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Sacred Heart Mass and Confirmations



The Bishop of Nottingham the Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon pictured with Parish priest for Skegness and Spilsby Monsignor Father Brian Dazeley and confirmation candidates at the Mass and confirmation at the Sacred Heart church Skegness on Saturday April 26.

Afterwards a reception was held in the church Hall giving opportunity for parishioners to say farewell to the Bishop as he prepared to leave to become Archbishop of Liverpool.

Earlier in the day the Bishop was welcomed to the Spilsby church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs where he conducted a prayer service.

Photo Eileen Chantry

Cathedral catches Nightfever

Story by Conor Gaffey pictures by Michael N. Chee

Around a hundred weekend revellers visited St Barnabas' Cathedral during an open-door evangelisation event.

Nightfever took place at the Cathedral on Derby Road on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 May. Pairs of volunteers went out into Nottingham city centre to invite unsuspecting members of the public to light a candle or say a prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Cathedral. Live music was provided by God's Gift and the Briars team.

Nightfever is an initiative which sprung from the 2005 World Youth Day in Cologne and has taken



place in various other UK cities including London and Birmingham.

Rosanna Cassidy, 22, is a PhD student at the University of Nottingham. She was one of the volunteers who went on outreach in Nottingham.

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Monsignor Canon Thomas McGovern elected Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham

Following Archbishop McMahon's installation as Archbishop of Liverpool, the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Nottingham has elected the Reverend Monsignor Canon Thomas McGovern, Protonotary Apostolic, as Diocesan Administrator. He will serve as Diocesan Administrator until the tenth Bishop of Nottingham is installed in due course.

Thomas Patrick McGovern was born in Leitrim, Ireland on 23rd October 1945. Leaving school, he entered St Kieran's College, Kilkenny, and was ordained to the priesthood for the service of the Diocese of Nottingham in St Mary's Church, Kilkenny on 7th June 1970.

He has worked in the parishes of the Divine Infant of Prague, Syston (1970-1971), St Joseph, Leicester (1971-1976), St Peter, Leicester (1978-1979), St Hugh of Lincoln, Lincoln (1979-1997), St Philip Neri, Mansfield (1997-1999), St Barnabas' Cathedral (1999-2006), Our Lady & St Patrick in the Meadows, Nottingham (2000-2006), St Augustine, Apostle of England (2000-2006) and St Joseph, Oakham with St Thomas of Canterbury, Exton (2006-2010), and is currently Parish Priest of the Parish of Sts Peter & Paul, Lincoln.

He was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Nottingham in 1997 by Bishop James McGuinness and continued to hold this position during



ing Bishop Malcolm McMahon's tenure as Bishop of Nottingham. In August 2007 he was appointed Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary by Pope Benedict XVI. On 6th May 2014, following the installation of Bishop Malcolm as Archbishop of Liverpool, the College of Consultors elected him as Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham.

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Pope Francis reflects on the gift of good counsel

During his General Audience in St Peter's Square, recently, Pope Francis continued his reflections on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, focusing on the gift of good counsel. May is the month of Mary, and the Holy Father began a prayer of thanksgiving for her good counsel in times of difficulty. He also invited mothers worldwide to pray for this gift from the Holy Spirit.

He said: "We know how important it is, especially in the most delicate moments, to be able to count on the advice of wise people who love us. Now, through the gift of counsel, it is God himself, with his Spirit who enlightens our hearts, so as to help us understand the proper way to speak and behave and the path to follow. But how does this work?"

"From the moment we welcome and host Him in our hearts, the Holy Spirit immediately begins to make us sensitive to His voice and to direct our thoughts, our feelings and our intentions according to God's heart. At the same time, He increasingly brings us to turn our inward gaze upon Jesus as a model of how to act and relate with God the Father and our brothers and sisters. Counsel, then, is the gift by which the Holy Spirit makes our conscience capable of making a concrete choice in communion with God, according to the logic of Jesus and of his Gospel. In this way, the Spirit helps us grow inwardly, helps us grow positively, helps us grow in communion and helps us to avoid being at the mercy of selfishness and our own way of seeing things. This is how the Spirit helps us grow and also live in communion."

The Holy Father went on to say that the essential condition to preserve this gift is prayer. "We always return to the same point: prayer. Prayer, praying is so impor-

tant. Praying those prayers that we all know from childhood but also praying with our words, praying to the Lord: 'Lord, help me, advise me, what should I do now?'. With prayer we make room for the Spirit to come and help us in that moment, he advises us all on what we must do. Prayer, never forget prayer, never. Nobody notices when we pray on the bus, on the streets, we pray in silence, with our hearts, take advantage of these moments to pray. Pray for the Spirit to give us this gift of counsel."

"In intimacy with God and listening to His Word slowly we put aside our personal logic, dictated most of the time by our closure, our prejudices and our ambitions, and instead learn to ask the Lord, what is your wish? Seek advice from the Lord. And we do so with prayer."

"In this way a profound harmony matures in us, almost innate in the Spirit and we experience how true the words of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of Matthew are: 'When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say (Mt 10:19-20)'. It is the Spirit who counsels us but we have to make room for the Spirit to give us counsel and give space to prayer, prayer for Him to come and always help us."

