



MORE THAN 24 YEARS OF BRINGING THE NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE TOGETHER

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Nottingham Cathedral lights up the night

The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral

The stunning arches and chapels were illuminated with beautiful colours, highlighting the depths and heights of this Gothic Revival build

The Catholic Cathedral of St Barnabas joined the 'Nottingham Light Night' trail for the first time this year, offering visitors an immersive light and sound experience which showcased the beauty of this A. W. N. Pugin gem. As part of this popular after dark festival, now in its 15th year, the Cathedral welcomed nearly 2000 visitors over the evenings of the 3-4th February, with many visitors having never visited the Cathedral before.

An annual fixture on the Nottingham scene, Light Night offers many immersive and interactive light-based installations, performances and activities across the city. The event aims to offer high quality art within the city, encourage residents to see the city in a different light and open buildings which may usually be inaccessible at night. Responding to this brief, 'The Friends of the Cathedral' in collaboration with Cathedral parishioners and the Cathedral music department, found itself on the official app, map and trail with the promise of a 'Gothic Extravaganza' for visitors.

A simple yet spectacular light installation and experience was offered to visitors, highlighting the beauty of this Pugin masterpiece. The stunning arches and chapels were illuminated with beautiful colours, highlighting the depths and heights of this Gothic Revival build. There were gasps of joy as newcomers walked through this captivating experience and those familiar with the Cathedral commented on how the lighting had moved the space from being two-dimensional to something much more three dimensional. Throughout the evening visitors were treated to choral and organ performances, with a number of visitors commenting that the music really completed the experience for them. As visitors passed the Sanctuary on their way out, they were offered the opportunity to light a candle- on Saturday evening, more than 500 candles were aglow on the Sanctuary steps. Many were visibly moved by the beauty and splendour of what a number of visitors called a 'hidden gem' in the city and volunteers were encouraged to do more to share and showcase it.

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Drop the Doom and Gloom

By Julie Nicholson

We are thankful to Fr. Michael O'Donoghue of the Catholic Community of Newark, New Ollerton and Southwell for inviting David Wells to speak to us. I didn't know what to expect but I enjoyed the forum on Sunday. Inspirational on a relatable level, (no Billy Grahams here!), making us see what we already know, making us think about our place in the church and expectations, drop the doom and gloom - the church is not about to collapse. And leave the baggage on the carousel. My friends will wonder why I'm now talking about my stress levels being akin to cabin baggage or jammed Heathrow halls!

And the biggest messages I brought away - we are not Customers. We are one, with our priests. Do not expect nothing to change, embrace it and open up the tent that is your heart.



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Mgr Philip Moger says farewell to Walsingham

Bishop Peter Collins and Bishop Emeritus Alan Hopes joined Mgr Philip Moger as he celebrated his last Mass as Rector of the National Catholic Shrine in Walsingham on Sunday 5 February. Mgr Moger is now Auxiliary Bishop-Elect for the Archdiocese of Southwark and is preparing to take up his new responsibilities.

He came to Walsingham in September 2020, for a five-year-appointment, but the plan changed when Pope Francis decided last November on his appointment to the Archdiocese of Southwark.

"Leaving Our Lady's National Shrine to become a Bishop wasn't part of my plans," writes Mgr Philip, "but then, doesn't Our Lady of Walsingham teach us always to be open to the new thing God might want us to do? Of course, what God asked of her was unique, beyond compare, and of vital importance; but, doesn't God ask of us each day to do things - however small - to help build his kingdom, and give glory to His name? None of us can say that we're too small or insignificant to play a part in God's plan. And if we don't, who will?"

Speaking of his move further south, Bishop Peter said: "I wish to express sincere gratitude to Mgr Philip Moger, Auxiliary Bishop-Elect for the Archdiocese of Southwark, as he prepares to conclude his tenure as Rector of the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady in Walsingham.

"Mgr Moger has served as Rector for the past three years, moving to Walsingham from his home diocese of Leeds. Alongside his diocesan duties, Monsignor Moger has been a most faithful and talented servant of the Catholic



**Bishop Peter Collins, Bishop-Elect Philip Moger and
Bishop Emeritus Alan Hopes at final Mass.**

Image: Norman Servais

Church in England and Wales for many years, contributing greatly on the national level to the liturgical and spiritual wellbeing of the Church.

"On behalf of the Diocese of East Anglia, I offer thanksgiving for the immense contribution of Mgr Moger to the ongoing development of the National Shrine and its mission. We note, in particular, the recent decision to designate the celebration of Our Lady of Walsingham as a National Feast in England.

Bishop-Elect Philip has ever been, and will ever be, a true and most caring Pastor of the Flock.

"Whilst we are sad to see him leave the sacred precincts of Walsingham, we entrust him with great confidence into the realm of his future episcopal ministry. Our Holy Father Pope Francis, as Vicar of Christ, has chosen Fr Philip to assist Archbishop Wilson in the vineyard of South London and Kent. We offer Bishop-Elect Philip the firm assurance of our prayers during these days of transition, and we entrust his future ministry to the loving embrace of Our Lady of Walsingham."

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The evening provided an opportunity to share something of the history of the Cathedral and the ambitious plans to 'Restore Pugin' to the east-end chapels and ambulatories, thanks to a generous grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Light Night was an opportunity to begin to open the Cathedral doors to even more people in the City and further afield, letting them know this precious sacred space is open and accessible to all. The Cathedral is an important part of Nottingham's story and it wants to be an important part of people's lives across the City, County and region; offering a place of peace, beauty and sanctuary amidst an often busy and frenetic urban life. The weekend has certainly set the bar high in terms of future events the Friends, Cathedral and Diocese have planned this coming year!

