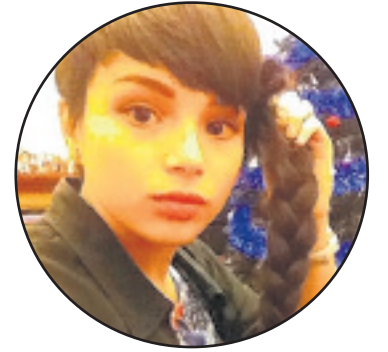


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Elephants and Ecumenism

by Conor Gaffey

In his general audience on Wednesday 22nd January, Pope Francis referred to the divisions among Christians as a “scandal” which “weakens the credibility and effectiveness of our work in evangelisation.” Seeking to address this scandal, the UoN Catholic Community invited Rev. Megan Smith to preach at our annual Mass for the Unity of Christians on Sunday 19th January. The Mass coincided with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which ran from Saturday 18th-Saturday 25th January.

Rev. Smith, the Vicar of Lenton and Anglican Chaplain to the University of Nottingham, preached on how we can respond to the problem of Christian disunity, which she described as an “elephant in the room.” To emphasise her point, an inflatable elephant was positioned at the front of the congregation, much to the delight of some of our younger parishioners!

In her sermon, Rev. Smith encouraged the Catholic faithful to engage with their non-Catholic fellow Christians. Rather than ignoring the issues which divide us, she advised that it is only through conversation that we can reach the unity which Jesus prayed for (cf. Jn. 17:20-26).

This invitation to dialogue was followed up by “Daring to Risk Christian Unity”, a Q&A event held at Holy Trinity Church, Lenton, in the evening of Sunday 19th January. Catholics and Anglicans gathered together to discuss their respective traditions and seek answers to the awkward questions they had about one another’s faith.

Rev. Smith was joined by Fr. Andrew Cole, the University’s Catholic Chaplain, in fielding these questions. Topics covered included the ordination of women, the papacy, and whether

Catholics are generally happier than Anglicans (the results were inconclusive!).

Together, these events served to address harmful misconceptions and to draw us into friendly dialogue with our non-Catholic brethren.

For photos of the Mass, please visit the “University of Nottingham Catholic Community” Facebook page. For more information on our community, please visit www.catholic-community.org.uk.



Fr Andrew Cole and Rev Megan Smith



Mass for Unity of Christians

Schools resources on life of seafarers launched



A new range of resources for schools to introduce children to shipping and the lives of seafarers has been launched.

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Brookside Jazz Quartet evening raises funds for the Syria Crisis Appeal



Helen Nutman is a parishioner at St
Ralph Sherwin parish in Chellast-
on, Derby and her husband Joe
plays in the Brookside Jazz Quartet, so

when parishioners were thinking of ways
to raise funds for the CAFOD Syria Crisis
Appeal the idea of a jazz evening was a
popular suggestion.

Thanks to the hard work of CAFOD sup-
porters in Chellaston and Alvaston Parish,
Derby a great evening of listening, toe-
tapping, singing and dancing took place re-
cently, with some good old trad. jazz fa-
vourites such as "I'm going sit right down
and write myself a letter...." and some ex-
cellent ragtime numbers played by Joe on
the keyboard.

Everyone enjoyed a supper of bread, cheese

and a feast of homemade cakes, with hot
fruit punch, a glass of ale or a good cup of
tea. And, of course, there was a raffle with
lots of prizes. A special mention goes to
Freda, who had crocheted and donated a
beautiful colourful blanket which will keep
someone toasty and warm this winter.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who
came along, or made a donation, nearly
£1000 was raised for those affected by the
conflict in Syria. Currently more than
£82,000 have been raised across the Dio-
cese for CAFOD's Syria Crisis Appeal.

New Bishop for Plymouth

Plymouth Cathedral was packed for the
Ordination Mass of Bishop Mark O'Toole
on January 28. There were 38 bishops in
attendance as well as Cardinal Cormac,
the Most Rev Vincent Nichols, Archbishop
of Westminster and the Archbishop of
Southwark, the Most Rev Peter Smith.
Her Majesty the Queen was represented
by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Sir Eric
Dancer, KCVO, CBE, KSJ, JP and distin-
guished guests included the Lord Mayor of
Plymouth, Lord and Lady Clifford and
members of the Weld family. The Holy Fa-
ther was represented by the Apostolic
Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency
Archbishop Antonio Mennini who formally
introduced the new bishop to his flock. In
his sermon Cardinal Cormac said that
Bishop Mark O'Toole would be the kind of
bishop Pope Francis spoke of in his ad-
dress to Papal Nuncios about the human
and spiritual qualities needed in bishops.
The Holy Father (in June 2013) said that
candidates should be pastors who are close
to the people "gentle, patient and merciful,
animated by inner poverty, the freedom of
the Lord and also by simplicity and auster-
ity of life." At the end of the Ordination
Mass the new bishop said, "There are
many in our society who search for truth,
beauty and goodness, who need to know
the touch of God's mercy and the love of
Jesus." He said that we must reach out to
them in our own families and communi-



ties, adding: "This is our mission and its
task; Jesus entrusts to us all. So let us
begin to walk together." Bishop O'Toole
now has the oversight of a diocese extend-
ing from the Isles of Scilly to
Bournemouth. It includes all of Devon and
Cornwall and most of Dorset being the
greater part of the South West of England
with an estimated
Catholic population in excess of 58,000.

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Faith in action in Leicester

“Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor in whom the Church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice. Justice will never be fully attained unless people see, in the poor person who is asking for help in order to survive, not an annoyance or a burden but an opportunity for showing kindness.”

(Pope John Paul II, *Centesimum Annus* #58)

When parishioners at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Leicester were preparing for the new millennium they asked themselves how they could become an ‘Oasis in the Desert’. One of the answers was a parish project which has become known as ‘The Friday Drop In’.

The project started small but has grown in strength over the years, raising approximately £150,000. This money has been shared between the local poor through a variety of causes and organisation, and those living with poverty in developing countries, through generous donations to CAFOD and other groups.

Around twenty volunteers, parishioners and those who are not, turn up every Friday morning, some of them at 7.00am, to get the Parish Hall ready for the Drop In which is open from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. During the preceding week, people bring in nearly new clothes, small furniture, bedding, curtains, bric-a-brac and the like ready sale.