"Like all the other gifts of the Spirit, counsel is also a treasure for the entire Christian community. The Lord speaks to us not only in the intimacy of our heart, - He speaks to us, yes, but not only there - but also through the voice and the testimony of others. It really is a great gift to meet the men and women of faith who, especially in the most complicated and important moments of our lives, help us to shed light in our hearts and recognize the will of the Lord."

The Pope moved from his prepared text to add: "I remember once, I was in the confessional, and there was a long queue in front of the Shrine of Lujan, the diocese of that bishop there, and there was a young man in the queue, all modern with tattoos And ... he came to tell me what was happening in his life. He had a big, difficult problem. 'And [he asked me] what would you do? Then he said, his mother used to tell him: 'Go to the Virgin Mary and she will tell you



what you must do.' Here was a woman who had the gift of counsel. She did not know how to solve her son's problems but she indicated the right way: 'Go to Our Lady and she'll tell you.' This is the gift of counsel. Do not say, 'Do this ...'. Let the Spirit speak. And that woman, humble, simple, gave her son the truest, most beautiful advice, because this young man said to me: I looked upon Our Lady and I heard that I need to do this, this, this."

"I did not have to say a word. It all came from my mother, the Virgin Mary and the young man. This is the gift of counsel. You mothers who have this gift, ask for this gift for your children: the gift of being able to counsel your children. It is a gift from God."

"Dear friends, Psalm 16 invites us to pray with these words: 'I bless the LORD who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the LORD always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken' (vv. 7-8). May the Spirit can always instill in our hearts and fill us with the certainty of his consolation and peace! Always seek the gift of counsel. Thank you."

At the end of the General Audience, the Pope said that on Thursday the Church asks for the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompeii: "The Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin will travel to that famous shrine. I invite everyone to invoke the intercession of Mary, so that the Lord grant mercy, and peace to the Church and to the whole world. I commend in particular to our Mother the young, the sick and newlyweds who are present here today, and I urge everyone in this month of May, to pray the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

A Spiritual Day of Reflection: The Life of a Pope John Paul II

It was with tremendous joy and anticipation that the Marian Hall was set up in preparation for the day event of reflecting on the life of a Blessed Pope John Paul II, in preparation for his Saint-hood the next day. Following the advertised programme the 5 part DVD was screened, great in depth look at the life of John Paul, from Crakow to St Peter's Chair, the fall of the



Berlin Wall, witness to peace, walking towards the third millennium and from Jubilee year to the last goodbye. It was with great awe one could only reflect how vast the Holy Spirit could reach so far and touch

so many when one allows the Spirit to work freely through an individual, as Pope John Paul II did. Why is it important to know of saints- so that we can learn from them and learn how to implement faith in our lives.

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The Good Shepherd Church: Vintage Tea Party

It was with some trepidation that we organised this event for an afternoon in April, 21 April Easter Monday. As usual, at this time of year, the weather forecast was mixed and we were not sure whether to set up inside or out. We knew that our friends in the church would support us whatever the weather but really wanted to make it an enjoyable community experience not just a fundraiser. However we needn't have worried. God really blessed us and Easter Monday brought beautiful weather and all of the tables had to be moved out into the garden as the outside ones filled up. Unknown to me, Jeanne Charly had arranged for a Nottingham Post photographer to cover the event and, somewhat embarrassed, I ended up being photographed with a plant and a teapot! From the feedback I think we can say the event was a huge success, thanks largely to friends and family who served and washed up, or lent vintage tea set, or provided cakes and plants. And of course to the parish community who turned out in force to support us, and hopefully have an enjoyable afternoon. We managed to raise over £600 on the day with further donations adding another £100. This money will go to the Kenyan Orphanage Project and has helped Grace, my daughter to reach her fundraising target for the Project. Any further funds she is able to raise will help with her own costs to fly out to Kenya in the summer to help at some of the Project's facilities. Thanks again to anyone who supported us in any way. God Bless, Marie Langford

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The day focussed on the five stages of prayer



On a beautiful sunny Saturday at the beginning of May, twenty five young people preparing for confirmation and their two catechists travelled from the parish of Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary in Leicester to Lincoln Cathedral to experience a day of prayer in undeniably inspiring surroundings.

On arrival at the cathedral, camera phones were immediately pulled from bags and pockets to record the sight of this majestic building, the likes of which many of the young people had never experienced before.

Our day focussed on the five stages of prayer; penitence, praise and adoration, intercession, petition and finally, thanksgiving. We began in the Chapter House where we spent some time reflecting upon what prayer is and the many different ways in which we can pray depending on our surroundings, the occasion and even our mood. Here we made a silent confession and prayed together the 'I confess'.

In St. Hugh's Choir, we spent some time taking in our surroundings and identifying the things about the cathedral that were truly awesome. This was where we shared a prayer of praise and adoration. At St Hugh's Shrine, we made our intercessions. At the beginning of our confirmation preparation, each of the candidates wrote a letter to another

parishioner, in many cases the sick or housebound, and promised to pray for them during their time of preparation. These people were included in our intercessions and each of us, having silently lit a candle, spent time in our own private prayer.

Following this, we had a little light hearted interlude whilst trying to locate the Lincoln Imp in the Angel Choir. Seamus, our catechist and guide for the day, found the Imp in record time and then spent the next ten minutes trying to point out where he was to the rest of us. Needless to say, as the imp is at the top of a high pillar, we all had aching necks by the time we had found the legendary character!

