



Saint Faustina  
Feastday: October 5

# Catholic News



St Alban's Church  
Sponsored Head Shave! Page 12

MORE THAN 16 YEARS OF BRINGING THE  
NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE TOGETHER

ISSUE 224

October 2014

20p WHERE SOLD

Produced by Bellcourt Ltd, N2 Blois Meadow Business Centre, Steeple  
Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 7BN Telephone: 0207 112 6710  
Editor John Clawson. Tel: E-mail [john@bellcourtltd.co.uk](mailto:john@bellcourtltd.co.uk) or [davidlodge101@hotmail.com](mailto:davidlodge101@hotmail.com)



## You are “Collaborative” Living Stones!

Hothorpe Hall near Market Harborough was the setting last week for a Diocesan Study Day devoted to the “You Are Living Stones” process; and in particular to reflect on the many practical aspects of priests serving multiple parish communities.

The study day was organised by the office of Ongoing Formation & Support for Clergy and was hosted by Karen Foong and the OGF team. Much of the day was led by the engaging guest speaker Fr Eugene Duffy from Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick in Ireland, who has spent much of his priestly service studying, experiencing and writing about the theological and pastoral challenge of serving multiple parishes. Approximately 110 people from across the diocese attended and contributed to the event, openly discussing many topics about this present reality within our diocese.

Amongst a number of key themes, Fr Eugene spoke about the significant need for “collaboration” between the priests and the laity on the ground within the parishes, and this ideal was more than borne out during the day, with most of the conference tables being occupied by parish priests and deacons, joined by 3-4 lay invited parishioners. While collaboration is not a new concept for us in our diocese, finding ourselves immersed in circumstances with an essential need for it now sheds light to the varying nuances of the word. It also meant that the group discussions at various times during the day were very focused on the individual parish setting with priest and laity sharing their individual worries and concerns impacting their local community, and therefore, opening up in a constructive way, suggestions and opportunities to move forward. Various viewpoints were offered at intervening times, often reflecting the different situations that individual parishes and individual clergy find themselves in at this stage of “You Are Living Stones.”

A key part of the day was when Fr Eugene helpfully described the various official “models” for multiple parishes sharing one priest—especially useful to the



lay people in attendance—because despite such “models” being defined and explained in Canon Law, Fr Eugene was able to articulate them in simpler terms, and was also able to give concrete examples of their strengths and weaknesses. It was also encouraging to note that all of the possible models are already in use in the diocese (or have been in the past) with some real experiences already gained as a result.

Fr Michael Moore concluded the event with a vote of thanks to Fr Eugene and to Karen and the OGF team for hosting such an informative day. It was great to see a large attendance with the many lay people who were there, some, at the request of their parish priest and others with a concerned interest in supporting the diocese with these current challenges. The “buzz” around the room was testament to the significance of, and commitment to, the topic. Each parish was asked to start to think about “What Happens Next” for them, and in addition, to begin to work out how they could start to work more closely with neighbouring parishes, irrespective of their own clergy situation.

The office Ongoing Formation & Support for Clergy are open to hosting other clergy-laity days as requested by the priests and deacons in our diocese. You are invited to discuss further learning opportunities with them and to keep Karen and the OGF team informed of your current needs. To see the various activities of the office Ongoing Formation & Support for Clergy serving the priests and deacons in our diocese, please visit: [www.clergyogfnottingham.org](http://www.clergyogfnottingham.org)

RELAX! WITH UP TO 4,000 USED CARS PRICE CHECKED DAILY,  
COMPREHENSIVELY CHECKED & GUARANTEED

**YOU'RE SURE TO FIND  
YOUR PERFECT CAR!**

14 REG PART EXCHANGE WELCOME NOW ONLY <b>£10800</b>	FULL VMC MILEAGE AND HPI HISTORY CHECK NATIONWIDE DELIVERY TO YOUR DOOR FINANCE AVAILABLE NEW CARS AVAILABLE FROM JUST <b>£134 PER MONTH</b> NOW ONLY <b>£6876</b>	11 REG NOW ONLY <b>£9500</b>

Autosave... Serving the Christian community for over 35 years

**autosave** Call 0845 122 6910 [autosave.co.uk](http://autosave.co.uk)

Finance subject to status, a guarantee may be required. Cars for illustration only. Autosave, Teak Park, Doncaster, DN4 5PD

FOLLOW US ON:

**MORE THAN 16 YEARS OF  
BRINGING THE  
NOTTINGHAM DIOCESE  
TOGETHER**

The monthly paper for the  
Diocese of Nottingham

**The  
Catholic News**

Editor: John Clawson

Editorial Office: Bellcourt Ltd,  
N2 Blois Meadow Business Centre,  
Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk,  
CB9 7BN

Telephone: 0207 112 6710

email: john@bellcourtltd.co.uk or  
davidlodge101@hotmail.com

Website: www.bellcourtltd.co.uk

Distribution enquiries: Nick Layton,  
Bellcourt Limited,

Publication date: Fourth Sunday of the  
month for the following month. Opinions  
expressed by contributors are not necessarily  
those of the Editor or the Diocese.

Publishers and Owners: Bellcourt Ltd,  
N2 Blois Meadow Business Centre,  
Steeple Bumpstead, Haverhill, Suffolk,  
CB9 7BN Advertising: tel: 0207 112 6710  
Parental permission should be sought be-  
fore submitting photographs of minors.  
Views expressed in *The Catholic News*  
are not necessarily those of the editor

## Wanted Parish Correspondents

The Catholic News is looking for  
a Parish Correspondent in your  
parish to send in local news for  
publication in this newspaper.

All items to be emailed to  
john@bellcourtltd.co.uk  
before 10th of the month

# Pope says war is senseless slaughter, can always be avoided

By Carol Glatz

War is just "senseless slaughter" and should never be seen as inevitable or a done deal, Pope Francis said.

"War drags people into a spiral of violence which then proves difficult to control; it tears down what generations have labored to build up, and it sets the scene for even greater injustices and conflicts," he said in a written message to a world summit of religious leaders

"War is never a necessity, nor is it inevitable. Another way can always be found: the way of dialogue, encounter and the sincere search for truth," he wrote.

The pope's message was presented Sept. 7 to people taking part in the International Meeting of People and Religions, organized by the Rome-based lay Community of Sant'Egidio and hosted by the Diocese of Antwerp, Belgium.

More than 300 leaders representing the world's religions participated in the global summit, which was being held Sept. 7-9. Its aim was to create an international alliance of religions dedicated to peace and dialogue and to countering fundamentalist ideologies and violence.

In his written message read to participants Sept. 7, the pope said this year's 100th an-

niversary of the start of World War I "can teach us that war is never a satisfactory means of redressing injustice and achieving balanced solutions to political and social discord."

Citing the wartime pope, Pope Benedict XV, Pope Francis said, "All war is ultimately 'senseless slaughter'" that ruins lives and poisons relationships.

"We cannot remain passive in the face of so much suffering," he said.

The pope urged the world's religious leaders to cooperate in "healing wounds, resolving conflicts and pursuing peace."

Among those speaking at the summit in Antwerp was Ali Abtahi Sayyed Mohammad, a former vice president of Iran and current president of Iran's Institute for Interreligious Dialogue.