The hall is usually full on Friday mornings



and the Drop In has become a social event for the people on the local estate. One ninety year old recently had her birthday celebration at the Drop In! Prices are low - you can buy a dress for 50p! Sandwiches, cakes, tea & coffee are available at minimum prices too.

Parish Priest, Fr John Joe Maloney says: “The Drop In project facilitates dialogue between the Catholic Church and the people who have no other contact with church. It has provided a gateway back to church for some Catholics who had lost contact. It raises the self esteem of the parish and gives hope to many people struggling with poverty at home and abroad. All in all it’s the best thing the parish community has done during the past fifteen years.”

In addition to the Drop In, each summer the parish runs a seaside outing which has people queuing for tickets. It also undertakes a Christmas Project, which this year raised over £2000 to help provide running water for a hospital in Ghana. A former altar server, now a young doctor, had worked at the hospital for 6 months the previous summer.

In the past year the parish has given £10,000 to the poor.



Exploring resources for Lent 2014

A dozen school chaplains from across the diocese, The Briars Team, Louise Cooke J&P Fieldworker and Marie and Maria from CAFOD Nottingham joined forces recently to peruse CAFOD’s new Lenten resources for children and young people. The opening reflection for the meeting reminded us of the Jesus who ate and drank with people from all backgrounds and especially the marginalised and encouraged his followers to be servants to one another. A quote from St John Chrysostom: “Would you honour the body of Christ? Do not despise his nakedness; do not honour here in church clothed in silk vestments and then pass him by un-

clothed and frozen outside” was particularly challenging. If we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, what implications does that have for how I live my life? As well as sharing ways that schools and groups resident at The Briars have supported CAFOD’s work through giving acting and praying, there was the opportunity to get familiar with some of the Lenten resources and offer feedback. The meeting ended with all participants sharing a delicious lunch, courtesy of The Briars. Thanks to all those who gave of their time and energy to take part in such a useful session.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I was pleased to see a letter from the Bishop's private secretary, Fr Andrew Cole, in the last issue of Catholic News distancing the Diocese from the article in the December issue which extensively promoted John Wijngaards. Mr Wijngaards has made a career out of dissenting from the teaching of the magisterium of the Church.

It was a pity then, to read in the very same issue of the Catholic news that Fr Cole's letter appeared, an article talking

about the conference of the organisation "A Call to Action" (ACTA). This organisation, despite its vague public statements, appears to be promoting a very similar agenda to Mr Wijngaards. If the Catholic News is going to remain a paper widely accepted in the diocese then it needs to be careful not to be hijacked by particular pressure groups who have a dubious and partisan agenda.

Sincerely,
Fr David Palmer

Dear Sir

I had a sense of dread as I read the letter from your editor's page by Rev'd Andrew Cole. Where as Pope Francis seems to be encouraging people to reach out in faith and love. Rev'd Cole's letter seems to be harking back to darker days when the only voice with authority was a clerical one. As a Jesuit Pope Francis lives by the motto "Seek God in All Things." This can be expanded to seeking God in all people, situations and all the ambiguity of life. Sexuality is a 'hot potato' both in the Roman Catholic Church and in the Church of England to which I belong. We must be so careful how we minister to people in various unions as God can be found in the love which is shared. Certainly in my experience as a Roman Priest people were spiritually trampled on. For so long hasn't guilt and catholic gone together? How does that help Chris-

tians of all sexualities thrive and grow in God's Love? As a former Roman Catholic priest I saw and ministered to people in all situations. I saw very much the motivation of fear around in the church and not the motivation of God's Love which Pope Francis has call for All Christians to embrace. I wish to simply invite people to read the sermons and interviews with Pope Francis, they radiate joy and love and hope. Yet holding true to the Creedal Statements of the Church. Isn't that the way to grow Christian Communities and not with the dark fear of the past. Or even worse with the arrogance and blind obedience of people who have sadly yet to experience the Joy and Love of the Risen Lord.

With sincere prayers and thanks for all the various articles you publish.

Rev'd Stephen Monk
(Rector of Darley Dale & Winster)

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The parish of Bourne & Deeping comprises of two churches, Sacred Heart and St Gilbert's in Bourne and Our Lady of Lincoln and St Guthlac which is located in Deeping St James. Our Churches are the closest to the Diocese of East Anglia and, in geographical terms, we are closer to Westminster Cathedral than to many of the churches in our own Diocese! Fr Clement Orango is our Parish Priest and he has served the parish since January 2008.

In September 2013, Fr Clem approached me and asked me to consider taking on the role of parish co-ordinator for the Diocesan Retired Priests appeal as I had worked with several of the priests in my time as a headteacher in the diocese. I was assured that it wouldn't be too onerous and that I would still have plenty of time for the golf course! Then came the rub!! We were tasked with raising £40k over a four year period! Quite a staggering amount when one considers that we are a relatively small parish.

Our deanery leader, Ann Hobbs, came and spoke at all masses about the task in hand and brought home to many of our parishioners, the potential hardship that could otherwise face many of our retired priests. We had further support from Carla Brown, the Diocesan appeal co-ordinator and we decided to launch the appeal on 27th Octo-



ber with a talk by yours truly followed by two presentations which included showing a DVD sent to us to explain the cause.

The response from our parishioners has been quite overwhelming and, even in the run-up to Christmas we appeared to be making good progress toward our target. Fr Clem has given the appeal his full support throughout and yet, he too, has been

astounded by the generosity of our parishioners. I am writing this article on 27th January, 2014- three months to the day after we launched the appeal, and I have just been notified that we have now raised in excess of £40,000 a figure which seemed to be a pipe dream only a few months ago! We don't intend to stop there and more and more parishioners are contributing, almost

on a daily basis. We also intend to continue to organise a series of parish events thus supporting the appeal and building up God's community in this lovely part of the world.

Tom Jordan
Bourne and Deeping RC Parish

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~ *Bishop Malcolm McMahon*

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Since 2008 there have also been regional weekends and in April 2013 we enjoyed our first vibrant and blessed weekend in Cleethorpes. Our regional 2014 event at Holy Family Catholic Academy in Cleethorpes will take place in July. There will be presentations on the main stage including teachings from Sue Whitehead, Sr. Andrew Fava and also Pippa Baker. There will also be thought-pro-

voking drama from Steve Murray and the local Puppet Power team along with a range of smaller workshops. We will come together to celebrate Mass together on both days with the main Celebrant on Saturday being our very own Bishop Malcolm McMahon. There will be a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 through to 21.