FRANKLY SPEAKING



As we start Lent this year we will hardly need reminding that 12 months have passed since the conflict in Ukraine invoked outrage and dismay to all who pray for peace.

The Second World War left Europe needing great healing, no one could know what the invasion on the early hours of February 24th 2022 would lead to. With the aid of modern technology and 24 hour news coverage we are well informed of the devastation and the bravery that followed after those early missiles began to hit Kyiv.

I do wonder what our young people still at school will make of all these tragic events. In the 1950's the Primary and Secondary Modern schools I attended never gave any time to the then recent war let alone allowing their pupils to ask questions.

When I started in 1960 to work in industry a number of colleagues then in middle age had been on active service during the 1939-45 conflict. With just two exception they did not wish to recall the full horrors they had witnessed. These 2 appalling instances

I choose not to repeat but can never forget what they told me.

Later this year on December 10th there is another anniversary. On this date it will be 75 years since the United Nations General Assembly voted in favour of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Forty Eight members voted for the Declaration and eight abstained in 1948. The abstention 8 included the USSR and five of its allies, South Africa and Saudi Arabia.

Well we all know words can sometimes come easy and sadly actions often take much longer. Most of the articles agreed in 1948 would have been influenced by the truly horrendous experience of the Second World War, We should not forget that the economic circumstances of the 1930's with mass unemployment and poverty may well have influenced the opinions of the 1948 gathering.

Some of the Declaration is fairly straight forward. In the preamble to the thirty Articles we read "of the inherent dignity and equal rights of all members of the human family being the foundation of all freedom, justice

and peace." In Article 1 we read "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights" In Article 3 we further read, "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person." Finally in Article 7 we read, "All are equal before the law."

Despite the enormous technical progress since 1948 we surely need to at least reflect on the relevance of the U.N. Declaration today.

I cannot recall how the Church prepared for Lent in 1948 but we have much to be grateful from all missionary activity over the last 75 years.

The problems of Europe coincide with the growth of the Church in so many areas of our world as highlighted by the recent visit of Pope Francis to sub-Saharan Africa.

Human rights were high on his agenda as they must be on ours.

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St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy Derby

Breaking Ground Ceremony

On Monday 6th February Bishop Patrick McKinney visited the site of the new St Mary's School on Broadway in Derby. The old School was tragically destroyed by arsonists in October 2020 and the children are currently being educated in a converted office block a mile away. However, the planning permissions and other legal formalities are now complete and a brand new eco-friendly bio-philic school is due to be built on the old site, and be opened by the end of the year.

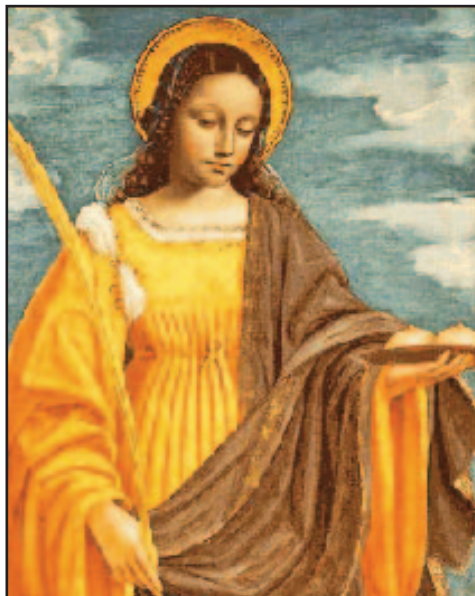
To mark the beginning of the building project, Bishop Patrick led a 'Breaking Ground' blessing ceremony. He was accompanied by Fr Simon Gillespie, and representatives from the diocesan education service, the St Ralph Sherwin Trust, school staff, parish, governors and most importantly the children were present and took part in the service. The inspiring 'Be Still For the Presence of the Lord' was sung and those present had time to reflect on how God has guided and supported them during this difficult time. Everyone was kitted out in full safety equipment as a sign of the hard work that lies ahead of the building team. At the end refreshments and hopes for the future were shared: the school community have finally begun their journey home."

Fran Wickes



A model of detachment

February 5th is the Feast day of St Agatha, one of the virgin martyrs listed in the Roman Canon. St Agatha lived in 3rd century Italy, when being a Christian was unlawful. It is said, as a young woman, she wanted to remain unmarried and be consecrated to the Lord, to dedicate herself to a life of prayer; however, under Roman law that was not permitted. Desired by many men, when she rejected their advances, one of them, a Roman governor, turned her in to the authorities. A judge then forced her to live in a brothel but she refused to marry. Sent to prison, she was tortured and her breasts removed with pincers, yet still she did not yield. Tradition has it that her breasts were miraculously restored by a helpful St Peter before she perished after being thrown on a fire. In pictures of St Agatha, she is often depicted holding her breasts on a platter.



Historically, for her Feast day, nuns around the ancient port city of Catania, located on Sicily's coast, would pay tribute to their saint by baking pastries shaped like her breasts. Today, bakers around the city carry on the tradition all year round and the delicacies are called 'Minne di Sant'Agata'. Whilst the Feast was not celebrated at Mass (it fell on a Sunday) following inspiration from meringues at a supermarket and with some improvisation, treats (or with a lot of imagination, teats) were created and offered to parishioners, at St Hugh's Church, in Lincoln, to enjoy alongside their cup of tea or coffee after the Sunday morning Masses.



