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World Youth Day 2023



August 2023 saw 1.5 million young Catholics gathering in Lisbon for World Youth Day. WYD is a global gathering where young people can deepen their faith, experience the universality of the Catholic Church and commit their lives to Christ alongside hundreds of thousands of like-minded peers.

This group of pilgrims (see photo) includes people from the Nottingham Diocese. Michael, David, Amy, Daniel, Emily and Lisa all commented on the extraordinary feeling of being amongst so many other Catholics.

'We have learned so much about our Catholic faith' said Lisa. Michael said that 'to be so close to the Pope has been amazing' and for Emily 'it is so much more than I expected – I would encourage anyone to come to WYD'. Both Daniel and David highlighted all the various talks they had attended – covering many different subjects from the preciousness of life to freedom and different types of prayer.

Like our own team who spent the week in Lisbon, the general consensus was that WYD was the experience of a lifetime.

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SVP – What We Do

Vincentian Spirituality

The St Vincent de Paul Society was founded by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and his companions in 1833.

They chose St Vincent de Paul as the patron of the newly formed Society because of his special way of recognising the need to serve those in need. The qualities that Vincent de Paul had that made him an automatic choice as patron were:

- His simplicity shown by integrity and genuineness
- His humility shown by his acceptance of each person's frailty together with their gifts and strengths. He believed that all these gifts came from God and that we do nothing of worth without God's grace
- His sacrifice shown by the readiness to give up something in favour of doing something better
- His gentleness shown by the way he dealt with issues faced
- His commitment to people and their wellbeing and to their eternal happiness.

These qualities became apparent to those who knew Vincent. His passion to help people both in mind and body saw him set up organisations to help people spiritually (Congregation of the Mission – 1625) and physically (Ladies of Charity – 1617, Daughters of Charity – 1633).

The original Conference founded by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam in 1833 tried to capture the qualities shown by St Vincent de Paul and the young Conference was

guided in their work by a Daughter of Charity, Sr. Rosalie Rendu.

The Society believes that members must:

- Show love and respect to those we work with
- Deepen and strengthen the relationship between those who belong to the Society and God
- Support each other in all they do.

Then members can:

- Seek out and find those who need help
- Serve all cheerfully
- Respect the dignity of the individual
- Be non-judgemental
- Seek Justice
- Be generous with time and possessions

How does Vincentian Spirituality affect the individual?

Service is a critical aspect of being a part of the SVP in any context. Vincentians are all called to serve either as a member of the Society or as someone who chooses to work for the Society. Each, in their own way, is called to serve. Whatever one's own personal view of life is, they must be able to reflect on the example shown by St Vincent de Paul and try to put his values into practice in daily life. It is not always easy to go about this work with these attributes. Practice does help get it right, as does training, but Vincentians must never lose sight of the power of God at work in their lives and the grace or help He gives



them enables them to be successful in what they do.

How does Vincentian Spirituality affect the Conference?

The SVP is a spiritual society. This means its work does not "spring from ourselves alone" but from the relationship with God and the teachings and sacrifices of His Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Accepting the Christian, Vincentian calling means accepting as well, the need to work together as members of the Society and the Body of Christ. As members of a conference, people can grow individually and collectively when they meet in Vincentian fellowship and conduct meetings in accordance with The Rule and Internal Statutes. A significant part of the meeting is the spiritual reading. When the Word of God is shared, individuals are growing spiritually, both as members and as a conference. The sharing of insight into the Gospels helps members understand more about what they are called to do. Often this work would fade away if members were left to their own devices. As a group, members offer each other the support and encouragement in a spiritual and practical way.

That is why Vincentians "Turn Concern into Action"

If you would like any further information or are interested in joining the SVP please contact Joe Gasan, Membership Support Office for the Nottingham diocese, at joe@svp.org.uk

FRANKLY SPEAKING



During the summer months this year the news media did not exactly cheer those who listened or viewed. A number of people told me they had either switched off or only allowed themselves a limited time to be connected with bulletins. In early August this seemed to be confirmed as a new Ofcom report stated that those watching television each week had seen the sharpest fall since records began. A similar fact emerged for a number of radio stations.

Perhaps we should not be surprised in this age of social media but we should be concerned about what impact this has on our children who know all about new technology as a mobile phone is such a "must have" part of their lives. Speaking of our young people I do hope some readers had at least a little time to view the recent 27th World Youth Day in Lisbon. The "Day" was actually a whole

week of joy for a vast number of young people in a city with a rich heritage of Christianity.

Our young people in Britain are about to commence a new academic year and after a period of industrial arrest we should all be grateful that at least in our schools no strikes are planned. Some of their learning may involve the internet and like all other areas this needs to be used wisely. The unprecedented cost-of-living crisis which our country has been engulfed in has also revealed this issue of child poverty and the revelation of the policy of limitation for benefits beyond the two-child limit. On present reading both our main parties will not change this.