"Radicalism is the product of an alliance between tyrants and ignorant followers," Abtahi said Sept. 8.

All conflicts based on presumably religious motives have shown that political leaders are the ones fomenting the violence, trying to convince "the devout that they are the only authentic religious group in the world and that the other religions are deviant and false."

True religious believers, he said, "are those who understand the essence of religion" and are "always against war and the hostility that religious radicalism spreads in the world."

Abtahi said the radical religious groups, al-



Pope Francis leads a general audience in St. Peter's Square

Qaida and fighters for the Islamic State, developed because of support from the West, "especially from the United States," in order to carry out Western interests. "Those who blew up the Twin Towers were the ones America armed to fight against communism" spreading from the Soviet Union, he said, "and those who are killing Muslims and Yezidi in Iraq are those who received financial support in Syria" to counter the regime there.

"History teaches us this rule: You can build religious groups that (will be) very dangerous, but it will be very difficult to suppress or eliminate them," the Muslim scholar said.

Egypt's grand mufti, Shawqi Ibrahim Abdel-Karim Allam said in his presentation Sept. 8 that "Islam is a religion of dialogue," and that radical extremists are "secular people who proclaim to be religious authorities, even though they are unqualified to interpret religious and moral laws."

These extremists have an "eccentric and rebellious attitude toward religion" that "opens the door to extremist interpretations totally extraneous to Islam," he said. However, it's not enough to dismiss extremists as having no legitimate religious authority, he said.

"If we do not understand the factors that contribute to the justification of terrorism and extremism, we will never be able to eradicate this epidemic," he said.

## The first visit by a pontiff to the two countries in 20 years

The Vatican has confirmed dates for Pope Francis' second visit to Asia will be scheduled for next January. The Pope will visit Sri Lanka and the Philippines - the first visit by a pontiff to the two countries in 20 years.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle in Manila confirmed in a Vatican statement that the pontiff will reach the Philippines on 19 January.

The Cardinal said: "I'm sure that desire of the heart will push him to get in contact with the people."

The Pope is expected to visit the central Philippines where Typhoon Haiyan killed at least 6,300 people in November. More than 6,000 people are still living in tents in Tacloban City, Save the Children reported earlier this month.

"Nobody could deny the effect of Haiyan, so the Holy Father said plainly that he was one with the suffering people, that we should not be afraid to ask God why," said Tagle.

Last month, the cardinal said the trip might also include a visit to Palo Cathedral in the central province of Leyte which lost its roof but otherwise remained intact following the typhoon. The Pope is also scheduled to visit a youth rally at the Catholic University of Santo Tomas (UST) in Manila.

"UST has always figured as one of the sites

especially for the pope's interaction with the youth and students, so we are coming from that historical datum," Cardinal Tagle said in an interview. It will be the fourth visit by a pope to Santo Tomas, which was established by the Dominicans in 1611 and declared a pontifical university in 1902: Pope Paul VI visited in 1970 and Pope John Paul II made two trips there in 1981 and 1995. The finalized schedule for Francis' five-day visit to the Philippines would be confirmed by the end of the year, Tagle said on Tuesday, as President Benigno Aquino's office announced full government cooperation. "Filipinos will most certainly accord to Pope Francis the warmth of their hospitality and manifest the fervor of their faith as they welcome the first pontiff from South America," presidential spokesman Herminio Coloma said in a statement issued from Aquino's office on Tuesday. The Pope's landmark visit to the Philippines coincides with the 20th anniversary of the World Youth Day celebration in Manila led by Saint John Paul II on January 14, 1995, the last papal visit to Asia's most populous majority Catholic nation. The day after World Youth Day in 1995, John Paul II offered Mass to a crowd estimated at between four and five million people in Manila's Luneta Park, the biggest papal crowd ever



## STONYHURST ST FRANCIS XAVIER AWARDS

- A minimum of 20%, up to 70% off boarding fees.
- Available at 11+ and 13+ for boarding students who would benefit from a Jesuit Catholic education.

"Dear young people,  
do not bury your  
talents, the gifts that  
God has given you!  
Do not be afraid to  
dream of great things!"

Pope Francis

### SCHOLARSHIP EXAMS 2015

17<sup>th</sup> January (11+ /13+ Academic/St Francis Xavier Award)

### OPEN DAYS 2014

11<sup>th</sup> October (3-11 years), 8<sup>th</sup> November (11-18 years)

A Co-educational Catholic Boarding and Day School for 3-18 year olds  
01254 827073 admissions@stonyhurst.ac.uk www.stonyhurst.ac.uk  
Stonyhurst Clitheroe Lancashire BB7 9PZ



# Holy Rosary Month



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the

fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- Mary in our Life by Fr. William G. Most

# Barbecue in East Leake



In July a barbecue was held in the parish of Our Lady of the Angels, East Leake to raise funds for CAFOD. During the day the rain was torrential and the odd clap of thunder was heard, but fortunately by the time the barbecue was lit at 7pm the sun had appeared. Parish master chef, Sean Hale, did a great job in cooking a wide variety of sausages, burgers and

steaks brought by parishioners, and the members of the East Leake Catholic Women's League provided salads, bread rolls and some delicious puddings. The evening was enjoyed by all and a total of £386.55 was raised for CAFOD. Thank you to all those who were involved!

# A taste of Ethiopia in Derby!



St Albans' Parish Derby, have been a connect2:Rwanda parish since the programme began more than 3 years ago, raising over £3000 in the process.

Now, thanks to both the progress of CAFOD's work in Musha and the development of our partner Avega over the years, CAFOD is able to move on to other work and connect2:Rwanada is coming to an end.

St Alban's parish community is keen to stay involved with the connect2 programme and decided to support connect2:Ethiopia instead. They invited Marie Molloy along to the parish to introduce the new focus community of Sebeya.

After a short fun quiz to test their knowledge of Ethiopia, participants met community narrators, Abba Solomon, Nigisti, Selamawit and Alem & Teemt through photographs and quotes. They also heard of the problems with drought in the area around Sebeya and the need for better methods of water supply and irrigation.

The evening finished with a sampling of some delicious food cooked to Ethiopian recipes, made by parishioners Sally and Jim Parlato. Three types of vegetable stew were accompanied by injera, a kind of Ethiopian pancake, and tej, honeyed wine similar to mead.

Those present came up with lots of ideas for ways of involving their fellow parishioners in sharing the joys and challenges of life in Derby with the community in Sebeya, including photographs, letters and displays. Their first action was to take a photo of the group tasting the food to be sent to Sebeya with some words of introduction from the St Alban's community!

