for its local Foodbank. Today, Little Lambs representatives, delivered more than 35 bags of shopping to Arnold Foodbank.

Rebecca Burke, Group Leader for Little Lambs said: "Our parish is a regular supporter of the Foodbank. Not only do we collect weekly donations from our parishioners, but many also volunteer their time at the centre to help sort and allocate

the items for families in need of help." The Church of the Good Shepherd has been recognised as the largest food donor to the Arnold Foodbank. In just a six month period, it donated 2,121kgs of food. Helen Lloyd of the Foodbank explains how this makes a difference: "A family of four goes away with around 20-25kg of shopping. So this amount equates to over 80 families fed by this parish. That's over 800 meals. Well done."

For anyone wishing to give donations, the Arnold Foodbank is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 1pm to 3pm. It is located at the Daybrook Baptist Church on Mansfield Road NG5 6AA, near Go Outdoors. Alternatively, donations can be left at the Church of the Good Shepherd at any time. Red collection boxes are located just inside the main church entrance, on the right. The essential requirements at this time of year are tinned foods (soups, meats, veg, fruit) and toiletries such as shampoo, deodorant and loo roll. Long life milk and coffee are also needed. Thank you.

Cheryl Broodryk

Thanks for a very special day



Our Church was beautifully prepared for the birth of Christ, the flower arrangements were done by Marion Astle, who really went out her way to ensure that the birth of Christ was very important.

We would also like to thank, Lynda Hall for the music, Dee Quinn and Bruce who wel-

comed everyone to our Christmas Eve Mass and Maureen Martin for setting up and preparing the Altar before Mass and last but not least we would like to thank our Parish Priest Father Greg Tobin, Father Tim O'Sullivan and Father Paul Smith, may the Lord bless each and everyone for making the birth of Christ a very special day.



House of Prayer

<p>FEBRUARY Friday 7th 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Saturday 8th 2 - 4.30pm Rev Bill Myers "Praise to the holiest" Newman's struggle Thursday 13th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC The Week of the PASSION AND DEATH of Jesus Saturday 22nd 3 - 4.30pm Sharing Scripture on my life</p> <p>MARCH Friday 6th 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Thursdays 7.30-9 pm Lenten Prayer Workshop 5th - Deepening Prayer Fr David Tobin 12th - Scripture Prayer Mrs Janet Kennedy 19th - Prayer with Icons Mr David Kewell 26th - Christian Zen Fr Tony Furlong Saturday 14th 2 - 4.30pm Rev Bill Myers "Firmly I believe and truly" Newman's vindication Saturday 21st LENTEN RETREAT (Lunch provided) Saturday 28th 3 - 4.30pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p> <p>MAY Friday 1st 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Saturday 9th 10am - 3pm "Five for sorrow ten for joy" Exploring the Rosary. With an outdoor Mass at the Rosary Altar. Bring a chair and a picnic! Thursday 14th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC</p>	<p>St Paul's Masterpiece: The Letter to the ROMANS Saturday 23rd 3 - 4.3pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p> <p>JUNE Friday 5th 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Thursday 11th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC ST PETER's Letter to the Church Saturday 13th 10am - 4pm ROSMINI DAY Presented by Fr Mario Panallo IC "From Student to Prophet" (Lunch provided) Saturday 27th 3 - 4.3pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p> <p>JULY Friday 3rd 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Saturday 11th DESERT DAY Time apart, an opportunity for space and silence (Please bring a picnic)</p> <p>SEPTEMBER Friday 4th 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Thursday 10th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC The APOCALYPSE of St John: Letters to the Churches Saturday 12th 2 - 4.30pm Rev Andrew Martin Lead Chaplain at LOROS and Deacon of Measham Parish GOD IN MY LIFE, INVITATION, MISSION, GRATITUDE Saturday 26th 3 - 4.30pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p>	<p>OCTOBER Friday 2nd 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Thursday 8th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC JEREMIAH, the prophet of doom and hope Saturday 10th 2 - 4.30pm Fr Colum Kelly Port Chaplain Apostleship of the Sea, Immingham GOD IN MY LIFE, INVITATION, MISSION, GRATITUDE Saturday 24th 3 - 4.30pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p> <p>NOVEMBER Friday 6th 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Thursday 12th 7 - 8.30pm Fr Antonio Belsito IC The BIRTH NARRATIVES in the Gospels: myth or history? Saturday 14th 2 - 4.30pm Sr Katrina Alton, CSJP From Ulster Protestant to Catholic Nun GOD IN MY LIFE, INVITATION, MISSION, GRATITUDE Saturday 28th 3 - 4.30pm Sharing Scripture in my life</p> <p>DECEMBER Friday 7 - 9pm Healing Mass Saturday 5th 10am - 4pm ADVENT RETREAT (Lunch provided)</p>
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DAY RETREATS from 10am to 4pm includes Prayer, Mass, Adoration and opportunities for Confession
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Caritas is coming

Paul Bodenham, Programme Leader for Social Action, invites you to a big day for the diocese on 28 March.

Nottingham Diocese is on the way to becoming part of the global Caritas network—and if you are a parishioner here, you will be part of it too.

You'll know about CAFOD, the Caritas agency which works overseas on behalf of the Church in England and Wales – you may even be a supporter yourself. Meanwhile Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) connects agencies working here in England and Wales. However there is no branch of Caritas here in Nottingham dedicated to charitable service in the diocese.

Thanks to a grant from CSAN, that is about to change. The Justice and Peace Commission is leading a project to establish a Caritas service in the diocese. It will help parishes around the diocese to strengthen their outreach, and support everyone who is inspired by the Gospel to make a difference

in the wider world.

We're building Caritas as part of Faith into Action, the Justice and Peace Commission's wider development programme. It began in Lent 2019 with a questionnaire survey, which some two-thirds parishes completed.

From this research and our existing priorities, there seem to be five themes for which parishes and individuals frequently ask for help. These might become the core 'ministries' for which our new service offers support at a diocesan level:

- Safeguarding the Earth, our common home, including developing a diocesan environmental strategy
- Poverty and dignity, including tackling homelessness
- Modern slavery, human trafficking and exploitation
- Support for refugees and asylum seekers,

which might include working with local charity Faith in Families to promote the Home Office's Community Sponsorship scheme for Syrian refugees

- Tackling isolation in society, for instance through friendship groups and drop-in cafes in church halls.