My parents lived through the 1920's and 1930's and their definition of poverty was of another age as they did live in houses with no bathroom or hot water. If they were alive

today they would not want any child to live in poverty however it is defined. In one of our cities the End Child Poverty Coalition has found one in ten children are living in poverty.

Many of our young people today will be able to succeed but others may look to those in public life to set an example which they may choose to follow. It will not be easy to guide those who do not believe in Christianity. This article is concluding whilst World Youth Day week is at the half way stage. Pope Francis despite all his health issues has encouraged all the young people in Lisbon to live their faith with both joy and passion. I do hope his leadership and encouragement will be received by all in the Church.

Frank Goulding
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St Mary's Derby Runs Outreach Cafe

Parishioners and clergy from Derby's St Mary's Church, ran a week long outreach cafe for those passing their beautiful Pugin Church in the heart of the city. It attracted many people to visit the Church or just stop for a cake, cup of tea and a chat. It was lovely to be able to engage with people from all walks of life. The Church intends to continue to offer such hospitality throughout the year by marking the Marian feast days.

Fran Hazel



Rain didn't stop play

On a showery Sunday afternoon of July 23rd, Catholics from across the county, including students from the University of Lincoln, came together to enjoy a summer BBQ at St Hugh's Church in Lincoln. Unbeknown to Fr Eddy, the parish priest, the event had a dual purpose - a parish social and a surprise celebration for his thirtieth anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

The actual date of the anniversary had been a few days earlier when Fr Eddy was in Lourdes on the Diocesan pilgrimage. A presentation of a beautiful gift, bought on

behalf of the parish by Deacon David whilst in Lourdes, was made together with a special cake baked for the occasion by parishioner Anna.

It was a privilege to be able to share Fr Eddy's joy (and cake!) and we wish him many more fruitful years ahead. May the Lord bless him and his ministry. Thank you to all who made a contribution towards the gift, kept schtum and joined in the afternoon, helping make what proved to be a wonderful celebration and hopefully a happy memory for Fr Eddy.



NEW DAWN CONFERENCE

- radiating the light of Jesus Christ

I gathered with over one thousand people during the course of the first week in August to participate in the New Dawn Catholic Conference which takes place at the Catholic National Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. Like a tent city, we gathered around the Slipper Chapel and the Basilica of Reconciliation, experiencing what it is like to be a Field Hospital model of Church, so often spoken about by Pope Francis. Like a Pilgrim Church, like Mary of Bethany, we paused on life's journey for a few days to sit at the feet of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to pray deeply, to listen to inspired speakers and be ministered to by Spirit-filled ministers, both lay and ordained. And I could not help but be aware of the constant Motherly care of Mary, Our Blessed Lady, surrounding us all, and pointing us to her Son, Jesus.

The New Dawn Conference was started in 1987 by Myles Dempsey and supported by The Community of Christ Prince of Peace, a Charity started by Myles and his wife Joan in 1985. Before he died, Myles appointed Gary Stephens as his successor, Leader of the Prince of Peace Community and Chairman of New Dawn in the Church. This was on the Feast of St Philip Neri, 26th May 2018. New Dawn is inspired by what Pope Leo XIII prophesied, that "When England returns to Walsingham, Mary will return to England". Myles felt that through New Dawn, he had prepared the foundations for this to happen. It was time for Gary and his Team to start building the building!

Every day there was the celebration of the Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and many priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. I spent many hours with Confessions, one evening beyond midnight. Many Rosaries were prayed during the week. And there was a rich supply of homilists, speakers and workshop leaders, with special age-group streams for children and young people, freeing the adults to enjoy the guest speakers. Radio Maria England broadcast the main events. And of course, let's not forget the food outlets and side stalls, including Goodnews Books, with 150 volunteers and Walsingham Shrine resident staff, helping the smooth running of the Conference.

The feast of international speakers included Marino Restrepo from Columbia, with a powerful conversion testimony; Fr. James Blount [SOLT Ministries] from the USA with his Unity Prayer and powerful healing ministry; Fr. Cliff Kayombo Fumbelo from Africa, whose Mass was accompanied by the Sacred Heart African Choir. Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR [the Friars of Renewal] rapped the Gospel to the young people. Then, more locally, we had the Bishop of



Northampton, Bishop David Oakley; and a number of Catholic lay evangelists, including Ros Powell, Daniella Stephens and Derek Williams. Dr. Maria Heath from CHARIS spoke about parishes for mission. And a group of young people impressed us with their testimonies and shared a powerful drama about the challenges of being a young person of faith. There were workshops on family life, prayer, abortion, spiritual warfare, freedom from addiction and many other topics too numerous to list here. You can find out more by going to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and searching for New Dawn Walsingham