We are now open for bookings ('early bird' discounts available) and to find out more please visit our website at <http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/cleethorpes/> where you can also find details of booking. Or telephone us on 07513 931615 for further information and booking forms.

Get ready for Fairtrade Fortnight 2014

Fairtrade Fortnight began last weekend and as a founding member of the Fairtrade Foundation, CAFOD is asking you and your parish to help tackle the inequalities in our food system by making bananas fair.

Fairtrade Fortnight will run from 24 February to 9 March and you are being set the challenge to 'stick with Foncho to make bananas fair'. Albeiro Alfonso 'Foncho' Cantillo is a small-scale banana farmer from Colombia who sells mostly Fairtrade produce. This means he can afford to care for his family and give his daughter a good education.

By sticking with Foncho, you will buy only Fairtrade bananas and call on the UK government to rebalance our food system, ensuring workers in global supply chains get a fair deal.

Taking up the challenge is a great way to support our Hungry for change campaign. As part of the campaign we have been recommending our lifestyle tips to help you play your part in building a fairer food system for all. Buying food from Fairtrade companies is a fantastic way to do this: it encourages greater support for small-scale farmers like Foncho, ensuring large supermarkets give growers a fair return for their produce.

Community support

More than 500 Catholic parishes and more than eight dioceses across England and Wales are working hard to promote Fairtrade. The Diocese of Westminster supports the initiative each year, and is well on its



way to becoming a Fairtrade Diocese. Tony Sheen, manager of CAFOD's Westminster office said: "As a member of a global family I want to be sure that my brothers and sisters in the developing world receive a fair price for the food they have produced for me to eat."

"As a Catholic community we want to play our part in building a fairer food system where no one is exploited. When parishes support Fairtrade, we are saying we believe in a fair wage for our producers in the developing world and 'no' to exploitation and injustice."

CAFOD founded the Fairtrade Foundation in 1992 along with five other charities. The Foundation recognises products where producers and farmers are paid a fair price for their goods, and given a little bit extra to put back into their communities.

Dig Deep for change this Lent Lent Fast Day: Friday 14 March

Lent is a time for all of us to Dig Deep: into ourselves, our faith, our relationship with God and the people around us. Our faith helps to centre and ground us amid the pressures of everyday life: it roots us in Christ. Through fasting, prayer and reflection we can nurture these roots, and sow seeds of change within and without.

So Dig Deep with CAFOD this Lent!

* Dig Deep into the roots of our faith

* Dig Deep in solidarity with those who go hungry

* Dig Deep into your pockets this Fast Day

How you can Dig Deep this Lent

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Support the Lent Fast Day appeal

Help make Fast Day a success by helping to promote it in your parish. Give the Fast Day talk? Hand out envelopes after mass? Hold a frugal Fast Day lunch in church, or at home?

Take action

Notice what you're putting on your plate this Lent and make positive choices – to buy Fairtrade, cut waste and eat sustainably – and encourage others to do the same – to help ensure that everyone around the world has enough to eat too.

Pray and reflect

Dig deep inside yourself and see what wonderful transformations Jesus can make in you this Lent. Find CAFOD's online



Lenten calendar with daily reflections and prayers and guided reflection, "Dig deep into the roots of our faith" at www.cafod.org.uk/pray

What your money can do (In Sierra Leone)

£5 can buy a hoe that can help a farmer clear their land of weeds.

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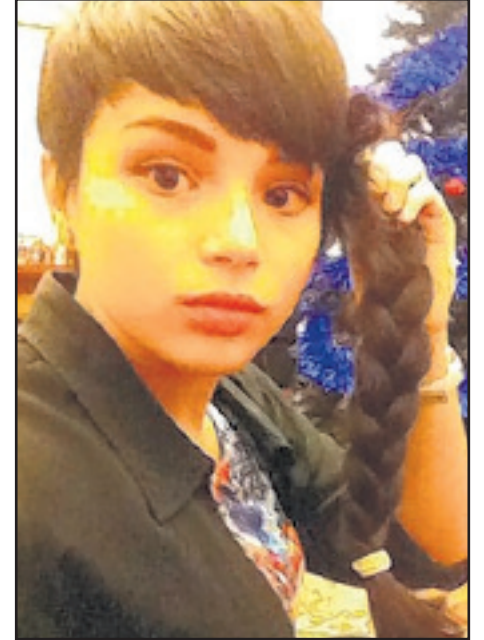
Fundraising hair cut



Nicola before the chop!

The family of Nicola Taylor, a year 11 pupil at St Thomas More School, Buxton, come from the Philippines. She decided on a drastic haircut as a way of raising funds for the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal and raised £300 as she went from long to short.

Her fellow students also contributed to



Nicola sporting the short look—holding a plait of her old locks.

the appeal through a whole school non-uniform day. In addition each form organised various fundraising activities such as collecting loose change, car washing, cake sales, a Christmas cake decorating competition and a Christmas themed raffle. Altogether the school community raised a magnificent £1,650

A Challenge for the Youth of the Diocese

Once again it is here, The Public Speaking Contest for 5th and 6th formers of the Catholic Schools of the Diocese.

The event will be held on Sunday the 2nd March 2014 at the Best Western Yew Lodge Hotel, Kegworth. This Annual Competition is organised by the Catenians of the Diocese.

Principal Invited Guests are, Bishop Malcolm Patrick Mc Mahon OP of Nottingham Diocese, Bishop John Rawsthorne of Hal-

lam Diocese, H.M. Coroner Miss Mairin Casey QC & His Honour, Judge Jeremy Lea.

Once again Stewart Jones of IRL Group Ltd is sponsoring the event.