Caritas is for parishes, not just the diocese. In 2013 Pope Benedict asked each bishop to encourage 'in every parish of his territory the creation of a local Caritas service or a similar body, which will also promote in the whole community educational activities aimed at fostering a spirit of sharing and authentic charity'. A local Caritas can help to realise Pope John Paul II's vision of the parish: 'What better building block for a community of hope than the parish', he said, 'which becomes 'a home in the midst of homes', a living community, one that supports, accompanies, integrates and enriches!'

and your parish priest to help you hear and act on your vocation, as individuals and as a community. Together we'll encourage each other to follow the call Jesus makes uniquely to us, asking questions like:

- How might God be calling you to use your gifts?
- What does the world need from you?
- How might we in the Church encourage and equip each other?
- How can we build the Church as a movement of faith and compassion for a world in need?

Join the Caritas journey

We'd love to hear how you are called to live the gospel—and together, let's discern together what Caritas might look like in our diocese. You are invited to Nottingham Cathedral on 28 March 2020 to explore with us how Caritas can help us put 'faith into action' in our parishes.

Very soon we'll publish a Caritas prospectus, which you can use in your parish, chaplaincy or Catholic group during 2020 to share in building a movement for Gospel life here in the diocese of Nottingham. See the adjacent poster for details of how to book for 28 March, and we'll see you there!

And ultimately Caritas is for each of us—it enables us to be touched by the Gospel and take up Christ's invitation to follow him in the adventure of missionary discipleship. So a crucial part of this initiative is to offer parish-based workshops with a trained team of animators. They will work with you

THE CHAPTER CORNER



The Provost

As I write this article we have just recently celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. As you read the Catholic News in February the Bishop will celebrate the Mass for married couples and family life and the Bishop's statement of Marriage will be read out or published in our Parishes. It is a good moment to reflect a little on the Sacrament of Marriage. Often when couples come to see me about getting married I ask them what they think marriage is about. Their answers almost always revolve around the vows and the commitment to each other. Perfectly true! But that is not the first thing that marriage is or indeed any sacrament. The first thing is the encounter with Our Lord, the gift of grace that marriage brings. It is only because of the gift of the sacrament that we can make the vows of marriage and indeed live them. I sometimes wonder how does anyone dare to say such words to another: "for better for worse ,...in sickness and in health...till death do us part." An honest reflection one's own weaknesses and failures in life would make us hesitate. Yet we can dare to say these wonderful words because we do so, not relying on ourselves, but the grace of Marriage - on the love of the Lord himself. Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) writes: "The sacrament is not a "thing" or a "power", for in it Christ himself "now encounters Christian spouses... He dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens". Christian marriage is a sign of how much

Christ loved his Church in the covenant sealed on the cross, yet it also makes that love present in the communion of the spouses." (AL73; cf Catechism of the Catholic Church 1642).

The wonderful truth of the Sacrament is that Christ encounters the couple in this Sacrament and makes his total love of the Cross – "He loved them to the end" (John 13:1) - present to the Spouses so that they can in honesty and truthfully make their vows. And this again is not just a once and for all thing of the wedding day but the sacrament is a daily presence to a married couple. The water of daily love is transformed into the new and better wine as it is caught up and transformed by divine love. In the daily tasks, struggles of family life we encounter Our Lord time and again. Messy as married life can be, lived with faith, it is an ever deepening discovery of the invisible love of God. Whether or not at any particular moment we are conscious of this, it remains true and should be a great encouragement to married couples who strive to bear with one another daily. Maybe a part of the Morning Offering for married people should be to ask the Holy Spirit to make the grace of marriage alive and present to them that day as they bring before their eyes all the family and the tasks that await them. As a priest and on behalf of priests may I thank the many couples we know for their inspiring example of self-sacrificing love for each other and their children.

Canon Christopher O'Connor.

"The Church's deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable"

Benedict XVI, *On the service of charity*

Faith into Action

A day to build social action in the Diocese of Nottingham

Saturday 28 March 2020

10.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.
Cathedral Hall, Nottingham

Nottingham Diocese is joining **Caritas**, the Catholic Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon we'll be part of one of the biggest providers of voluntary services on the planet.

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- nourish the work we do for the common good
- be inspired for the adventure of missionary discipleship
- build our parishes as confident, outward-looking communities
- make common cause and achieve more together.

Watch out for more details. In the meantime, to find out more, or make sure you get an early invitation, contact Paul Bodenham, the diocese's Programme Leader for Social Action, who'll be happy to hear from you:

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NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO END THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY LEPROSY

WORLD LEPROSY DAY
26 JANUARY 2020



Let's create a leprosy-free world

For thousands of years leprosy has been the scourge of poverty-stricken communities across the world. The disease frequently leads to severe, life-changing disabilities and those who suffer from it are often excluded by their community, and struggle to fend for themselves.



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St Francis Leprosy Guild has been dedicated to the relief of suffering caused by leprosy for more than a century, during which time many religious sisters, brothers and priests have made it their life's vocation to care for those with the disease. Today we are determined to build on their legacy and seize our opportunity to help eradicate leprosy once and for all.

A leprosy-free world is now within sight

Just a few decades ago, more than five million people were being diagnosed with leprosy every year, their lives destroyed physically, emotionally and socially by the disease. Today, this number has reduced significantly but remains stubbornly at over 200,000 new cases annually, worldwide. St Francis Leprosy Guild is committed to achieving a leprosy-free world and we genuinely believe

it is possible, if only people like you are prepared to help.

Early detection can stop leprosy in its tracks

By supporting early detection and treatment - before the disease takes hold - you can help to prevent untold suffering. **If you are able to send a donation of just £30 today**, you will help us support ongoing health initiatives, such as the hospital ship that serves patients in the Amazon

region. This initiative has already helped to train 600 local healthcare assistants, and the ship visits remote communities along the river where leprosy is still rife, monitoring people for early symptoms and providing prompt medication.



Winning the battle against leprosy

- 1980s - some 5.2 million cases of leprosy reported annually.
- 1995 – World Health Organisation extends free access to leprosy treatments.
- 16 million people cured of leprosy in past 20 years.
- Today, over 200,000 new cases diagnosed annually, worldwide.
- Early diagnosis and treatment are key to total eradication.

