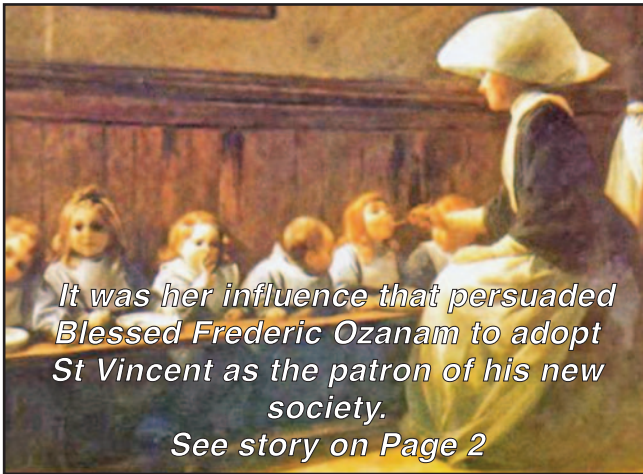




MORE THAN 23 YEARS OF BRINGING THE NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE TOGETHER

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Ten new Saints

An estimated 45,000 pilgrims from around the world gathered in St. Peter's Square at the beginning of the canonisation Mass on Sunday 15th May and tens of thousands more arrived in time for the recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer afterward, the Vatican said.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel reading from St John in which Jesus calls on his disciples to love one another "as I have loved you." Christ's call, he said, should be "the core of our own faith," a faith that recognises that "our abilities and our merits are not the central thing, but rather the unconditional, free and unmerited love of God."

The new saints are:

Devasahayam Pillai, an Indian layman born in 1712 and martyred in 1752.

César de Bus, the French founder of the Fathers of Christian Doctrine, who was born in 1544 and died in 1607.

Luigi Maria Palazzolo, Italian founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of

the Poor, who lived 1827-1886.

Giustino Maria Russolillo, Italian founder of the Society of Divine Vocations for men and the Vocationist Sisters, 1891-1955.

Charles de Foucauld, French priest and hermit, born in 1858 and killed in 1916.

Anna Maria Rubatto, Italian founder of the order now known as the Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, who lived 1844-1904.

Maria Domenica Mantovani, co-founder and first superior general of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, born in 1862 and died in 1934.

Titus Brandsma, Dutch priest and journalist, who was born in 1881 and martyred in 1942.

Carolina Santocanale, Italian founder of the Congregation of the Capuchin Sisters of the Immaculate of Lourdes, who lived 1852-1923.

Marie Rivier, French founder of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. She was born in 1768 and died in 1838



An invitation from the Bishops

This is the bread come down from heaven (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."



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This series looks at key people who helped shape the SVP

Blessed Rosalie Rendu

Over a century and a half apart, Blessed Rosalie Rendu and St Vincent are inextricably linked. It was her influence that persuaded Blessed Frederic Ozanam to adopt St Vincent as the patron of his new society. Yet there is so much more to the life and works of this remarkable woman.

Jeanne Marie Rendu was born 9 September 1786 in the Jura Mountains. Jeanne Marie was three years old when the Revolution broke out in France. From 1790 The Rendu family home became a refuge for those priests who refused to accept the civil Constitution. The penalty for this was torture and sometimes death. It was in this atmosphere of solid faith, always exposed to the dangers of denunciation, that Jeanne Marie was educated. This exceptional environment forged her character.



In the days following the Terror life resumed its normality. Jeanne Marie went to the Ursuline Sisters in Gex staying two years in this boarding school. Whilst there she discovered the hospital where the Daughters of Charity cared for the sick. She had only one desire, to go and join them. God's call, which she had sensed for many years, made itself clear: she would become a Daughter of Charity.

In 1802, Armande Jacquinet, from the village of Lancrans, confided to her friend that she was preparing to leave for Paris to enter the Company of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul. Jeanne Marie leaped at the opportunity and begged her mother to allow her to leave. Madame Rendu, happy, but very emotional at her daughter's vocation, consented to her request.

On 25 May 1802, Jeanne Marie arrived at the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris. She was nearly 17 years old! The thirst for action, devotion and service that burned within Jeanne Marie could not have found a better place to be quenched than this district of Paris. At the time, it was the most impoverished district of the quickly expanding capital: poverty in all its forms, psychological and spiritual. There disease, unhealthy slums, and destitution were the daily lot of the people who were trying to survive.

Jeanne Marie, who received the name Sr. Rosalie, made her "apprenticeship" accompanying Sisters visiting the sick and the poor. Between times, she taught catechism and reading to little girls accepted at the free school. In 1815 Sr. Rosalie became Superior of the Community. All her qualities of devotedness, natural authority, humility, compassion and her organizational abilities would be revealed. "Her poor," as she would call them, became more and more numerous during this troubled time. She sent her Sisters into all the hidden recesses of St. Médard



Sr Rosalie helping those in need.

Parish in order to bring supplies, clothing, care and a comforting word.

To assist all the suffering, Sr. Rosalie opened a free clinic, a pharmacy, a school, an orphanage, a child-care centre, a youth club for young workers and a home for the elderly without resources. Soon a whole network of charitable services would be established to counter poverty.

Her example encouraged her Sisters. She often told them: "Be a milestone where all those who are tired have the right to lay down their load." She was so simple, and lived so poorly, as to let the presence of God shine through her.

Her faith, solid as a rock and clear as a spring, revealed Jesus Christ in all circumstances. She daily experienced this conviction of St. Vincent: "You will go and visit the poor ten times a day, and ten times a day you will find God there ... you go into their poor homes, but you find God there."

Superiors sent her postulants and young Sisters to be formed. They put in her house, for a period of time, Sisters who were somewhat difficult or fragile. To one of her Sisters in crisis, she gave this advice one day, which is the secret of her life: "If you want someone to love you, you must be the first to love; and if you have nothing to give, give yourself."

Her reputation quickly grew in the capital and also beyond. Sr. Rosalie knew how to surround herself with many efficient and dedicated collaborators. The donations flowed in quickly as the rich were unable to resist this persuasive woman. Even the former royalty did not forget her in their generosity: The Ladies of Charity helped in the home visits. Bishops, priests, the Ambassador of Spain (Donoso Cortéz), Carlo X, General Cavaignac, and the most distinguished men of state and culture, even the Emperor Napoleon III, with his wife, were often seen in her parlour. Students of law, medicine, science, technology, engineering, teacher-training, and all the other important schools came seeking from Sr. Rosalie information and recommendations. Or, before performing a good work, they asked her at which door they should knock. It was only to be a matter of time before a young Frederic Ozanam and his friends were asking Sr Rosalie for help!

The second instalment of this story will appear in next month's edition.

FRANKLY SPEAKING



I have heard much about the role of women in the Church

For the first 25 years of my life I was fairly familiar with some of the many fine churches in what was then South West Lancashire. Two such outstanding places of worship were dedicated to the Mother of God and thus St Mary's, Wigan and St Mary's, Warrington are both adjacent to the town centre's of their respective towns.

When I moved to the East Midlands I was fortunate to be taken to visit the church of St Mary the Virgin in Bottesford which is tucked away in the far north-east corner of Leicestershire on the edge of the Vale of Belvoir. The church dates back to the time of William the Conqueror although the present fine structure is detailed about 120 years later. A number of special features include the tombs of six Knights of the Garter amongst others covering a large part of English history.

The Lancashire churches date from much more recent times and like many others they were constructed when Roman Catholics had their freedom restored. I am not sure how many churches are dedicated

to Saint Mary but these 3 beautiful examples surely indicate the importance of the Mother of God to all our parish communities over many years.