Our final two stages of prayer were spent in two of the cathedral's small, more intimate chapels. We prayed in the silence of our hearts for ourselves and then joined together in a final prayer of thanksgiving.

A wonderful day in a spectacular place in the company of friends was had by all and we pray that this day will play an important part in our confirmation candidates' faith journey. Please keep our candidates in your prayers. They will be confirmed at Sacred Heart Church in Leicester on June 9th.

Anne Cartwright,
Catechist.

Matrimony Matters

We have heard the Father expressing his love for Jesus and describing him as someone "in whom my soul delights". How often do we say to each other 'I really feel wonderful when I am with you'? Words and acts of affirmation are so important and they are the best way to tell our partner that we love them. Yet, so often we submit to a culture in which there is a reluctance to give praise in case it leads to unwelcome expectations or unhealthy pride.

Sometimes, we just have the wrong focus. We can be acutely aware of the ways in which our spouse annoys us, and makes mistakes, without recognising the efforts they are making. Sometimes we are not aware of his/her accomplishments. It would be better at such times to look for good things and affirm them for who they

are, their qualities and achievements, rather than taking them for granted or being critical.

It is good to work things out together instead of doing our own thing. When we feel critical we need to develop a sensitivity that will flag up danger signals in our heads so that we remember that 'this is my chosen one', and by affirming our husband or wife, let them know how much they mean to us.

PRAYER

Lord, when I feel critical of my beloved, please help me to be aware of the efforts they are making and, instead of just voicing my criticism, let me give praise for their achievements.

Amen.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH



No, it isn't raining. Indeed, we were blessed with a bright, warm day. These are the ceremonial umbrellas of the Keralan community at St Mary's Boston as we made our way from the church to Morrison's car park on our May Procession. As Fr Alex Adkins, the parish priest, said, the event had three main aims: to worship God, to honour the Mother of God and to offer prayer for God's world. And so, out in the town, we prayed for God's blessing on the people of Boston and remembered the joys and sorrows of

people everywhere. The statue was borrowed from the chapel at North Sea Camp, the open prison in the parish where Fr Alex and Deacon David Witherick are part of the chaplaincy team. And so, we prayed too for the staff and prisoners, as the prison and the chaplaincy work through challenging times of change and renewal. Back at the church, we celebrated Benediction and our friendship in the Lord over tea and biscuits.



“On Wednesday 2nd April, children from the Bible Story Club at St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Derby performed an assembly of Old Testament stories for the residents of the Mercy Care Centre at Beaumont House.

The Mercy Care Centre thanked the children with two huge boxes of biscuits that they demolished in double quick time!

The children were very excited about performing for the residents and hope to return in the near future.”

[St Mary's School Chaplain]



The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord is a feast which we should celebrate with great joy and thanksgiving, because Christ is ascended to the right hand of God and there makes intercession for us. This should be of special gladness to us because Christ has ascended and gone to make ready a place for us and not only this but as St. John assures us in his first letter “If anyone should sin, we have one who pleads for us with the Father, Jesus Christ who is just and by his sacrifice, makes atonement for our sins” (2.1-2.)

On earth Jesus had become what we are, in order to change us into what he is and continues this task now in heaven and so we should not only recall what Christ did for us with a feeling of gratitude, but also with a sense of wonder and awe. The bodily presence of Jesus which the disciples were so privileged to see and touch is no longer here but is in heaven and this is confirmation for us when we think of heaven not merely as a state of happiness and bliss—which it is— but also a definite place.

For us, the shrine where Christ is will not be revealed to us until eternity breaks and the shadows which hide it melt away and we are found worthy to enter there. By his Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus now lives wholly and forever in unity with God his Father, although this does not mean that he is at a distance from this world and far removed from us. No, Christ still continues to be with us." I am with you always until the end of time" (Mt: 28: 20) Jesus has not left us as orphans, but is now with us in a new way, although he is no longer visible to the human eye.



Jesus now continues to be with us through the Holy Spirit, it is for this reason that Ascensiontide continues to be of great consolation to us, because it keeps ever before us the rich glories that God has promised as a lasting reward to the saints—that is—the faithful—those who put their trust in Christ, thus rekindling our hope.

Jesus said, “ I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have prepared a place for you, I shall return to take you with me, so that where I am you may be also” (John 14: 1-6) Surely this is for us a wonderful description of what will happen when the devout soul leaves this world forever. It is furthermore a consolation to remember that in his exalted position, Jesus intercedes for us with the Father and that he possesses the power to draw all people to himself. This power of drawing people is characterised in Christ and through his church by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst today , therefore each and every Christian has the task of bearing witness to Christ by responding to their experiences of the Holy Spirit.

*David
Hermit of the Diocese of Nottingham*



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Two twentieth century popes are canonised

Half a million people attended the ceremony held on Sunday 27th April in St. Peter's Square for the canonisation of the "two Pope saints": John XXIII and John Paul II. Since it was opened to the public at 5 a.m., the square and its environs were filled with faithful from all over the world; Polish pilgrims, however, constituted one of the largest groups. The event was also attended by delegations from over a hundred countries, more than twenty Heads of State and many figures from the world of politics and culture, including the King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain, King Albert II and Queen Paola of Belgium, Prince Hans-Adam II of Liechtenstein, Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, the ex-president of the Republic of Poland Lech Walesa, the president of the Argentine parliament Julian Dominguez and the presidents of the European Union, Herman Van Rompuy, and the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso. The celebration was also attended by Floribeth Mora Diaz and Sister Adele Labianca, the carer of Caterina Capitani – the two women who experienced the miracles attributed to John Paul II.

