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Students lighten their load by giving to charity

Conor Gaffey

As any parent with children at university will know, the end of term is synonymous with lots of stuff. Piles of unworn clothes and untouched books are packed up and driven up and down the nation's motorways.

In a bid to avoid this hassle whilst supporting a good cause, the University of Nottingham Catholic Society launched an end-of-term clothes drive, encouraging students to donate any unwanted clothes before leaving for the summer. The response was bountiful with a variety of good quality clothes and shoes collected. The donations were given to the Emmanuel House Day Centre in Hockley. Founded in 1976 by the late Fr Roger Killeen, an Assumptionist priest, Emmanuel House is a faith-based non-discriminatory organisation

which supports homeless and vulnerable people through hospitality and practical services. The centre held an open day in July which included the dedication of a portrait of Fr Killeen and an inclusive service of thanksgiving at St Barnabas' Cathedral.

Ruth Shelton, chief executive of Emmanuel House, expressed her gratitude to all who contributed. I'm sure she is joined by all those parents whose return journeys were a little bit lighter!

Sunday Mass continues at the University of Nottingham Catholic Chaplaincy throughout the summer break. However, since most of our congregation is away and there are no summer events planned, there will be no report from us next month!



Deborah Oamen, president of the UoN Catholic Society, presents Ruth Shelton of Emmanuel House with the donations.

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

A journey of 50 years was celebrated at St. Teresa's, Nottingham on June 22nd on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the priesthood of the Parish Priest, Father Michael Gallagher.

To begin Mass Father Michael was accompanied to the altar by concelebrating priests, many quite familiar to parishioners; the presence of brothers Seamus, Kevin and his wife Marie, Pearce and his wife Kathleen, all from the United States was a further source of joy.

This journey which we celebrated began with Father Michael's ordination in 1964 and continued successively over 50 years through parts of Ireland, Africa, the US and England. A brief biographical note must at least record that: from a rural family background in County Sligo, Michael was prepared for the priesthood at Maynooth and, after ordination there worked first as a country curate before further study at the Catechetical Centre in Dundalk which led to his teaching RE in secondary school for 5 years before going to Kenya for 6 years as a missionary with the Kiltegan Fathers.



Fr Michael Gallagher cuts the cake

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Pope Francis begs forgiveness from clergy abuse victims

Pope Francis, in his first Vatican meeting with sex abuse victims, asked forgiveness for the Church's sins of omissions in sex abuse scandals and denounced sex abuse by clergy as "execrable acts."

The meeting took place July 7 at the Pope's Casa Santa Marta residence. Six sex abuse victims attended: three men and three women. Two were Irish, two were British and two were German.

They arrived in Rome Sunday evening and took part in Pope Francis' Monday morning Mass at his residence. They had breakfast together with the Pope and then met with him individually for an average time of half an hour each, communicating with the help of an interpreter.

In his homily, Pope Francis stressed that abuse is "something more than despicable actions. It is like a sacrilegious cult, because these boys and girls had been entrusted to the priestly charism in order to be brought to God. And those people sacrificed them to the idol of their own concupiscence."

"Today, the heart of the Church looks into the eyes of Jesus in these boys and girls and wants to weep; she asks the grace to weep before the execrable acts of abuse which have left lifelong scars," Pope Francis said.

The Pope listed some of the wounds the victims experienced: difficulties in relationships with parents, spouses and children and addictions.

He also noted the "especially grave" suffer-



ing abuse has caused to families of victims, including "the terrible tragedy of the death of a loved one by suicide."

"The deaths of these so beloved children of God weigh upon the heart and my conscience and that of the whole Church," Pope Francis said.

He said that Catholic clergy sex abuse scandals have been "so much time hidden, camouflaged with a complicity that cannot be explained."

The Pope said that clerical sexual abuse against minors are "sins" that "have a toxic effect on faith and hope in God," and so the presence of six victims there "speaks of the miracle of hope, which prevails against the deepest darkness."

"Surely it is a sign of God's mercy that today we have this opportunity to encounter one another, to adore God, too look in one another's eyes and seek the grace of reconciliation," the Roman Pontiff said.

Pope Francis expressed to the victims his "sorrow for the sins and grave crimes of clerical sexual abuse committed against you." He "humbly" asked forgiveness.

He also begged forgiveness "for the sins of omission on the part of Church leaders who did not respond adequately to reports of abuse made by family members, as well as by abuse victims themselves."

Pope Francis praised the abuse survivors for the "courage that you and others have shown by speaking up." He called their actions "a service of love, since for us it shed light on a terrible darkness in the life of the Church."

"There is no place in the Church's ministry for those who commit these abuses, and I commit myself not to tolerate harm done to a minor by any individual, whether a cleric or not," Pope Francis said.

And he added: "All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with the utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable."

The Pope said he would continue his commitment to "exercise vigilance in priestly formation." To this end, he asked for the help of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors to help him "ensure

that we develop better policies and procedures in the universal Church for the protection of minors and for the training of Church personnel in implementing those policies and procedures."

Pope Francis asked the victims to pray for him, "so that the eyes of my heart will always clearly see the path of merciful love, and that God will grant me the courage to persevere on this path for the good of all children and young people."

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors had its second meeting in July. Aside from organising the meeting with the abuse victims the eight members of the commission discussed potential new commission members to propose to Pope Francis in order to enlarge the geographic representation of the commission itself.

The commission also discussed a possible draft version of its statutes.

For this purpose, Monsignor Robert W. Oliver, Promoter of Justice of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was present at the meeting.

Father Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office, said the commission meeting discussed the need to establish an operational office. Msgr. Oliver is aiding this task.

Among the issues at stake is the need for the commission to coordinate its efforts with those of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Within the Congregation, a new office is to be established for "delicta graviora," i.e. the most serious crimes in the Church. These include offenses against morality: the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, or the acquisition, possession, or distribution of child pornography by a cleric.

The head of the new office will be Archbishop José Mollaghan of Rosario, Argentina whom Pope Francis named to the new post May 19.