At a period when the news from Ukraine is so tragic with many families facing tragedy (not least mothers) the news from Westminster in the closing days of April was particularly difficult to grasp. A week of allegations on the behaviour of a small number of MP's escalated to two of them resigning and much concern about the safety of women MP's who form around 35% of the House of Commons.

During my life I have heard much about the role of women in the Church. My own mother was an Anglican Sunday School teacher who converted to the Catholic Faith in 1937. Like so many others from a working class background (her own mother was a labourer in the local colliery) she chose to serve the church and assisted both the Anglican Vicar and then the Catholic priests with equal enthusiasm. At her Requiem in 1986 there were many Anglicans present. There are many more who were driven by their personal

faith and local parish communities have been so much the better for it.

Earlier this year I wrote about the previous visit to our country of the relics of Saint Therese and a similar tour later this year when we will be honouring Saint Bernadette. Some of our parliamentary representatives would do well to study their lives. They might also reflect on the life of Saint Catherine of Siena whose feast day co-incided with those difficult and, at times, sad examples of how not to govern our country.

The Church calendar this year has the feast of Pentecost co-inciding with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen. In this most difficult year I hope readers can not only celebrate but also remember the immense bravery of the apostles that the Holy Spirit filled them with. Mary the mother of Jesus was also present.

**Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish
Newark**

The Chapter Corner



Canon Joe Wheat VG

As I write this, I have just returned from a week in Lourdes with hcpt; the Pilgrimage Trust. For those who don't know, hcpt was founded in 1956 to help disabled and disadvantaged children come on a pilgrimage holiday to the shrine during Easter week. For obvious reasons (I won't mention the 'p' word) this year was the first time since 2019 that the charity has been able to come and bring some people out to Lourdes. This first year back, 600 managed to travel, a much smaller number than the usual 5000.

It was a great week. Those who came out braved the variable weather (which included snow) to celebrate Easter and to answer the call of Mary through Bernadette to come and pray.

Lourdes has been affected more than most places by the events of the past two years. It is a town that relies on hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over the world to come and stay in the hotels, eat and drink in the cafes and buy souvenirs in the many shops. The sanctuary area around the grotto only exists to welcome pilgrims to come and pray and comes alive when there are crowds of pilgrims there. Without these people coming, the past two years must have been devastating for the town. The evidence of this is still there, with some hotels closed for good, cafes struggling for business and shops only just starting to open up again. It will be many months, even years, before Lourdes recovers and sees the crowds of pilgrims in the great numbers it is used to.

hcpt has been for many years the biggest and first pilgrimage of the season and it

always brought joy to the shrine and surrounding town. It was clear from the reaction of those in hotels, cafes and shops that they have really missed the injection of colour and song that the groups brought with them. Some people I met were moved to tears when they realised the hcpt was back

Hope is a funny thing. It is more than a cheerful optimism 'Oh it'll be ok in the end' and it is felt not just in adversity. Real hope is to trust that in God's hands and good time, the struggles we experience and difficulties life throws at us will not win. The return of hcpt and other groups to Lourdes has given people hope. I imagine that at times over the past two years, they felt that the shrine and town would never recover. Maybe we too have felt that about parish life some of us have really struggled with the lockdown experience and even now, feel that things will never be the same again.

Hope is born out of the resurrection of Jesus. His rising from the dead was the ultimate and final act of hope becoming reality. It is the triumph of light over darkness, love over hate, and it stops us from being overwhelmed by despair. Hope is not the Lord saying to us 'don't worry, just cheer up' but it is the Lord saying 'stay with me hang on in there..... I won't let you down.'

The seminary I studied at, Allen Hall, had as its motto 'Vivamus in spe' let us live in hope. May we make that our prayer and hope, as we see signs of life returning to our parishes.

Chance to visit Melton Mowbray Gardens

Sunday 12 June

For the first time, parishioners in Melton Mowbray are opening their gardens and inviting guests to visit, look round, enjoy some refreshments and browse plants and garden items for sale. There will be seven gardens open, including the church and the convent, and admission is just £5 to get in them all, with accompanied children under 16 free. All proceeds from the day will go to Friends of St John's Church, to help with the ongoing restoration and development of the church.

Event organiser Frances Levett said, "Most of these gardens are not normally open to the public, so it is a unique opportunity to view them and hopefully get some garden ideas!"

They are not all pristine, but they are all interesting and different, with each one offering a unique sensory experience. Also, our beautiful historic church of St. John the Baptist will be open, with its restored neo-Gothic decor and its link to Pugin. So we are



delighted to be offering this hospitality and we very much hope many people will come to look round Melton and visit the gardens. We are looking forward to welcoming you, and we would be grateful for your prayers for a fine sunny day!"

For tickets, a list of the open gardens and a location map please contact Frances at franceslevett@gmail.com or 07790 631635. You can book in advance, or pay on the day at any of the gardens.

Newark parishioner receives Maundy Money

Catholic News correspondent Frank Goulding admitted he was shocked to be invited to Windsor Castle to receive the Maundy Gifts on Maundy Thursday. The distribution took place during The Royal Maundy service in St Georges Chapel by HRH Prince Charles on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen,

The Prince of Wales was accompanied by The Duchess of Cornwall. Frank was accompanied by his niece Georgina from Warrington.

One man and one woman for each year of the monarchs age was chosen to receive the two purses one red and one white. This year the Red Purse contained A £5 coin and 50p coin portraying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Both coins were minted in 2022. The White Purse contained uniquely minted Maundy Money which also equals the number of years of the Monarch's age. The Royal Maundy can be traced back in England with certainty to the thirteenth century and Maundy Money started with an updated issue of hammered coinage in 1662,

The service derives its name from the Latin word "Mandatium" meaning a commandment and its opening words are Jesus said, 'I give you a new commandment.'



Leicester parish celebrates 100 years of faith

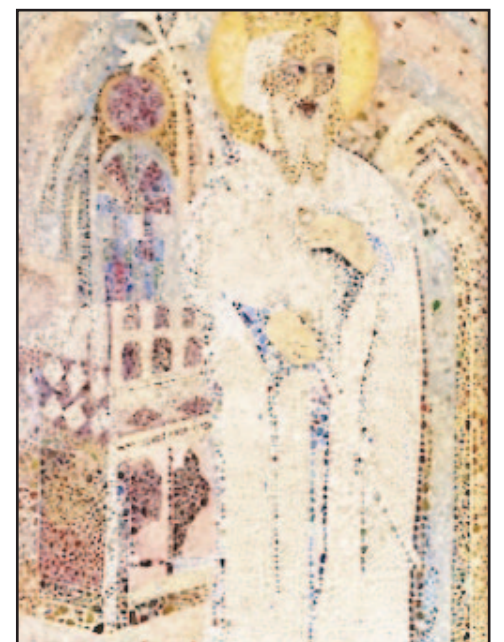
Sr Maria Juliana

Begun over a bakehouse, with a chalice bought from the proceeds of a raffle, St Edward's in Aylestone, Leicester is a pilgrim church. Families have gathered here from many places around the world to worship over the past century. To this day most parishioners still live within walking distance.

This lovely church was built in 1922 by the architect Clement Stretton. Pastored originally by the Dominican Community, it still has happy relations with Holy Cross Priory in Leicester city centre.

Sunday, May 8, at midday, saw the start of the centenary celebrations; the festival Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney was followed by an International Buffet (all St Ed's families can cook!) and A Hundred Years of Music!

Amongst other events, there will be: the Queen's Jubilee High Tea (HRH is celebrating too!) which is on June 3, a stunning Centenary Flower Festival 9-11 June, which will be open to the public from 12 midday-3 pm, a Summer Fayre, June 25, and a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Edward, Westminster Abbey, October 15.