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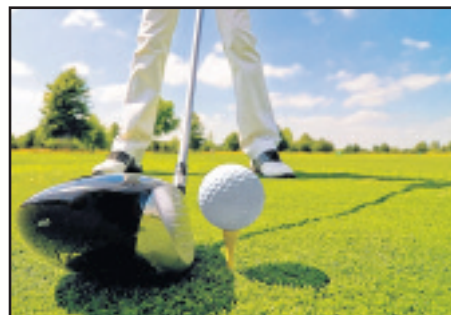
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Paul Michel

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Brian Davies

11 October – Martin Luther King –

Speaker TAB

8 November – Archbishop Oscar Romero –

Fr. Ted Mullen IC

FOURTH SATURDAYS

Afternoon Retreats

22 March – Hope Prayer Reflection

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Reflection

25 October – Confirmation Prayer

Reflection

22 November – Eucharist Prayer

Reflection

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Annual Music Workshop – Save the date!

Preparations for this year's Music Workshop are continuing, with guest speaker Tim Harrison meeting with members of the team recently, to plan the finer details of the day! We will soon be in a position to share these details with the musicians of the Diocese, and to others via Catholic News.

Just by way of a reminder, this year's Music Workshop (Make Music for the Lord) will be held on Saturday 21st June at Holy Trinity Centre, Newark.

We will be led this year by Tim Harrison.

Tim previously taught music at Ushaw College and is now the Diocesan and Cathedral Director of Music for Middlesbrough Diocese. You can find out more about Tim at middlesbroughrccathedral.org/people/director-of-music or <https://sites.google.com/site/timothy-craigharrison/> (NB: don't confuse with the Canadian musician of the same name). Please take note of the date and please do share it with other musicians in your Parish, or any others who you think may



Tim Harrison

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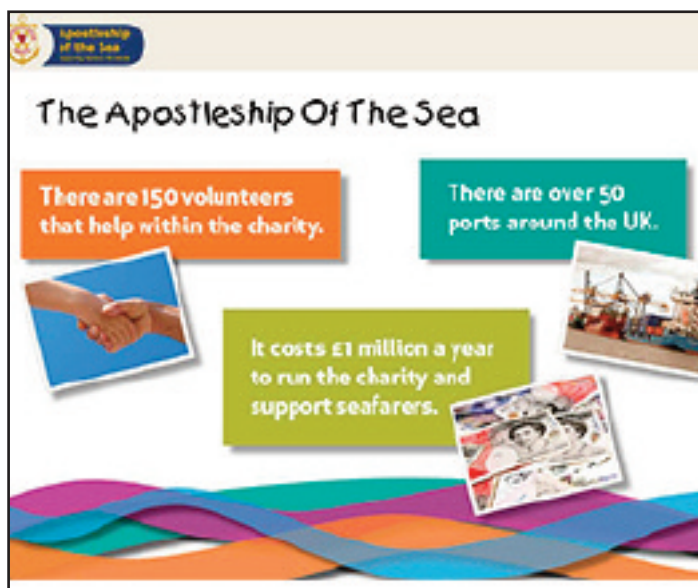
Written by teachers and produced by the seafarers' charity Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), in association with Ten Ten Theatre, the resources are aimed at KS2 and KS3 students.

The downloadable resources include lesson plans and assemblies that are both easy to use and engaging for students. Powerpoints and teacher guidance notes are included.

Each lesson follows a simple structure and includes clear objectives and learning outcomes. It has been designed around the national curriculum and gives students the opportunity to learn about the world of shipping and seafarers and how the Apostleship of the Sea is helping to support seafarers worldwide.

John Green, AoS Director of Development said, 'the subject of the sea and the lives of seafarers touches many aspects of the national curriculum and is a fundamental part of this country's heritage', he continued 'these attractive and engaging resources, written by teachers, will capture the excitement of the sea and the lives of seafarers, a world that is often so close to children from seaside trips and ferry crossings, but relatively unknown to them.'

The resources were produced in association with Ten Ten Theatre. Ten Ten aim to communicate the richness of the Church's experience in human relationships and engaging with the modern world. Martin O'Brien, Artistic Director of Ten Ten, said he was 'proud' to be collaborating with the Apostleship of the Sea



and 'bringing closer this hidden world and work of the church within it to children and young people.'

To download these resources visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/resources-schools

be interested in it.

As ever the Music Day will include an assortment of new music, opportunities for singing, and we hope again to have up-to-date resources available for purchase on the day.

Updated document for Celebrations of Word and Holy Communion in the Absence of a Priest

Many Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be aware of the above document which was released back in 1996. The so-called "beige booklet" is used - typically on weekdays - if you are called upon to lead such a Celebration if your priest is away from the Parish.

The online version of the document has recently been updated by the National Liturgy Office, and is available for down-

load. Our colleagues in the Commission for Extraordinary Ministers in the Diocese are producing some additional supporting information for those called to use this particular Liturgy. In the meantime if you have access to the internet and wish to download a copy it is available at <http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/CWC/CWAC.pdf>.

The Commission are always happy to hear from people within the Diocese. Possibly you have a question you would like to raise, or have some other information that you would like to be considered for inclusion in our pages. Please feel welcome to email us (sec@nrldc.org.uk) with the details.

Damian Norton
NDLC

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Burdens on the taxpayer



The first weekend in February was not the best for all who care about education. Differences of opinion about Government strategy concerning our schools are nothing new and the Easter conference season frequently asks questions from the teaching unions. This year strong opinions were being expressed well before Lent.

We had not quite reached Candlemass Day just 40 days after Christmas when the news bulletins reported that the schools inspectorate Ofsted would not be keeping Baroness Morgan of Huyton as its chairperson. I have to admit Lady Morgan was not a name I was familiar with but I fear she has been a victim of politics, the run into the General Election of May 2015 seems to have started. Some who defended Lady Morgan's record at Ofsted also appeared to be wanting a change, others felt the Labour peer should have been retained and that her removal was a "blatant" attempt to politicise the schools watchdog. Ofsted should surely be about liaising with our schools and improving standards and not about winners and losers.

I have to admit my own Catholic education in the 1950's was not brilliant, class sizes of 45 did not help and those who failed the 11+ did not expect to progress in academic studies. As I was fortunate to secure a job in industry I really did not seem to need or care about what was happening in our schools and for forty one years I never walked through a school gate until I was asked to serve as a governor. Since that day I have been so impressed by the ethos which prevails at so many of our Church schools and by the dedication of the teachers and staff, Why is it then that the secular lobbies are so opposed to religious schools? They sometimes speak of "burdens on the taxpayer" and as it is convenient to them to ignore the funding which the churches raise and thus actually save the tax payer money. These often unknown but clever opponents are never slow to jump on any cause as long as Faith Schools can be criticised. They have not been slow to comment on the proposed withdrawal of school transport funding to our schools in a number of authorities which are now under threat. In

some communities this change may be seen as a "tax" on Catholic families some of whom will have difficulty in paying any additional transport costs particularly if they have more than one child. In at least one area any cost saving could be counter productive as the local authority would have to pay transport costs to the nearest available school for some pupils as the numbers get more complicated to control.

