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A Very Warm Welcome to Our New Bishop



pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Patrick McKinney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, as tenth Bishop of Nottingham.

Monsignor Patrick McKinney was born on 30 April 1954, the eldest son of Patrick and Bridget McKinney, originally from Ireland, and brought up in Birmingham. He began his studies for the priesthood at in St Mary's College, Oscott, the Archdiocese of Birmingham's seminary for the training of priests, in 1972, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29 July 1978 in St Mary's Church, Buncrana, Co Donegal, Ireland, where his family lives.

After his Ordination he was appointed assistant priest in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, and chaplain to St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Kings Norton, Birmingham. Between 1982 and 1984, he was a student at the Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, where he gained a Licence in Sacred Theology. Returning to the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he taught fundamental theology in St Mary's College until 1989, when he was appointed Rector of St Mary's College, a post he held for nine years, during which period he was also a lecturer in ecclesiology, the theology of the Church.

He left the College in 1998, and until 2001 he was parish priest of St John's, Great Haywood, and Episcopal Vicar for the north of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He left the parish in 2001, remaining as Episcopal Vicar until 2006 when he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge and Dean of the Dudley Deanery.

He was made a Prelate of Honour in 1990 and a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad in 1992, and has served for a time as Chair of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission.

Mgr McKinney was appointed tenth Bishop of Nottingham in succession to Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, on 14 May 2015, and will be ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on Friday 3 July 2015.

Commenting upon his appointment, Mgr McKinney said:

"Throughout my priestly ministry, now almost 37 years, I have always tried to do my best in whatever has been asked of me. In this I have been deeply conscious of God's abundant grace and mercy, and I have been greatly sustained by the prayerful support of my brother priests, the deacons and religious in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, and by the prayers of the parishioners whom I have been privileged to serve. I will miss them all very much.

"Now, as I prepare prayerfully to give of my best in the service of the Diocese of Nottingham, I ask for the prayers of everyone there. I look forward to getting to know all the priests, the deacons, religious, and lay men and women of the Diocese, and also working alongside other Christians and those involved in interreligious work and dialogue in service of the wider community. 'I am deeply conscious of the rich legacy left by my predecessors as bishop, especially Bishop Malcolm McMahon, now Archbishop of Liverpool. I know a little of the diocesan You are Living Stones parish renewal programme which he had begun, encouraging everyone in the Diocese to work together in serving the missionary outreach of the Church, and I will do my best to build upon this.

"I also wish to thank Mgr Thomas McGovern, for the most able way in which he has acted as Diocesan Administrator this past year, and the College of Consultors who have worked closely with him. I have much to learn as I prepare to take up my new ministry within the Diocese of Nottingham, but am greatly looking forward to it."

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Speak up with CAFOD on 17 June for the love of our global neighbours

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

17 June will be an inspirational day of action on climate change. It'll be a chance to tell the new government loud and clear that we all care about something that's affected by climate change — and we all support them in taking strong action to protect everything we hold dear.

It will be a day of great hope, a lot of fun, and a big step towards a better future. You'll have a chance to meet other people who care about the impact of climate change, including from your own area, to hear great speakers and to help build a safer world. Politicians hear a lot from people who have an interest in keeping fossil fuels burning and our temperature warming. Let's make sure that, as they start out in a new parliament, they hear instead from the vast majority of us who want a cleaner, safer and more sustainable world.

WHY CLIMATE?

For the love of the food on our plates and the people that grow it; the Arctic and the Great Barrier Reef; bluebells and butterflies; our children and grandchildren – we need to tackle climate change.

Climate change is the single biggest threat to the things we love, both here in the UK and overseas. But it is not yet irreversible! The solutions are here. There are many ways we can reduce the threats and work towards a better future. And coming up, there are some great opportunities to do just that.

Let's not lose what we love to climate change just because no one knew we cared.

When I met my MP as part of the IF campaign in 2013, I didn't know what to expect as I'd never participated in a lobby before. Any nerves I had soon vanished – it felt more like having a conversation with a mate than an official representing me in Parliament! A few weeks later my MP wrote to me informing me of what actions he had taken because of our conversation. It was such a great experience seeing democracy in action. It was great fun, too!

Matt Sanderson, 25 from Southwark, south London

WHY NOW?

2015 is a crucial year in the fight against climate change.

In May, we elected a new government who could decide the direction of our country for the next five years and beyond.

The decisions they take could protect all we hold dear.

And in December this year, world leaders will meet to agree a legally binding and universal agreement on climate. We need to make sure it is the best agreement it can be.

Our government can take a global lead in these negotiations and we are looking to all our new MPs to show leadership on climate action for the entire time they represent us in Parliament – but there's a lot of pressure for them to keep the status quo. They will only take bold steps if they know they have our support.

WHY MEET MPS?

Members of Parliament are there to represent us and address the things we care about. It's part of their job! So we need to make sure they know what we want them to do.

Most people never contact their MP. Just writing a letter can make a difference, so think how much of an impact thousands of us turning up to talk to our MPs in person will have.