St Edward's would love to welcome any old Edwardians, especially those who were baptised or married here and have moved on, and local or not-so-local people of all faiths who love the special atmosphere of this warm and friendly community.

Citation for Father David Forde, sixty-six years a priest in Nottingham Diocese

Back in 1999 as soon as I came to Nottingham from London within week's of introducing myself to the Irish Community and my interests in Irish culture and welfare; the names of Father (now Monsignor) Forde and Canon Timothy O'Sullivan were always mentioned. They are part of a generation of Irish born priests of which I hear people say, "we will not see their likes again," I hope we can. We are living through changing times as is the nature of history. As a keen student and observer of Irish Emigration I would like to set the historical story of these great men and women, who came to Britain in service to Church, Schools, Welfare and Culture of the Irish communities and public in which they chose to minister.

1929 was the centenary of Catholic Emancipation, with social and religious observance hand in glove, Catholic fervour could be said to have reached high pitch. Therefore, to become a priest, brother or sister was very sought after and with such substantial numbers there were many choices of seminaries and religious congregations to join. Hence the phrase on the description of a successful middle-class farmer was to 'have a water pump in the yard and a son in Maynooth.' The pontifical university in Co. Kildare with hundreds of students served most dioceses in Ireland and with such a surplus, seminaries to support Irish emigrants abroad in UK and USA were set up. One of the largest being All Hallows, in Drumcondra, just outside of Dublin, as you drive towards the airport. Many Irish men and women had a particular longing to serve as missionaries abroad and sought out

religious orders and settled far away from home. Their story of education and healthcare provision in Africa, India and the Far East has yet to be fully told. Many of our newly arrived priests are testament to that tradition, as they return to minister here in Britain and Ireland.

So, at the age of twenty, All Hallows was where the young David Forde entered for his six years of priestly training. He had left the leafy mixed farm of his father and mother in beautiful rural Glenville, Co Cork, where he was born in 1930. He was ordained for the diocese of Nottingham on the 17th of June 1956.

Fast forward to 2016 when the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (a fellow Cork man) introduced him to Pope Francis on the 60th anniversary of his ordination. "I got a bit closer to the Pope as there were few of us with a sixty-year service, with 50th and 25th anniversaries being celebrated also." What adorns Father Forde's home today are the three papal blessings of his own 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries. He lives now with good friendly care in Rise Park, a part of the city he knows well.

So, what happened in those sixty years of priesthood. Fr. David told me that one of the public highlights of his life was when in 1978 the Anglican Bishop of Lincoln invited other religious communities to celebrate their liturgy in the spacious cathedral. Nottingham Diocese and Derry born Bishop McGuinness accepted the offer and pilgrims came from all over the East Midlands (Nottingham Diocese largest geographically in UK) in their

thousands to celebrate Mass, first time since the Reformation.



Celebrating Mass with the Holy Father on occasion of the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

Everyone who knows Father Forde will rightly have their own memories of him and his years of service; whether it be six years curate in Leicester, Parish Priest at Syston, twenty years in Lincoln (much of which was with prisoners there). Called by Bishop McGuinness to be Administrator in the Cathedral followed by years in priestly and pastoral service in Bulwell and Hucknall.

In my knowing of him it must be as Patron of the 23-year-old Nottingham St. Patrick's Festival and gently guiding, advising, and encouraging us for all those years. Therefore, when his native county and city was chosen to twin with Nottingham City Council (originally in 2019, but unable to celebrate until 2022), he was our automatic choice as Grand Marshall.

Father Forde told me he had met some great public and church servants in all his years in

the East Midlands and "I have been blessed." I got to make him laugh when I regaled a story told to me of the young curate at one of the fundraising dances and concerts back in the early 1960's to raise funds for fledgling schools and churches, where he had to call on his priestly 'authority' with over enthusiastic patrons at dances.

"I became friends with some great footballers like Frank McLintock, Jimmy Walsh, Alex Dowell and many Irish entertainers who were extremely helpful to us in those days, good memories, Gerry "

**Gerry Molumby
The Irish Post UK**



St Augustine, Stamford hosts Wajir Fundraising event after long covid let off

On Saturday 23rd April, St Mary and St Augustine Parish Hall located at the heart of Stamford welcomed back local fundraising events with open arms. The Wajir event in aid of the mission out in Northern Kenya on the Ethiopian boarder was the drive for the event. The hall has seen several years of being unable to host such events due to the covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns. Despite this time away the event saw great success with over £1750 raised throughout the evening.



Father Peter Vellicott talks with the guests while enjoying food and a glass of wine

A wide variety of Filipino dishes were served, including pancit (Philippine noodle stir fry) and beef rendang (curry). The spread was made possible thanks to the efforts of Myrna,

a local resident. The raffle and auction were both a success during the occasion. Due to the generous donations from attendees, the organisers were able to raise far more money than they had originally hoped to. Each and every one of the raffle items was generously contributed to the cause in order to maximise the amount of money raised for the good cause.

One of the event organisers Wendy Mitchell expressed her thanks to the parish community, saying, "It was a great success because people were so generous in supporting us and we raised £1700 for the charity including a raffle, ticket sales and beverages. We were incredibly blessed that one Parishioner provided all the catering for the event."



Local parishioners help themselves to the Filipino cuisine, courtesy of Myrna

Over 60 parishioners attended the event, which provided as a great opportunity to reunite the local community after a two-year hiatus. Parishioners from three different masses were able to rekindle old friendships and ties in this socially welcoming setting. All of the hall's walls were covered in brightly coloured artwork created by students from St. Augustine School. Mrs Cox, her staff and the students of St Augustine school are developing connections with the mission in Wajir. The school would like to link with the children of Father John's Catholic Primary School which will provide a unique opportunity to enhance the lives of pupils in both schools.

Mitchell told us about the history behind the event, highlighting, "Pat Gallagher has supported the work of Wajir Mission for more than 40 years and Parishioners of St Mary and St Augustine church have been incredibly generous over the decades. The Wajir Mission supports people in a very deprived area of North East Kenya. We know exactly where the funds are going as the Nuns who run the mission provide us with details of what they have spent our donations on. The Wajir Mission was registered as an official UK charity in 2019. I am one of the three Trustees."

Members of the parish have visited Wajar in the past to analyse how the funds earned are



Parishioners stand in front of one of the many pieces of art created by the students of St Augustine school

dispersed to various purposes first hand. As a primary focus, the funds are used to pay for girls' education and other necessities like school uniforms and books and supplies. Mitchell expressed her happiness at being able to bring people back together, "the main success was the fun of bringing people together again. Some people hadn't been out for two years and it was lovely to have the parish and other supporters of the charity together again."

Anyone wishing to support Wajar can contact the mission through contacting St Augustine's Parish or Primary School

What can parishes provide for people who are Deaf?

Shell Roca

Michelle Roca, Director of Caritas Deaf Service writes for Deaf Awareness Week: "There are no Deaf people in my Diocese" - a response that I got from a Diocesan deacon when I asked him about provision for Deaf people in his area. I was on a pilgrimage to Lourdes some years ago and that response has stuck with me. Of course, his response was utter rubbish, there are definitely Deaf people in his Diocese (which for the purpose of this article should probably remain nameless!) There are Deaf people in every Diocese, there are Deaf people in all walks of life and if we do not see Deaf people in our parishes and Dioceses, then it is us that needs to change and make sure that our places of worship are welcoming and accessible to Deaf people.