However, perhaps one homilist captured a theme which underpinned much of the Conference. The Conference theme was, "There is need of only one thing; Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her. Luke 10:42. Fr. Richard Bailey from the Oratory in Manchester, told us the story of the Oratory's Founder, St Philip Neri, the 16th Century Apostle of Rome. Because of St Philip's extraordinary and many spiritual gifts, Fr. Richard proclaimed St Philip a pioneer of the charismatic renewal! St Philip's personal Pentecost occurred one day when he was praying to the Holy Spirit in the Catacombs in Rome. In these dark underground graves of the early persecuted Christians, St Philip saw a globe of fire hover before him and slowly enter his mouth and down into his heart. So intense was this mystical experience that his heart expanded, breaking some of his ribs. From that moment onwards, St Philip literally radiated heat from his body that people around him felt, the fire of love of the Holy Spirit which brought healing of body, mind and spirit to all to whom he ministered. This was St Philip's "New Dawn", said Fr. Richard. "This eruption of the Holy Spirit into his heart enabled him to



enkindle the same celestial Spirit in the hearts of others." Jesus, who abides in each one of us, longs for us to radiate the light of the love of God upon the world. We were urged to put our prayerful reading of the Word of God into practice, by praying to the Holy Spirit, to have a heart-felt devotion to Our Lady, a deeper love of the Eucharist, frequent Confession. Then the New Dawn, who is Jesus himself, "the celestial light", will radiate upon the world.

Myles Dempsey said, "I want the beauty of the Church to be seen in all her splendour; the Church with all its lights on and all its aspects ... the whole family to be there." This means being Trinitarian, Christocentric, Eucharistic, Sacramental, Liturgical, Hierarchical and Charismatic, Marian, Eschatological, Mystical and

Contemplative, Catechetical and Missionary. In this way, New Dawn aims to bring together all the riches of the Catholic Faith, that it should be seen as a microcosm of the Church and be a model for the parish.

After this current period of cleansing in the Church, Myles felt God saying, "You will see the day, when I will bring people tumbling into the Church." New Dawn, under the leadership of Gary and his Team, is preparing the Pilgrim Church for this hopeful future. Come and experience the Church in all her beauty and splendour [Isaiah 61:10] by giving your tents an airing [or book in a local B & B, like me!] and book for New Dawn 2024, 5th – 9th August. See www.newdawn.org.uk.

Report by Fr. Jonathan Cotton

On Freedom's Wings

The Bomber County Gateway Trust is a Registered Charity with the object of designing, constructing and installing an iconic landmark art installation on the county border of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. To be known as 'On Freedom's Wings'.

55,573 young men died flying with Bomber Command during World War Two; that's more than those who serve in the entire Royal Air Force today. Most who flew were very young, the great majority still in their late teens.

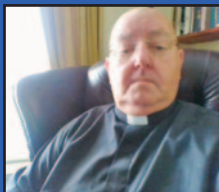
Doing a skydive and parachute jump to raise money to help complete the sculpture

of the Lancaster Bomber in Lincolnshire. The Landmark will be seen by more than 34,000 drivers every day on the A46 and further funds are needed to complete the building of the project.

Parishioner at Holy Trinity in Newark, Laurence Goff is doing a skydive and parachute jump to raise funds for this project.

His total stands at £520 - to sponsor him and help raise funds for this project, go to www.justgiving.co.uk and search for Laurence Goff and/or Bomber County Gateway Trust

From: Elston Hermitage.....



Prayer for us is simply having a relationship with God and a focal part of our life as Christians and however difficult we may find prayer to be, its about fostering a relationship with God and creating communion with Him. Prayer however can take many forms and we all approach it in different ways.

Last month saw two exciting forms of prayer at two prestigious events in our church - firstly the World Youth pilgrimage in Lisbon and closer to home the New Dawn pilgrimage in Walsingham. How encouraging it was to see so many young people at these events, all responding to the call of Christ in their lives. Whoever said the church was dying? It would seem that the Holy Spirit is well and active and at work through the prayer life of so many people, especially the young. These large gatherings both in Lisbon and Walsingham have made the best of the outdoors (between the rain). Like these we at the 'hermitage' here in Elston have made the best of the summer outdoors - although some of it has been challenging with hedge cutting etc.

On my walks around the nearby countryside I have met and conversed with a lady who sits and draws in the woods, most of her drawing is of the beautiful trees. I observe her and notice that she is almost in contemplation and prayer, observing her objects, and it would seem that she simply looks at her subjects, the trees more than her sketch pad. The action of her hands seem small in comparison with the action of her contemplation and just what seems to be

looking- looking at shadow, looking at the form - almost as if in prayer.