You can find out more about Sebeya on the connect2:Ethiopia blog: [www.cafod.org.uk/connect2ethiopia](http://www.cafod.org.uk/connect2ethiopia)

If you'd like to know more about the connect2: programme, with a choice of focus country from Ethiopia, Brazil, El Salvador and Cambodia, please contact CAFOD Nottingham [nottingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:nottingham@cafod.org.uk)

Education and Fulfilment through Challenge and Support

# Open Morning

Independent Day School (3-18)



**Tuesday 11th November**  
9.30am to 12 noon

- Co-educational Nursery and Primary School (3-11)
- Girls only Senior and Sixth Form (11-18)
- Catholic School welcoming all denominations
- Talk to our Headteacher, staff and students
- Central Loughborough location (off Park Road)
- Personalised guided tours, no appointment necessary
- See at first hand the enriched curriculum we offer

**Open events throughout 2014 - See website for the dates**

For more information or to request a prospectus please contact **Our Lady's Convent School, Gray Street, Loughborough LE11 2DZ**

Tel: **01509 263901**

Web: **[www.OLCS.leics.sch.uk](http://www.OLCS.leics.sch.uk)**

Member of ISA

## Saint Faustina Feastday: October 5



Saint Faustina was born Helena Kowalska in a small village west of Lodz, Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of ten children. When she was almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, whose members devote themselves to the care and education of troubled young women. The following year she received her religious habit and was given the name Sister Maria Faustina, to which she added, "of the Most Blessed Sacrament", as was permitted by her congregation's custom. In the 1930's, Sister Faustina received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world. It was not a glamorous prospect.

Her entire life, in imitation of Christ's, was to be a sacrifice - a life lived for others. At the Di-

vine Lord's request, she willingly offered her personal sufferings in union with Him to atone for the sins of others; in her daily life she was to become a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others, and by writing about God's mercy, she was to encourage others to trust in Him and thus prepare the world for His coming again. Her special devotion to Mary Immaculate and to the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation gave her the strength to bear all her sufferings as an offering to God on behalf of the Church and those in special need, especially great sinners and the dying.

She wrote and suffered in secret, with only her spiritual director and some of her superiors aware that anything special was taking place in her life. After her death from tuberculosis in 1938, even her closest associates were amazed as they began to discover what great sufferings and deep mystical experiences had been given to this Sister of theirs, who had always been so cheerful and humble. She had taken deeply into her heart, God's gospel command to "be merciful even as your heavenly Father is merciful" as well as her confessor's directive that she should act in such a way that everyone who came in contact with her would go away joyful. The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world; her diary, Divine Mercy in my Soul, has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy.



## Thoughts from Elston

### Hermitage.....

Although we had not realised it for several days last week we had a problem with our BT connection, people were unable to make contact with us and because we kept the telephone in mute mode for several hours of the day we were unaware of this until we came to try and connect with the internet and no response..... For all the technology that we have been blessed with in our modern life it seems unconceivable that we can often be cut off from communication with one another through the breakdown of this wonderful technology which we have come to rely on so much in our lives.

There is however one person that we need no technology whatsoever to communicate with and of course that is God. We are always able to communicate with him and he with us. Sometime ago a Benedictine brother friend in the U.S. sent to me the following poem regarding communication with God, which reminds us that God is never off line.

#### God's Phone Number !

Hello God ! I called tonight  
To talk a little while,  
I need a friend who will listen to my  
anxiety and trial.

You see I can't quite make it, through a day  
just on my own.

I need your love to guide me, so I will never  
feel alone.

I want to ask you, please to keep



my family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence,  
for whatever fate they are bound.  
Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour  
throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things I cannot change  
in any way.  
Thank You God for being home and listening  
to my call.  
for giving me such good advice when I stumble  
and fall.....  
Your number, God, is the ONLY one that  
answers every time  
I never get the busy signal, never have to  
pay a penny.  
So Thank You, God, for listening to my  
troubles and my sorrow.  
Goodbye, God, I love you too.  
I will call again tomorrow.  
P.S. Please bless all my friends and family too.

This is surely a reminder to us that  
God is always there for us.

David  
Hermit of the Diocese of Nottingham

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I was surprised to see some of the content of the lengthy article by Fr John Daley in the latest issue of the Nottingham Diocese Catholic News. Regarding the different accounts of the loaves and fishes in the Gospels, these have always been traditionally understood as referring to different miracles, which took place at different times, rather than different versions of one account, as Fr Daley implies.

While it's true that teachers should encourage questions etc., that has to be understood within the framework of seeing the Gospels as sacred texts and not just accounts which can be pulled to pieces in a hostile way.

And while what Fr Daley says about the relationship between these miracles and Holy Communion is worthwhile, his remarks about the Resurrection are potentially misleading. He gives the unfortunate impression that the various accounts are irreconcilable, when in fact this is not the case, as long as we realize that they are eye-witness accounts written down over a long period of time. The fact that they are not identical is a good indication of their authenticity.

Also, his statement regarding the Marriage Feast at Cana, that "Cana does not exist," is worrying. While there may be some uncertainty as to the exact location of Cana, it is not correct to say that it never existed. And while it's true that there is a lot of symbolism in this account, that doesn't mean that it is some sort of fantasy, that it is not a description of a real event.

The danger is that while Fr Daley may have good intentions, his implicit criticism of the Gospels as real history could well undermine the faith of ordinary Catholics.

Thus, I don't think it's right for an official diocesan paper to feature articles of this sort - it's like giving

official approval to such views.

Yours sincerely,  
Donal Foley, Chilwell

Dear Editor

I have read about Mental Health The inclusive Church Resource in The Catholic News. This video may be of interest to readers. It has appeared in Derbyshire Church Magazine and been read on Pam Rhodes Hearts and Hymns programme early July. Derbyshire NHS Trust has successfully employed a poem Please Hear What I'm Not Saying by Charles C.Finn. It has been called 'original' and 'unique', but the message is getting through. Even people who dislike poetry are watching the video and many charities, organisations and hospitals are using the poem and video to great effect. The Church at large is embraced in this consideration. The poem has touched many people's lives and speaks with great compassion and insight into the human condition. It's a reminder to us all particularly those who have a role in listening to others including pastoral visitors. Indeed the poem speaks powerfully of significant realities and truths, to which so many of us remain insensitively dismissive. Former Derbyshire Poet Laureate, River Wolton, said - "Congratulations on your poetry success. It's heartening to hear of poetry being used so powerfully and effectively in the NHS and beyond." [youtu.be/XYL7Tgbv8w](http://youtu.be/XYL7Tgbv8w)

Do watch and consider this video and information for any future article on the subject which has been newsworthy again recently; Alistair Campbell even wants mental health on the school curriculum.

Regards,  
Paul Wiggins

Please support our advertisers

## Legion of Mary visit



It was with great honour the Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham welcomed 14 "Legion Of Mary " members to it's parish community for a week, beginning with a honouring dinner at our Indian Curry Night which took place at the beginning of their visit. All guests were hosted by parishioners, opening their homes in hospitality. They began their days with morning Holy Mass , settled down into groups to plan their daily outings, and then went out visiting homes in the surrounding church area sharing the Good news and distributing literature of the church encouraging people to explore their faith, to reflect and discern. Reactions were mixed, some more positive than others but good seed was sown and we await God's grace to do the rest. The group would re- group at lunch time, then once again off to more homes in the afternoon. More than 2000 home visits were made during their visit, very courageous work indeed remaining faithful to their calling. A small farewell dinner was arranged on their last evening, sharing their experiences , before they all went back to their various homes from different parts of England. God bless them all.