Image courtesy Caritas Deaf Service

Last week, a huge milestone was reached, British Sign Language (BSL) was given legal recognition as an official language in the UK. This is 19 years after BSL was first accepted to be a real language. Change can be slow to happen, but more people are beginning to see Deaf BSL users and interpreters as part of everyday life. The main response from the Deaf people in Westminster Diocese, who took part in the recent Synod discussions, was the need for more interpreters so that Mass and the life of the church is accessible to them. Deaf Catholics want to practice their faith, contribute to their parish and be fully part of Catholic Church.

Deaf people have a huge amount to offer the wider Catholic Community and we all have a great deal we can learn from the Deaf people. Whether it is about our faith or about other skills, like learning to adapt quickly, problem solving and educating others; issues that Deaf people deal with every day - we can learn a huge amount, if we are open and welcoming to Deaf people.

There are many skilled Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people throughout every Diocese. Maybe amongst those people is someone who can help you in your parish? Imagine you are looking for someone to help with the parish online newsletter. When you announce at Mass you are looking for someone to help, you don't have an interpreter present, the request is not included in the written newsletter and the hearing loop is not switched on. In those circumstances, approximately 1 in 6 people within your congregation will not know you have made that request. The same could be true if you are looking for someone to drive the minibus (and yes before anyone queries this, Deaf people can drive!). There are many roles in the parish that Deaf or hard of hearing people could volunteer for, if you make your request accessible.

So what can you do in your parish?

- Make sure that your hearing loop is working and that everyone who speaks uses the microphone. Having a loud voice is not substitute for an effective hearing loop. When using the microphone, keep your head still; if you move your head from side to side, when speaking using a fixed microphone, those relying on the hearing loop will only hear part of what you say.

- Provide a printed copy of all the announcements and the homily too. If your parish priest does not write his homily beforehand, maybe someone in your congregation knows shorthand and could provide any Deaf or hard of hearing people with a transcript?

- Make sure there is good lighting so that anyone who is lipreading can clearly see people's faces. Lights should not be behind people's heads as this creates a shadow; make sure the light is on the face of the person speaking or reading.

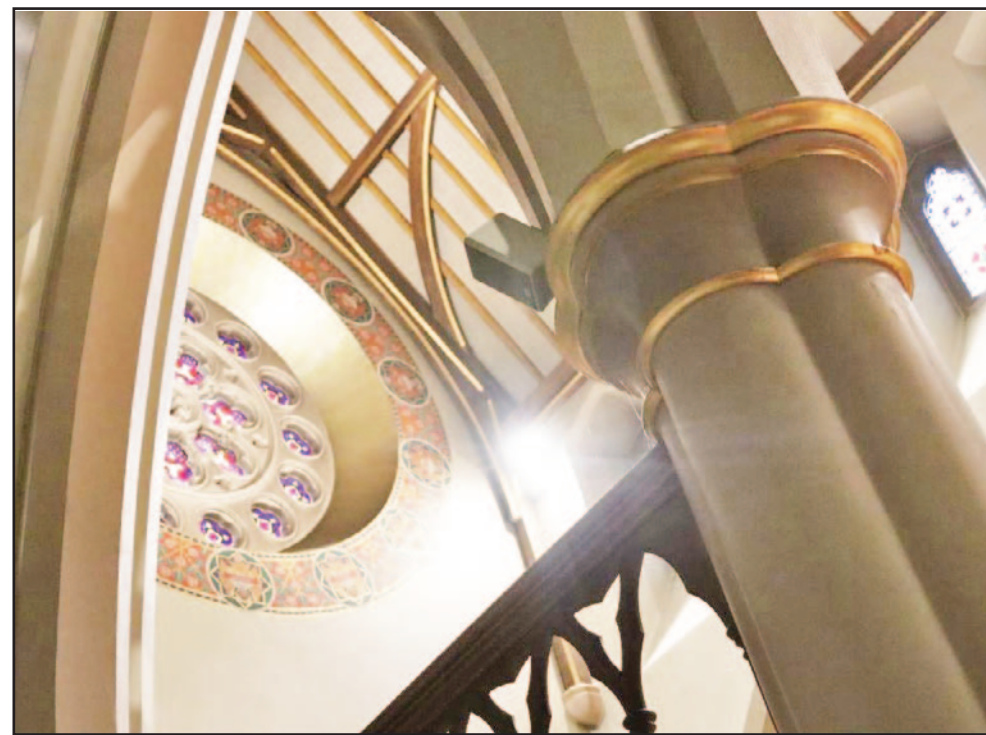
- Have a BSL interpreter at Mass; BSL is a beautiful language to pray and worship in. An interpreter at Mass means Deaf people can be part of the Mass. Have a Deaf person sign a reading or the bidding prayers (interpreters change BSL into English as well as English into BSL!) Many hearing people find having signing at Mass enhances their experience. Children at Mass love to learn their prayers in sign language. Deaf people in your parish will be happy to share their language with you all.

As many have experienced from the recent Synodal process, listening to others has a positive and humbling effect, and strengthens people's faith. This Deaf Awareness week therefore, be open to listening to the Deaf and hard of hearing people in your parish or Diocese and invite them to help you shape your plans for the future.

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Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgment that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply.

We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the



Celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee at Nottingham Cathedral

2nd June 2022

On Thursday 2nd June 2022, the Catholic Diocese of Nottingham are kickstarting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend with a concert in her honour, at Nottingham Cathedral. At the invitation of Bishop Patrick McKinney, civic dignitaries including the Lord Lieutenant Sir John Peace, will be in attendance and it promises to be a joyful musical celebration marking the extraordinary life and service of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Speaking ahead of the event, the bishop shared his delight 'that we can host this exciting concert at Nottingham Cathedral as a way of expressing our admiration for Queen Elizabeth in this her Platinum Jubilee Year.'

Conducted by Gregory Treloar, Director of Music for the Diocese of Nottingham, the concert features a selection of royal themed pieces, including Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' and Mozart's 'Coronation Mass K.317.' It will also include music by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry and a number of 'Last Night of the Proms' favourites.

The evening has a distinctly ecumenical flavour drawing together a number of local choirs: Nottingham Cathedral Choir, Derby Cathedral Choir, St Andrew's with Castle Gate Choir and Nottingham Cathedral Boys' and Girls' Choirs. It will also feature the award-winning Helix Ensemble, an orchestral group of musicians from across the East Midlands and Mr Alexander Binns, Director of Music at Derby Cathedral on the Organ.

In the midst of preparations for the concert, Gregory commented, 'I am really excited to be joining forces with local churches and musicians in what promises to be a joyful event on a scale we haven't see at the Cathedral for quite some time, due to the pandemic. At a time of national celebration, it is great to be welcoming people from across the city, county and diocese to celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable life of service.' Tickets start at £8.00 and include a glass of wine/soft drink in the beautiful Cathedral gardens during the interval. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation.

Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we recognise gratefully the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound.

We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes, schools

and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence.

In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person. The Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives.

Around our diocese



Thank you to all the children from Our Lady and St Edward's Catholic Academy who joined with Bishop Patrick for Mass recently . Bishop Patrick said 'You read confidently, sang beautifully and to have so many altar servers was a wonderful way to celebrate Vocation Sunday. Thank you Fr Simon too for joining us. Be ready to answer God's call!'



Bishop Patrick welcomed the visit of some Buddhist monks to St Barnabas Cathedral

Class 4 pupils at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour primary school have been celebrating the resurrection of Jesus by creating artwork. These were taken home to spread the good news!



A beautiful day was had by many, with huge numbers of individuals, families and local school students gathering at Beauvale Priory for the annual diocesan pilgrimage.