For myself, this gives some interpretation of what prayer may be. Perhaps prayer should have more silence in it than words. Perhaps we should simply observe our subject in adoration and in stillness allowing God to speak in our times of silence. I think it is true to say that contemplative prayer goes on through all life, and weaves itself into everything we speak or do. Our vocal prayer need never to be long, or formal, our morning prayer need never be long, but a giving of ourselves to God.

Neither does it matter much where our lives are lived, in a convent, on a factory floor, in sickness or in health. The one thing that matters is that our lives should be a given life. The way of our life, whatever it may be, must simply be our way of following Our Lord Jesus Christ. Life is the greatest opportunity for loving, and loving is proved as we take every opportunity of giving.

However good or poor our prayers life may be - let us not make it a cross to climb. Let us simply give ourselves to God daily, by whatever means we are able. And be assured that in our times of prayer and quiet, and even in the busy times of our life, when God can get forgotten - he never forgets us and constantly fills us with His Grace and abundant blessings.

May the picture we draw of our each and individual lives reflect our joy in the gospel as we share it with the world.

Fr David + h.d.n. Priest and Hermit



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St Mary's CVA Derby teacher, Mrs Monica Farrell, is Presented with the St Hugh Service Medal by the Diocese

On Friday 14th July, Mrs Monica Farrell, the longest serving teacher at St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Derby, was celebrated by the school with an act of worship, as she prepares to retire after 25 years. Her husband and family were there to witness her being awarded the St Hugh Diocesan Medal for Service to the Catholic community. It was presented to her by Peter Giorgio, the head of the Catholic Education service, and Kevin Gritton, the CEO of the Trust, was on hand to give his good wishes.

Mrs Farrell's Catholic faith has been the core of her commitment to the school, both as a class teacher and RE Leader. She taught at the old St Mary's School, which was based next to the Church, spent 18 years at the 'new' School on the Broadway site, and was there to support and teach the children during the disruption caused by the tragic fire in October 2020. She leaves as the School prepares to move to its new permanent biophilic building back on the Broadway site later this year.

Mrs Farrell is a much loved teacher who has inspired a generation of children and fellow staff. During the act of worship one



of the children said - "she is like another Mary to us" - it would be hard to find a better accolade than that. The whole

School community will miss her, but as Fr Gregory Tobin, commented, her faith will see her continue as a catechist at the

parish, as she continues to be a teacher in the full sense of the word - guiding, encouraging and inspiring others."

A Congregation for blessing upon the new Civic Year in Gedling



Councilor Julie Najuk became the First Citizen of the Borough of Gedling at the Civic Mayor making ceremonies on Wednesday evening, 24th May followed by a Congregation of Blessing upon the Mayor and the Borough at the Good Shepherd Church, Woodthorpe on 23rd July. Councilor Najuk, a well-known parishioner

of the Good Shepherd was warmly supported by members of the teaching profession and staff of the Good Shepherd Primary Academy where she had taught for several years prior to retirement, and by the parish Folk Ensemble, many of whose members are or were pupils of the Academy. All was complemented by the



sound of the Churches great organ leading the National Anthem, and played by one of the parishes organists, Mr. Graham Smith. With members of her family and many Civic dignitaries, including the Chair of Nottingham County Council, Mayoralties of neighboring boroughs and members of the parish, Canon Philipp, parish priest and

Mayor's Chaplain this year lead the thanksgiving and blessing, after which the Major, Councilor Julie Najuk entertained her guests in the adjoining Assembly Rooms to afternoon tea.

Rev. Canon Philipp H. Ziomek

Students from Saint Benedict celebrate A-level results

Students from Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy, in Derby, are celebrating their A-level results recently.

Maisie Litherland, 18, achieved an A* in Religious Studies and As in History and English Literature. She is off to the University of Warwick to study History.

She said: "I logged on to UCAS before I came in but I couldn't get in so I was in limbo until I got the email to say I had been accepted at Warwick."

"It was such a relief and when I saw my results I literally wanted to cry. I think as a cohort we have all been through so much as we didn't sit our GCSEs. These were the first formal exams that we have sat since SATs so I think everyone has done amazingly well."

Tabitha White, 18, will be going on to study Film at Falmouth University after achieving Bs in Geography and Art and Design and a C in Design Engineering.

She said: "There aren't many universities that offer Film as a degree and I only applied to two places which is a bit risky. I got the email at 8am to say I'd got into Falmouth which is where I wanted to go."

Elijah Tumelty, 18, was celebrating three As in Maths, Physics and Computer Science. He is going to the University of Newcastle to study Cybersecurity.