The next meeting of the commission is scheduled for October, although an exact day has not yet been set.

Fr. Lombardi said he cannot foresee whether there will be other papal meetings with victims of clergy sex abuses, including one with American victims.

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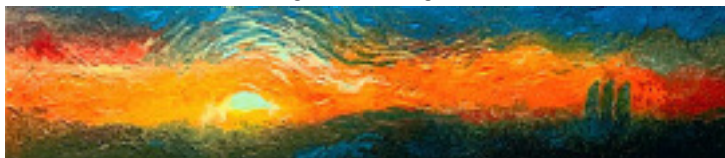
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Diocesan Music Day

“God is Beauty – Praise Him!”

Once again, the sunshine dawned brightly over 60 Diocesan musicians and singers as they arrived at the Holy Trinity Community Centre, Newark, last weekend for the annual Diocesan Music Day. This day each year is organised by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and aims broadly to help and support parishes – via their musicians and others – to develop better practices and experiences in supporting and enhancing the liturgy within their parishes.

The day was hosted by Frs Alex Adkins and Paul Chipchase of the Commission, and this year the leader and guest speaker was Timothy Craig Harrison from the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Tim is both a seasoned musician and liturgical composer who came to us to share some of his music and his experiences.

After a short welcome and introduction from Fr Alex, we got off to a very bright start with a rousing sing through God Is Love – His The Care, and Tim explained to everybody his chosen theme for the day (“God is Beauty – Praise Him!”) which we had by then already sung three times! Focused on real examples and references, we spent the main body of the day looking at three distinct sections of liturgical music,

namely the Common Psalms, an introduction to the singing of the Proper Antiphons during Mass, and lastly an introduction to singing Evening Prayer from the Divine Office. Tim was very generous in freely handing out his own compositions which we used at various times, and in addition, we were delighted that Anne Recchia from the Diocesan Resources office was onsite and was able to sell and take orders for much of the other music offered on the day. A highlight during the third session was the brief formation of a four-part choir. Despite the fact that the room was full of musicians and singers of all levels and experience, Tim set about forming us into small voice groups whilst we prepared (or as he called it – “knocked into shape”) a fabulous setting of the motet O Sacrum Convivium which we were singing during the Concluding Liturgy. Despite the fact that the absolute majority of people within the room were simply enthusiastic amateur singers, this really came together well and was impressive both to hear and to be part of.

We concluded the day with a fully sung celebration of Evening Prayer at which it was clear our hard preparatory work had paid off. Whilst the day was most certainly led

by an experienced professional musician, what this triumphant conclusion really showed was that with appropriate preparation and leadership, really any community can be encouraged to make Liturgical music well.

The Diocesan music days are absolutely open to all, musicians, singers, and even just people who are interested in how music can support or enhance the Parish Liturgy, and all are certainly welcome. Please keep an eye out here for the details for next year.

As ever, if you have any questions or topics



Tim Harrison

which you think the Liturgical Commission team can help with – musical or otherwise – please feel welcome to contact us at sec@nrldc.org.uk.



Tim Harrison making final preparations



Tim organising handouts with Commission members Fr Alex Adkins and Tony Wheat



Lunch in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Centre (in the Sunshine!)



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Putting the Central African Republic on the map

If your only knowledge of the existence of the Central African Republic as a country is from the TV quiz show, 'Pointless', then you are in the same boat as many of the audience who heard Catherine Mahoney speak at St Georges, Derby recently. Catherine, CAFOD's Regional Emergency Coordinator for West Africa and the Great Lakes, spoke with great passion and knowledge about the ever-worsening crisis in the Central African Republic, which few people have even heard about. CAR is roughly the size of France and Belgium put together and has a population of about 4.6 million people. A former French colony, it gained its independence from France in 1960 and its people have suffered through a turbulent history of coups, corruption and civil unrest. A beautiful country in many ways, with stunning natural scenery, CAR is rated as one of the poorest countries in the world. If you are born there, your average life expectancy is a mere 49 years and along with the majority of the population you will struggle to feed, clothe and educate your family. Bangui, the capital, is the only urban area and the location of the only hospital in the country. Today, the situation has unravelled into

what UN General Secretary Ban Ki-moon calls "a state of anarchy". Inter-communal violence has left thousands dead and more than half of the population is now in urgent need of humanitarian aid. Rebel factions move lawlessly throughout the country, looting, lynching and committing crimes of sexual violence. Though the current round of violence did not start out as being religiously motivated, with Muslims and Christians previously living peacefully in integrated communities, increasingly violent attacks are taking place along sectarian lines.

It is estimated that 350,000 people have fled the country, seeking refuge in neighbouring countries, and many of those who remain have resorted to hiding in the bush for safety or sheltering in makeshift settlements with little access to the basics they need to survive - such as clean water, food and medical care. Because of the pervasive insecurity, aid agencies and UN agencies have been unable to provide sufficient humanitarian aid to many parts of the country.

CAFOD is responding to the crisis with local partner Caritas CAR and US sister agency in the Caritas family, CRS



(Catholic Relief Services). Vulnerable communities throughout the country are being provided with access to health care, shelter and education supplies. Farming families are being helped to help themselves through the distribution of seeds and agricultural tools so that they can plant their food crops during the rainy season and provide for themselves in the difficult months to come.

The faith leaders of the Catholic, Muslim and Evangelical Christian Churches have taken a strong stance in condemning the violence and promoting peace. CAFOD and its partners are supporting the Interfaith Platform in CAR, working to promote tolerance and social cohesion and supporting peace-building activities between different faith groups across the country.

CAFOD is also taking an inter-faith approach as, along with other leading aid agencies in the UK such as Islamic Relief, they are speaking out to ask for increased action on this neglected crisis.

You can help by spreading the story of what is happening in CAR. Make sure your MP is aware of the situation. Could you e-mail or write to him/her and ask the following questions:

- What will the British Government do to support the efforts of Muslim and Christian faith leaders in the Central African Republic to bring peace between communi-

ties and stop their country being ripped apart by a cycle of fear and violence?