St Agatha is a patron saint of victims of sexual assault and the cakes served to raise awareness, not only of a Saint, who can help us grow in faith, but of a local charity, Lincolnshire Rape Crisis, that offers support to victims of sexual violence around the county, regardless of gender or time passed. In the UK, the first full week of February each year, is designated as Sexual Abuse & Sexual Violence Awareness Week and aims to encourage conversation and shine a spotlight on support services available.

It would be interesting to know what St Agatha makes of her breasts still bringing inspiration and joy many centuries after her death, but it is possible to imagine she is more than happy, if they are a sign of contradiction, helping to both proclaim the Kingdom of God and call us to conversion. We give thanks for the witness of St Agatha and ask for her intercession to help us grow in our discipleship and persevere in the face of whatever trials may beset us along the way.

St Agatha, pray for us.

Jo

Broken and Shared 'Food, Hospitality, Poverty and the Cost Of Living'



A free 5 session Lent Course takes place on Thursday evenings, from 23rd February in the Cathedral Hall from 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Following the Lent Sunday readings, the sessions will explore the reasons for food poverty and how we can address it locally and globally. The course, led by Patricia Stoat and Ruth Shelton, will be a workshop-style with plenty of discussion. We will also welcome guests from Emmanuel House, the SalaamShalom Kitchen and the Mount Zion Food Bank.

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Around our diocese

Source - Twitter photos



A wonderful opportunity to address members of Ashbourne Churches Together during the Unity Service held in the Methodist Church and to meet with local Church leaders. There was a very good turn out of people from across all the churches.



A kind invitation from the Lord Mayor of Nottingham to have a tour of the Council House. A most interesting visit!



A lovely evening with the Derby Young Adults Hub, of Adoration, a talk on Prayer, Discipleship and some social time in the pub. If you'd like to be part of it please contact Joe Hopkins on the diocesan website



A big thank you to Catholic Voices for organising a fantastic day with Word On Fire and a very inspiring talk from Bishop Barron about the principles behind his evangelistic work.

In the ghetto

*“...Take a look at you and me
Are we too blind to see?
Do we simply turn our heads
And look the other way...”*

(From the song In the Ghetto by Elvis Presley)



On the afternoon of Sunday 29th January, a Holocaust Memorial for Lincolnshire, took place at St Hugh's Church, in Lincoln, comprising readings, poetry, music and prayer, together with the lighting of six candles (for the six million killed in the Holocaust) and laying of stones (a traditional Jewish act of remembrance for the dead). A highlight was a haunting performance of Leighton's Elegy, provided by a teenage cellist together with an accompanying pianist.

The theme for Holocaust Memorial Day 2023 (a national event marked on January 27th each year) was 'ordinary people' and one speaker powerfully brought home how it is ordinary people who are the perpetrators, bystanders, witnesses and heroes, as well as the victims, in genocides that have occurred throughout history and continue to occur to this day.

Also noteworthy was the poem 'Refugee Blues' by WH Auden which was recited, highlighting the isolation, alienation and exclusion people can feel, simply for being who they are and being different to those around them. Although written about the plight of Jewish refugees in Nazi Germany, we do not have to look to situations of war,

dictatorship or genocide to encounter people who experience those feelings; ordinary everyday life provides ample opportunity (if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear) and thus we, who are ordinary people living ordinary lives, can ask ourselves: who are the people in our midst, who live in 'ghettos' with invisible walls, who are saying, perhaps without a voice, "there's no place for us, my dear ..." and what can we do, as individuals and as a community, to help them to experience the Kingdom of God, where all are welcome, accepted and loved just as they are? The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), read out in the Gospel at Mass the same day, might help us discover answers.

The commemoration was attended by a number of local dignitaries and included contributions by students from the nearby St Peter and St Paul Catholic Voluntary Academy and University of Lincoln. Afterwards, people were invited to make their way to the parish hall, where drinks and a buffet were waiting. The event gave plenty of food for thought as well as for the body, and a big thank you is merited by all who organised and took part in it.

Shalom!

Ship visiting resumes in Ukraine



Fr Alex and Rostik preparing to ship visit in Odesa port on 24th January

Global maritime charity Stella Maris is pleased to announce that it has resumed regular ship visits in the port of Odesa in war-torn Ukraine, after almost a year of not being able to do so due to security and safety concerns.

On Tuesday, 24th January, the charity's port chaplain Fr Alexander Smerechynskyy, and assistant chaplain Rostyslav Inzhestoikov, were granted special permission to go on board ships. With a military escort at all times, they were able to pay very welcome visits to seafarers who have been alone on their vessels in Odesa for many long months.

"Rostik and I are delighted that Stella Maris has been granted permission to visit ships once again in the port of Odesa," said Fr Alexander.

Stella Maris is physically present and actively working in Ukraine to support seafarers and their families. During the months that they were not allowed to visit ships, Fr Alex and Rostik have been supporting seafarers in many other ways, including ensuring the delivery of food parcels to seafarers trapped on ships in the Black Sea. They have been providing spiritual and pastoral support remotely to Ukrainian seafarers on ships around the world through messages broadcast via social media.

Through Stella Maris' Centenary Emergency Fund, Fr Alex and Rostik have also been providing tens of thousands of pounds in urgent life-saving grants to hundreds of Ukrainian seafarers and their families in need of immediate assistance as a result of the war.