Help to beat leprosy for good

The hospital ship is just one of around 60 inspirational partner organisations supported by St Francis Leprosy Guild, which are working with remote and marginalised communities in countries such as India and Brazil. **Please send £30 today to help this essential work continue. Together, let's seize the opportunity to create a leprosy-free world and help put an end to people's suffering at last.**

I WANT TO SEE A LEPROSY-FREE WORLD. HERE IS MY GIFT TO HELP.

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The Lord's Day

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9th February

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Isaiah 58 : 7-10 We are in the third part of the Book of Isaiah. This section seems to have been written by various disciples (the prophet is long dead), late in the 6th century B.C. Today's reading is a wonderful passage of social and moral teaching but it is worth seeing the background. Chapter 56 contrasts the goodness of pagan converts and the corruption of Judah's leaders. Chapter 57 condemns idolatry but also offers consolation to those who are humble and contrite, promising healing and peace - but there can be "no peace for the wicked" (57:21). Chapter 58 is a strong dialogue between the Lord and Judah. Judah pleads innocence and genuine religious worship: The Lord answers with today's reading. The fasts that please God are not belly fasts but fasts from oppression and fraud; not pretentious self-abasement but bringing joy to the oppressed, giving bread to the hungry and clothing to the naked. Judah is called to be a light in the darkness, an oasis in the wilderness, to offer renewal to a broken world

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2 : 1-5 Paul has rebuked the Corinthians for causing divisions in the community, favouring certain preachers against others, trusting in the frail philosophies of the learned against the truth of the crucified Christ. Now, in today's reading, he explains his own way to them. He did not come to Corinth as a learned or polished speaker, but only to give them what God had given him (see 1 Cor.5:1-8). He then worked for his living as a tent maker, and spoke only of a crucified Christ. Paul trusted in the Holy Spirit to guide him, though not in human learning, and he spoke as he did so that they would turn to God for greater understanding rather than to human philosophers. Paul speaks of coming to Corinth "in fear and trembling" - a phrase worth chasing through the bible to see where it is used: Gideon challenging the men of Israel (Judges 7:3), earthly rulers before the Lord (Psalm 2:11), the woman healed of her bleeding (Mark 5:33). Making such contrasts enlighten us to the task translators and interpreters have when they work on the bible.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5 : 13-16 It is always constructive to compare ideas in one part of the bible with ideas in other parts. Did Jesus say "He who is not with me is against me" (Matthew 12:30) or "Those who are not against us are with us" (Mark 9:40)? Did he say "Do not parade your good deeds before others" (Matthew 6:1) or "Let your good deeds be seen so that people may give glory to God" (Matthew 5:16)? Jesus said all four and there are other examples in the Gospel of Jesus' seeming to contradict himself. The few verses of today's reading come early in the Sermon on the Mount. Their meaning seems to be clear, but compare them with passages in Mark and Luke and the teaching broadens, the images vary. Salt in Mark (9:50) and Luke (14:34) is not Matthew's salt. Jesus' advice in Matthew 5:14-15 is not the same as in 6:1-6. John's 8:12 is the

fullness of Matthew's 5:14. Mark's 4:21 has the lamp under a bed as well as under a tub. Luke also has the bed (8:16) and then repeats the parable (11:33-36) with different teaching from 8:16-18. Did Jesus reinterpret his parables in his various teaching venues? We are always to ask about people's differing memories and the common sense question of Jesus as teacher - who varies the wording of his teaching according to the audience and the circumstances. He would, for example, have told the parables in different words in different places.

16th February

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 15 : 15-20 This Book was written early in the second century BC by Jesus Ben Sirach. It is a book of traditional wisdom, full of reverence and love for God. The author speaks of the spiritual qualities of a good person - honesty, humility, respect for parents, goodness to the poor, etc. He has advice for people in various walks and stages of life, about friends and friendships, seeking happiness and then, in today's reading, of the glory of being free. Chapter 15 speaks of Wisdom as a lovely lady friend, willing to be with us in all circumstances of life and offering gentle guidance as inspired by God. The Law is inspired by the fear (reverence) of God and gentle Wisdom is with us in our freedom to enrich our lives. God is blameless, says today's reading, and if we use our freedom wisely we shall bless the Lord: but if we act unwisely we may foolishly choose to blame God for making us free! All through life the Lord is watching over us, wanting and willing us to choose good.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2 : 6-10 Paul is sad. The community he helped found in Corinth is fractured. He had lived with them for eighteen months, forming them as the Mystical Body of Christ: now the body is torn, rivalries caused by pride and envy have blighted that unity. Superficial human wisdom and intelligence have covered the simplicity of speaking with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Goodness and not cleverness should inspire our thoughts and actions, urges Paul, and we should make place for everyone. Paul reminds the Corinthians that his simple message was of a crucified Christ not clever argument and philosophy. But that simplicity is God's way - open to everyone! No one is excluded who can understand the love of a God who gives his son for our salvation and whose son is willing to die for love of us. Love is the simplest and most profound of messages. In today's reading Paul tells the people that no one has heard the message such as he shared with them in his stay in Corinth. It is beyond human understanding to discover or to express, but is open to those who love and believe.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5 : 17-37 We are at the Sermon on the Mount, a wonderful collection of Jesus' teachings gathered together by Matthew and imaginatively placed on a hillside as a conversation between Jesus and the apostles,

away from the crowds. He draws from the lovely lessons of the wisdom of the Old Testament, translating them into a new message suffused with his own ideals. The Scriptures are being fulfilled, the Old is becoming New. How careful Jesus is to remind the disciples that the Law is being fulfilled, not changed or abolished. All that was good stays, but it needs to be understood at more profound levels. Quarrelling and anger are still forbidden and at a deeper level: reconciliations between people must be achieved before we dare offer prayer and worship to God. Good sense should guide us how to act before the Law weighs too heavily on us. The power of thought to be evil in itself is brought out strongly - the thought can be the deed! Marriage is even more wonderfully a union than his disciples might have appreciated and should be seen as God sees it. And the power of human speech to determine life and lives echoes the power of thought. Action is not all important: thought and speech can be more powerful in controlling lives. Simplicity in speech, even in simple words, needs to be understood.