Banners with portraits of the two saints – the same ones used for their respective beatifications – were displayed on the facade of the Basilica. In the square, adorned with more than 30,000 roses from Ecuador, and in Via della Conciliazione, hundreds of thousands of faithful prepared for the celebration by reciting the chaplet of Divine Mercy, intercalated with texts from the magisterium of both pontiffs and preceded by the Hymn to Blessed John XXIII, "Good Shepherd of Christ's flock". The prayer ended with the Hymn to Blessed John Paul II, "Open the doors to Christ".

Under intermittent rain, and during litanies invoking the protection of the saints, there began the procession of concelebrating cardinals and bishops who, before taking their places, greeted Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, who also concelebrated alongside the Holy Father. A few minutes after 10 a.m., Pope Francis entered the square and, before proceeding with the rite for the proclamation of the new saints, greeted and embraced the Pope emeritus. Moments later Cardinal Angelo Amato S.D.B., prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, accompanied by the postulants, asked Pope Francis to inscribe the names of the two Blessed Popes in the Book of Saints, and the Holy Father pronounced the formula for canonisation: "For the honour of the Blessed Trinity, the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Christian life, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and own own, after due deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother Bishops, we declare and define Blessed John XXIII

John Paul II be Saints and we enrol them among the Saints, decreeing that they are to be venerated as such by the whole Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Amen".

This was followed by the presentation to the Pope of the relics of the two saints, which were displayed on the altar throughout the ceremony; these were a phial of the blood of John Paul II, which had been displayed on 1 May 2011, and a piece of skin removed from the body of John XXIII when it was exhumed for his beatification on 3 September 2000.

To the delight of the crowds packing St. Peter's Square and the adjoining Via della Conciliazione, Pope Francis concluded Sunday morning celebrations with a slow ride right to the end of the avenue and up a side street in his pope-mobile, smiling and reaching out to all.

After greeting the many official delegations present for the canonization ceremony, the Pope invited Rome Mayor, Ignazio Marino,

to jump onto the pope-mobile for a few minutes for a quick embrace and a thank you to the city of Rome for doing so much to host the event.

The Pope in the pope-mobile then proceeded all the way down Via della Conciliazione, received by the wildly cheering faithful with outstretched arms.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

"I have known this in my own life"

"Cameron puts God back into politics" was the headline in one of our newspapers on Maundy Thursday. This report was based on an article written by the Prime Minister in which he was quoted as saying "I believe we should be more confident about our status as a Christian country" using the words "are and our" he also said "as Christians we know how powerful faith can be in the toughest of times". "I have known this in my own life".

At Easter we are used to messages from the Pope and Archbishop of Canterbury but I cannot recall a Prime Minister speaking out in this way. Needless to say the President of the National Secular Society was not happy, somehow he was quoted as saying that Mr Cameron's words could threaten "social cohesion". He seemed to justify this by speaking of

Christians having special privileges' based on the Downing Street article.

I suspect the Easter weekend is not the most profitable or exciting for our news media, the closure of supermarkets on Easter Sunday means circulation's may struggle in what we used to call Fleet Street but there is always the messages from religious leaders if they choose to report them. It was therefore not surprising that a number of academics opposed to the Prime Minister's message took time to have their say on Easter Monday. They are, of course, entitled to have an opinion but why have they nothing good to say to the 59% who claimed to be Christian in the 2011 census? To quote other "polls" suits their purpose and I fear it will always be like this. The real truth is surely that most voters do not want religion pushed out of public life,

our religious traditions must be allowed to be part of our moral causes, and for Christians to not only have freedom of conscience but also to speak out on issues that may be uncomfortable at Westminster.

We are now less than one year to the General Election, no matter how difficult it may be we need to get to work on some of our politicians. This can be frustrating, we no longer live in times of mass political party membership, some of our elected members do not have the best of reputations but many will listen. We do not want religion to be used for political purposes, but neither should we be silenced. To take part in the democratic process of parliament is a great honour and Christianity must play its part.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark



Liverpool welcomes new Archbishop

By: Dan Bergin

More than 2,000 people gathered at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King for the Installation of The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon as Ninth Archbishop of Liverpool, on Thursday, 1 May - among them three cardinals, five archbishops and 25 bishops. At 11am the Cathedral bells were rung. Soon the Cathedral resonated with the sound of the organ, and 11.30am the Metropolitan Cathedral Chapter of Canons, Consultors, Chancellor and Apostolic Administrator started their procession. At noon, Archbishop Elect, Malcolm McMahon OP arrived at the main entrance of the Cathedral as a fanfare was sounded. Bishop Thomas Williams, Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese, welcomed Archbishop McMahon to the Cathedral before the Apostolic Mandate of Appointment was read by the Chancellor of the Archdiocese, Rev Aidan Prescott. Archbishop McMahon was then led to the Cathedra (Bishop's Chair) by Bishop Williams, where he was presented with the Book of the Gospels by Bishop Vincent Malone, former Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, and with the Crozier, the sign of a Bishop's office and ministry, by Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly.