He said: "I got the email at 8am to say that I'd got into uni and I was ecstatic. I was very happy as I needed A, A, B. When I saw that I'd got three As I was very shocked. My mum was with me and she was really happy. I rang my dad and got him out of a meeting and he was happy too."

Jonah Macrae, 18, achieved an A* in Maths and As in Computer Science and Physics. He is going on to study Computer Science at the University of Nottingham.

He said: "I woke up at 7.30am and when I got the email saying I'd got into uni I was very happy. That took a lot of the pressure off and I didn't care too much about my results but when I saw them I was really pleased."

Anum Irfan, 18, is going on to study Pharmacy at the University of Nottingham after achieving Bs in Biology, Chemistry and English Literature.

She said: "I was checking the UCAS website from 8am, constantly refreshing my screen and then I got the email to say I'd got into uni. I felt really relieved, it was very nerve-wracking. I had managed to switch off a bit after the exams but it started to hit me again in August and particularly when I walked into school."

Christopher Godwin achieved three As in Maths, Physics and Computer Science. He is two weeks into an apprenticeship in Edinburgh with a software engineering firm which creates software for the emergency services.

He said: "I'm really happy with my results. I wanted A, A, A although it didn't affect what I will do next because I had an unconditional offer. I applied to 40 companies and had the offer from the company in Edinburgh, each application took about two hours so I was really pleased to get the offer. I didn't want to go to university because of the debt. I'm really enjoying the apprenticeship, it's good and Edinburgh is a great city."



Josh O'Dell, 18, achieved a D in Geography, a C in Biology and a B in Chemistry. He is going to the University of Derby to study Professional Policing.

He said: "I have always wanted to be in the police and I was happy to get what I needed to get onto the course. I knew I had got in before coming to collect my results so that took the pressure off. I woke up at 6.30am and could log on to UCAS at 8am but because there were so many people logging on I didn't find out until 8.20am that I'd got in."

Hazel Boyce, Headteacher at Saint Benedict, said: "We have seen an increase in the number of A*-B grades compared to the results of 2019, which was the last cohort to sit full examinations. Results in Chemistry, English, Sociology and History are particularly strong. Our students have

performed exceedingly well in vocational subjects with 80 per cent of all students being awarded a Distinction."

Maria Peden, Head of Sixth Form at Saint Benedict, said: "As a team, we are so proud of our Year 13s and everything they have achieved today. Across the board – in A-Levels, Applied and Technical courses – students have exceeded our expectations, with many moving forwards onto Higher Education or Degree Apprenticeships. It has been a tough road for this cohort, considering the picture of the last two years, but they have shown consistent resilience and drive to achieve their dreams and be who God meant them to be. I'm so happy for all of them. This has been a very special year group to lead – we are going to miss them so much."



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View from the Pew

By Dr Jay Kettle-Williams



Never mind the quality, feel the width

Never Mind the Quality Feel the Width is now a rarely seen 1973 British comedy film directed by Ronnie Baxter and starring John Bluthal, Joe Lynch and Bernard Stone. It was a spin-off from the ITV television series of the same name, the series originating from a British television sitcom first broadcast in 1967 as a single play in the Armchair Theatre anthology series about two mismatched tailors, one Catholic and the other Jewish, in the East End of London.

In the course of the film, Manny and Patrick employ a sexy new assistant Rita, seriously fall out after a gambling incident, experience woman trouble, find themselves burgled and eventually end up on holiday in Rome after posing as priests.

Were that production to be launched in the current day and age of Cancel Culture, Diversity and Inclusion, you might well be excused for seriously wondering, even fearing, how it might be received. Perhaps many amongst us would not be as amused as earlier generations. There's no accounting for taste, we're told. But 'The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there,' as L.P. Hartley wrote in his 1953 novel *The Go-Between*. How we understand the past, what lessons we draw from events we can no longer affect, has been the challenge for humankind throughout time. Whatever we do today cannot be brought to bear on the actions of yesterday from which we inherit. Actions by our forefathers might well have been in full concert with the mores of the time. But that's water under the bridge, you can't send it back upstream. Or do we think that you can? Cue Cancel Culture.

Cancel Culture, by its very nature, epitomises the in-depth negativity of our time. Dystopia! Negativity, by its very nature, breeds discrimination. We might like to couch that discrimination in a more positive cloak, but it still remains what it is. In its essence, Cancel Culture rejects any attempt at dialogue. Its chief enforcers are often faceless, self-appointed, angry people online. Diversity and Inclusion, on the other



hand, can be seen to have a more positive pedigree, but they can still slide down that same slippery slope. They can be seen as a contradiction in terms with the two expressions potentially at odds with each other: mavericks v. teamsters, square pegs v. round holes. To ensure, then, the 'social fit' required by the woke proponents, Diversity and Inclusion are thrown like dice, rolling across the table in some grotesque game of snakes and ladders. But social engineering, as proven by its exponents elsewhere in time and space, is never an effective nor ultimately respected exercise. So we come to see tunnel-vision putting society in danger, risking the legal basis on which sit democracy and the worth of the individual.