23rd February

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading Leviticus 19 : 1-2, 17-18 This book is the third one in the Bible and one of the five (The Pentateuch), the Torah, that make up the Bible's first section. It is the book of the Law. Its detailed regulations are extraordinary - such as those regarding food, clean and unclean (chapter 11) and legal purity (chapters 13-15). They reflect a love of detail, a constant seeking for perfect observance, even a fearful reverence for avoiding wrong. Yet these are not moral questions: they are ritual. Today's reading comes from the sections of laws regarding holiness, and particularly about offering worship to God. Life is portrayed as a preparation for offering worship to God. It is a wonderful ideal: as I live, so I worship. As I am with my fellow human beings, so I shall be before God. We should be honest with each other in all facets of life, generous to the poor and the stranger, act with justice towards everyone. The opening lines reveal the whole truth: to become as like God as is possible, and therefore to love others as God loves them - a higher ideal implied than the one stated: you must love your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3 : 16-23

This passage is sublime. Each of us is a temple of God. Could there be a higher compliment? God dwells in me, fulfilling Jesus' promise at the last supper that he and his father will come to dwell in those who believe. "Indwelling" is a lovely word. All those we love are indwelling in our hearts - think of how many! We say it so easily but know its truth: we carry them in our hearts. And here is Paul reminding us that Jesus and the Father are amongst those who dwell in our hearts - which makes us temples of God. It is too good, it is overwhelming! And comes as such a surprise as the conclusion of Paul's strong rebukes and argument in chapter 3. He has told the Corinthians they are immature, even infantile. They are petty-minded and given over to empty slogans. They have divided a Christian community into factions - choosing favourites, Apollos or himself. He and Apollos and others have brought the good news of Christ: it is Christ they must follow, not the speakers or preachers. Paul planted, Apollos watered the plants but God has blessed the plants to grow. We honour God, grateful to his helpers. Or, Paul is an architect laying out the foundations on which arises the building through others' work. Suddenly, it seems, Paul sees the building as a temple! It is a new thought that seems to catch him by surprise: the building is a temple and we are the temple of God. We are the precious fabric of God's temple, not to be spoiled

Gospel Reading Matthew 5 : 38-48 See the Book of Leviticus, chapter 21:24, and how strongly the Old Testament felt about and approved of vengeance. It is strong. But today's Gospel does not want Old Testament strength, it wants New Testament meekness. The advice is extraordinary and even unacceptable, seeming to accept and even share wrongdoing, bullying and thieving. Jesus' advice seems to double the crime. Is that what Jesus wants? Give in to evil, not to resist it. Nowhere in the Old Testament is the command written to love one's neighbour and hate one's enemy. This is a popular (!) saying referred to by Jesus - but it provides good base for his ideal of learning to love as God our Father loves. God makes no distinctions, says Jesus: all are given good rain and sunshine, not only those who pray for them. All people deserve greetings and respect. We should love the loveable and the hateful equally if we want to be pleasing to God: we must love as God does and no one is to be excluded.

to us today not just of Christianity, but of the bigger human condition in all its cultural forms.

The idea behind this artwork challenges me technically as well as artistically; in my attempt to make something that engages people with the theme, and hopefully a notion of beauty, that involves them spending time with it. It is very detailed and colourful, full of contrast and texture, lots to look at! It is relatively small in comparison to my other work, but this is certainly a heavy weight in terms of its content and ambition. I look forward to sharing it with you all soon."

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The hymn 'God moves in Mysterious Ways' can also be said of how he speaks to us not just through the bible but quietly, to us as individuals through an inner voice; through inspiration, creativity and our experience of art.

The pressure of making a new devotional and beautiful work of art, worthy of the great cathedrals, is felt heavily in my knowledge of art history and my personal experience seeing the work of the old masters. Great artwork that transcends time to speak

God's Reign

In the 13th December issue of The Catholic Universe there was an article by Father Antony Christy, about the Reign of God being all around us in Advent. I pondered on this and began to think, where do I see the Reign of God in my parish. My husband's favourite worship Hymn is "Reign in me, Sovereign Lord, reign in me".

I began to think about what was happening in the parish and how quite spontaneously things just seemed to occur. As a Parish we are about to launch the Livesimply programme; this sprang out of a parish study of the Laudato Si document from Pope Francis during Lent. One of the suggestions from CAFOD for December was to send letters to the Brave, those people who are imprisoned for defending land rights and displaced people. One of our parishioners kindly bought cards and asked our Wednesday morning Coffee Group if they would like to sign and then she sent them off.

Also on that day one of the parishioners asked if people would be kind enough to make a collection of things for the homeless and she would take them to the local Nomad Trust (our local homeless charity) the next week there were bags and bags of Hats, Scarves, Gloves, socks, bars of chocolate and toiletries.

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent we had a Parish collection of toys and Christmas gifts for one of the local schools that serves a very deprived area. On the following Wednesday a huge raffle took place to supplement the coffee morning money which is always for Father Vincent's Water Project. Also on that afternoon the CWL served their Christmas Tea, a regular event that really begins the Christmas feeling. We had so much food over it went to the local Nomad Trust House, Half the money raised went to the local food bank along with a massive collection of Christmas Treat food that took place the following Sunday.

One of the parishioners had a great idea of replacing the bows on the Christmas Tree with Baubles; people could make a donation and write a prayer/message for those not able to join their families this year and the donations also went to The Nomad Trust.

On the first Friday of Advent we had a wonderful concert of Medieval Music and on the 3rd Friday of Advent we had a beautiful service of 9 Lessons and Carols from our Deanery Choir and 3 of our local primary schools. All the money raised went to charity. This lovely service seemed to begin Christmas in a really special way.