The Papal Nunco to Great Britain, Archbishop Antonio Mennini, speaking on behalf of Pope Francis, said: "It gives me great joy to be here today for the installation of your new Archbishop, especially as you have chosen this particular day of St Joseph the Worker. This marks a new beginning for you all."

Music during the Mass was led by the Cathedral Choir under Director of Music Christopher McElroy. The First Reading of the Mass was taken from the Book of Genesis (1:26-2:3) and read by a member of the Archbishop's family. The Second Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:14-15,17,23-24) was read by Mr Peter

Woods, Chair of the Friends of the Metropolitan Cathedral who represented the Lord Lieutenant.

The Gospel from Matthew (13:54-58) was sung by Deacon John Poland who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Liverpool on Sunday 20 July 2014. Following the Gospel, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon gave an inspiring homily during which he highlighted the Hillsborough inquests as a shining example of the search for truth.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon said that justice will be done for the 96 people who lost their lives and for their relatives. He said the families of the victims had shown a dignity over the last quarter century, which was an example to everybody. "God has endowed the people of Liverpool, Lancashire and the Isle of Man with many great gifts, not least constancy in our Catholic faith," he said.

"The Martyrs of Lancashire testify to their love of Jesus' name and their fidelity to the truth. That search for truth continues in the Hillsborough inquest, as at long last a true picture of the causes of this terrible tragedy become clear and responsibility is taken for it.

"It is our hope and expectation that the inquest will uncover and explain the truth of what happened so that justice will be done for the 96 and for their families, whose dignity over these last 25 years has been an example to us all."

Prayers of the Faithful were led by Mrs Lutje Rathbone from the Metropolitan Cathedral Choir Community.

After the Mass, Archbishop McMahon met with members of the congregation and told them: "It's been a brilliant day with a most wonderful service. We are one family and I hope to get to know you and visit you in your churches, parishes and schools, carrying Christ in all that we do."



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Those who supported this event were very pleased and extremely grateful to have participated, Monica and Noel shared their thoughts on meeting a living Saint in their time, others expressing the wonder and beauty of Pope John Paul II life. The Papal documentary was accompanied by polish doughnuts (delicious and a first for many) and a light soup luncheon (heartfelt thanks to Marcos who as always delivered a very tasty soup), ham and cheese rolls.

Alongside was a faith stall offering a good selection of faith books and Sainthood memorabilia.

With good sales we raised £224.75. Thank you to all who gave so generously of their funds, investing in gifts that will just keep on giving, deepening their faith and making them courageous disciples in Christ. All funds raised at this event will go towards costly repairs of this beautiful Grade II listed church building.

God bless.



Easter Celebrations at Christ the King



Here at Christ the King we marked the end of our spring term with a liturgy that marked the end of Lent. Holy Week had been our prayer theme for the last week of term so in our Easter Liturgy we marked the main events of Holy Week. It began by walking in procession like Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, the whole school community processed from the Academy down to our Parish Church- The Church of the Good Shepherd. A distance of 3 miles making it a very realistic procession!

The school band led the music for the liturgy that carried on from this remembrance of Palm Sunday with washing of the

feet and the Stations of the Cross. As readers will know it is traditional on Maundy Thursday to wash the feet of 12 parishioners, the act remembers Jesus' example of humble leadership and calls priests to be like him. As Mr Cuomo, Our Principal, is the Leader of our community he washed the feet of 6 students, one from each house and the sixth form; 2 governors; a teacher and a teaching assistant; the chaplain and a volunteer. The students jumped at the chance to be involved as it's not every day your principal washes your feet!!

The Chaplaincy Team then led us in the John Paul II's version of the Stations of the Cross; mapping his journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Tomb. In preparation the students were given a passage of scripture for each station and they had to write a reflection and a prayer in response; they then mimed the stations while others read what they had written.

It was a touching way to end the term by celebrating some of the liturgical actions you don't normally get to celebrate in school; to come together as a community to partake in this wonderful mystery that is central to our faith.

Joe Hopkins Lay Chaplain



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England and Wales report rise in vocations

ten years. Some have evening meetings that people can simply drop into whenever they want; others ask people to come along one afternoon a month for a year; others invite participants to come together one weekend a month for nine months." Recently, two dioceses in England have set up residential communities to facilitate the discernment of priestly vocations. The outcome of these new approaches to vocations ministry is more committed lay people and more people entering formation for priestly and religious life.

Catholic Parish in the ^ News

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Nottingham

The Parish was founded in 1929, with the foundation stone of the first church being laid by Bishop Dunn on March 21st of that year. The first recorded baptism was on 1st December 1929 and Father Patrick Joseph Power was the first parish priest. By 1960 the Catholic population was growing quickly and building began on Somersby Road of the Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School. About this time plans also began to be formulated for a new church. This resulted in the building of the present church, which was opened on 23rd July 1964. The architect was Gerard Goalen and the design won an award from the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1966.

In the Autumn of 1963 plans were being discussed for a Catholic Secondary school which resulted in the opening of Christ the King Catholic Comprehensive school in 1971.