## Indian Curry Evening back by popular demand!



The Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham hosted their " Indian Curry Night" ( back by popular demand) in the parish centre with a maximum capacity turn out. With the Kerala Community stewarding the supply of delicious food, accompanied by traditional Indian dance, with a spontaneous performances of a jive and irish dance to the delight of the audience. Assistant parish priest, Fr Biju surprised all with a solo performance of song to cheer of the audience. Henna painting of hands and raffle tickets were on sale which helped boost the fundraising effort. Good food, good entertainment and good company resulted in a very successful evening raising much needed funds for the Grade II listed church costly restorations. Thank you all for supporting this event and a big thank you to the hard working members of the Social Committee who saw to the smooth running of this event. God bless.



## Fairly traded and handmade in Leicester



For sale – creme egg chickens and rabbits; hairslides and brooches

St Patrick's Parish Hall in Leicester was the venue for our latest Handmade Sale, which was combined with a Fairtrade event last Saturday. Those who came along could browse the hand made goods as well as items on the Traidcraft stall and buy a raffle ticket before succumbing to a slice of tasty home-

made cake and a Fairtrade drink. Many thanks to Nancy and the J&P group in St Patrick's and to all those who supplied the items for the sale and raffle and those that came along on the day. The event raised just over £150 which will be given to the CAFOD Syria Crisis Appeal.



### Solicitors to the Diocese of Nottingham

Massers Solicitors have been serving the business community in Nottingham for over 100 years and over that time we have built an enviable reputation for providing a high quality response to the needs of all our private and commercial clients.

Based on Victoria Street in Nottingham and at Tudor Square in West Bridgford, all of our solicitors are trained to work with you or your business in a friendly, prompt and professional manner.

At Massers we can offer you a full range of legal services:

- Company & Commercial Law
- Commercial Property
- Business Transfers/Sales
- Commercial & Property Litigation
- Employment Law
- Debt Collection & Recovery
- Wills & Power of Attorney
- Probate & Trusts
- Residential Conveyancing
- Personal Injury
- Matrimonial

E-mail: [law@massers.co.uk](mailto:law@massers.co.uk)

Telephone:

0115 851 1666

Web: [www.massers.co.uk](http://www.massers.co.uk)



15 Victoria Street  
Nottingham

Tudor Square  
West Bridgford



# DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE



*Louisa*

NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE JULY 2014

# WELCOME TO LOURDES 2014



LOURDES THE JOY OF CONVERSION

**CHRISTENING & COMMUNION WEAR**



A sumptuous range of gowns and accessories to suit every budget and grace all occasions

Specialists in gifts with a Christian theme, Christening, Dedication, Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Ordination & Christmas.

Whatever the occasion, you'll find the perfect gift: Bibles, missals, prayer books, plaques, icons, statues, photo-frames, fountains, fonts, crosses, crucifixes, rosaries, candles, incense, oil burners, mini cards to inspire, occasion cards to celebrate, and all at competitive prices!

**MAIL ORDER phone/fax 0116 2513477**

**COME AND VIEW OUR EXTENSIVE RANGES**

Open Wed - Sat 10am - 5pm  
Opposite the New Highcross, Leicester

**MI Trust, 35-37, New Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4RD. Tel/Fax 0116 2513477 Website: www.mitrust.co.uk**

# The Reinterment of King Richard III



The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury will both be taking part in services in Leicester Cathedral to mark the reinterment of King Richard III.

This means the most senior clergy of both the Catholic Church and the Church of England in this country will be present as the former monarch is laid to rest during a week of events from 22nd – 28th March next year.

During the days when the King awaits reinterment, Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul in the local Catholic parish church and Leicester Cathedral's regular pattern of prayer will include ecumenical participation.

Since the discovery of the body of Richard III in 2012, the Catholic Diocese of Nottingham and the Anglican Diocese of Leicester have worked closely to ensure that his reinterment in Leicester Cathedral, the mediaeval parish church of Leicester, will be celebrated with dignity and prayer.

Following his death at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485, the body of Richard III was buried near the altar of the Greyfriars' church in Leicester.

Although the church was destroyed during the Reformation, the last Plantagenet Monarch lay there in peace until the excavations that led to the exhumation of his body in 2012.

Both Dioceses are working together with other stakeholders to organise various acts of worship during the week in which Richard III's mortal remains will be reinterred in Leicester Cathedral.

The major liturgies, or services, will be as follows:

- The remains of Richard III will be received into Leicester Cathedral on Sunday 22nd March 2015; an invited congregation will pray a service of Compline where Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, will preach.
- On Monday 23rd March, Cardinal Nichols will celebrate Mass for the repose of the soul (a 'Requiem Mass') of Richard III in Holy Cross Church, the Catholic parish church and Dominican priory in Leicester city centre.

The Choir from St Barnabas' Cathedral, the Cathedral of the Diocese of Nottingham, will sing at this Mass, which will be open to the public.

- On Thursday 26th March, the mortal remains of Richard III will be reinterred in Leicester Cathedral, with an invited congregation and in the presence of the Most Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and senior clergy from both dioceses, and other Christian denominations alongside representatives of the World Faiths.
- On Friday 27th March, invited people from across the city of Leicester and the county of Leicestershire will gather in the Cathedral to mark the end of King Richard's journey and the sealed tomb will be revealed to the public.

In addition:

- The regular pattern of morning and evening prayer and the Eucharist will be kept by Leicester Cathedral throughout these days as we prepare for the King's

reinterment.

A number of these services will have a very special character. All these services will be open to the public.

- On Tuesday 24th March the Dominican friars will sing Vespers, the Catholic Church's evening service, in Leicester Cathedral; this is in addition to the daily celebration of Mass and the divine office in Holy Cross Church.
- On Wednesday 25th March, Father David Rocks OP, the parish priest at Holy Cross Church, will preach at the lunchtime Eucharist in Leicester Cathedral.

Further information about each service will be released in due course. In addition, the Cathedral will be open for people to visit, to pay their respects and to pray from 23-25th March, and from Saturday 28th March the area around Richard III's tomb will be open to the public.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, said: The death of King Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 was a decisive moment in English history. Following his death, Richard III was buried in the Franciscan Friary in Leicester, and his body lay in its grave until it was discovered in 2012.

It is now fitting that his remains should be reinterred with dignity and accompanied by the prayers of the Church in Leicester Cathedral, the mediaeval parish church of Leicester.

We commend all who have died to the love and mercy of Almighty God, and continue to pray for them, as we shall for Richard III and all who have lost their lives in battle.

The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester, said: I am delighted that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster will be in Leicester for our celebrations surrounding the interment of Richard III.

The presence of the Cardinal marks the historical continuity between the Catholic faith in this country and the Church of England.

The presence of both Archbishops is a sign of the close partnership between our two Churches in burying King Richard with dignity and honour.

Monsignor Thomas McGovern, Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham, said: We very much look forward to welcoming Cardinal Nichols to the Diocese of Nottingham next March for the reinterment of Richard III, one of the last Catholic kings of England, in the city in which he was buried in 1485; we are very pleased that he will celebrate Mass

for the repose of his soul in Holy Cross Church and preach in Leicester Cathedral. The presence of both the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and the Archbishop of Canterbury is a reminder of the good relationship that the Catholic Church and the Church of England enjoys today, as we all seek to be faithful to Christ's wish that we 'may all be one' and overcome the divisions brought about at the Reformation by continuing on the ecumenical journey to which we are both committed.