The following day, the Saturday before Christmas, Father Eddy our Parish Priest gave us a welcome oasis of peace in the



midst of the Christmas rush, with a thoughtful half-day of reflection for Advent. Following Morning Prayer, Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation he gave us a talk about the coming Year of The Word; we know it began with Advent but it will start in our parish in earnest in January. Among other things, he reminded us that we can read the Bible as a written work – the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God – and learn from it, but that it would be good to think about learning to pray scripture. Hopefully this year will enable our Catholic community to grow in that form of prayer and in our relationship with God, and seriously invite Him to Reign in us and our hearts and lives. Our morning was completed with a simple lunch, which we all enjoyed. There was of course a donation, which went to 'The Baby Basket' Charity for mothers with new babies and up to the age of 6 months, as the following day the Sunday Coffee Morning was to be held for that charity. The lady who ran it did so quite spontaneously and said 'well it seemed appropriate at this time of year'. After such a Celebration of kindness and service (Father Antony suggested that Advent was a time to celebrate) many of our

parishioners put on gloves and aprons and scrubbed the church until it shone! Ready to decorate and then to celebrate the Birth of our Lord and Saviour. Come Lord Jesus and Reign in us – that we may walk in the Light of The Lord.

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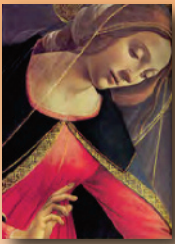
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A fond farewell to our beloved Parish Priest

The Parish of Our Lady and St Guthlac, Deeping St James and Sacred Heart and St Gilbert's, Bourne bids a fond farewell to our beloved Parish Priest.

On 10 December, the parish community of Bourne and Deeping gathered together to wish a fond farewell to our PP who is leaving the parish and diocese to take up a new post as chaplain in the Royal Navy.

Father Victor Asu Dakwan, who hails from **Bokyi**, Nigeria, has been ministering to this community since 2015, in addition to being chaplain to the African community of the diocese.

Many parishioners were joined by other priests from the deanery and other parishes in the diocese in an evening of great cele-

bration, tinged with sadness as we said our goodbyes to Father Victor who, having successfully completed all of the selection process, is now off to commence his chaplaincy training at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Brian Smith, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of all parishioners, presented Fr Victor with a cheque and this was followed by a sumptuous feast, which included a magnificent cake.

The entertainment followed on afterwards and this included music such as "A Life on the Ocean Wave", "Yellow Submarine", "What shall we do with the drunken Sailor" and many other nautical songs. Highlight was a splendid version of "Sailor's Hornpipe".



As we say "So long, sailor" to Father Victor we wish him all of God's blessings in this exciting new chapter in his life and we extend a warm welcome to Father Paul Lloyd who has travelled the short distance from Holbeach to be our new Parish Priest.

Tom Jordan

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"In some cases," the Pope points out, "conscientious objection becomes a necessary decision if you are to be consistent with your "yes" to life and to the human person," thus "safeguarding of the truest human right, the right to life". "When you can no longer provide a cure, you will still be able to provide care and healing, through gestures and procedures that give comfort and relief to the sick.

Pope Francis laments that during wars and violent conflicts, healthcare professionals and facilities are attacked, and in some areas, political authorities attempt to manipulate medical care for their own advantage, thus restricting the medical

profession's legitimate autonomy. Noting that many across the world have "no access to medical care because they live in poverty," the Pope urges healthcare institutions and government leaders not to neglect social justice.

The Holy Father concludes his message thanking all healthcare volunteers who serve the sick, often compensating for structural shortcomings, while reflecting the image of Christ, the Good Samaritan, by their acts of tender love and closeness. Commenting on the letter, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, said it was dealing with an issue that has an increasingly inter-religious and even secular dimension.

In an interview with Vatican Radio, he noted that in October, representatives of the

Abrahamic monotheistic religions gave the Pope a signed common document, which condemned euthanasia and assisted suicide, and encouraged accompanying the sick and palliative care everywhere and for everyone.

Around the same time, he said, a secular institution like the World Medical Association, also expressed its stand against euthanasia and assisted suicide. This because a doctor's conscience is formed to heal, not to kill, he said.

Archbishop Paglia said the Pope calls for a personalized approach to the sick, not just of curing but also of caring - an integral human healing. Even when we cannot heal, the fundamental action is to remain close to the sick, never abandoning them, especially

Let CAFOD support you with your New Year Resolutions for 2020 and beyond!

By Maggie Mairura

When I am planning to go and visit parishes around the Diocese I often reassure the Parish Priest that I am not coming to make an appeal for donations. Because to be honest, I don't need to! Individuals, parishes and schools are very generous supporters of CAFOD and either give regularly, through Fast Day collections and parish or school fundraising events. Obviously fundraising is fundamental to the work we do; and when I say we, I mean everyone in our Diocese! The amazing legacy of our founding mothers continues BECAUSE OF your generosity!

What I like to pass on when I visit schools and parishes is the other important aspects of our work; prayer and action. So I want to invite you to consider a couple of things.



First, let us support you in the time you set aside, or want to set aside, for prayer and reflection. Our theology team provide daily

prayer tweets (@CAFODprayer) and weekly emails that are reflections on the Sunday Gospels.

Prayer is powerful. It brings us closer to God and our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Every Friday we send a reflection rooted in global justice, inspiring prayers, and ways to put your faith into action.

Second, volunteering with CAFOD. Again, to support you putting your faith into action, we offer a variety of volunteer roles; in your parish, school, as a campaigner, as an MP correspondent, as a media volunteer. The opportunities are really exciting and you won't be on your own.



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LATEST NEWS FROM LACY!

LACY have had a great year sharing Faith and Fun! We now have a good Working Team of people of different ages helping to inspire our young people with occasions of Liturgy and Mass Celebrations alongside Fun activities, geared to teenagers and young adults, with the opportunity for family members and friends to be involved.

The following occasions have inspired us as a Working Group – sharing time with young people:

- Youth Masses at The Divine Infant of Prague and St. Mary's, South Wigston
- Walking Stations of the Cross at Mount St. Bernard Abbey with uplifting Mass Celebration in the Abbey Church followed by refreshments in the retreat centre
- A presentation of the work of LACY to the Sixth Form students at English Martyrs Catholic School, Leicester.
- Raising money from a Sponsored Walk at Rutland Water for the "Sponsor a Room" initiative for The Briars Retreat Centre –

sharing Mass celebrated by Fr. Simon Gillespie by the side of the water afterwards! A great time spent with the new Young People's team from The Briars.

- We enjoyed an uplifting Celebration of Mass on Remembrance Sunday at St. Mary's South Wigston, with the uniform groups of the parish, helping with collections for the Poppy Appeal of the Royal British Legion and raising additional funds with a Cake stall.