Parishioners enjoy the Melwood Pilgrimage in honour of St Augustine Webster, one of the 40 Martyrs and a Prior of the Carthusian Priory at Melwood/Axholme in north Lincolnshire.

Group 2 of St Joseph's Parish Shirebrook First Holy Communion children have now made their First Holy Communion - a lovely occasion.



Making good use of our 'lockdown decorated' parish hall CTK Alfreton #Derbyshire for monthly 3 course lunch . Cabaret provided by The Three Amigos with apologies to Les Dawson , Terry Wogan and Boy Dylan!



Children's Good Friday Service

The Good Shepherd Church,
Woodthorpe, Nottingham

Our annual children's Good Friday Service returned with great anticipation this year after the significant impact of the pandemic effecting all aspects of our church life for the last two years. Over 30 children from the parish met for an hour before the service to rehearse readings, prayers, songs and a beautiful liturgical dance. The children represented all ages of our parish and all groups – the youngest being three years old from our children's liturgy group through to our confirmation young people, who were integral in supporting and leading our younger members. Over 100 people participated in watching this moving and very beautiful service – with the main focus as the Stations of the Cross. The spirit of the event carried on after the service where all families sampled hot cross buns in our vibrant social centre. Thank you to all who supported our wonderful event and for giving so generously of their time to help others in their Easter journey to meet our risen Lord.

Rachael Boyce



Patronal Good Shepherd Feast Day Celebration



A lovely Sunday brunch was enjoyed by parishioners at the Good Shepherd Church on Sunday 8 May, to celebrate Good Shepherd feast day.

alongside a hot breakfast of bacon, sausage and hash browns which was quickly consumed by the attendance of over 80 of the parishioners.

It has always been Canon Philipp's wish to come together as a community and enjoy brunch, especially after Covid restrictions prevented us from doing so the last couple of years.

The food, the mood and the company was wonderful, with great joy. Thank you to all you supported this feast day as well as those who prepared and made it possible. God bless.

The brunch menu consisted of a delicious selection of muffins, danish and fruit

Submitted on behalf of the Good Shepherd Church, Arnold



Young parishioners and Christ the King School pupils received First Holy Communion at Alfreton recently. Fr. Paul gave special tribute to the teachers and catechists (Pope Francis recently deemed 'as an institutional ministry in the Church'), who prepared the children in year.

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Synthesis Team begins work on Synod submission to Rome

Source: CBCEW

The Diocesan Syntheses, the 'local' part of the Synodal process, were submitted to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the Friday before Holy Week as part of the two-year process requested by Pope Francis for the Catholic Church.

Now, having received each document from the dioceses, along with submissions from national Catholic organisations and other bodies, a National Synthesis Team has started work discerning and drafting the national synthesis for England and Wales that will be sent to the Synod Office in Rome by 15 August 2022.

The Team met from 27-28 April to begin its work so that an 'initial findings' report can be given to the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference. The work will continue between now and 1 June when a national synod gathering of bishops and lay people who helped produce the submissions received by the Conference will take place in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. A first draft of the national synthesis will be considered on this day.

Taking into account the reflections, thoughts and conversations in Southwark, the National Synthesis Team will continue its work and present a second draft of the national synthesis in May 2022 to an additional Plenary Assembly of the Bishops' Conference for their consideration.

Following this meeting, to be held on 28 June in Westminster, a final draft will be presented



l-r: Dr Mark Nash, Canon Christopher Thomas, Miss Kate Wilkinson, Sr Elaine Penrice fsp, Mr Dominic Belli, Miss Sarah Adams, Fr Jan Nowotnik, Dr Austen Ivereigh and Dr Mary McCaughey

to the Bishops for their assent for submission to Rome by the 15 August deadline. Members of the National Synthesis Team are:

Miss Sarah Adams, Director of the Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation, Diocese of Clifton (Serving Wiltshire, Avon, Somerset and Gloucestershire)

Mr Dominic Belli, Diocese of Menevia
Dr Austen Ivereigh, Catholic journalist, author, commentator and biographer of Pope Francis

Dr Mary McCaughey, Lecturer in Theology and Director of Studies, St Mary's College, Oscott

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Sr Elaine Penrice fsp, Daughter of St Paul, Director of the National Office for Vocation
Rev Canon Christopher Thomas, General Secretary, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Miss Kate Wilkinson, Archdiocese of Liverpool

Episcopal oversight of this work will be given by:

Archbishop John Wilson, Southwark
Bishop Marcus Stock, Leeds

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fix the food system

Catholic parishes and schools are being invited to help 'Fix the Food System' with CAFOD this year.

Of the 800 million people in the world facing hunger, two thirds of them are agricultural workers. So there's a very real chance that the people who produce our food do not have enough food themselves.

CAFOD is launching a new campaign called Fix the Food System. It's about the way the world produces food and how powerful companies ('agribusiness') affect small-scale farmers who try to make a living from what they can grow.

Things aren't right

The way we grow and distribute food is broken. People go hungry while the planet suffers, and the climate crisis makes the situation even worse. Massive use of pesticides and fertilisers damages the soil, water and biodiversity. Forests and rainforests are cut down or burned to make

huge areas available for rearing cattle for meat and dairy or to grow soya to feed the animals that we want to eat. There is a lot of wastage, and huge areas of land are used in the production of crops for profit, often for export to rich nations. Did you know that the food and agriculture sector is responsible for one third of harmful greenhouse gas emissions? We have to make big changes to the global food system.

There is a better way

CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator, Mark Maughan added: "Different food systems that are good for people and good for the planet can produce abundant results. We know this because communities around the world, including some that CAFOD works with, are proving it, so it is up to us to support this."

In Bangladesh, farmer Alpona Mondal knows how organic farming has changed her life: "We had not realised just how big a mistake we had made by moving away from the

traditional ways of farming of our forefathers. We had become disconnected from nature, but now we are going back to it again. Our village has become a lot greener and healthier after so many of us shifted to organic farming, and the soil has greatly improved. This has had a big impact on the nutrition and health of the families living in this village."

Be part of the solution

CAFOD's Fix the Food System campaign is calling on the UK government to support these alternative food systems, rather than continuing to mainly support agribusiness. Parishes and schools can take part in the campaign with activities designed to delve into these issues. In parishes, people can join a 7-station journey. Join our campaign and encourage your fellow parishioners at cafod.org.uk/food

We are asking schools to tell the government to step up to the plate and fix the food system. Explore our resources, watch our animation and join our campaign at cafod.org.uk/schools



Province 15 Public Speaking is alive and well!

After two years during which a live event was not possible, Province 15 was thrilled to host eight schools for their prestigious Public Speaking Contest which was held recently. Once again, we were made very welcome by Ratcliffe College who offered us the use of their facilities for the afternoon. In addition to the live "performance" the contest was broadcast live on YouTube.

There was a special sense of occasion as the Chair of our committee, Phil Yeomans, walked to the podium to welcome the contestants, their parents and supporters, and the enthusiastic Catenians from across Province, who had gathered in the wood-panelled Refectory. He then invited Bishop Ralph Heskett (Hallam Diocese) to open the proceedings with a prayer.

Once again, the contestants excelled themselves, speaking on a diverse range of topics, ranging from how hard it is to be an adult to a thoughtful consideration of how easily freedom is won or lost (particularly relevant as the situation in Ukraine was building up at the time), both challenging and entertaining us with their arguments and sharp wit. An hour or so later, our MC, Peter Crowe, drew the first half to a close and the time had flown. As we went through for refreshments, there was a palpable buzz with lively conversations about the speeches and who was the preferred winner.