So that arguments about education are never likely to go away and the present Minister seems determined to want changes. As Education Secretary he wishes to raise standards in our schools, no one would disagree with that. I fear he has a far greater task in controlling the politics that some of us are wishing would go away as our young people try to get their career's started with the best schooling available. Meanwhile we should not hesitate to speak up for our Catholic schools.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish,
Newark

21 and 25 April Charismatic Renewal

The 2014 annual retreat for all clergy who are interested or involved in the charismatic renewal will take place between 21st & 25th April in Mount St Mary's College, Sheffield. Fr Pat Collins CM will be speaking on

'I have come to bring fire to the earth'. Booking forms are available from the retreat secretary, Jenny Lee (40 Cherry Tree Road, LONDON N2 9QC; e: l.warden@btinternet.com).

Pope's Lent Message: I distrust charity that costs nothing and doesn't hurt

"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt" because real poverty hurts and dispossession - "what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty" - "would not be valid without this penitential dimension". This is the exhortation to "bear witness to the Gospel message to those who live in material, moral and spiritual poverty" in Pope Francis' message for Lent published on Sunday and titled: "He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich".

In the document the Pope starts with the sentence of St Paul: "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Cor 8:9), to ask "What do these words of Saint Paul mean for us Christians today? What does this invitation to poverty, a life of evangelical poverty, mean for us today?"

"First of all, it shows us how God works. He does not reveal himself cloaked in worldly power and wealth but rather in weakness and poverty: "though He was rich, yet for your sake he became poor ...". Christ, the eternal Son of God, one with the Father in power and glory, chose to be poor; he came amongst us and drew near to each of us; he set aside his glory and emptied himself so that he could be like us in all things (cf. Phil 2:7; Heb 4:15). God's becoming man is a great mystery! But the reason for all this is his love, a love which is grace, generosity, a desire to draw near, a love which does not hesitate to offer itself in sacrifice for the beloved. Charity, love, is sharing with the one we love in all things. Love makes us similar, it creates equality, it breaks down walls and eliminates distances. God did this with us. Indeed, Jesus "worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, he truly became one of us, like us in all things except sin." (Gaudium et Spes, 22)".

"By making himself poor, Jesus did not seek poverty for its own sake but, as Saint Paul says "that by his poverty you might become rich". This is no mere play on words or a catch phrase. Rather, it sums up God's logic, the logic of love, the logic of the incarnation and the cross. God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety. Christ's love is different! When Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan and was baptized by John the Baptist, he did so not because he was in need of repentance, or conversion; he did it to be among people who need forgiveness, among us sinners,

and to take upon himself the burden of our sins. In this way he chose to comfort us, to save us, to free us from our misery".

The "poverty by which Christ frees us and enriches us" "is his way of loving us". What "gives us true freedom, true salvation and true happiness is the compassion, tenderness and solidarity of his love. Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us. Christ's poverty is the greatest treasure of all: Jesus' wealth is that of his boundless confidence in God the Father, his constant trust, his desire always and only to do the Father's will and give glory to him".

"Jesus' wealth lies in his being the Son; his unique relationship with the Father is the sovereign prerogative of this Messiah who is poor. When Jesus asks us to take up his "yoke which is easy", he asks us to be enriched by his "poverty which is rich" and his "richness which is poor", to share his filial and fraternal Spirit, to become sons and daughters in the Son, brothers and sisters in the firstborn brother (cf. Rom 8:29). It has been said that the only real regret lies in not being a saint (L. Bloy); we could also say that there is only one real kind of poverty: not living as children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ".

"We might think that this "way" of poverty was Jesus' way, whereas we who come after him can save the world with the right kind of human resources. This is not the case. In every time and place God continues to save mankind and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor in the sacraments, in his word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor. God's wealth passes not through our wealth, but invariably and exclusively through our personal and communal poverty, enlivened by the Spirit of Christ".

"In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it. Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope. There are three types of destitution: material, moral and spiritual. Material destitution is what is normally called poverty, and affects those living in conditions opposed to human dignity: those who lack basic rights and needs such as food, water, hygiene, work and the opportunity to develop and grow culturally. In response to this destitution, the Church offers her help, her diakonia, in meeting these needs and binding these wounds which disfigure the face of humanity. In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the

poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing".

"No less a concern is moral destitution, which consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members - often a young person - is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography! How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope! And how many are plunged into this destitution by unjust social conditions, by unemployment, which takes away their dignity as breadwinners, and by lack of equal access to education and health care. In such cases, moral destitution can be considered impending suicide. This type of destitution, which also causes financial ruin, is invariably linked to the spiritual destitution which we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall. God alone can truly save and free us".

"The Gospel is the real antidote to spiri-



herd lovingly seeks his lost sheep. In union with Jesus, we can courageously open up new paths of evangelization and human promotion".

Pope Francis concludes:

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are 'as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything', sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey.

I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

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It can be reached on the above address or via a link on the diocesan website. Already it has useful information and it is our intention to not only provide progress reports but more detailed information which is simply too big to include in our ordinary material. Suggestions for material to post are welcome and can be sent to the appeal office (srpfappeal@nrcdt.org.uk).

Discussion Day

"War and the Commemoration of War 1914-2014"

on Saturday March 8th at St Clements Hall Holy Cross Dominican Priory, Leicester
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Fr Richard Finn OP (Blackfriars Cambridge)
Starting after 10.30a.m. Mass and concluding at 3.30p.m.