We can probably all refer to proven instances - if not unlawful then certainly disrespectful, undemocratic, immoral or despotic - which can be laid at the feet of governments, public and civic bodies or others, whether funded by the taxpayer or not, within our immediate neighbourhoods or on a wider stage.

There are those constantly tossing double-headed coins and calling for heads in the 'me-me' game as society is steered toward anarchy with all manner of personal or narrow concerns being flagged up. Reparation is then demanded by an often seemingly offensive or even vindictive minority in the name of social justice. Faced with ever-increasing claims for victimhood, society moves away from

collective concern, away from mutual respect and away from the broad conscience necessary for a mature, level-headed, caring and all-embracing culture. The very phrase 'Diversity and Inclusion' is now being progressively identified as toxic. At the expense of equality and meritocracy, efforts have been zealously adopted across so many spheres of society to prioritise breadth over quality, sacrificing quality for breadth.

Thank the Lord, ours remains a broad, open-reach, openly reachable Church. Our global Catholic congregation promotes and defends human rights worldwide. Our membership is hailed as varied, diverse, inclusive, in communion, mutually respectful. Having signalled these virtues, I need only add that you don't get them by just tickin' a box.

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World Day Against Trafficking in Persons

30th July



The 30th July is the annual World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of trafficking and to call upon governments, law enforcement, public services and society to improve their efforts to prevent trafficking by identifying and supporting victims.

Trafficking in persons is a serious crime and a grave violation of human rights. Thousands of men, women and children end up in the hands of traffickers every year, often through being misled to believe that they are being taken to work that will make their family better off, or by force or kidnap. Trafficked people lose their rights and have their identity documents taken away from them. They are forced to work, often doing hard labour or prostitution, for

no reward. Many people are taken to unfamiliar countries where they don't know the language and have no way of getting help.

The theme of this year's World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is to, 'Reach every victim of trafficking, leave no one behind'. In the context of trafficking in persons, leaving people behind means: failing to end the exploitation of trafficking victims, failing to support victim-survivors once they are free from their traffickers, and leaving identifiable groups vulnerable to traffickers.

For more information about trafficking and modern day slavery, and how to notice the

signs that this may be taking place please visit: <https://www.unseenuk.org/about-modern-slavery/spot-the-signs/>

If you would like support, or you are concerned about someone else, please contact:

The Safeguarding Office – Please call us on 01364 645430 between Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4:30pm.

Unseen – A UK charity that provides safe houses and support in the community for survivors of trafficking and modern slavery. 24/7 Modern Slavery and Exploitation Helpline: 08000 121 700 <https://www.unseenuk.org/working-with-survivors/>

OBITUARY

FR Kevin Gradwell

The funeral of Kevin Gradwell, a Catholic priest in the High Peak, took place on July 28 at the church of The Annunciation, New Mills.

Presided over by Bishop McKinney of Nottingham, in which diocese the High Peak churches fall, and assisted by Bishop Draine of Middlesbrough, a long-time friend of Fr Gradwell, it was attended by about twenty priests from the diocese and almost a full church.

Fr Gradwell was buried afterwards at St Mary's Church, Marple Bridge, which forms the Parish of St Mary's with The Annunciation.

Fr Gradwell had been ordained a priest in 2015, since when he had served the Catholic Churches in Chapel-en-le-Frith, Marple Bridge and New Mills, before moving to Grantham briefly followed by retirement in Marple, where he died recently.



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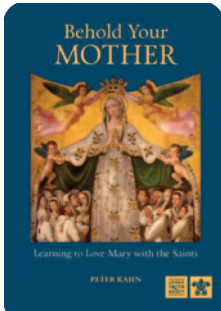
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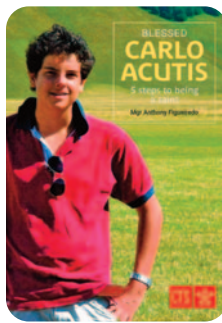
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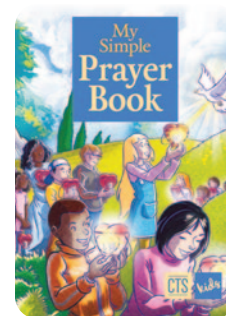
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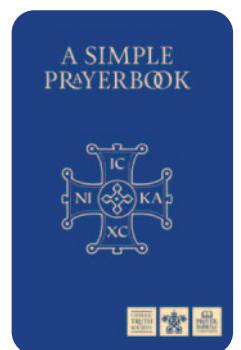
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Ecumenical Celebration of Our Lady of Walsingham



Holy Spirit church, Sinfin, was packed, with the biggest congregation it has ever seen (Many extra chairs were brought in, not a seat to spare), for an Ecumenical Celebration of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Members of Holy Spirit Church had been working for weeks to repair, restore, and repaint the building, and make it ready for the event.