They also ran a soup kitchen to help families of seafarers in Odesa and helped organise safe places of refuge for Ukrainian seafarers finishing contracts overseas and their families fleeing the country.

Late last year Stella Maris launched a psychological support service for seafarers and their families in Ukraine. The programme provides medium to long-term support from professional psychologists in Ukraine, and delivers remote, ongoing psychological support for those most in need.

Stella Maris is the world's largest ship-visiting network. The importance of a personal visit from the charity's chaplains and volunteers, and the impact of the human touch on seafarers' mental health and wellbeing cannot be over-estimated.

Seafarers, especially those working in conditions of heightened anxiety and stress, appreciate seeing a friendly face, ready to offer support and a listening ear. It reminds seafarers that they are not forgotten amid the horrors of the war.

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13.20 Claire Regan Academy of Irish Dance

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14.25 Louie Walsh Band

14.50 Nottingham Irish Set Dancers

15.10 Mc Manus Academy of Irish Dance

15.25 **Kellys Heroes**




Saint Patrick's Day Nottingham



Pope appeals for help for Turkey, Syria quake victims

Pope Francis has once again appealed for help for quake victims of Turkey and Syria during his General Audience in the Vatican recently. Addressing those present, the Pope said his thoughts go at this time to the peoples of the neighbouring countries, hard hit by the earthquake that caused thousands of deaths and injuries.

"With emotion I pray for them, and express my closeness to these peoples, to the families of the victims and to all those who are suffering from this devastating calamity."

Appeal to show solidarity

The Pope thanked those who are working to bring relief, and encouraged everyone to show solidarity with those territories, "some of which have already been battered by a long war." "Let us pray together that these brothers and sisters of ours may move forward in the face of this tragedy, and let us ask Our Lady to protect them:

Hail Mary,

Death toll exceeds 40,000

The two earthquakes struck southeastern Turkey early on Monday February 6th, devastating wide areas in the country and in neighbouring Syria. The quake toppled hundreds of buildings and killed thousands of people. The death toll has already exceeded



40000 and the figure is expected to grow significantly.

The Pope renewed his closeness to the people of Turkey and Syria with a tweet expressing

his closeness in "the midst of this appalling tragedy."

"I remain close with all my heart to the people affected by the earthquake in #Türkiye and

#Syria. I continue to pray for those who have lost their lives, as well as the injured, family members, and rescuers. May our concrete aid sustain them in the midst of this appalling tragedy."

Cantonese Mass and Lunar New Year Gathering at Holy Spirit Church, West Bridgford

On January 28, 2023, the Hong Kong community gathered together at the Holy Spirit Church, West Bridgford, for a special Mass celebrated by Fr Ka Fai Lee.

Jan 28, the seventh day of the first lunar month, is named renri (Traditional Chinese: 人日), which is literally Human Day and the birthday of common men. Traditionally, people gather together to celebrate and share food. On this

auspicious occasion we organized a special Mass with Fr Lee, and a Lunar New Year gathering at the Holy Spirit Social Center. Parishioners brought in and shared homemade delicacies customarily shared in Hong Kong. There were crafting stations including one for traditional Chinese Calligraphy and hand crafting. It was all part of the celebrations in welcoming the Chinese New Year of Rabbit. It was a wonderful event and everyone enjoyed the mass and the opportunity to catch up with each other.

During mass, Fr Lee reminded us to keep praying as God is merciful and would heed our prayers. He spoke of how God would lead and guide us through the journey of life.

Fr John and Fr Liam were keen to express their appreciation towards the Hong Kong



Around 100 Hong Kong parishioners from different areas of Nottingham joined the Mass.

Community whose efforts have contributed greatly to the enrichment and development of our local community.

We would like to thank the clergy team of the

Holy Spirit, Fr John, and Fr Liam, and Jim, as well as the administrators Catherine and Margaret who have all been very supportive and helpful towards the parishioners of the Hong Kong community.

Special thanks also to the working committee formed by Hong Kong parishioners who initiated and organised the mass and the event.



Group photo of Fr Lee with the working team Ivy, Suki, Teresa, Angelina, Rosa, Monica, Cecila and Ceci (from left to right)



Fr Liam joined the crafting session with the children




Fr Lee (Middle) and other parishioners in the booth of Traditional Chinese Calligraphy.



Parishioners were happy to show the Fai Chun, which is a red sheet written with an auspicious saying or idiom, to be posted as a traditional decoration during Chinese New Year for the purpose of good luck.

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Twinning and Overseas Aid

This is the second in a series of articles detailing what else the SVP does beyond the parish conference. The focus in this article is on the SVP's Twinning programme.

Twinning was initiated to bring justice to the developing world, putting the SVP's founder's words into action: "Justice is a fixed star which human societies try to follow from their uncertain orbits. It can be seen from different points of view, but Justice itself remains unchanged." Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

What is Twinning?

Twinning is the mechanism through which SVP groups in developed countries provide support to SVP groups in developing countries. Twinning involves mutual prayer support, correspondence and regular financial support. SVP groups in England and Wales can currently twin with SVP groups in India, Sudan, South Sudan, Grenada, Guyana and Romania.



The SVP helping in Guyana



The SVP offering support in India

As SVP groups here are made up of local members of the community, in developing countries this can mean that local groups do not have access to significant funding.

Twinning ensures that vital funding reaches even the poorest communities in countries where the SVP exists.