UPCOMING EVENT FOR 2020

We are looking forward to the new celebrations planned for 2020 which will include:

- supporting the young people at Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough on their Confirmation programme – having the opportunity of organising a Young People's Retreat for them in February
- A Confirmation Away Day in April

- Having an involvement with the Catholic Charismatic Conference to be held at St. Paul's School in May
- Celebrating the Via Lucis (the Stations of Light) on the Feast of Pentecost with lots more thoughts and ideas to come as we meet together during the forthcoming months of this year.

Our vision is to share our wonderful Faith through celebrations and social activities – having the opportunity of passing on to our young people ideas and ways of including our love of God in all that we do. All are welcome at our activities and celebrations and if you would like to be in touch with us see our facebook page. As it is a closed group ask to become a member!

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Novena Prayer to the Infant Jesus of Prague for a Special Favour

O dearest Jesus, tenderly loving us, Thy greatest joy is to dwell among us and to bestow Thy blessing upon us! Though I am not worthy that Thou should behold me with love, I feel myself drawn to Thee, O dear Infant Jesus, because Thou dost gladly pardon me and exercise Thine almighty power over me.

So many who turned with confidence to Thee have received graces and had their petitions granted. Behold me: in spirit I kneel before Thy miraculous image on Thine altar in Prague and lay open my heart to Thee, with its prayers, petitions and hopes. Especially the affair of *(Name your request)* do I enclose in Thy loving Heart. Govern me and do with me and mine according to Thy holy will, for I know that in Thy Divine wisdom and love Thou will ordain everything for the best. Almighty gracious Infant Jesus, do not withdraw Thy hand from us, but protect and bless us forever.

I pray Thee, sweetest Infant, in the name of Thy Blessed Mother Mary, who cared for Thee with such tenderness, and by the great reverence with which St. Joseph carried Thee in his arms, comfort me and grant my petition, that I may bless and thank Thee forever with all my heart. Amen

Catholic People's Weeks 2020

Catholic People's Weeks (CPW) have been offering faith-filled, fun, and reflective, holidays for Catholics and their families for nearly 75 years. The UK-based holidays range from two to seven nights and are fully inclusive of all meals and accommodation. The adult activities include talks, discussions and workshops, while a trained team of youth helpers provide engaging and creative activities for young people and children. For many, CPW has provided a genuine experience of community life and the opportunity to make life-long friendships.

The 2020 programme kicks off with a Winter Weekend 15-16 February on 'Prophetic Imagination' at Hinsley Hall in Leeds. In the year of CPW's 75th Anniversary the stories of inspirational people who have been part of CPW's history will be recalled to inspire responses to today's challenges.

The speaker for the Dora Turbin Lecture on the Saturday will be David McLoughlin, Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. In his research he explores the relationship between theology and everyday life. On the challenge of prophetic imagination in 2020, David



says, "in every age we need men and women who open up for us the prophetic imagination of a Moses at the burning bush, or Hosea and Amos in a time of national crisis and of Jesus in his time". The chaplain is Columban Father Jim Fleming who worked in Pakistan for 20 years and now raises awareness about missionary outreach and supports asylum seekers in Birmingham. Chair Ellen Teague is part of the Columban Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Team, and works as a Catholic journalist on justice, peace and ecology issues.

Among ten other CPW events organised in

2020 there is a walking week in North Wales in June and a cycling week in the Cotswolds in August. A CPW 75th anniversary event will be held at St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury on Saturday 15 August.

The 2020 programme is the second of a three-year cycle of study into Priesthood, Prophecy and Kingdom.

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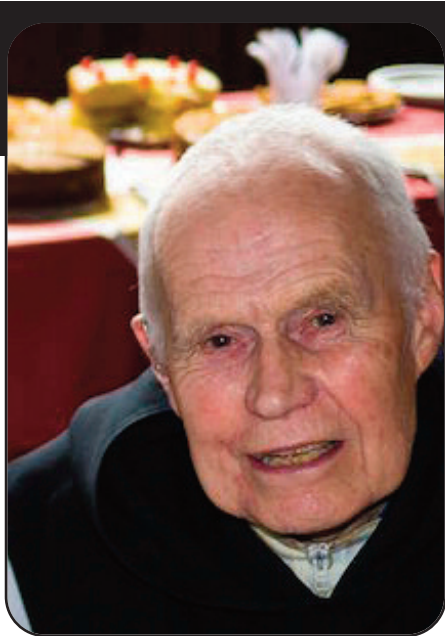
The founder of HCPT, Brother Michael Strode died today, Friday 27th December at the age of 96.

Doctor Michael Strode, or Brother Michael as he was called after he became a Cistercian monk in later life, was born in Woking, Surrey, on 5th June 1923. He trained to be a doctor at St Thomas's Medical School, London, qualifying in 1946. In September 1945 he was received into the Catholic Church. Michael began his National Service in 1947 serving as a Surgeon Lieutenant in the Royal Navy. Towards the end of his service he contracted tuberculosis and was hospitalised until 1950.

After his recovery Dr Strode served in several hospitals before he joined the Chailey Heritage foundation for children with disabilities in 1953. He worked at Chailey until his retirement in December 1988.

Michael made his first pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1951, travelling with the Birmingham diocesan pilgrimage. In 1954 he and his friend Peter Keevney took a group of disabled children from Chailey to Lourdes as part of the Birmingham pilgrimage. This was a great success and two groups visited Lourdes from Chailey in 1955, one with the National Schools' pilgrimage at Easter and one in July, again with Birmingham. In 1956 HCPT was founded and the first Trust pilgrimage took place in 1957. Michael was unable to take part because he suffered a recurrence of TB that year. This was soon overcome, and he was able to accompany the HCPT pilgrimage in the Lourdes centenary year of 1958.

Michael suffered a few health problems, notably an operation for a slipped disc in 1972 (when he attended the pilgrimage in a wheelchair) and a coronary thrombosis in 1986, which prevented him from coming on the pilgrimage. Happily he made a full recovery. During all these years Michael played a full part in the HCPT as Chief Medical Officer (until



1990) and as a Governor of the Trust. In 1975 he was awarded the KSG at the opening of Hosanna House. The last year in which he participated as a doctor with HCPT was in 1990.