- Security in the Central African Republic is deteriorating every single day, as weapons flood in and militia engage in spiralling reprisal attacks that leave hundreds maimed, dead and living in fear. UN Peace-keeping forces to bring stability are promised for September. While the people of CAR wait for UN peacekeepers to arrive what is the UK government doing to support the over-stretched and under-resourced international peacekeepers to prevent the deadly violence which is taking place right now?

- One in five people in the Central African Republic have been forced to flee their homes. Will the British Government increase the UK government humanitarian funding to meet the urgent needs of these people?

The more MPs who ask questions, the more the UK Government becomes aware of people's concerns and more likely they are to use their influence as a member of the UN Security Council, for example, to ensure that the promised peace-keeping force for CAR is large enough and correctly equipped to make a difference.

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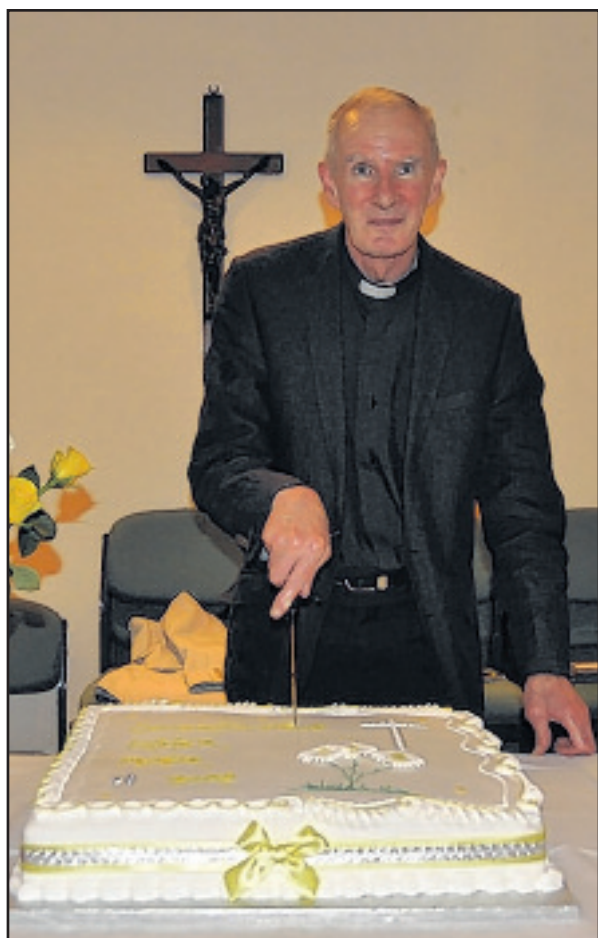
Celebrating 40th Anniversary to the Priesthood

On Saturday 5th July 2014 Holy Family and St Mary's parishes in Derby helped their Assistant Priest, Fr Peter Ingman, celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. The evening began with a Mass at which the Parish Priest, Fr Tim O'Sullivan, and Fr Alan Burbidge from St George's Parish in Derby, celebrated with Fr Peter. As well as parishioners from both parishes, Fr Peter's two brothers and other relatives joined in the Mass.

After the Mass there was a buffet in the Parish Centre. On a warm July evening there was plenty of food and liquid refreshment to cater for the many parishioners and others who wanted to help Fr Peter celebrate this significant milestone in his priestly career. He was presented with a cheque from parishioners who had also paid for him to take a two week holiday in Rome in June.

Fr Peter was born in Scunthorpe in 1950, one of three sons born to an English father and an Irish mother. He attended St Bernadette's Primary School and Scunthorpe Grammar School. At the age of 18 he began his studies for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

After ordination on 6th July 1974 he started his priestly ministry at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. However this was not to last long as he was soon sent to Rome for further studies, specialising in Canon Law. When he returned from Rome he worked on a part-time basis on the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal,



principally as Defender of the Matrimonial Bond.

In addition to his Tribunal responsibilities Fr Peter also worked in a number of parishes around the Diocese. Appointments included St Paul's, Lenton, with hospital chaplaincy responsibility for the Queens Medical Centre; St Joseph's, Ripley; St Mary's, Hyson Green; St Mary's, South Wigston; and St Hugh's, Lincoln. Coming to St Mary's, Derby with Holy Family, Allestree, in February 2008 meant that, since going to major seminary, he has had his home in four different St Mary's!

Chaplain in the Royal Air Force

Rev David Skillen, a Permanent Deacon from the Diocese of Lancaster is the first Permanent Deacon to be commissioned as a Chaplain in the Royal Air Force. He was commissioned following training at RAF Cranwell as part of a specialist entrants course which included a Salvation Army and Presbyterian Chaplains, doctors and a lawyer. David, a former police officer and teacher has been posted as Catholic Chaplain to Royal Air Force Brize Norton in Oxfordshire. Father James Caulfield, Principal Roman Catholic Chaplain to the RAF said: "I am very proud that David will be serving as the first Permanent Deacon to be commissioned as a Chaplain in the RAF. We desperately need more priests as Chaplains in the RAF but there is a great deal that a deacon can offer in provision of pastoral support to service personnel and their families "Deacon David's commissioning is good news for the Bishopric of the Forces", said Bishop Richard Moth, Bishop of the Forces, "and will help us to explore new possibilities for chaplaincy. Given his experience, I am sure Deacon David will bring much to his role and I ask everyone in our RAF community especially to keep him and his family in prayer as he begins his new ministry."



David receives his Faculty as chaplain from Fr. Caulfield

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

Often we are asked about the kind of life we live as hermits as many people find it difficult to comprehend our life as Benedictine hermits. On the 11th July we kept the great solemnity the feast of Saint Benedict therefore this seems a fitting time to write something about ourselves. In order for us to live out our vows it is of essence that we live a planned and ordered life in as much silence, solitude



and simplicity as possible, so that our whole being may be offered daily to God. Prayer then is the great priority of our routine, the offering of the seven part Liturgy of the Hours, the daily Mass, throughout our day we have time set aside also for personal prayer, meditation, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and intercession for the world. This attachment to God in prayer is also an involvement with the world in which we live, because our prayers are offered with and on behalf of all, with a variety of needs and sorrows, thanksgivings and joy experienced by God's people. So many are unable to pray for themselves or do not know how to pray, so daily we are bound to God in prayer but none the less caught up in the great family of humanity of which we are part.