As we resumed for the second half, in his remarks about the Contest, Bishop Patrick McKinney (Nottingham Diocese) commented

on the good work undertaken by the Bursary Fund in supporting Young people to achieve personal goals and to help others and went on to thank the Association for its support of FLAME, the national event for young people. He commented on the contestants' "eloquence, passion, concern for justice, inspiration" and how these ideas had played out through the speeches which "appealed to our hearts as well as our minds". He recognised their "fire in the belly to make the world a better place" which gives older members of the audience hope for the future. The chair of the adjudication panel, His Honour Judge Sean Hale, was very ably assisted by Richard Brucciani OBE and Mike Heath. Their task in coming to a decision was not easy since the standard was very high again this year. However, their winner was Amelia Monteiro from St Mary's Catholic High School, Chesterfield who had spoken about how "Eccentrics will succeed at life", beginning and ending her speech with a quotation in Klingon (the fictional language of the arch-nemesis of Star Trek's Captain Kirk, the Klingons).

Amelia was presented with her prize and certificate by Brother Dave Perry of Derby Circle, Provincial President this year. The school trophy was then presented to her teacher Ms Calladine who had only finished polishing it before returning it after the 2021 contest.

The final video of the contest is available for anyone to watch by clicking through on this link: https://youtu.be/_pUeoGVAXWs



Dave Perry presents the winner's prize to Amelia



Dave Perry with the three prize winners (l to r: Holly Clark [Ratcliffe College, 2nd place]; Dave Perry P15 Provincial Preseident; Amelia Monteiro [St Mary's Chesterfield, 1st prize]; Caitlin Holmes [St Benedict's Derby, 3rd prize]



The eight contestants with Bishop Ralph and Bishop Patrick

"THE FIVE WOUNDS OF THE CHURCH"

by Blessed Antonio Rosmini

It was Pope Innocent IV (1243-1254) who first used the image of the "crucified Church" to highlight the great problems of the Church during his troubled times.

Few would deny that the "boat of Peter" is being tossed today by menacing waves which generate confusion, disillusion, anxieties, and rejection. Pope Francis's call on the universal Church to discuss the wounds afflicting the Church and to recommend remedies by means of a process of "synodality" is a confirmation of the dignity of every baptized person whereby he/she is vested with the duty and responsibility to participate actively in making visible to everyone the intrinsic beauty of the Church.

"The Five Wounds of Holy Church" is undoubtedly the most famous of Blessed Rosmini's books, in which he notes defects and abuses in the Church, in a twofold spirit of great suffering and undying hope. Saddened by the inevitable shortcomings of people in the church, he believed and trusted with complete certainty in the infinite power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church.

Rosmini wrote it in 1832, but he did not publish it, "the time did not seem ripe". In 1846, a new Pope was elected, Pius IX "who seems destined to renew our age and give the Church the impetus for a new glorious stage of unimaginable development". Rosmini published it in 1848 for a circle of friends "who have shared my sorrow, and now look forward with

me in hope". It was issued immediately in other editions, against Rosmini's wishes, by pirate publishing firms. It had a swift and wide diffusion. There was also an English edition of the book published in London, translated by an Anglican canon.

Rosmini was asked by Pope Pius IX, who was under immense pressure from some of Rosmini's opponents, to clarify his teaching on the following suspected opinions found in the Five Wounds: 1- The divine right of clergy and people in the election of their bishop; 2- The use of the vernacular in the Liturgy; 3- His criticism of the formation of the clergy; 4- The interference of States in the affairs of the Church. Rosmini clarified all points and sent written papers to the Pope, to no avail: people at the papal court made sure that no letter from Rosmini ever reached the Pope. At the end, in 1849, the book was condemned by the Congregation of the Index, and was placed on the Index of Forbidden Books, where it remained until 1950. The book was widely known to the Bishops of Vatican II, and many of the ideas of the book found their way into the final Documents of the Council. Pope Paul VI called the Five Wounds a "prophetic book", well ahead of its time.

"The Five Wounds of the Church" is a precious theological book on the Church which Rosmini loved with all his heart. Abandoning the technical and dry language of the theological schools of the time, he adopted the passionate and warm language of the Bible

and of the Fathers of the Church. Here are some important points which have been taken up by Vatican II and subsequent Papal Documents: a) The living union of clergy and laity in the one People of God; b) The active and intelligent participation of all in the Liturgy; c) Christianity as a "supernatural" reality and mystery; d) The centrality of Scripture and Sacraments; e) The return to Tradition and to the Fathers of the Church; f) The necessity of a formation of the clergy which conjoins learning with holy life; g) The collegiality of Pope and Bishops, with the Pope as the Head of the Collegium; h) The renewed awareness amongst Christians of the Bishop as Father and Shepherd of the local Church, in close union with the Pope and Bishops worldwide; i) The presence and the consultation of the People of God (clergy and laity) in the election of their Shepherd, the Bishop; j) The responsibility of the whole People of God for the Church; k) The freedom of the Church from political powers and earthly riches; l) The real poverty of Bishops and Clergy, chosen as a vocation; m) The work of charity of the Church for the poor to whom the riches of the Church partly belong.

If you wish to know more about The Five Wounds of the Church and its relevance for the Church of today, come to the Rosmini Centre, 433 Fosse Way, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, LE7 4SJ for a first lecture on Tuesday 31st May at 7pm, and for two more lectures in June. For details, see the ad on this page.

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(Blessed Rosmini's powerful examination of the Five Wounds of the Crucified Church, including the poor participation and understanding of Mass and Sacraments, the insufficient formation of the Clergy, the disunity among the Bishops, the interference in the election of Bishops, and the use of money and power within the Church. Many of the wounds of the Church today find a clear explanation in the reasons produced by Rosmini in his book, as well as the recommended remedies).

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Bishops issue statements on migration

Jo Siedlecka

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales held their plenary meeting in Cardiff from 2 - 6 May 2022. This was the first full plenary meeting in Wales since November 2004. At the end of their meeting the Bishops issued statements on migration and on the return to Mass after the pandemic. Other issues discussed were the food crisis and cost of living, the Synodal process, the forthcoming tour of the relics of St Bernadette and the environment. There were also reports on the work of Stella Maris and Missio.



for travelling, have the opportunity to tell their story, be listened to and have their cases assessed justly. We keep in mind that there is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right."

Those seeking refuge in the UK should be provided with safe routes for travelling, have the opportunity to tell their story, be listened to and have their cases assessed justly. We keep in mind that there is no illegal asylum seeker; to claim asylum is a human right."

During an online press conference today, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said: "This was the first opportunity we've had in a while to discuss the migrant issue." He pointed out that there was a "mismatch" between the generosity shown by the British public in response to the scheme for families to take in Ukrainian refugees - and the slowness with which visa applications are being processed. Afghan refugees are still being kept in hotels, he pointed out. The upcoming Nationalities and Borders Bill could lead to migrants being deported.

The Cardinal said: "We support a concerted effort against human trafficking, but let's not punish their victims... Those seeking refuge in the UK should be provided with safe routes

Catenians Donate 150 Rosaries and Prayer Cards to St Mary's School Derby



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Derby were thrilled to receive a gift of 150 Rosaries from the Catenians. Their generosity means that the children who attend the Monday Rosary Club will now have matching Rosaries again, as the previous ones were lost in the devastating fire of October 2020. Plus, Year groups can now pray the Rosary together.