In October 1991 Michael entered a Cistercian community as an Oblate. He took simple vows on 4th June 1995 and made his final commitment as an Oblate on 7th June 1998. Since 2016 he has lived in a care home in Cardiff.

Until the end of his life Michael played a very active role in the running of HCPT. He last travelled to Lourdes to join the 2013 Easter pilgrimage, during which he was awarded the prestigious Médaille Notre-Dame de Lourdes in recognition of his long dedication to pilgrims and pilgrimages to the Shrine.

HCPT announce on their website: It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Brother Michael Strode, the founder of HCPT.

At this time, we would invite you to pray for Br Michael, for his brother Peter and the entire HCPT family.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him, May he rest in peace. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. St Bernadette, pray for us.

For more information and to add tributes, visit: www.hcpt.org.uk/passing

Casting a ray of hope

By Julia Beacroft

I THINK IT'S safe to say that February is probably the most depressing month of the year. The Christmas and New Year celebrations are well and truly over, money is often a bit tight in the aftermath of these and the weather is usually awful! There can seem little to look forward to...

Yet this is not necessarily the case. Apart from the romantic celebration of St Valentine on February 14th, which adds some much needed light relief, the Church has a couple of special days of her own in this month. At the beginning, on February 2nd we observe the Presentation of the Lord and February usually also marks the beginning of Lent – an important six weeks in the Church's calendar which ultimately leads us to Easter. This year Ash Wednesday – the first day of Lent – falls on February 26th. So all in all, in a month which can appear unbearably dull and dark, there is actually more going on than would first appear to be the case.

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Personally, I always think of my late father in this month. This is because he had a February birthday and his star sign was Pisces – the fishes. And in fact remembering my father at this time also calls to mind the presence of the Lord in my life. For Jesus himself taught us that God is the father of us all and that when we pray, we should address him as such. The Aramaic word Jesus used for the father was 'Abba' implying closeness and intimacy – not just 'Father' but 'Daddy'. And so I know that the personal relationship I had experienced with my earthly father, I can also experience with my heavenly Father, who knows everything there is to

know about me and yet loves me anyway.

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To be honest, I'm not really convinced of the authenticity of star signs but I do know that fishes and fishing not only remind me of my father's star sign but also of Jesus' disciples, many of which were simple fishermen who left everything they had ever known to follow the Master. This I have no problem in believing. Furthermore, we in our turn are called to be 'fishers of men'; to cast our nets wide and spread the Gospel message by our words, actions and lifestyles.

And so may you rejoice this February in the knowledge that you are truly loved by your heavenly Father, for it does not matter whether the weather is inclement, we are short of money or suffering from a sense of anti-climax. We are loved, we are cherished and we are called to cast out 'nets' far and wide – to spread the Good News. We live in hope in the Lord.

Monsieur Claude's Great French Adventure

By Julia Beacroft



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Monsieur Claude, the 'Beanie Baby' crab, is upset and worried. His family lives in France and he would dearly love to visit them because his mum hasn't been well. His owner, Jamie, is going on holiday to Paris but only two of Jamie's 'Beanie Babies' can go with him. And Monsieur Claude isn't chosen to be one of them... However, the rest of his 'Beanie Baby' friends devise a cunning plan to smuggle Monsieur Claude into Jamie's backpack! But disaster strikes at the airport when Monsieur Claude falls from the bag! Will he be rescued? Will he ever see his owner again? The little crab has a thrilling series of adventures along the way, but will he ever be re-united with his mum?
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May we, by imitating your charity and humility, find quiet and contentment all our days and cheerful submission to God's holy will in all the trials and difficulties of life.

Saint Martin pray for us
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
LET US PRAY

O God, who exalts the humble and Who brought St Martin, Your confessor, to the glory of heaven, grant through his merits and intercession that on earth we may imitate his humility as to deserve to be exalted with him in heaven.
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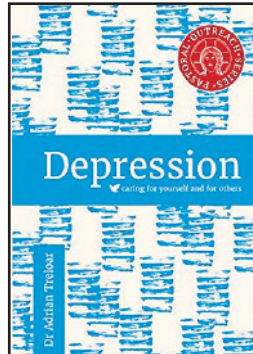
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Depression is often trivialised and sufferers told to snap out of it or pull yourself together. Yet one woman described her experience of depression, saying, I can't get away from myself and myself is hurting so much. Consultant psychiatrist Dr Adrian Treloar addresses the concerns surrounding depression. He suggests practical strategies, helping clergy and other pastoral carers to sensitively support people who are experiencing the pain of depression.



About the Author

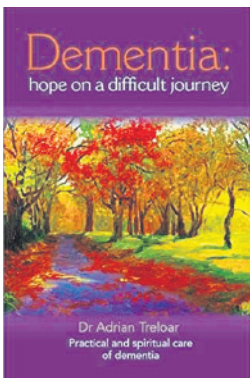
Dr Adrian Treloar has been a psychiatrist since 1989 and a Consultant and Senior Lecturer in Old Age Psychiatry since 1995. His Book Dementia: hope on a difficult journey is also available from Redemptorist Publications, Wolf's Lane, Chawton, Hants, GU34 3HQ T / 01420 592974 E / customercare@rpbooks.co.uk

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Many people with dementia whom we care for carry with them a strong Christian foundation. This book will provide some clues as to how those spiritual needs can and should be met. Legal frameworks require that we act in the best interest of those who lack mental capacity, and therefore there is at least some duty upon all professionals (of all faiths and none) to support appropriate spiritual care.

A Friendship Like No Other: Experiencing God's Amazing Embrace

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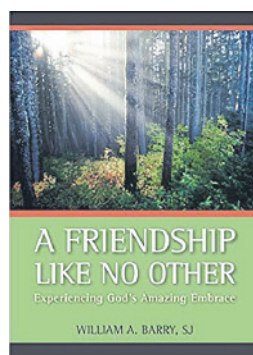
Live in the love of a God who desires a relationship with you.

Throughout A Friendship Like No Other, renowned spiritual director William A. Barry, SJ, explores the premise that God wants to relate to us as a close friend. Barry has contemplated this idea--radical for many Christians--throughout his lifetime, and he explains that it actually traces back to the "developing revelation of God contained in the Bible."