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A reliquary containing the blood of Blessed John Paul II was stolen from a church in Italy on January 26. The reliquary, along with a crucifix, was found missing after a break-in at the little church in San Pietro della Ienca, in the mountains of the Abruzzo region. Nothing else was taken from the church, and a caretaker suggested that the thieves may plan to seek ransom for the relic. The blood, shed by Pope John Paul II when he was shot in an assassination attempt in 1981, was saved by his private secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. The Reuters news service reports that Cardinal Dziwisz gave a vial of blood to the church in Abruzzo "as a token



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Parishioners from the Sacred Heart church in Skegness joined together recently for an international lunch in the church hall. Each providing delicacies from their own country. Father Brian Dazeley expressed his thanks to those who had provided the lunch and to all who had attended adding, "It was lovely to be together." There are plans for another lunch later in the year.

Enjoying the International lunch in the church hall of the Sacred Heart Catholic church at which Father Brian Dazeley, pictured, expressed his thanks to all

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Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

You are the light of the world (Matthew 5. v.14)

The hermitage garden has presented us with somewhat of a challenge since our residence here and what was totally an expanse of overgrowth is now beginning to see light and as I write this the tiny snowdrops are emerging almost as beacons of light, after months of winter darkness the days are beginning to lighten, with still some daylight at Vesper tide. The sun is the source of material light and all other lights comes from it, in much the same way all spiritual light, that of beauty, of thought, of purity, and goodness have come from one light, that of Christ, the light of the world. As humans we only have the power of assimilating light but we are unable to create light.

At our Baptisms our godparents were given a lighted candle symbolizing that Jesus is the light of the world, from which all spiritual light comes, we were joined to Jesus and are one with him now in that same light, our godparents being responsible for bringing us up in the faith. As mature adults and active members of our world and our church, it is our responsibility to keep that same light burning within ourselves. Recently, Pope Francis invited all Christians everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus, the light of the world (*Evangelii Gaudium*) All Christians are called to shine brightly as the light of God, in a dark and gloomy world, we are invited to show practical concern for the homeless, the poor, the under privileged and the marginalised in our society. We are called to share the faith and the love of Christ with others in proclaiming the Gospel by our lives and witness to God, remembering the advice of St. Francis who said "proclaim the Gospel, and if necessary

use words".

March 5th is Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season. Perhaps the weather may continue to be bleak, somewhat still dark and dreary, but never the less let us make it our individual Lenten challenge to be a light, to lighten our world. St Matthew reminds us "We are the light of the world, that light must shine before us in the sight of men so that seeing our good works they may give praise to your Father in Heaven"

Jesus came into our world taking the form of our human nature and in that human nature he has set the Divine nature, so that we can shine as Divine light.

People with sight problems (I can vouch for this) often cannot bear bright light. it is not the fault of the light itself, but is the fault of their eyes, if we do not love Jesus,

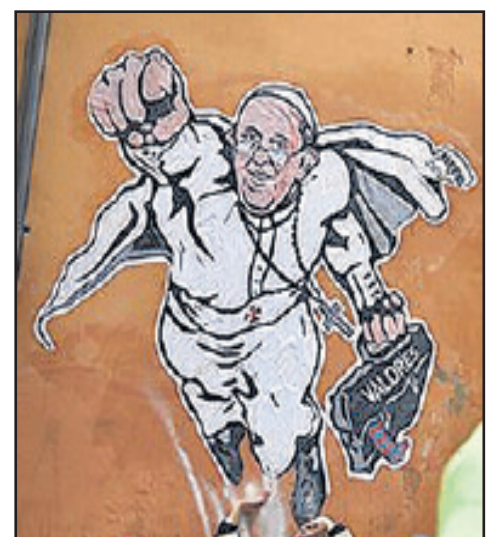


then we may have a wrong impression of Him our organs of spiritual vision may have become diseased. Hopefully, through the sacraments this Lent we may draw ever closer to union with God, through the light of his Son Jesus Christ.

Br. David H.D.N

It's time for Superpope

Move over Superman, it's time for Superpope. In the same week that he became the first pontiff to be featured on the cover of Rolling Stone magazine, Pope Francis has appeared in cartoon form on a building near the Vatican, his right fist clenched ahead of him in classic Superman style. He is carrying a black briefcase bearing the word *valores*, Spanish for values, containing a scarf bearing the blue and red colours of his favourite Argentinian football team, San Lorenzo. The artwork, which has been pasted to the wall, is signed Maupal 2014.



Catholic Parish in the News St Augustine of England, St Anns Nottingham

On 10 July 1879 notice was given to the Borough of Nottingham that it was intended to erect a new iron church on Woodborough Road at the corner of Northville street (now Westville Gardens).

The church took 3 months to erect and the Duke of Norfolk contributed £300 which probably covered the whole cost.

This church soon became too small to accommodate its congregation and in September 1920 plans were submitted for a new stone church - the foundation stone was laid on 3 February 1921.

The church was designed by John Sydney Brocklesby. The design is described as Romanesque and is unique in Nottingham. The price was estimated at £10,000 but eventually cost £18,500 and it took 17 years to clear the debt. The church could not be consecrated until the debt was cleared and this was done on 21 September 1940.

To the left of the main entrance (facing the sanctuary) is a window depicting St Winifred. This window was made by Thomas Dexter in memory of his sister. Thomas Dexter incorporated into the stained glass a small open hand with his name across it. This can also be seen in the three windows in the dome over the sanctuary which depict St Augustine, St Gregory and Christ in Majesty. Above the Sanctuary hangs the rood depicting the crucified Christ. At each corner are symbols of the four evangelists. On the back of the rood is Our Lady with her heart pierced by a sword. Around her are the words VIRGO: MATER: CRUCI: FILII: CONFIXA (the virgin mother pierced by the cross of her son). This rood is very similar to one in Westminster Cathedral.

St Augustine's Parish Mission Statement

*Share the message of Jesus
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To celebrate God's love for us in the Eucharist*



*To support family and parish life
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Confessions are from 5.15pm to 5.45pm on Saturday evening (or on request).

Children's Liturgy is on the first Sunday of the month followed by tea and coffee and a cake stall in the Hall. Music on the first Sunday of the month is provided by an African group from the Cameroon and on other Sundays by Barrie Allan our organist.

From Sunday 24 November 2013 there will be a School Mass on one Sunday a term. Preparation for the sacraments takes place in the parish.



Deacons

Deacons are ordained to proclaim the Gospel during Mass and to live it out within the community. Anthony Sullivan, our parish deacon, after dismissing the congregation goes out with them to serve the local area. Visiting those in Care, Day Centres and community outreach, are all part of the deacon's ministry of charity, which is reflected in the Liturgy by preaching and assisting at Mass, celebrating baptisms and funerals and taking Holy Communion, alongside our Eucharistic Ministers, to those unable to attend Mass.