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, said: Leicester Cathedral has always intended to have prayer at the heart of Richard III's reburial and we wanted to demonstrate our sincere ecumenical commitment which characterises the modern church.

So we are delighted that both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop are to be with us. Father David Rocks OP, Prior and Parish Priest of Holy Cross Priory, said: Just as our Franciscan brothers at Greyfriars prayed over Richard III at his burial in 1485, so the contemporary Blackfriars of Leicester look forward to joining with the people of Leicester in the celebration of his reinterment in the city's cathedral in 2015,

and to taking part in the beautiful and fitting services and events that are planned. The reinterment of Richard III is a historic event in the life of the City of Leicester, and both Dioceses will continue to work together ecumenically to ensure that his life is commemorated and his body reinterred with due honour.

For further information, please contact Father Andrew Cole (Diocese of Nottingham) on 07979156941 or Liz Hudson (Diocese of Leicester) on 07943387265.

**Father Andrew Cole, Diocesan Communications Officer**

**JOE WALSH TOURS**  
PILGRIMAGE SPECIALISTS

**TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF YOUR GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE**

GROUP & PARISH PILGRIMAGES »

- » Flights from various airports in the UK
- » Full Religious Programme led by Spiritual Director
- » Daily Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included
- » Assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides & representatives throughout

**UK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES TRAVELLING WITH JOE WALSH TOURS:**

LIVERPOOL | LEEDS | SALFORD | WREXHAM | WELSH NATIONAL | GLASGOW | DUNKELD | GALLOWAY

PILGRIMAGES TO PLACES OF RELIGIOUS DEVOTION IN EUROPE & WORLDWIDE

Joe Walsh Tours | www.joewalsh tours.co.uk | info@joewalsh tours.co.uk  
0203 468 0617 | 0161 820 8790 | 0151 909 2871 | 0292 000 3865  
0141 530 5060 | FOLLOW US: [Facebook icon] [Twitter icon] [YouTube icon] [Instagram icon]

Bonded and Licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK | ATOL 5163

**Church Pews Uncomfortable?**  
Why not try

**safeoam**

Top quality upholstered foam pew cushions?  
Safeoam, Green Lane, Riley Green, Houghton, Preston PR5 0SN  
**www.safeoam.co.uk**  
**Freephone 0800 015 44 33**  
Free Sample Pack of foam & fabrics sent by first class mail When phoning please quote CATHOLIC101

**Already**

**We Hold You In Prayer.**

Living in the heart of London, the Tyburn Benedictine Community has as its special mission, prayer for the people of England and Wales. Our monastery is built on the site of the Tyburn gallows where 105 Catholics were martyred during the reformation. Our life of prayer draws Sisters from many nations. If you have a special intention, let us know and we will remember it specifically in our prayer. You may like to use the space below.

[ ] Yes, please remember my intention/s in prayer.  
.....  
[ ] Yes, please send me the free booklet on the Tyburn Martyrs  
[ ] Yes I'm interested – please send me vocations details.  
[ ] I'd like to help your Mission Foundations in other countries.  
My gift of £ ..... is enclosed payable to Tyburn Mission.  
Name: .....  
Address: .....

..... Please print  
RETURN TO: RETURN TO: Mother General, Tyburn Convent,  
8 Hyde Park Place, London, W2 2LJ. Phone: 020 7723 7262.

**Diocesan Spirituality Network**

**WELCOME**

Discovering more about Prayer Accompaniment

<b>15 November 2014</b>	<b>Session One</b>	<b>Spirituality is...</b> Venue: St Joseph's, Monks, near Mt. St. Bernard's, LE67 5UP
<b>2015</b>		<b>Venue: Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT</b>
<b>10 January</b>	<b>Session Two</b>	<b>Developing Listening Skills</b>
<b>21 February</b>	<b>Session Three</b>	<b>Myers Briggs</b> Personality Types
<b>14 March</b>	<b>Session Four</b>	<b>Prayer and Temperaments</b> Kathaphatic / Apophatic
<b>18 April</b>	<b>Session Five</b>	<b>Ignatian and Augustine</b> Projection and Transposition
<b>16 May</b>	<b>Session Six</b>	<b>Franciscan and Thomastic</b>
<b>06 June</b>		<b>Retreat and Commissioning</b>



# Catholic Parish in the ^ News

## Welcome to the Church of Our Lady and St Teresa of Lisieux, Gorsey Bank, Wirksworth, Derbyshire

Although we have never had a resident priest, being served over the years from one of the surrounding parishes, St Teresa's in Wirksworth is an active, vibrant community where everyone in the parish makes a contribution to ensuring that our liturgy is rewarding and that the catholic faith is alive and well in this bustling Derbyshire market town.

Visitors often comment on the welcome they receive, the vitality of our liturgy and on the beautiful setting of our small church nestling on the side of the hill in its own churchyard. Lay members of the parish represent us on Nottingham Diocesan discussions and we play a full role in the very active ecumenical group that is Churches Together in Wirksworth. Welcome to St Teresa's!



### Patroness of the Missions

Theresa was born January 2, 1873, in Alencon, France. Her parents had nine children. Of these, four died in their infancy and five entered the cloister. The father and mother were worthy examples of true Christian parents. Every morning they assisted at Holy Mass; together they received Holy Communion. To be a spouse of Christ had been Theresa's ardent desire since the early age of three. When she was nine and again when ten years old, she begged to be received into the Carmel of Lisieux. When she completed her fifteenth year, the door of the convent finally opened. There the superiors put her virtues to the sharpest test. On January 10, 1889, she was invested with the holy habit and received the name Sister Theresa of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. She pronounced her holy vows on September 8, 1890, and gave herself to the practice of the interior life. On the path of spiritual childhood, of love and confidence, she became a great Saint.



Theresa suffered much during her short life, but it was hidden suffering, which she offered out of love for the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of priests. She writes: "I know of one means only by which to attain perfection: Love! Let us love, since

our heart is made for nothing else. I wish to give all to Jesus, since He makes me understand that He alone is perfect happiness. The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul. Love can supply for length of years. Jesus, because He is eternal, regards not the time, but only the love."

Shortly before her death Theresa said, "I feel that my mission is about to begin, my mission of bringing others to love our good God as I love Him, and teaching souls my little way of trust and self-surrender. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth." Her mission was to teach souls her way of spiritual childhood. She practiced all the virtues of childhood, but, those that attracted her above all were the confidence and tender love that little ones show toward their parents. Love, confidence, and self-surrender are the keys to her spiritual life.

On September 30, 1897, Theresa, a true victim of Divine Love, died of tuberculosis, a disease that in her case had assumed a very painful character. A moment before she died the patient sufferer once more made an act of perfect resignation, and with a loving glance at her crucifix, said, "Oh, I love Him! My God, I love You!" She was twenty-four years old when she died. Saint Theresa was canonized only twenty-eight years after her death. She was declared patroness of the Foreign Missions. She was canonized by her devoted client, Pope Pius XI. The Pontiff said: "That light enkindled a love by which she lived and of which she died, having given nothing to God but love alone and having resolved to save a multitude of souls that they might love God for eternity. Her shower of mystical roses is proof that she has begun her work, and it is our most keen desire that all the faithful should study Saint Theresa so as to copy her example."