St. Benedict in his rule reminds us that idleness is the enemy of the soul, it is for this reason that time is set aside too for work, study, prayerful reading and meditation. Part of each day is set aside for work with our hands, the very necessary domestic duties running a house, work in the garden, all this ensures that the whole hermit spirit, body and mind are offered daily to God. And so as we follow this pattern of life, by God's grace we are daily drawn into closer union with God working to build the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The eremitical community here at the hermitage in Elston is not cloistered, which means in effect that we are seen within the diocese, at parish level and participating locally in the community and very often we are questioned about this. People often remark "surprised to see you here, are you not hermits?". A reasonable enough question I suppose. We believe that hermitage life needs to be taken out into the world and the life of the world back to the hermitage in prayer before God's presence.

Mother Theresa in The Joy of Loving says this – "We need to find God and God cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers and grass –grow in silence. See the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life"

For me this sums up the life of a hermit – to be continually in the presence of God whatever we are doing or wherever we are sharing the many blessing we receive with the world.

Elizabeth Obbard says: "The hermit today is not a quasi-monk or nun out of place in the world, but one who seeks solitude in the midst of and in communion with the world. Some live in rhythmic solitude, alternating periods of solitude with periods of greater involvement in an active ministry according to the pattern of St. Francis, others seek a more complete withdrawal."

*David
Hermit of the Diocese of Nottingham*

MARKET HARBOROUGH CATENIANS PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY



Brothers, families and friends at Market Harborough's President's Sunday. President Keith is standing on the left holding their dog, and Jane is seated first left on the front row

The brothers, families and friends of Market Harborough Circle of the Catenian Association joined their President, Keith Webb, for Mass at Our Lady of Victories Parish Church on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.

President Keith and Vice President Peter Charman did the readings and Communion Procession. Arrangements were made with Parish Priest, Rev. Canon Owen O'Neill, to include in the Parish Newsletter and distributed at all Masses, information about the Catenian Association as an aid to recruitment. Following refreshments in the Octagonal Hall with members of the Parish, the party moved on the lovely home of President Keith and Jane Webb, where a splendid buffet luncheon with ample refreshments had been arranged. With time to relax and socialise the guests were able to enjoy the warm summer sunshine afterwards. A special thank you is extended to President

Keith and Jane from the Circle for a most enjoyable and memorable President's Sunday. Further information about the Catenian Association may be found at www.thecatenians.co.uk

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A Spanish holiday in Galicia



The burning of incense is practiced in ceremonies throughout the world's religions. Prayers are being taken up with the smoke to heaven. Incense is burned in a censer, which in the Catholic faith is called a thurible. We have just been on holiday in Galicia, Northern Spain and naturally we visited churches along the pilgrims' way to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. These days, pilgrims following the very ancient routes to the tomb of St James, know the churches to visit because they have a clam shell either in the wall outside or within their interior. The pilgrims must walk a hundred miles or cycle two hundred, collecting rubber stamps on a document from churches on the way to prove their pilgrimage miles, which on reaching the Cathedral's office gets them a certificate to celebrate their journey. I am sorry to say my wife and I were part of a conducted tour in an air conditioned bus! However, we made the midday Mass with crowds so large that we had to stand, as every seat, nook and cranny was filled by tourists, pilgrims and worshippers from countries from all over the world. Although the whole service was in Spanish, one could follow the Liturgy of the Mass sequence and the Cathedral staff and priests were so organised that the host was quickly distributed. Giving a handshake with the words, "Peace be with you" to five people near to me during the service, elicited responses in five different languages!

At the end of the Mass before the final blessing the large thurible that hangs from the Cathedral dome was lighted. The Spaniards call this censer, "Bota fumeiro" which translates as, smoke expeller. Its overall size is 5ft and weighs 121.25 lbs. It is suspended on a pulley system moved by ropes which takes 8 red robed Cathedral men to swing it along the aisle across from the main aisle or central nave that faces the altar. It was renewed in 1604 to replace one that had been used in the, "Middle Ages". It was believed that the smoke guarded the pilgrims against contracting the many diseases that plagued the populace at that time. It probably helped to relieve the smell too! The censer reaches a height of 68ft 10 ins and reaches its maximum height after 17 cycles. What a sight as it seems to reach the very ceiling of the cathedral at speed! The cross aisle had been cleared of any of the congregation to avoid an accident. Afterwards we visited the tomb of St James, one of the apostles, who witnessed so much of Christ's life and who was beheaded by Herod in Jerusalem. What a climax to an unforgettable religious experience!

"Jesus Revives His Church"

"Jesus Revives His Church" day event was soon upon us at the Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham, which took place on Saturday the 28 June. The day programme was advertised locally drawing some 50+ parishioners together from different parishes to listen attentively to our three guest speakers: a very thoughtful Fr Anthony Franey (St Anne's Church, Radcliffe) who shared wonderful insights on "New Evangelisation", a strong and confident delivery from Derek Williams, a Catholic Evangelist, on the topic "The Prophetic Lay Ministry" finishing in the afternoon with a presentation by Donal Foley who shared his deep love for "Our Lady Of Fatima and her role in the New Evangelisation." The event started with morning Mass, meet and greet with coffee, with an opening address and blessing of the event by parish priest, Canon Philip

Ziomek. There was an opportunity for discussion, questions and answers taken by all speakers. Many parishioners expressed their delight at being part of such a joyful encounter, well satisfied with a delicious lunch that was on offer (a special mention to thank a good friend, Marcos Dazzi for preparing such a wonderful spread) time to browse the book stall as well as an opportunity to purchase the ever growing popular "Lighthouse" CD talks that were on offer. These do not disappoint, truly inspirational, unpacking the truths of the Catholic faith. A special thank you to all who made this a truly wonderful event, building the faith of each other, producing lasting fruit as we all participate and respond to the challenge of furthering God's Kingdom here on earth. God bless.