The financial support received by SVP groups in developing countries enables them to provide immediate emergency aid to those in need as well as financing longer term projects and schemes that make the local population self-sufficient, e.g. supplying bicycles, sewing machines, animals, or providing loans to start small business and digging wells to make communities sustainable.

As well as simple twinning between groups in participating nations, additional support can be provided in the form of financing for small projects (up to £1,000), student sponsorship and some larger projects, especially in the Sudan.

The History of Twinning at the SVP

Over 50 years ago, inspired by a plea from the Holy Father that the laity in the developed world should become more active in their support for those in the less developed countries, the International Twinning scheme began.

In England and Wales the SVP was first twinned with India, and over time additional twinning arrangements have been added in line with our capacity to give. Romania and South Sudan are the most recent twins.

The emphasis on mutual prayer support and correspondence as well as the regular financial support remains as important today as when the Twinning programme was conceived. In 2022, Conferences in England and Wales were twinned with 1,792 Conferences overseas.

What does Twinning Involve?

Prayer: Prayer is the key aspect of any successful Twinning. The Society's prayers include: "Grant your grace to our Holy Father the Pope, to all who help us with our work, to our twinned brothers and sisters... Lord hear us." The promise to pray for the Twin sets Twinning apart from a secular exercise.

Correspondence: Although correspondence empowers a good relationship with a Twin, ensuring a closer link, language and postal difficulties can make it difficult and we should never put our twins in danger from antagonistic political regimes. Nevertheless, correspondence (letters or emails) build relationships and should be exchanged at least three times each year. In this way a true bond can be established.

Financial Support: This helps our overseas SVP members to increase their efforts to overcome the poverty in their own communities. For legal reasons all monies are transferred through the National Twinning scheme and are never sent directly to local groups. Countries receiving the funds are asked to report on how the money is distributed and used. If you would like to find out more about Twinning or how to get involved with the SVP please visit the SVP website at www.svp.org.uk or contact Lance Philpott at lancep@svp.org.uk



Some of the children helped by the SVP in South Sudan

Ince Benet: New prayer and retreat centre on Merseyside

Ince Benet is a new prayer / retreat centre near Liverpool set in acres of beautiful woodland. This marks a new chapter in the life of the monastery built by Fr Tom Cullinan in 1980, through the generosity and support of the Augustinian sisters at Ince Blundell Hall. Over the next forty years Fr. Tom lived the monastic life of a Benedictine monk, putting Ince Benet at the service of the local and wider community, offering hospitality and an atmosphere of prayer, study, conversation and guidance to many people of all faiths and none.

As an evolution of Fr Tom's life and work, Ince Benet has been renovated, thanks to the continued generosity of the Augustinian sisters and is now available to individuals, couples and groups of all faiths or none as a place of prayer, reflection and renewal.

Versatility for relaxing and recharging, prayer and planning

Half an hour from Liverpool and 10 minutes from the M57 & M58 motorways, it is ideal for those looking for somewhere that is easy to reach, yet has an 'away from it all' feel from the moment you enter the woods. The chapel, bedrooms and communal areas have been designed not just to be set in the beautiful surroundings, but to be part of them, allowing visitors to blend contemplation and conversation according to their needs. Ince Benet is ideal for retreats or for quiet days of rest and prayer, for planning and Inset days, and is available for residential stays and away days for individuals and for groups. We welcome people of all faiths and none.

Since opening, it has been used by individuals, small groups and groups of 15-20



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Presentation Associates and Volunteers – who prepare, serve the meals and do the washing up!

Café at St Teresa's Church, Warsop

Refurbishment needed doing in our church in Warsop. Outside, the skip was full of rubbish and one day, one of the founding members of the Café, saw a young lad going through the rubble and waste, looking for food. Inspired by Nano Nagle and the Sisters who followed, and are still following Nano, something had to be done. This led to the Presentation Associates and friends in Warsop establishing a CAFÉ - on the first Saturday of every month. It took a while to get going but before the "lockdown" occurred due to COVID, they provided a hot meal for up to 50 guests. This was in line with Nano's own initiative when she and the first 3 Sisters hosted Christmas dinner for the poor in their home.

In October 2022, the Associates and friends, resurrected the café. Each Wednesday they provided a warm space and a hot meal. However, they discovered that other groups were providing this on a Wednesday – so they decided to move to Saturdays. Now they have at least 35 guests and several other volunteers, coming along and the number looks set to increase.

They provide a warm space, a hot drink, social interaction and a fantastic 3 course meal. Nothing but the best for those who come in. A pot is left out for donations – but no one is ever asked for anything. The Lord does provide because what the donations put into the pot goes a good way to covering the cost of the next meal.

They also do take aways – for those Parishioners who cannot for some reason or other come to the hall. Neither is it uncommon to see people going out with a little bag – a little something to go with their cup of tea in the afternoon.

What is really important is that those who are serving and those who pop in to see how things are, provide pastoral care – someone who will sit and listen. This is just as important as the meal and certainly valued.

The pictures show some of the volunteers who give their time generously to helping and some guests who sit down to enjoy their dinner.