### Times of Services

**Sunday: 9.00am Mass. Refreshments after Mass. Confession:**

**On request**

**Wednesday: 10.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion.**

**Holy Days: Vigil Masses are announced. Served by Fr. Joseph Keogh (Ripley)**

**Parish Newsletter**

**Newsletter is published fortnightly and posted on the parish website.**

**Can be**

**received by e-mail, contact:**

**Marian Bolton - 01629 824626**

**marianbolton@btinternet.com**

**Krystina Johnson - 01629 823591**

**krystinajohnsonhotmail.com**

**Peter West 01629 825940 -**

**petendaf@talktalk.net**

**Anne Oldak 01629 822844 -**

**anne@oldak.net**

**A Prayer Group is held first Tuesday of the month -**

**see newsletter for details.**

**October 1st is the feast day of our Patron Saint St Teresa of Lisieux (1873 - 1897)**



### Our Lady of Fidelity



The church needs religious sisters URGENTLY to bring Christ to others by a life of prayer and service lived in the

community of Ignation spirituality. Daily Mass is the centre of community life. By wearing the religious habit we are witnesses to the consecrated way of life.

If you are willing to risk a little love and would like to find out how, contact Sister Bernadette.

Late vocations up to the age of 46 welcomed.

### COVENT OF OUR LADY OF FIDELITY

Central Hill, Upper Norwood,

LONDON SE19 1RS

Telephone: 07973 6002563

or Fax: 0208 766 6579

Mobile: 07760 297001

Ministers of Religion



**WOOL SHOP**  
for sale in prime location

Recently refurbished

Offers around £15,000 + s,a,v,

Please ring 01246 232959 or 07540 707543

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

arranged for readers of The Catholic News

### ANNUAL TRAVEL INSURANCE

AVAILABLE TO ANYONE UP TO 85 YEARS OF AGE.

MOST PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS ACCEPTED

### TOP QUALITY COVER

With a 24 hour helpline and an air ambulance get-you-home service. Mention this advert to get a Special Catholic News' discount. Don't forget we can also sell SINGLE-TRIP COVER, with any duration up to one year, with no maximum age limit and up to £20,000 cancellation cover per couple.

CALL FOR DETAILS AND PRICES

**FT**  
Travel Insurance

0116 272 0500

Car Hire



Real people - not machines!

Authorised and regulated by the FSA



**JESUITS**  
in Britain

Roman Catholic priests and brothers since 1540

*Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of the ideal of fraternal love.* Pope Francis

Jesuitvocations.org.uk

## WHAT'S ON

23 Oct

### A Taste of Faith

There was A Taste of Faith evening on Buddhism at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th September at St Wilfred's Parish Room, Coalville, organised by Fr David Cain in conjunction with the St Philip's Centre, Leicester. There will be a similar evening introducing Judaism in Our Lady of Lincoln Parish, Lincoln on Thursday 23rd October. The Jewish speaker will be Steve Griffiths, a member of the Jewish community in Lincoln and also a member of the Lincoln branch of the Council of Christians and Jews. For further information about both these events, please contact Canon Edward Jarsoz.

27 Oct

### Afternoon Retreat

Rosmini Centre Ratcliffe: 3.00pm-7pm. Baptism Prayer Reflection.

4 Oct

### Altar Servers' Mass at St Barnabas' Cathedral

19 Oct

### World Mission Sunday

On World Mission Sunday, the Universal Church unites in an act of solidarity in prayer for her missionary activity and in collecting funds to support the mission of the Church throughout the world. Presently, 40% of the Church is considered to be missionary territory. The World Mission Sunday collection supports the Church in places where she is too young, weak or vulnerable to be self-sufficient

1 Nov

### Saturday 11.30 a.m. Ordination to the Diaconate

9 Nov

### Music at the Cathedral concert series

Raising money for the Cathedral Music Fund



15 Nov

### Saturday 11.30 a.m. Mass with Commissioning of EMHCs

17 Nov

### Monday (TBC) Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious

22 Nov

### Families & Faith

All are welcome to a formation day entitled Families & Faith, to be led by Bishop John Sherrington in Christ the King School, Arnold on Saturday 22nd November 2014. There will be a variety of workshops which will be helpful to priests, deacons, catechists and parishioners concerning family life issues. For more information, please visit [www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html](http://www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html) or email [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk)

24 Dec

### Tuesday 11.30 p.m. Office of Readings & Midnight Mass

25 Dec

### Wednesday 11.15 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day

# Simplicity at the Heart of Church Growth



Over the last eighteen months the Nottingham Diocese has piloted the 'Crossing the Threshold' project on behalf of the Bishop's conference of England and Wales. The aim being to reach out to non-church going Catholics by identifying the threshold points in a parish and then using appropriate resources to meet people and welcome them over the threshold and back home.

Five parishes from around the Diocese were invited to set up evangelisation teams. These were: St Pauls, Lenton with St Mary's Hyson Green; St Barnabas Cathedral; Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough; Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell, with the Infant of Prague, Bestwood and St Mary on the Sea with St John Fisher, Grimsby. All teams went through a formation process, prepared the parish to be welcoming, identified threshold areas, made some evangelisation plans and then put them into action. So has it worked? Following are some experiences from the parishes involved, which tell their own story:

St Paul's, Lenton and St Mary's Hyson Green is an inner city parish in the poorer area of Nottingham. Vince a team member on the project said: "At the last Easter vigil nearly 200 people attended the biggest vigil we have had in recent years. This was as a result of handing out special invitations as part of the 'Crossing the Threshold' project. What is really great to see is the parish community welcoming new people into the Church. Being part of an evangelising team is not only a joy but also very rewarding. It's worth all the hard work! I found being part of Crossing the Threshold a fantastic and heart-warming experience. It was a good way to rejuvenate the Church and made me realise that you cannot do things on your own but working as a team you can get so much more done to spread the Gospel."

Fr David, the parish priest who organised street evangelisation in central Nottingham, said: "A few of us went into the Market Square, set up a table and gave away rosaries and leaflets. We had some amazing conversations including with many non-church going Catholics. It was a bit scary to start with but we all had that feeling of being 'on fire' after each session. We are planning to do more of them".