FRANKLY SPEAKING

How many more Christian places of worship might close in the next twenty years

On a recent railway trip I noticed an isolated church possibly boarded up and miles away from any village. It did make me wonder when the church had last been used, did it once have large congregations who would have travelled great distances and how many more Christian places of worship might close in the next twenty years.

My train journey took me to London and there is no shortage of churches in our capital city. One of the most famous buildings in the area known as SW1 is Westminster Cathedral and, if only to witness devout Catholics and others of all nationalities, it is well worth a visit. One of the more poignant reminders of the Reformation in the Cathedral is the tomb of Saint John Southworth who was to suffer a martyr's death in 1654 and, as it had recently been his Feast Day (June 27th), his earthly shrine was placed in the centre of the Cathedral. In the nearby Victoria tube station a poster advertising the Tower of London featured Lady Jane

Grey who was executed in 1554 one hundred years before John Southworth. Jane Grey, just sixteen, was a protestant and a victim of the politics created in the years following the death of Henry the Eighth. It was to be 1978 when the first Mass since those dangerous times was celebrated in Lincoln Cathedral with an estimated 5,500 forming the congregation. The recent stone dedication sculpture of the blessed Virgin Mary in this Historic Cathedral is surely a most welcome development as our churches need to work together, in stark contrast to the days of Jane Grey and Saint John Southworth. On the day of the announcement of his transfer to Liverpool the now Archbishop Malcolm McMahon made a firm commitment that churches not working together was not an option.

Despite the differences between Anglicans and Catholics there has been much good work already achieved in many dioceses. It is surely time to step this up to a greater degree. The outstanding contribu-

tions by Pope Francis and Archbishop Justin Welby are well documented. Pope Francis is a powerful figure but as a Christian leader he has demonstrated great humility and has encouraged all of us to do likewise. Forgiveness is also a strong characteristic of his Papacy not least within his own church. The need for Christians to work together is highlighted by the failure of some in our public life to give a good example to our young people. The early days of July witnessed much bad and sad news of both entertainers and politicians. Perhaps, like me, you are weary of statements saying "lessons will be learned". It's time for Christians to show that we can give the leadership we need, and to make all feel welcome in our churches. If we achieve this then they will surely stay open, but we all need to do much more than just paying lip service to our beliefs.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish Newark

Concert in a day at St Theresa's



On Sunday June 22nd, St. Theresa's church in Birstall hosted an unusual concert featuring an orchestra, church choir and local band. They performed music from Les Miserables, Pirates of the

Caribbean, Star Wars and a symphony by Shostakovich. The orchestra, organised and conducted by Chris Lowe, was made up of past and present members of English Martyrs Catholic School and the parish.



They met for the first time on the day of the concert; a very pleasant shared meal at 12 noon was followed by 3 hours of intensive rehearsal from 1.30pm. The concert started at 7pm.

There was a real sense of community as the choir combined powerfully with the orchestra for 4 choruses from Les Miserables and the event raised over £400 for the parish and NSPCC.

The message of Mary - Mother of Evangelisation

"Mary Mother of Evangelisation" was the title of the Nottingham Diocese pilgrimage to Walsingham on June 15th. Around 300 pilgrims had a spiritual day of reflection and in many cases re-union at England's National Shrine on Trinity Sunday which was also Father's Day.

A most important feature of Nottingham's special day at the Norfolk Shrine is the welcome from the young people whose enthusiasm in the carrying of Our Lady's statue during the procession to the Slipper Chapel and reciting of the Rosary accompanied their splendid singing. A number of nations were represented reflecting the diverse spread of the Diocese.

Bishop Lindsey of the Anglican Shrine greeted the pilgrims with a warm welcome and spoke of how the two shrines had now become nearer and of the personal high respect that Pope Francis now commands amongst Anglicans. The procession pro-

ceeded with grey skies but only a little light rain at its conclusion when nearing the Catholic Shrine. Monsignor Thomas McGovern preached the Homily as he had done in 2013. He hoped we would all pray that next year we will have a new Bishop to preach at Walsingham. Monsignor McGovern spoke of the importance of Walsingham and the message of Mary, Mother of Evangelisation. The congregation of pilgrims listened intently as he spoke about a personal experience with a man whose devotion to Walsingham had been most revealing at his Requiem.


Monsignor McGovern thanked all the pilgrims who had made the day so special and urged all in the Diocese to not only evangelise by bringing more Catholics back to the Faith but to bring many more to the Walsingham Pilgrimage next year.

At the conclusion of the Mass a cheque for £3,000 was presented by Richard Mitchell (Loughborough) on behalf of the Nottingham Province of the Knights of St Columba for the training of Priests and deacons. Richard paid tribute to Seamus O'Looskan and his helpers who had organised the day so well. Seamus, the Pilgrimage Organiser, will commence his training for the diaconate in September.

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Golden Jubilee celebrations of Fr. M. Gallagher

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After a few brief months in the States he returned to Ireland and became a parish priest working with the homeless and vulnerable, before taking up a post at Emmanuel House here in Nottingham; this eventually brought him to join the diocesan clergy, being appointed in 1999 parish priest of St. Teresa's, an ever-changing, increasingly multi-ethnic parish.

Apart from noting the diversity of his experience that list tells little of the man and priest whose jubilee we celebrated.

At the Corpus Christi mass, Father Gerry Murphy, concelebrant and friend, spoke warmly of the human qualities, acquired through Michael's own up-bringing, his concern for the disadvantaged and his enthusiasm throughout his vocation in meeting the tasks and hard work involved in building a living, vibrant parish.

At the end of a joyful thanksgiving mass, Father Michael was presented with a framed Papal Blessing on his Jubilee, a cheque, and a gift album from the children of St. Teresa's Primary School.

The celebrations moved to the nearby Trinity lower school, where stories and reminiscences continued for some hours, supported by ample supplies of food and drink.