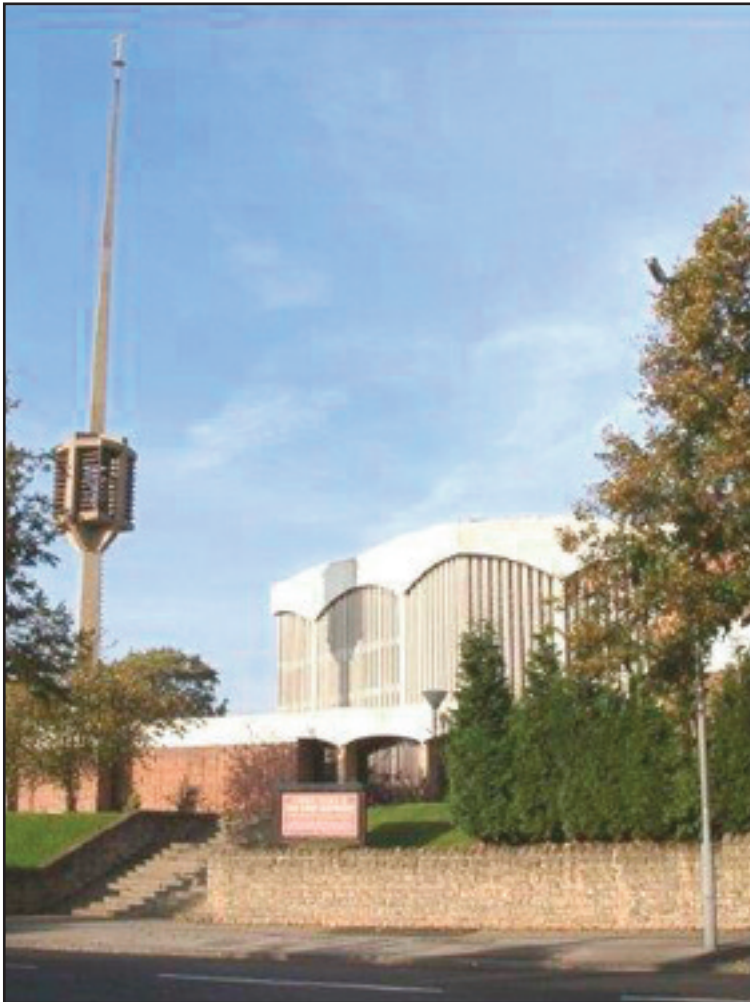
The parish is bounded by Hucknall Road on the West from Carrington and along Arnold Lane and Oxclose Lane, then Northwards by Mansfield Road, including the cul-de-sacs on its West side, to a meeting with Calverton Parish, probably at Burnts-tump.

On the East side it runs at first along Mansfield Road in Carrington, then up Private Road to Woodborough Road and continues along Mapperley Plains and Plains Road, including the first half of Spring Lane, until meeting with Calverton parish beyond Lime Lane.

The Good Shepherd Church is a glorious building, one of the first to include provision for the liturgical changes of Vatican II, and was recognised by English heritage with the award of a Grade II* listing on 24th September 1998. Patrick Reyntien's Dalle de Verre and Nicholas Mynheer's interpretation of the Way of the Cross enhance the setting for prayer and reflection.

The Parish

The Good Shepherd parish hosts many groups and organisations, providing activities to interest everyone. As well as the Good Shepherd Primary and Christ the King Comprehensive schools the parish has a half share in St. Margaret Clitherow School which is situated in the adjacent Infant of Prague parish. Father Philip told us "The Church is becoming a truly renaissance place to meet the demands of the 21st century and beyond, as it presently under goes works of major restoration. "Sixties concrete" needed renewal in parts both for safety and to continue the aesthetic beauty of the Church. Thus English Heritage, who listed the building as Grade II* in 1998 have been a support in enabling this work to proceed. The present congregation, with numbers rising to 900, are confident of the future and are a great support in their love for the Church that it becomes their legacy to future generations as well as a beacon of hope to the present. There is much to commend the Good Shepherd for



people to come and visit should they wish and it is open daily for the same."

The Organ

View the updated specification of the organ recently submitted to the National Organ Registry by Michael Bussey. This is now included in their records and is also available for viewing on their website.

The Millennium Bell

A recent addition to the church is the Millennium bell which was cast on 4th February 1999.

At noon and 6.00 pm the bell rings the Angelus and it is also rung for a few minutes before Mass on Sundays.



*The inscription on the bell reads:
AND ETERNAL LIFE IS THIS:
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THE ONLY TRUE GOD,
AND JESUS WHOM YOU HAVE SENT*

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Saturday 6.30 p.m.

Sunday 10.00 a.m.

11.30 a.m.

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Weekday Masses

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All are welcome.

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Wednesday 9.15 a.m.

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Thursday 9.15 a.m. Service

of Word & Communion

6.00 p.m.

Friday 12.00 pm.

7.30 p.m.

Saturday

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'Onesie' day for CAFOD

St Thomas' Primary, Ilkeston gave CAFOD Schools Team member, Paul Scola, a warm welcome when he visited the school at the start of Lent. During assembly, Paul was able to tell the story of a young boy Morlai who lives in Sierra Leone and introduce the CAFOD Lenten theme, 'Dig Deep'. Paul challenged his audience to dig deep into their hearts to make the world a fairer place. The school community leapt into action after Paul's visit, coming up with a range of creative ideas to raise money for CAFOD. They sold cakes, painted self-portraits, sold popcorn, had a cake and a toy sale, held a sponsored scooter ride around the playground and paid to watch a film. The most eye-catching and fun event was a 'onesie day' when everyone, including staff, came in to school in a 'onesie' - and paid for the privilege!