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St. Augustine's Catholic Primary and Nursery school has always shared a strong relationship with the parish of St Augustine's. The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace established the school in the 19th century and this association finally ended when the sisters moved away from the area in 1992. However, there are still strong links with St Augustine's church.

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Book Review

Race with the Devil

by Joseph Pearce - St Benedict Press

Joseph Pearce subtitles this moving account of his conversion as "My journey from racial hatred to rational love." It is indeed an extraordinary journey: from a youth in which he was twice imprisoned for publishing material "likely to incite racial hatred" (Pearce was a keen young member of the National Front and editor of *The Bulldog*) and in which he had been a keen participant in race riots, into the Catholic Church in 1989. He dedicates his book to his father, Albert; his influence over his son's political extremism was significant and he later followed him into the Church, a move which Pearce humorously comments, was "perhaps even more miracu-

lous than my own."

The seeds of Pearce's narrow and bigoted nationalism were sown in childhood. A clever, argumentative and restless boy, his family moved from the peaceful Suffolk countryside to Barking in East London when he was 11; the change from a secure primary school in which he shone to a tough comprehensive where he struggled to find his feet, was critical in his emotional and political development. The patriotism, imperialism and xenophobia which he had imbibed from his father coalesced when he was aged 14 in 1975, into an angry, neo-fascist, white supremacist position.

The irony was that his father, in the usual muddled way of most human beings, managed to combine anti-Semitic and anti-Irish sentiments with a love of Shakespeare and traditions like Christmas. Pearce, an autodidact like his father, writes that "few men loved their fellow men more fully and more truly and with such Dickensian and Chestertonian exuberance" as his father. The young man started to work full-time for the National Front as a teenager and first went to prison for his racist writings in 1982.

In solitary confinement Pearce started to read seriously. He had already encountered in his unsystematic fashion the writings of Richard Dawkins on evolution, Hans Eysenck on inherited intelligence, Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago*; now he discovered GK Chesterton's *The Outline of Sanity* which he "devoured". GKC proved a providential encounter; the author disarmingly confesses that "even more unsettling to my own religious prejudice was the uncomfortable feeling that I wanted to like what Chesterton liked, even if I had always believed that I didn't like it."

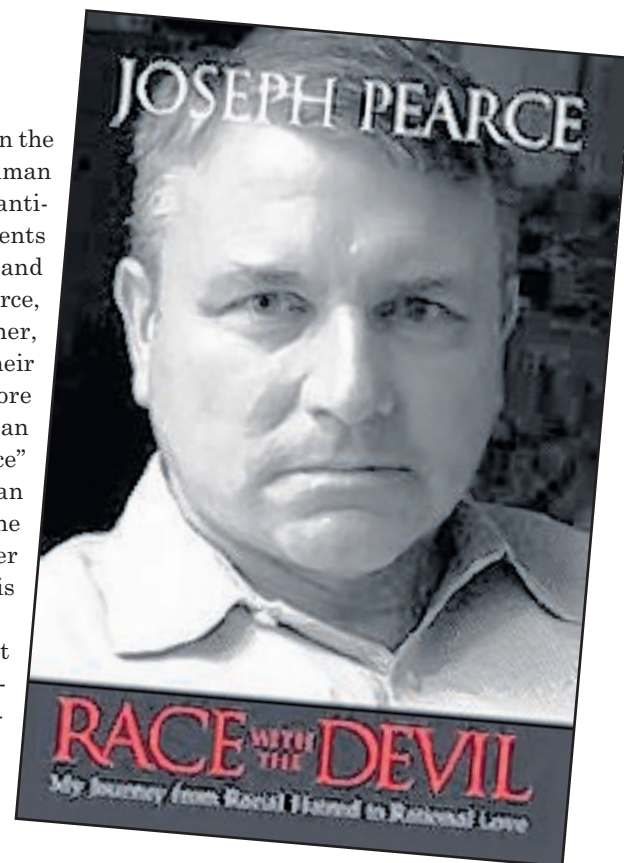
During the 1980s, Pearce admits that he was living a double life "in which I wrote hate-filled propaganda during the day and read the love-filled pages of Chesterton and Lewis at night." Yet in his "race with the Devil", the latter was slowing ceding ground as grace increased. With his personal life in a mess and imprisoned again in 1985, the author was at a crossroads, both spiritually and emotionally. When asked his religion by the prison authorities he told them, untruthfully, he was a

Catholic.

"I couldn't believe what I had just said" he relates, describing the moment as a "baptism of desire." This time in prison solitary confinement was welcome as it forced him finally to confront himself. He read Newman, Tolkien and the Jesuit philosopher Coplestone and resolved to resign from politics.

On entering the Church in 1989 Pearce decided to use his writing gifts as a personal apostolate, both to atone for his troubled past and to help others learn the beauty, truth and goodness implicit in Catholicism. Biographies of Chesterton, Belloc and Tolkien followed. His book provides fascinating insight into the rationale behind what is now the British National Party. Above all, it is the story of a conversion, brought about, providentially, by the random kindness of strangers and the discovery of great Christian thinkers

Francis Phillips



Inspectors give High Praise to Grace Dieu



The recent inspection by the Independent Schools Inspectorate has highlighted just what a remarkable place Grace Dieu Manor School is for children to begin their educational journey. The Inspectors remarked on the good progress pupils make, and the high standards that pupils reach due to the 'effective teaching'. They reported that 'attainment is high' and that pupils' successful admission to selective senior schools was evidence of this. In relation to the teaching at Grace Dieu, the report referred to 'brisk pace, excellent subject knowledge and clear learning objectives that enable pupils of all abilities to acquire new knowledge and make rapid progress'. Parents were said to be 'very happy with the quality of teaching and enthusiastic about the quality of education on offer.'

Pastoral care was rated as 'excellent' and 'there is a very happy, friendly, family feel throughout the school. Every individual is well-respected and treated with great courtesy and care.'