Liam Reddington addressed the assembly with his personal appreciation, which spoke for many, and with stories of Father Michael, before the traditional ceremony of the cutting of The Cake.

Personal memories and exchanges among the guests revealed how much Father Michael's diverse talents and basic human qualities were appreciated: his



approachability and readiness to listen, his grasp of the complexity of human behaviour, his sense of humour and his neat, often witty, homilies, his ability to respond to the continually changing face of a parish, his avowed aim "to identify and harness the gifts" which contribute to the greater good of the Church. This day of celebration: the music of the

mass, the presentations of gifts, the sustenance of the numerous parishioners and guests, was carefully planned and carried through by a strong and able team led by Judith Keegan, Maria Cummins and Breege Chapman. To all of them we say "Thank You!" It was a good day!

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Archbishop Malcolm receives the Pallium from Pope Francis

I was honoured and privileged to receive the pallium from the hands of our Holy Father Pope Francis in St Peter's Basilica on Sunday, 29 June 2014, the Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul. The pallium is a symbol of communion between the Holy Father, the Successor of St Peter, and the Archbishop and the Churches of his province, and it was a very humbling moment when I knelt before the Holy Father and he placed the pallium on my shoulders. In his homily, Pope Francis reminded us that we are called to follow Jesus Christ in preaching the Gospel: 'Follow me by the witness of a life shaped by the grace you received in Baptism and Holy Orders. Follow me by speaking of me to those with whom you live, day after day, in your work, your conversations and among your friends. Follow me by proclaiming the Gospel to all, especially to the least among us, so that no one will fail to hear the word of life which sets us free from every fear and enables us to trust in the faithfulness of God.'

I hope and pray that, by the intercession of Ss Peter & Paul, all of us in the Archdiocese and Province of Liverpool – Bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful alike – will follow Christ more closely every day in our parishes, schools, chaplaincies



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Catholic Parish in the ^ News

St Joseph's in Shirebrook, The parish comprises St Joseph's, St Bernadette, Bolsover and St Teresa, Warsop



St Joseph's Refurbishment 2007.
St Joseph's, Shirebrook

After many years with very little change to St Joseph's, 2007 saw a major refurbishment and erection of a brand new entrance hall and much needed meeting room. The church was closed while the work was done and Mass was celebrated in our school until it's completion.

The refurbishment was completed in December 2007 just in time for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

It was a lovely occasion and some parishioners were very emotional when they saw their "new" parish church for the first time. Their comments covered a whole range of adjectives: stunning, magnificent, beautiful, "never thought St. Joseph's could look so beautiful" and of course "wow!"

Almost everyone was delighted with the beautiful colour scheme designed to reflect the Edwardian era in which St Joseph's was built. Local man, Arnie Frith, painted the tops of the pillars with their displays of vines and acorns, the oak leaf pattern being picked up also in the glass of the new windows. 83 year old Mrs. Irena Kossowski kindly made all the crochet trimmings for the altar, the credence table, the offertory table and the long shelf which holds the 'big six' candles.

The two final touches were completed in time for our Celebration Centenary Mass on Friday, 1st February 2008. The first being the stencilling of a cruciform frame around each Station of the Cross and finally a crucifix was erected above the sanctuary. The crucifix is made of Linden wood and was carved in Italy. It was kindly donated by Mrs. Margaret Glynn in memory of her late husband Dr. John Glynn.

Everyone was certainly glad to be back in "God's house".

St Bernadette's

Although an important nucleus of Catholics, dependent on the Jesuit Mission at Spinkhill, survived in Bolsover up to the end of the 17th century, it appears that the Faith was definitely on the wane during the next two hundred years. At a visitation of the Spinkhill Mission held in 1883, Bishop Bagshawe found that there seemed to be very few Catholics in Bolsover. The transformation of Bolsover from a picturesque market town, sheltering behind an enormous castle, into an important mining centre, brought some influx of Catholics and, to provide for them, Fr. Froes opened a Mass centre in 1903.

This was a wooden hut situated behind the house of Mr. Street at No 1 High Street and

bore the name 'St. Joseph's'.

At this time Fr. Froes was a missionary priest at Clowne. In the following year he moved to Shirebrook but continued to serve Bolsover.

The first mission came to an end in 1928 on the retirement of Fr. Froes.

Fourteen years later in 1942, a new Mass centre was opened in an upper room behind the residence of Mr. Kennington in the Market Place.

The following year a derelict property, 59 High Street, was bought by the Diocese and a stone stable block was adapted by means of voluntary labour to form a chapel. The 'barn' remained as a chapel until 1967 when the present church was built next to it.

The 'barn' continued to be used over the years for social events, but by 2005 was in need of much restoration and so the Diocese decided that it should be sold and the proceeds be used for repair and restoration work on both St. Bernadette's Church and St. Joseph's Church.

Re-wiring, new central-heating system, complete re-decoration, sanctuary re-carpeted, a meeting room established and the exterior cleaned were completed at St. Bernadette's in April 2007 and our Easter Vigil was celebrated there. The parishioners at St. Bernadette's are very proud of what has been achieved and as one of them said, "The church has never looked so lovely since the day it was built." The icing on the cake arrived in the shape of a brand new organ. After a church organ appeal was made in February to all parishioners (and friends), we were able to purchase one ten weeks later. Thank you to everyone who helped.



St Teresa's

The Catholic Community of St Teresa's in Warsop welcomes you to our church.

The Eucharistic community is active and vibrant and is currently in the process of refurbishing in order to make the church more welcoming.

The church is situated at the top of the High Street, where the old High Street meets the main road at the point where the millennium cross stands. The church and hall are at different levels, with the church upstairs, and the hall underneath. The church is entered from the car park, mostly using the door to the right hand side. The hall has a separate access downstairs.

The church was built in 1974 and celebrated its 40th Anniversary on 8th February at 12 noon when Bishop Malcolm concelebrated Mass.

We are looking for old photographs and

memorabilia. If you were baptised, confirmed, or married in this church, or you were part of the worshipping community at any time, please send photographs if you have them. You may email to saintteresascatholicchurch@gmail.com



History of St Theresa's Church

The Catholic community in Warsop was formed as part of the St Joseph's Parish, Shirebrook.