As Bishop Patrick had directed, it was a non sacramental service of the word. We came, in the spirit of pilgrims, to the door of the Anglican shrine, opened it, and were faced with the Altar of the Annunciation.

Mary said "Yes" to God's calling. The Holy Spirit overshadowed her, the Eternal Word came into her womb to take our human nature. This was the moment of the Incarnation.

Readers read of the prophecies that foretold Christ's coming and His Mission.

We said the prayers traditionally recited by pilgrims, and we sang Mary hymns.

Then it was the turn of Bishop Robert Ladds (one-time & Bishop of Whitby, am auxiliary to the Archbishop of York) but now living in retirement at Walsingham. His is President of the Society of Mary. He preached an interesting homily, unveiled and blessed the statue, and sprinkled us all liberally with water from the holy well.

Finally, we sang that version of the Salve Regina that has become familiar to us through "Sister Act"!

Hail Holy Queen Enthroned Above, O Maria. Plentiful refreshments afterwards, including a cake for Peter's 95th birthday.

The statue had been generously given by Mrs Glenda Brewin in thanksgiving for her being received into the Catholic Church.



Church promoting peace to prevent another genocide

With peace remaining “fragile” in Burundi and memories of past genocides still vivid, more needs to be done to guarantee human rights, according to a leading Catholic charity.

There have been three genocides and other violent conflicts between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups in the east-central African country since it became independent in 1962.

Maxime François-Marsal, Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need’s (ACN) head of projects for francophone countries in Central Africa, discussed the attempts at lasting peace after his trip to the country.

Mr François-Marsal said that Burundian President Évariste Ndayishimiye acknowledged the “major role” the Vatican had played “in the peace process and reconciliation of the Burundian people, and these efforts have borne the fruits of a fragile peace”.

He highlighted that there remains “a growing threat of violence for political reasons within the country”.

He stated: “Internal tensions and external circumstances risk affecting all human rights.



With picture of 1,160 First Holy Communions at the parish of Makamba in Burundi (© ACN)

“Particular attention must therefore be paid to the education and formation process of those who will be the actors of the life of the Church and of development in the country.”

He added: “There is a climate of distrust everywhere, even among friends and families.

“I was told that people never invite their friends to their homes, because they fear that they could then know their house and hunt them down whenever the next civil war starts.

“For this reason, ACN supports projects to promote and safeguard Catholic families.”

Mr François-Marsal stressed that ACN’s work in Burundi is “directed at spreading the Good News within people’s hearts, so that they can resist the temptation of violence”.

He added that, having been evangelised only 125 years ago, Burundian society “has not yet deeply embraced the Christian faith and still relies on customs and traditions derived from indigenous religions”.

Over the past 10 years, ACN has contributed to more than 200 projects in the country, with a focus on the formation of priests and religious sisters, as well as supporting catechesis and various pastoral activities.

Mr François-Marsal said that ACN remains committed to supporting the Church and helping to maintain peace in Burundi.

Amy Balog



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

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Samuel’s crafty man, cursed sailor almost catches fish (7)
- 5 When in Paris I discover Ecclesiasticus’ Ben Sira (5)
- 8 Paul’s detailed letter describing the Empire (5)
- 9 ‘Papae Sixti nisi est’ is translated in chapel (7)
- 10 Move against female martyr (7)
- 11 One of two helping David find themselves amongst rabbit tails (5)
- 13 American girl’s written first 18 for the 8 Church (6)
- 15 Abram’s Amorite ally, Chloe’s opposite (6)
- 18 Microphone, small American contribution to St Cecilia’s art (5)
- 20 Abram’s servant high priest announced ‘easy’, being first to Rebekah (7)
- 22 Girl, old golfing type, attends Baptist chapels (7)
- 23 Savings account he’s almost sacrificed (5)
- 24 Chaplain of Artillery’s name is forgotten (5)
- 25 Morning, is he wrong in thinking there are no Gods? (7)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Parry’s hymn from John’s first letter includes line in dubious measure (9)
- 2 Some Old Testament volumes (7)
- 3 Had Ulster divided, all over Jacob’s daughter (5)
- 4 Vehicle to get to old Number One: was it Ave Maria for him? (6)
- 5 Society of 5 business types follow the first person in speaking French (7)
- 6 Being second in the East End isn’t one of the blessed dead (5)
- 7 View bishop’s domain (3)
- 12 Sick with icy rum, plying, 8s said, this part Aegean coast (9)
- 14 One relative, the first maybe to describe lepers in the Bible (7)
- 16 Old footballer swapping cap? It’s over for one