Sr Mary enjoys a joke with one of the volunteers



They even offer "take aways" to our more vulnerable parishioners



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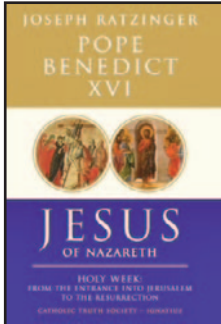
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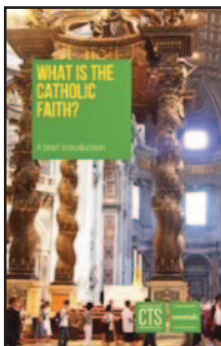
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A succinct and masterly summary of what Catholics believe and the reasons for their belief, offering a very accessible introduction to Catholicism for those who are interested to know more.



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Lights for the Path

John Sullivan,

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It is a very good idea! We all have our heroes! John Sullivan has selected eight, all heroes of education, each with something to say about education. Not all are well known as educationalists.

Some are surprising! Elizabeth Jennings, for instance, and Etienne Gilson. Each one highlights a particular aspect of education.

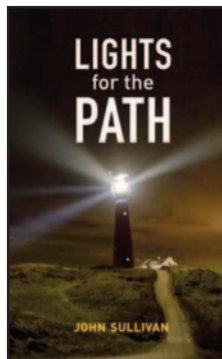
For example, Paulo Freire exemplifies dialogical teaching. This is the opposite of authoritarian teaching where knowledge is poured into students like milk bottles. Dialogue means you listen to, and learn from, your pupils. You are changed by them, as they are changed by you! For Edith Stein education is for the individual person. Other heroes are Maximus the Confessor, Hildegard of Bingen, Bonaventure, Marshall McLuhan, Walter Org, Etienne Gilson.

These could well surprise you. They could stimulate you to make your own litany of saints. John Sullivan hints at Bernard Lonergan, Jacques Maritain, John Henry Newman, Maurice Blondel. He has written about these elsewhere.

There is a brief biography of each hero, and aspects of their thinking which are relevant to the classroom today are discussed. The main thrust of the thinking is to achieve and to pass on to the pupils the wider view of life and the world. Each of the heroes has a wider view than the strict worksheet, question and answer method of study, common in schools.

However in the interests of brevity he has sacrificed clarity. You have to read his writing several times to get the gist of what he is saying. He is not an easy read. But inspirational if he prompts you to choose your own legion of honour!

There is a danger in the bold insistence on a catholic education. It can be seen as revisionism, an attempt to create a catholic zeitgeist, a



world view, in which to place the education system the book is proposing.

A stark contrast is drawn between secular society and Catholicism. But that is no longer true. Catholicism, and Christianity in general, has moved towards secular society, especially with the synodal process. And the Secular society, with mindfulness and interiority dominant features, has moved towards religion. The world of education has many lights, secular and religious.

The Oxford University Logo, is a book with seven markers, the trivium, (Grammar, Logic, Rhetoric); the quadrivium, (Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, Astronomy)) the three crowns above the book, are Theology, Physics, Law. In the middle is the inscription from the psalms, Dominus illuminatio mea, the bible, in the middle, the aim of all education.

This was the medieval world view. It brought together secular and religious learning. The enlightenment of the eighteenth century forced them apart, but modern thinking is bringing the two spheres of learning together again. John Sullivan's book is part of that process.

Reviewer John Baron is a retired priest.

Time To Delay No Longer

A Search for Faith and Love

Bill and Win Evans Edited by Ruth Evans

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When Bill Evans and Win Klein first met at Durham University in 1955, they not only found a love that would last a lifetime and form the bedrock of their family, but also a shared desire for a faith to guide them, in their love for one another, from the shadows of the past into a more secure future.



They came from very different backgrounds, but emerging into adult life from a society ravaged by World War Two, each had spiritual hopes and queries without certainties. Both were moved and intrigued by Jesus of Nazareth, but neither of them claimed to truly know who He was or to understand Him. Still searching for an answer, they got married. This book is about their pursuit of the question, led by Bill's tireless intellect, and about one family and its journey of faith.

Ruth Evans is a contemplative sister who lives and writes in the diocese of Shrewsbury. She owes her adult spiritual formation to the Poor Clare Order where she lived until the closure of the Poor Clare Convent at Woodchester in

2011. Her life and writings have been strongly influenced by her father Bill's spiritual legacy, Franciscan theology and the abolition movement in the USA.

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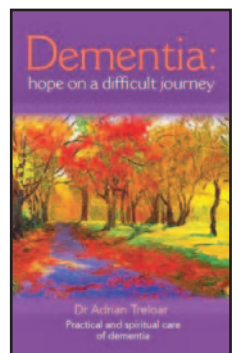
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In summary Dr Treloar's book, which is slightly smaller than A5 in size is a beautiful piece of literature that is a beneficial read for all healthcare professionals and those who know an individual with dementia.



While it is written from a Catholic perspective the vast majority of the book is highly relevant to those of all faiths and none. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and will enjoy referring to it in the future, it has enabled me to spend some time considering and reflecting upon the many varied and important practical and spiritual care elements of caring for and interacting with a person who has dementia.

Donato Tallo - The Catholic Medical Quarterly Volume 67

Peace of Heart – According to St Benedict

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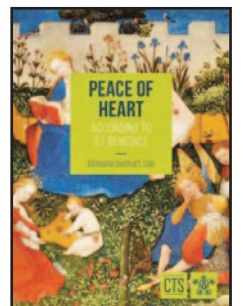
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Ukrainian Greek Catholics to celebrate Christmas on December 25

The Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has decided to move away from the Julian Calendar which will involve changing the dates of several fixed liturgical feasts. For the time being, however, Greek Catholics will continue to celebrate Easter on a later date according to the old calendar.