Sam (holding the cheque) Annyalia and Miss Wyles, Year 2 teacher

an amazing £1,750! CAFOD would like to offer a huge thank you to all the members of the school community who gave of their time, energy and money to contribute to this generous donation.

As promised, Paul returned to the school at the beginning of May to see how everyone had got on with his challenge, and was delighted to be presented with a cheque for

Beans turned into money!

St Augustine's Primary, Nottingham have been very busy over the Lenten and Easter season raising money for CAFOD and they chose to raise money for Sierra Leone with a very creative idea. They chose to sell beans for £1 each. The children were eager to buy - a great incentive being a competition for children to grow the tallest bean plant over the Easter holidays! £50 was made



on the very first day of the sale and the school went on to raise £150 by the end of their initiative. The choice of beans was linked to the CAFOD Lenten 'Dig Deep' focus on farmers in Sierra Leone learning how to grow crops in land previously used for diamond mining. The children had to learn about caring for their bean plants, just like farmers all over the world. An assembly launched the fundraising idea, with a dramatisation of the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. The children thought about how they could be better people during Lent (and hopefully for

the rest of their lives). A film telling the story of Samai from Sierra Leone was shown and children were able to see the key differences between their lives and that of Samai, which certainly encouraged them to get involved in the fundraising. The total raised by the school community is enough to pay for two teachers to help a group of farmers in Sierra Leone learn more about good farming methods. The school are rightly very proud of their fundraising efforts and are also more aware of the lives of their friends in Sierra Leone.

A huge thank you to all those involved!

Keeping faith and hope alive

A friend and colleague of murdered Jesuit priest Father Frans van der Lugt is helping disabled children and destitute families in Syria. Aid to the Church in Need is supporting a pastoral centre in the city of Homs headed by Fr Ziad Hilal SJ which is providing medical assistance for those with physical disabilities and education for youngsters with learning difficulties - as well as humanitarian aid.

Fr Hilal started the centre's work in 2012 at the request of Fr Frans van der Lugt, who was killed last month while looking after Christian families trapped in the Old City of Homs.

According to Fr Hilal, 6,000 families from Homs and the surrounding area are cared for at the centre - regardless of their religious or ethnic background. The Jesuit priest is supported in his work by about 100 volunteers.

The help for the work in Homs comes as part of a new emergency aid package of



Fr Ziad Hilal SJ

nearly £230,000 (€280,000) announced today (7 May 2014) by Aid to the Church in Need for those caught up in the conflict in Syria. As well as helping the centre in Homs, the charity's aid will assist displaced Christian families in Aleppo and Wadi al-Nasara (the Valley of Christians), close to the Lebanese border. The Catholic charity also announced a further £106,700 (€130,000) in emergency relief for Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

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Catholic Association for Racial Justice

The Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) is an independent charity and an Agency of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, established in 1984 and celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2009.

CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds through awareness raising and education for racial justice, promotion of spiritual growth and development advocacy

CARJ works with Catholic Dioceses and Parishes

- To raise awareness of the issues of racial justice and community cohesion
- To promote reflection, discussion and action
- To support diocesan and other local racial justice groups
- To promote network and collaborate with individuals and groups with similar aims
- To organise the annual celebration of Racial Justice Sunday
- To raise the CARJ profile in the church and the wider society



The CARJ Prayer

Heavenly God, we praise your name and thank you for your glorious goodness and mercy.

Lord Jesus, we pray a blessing for all those actively engaged in the struggle for racial justice.

Holy Spirit, we beseech you to enter into the minds and hearts of all those in authority in the Church.

Grant that we may

Hear the voices crying out for justice

Engage in developing a better understanding

Act to bring about change

Lead and inspire others by their good example

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The love of God is greater than all evil.

We pray for racial justice in our lives, in our parishes, in our dioceses, in our land.

Amen.

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"It was scary to begin with, but as soon as you start talking to people it's really cool," said Rosanna. "Even the people who say no are surprisingly nice!"

"It's definitely a worthwhile event. So many people walk past and think that churches are closed to them, so it's great to get different people in to the Cathedral," she added.

The event aimed to give people a positive experience of the Church at a time when they were not expecting it – when they were heading into town for a meal or a night out.