Mass was celebrated in a local pub and then in a hut close to where St Theresa's Church now stands.

Fr. Joseph Henry was responsible for building the church and, on 20th February 1974, the Church of St Theresa's was solemnly consecrated by Bishop Edward Ellis.

St Theresa's was established as a separate parish in 1976, under the care of Fr. O'Hanlon and then Fr. McGovern. Under Fr. Birks, St Theresa's parish was joined with St Charles Borromeo in Mansfield Woodhouse. After the death of Fr. Birks, the church of St Charles Borromeo was closed and St Theresa's parish joined with St Joseph's Shirebrook and St Bernadette's Bolsover under the care of Fr. McSpirit. The death of Fr. Birks left the Presbytery vacant. The Presentation Sisters moved into the Presbytery and became a vital part of the pastoral team and forming a group of lay Presentation Associates. On the retirement of Fr. McSpirit, Fr. Frank Carvill was appointed PP to the three churches. In 2004, St Theresa's joined with St Philip Neri's in Mansfield under the care of Fr. Philip Ziomek. In 2011, Bishop Malcolm realigned St Theresa's with St Joseph's and St Bernadette's under the care of Canon Jonathan Cotton.

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RODSLEY PILGRIMAGE 2014



Although threatened by horrendous thunderstorms and an extremely busy Diocesan Weekend the Annual Pilgrimage to Rodsley, the birthplace of St Ralph Sherwin, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, went ahead, with a "full Barn" for Mass.

The Homily was given by Canon Alan Burbridge, St Georges, Derby, the theme of which was "The way of the Cross" chronicling St Ralph's career, emphasising why Jesus needs to be alive to us all. He described how St Ralph underwent the Most hideous torture in an effort to break



his Faith whilst at the same time experiencing the joy of suffering. Fr Alan also went on to say how St Ralph was a clever person and it must have been some form of disappointment to his parents when he elected to pursue the path of Priesthood rather than that of many other

professions he could have chosen. The day ended with much socialising after Mass, smiling happy faces, the usual huge success. Furthermore, not one drop of rain!

Tony Bennett – Sherwin Society

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

I look forward every month to the arrival of the Catholic News, and one of the first articles I read is one by Mr. Frank Goulding.

His column this month is headed "We must not leave it to others" - a very noble sentiment. I am guilty of leaving things to others. So I will try not to in future, starting this month.

He mentions global warming and climate change, suggesting that it is a minority of informed commentators who are not convinced. I was reading in "The Mail on Sunday" that Dr. David Bellamy has expressed his doubts and because of this he is not on television anywhere near as much as he was. Again, I remember someone who, while he was employed in the education civil service was all in favour of comprehensive education but who after retirement felt that a selective system would be better.

I suspect it is only apparently a minority because the dissenters are frozen out by the establishment. This establishment is expecting to get a lot of money by building wind turbines - the twenty first century equivalent of carrying bunches of posies to guard against the plague.

Global warming and climate change is predicted using mathematical models and computers. Mathematical models are what makes mathematics useful, and computers allow us to get answers from complex models.

When a model is devised, a set of experts have to decide what factors are important and how these are likely to affect the behaviour of the system being modelled - in this case the weather. The next thing is to simplify the equations obtained from these factors till they can be solved by current computer technology - which still has significant limitations.

It is obviously crucial that all the important factors are known and their effects accurately quantified. In the aircraft industry, the Comet accidents came about because engineers knew nothing about metal fatigue. (The Comet was the first jet passenger aircraft to fly. Unfortunately, after a few months in service they started to break up in mid air, killing everyone on board)

Mathematical models have been used in aircraft stressing for many years. It is the industry which employed me for about twenty years as an applied mathematician. The models used at first were not particularly reliable. They got a lot better after computers became sufficiently powerful to use a type of model called a finite element model.

My own feeling is that global warming and climate change is a real problem. It makes sense to me that burning fossil fuel is leading to trouble and that doing something to reduce these emissions would be wise.

As I know nothing of the models that the climate experts are using, I am very suspicious of how reliable they are. I am convinced that improvements are needed and we should not automatically reject the views of the dissenters.

*Yours etc.
J.J. Reynolds*

St Alban's Altar Servers Raise Money for Sick and Retired Priests Fund



Altar servers from St Alban's Church in Chaddesden came up with an energetic way to raise money for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund - a sponsored 6 mile walk around beautiful Ticknall.

Despite the rain on the journey there, the weather during the walk was fortunately warm and dry. Around thirty five set off from Ticknall at 11.00am, passing wonderfully rustic scenes of horses, poppies, woodland and views over the Trent Valley (albeit a bit hazy). They passed St. Brides, the site of a religious community dissolved at the reformation, before stopping for lunch at Staunton Harold Reservoir. The kiosk at the visitor centre sells a number of home made delights which were enthusiastically sampled by the group! Some extra

parishioners joined them for lunch to encourage the Servers.

After lunch, the walk continued along the reservoir, with canine companions taking the opportunity for a quick dip. Eventually arriving in the grounds of Calke Abbey for a well-deserved ice cream stop! The grounds have longhorn cattle and sheep wandering around. The cattle look a bit scary, but seemed used to people wandering around them.

The group made it back to the car park four and a half hours later, with many tired young people. The parishioners of St Alban's are rightly proud of their altar servers for showing initiative and commitment in doing their bit to help our elderly and ill priests. (Simon Baldwin)

Book Review

Something other Than God

by Jennifer Fulwiler
Ignatius Press.

Many people have written their conversion story. We need their testimony today more than ever, at a time when secularism dominates the culture of the western world. Thus Jennifer Fulwiler's honest, painful and humorous account of what led her from atheism to the Catholic Church should be read by anyone who is searching for the truth and pondering the same questions.