By Lisa Zengarini

As from this year, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) will be celebrating Christmas on the 25 December, and not on January 7, and the Epiphany on 6 January instead of the 19th.

The switch of dates is part of a major change decided last week by the Synod of Bishops of the UGCC, moving away from the Julian Calendar which is presently used almost exclusively by the Russian Orthodox Church and other Eastern Churches under the jurisdiction of the Patriarchate of Moscow.

The governing body of the UGCC meeting in Lviv-Bryukhovychi on February 1-2, decided that the changeover will take effect on September 1, but allowed for parishes to transition gradually with permission from their respective bishops.

90 per cent of Ukrainian Greek Catholics in favour of the reform.

The decision was officially announced in a live broadcast of "Live TV" on Monday, 6 February, by the head of the UGCC, Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, who explained that it was adopted after a vast consultation, involving clergy, religious and Church leaders, which indicated a shift of opinion in favour of the change.

Until the Russian invasion of Ukraine on 24 February, 2022, Ukrainian Greek Catholics, including those of the diaspora, were divided on the issue. Instead, said Archbishop

Shevchuk, the survey showed that now more than 90% of Ukrainian Greek Catholics are supporting the move from the Julian calendar, which many Ukrainians associate with the Russian occupiers.

Catholics and Orthodox Churches still discussing a common date for Easter.

The switch to the Gregorian calendar will involve changing the dates of several fixed liturgical feasts, but for the time being Greek Catholics will continue to celebrate Easter on a later date than most Christian Churches. The reason for this, according to an UGCC statement, is that Catholics and the Orthodox Churches under the Patriarchate of Constantinople (which currently use the Julian calendar to determine the date of Easter, but do not otherwise adhere to) are still discussing about finding a common date for Easter.

They hope to reach an agreement by 2025, during the celebrations of 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, the first general council in the history of the Church, in 325 A.D..

Orthodox Church of Ukraine (separated from Moscow) expected to change too.

The Orthodox Church of Ukraine (OCU), which obtained autocephaly from Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople in 2019 against the will of the Patriarchate of Moscow, is also considering the idea of switching to the Gregorian Calendar, and Archbishop Shevchuk said on Monday that he hopes it will make the move very soon.

"We are moving towards the same goal. However, we may be moving towards it in different ways. We decided to switch, leaving the possibility to remain on the old calendar for those who aren't ready", the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church said.

The OCU, is expected to discuss the issue when its bishops gather in May this year.

'Bahrain Document' holds European launch in Rome to promote interreligious harmony



Following Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey to the Kingdom of Bahrain in November 2022, 'The Bahrain Declaration' promoting interreligious dialogue and peace holds its official European launch at a Gala event in Rome.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"The Bahrain Declaration" promoting interreligious dialogue and peace among religions, has had its official European launch at a Gala in Rome.

The event follows Pope Francis' historic visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain in November 2022, where, welcoming the invitation of the nation's authorities and the local Church, he brought a message of peaceful coexistence among religions and working together against war.

The gala dinner of the launching ceremony, was organized by the King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence, Bahrain's Embassy to Italy in Rome led by H.E. Ambassador Naser Al Belooshi, and "This is Bahrain," took place on 26 January 2023 at the Rome Marriot Park Hotel.

The Bahrain Declaration was first launched in 2017 in Los Angeles at a historic event attended by His Royal Highness Prince Naser Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and co-

sponsored by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

This was followed by a second launch in 2020 in São Paulo, Brazil, in the presence of the then President of the Federal Republic of Brazil.

The launch of this Declaration in Europe takes place in these times of hardship and war.

The Declaration carries the directions, objectives and messages of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the country's monarch, calling for religious tolerance and harmony.

More than 300 distinguished dignitaries from Bahrain and Italy, and more than 100 graduates of the King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and peaceful coexistence from Italy and other countries around the world, participated.

COMECE demands release of bishop and other detainees in Nicaragua

The President of COMECE, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich SJ has expressed the solidarity of the EU Bishops to the Catholic Church in Nicaragua, in a letter addressed to Bishop Carlos Enrique Herrera Gutiérrez OFM, President of the Bishops' Conference of Nicaragua.

Since August 2022, Bishop Rolando Álvarez and several clerics and lay faithful in Nicaragua have been in detention and are facing criminal prosecution, falsely accused of conspiracy and spreading fake news.



Arrest of Bishop Alvarez. Image CSW

A picture paints a thousand words

This lovely picture was received from Father Edmond Nyoka PP of St. Monica Parish and School, Diocese of Mzuzu, Malawi, south-eastern Africa. Many of the regular readers of the diocese social, printed and online media will be aware of the backstory; that following a concert just before Christmas and donations from parishioners unable to attend, raffle, along with St. Benedict School (Darley Show car parking) we were able to send £1,300. With that money local carpenters were able to make up to forty school benches.