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Grounded in biblical tradition and with a clear focus on Ignatian spirituality, this book offers a fresh, heart-changing approach to living joyfully in the freedom of the divine embrace.

A Friendship Like No Other: Experiencing God's Amazing Embrace is available from www.amazon.co.uk



Pupils at St Alban's enjoy stunning new library space



Pupils at St Alban's Catholic Voluntary Academy are enjoying a new library and nurture space which has been transformed by staff at the Derby school.

The old school library has been revamped with new bookcases, books and furniture, a new carpet, blinds, newly decorated walls and vibrant literary themed displays.

Many of the older books have been sold or passed on and new books have been purchased and added to the library.

A nurture space has also been created within the library, which is an area where children who need extra emotional support can benefit from play therapy.

Deputy headteacher Kate Johnson said everyone was thrilled with the new space. She said: "We wanted to engage the children more with reading and focus on the enjoyment of reading. Children can come in here to listen to stories and they can choose their own books. You wouldn't recognise the space now compared to how it looked before. We've also timetabled classed to come in here and use the space and the older pupils are also acting as librarians. It's been really well received by the children and staff.

"The staff have worked very hard on it and our caretaker did a fantastic job of the painting. A lot of work was done over the summer and staff would come in in their spare time to finish it.

"The nurture area is great too as children can receive one-to-one support and we can focus on their emotional wellbeing through play therapy. We didn't have anything like that before. It's a friendly, safe

space and we want to build it up with more books and toys."

The makeover was driven by the school's literacy co-ordinators Lynne Leatherland and Emma Ruston-Donald.

Emma said: "We knew from talking to our pupils that the library was a space where the children felt they had to go rather than wanted to go. They would choose various books but often said that they were old or not very interesting. In a world of ipads and television, we know how important it is to actively read in order to understand and comprehend the world around us.

"Therefore, we knew we had to put reading for pleasure back at the heart of our curriculum and in order to do this we knew that we needed a space where children could engage with books, reflect on them and have conversations that would help our children see reading as enjoyment rather than something they had to do. Our pupils are much happier now that

they have a space to enjoy and a range of new, current books as well as the classics. It is also helping them build their knowledge of topics that they are learning in class.

"It took a lot of hard work but we all pulled together to build an area that we are proud of and, more importantly, our children are proud of."

Pupil Cherish Ratcliffe said she loved the new library.

She said: "It wasn't really very inviting before; it was looking a bit tired and dark and it definitely wasn't as nice as it is now.

It's a lot more inviting now and it's somewhere that you want to be. There are a lot more books that you want to read. I like reading; I like the classics."

Pupil Noah Allsopp said he enjoyed visiting the library now.

He said: "I like adventure stories and funny stories as well. One of my favourite authors is David Walliams. The new library is a nice place. Before it was a bit dull and not very inspiring. There are more spaces to read now."



Handed over dozens of items to a local foodbank

Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy students have handed over dozens of items to a local foodbank.

The whole school collected tins, packets, biscuits, drinks and sweets to donate to South Derbyshire CVS in Swadlincote.

Petra Parker, South Derbyshire CVS co-ordinator, visited the school, in Burton, and collected the items.



Student Amelia Taylor she was pleased that the school had been able to help.

She said: "I think it's great that we are helping people in our own local community."

Student Amy Belcher said she realised that everyone was not as lucky as her.

She said: "I think these donations mean a lot to people; they can change people's lives."

Acting headteacher Laura O'Leary said she was proud of her students for helping to make a difference.

She said: "Our students are always urged to think of others and support those in need. Hopefully these donations will help people in our local community who may be struggling and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed."

If you would like to support the foodbank you can find more information here: <https://sdcvs.org.uk/services/south-derbyshire-cvs-food-bank>

She said: "I'm going to take the food back and it will be sorted by our volunteers into foodbank bags for the people who are referred to us from a number of agencies. As well as giving them food we also try to help them resolve the issue that led to them being referred to us in the first place. We point them towards other support that they might need, so we're not just giving them a box of food."

Petra said that on average throughout the year they would normally see around 120 people per month visiting the foodbank but this figure can double over the festive period.

She said: "We do get an influx at this time of year. We put a present with each food package we provide to add a bit of festive sparkle."

"I think this donation is amazing. It's wonderful and I would like to say thank you to everybody who has contributed. I think it's also great that it teaches young people something of value."

Ratcliffe College Student wins Wildlife Trust 'Grand Ideas' Competition

Year 13 student Robyn Warwick has been successful with her entry in the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, 'Grand Ideas' competition, winning £1000 for the school. The money will be used to help implement Robyn's idea which is, "to crack down on single use plastics and create a culture where recycling is an everyday part of school life." Robyn's idea also focuses on helping the School cut down on food waste which, globally now accounts for 21% of all landfill! Grand Ideas is a project of the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, with the support of the Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation and #Iwill Fund – proudly supporting youth social action.

Ratcliffe College's mean green Eco Team continue their bid to become an eco-school in 2020 and achieve Green Flag status. Eco-Schools is a global programme engaging 19.5 million children, making it the largest educational programme on the planet. It empowers children to change and improve their environmental awareness through a simple Seven-Steps to achieve the international Eco-Schools Green Flag award.

With wild fires raging in Australia, and the inspiring words of Greta Thunberg in everyone's ears, none of us can be blind to



the impact of climate change. Ratcliffe have a committed and tenacious team of eco-warriors who have been working on an action plan since September 2019 to raise awareness amongst the school community about sustainable and responsible living.

A whole College Eco Committee has been established, incorporating the Nursery, Preparatory and Senior School. The committee is responsible for creating and implementing their action plan whilst working with guest speakers and sports kit providers Player Layer, who also sponsor Forest Green Rovers FC, the greenest football club in the world.

Not only this, but Ratcliffe College had their bid accepted for trees from the Woodland Trust, 30 trees will now be supplied to the school for planting in March.

Come and find out more about Ratcliffe College's Open Morning, taking place on Saturday 7th March between 9:30am – 12 noon. Book your place online so you don't miss out: www.ratcliffecollege.com/visit

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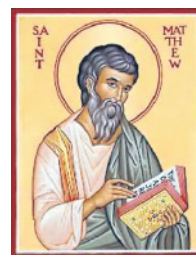
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