The author, an only child, came from a happy atheist household in which her father read her Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* as a bedtime book. The first shadow across her consciousness came when, aged 11, she held a fossil in her hand and faced the appalling thought that human history was, in the long run, simply part of the fossil record; humanity would eventually die out and be forgotten. She reasoned that people invented religious stories to avoid despair. Fulwiler herself chose to plunge into activities and fun to stave off this sense of cosmic hopelessness. This strategy worked for many years. She went to college, enjoyed a challenging career, met a dynamic young Ivy League law and business graduate, Joe Fulwiler, and married him. Finally, with a small baby to care for and seemingly a busy, successful life, she could no longer avoid the enormous disjunction between what atheism had taught her, "that all our experiences are products of the chemical reactions in our brains", and what she understood in her heart: "I had been plunged into an experience of love that I'd never had before...Atheism could not account for

the bond that Joe and I shared."

There were more intellectual struggles, such as how to yoke together a "woman's right to choose" – something she strongly believed – with the reality of abortion. Her husband, who joined her on her quest, was more forthright in his conclusions; when they argued about the morality of abortion he pointed out to her, after they have both attended a Catholic Mass, that the Church "had 2000 years to think about this and they keep saying the same thing."

Slowly all the contradictions and objections to faith dwindle away. Fulwiler reads CS Lewis's *Mere Christianity* and realises that the search for God entails changing your life: what does it mean to try to be good? Reading the lives of the saints helped her; here were people who had found the key to happiness, despite their sufferings and sacrifices.

How does the God of love square up with the palpable reality of evil? Why do good people suffer? Is contraception wrong – especially if you experience problematic pregnancies? These are some of the questions that kept the author awake at night, as she scoured the internet for answers and downloaded papal encyclicals. Finally, she asks herself with some astonishment, much joy and a wry smile, "Was I really now the Catholic mother with three young children, a Miraculous Medal dangling from her neck as she scurried through the house to prepare for her son's baptism?"

Francis Phillips

Cardinal affirms the role of Catholic women at historic national celebration

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has affirmed the invaluable contribution that Catholic women make to the life and mission of the Church. In a message sent to mark the 75th Anniversary of the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW), which was celebrated recently, he wrote:

"I wish to thank most sincerely the NBCW for its valuable contribution to the life of the Church in England and Wales since its formation at the invitation of Cardinal Hinsley. On the occasion of the NBCW's Golden Jubilee, another of my predecessors, Cardinal Hume, said: 'The Bishops' Conference needs to hear from women about the concerns and views of women in the Church on topics which seem to women to be the most crucial or fundamental'. Twenty-five years later much has been achieved as the Board takes the lead in studying and acting upon crucial issues in our society. Pope Francis acknowledges 'the need to create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church' (Evangeliu Gaudium, 103). Looking to the future, I am confident that the NBCW can play its part in realising the Holy Father's vision so that the joy of the Gospel may be shared ever more widely. Once again, many congratulations and thanks to the NBCW on the occasion of its 75th Anniversary. Please be assured of my continued prayers for its mission. Please pray for me. Thank you."

The Board has existed since 1939 and promotes the presence, participation and responsibilities of Catholic women in the Church and society. Around 60 women, representing womens' organisations, dioceses and groups from across England and Wales, gathered at Newman University in Birmingham, 21-22 June to cele-



brate this historic landmark in the life of the organisation, and to hear updates about the breadth of members' work at its AGM.

Pearl Clarke, President of the NBCW, said: "The 75th Anniversary celebrations provide a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to God for all that has been achieved through the hard work and generosity of generations of Catholic women in England and Wales. Our members are tireless in their efforts to serve the Church's mission, from taking part in discussions at the UN, to seeking new ways to serve the poorest of the poor. If you're a Catholic woman who is interested in finding out more about sharing your gifts in service of the Gospel and the Church, do get in contact with us."

The Board provides a forum in which Catholic Women in England and Wales (members of Catholic organisations, and other women representatives of diocesan structures) exchange experiences, express their hopes and concerns and make recommendations on the life and mission of the Church. It has as its aim to work for the Common Good and forwards to Government, and others, submissions dealing with matters of public interest and concern.

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“Called To Be One”! Ordinary Speaks out

The leader - or Ordinary - of the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, Monsignor Keith Newton, has said that people like him who became Catholics via the Ordinariate did so, “not because we wanted to escape the Church of England, but because of the more important call to unity” - a priority which Christ himself prayed for. We want to encourage others to do the same” he said.

Mgr Newton added that a day had been set aside - 6 September this year - when Ordinariate groups across the country would organise local events and invite anyone who might be interested in exploring the particular mission of the Ordinariate, to come and see it in practice.

Mgr Newton was speaking in Shrewsbury Cathedral, where he preached at all the Masses over the weekend of 5 to 6 July. The event was part of an appeal organised with the kind permission of the Bishop of Shrewsbury, Mark Davies, by the Friends of the Ordinariate, a charity which supports the work of the Ordinariate.

The Ordinary explained to the congregation that the Ordinariate was set up by Pope Benedict XVI to allow former Anglicans who wished to enter the Catholic Church to do so, bringing with them some of their Anglican traditions, liturgy and pastoral practice.

“Pope Benedict described it as a prophetic gesture because it puts into concrete form the teaching of the second Vatican Council on ecumenism - that there can be unity of faith but diversity of expression, and because it points forward with hope for possibilities for unity in the future” he said.

Mgr Newton went on to speak of the Ordinariate's evangelising mission. “The Ordinariate has a particular historic and cultural link with a British expression of



Christianity which can be a tool for evangelisation. We have people who have become Catholics through the Ordinariate who would not have found a pathway into communion with the See of St Peter any other way” he said.

Before Mgr Newton's visit, Bishop Davies said the Cathedral was delighted to be able to welcome him. “It will be an occasion for us to give thanks for the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. It is wonderful to see

the “prophetic gesture” Pope Benedict spoke of, being part of the daily life and witness of the Catholic Church in this land” Bishop Davies said.

At the invitation of the Bishop, the Ordinary presided at the Cathedral's Solemn Pontifical Mass on Sunday morning as well as preaching.

There was a retiring collection for the work of the Friends of the Ordinariate after each Mass.

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