Book Reviews



The Self-Care Squad Journal Amy

Claire Veritas: €16.99
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Although it was very obvious before, the pandemic has thrown into sharp focus the necessity to view the maintenance and growth of mental health as an active process. We are all probably more knowledgeable about and aware of the ways in which we can take action for the benefit of our physical health and this book helps support young people to view mental health in exactly the same way: something that needs attention and time. The book is beautifully presented and designed. Although marketed at teens and pre-teens (as the blurb on the back rightly states) anyone could enjoy and benefit from gradually making it a treasured possession. The techniques on offer (including mindfulness, gratitude-journaling, goal-setting, affirmations) can no longer be dismissed as faddy or lacking in substance. This is all stuff that has a firm evidence base in the growing field of positive psychology. This is the area of psychology that focuses not on the pathology of when things go wrong, but



instead researches the conditions needed for human thriving: shifting focus away from worries, wants or comparison with others to what we have to be grateful for; having a purpose and sense of working towards something bigger than ourselves (this may or may not be faith-based); the ability to live in the present moment rather than wasting time on regrets from the past or anxieties about the future; being kind and of service to others. Just like we need to train our bodies if we want to make them stronger and more resilient, our minds need to be trained to counteract an inbuilt human tendency to skip over the good and focus on the bad. The good news is that our young people are becoming increasingly conversant in the language of emotional well-being and mental health and are undoubtedly already several steps ahead of older generations. I would recommend this book as a beautiful resource to support anyone's journey and as a stimulus to find out more about the research that lies behind the techniques on offer. Catherine Mallard Headteacher: St Begh's Catholic Junior School, Whitehaven. About the Author: Amy Claire is a career and mindset coach at The Coaching Programme. She has a BA in industrial design and business, and a diploma in executive coaching and stress management. Amy is the author of The 3-Minute Gratitude Journal, Coaching through Covid and Beyond, and The Ultimate Coaches Companion Toolkit. Available from: <https://www.veritasbooksonline.com/self-care-squadjournal-9781847309860-46350/>

Travelling on Titanic with Father Browne

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Francis [Frank] Browne was a Jesuit training to be a priest when he boarded Titanic on 10th April 1912 at Southampton for her maiden voyage. He had a single first class ticket to Cobh (Queenstown), gifted to him by his uncle. He would have needed permission from his Provincial Superior to go, as he was in the middle of his theological studies at Milltown Park, Dublin. More importantly, though, in the circumstances that followed, he had a camera, and was an expert photographer. The story goes that an American millionaire couple, who were on the same table as Browne, offered him a ticket to go all the way to America on that maiden voyage. They sent a telegram to Dublin to his Jesuit Provincial. When Browne arrived at Cobh, he found a reply: GET OFF THAT SHIP – PROVINCIAL. So he lived to tell the tale, was ordained priest in 1915, and, among other assignments, was a chaplain in the First World War. In 1920 he completed his Titanic album, which comprises 63 pages, with a total of 159 photographs, press cuttings and other printed memorabilia.



This book celebrates the 110th anniversary of Titanic's fatal voyage, and is a unique amalgam of photos and stories, beautifully presented in large format, with some of the black and white originals turned into colour. From the moment he stepped on the boat train at Waterloo to his landing at Cobh, this volume follows him pretty well everywhere throughout the ship, giving a bird's-eye view of this fateful first voyage of this magnificent ship.

The Jesuit author has been associated as curator of the work of Frank Browne ever since the 1985 discovery of the 42,000 neatly dated and captioned negatives in a much-travelled trunk. This is now the fourth edition of his fascinating and well-researched work. You will not find a better volume, its ten chapters full of the Titanic legend. And, had the Provincial not sent that telegram, there would have been no book! There are only a dozen other photos taken by maiden voyagers, by the Odell family, who also disembarked at Cobh. As Titanic left Cobh on 11th April 1912, Frank Browne sent one of the last photos he took of the magnificent vessel to the Odells.

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St Charles church in Hadfield are preparing to welcome our first refugees from Ukraine

Sue Hoolahan

Plans are in place to host a support group on Saturday mornings for people of faith or no faith. We are lucky to have a Ukrainian parishioner already, and her help will be invaluable to enable us to communicate. Some hosts have been waiting almost 2 months for their guests visas to be granted and are praying that the system will be speeded up to help them escape such a stressful situation. It was hoped that our beautiful Easter flowers would still be alive to welcome them, but unfortunately it is not to be.



King's Lynn celebrates a foundation and a prophecy

Eldred Willey

Our Lady of the Annunciation in King's Lynn is soon to mark the 125th anniversary of its foundation and of the restoration of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Bishop Alan Hopes will be celebrating a Mass in King's Lynn at 12 noon on Friday June 10 to mark the historic anniversary.

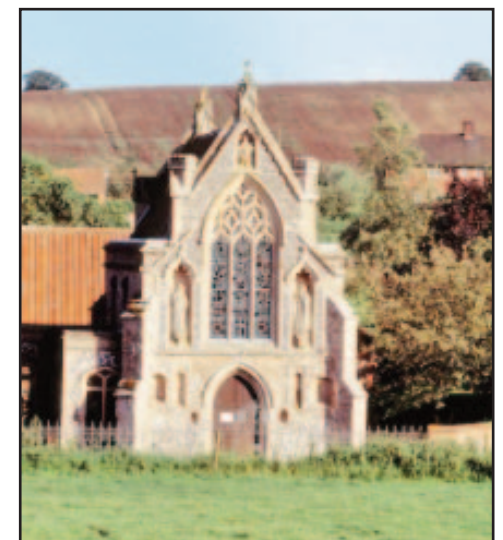
The year 1897 was when Pope Leo XIII made a prophecy concerning Our Lady's Shrine, which was initially restored in King's Lynn and then moved to Walsingham.

As Pope Leo signed the rescript for the Restoration of Our Lady's Shrine he said, "When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England."

A newsletter from the Shrine in Walsingham comments on the significance of his words: "The presence of Our Lady of Walsingham invites us all to meditate on the missionary role of Our Lady of Walsingham for the re-evangelisation and conversion of England.

"Catholic England is yet to truly awaken to this call. Many thousands during the Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham greeted Our Blessed Mother of Walsingham in the various English Catholic Cathedrals, and hundreds of thousands have gone on pilgrimage to her hallowed Shrine in Walsingham. What remains is for all Catholics of all parishes in England, Mary's Dowry to acknowledge her and the great calling upon them as Catholics of England, Mary's Dowry.

"For it is only when Catholics awaken and become holy that we can hope for the conversion of the entire Realm."



The Slipper Chapel

Corpus Christi

*Before you we come
Naked in our poverty
Exposed, vulnerable
God and man meet
And into the
Sacred space between
Hands outstretch in welcome
Lips open in anticipation
Yearning patiently to receive
What only you can promise
A feast of perfect love
Holy Communion*

By Jo Franks



Faith for the future

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This article is an extract from Dr Paul Dixon's forthcoming book, *The Road Pilgrim*. Over the coming months we shall be publishing extracts. For more details, email: info@theroadpilgrim.com

The Road Pilgrim

Part Four - Lorries, Cyclists and Buses



Lorries:
‘How’s My Driving?’ signs on commercial vehicles are a common sight nowadays. People report driving behaviour causing concern, and hopefully praise examples of good driving too. Various telematics devices also monitor driver behaviour, providing feedback to bosses and insurance companies. Feedback is all the rage.

Shoppers are pestered with, ‘How Did We Do?’ Educational managers analyse student comments about teachers, while restaurants anxiously check customer reviews. Fair and constructive criticism is helpful, as well as affirmation and praise. Nowadays, however, we seem to be living in a chronic complainers’ paradise.

How is your driving on the highway of life? The irony in our feedback-complaining culture is that many people are uninterested in discovering how well they are living. ‘How’s My Living?’ signs! Now there’s a thought. People are often deaf to the voice of God (Love) speaking in the silence of their hearts. This is the feedback that really matters if you

wish to drive better on the highway of life. What feedback is God sending you?