Another parish involved in the Crossing the Threshold Initiative is St Barnabas

Cathedral in central Nottingham. Michael, a team member said: "Our priorities for the year were: prayer – getting people to pray for the CTT project and giving out prayer cards; Communications – we spent a lot of time meeting with people at various events, and encouraging them to find out more about the faith; running threshold events – having a programme of events where we met people on the threshold which included: a visit of the replica of the Turin shroud and something we hadn't tried before - the 'night fever' event. This is about inviting people off the streets to come into the cathedral and light a candle and say a prayer - it was really successful." Mary, another team member shared more of this: "If I had to sum the night up in one word it would be difficult to find just one to do it justice, but I think AWESOME will do for now! On the outside, the Cathedral was lit up red as Fr Neil had put filters on the floodlights and it looked spectacular! Inside, the Cathedral was lit by candles and beautiful music was playing with a group of young musicians coming together especially for the event. There were loads of comments about the music; everyone loved it. Estimation is that we had between 100 - 120 visitors over two nights. Among these were a group of three 'burly lads' (as described by one of the volunteers) who were passing on the way for a night on the town, a couple who were on their way to a restaurant when they met our volunteers and then came in at the end of their evening out, one gentleman whose friend had died recently, a lady who sat in church all evening while her young daughter slept on her lap, and a man who lives near the Cathedral and has had a troubled and lonely life recently. There was a lot of networking and the beginnings of several new friendships. We provided free refreshments and had a load of leaflets and rosaries were given away."

St Mary on-the-sea, Grimsby – "We offered Christmas Carols by Candlelight in December and it was brilliant – standing room only. Mince pies and mulled wine were served at the end. A whole range of people came including lots of families and I got the impression that a number of those present hadn't been to church in a while. The event certainly reached people who were non churchgoing and we also gave out loads of invitations for a follow

up event in January, which included an invitation to Midnight Mass" – Chris They also saw a doubling in Easter attendance Nanette said" It's been a wonderful experience. We've learnt to offer simple things creatively and well, and people have responded. It's not complicated, but what was perhaps stopping us trying something like this before was confidence. If our little parish can do it, any parish can."

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell and the Divine Infant of Prague, Bestwood – They saw a large increase in Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday attendance. A successful craft day was held in the school during the Easter holidays inviting everyone to the services. "We've really got involved in the local Catholic schools, not least because we have three headmistresses on the team. Through the school we have promoted all of the church services and the children's carol service was held in the church this year. At this, Fr Gerry welcomed all those present and invited them to visit the parish again. Parishioners are also being encouraged to support events where possible" – Gabrielle

Our Lady of Victories, Market Harborough – "On Good Friday we set up a prayer station at the church from 10 am to 3 pm as part of an ecumenical initiative in the town. Around 160 visitors visited our church from all denominations. Visitors were all gifted a beautiful, laminated fold-out Stations of the Cross prayer card. They were also invited to: light a candle, leave a prayer at the foot of the Cross, sit quietly and contemplate the last words of Christ. The team was on hand for those who wished to talk to someone." – Margaret

Each of the parishes undertook different initiatives, but the common outcomes were: all parishes said that Mass attendance had increased, one parish said Mass attendance at Easter had doubled; all have seen people return to the faith; it has helped create a culture of evangelisation in the parish and confidence to do evangelisation has increased amongst the team members.

If any parish is interested in training an evangelisation team or require further information, please contact the Diocesan Adult Formation Office at [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk)

View News Article at: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Church-Growth>

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

On the first Wednesday in September the calendar had moved on to the anniversary of the start of the World War Two in 1939. Seventy five years since Neville Chamberlain's solemn declaration against Adolf Hitler was hardly noticed as the news of the sickening and horrific death of Steven Sotloff was revealed in what has become known as Islamic-State. The grief of his family has been sadly shared by many more victims in northern and western Iraq. The plight of those who belong to the ancient Yazidi faith and of Christians who have been persecuted or killed has concerned all of us not least of course our church leaders. Until recently many people had not heard much about the Yazidis but we cannot say that about Christians, and yet religion seems to be on the defensive frequently in our country. Those who in our public life belong to the "we don't do God" arena have been somewhat silent as the

world has witnessed the attempts to wipe out cultures and civilisations which have existed for thousands of years. Since World War Two there have been many conflicts and wars and politicians have repeatedly said "never again", yet much of the Government and media have remained silent on many incidents of the persecution of Christians in the Middle East in recent times. Speaking in the House of Lords on July 25th Lord Sacks condemned not only the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe but also the global persecution of Christians as he said "That people in the twenty first century are being murdered, terrorised, victimised, intimidated and robbed of their liberties because of the way they worship God is a moral outrage." We can only hope that others will have the courage to say similar words as the humanitarian crisis seems to worsen in Iraq and Syria. It is also important to

make clear that the biggest threat to freedom and social tolerance today may well be the interpretation of Islamic fundamentalism by those who wish to impose their views at any cost. This is all very different to the vast majority of Muslims who wish to live at peace and have a respect for democracy. The recent shocking revelations in Rotherham are so dreadful and are a reminder to all of us that for the sake of our children we all need to build partnerships starting with our political and religious leaders. They could all take hope and encouragement from Saint Pio of Pietrelina, Padre Pio whose feast we have just celebrated, was sought out by thousands and whose legacy is an inspiration to many. Our word today needs peace which he surely prayed for.

*Frank Goulding  
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark*

# Are you interested in the priesthood?

When someone expresses an interest in the priesthood a process of further discernment begins. The following are typical stages in that process.

**Conversation with God in Personal Prayer** - It is vital to open one's heart and mind to God, weighing our thoughts, feelings and motives in his presence. This may often also reveal to us the need for a conversion of life. This aspect of discernment is fundamental to the whole of the spiritual life and therefore must be part of every other stage of discerning a vocation. Regular Confession and a regular time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament are highly recommended.

**Conversation with Parish Priest or Chaplain** - The judgement of someone who is living the priestly life can help us to clarify our thoughts and attain a greater degree of objectivity. The parish priest or chaplain is often the most important point of contact between the inquirer and the diocesan vocation director.

**Conversation with Diocesan Vocation Director** - It is good to approach the vocation director at an early stage of discernment. He will be able to give some guidance to the inquirer and link them with others in the same situation through discernment groups such as 'Quo Vadis'.

**Course of Formal Discernment and Application Process** - Once the person discerning his calling feels he is close to putting himself forward as a candidate for seminary formation a more formal process begins. This may entail undertaking recommended reading, meeting with other inquirers for days of reflection and attending seminary visitation weekends at Oscott College or Allen Hall (see seminary page on

website). The candidate will be asked to produce a personal profile, to make a declaration that he is not impeded from receiving Holy Orders and to produce evidence of valid Baptism and Confirmation. References will also be required. If in the light of this the candidate is considered suitable for interview they will also be asked to undergo a psychological assessment arranged by the diocese.

**Interview** - Interviews are arranged and the candidate will be interviewed from the perspective of their human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral suitability.



## Marvellous moo cow!

By Cafodnottingham

Members of the Youth Group at St Mary's Parish, Grantham decided to raise the £100 to buy a cow through CAFOD World Gifts by selling cakes to their very generous fellow parishioners.

A cow is four gifts in one for a struggling family in the developing world. Its manure can help grow crops, its milk can supplement the family's diet, plus any extra milk can be sold at market. What's more, any calves can be passed on to help another family.

The £100 pays for a locally-sourced cow and necessary jabs plus training for the family so that they know how to look after the cow correctly.

Thank you to all those who made, sold and bought cakes!