Remember and contrast the two pictures attached. We have opened a friendship now between two parishes and communities so

physically distant but united in Christian fellowship and concern. Thanks to my friends in the media for help with pre publicity and you can watch the concert and interviews with +Bishop John Ryan of the diocese and much more on Irish in the UK tv. Episode 286. Watch out for Jimmy Cricket. Kellys Heroes and up and coming singing star Nottingham's Louie Walsh. Polish and Indian children and young adults also entertained. Ep 286 – Ep 286 – A Fundraising Evening from Christ the King Parish Hall in Alfreton, Starring Jimmy Cricket - YouTube

Gerry Molumby, Alfreton



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

CRYPTIC Across

- 5 God invites in accountant, about to have tea with the taxman (9)
- 8 Cliff in Edom drinks, backsliding (4)
- 9 With Capone's acceptance into church official, it's almost Babylonian (8)
- 10 Old Archbishop of Canterbury could be Brown's double (7)
- 12 Golden cloud, virtually, is seen to the west of Canaanite city (5)
- 14 He wrote masses; marginally down after book fair (5)
- 15 Song uncle's preferred to old capital (7)
- 17 Jude Hunt is an alias for David's Levite (8)
- 18 Other half of Jezebel is primarily as hard and brazen (4)
- 19 16 mostly responsible for this festival? (9)

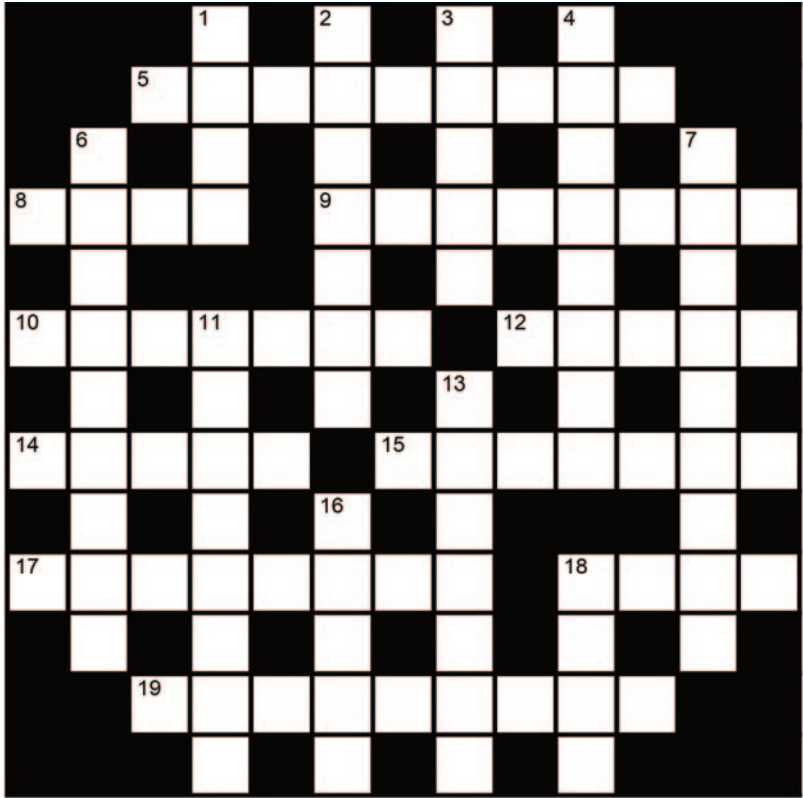
CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Get a mug over here for the wine miracle (4)
- 2 Scots chap supporting two accounts leads to a schism (7)
- 3 British king's framed in the style of an OT monarch (5)
- 4 Sikhs meet here to condemn a drug war (8)
- 6 James' rule to rewrite the Bible? (9)
- 7 Hours in church after weird icon appears during passage (9)
- 11 Cleric's in front, ahead of the leading Essene Jew (8)
- 13 Canaanite city's discovered thanks to an article on a church (7)
- 16 Caucasian Carmelite cleric's gone missing (5)

- 18 Blunder losing front part of the church (4)
- QUICK Across**
- 5 Jericho 'sinner' who, having Jesus to his house, subsequently gave half his property to the poor (9)
 - 8 Rocky plateau at the foot of which the Nabataeans carved the city of Petra (4)
 - 9 Of people from an ancient part of Babylonia, home to Abraham (8)
 - 10 Abbot of Glastonbury, and Archbishop of Canterbury from 959 (7)
 - 12 Canaanite city rebuilt by Solomon, along with Megiddo and Gezer (5)
 - 14 Composer brothers (Franz) Josef and Michael (5)
 - 15 Capital of the biblical Northern Kingdom of Israel (7)
 - 17 Levite David appointed as a leader of the Temple music (8)
 - 18 Pagan king of Israel and husband of Jezebel (4) 19 Seventh Sunday after Easter (9)

QUICK Down

- 1 Town in the Bible, the scene of the water-into-wine miracle (4)
- 2 Schism between Rome and the East, 482-519, named after the Patriarch of Constantinople (7)
- 3 Moabite king who hired Balaam to curse Israel (5)
- 4 Place of assembly and worship for Sikhs (8)
- 6 Holy city for Jews, Christians and Muslims (9)
- 7 Conforming to the recognized rules of cathedral clergy (9)



- 11 Member of an ancient Jewish sect denying the resurrection and the existence of angels (8)
- 13 Canaanite city; later one of the cities of the Levites (7)
- 16 Link between Carmelites, Magdalenes, Cistercian Monks, Premonstratensians – and Christmas! (5)
- 18 Angular or round section often found in the western part of a church (4)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Zachaeus, 8 Sela, 9 Chaldean, 10 Dunstan, 12 Hazor, 14 Haydn, 15 Samaria, 17 Jeduthun, 18 Ahab, 19 Pentecost. Down: 1 Cana, 2 Acacian, 3 Balak, 4 Gurdwara, 6 Jerusalem, 7 Canonical, 11 Sadducee, 13 Taanach, 16 White, 18 Apse.