Cyclists:
The ‘Daisy Bell’ folk song speaks of two lovers joyfully riding a bicycle made for two. ‘Daisy! Daisy!’ Have you ever ridden a tandem? A key challenge perhaps is deciding who is at the front and who is at the back. The nature of a tandem is for someone to do the steering. Like lovers on a tandem, marriage is a partnership of equals—both can wear the Lycra if you see what I mean. Yet, both tandem and marriage need someone to lead and someone in support for a harmonious journey.

Are you on life’s precious tandem? If so, which seat do you occupy? Perhaps you and your partner swap seats if and when circumstances require. What is crucial is that whoever is riding rear saddle also peddles—especially on the uphill—and looks in the same direction as, and leans with, the front rider. Without loving teamwork, the marriage-tandem is little more than two unicycles in disguise.

On a tandem ride, two lovers stopped to visit a picturesque little church. They signed the visitors’ book and wrote: We arrived on a tandem: one in front, one behind, God in charge. When God shares the journey, it matters not where one sits.

Buses:
The journey of life is a bus journey; getting on—birth, getting off—death, life itself existing before and after our brief ride. Most will not know how close they are to life’s exit; the wheels simply stop, the bus journeying on without us. Clearly, for those with many miles on the clock, time is short. In future mourning, will there be a recalling of missed

opportunities to have shared a little more on life’s journey?

The unborn wait with their ticket to get on-board. Will others make room? Will there be disabled access? Will colour of skin, gender, or diminished potential, mean that others refuse to let them on? In addition, some might ring the bell on their own life. In the worst cases, travellers push fellow travellers off.

You are still on the bus. When your exit stop arrives, I hope you can look back and see that you tried, albeit imperfectly, to make the most of your journey. When you get off, a connecting bus awaits to take you home. Be sure to catch the right one!



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

CRYPTIC Across

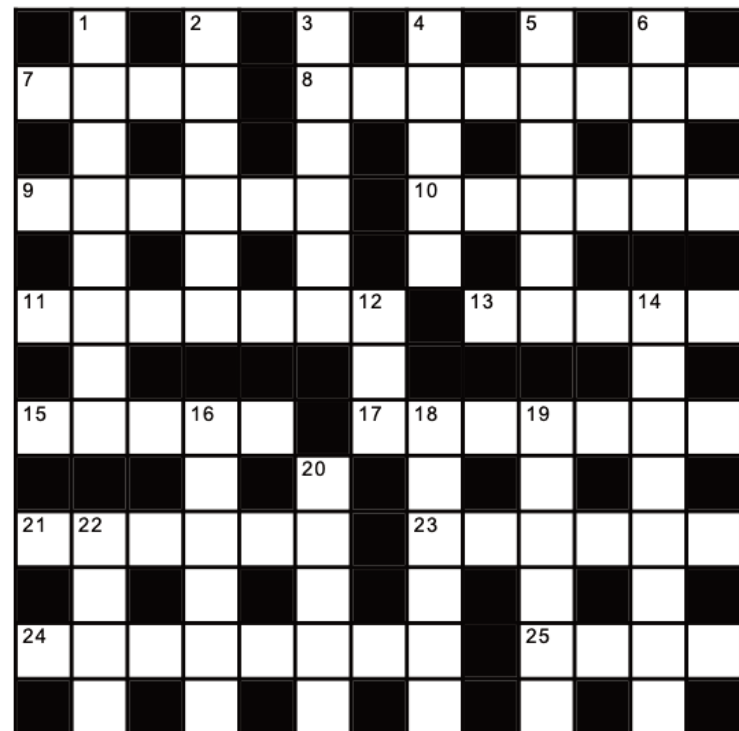
- 7 Landmass of alkali – silicon, iron, aluminium, primarily (4)
- 8 7 city Paul sought, but could not see? (8)
- 9 Brigand hierarchy's share supplies a 7 political leader... (6)
- 10 ...toplaceAmericansailorswestofSaul'splacein7(6)
- 11 Guy retired following return of writer's block (7)
- 13 Tree tissue needs unspecified quantities of citrus fruit, mostly (5)
- 15 Titus helped make Church here tangible without deception (5)
- 17 Rebel top guns pulled out of housing project being built in 7 town (7)
- 21 Apostle has cheek to back a Greek character (6)
- 23 Italian town – East-South-East following French department's lead? (6)
- 24 Praise for Capri's evacuation of American leader to Rome (8)
- 25 Ancient 7 country's secure wall: extra dam's eventually built (4)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Father's vessel's first-class, about to go north to fish (8)
- 2 In need of cash for Oliver Trophy after Yacht Club pulled out (4,2)
- 3 Recommendation to expose weakness after promotion (6)
- 4 Rug's edging looks top-notch – it's an enduring fiddle (5)
- 5 One in flight seen above quarry's very large (6)
- 6 African stays after little Benjamin somehow gets free from Zebulun (4)
- 12 7's British administration conflict is overturned (3)
- 14 Record a fellow and a Welsh girl being recipient of a letter from Paul (8)

- 16 Jewish commentary on the Torah, and thanks over Left's abuse being put down (6)
 - 18 The King's hard to follow, like Tolkien's take on some in Middle Earth (6)
 - 19 Setback: part of a clear single-mindedness of this 7 country? (6)
 - 20 One of Joktan's boys at work: say hello, Rex (5)
 - 22 Sacred-soundingfestivalin7(4)
- QUICK Across**
- 7 Roman province of western Turkey, and home to 14 for instance (4)
 - 8 Syrian home to Aramaeans who fought and lost to David (8)
 - 9 Mohandas Karamchand -----, leader whose nickname meant 'Great Soul' (6)
 - 10 One-timehomein7forNTcorrespondent?(6)
 - 11 Assembly of church canons (7)
 - 13 Woody tissue (5)
 - 15 One-time island home of the Philistines (5)
 - 17 First city taken by the Israelites when they entered the Promised Land (7) 21 Son of Herod the Great – the first husband of Herodias (6)
 - 23 City of Lombardy set between Lakes Maggiore and Como (6)
 - 24 Emperor, 41-54 AD, who forced all Jews to leave Rome (8)
 - 25 OT country east of Babylonia, capital Susa (4)
- QUICK Down**

- 1 One of the Twelve Tribes (8)
- 2 Penurious; impecunious (4,2)
- 3 Counsel;warning(6)
- 4 Cremonaviolin-makerandmusicteacher toStradivarius(5)
- 5 Marine bird of prey: rugby player from a merged Welsh regional team (6)



- 6 Part of the Nguni group of languages along with Swazi and Xhosa (4)
- 12 British rule in colonial India (3)
- 14 One in receipt of a letter from Paul, written about 62 AD while in prison in Rome (8) 16 Some Jews' interpretation of the Torah (6)
- 18 Puckish, imp-like (alternative spelling) (6)
- 19 David, 'the sweet psalmist of -----' (6)
- 20 Descendant of Shem, one of Joktan's sons (5)
- 22 BoisterousandcolourfulHindufestival (4)

SOLUTION

22 Holi.
14 Ephesian, 16 Talmud, 18 Elvish, 19 Israel, 20 Ophir, 2 Hard up, 3 Advice, 4 Arati, 5 Osprey, 6 Zulu, 12 Raj, 23 Varese, 24 Claudius, 25 Elam. Down: 1 Issachar, 11 Chapter, 13 Xylem, 15 Crete, 17 Jericho, 21 Phillip, Across: 7 Asia, 8 Damascus, 9 Gandhi, 10 Tarsus,