Members of St Mary's Grantham Youth Group

## A.W. LYMN

*The Family Funeral Service*

*Owned and personally managed by the Lymn Rose family since 1907*

<b>ARNOLD</b> 0115 967 6777	<b>ASPLEY</b> 0115 919 0011	<b>BEESTON</b> 0115 922 0433	<b>BINGHAM</b> 01949 837 211
<b>BULWELL</b> 0115 979 4944	<b>CARLTON</b> 0115 961 6180	<b>CLIFTON</b> 0115 945 6232	<b>COTMANHAY</b> 0115 930 1639
<b>DERBY</b> 01332 348 800	<b>HUCKNALL</b> 0115 968 0737	<b>LONG EATON</b> 0115 946 3093	<b>ILKESTON</b> 0115 944 4121
<b>MANSFIELD</b> 01623 622 116	<b>M. WOODHOUSE</b> 01623 623 765	<b>NOTTINGHAM</b> 0115 950 5875	<b>OLLERTON</b> 01623 860 045
<b>OSMASTON PARK</b> 01332 733 321	<b>RADCLIFFE</b> 0115 933 2257	<b>RUDDINGTON</b> 0115 921 1075	<b>SHIREBROOK</b> 01623 742 813
<b>SPONDON</b> 01332 544 666	<b>STAPLEFORD</b> 0115 949 9211	<b>WEST BRIDGFORD</b> 0115 969 6006	<b>WOLLATON</b> 0115 928 4366

We have a nucleus of Catholic staff who know your community and strive to meet your needs.

[www.lymn.co.uk](http://www.lymn.co.uk)

### DIOCESAN DAY: FAMILIES AND FAITH

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A RESOURCE DAY  
HOSTED BY THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM**

ON  
**22ND NOVEMBER 2014**

AT  
CHRIST THE KING VOLUNTARY ACADEMY, DARLTON DRIVE, ARNOLD,  
NOTTINGHAM. NG5 7JZ.

10 AM - 4 PM (COST £12 TO INCLUDE LUNCH)

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON**  
AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

**WORKSHOPS:-**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BUILDING PARISH 'FAMILY' GROUPS</li> <li>2. PASSING ON FAITH TO GRANDCHILDREN</li> <li>3. MINISTRY TO OLDER YOUTH</li> <li>4. SUPPORTING MARRIAGE</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. SCHOOL, PARISH &amp; HOME LINK</li> <li>6. FAMILY CATECHESIS AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION</li> <li>7. FAMILY LIFE ISSUES</li> <li>8. SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN LOSS &amp; BEREAVEMENT</li> </ol>
--	--

**BOOKINGS NOW BEING TAKEN:** please contact Adult Formation, Willson House, 25 Derby Road, Nottingham NG1 5AW. Telephone: 0115 9539841 or email [formation@nrcdt.org.uk](mailto:formation@nrcdt.org.uk) or visit the diocesan website: [www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html](http://www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html)

Please support our advertisers

# Summer Scheme Success for The Becket School

From 28th July to 8th August, over 100 students from our new Year 7 cohort took part in a fun packed transitional summer scheme held at the school for the fifth year running. The summer scheme saw the young people experience and enjoy a diverse programme of activities. Students tried out orienteering during a whole school treasure hunt, became "Mad Scientists" and took part in wacky experiments, and even wrote, recorded and provided the percussion for their very own rap song. Students became "superheroes", took part in a recycled fashion show, learned to street dance and enjoyed an afternoon of tennis. The most impressive activity however, was the T Shirt design class, where each student created their very own T Shirt which was screen printed and given to them as a keepsake in September.

The scheme was organised and managed by Becket School staff who worked tirelessly to ensure it was a great success. 27 Year 9 students and 13 year 12 students were also recruited as mentors during the scheme, assisting the young people with their activities and acting as role models.

At the end of each week, parents were invited to join in the celebrations and attend a liturgy led by the School's Chaplain, Tom Baptist.

Zoe Virgo, who co-ordinates the transitional summer scheme, said: "the scheme is an extremely worthwhile project designed to bridge the gap between primary and secondary education, make the move slightly less daunting for our youngsters, and to help our students feel more confident and better prepared for their next school year. We have seen a dramatic increase in some of the young people's self esteem, have witnessed the beginnings of many friendships, and have received fantastic feedback from parents who have told us that their son or daughter couldn't wait to begin school in September.

# St Alban's Church Sponsored Head Shave!

"Congratulations to Sanju Sabu, a member of St Alban's Catholic Church (Derby) PPC, who had the novel idea of surrendering his locks to raise money for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. Sanju has been seeking sponsors over the last few weeks – and to date has raised nearly £300!

The sponsored Head Shave was performed after Church to a packed crowd. The first cut was by Fr Paul Newman, who then handed over to several



other parishioners, young and old, some of whom had paid for the privilege to divest Sanju of his impressive thatch.

The event was blessed with fine weather and it was lovely to relax in the Church Peace Garden and to see children and adults gather together to enjoy the sunshine and each other's company. A raffle, sale of New and Nearly New Bargains, as well as jams, marmalades and chutneys brought in some extra cash for this worthy cause. Teas/coffees cakes and biscuits kept everyone refreshed.

A big thank you to the people of St Alban's who are always so generous, and to Sanju for his sacrifice!"



## THE SCHOOLS LISTED ON THIS PAGE ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC NEWS

### THE TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BEECHDALE ROAD, ASPLEY, NOTTS NG8 3EZ  
HEADTEACHER MR M MCKEEVER  
TELEPHONE 0115 929 6251

### SAINT CHARLES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOSWORTH ROAD, MEASHAM, LEICESTER DE 12 7LQ  
HEADTEACHER MRS SMITH  
TELEPHONE 01530 270572

### SAINT HUGH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WOODFIELD AVENUE, DODDINGTON PARK, LINCOLN LN6 0SH  
HEADTEACHER MR G HUGHES  
TELEPHONE 01522 501137

### HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOUNDARY ROAD, NEWARK, NOTTS NG24 4PH  
HEADTEACHER MR B DORAN  
TELEPHONE 01636 689177

### ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

ALVASTON STREET, ALVASTON, DERBY DE24 0PA  
HEADTEACHER DR E FIELD  
TELEPHONE 01332 572154

GRACE DIEU MANOR SCHOOL  
Catholic Independent Day School  
enrolling boys and girls from 3-11 years of all denominations and faiths

- Children's Prayers Accepted
- Uniforms Clean or Sewed Cleaned
- Wonderful Facilities for Sport & Arts
- Excellent Results in Key Stage 1 & 2
- Regular School Trips to Various Schools
- Excellent Day Care from Reception
- Extensive Holiday Activities Available
- Planning Transport Service

Next Open Days: September 27<sup>th</sup> & October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014

### THE PRIORY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

RAGLAN STREET, EASTWOOD, NOTTS NG16 3GT  
HEADTEACHER MR A HARRISON  
TELEPHONE 01773 713731

### SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

HASTINGS STREET, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS LE11 0AX  
HEADTEACHER MRS CAVANAGH  
TELEPHONE 01509 212621

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY  
PICCADILLY, BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM NG6 9FN  
HEADTEACHER MRS CELINE TONER  
TELEPHONE 0115 915 0500  
EMAIL ADMIN@OURLADYOPS.NOTTINGHAM.SCH.UK