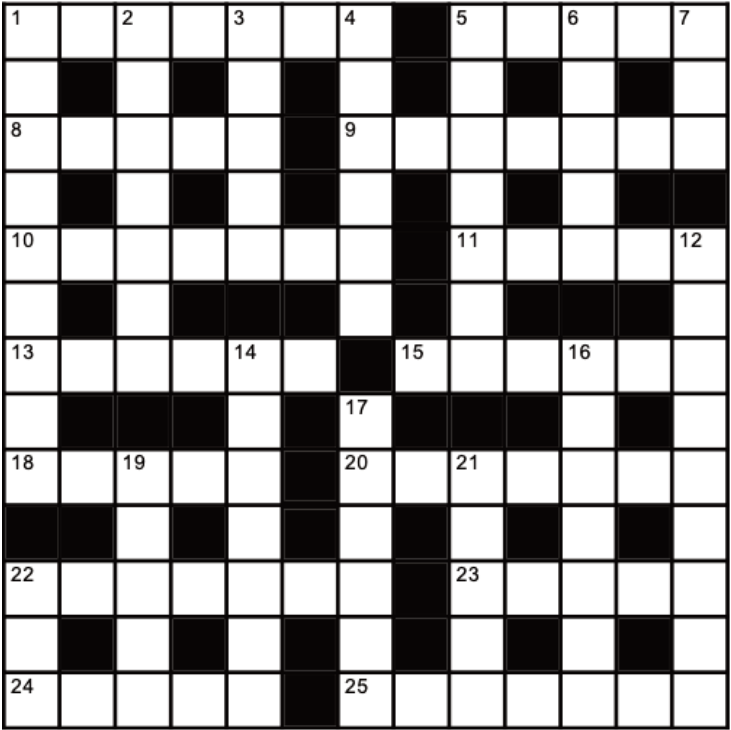
- 17 Biblical country, to scupper Siamese, partly invaded (6)
- 19 Angel is originally sadistic, and threatening and nasty (5)
- 21 One quiet small US state imbibed whiskey (5)
- 22 Tooting, when passing over an abbey in France? (3)

QUICK Across

- 1 Friend of Amnon, ‘a very shrewd man’ (7)
- 5 Another name for Elymas: Bar ----- (5)
- 8 Empire which ruled Palestine and Asia Minor in NT times (5)
- 9 Chapel of the Vatican whose ceiling was famously painted by Michelangelo (7)
- 10 First Christian martyr (7)
- 11 Leader of the Gittites (5)
- 13 Orlande de -----, with Palestrina and Victoria, the three giants of late medieval Church 18 (6)
- 15 Vale where the Israelites cut a cluster of grapes as proof of the Promised Land’s bounty (6)
- 18 Integral aspect of many church services (5)
- 20 Son of Moses and Zipporah (7)
- 22 Name applied for a group of 19th century nonconformist chapels (7)
- 23 The second patriarch; son of Abraham and Sarah (5)
- 24 Priest who is a member of a cathedral chapter (5)
- 25 Lack of belief in the existence of God or gods (7)

QUICK Down

- 1 Holy city for Jews and Christians and Muslims (9)
- 2 Fourth book of the Pentateuch (7)
- 3 Daughter of Leah and Jacob (5) 4 Ferruccio -----, one of many to have composed a version of Ave Maria (1877) (6)
- 5 Followers of Ignatius of Loyola (7)
- 6 Holy person deemed worthy of canonization (5)
- 7 Bishopric (3) 12 8 province from 27 AD, covering much



- of the eastern Adriatic and Balkan interior (9)
- 14 Having a physical or moral blemish so as to make impure (7)
- 16 Maurizio -----, important early 17th century composer and maestro di cappella at Bologna (7)
- 17 OT empire created by Cyrus the Great and destroyed by Alexander the Great (6)
- 19 Adversary of God; tempter of mankind; master of Hell (5)
- 21 Scots Gaelic (5)
- 22 Influential Benedictine abbey of Normandy at the time of the Conqueror (3)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Jonadab, 5 Jesus, 8 Roman, 9 Sistine, 10 Stephen, 11 Ittai, 13 Lassus, 15 Eschcol, 18 Music, 20 Elizear, 22 Bethels, 23 Isaac, 24 Canon, 25 Atheism. Down: 1 Jerusalem, 2 Numbers, 3 Dinah, 4 Jesuits, 6 Saint, 7 See, 12 Lillyricum, 14 Unclean, 16 Cazzati, 17 Persia, 19 Satan, 21 Irish, 22 Bec.