The report comments that 'pupils speak with considerable maturity for their age and develop very strong self-awareness and confidence because they are given excellent pastoral care.' The school is proud that pupils show 'great empathy and con-

sideration for one another' and 'appreciate and respect each other's differences.' It was pleasing that the inspectors noted the school's focus on values and they commented that 'pupils have a fully developed sense of right and wrong which is developed from the earliest age in the Early Years Foundation Stage.'

What happens outside the classroom is also vital and the inspectors wrote, 'the emphasis that the school places on developing pupils' confidence and self-esteem has led to pupils of all abilities achieving well in a range of sports and aesthetic activities such as art, music and drama.' And again, 'awards to senior schools show that music and sports are strong', and reference is made to 'the vibrant choral, instrumental and performing arts tradition' that clearly inspires the pupils.'

As for the Early Years Foundation Stage, the youngest pupils at Grace Dieu (3+ and 4+) were described as 'active learners, enjoying all they do... the teaching by well-qualified staff is engaging and motivating, meeting the needs of all the children well, and promoting an environment in which pastoral and academic development is nurtured. In the Early Years, the youngest children respond fully to school life with great enthusiasm and enjoyment...'

"Valentine Marriage Mass"

On Sunday 9th Feb the annual "Valentine Marriage Mass" celebrating the sacrament of Matrimony took place at St Barnabas Cathedral. Couples from all over the diocese came together filling the Cathedral to renew their vows to one

another in the presence of Bishop Malcolm.

Those in attendance included one couple about to celebrate their 60th anniversary, while at the other end a couple who had only been married for five months. After Mass had finished both these couples were invited up to meet the Bishop, along with Mr and Mrs Hall who had both been recently awarded with the Bene Merenti medal for their service to the Church over many years as a married couple. (See photo)

It was a wonderful celebration of the beautiful sacrament of holy matrimony, which according to the teaching of the



Church, is a, "covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, (it) is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ The Lord to the dignity of a sacrament" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1601)

The Mass, (organized by the Marriage and Family life commission) has become a regular feature in the life of the diocese, and if you haven't yet been do consider coming next year.

Fr David Palmer

Harvest of Talents

Each form group at All Saint's School, Mansfield were given £10 in a golden envelope to invest with the aim of multiplying this money as much as they could, and return it a sizable profit to donate to CAFOD. The CAFOD Challenge, based on the biblical Parable of the Talents, is a reminder that God gives us gifts and skills that can be used for the good of others. Students showed great initiative to come up with a variety of fundraising ideas including car washes, cake sales, raffles, football tournaments, an arm wrestling contest, selling raffle tickets to staff to give them the opportunity to win a helper for the day who would carry out any job the staff member required—and much much more. At the end of the half term, the students'

raised over £3,200 from the initial investment of £500. This money will now enable families in Africa, Asia and Latin America to, in turn, use their own talents to improve their own lives.

Mrs Cobbett, Headteacher, said: "We're really excited about being a part of this scheme; it has given the students a chance to use their imaginations and talents to really make a difference. They have learned to appreciate how people living in poverty, every day have to find clever ways to make the little money they earn, or food that they produce stretch to feed and take care of their families. This project has enabled students to gain better knowledge of how poverty affects lives and has inspired them to take action against poverty."

"As a form we decided to make individual, personalised key rings/book pebbles from FIMO clay, with the aim of relating them to our form identity. It had a yellow base to represent the colour of our House Industria, which means hard-working. We included our own design as a decoration. As a result, we raised £65."

Written by
Chantelle &
Rhianna



entrepreneurial know-how had managed to



Student v staff arm wrestling

CAFOD Nottingham needs volunteers!

* **Opportunity 1**—Do you regularly sell items on E-Bay? Would you be prepared to sell some items on behalf of CAFOD if we provided photographs of the items and delivered them to you?

* **Opportunity 2**—Would you be prepared to receive an information pack each Lent and Harvest, put posters up in church, pass on a bidding prayer, Children's Liturgy of the Word resources and newsletter announcements to the correct people in your parish? If so, you could be the CAFOD Fast Day contact for your parish. We have several parishes who are without a contact—and some parishes with a contact where that person would like a bit of help!

If you can help with either of these tasks, please contact Marie or Maria at the CAFOD Nottingham office asap telephone 01773 852950 or CAFOD Nottingham, The Briars Youth Retreat Centre, Crich Common, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5BW

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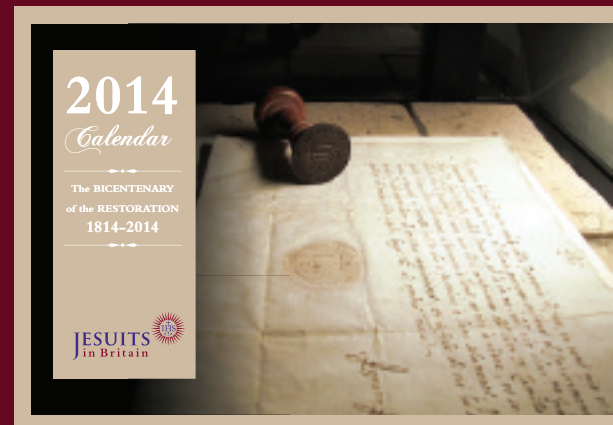
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Awarded full university title by the Privy Council



St Mary's University College, Twickenham has been awarded full university title by the Privy Council. This means that it will officially change its name to St Mary's University, Twickenham. Dr Arthur Naylor, Interim Principal, said: "These are exciting times for St Mary's and the granting of University title will facilitate its development both at home and abroad." St Mary's Chair to the Board of Governors Bishop Richard Moth said: "This is excellent news for St Mary's and recognises all that the University offers to students and staff alike." The news follows the announcement that St Mary's Board of Governors has appointed Francis Campbell as Principal. He will join the University in April 2014.



Help from Aspley

With a large Filipino element to the school community of St Teresa's Primary, Aspley, the school felt it was extra important to work together to help their brothers and sisters in the Philippines after hearing the news of Typhoon Haiyan. The Chaplaincy Team, along with the House Captains, organised a liturgy which they led. They also organised a cake sale and a non uniform day, where the children

and staff wore red, yellow, blue and white - the colours found in the Philippine flag. All children have also been using the CAFOD prayer in their classrooms and writing prayers for the prayer wall in the school hall. The efforts of the school community raised £332 for the Appeal and they will continue to pray in school and at home for the people of the Philippines.



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