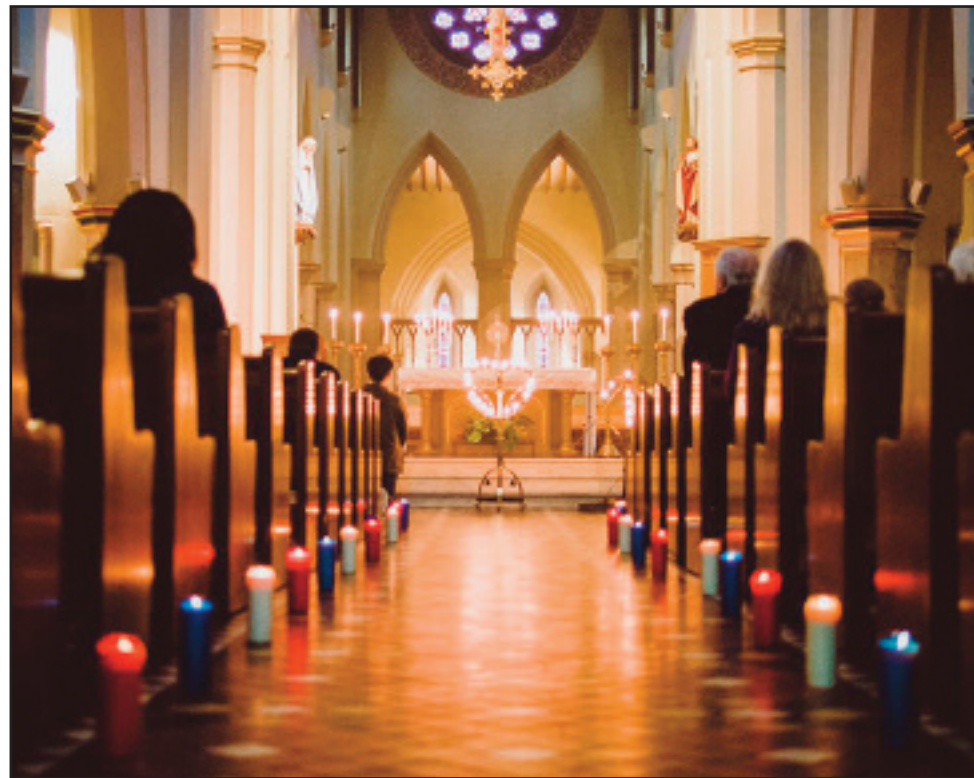
Stephanie Purcell Gilpin, 21, was another who invited people into the Cathedral. Having only been baptised last month, she felt she could relate to those who weren't familiar with the Church. "Some of the people we asked didn't know how to relate to the Church," said the

Chemistry student, originally from Zimbabwe. "I could understand and it was great to be able to show them around." The event was coordinated by Fr Neil Peoples, 31, assistant priest at St Barnabas' Cathedral.

"It's cheap and easy to do, all you need is a few candles and a banner to advertise," said Fr Peoples. "It's a simple idea which works because Our Lord is at the centre of it."

After the success of the event, Fr Peoples expressed his gratitude to the volunteers. "I'm very grateful to the Cathedral parishioners, the University of Nottingham students, the Briars team, God's Gift and all who were involved. I couldn't have done it without them," he said.

"Hopefully Nightfever could become a regular fixture in the Cathedral's calendar." To see more photos from Nightfever, see <https://www.facebook.com/NightfeverNottingham>.

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Supporting people in Homs is a top priority for Aid to the Church in Need and speaking to the charity before Fr Van der Lugt's death Fr Hilal said the situation there was difficult: "Time and again there are fights between the Free Syrian Army and government troops. Recently a bomb fell very close by. Fortunately nothing happened to our secretary, but her home was destroyed."

He added: "Of the 120,000 Christians who used to live here, 6,000 had left the city and fled to other areas in Syria or abroad."

Fr Hilal's superior had given him permission to leave the city, but he had rejected the idea. He told Aid to the Church in Need: "If we go, who will then serve the people?"

Aid to the Church in Need Middle East projects coordinator Fr Andrzej Halemba

said he fears that the situation in Syria will continue to deteriorate leading to more aid being needed for rising numbers of displaced families.

He said: "The suffering of the people in Syria, and especially of the Christians, will become even greater."

More than nine million Syrians have fled their homes, of which two million have fled abroad and seven million are still in the country.

Since the start of the war in March 2011 Aid to the Church in Need has given nearly £2.9 million (€3.5 million) for displaced families in Syria and refugees in neighbouring countries – with £520,000 (€634,000) in emergency relief being given since January 2014.

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Designs on the Future at Our Lady's Convent School

Pupils from Our Lady's Convent School recently entered the 'Future Learning Challenge' sponsored by 3M. They were asked to design a 'Classroom of the Future' and envisage how learning will be delivered 20 years from now.

Pupils from Year 6 worked in their design lessons to plan and create their ideas. Two entries were chosen to represent the School in the Primary competition. A team 6 produced



an exciting design which included floating tables and chairs and a teacher with laser eyes! Charlotte Green submitted an individual entry, which included holograms of famous people delivering lessons.

Year 8 pupils entered the senior school competition and after much research they designed a classroom with adjustable desks, large windows to let in natural light and even a rooftop garden.

All the pupils were invited to present their concept to the judges at 3M. Marks were awarded for 'the level of imagination behind the concept, its technological creativity and its potential to enhance teaching and learning.' All the entries did very well and delivered excellent presentations. Charlotte Green from Year 6 and the Year 8 team of Lauren Watts, Sophia Coope, Gurpreet Nagra, Jasmin Richardson and Isa Olds have now been invited to the final of the competition, which will take place at Henry Ford College, Loughborough University in the near future.



A Taste of Hinduism in Leicester



People from parishes and schools throughout Leicestershire gathered at St Patrick's Parish Hall on the evening of 13 May to learn something about Hinduism and also to taste some traditional food. The evening was organised by Canon Edward Jarosz, the Diocesan Interreligious Coordinator, and facilitated by staff and volunteers from the St Philip's Centre in

Leicester. The St Philip's Centre is an ecumenical venture, of which our Diocese is a sponsor, which helps Christians to engage confidently with people of other religions.

Canon Edward hopes to organise further such events around the Diocese over the coming months.



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