Most political parties agree that tackling climate change is a high priority for the next government. But they have yet to put their words into action, and make the much-needed changes for a low-carbon future. Let's show them we support this transition!

For the love of democracy – we need to get our politicians acting on climate change.

A FESTIVAL FEEL

We'll make the day colourful with lots of bunting!

There will be many people in your community who can't come on the day, but they can be there in spirit by adding their message to a huge bunting petition. This bunting will be brought to London from all corners of the country to bring a festival vibe to the day — and to show politicians the huge breadth of support from thousands more people nationwide.

Between now and 17 June, please get together to make bunting. See page 12 for a template and ideas to help.

A great way to share your concern with your MP is to bring along something that you love that you want to protect from climate change - whether it's a pebble from a local beach, a photo or locally-grown produce. Be creative!

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON 17 JUNE?

The mass lobby on 17 June will be an unforgettable day. A day of conversation, of community spirit and of hope. Read on to find out more about the day.

1PM—4PM

10,000 of us will meet with our MPs in the streets around Parliament, all at the same time

Please make sure you're in place in the lobby line by 1pm. It may take a while to find your place so please allow plenty of time.

4:30PM SPEAK UP FINALE

We'll round off the day with a rally outside Parliament. Inspiring speakers will join us to share the love – and we'll invite the new government and opposition parties to respond to the crowd.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEARBY ST JOHN'S SMITH SQUARE FROM 1PM

Forgot your bunting? Got a burning question? Want to find out how the day is going? Keen to find out more about the Climate Coalition? Then St John's is the place to visit. As our Speak Up HQ for the day, St John's will be a hive of activity so why not drop in and enjoy the buzz.

EMMANUEL CENTRE FROM 1PM Looking for a respite from the crowds? Then this is the place to come. As well as stands where you can meet staff and volunteers from our amazing member organisations, there will also be a series of films and talks taking place.

Sit back and recharge while learning how different organisations are finding solutions to the issues raised by climate change.

ARCHBISHOP'S PARK IN LAMBETH 2PM—4PM

We'll be hosting an interactive art installation in nearby Archbishop's Park in Lambeth. Come and get involved in this awesome interfaith project. We hope to create something really beautiful!

COMING EARLY?

From 12 noon Ecumenical services will take place simultaneously, at St Margaret's Church, Parliament Square, and Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street. All are welcome, but registration is encouraged so we can plan for the right numbers. Check in with the Climate Coalition or the organisation you support for more details on how.

Alternatively, some of our members have arranged meet-up points or events so if you are joining us with a specific organisation, do check with them to find out where to go.

before 10th of the month change just because no cared.



Millions of people had their lives torn apart by the devastating earthquakes in Nepal.

With generous support from Catholics across England and Wales, we have been able to distribute food, shelter and hygiene kits to thousands of people.

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Fr Pius Win Than visits Leicester

At the end of April we were delighted to welcome Fr Pius Win Than, CAFOD partner from Pathein Diocese in Myanmar, to our diocese during his first trip to the UK.

Fr Pius is Associate Director of Caritas Pathein. Fr Pius and Caritas Pathein were directly involved in aftermath of Cyclone Nargis in 2008, the worst cyclone to hit Myanmar and have been leading on helping communities to rebuild after the disaster.

Fr Pius' first stop was St Paul's Secondary School in Leicester, beginning with a guided tour of the beautiful

new school buildings, led by three confident and friendly members of the Student Council, Kesna, Kevin and Greta. Fr Pius then spoke to two groups of year 10 students who were all studying poverty and effective ways to alleviate it as part of their RE course. The school community kindly provided lunch and the opportunity to meet a small group of student Parish Ambassadors, 6th form students who had taken part in the schools trip to Ghana last year and further members of the student council.





Fr Pius with Kesna, Greta and Kevin

Fr Pius met more students over lunch

Thank you to Seamus O'Looskan, Chaplain, and all staff and students involved, for their hospitality and warmth. Fr Pius was very impressed by the school and was very interested in the British education system in general. He said he was going home with lots of photographs and new ideas!

In the evening, Fr Pius was hosted by Mother of God Parish in Leicester, where he was able to speak to a groups of interested CAFOD supporters and volunteers from Leicester, Nottingham and Derby and to answer their questions. Thanks go to those parishioners who set up the room and provided refreshments as well as to all those who made the effort to attend.

In each of his presentations, Fr Pius explained with the aid of photographs, what it had been like to be experience Cyclone Nargis and the work that had been done since to provide preparedness training for children and adults to mitigate the effect of

future disasters. Caritas Pathein is also working with several communities to improve food security through better farming methods and community rice banks, improve access to clean drinking water and provide training in hygiene and provide education for children through volunteer teachers and provision of nursery schooling.

Fr Pius pointed out that Caritas Pathein does not just work with Catholics and that most communities are majority Buddhist. This even-handness, together with the success of the work around disaster risk reduction, in particular, has led to increasingly good relations with Buddhist leaders and the government authorities.

Fr Pius ended by offering his heartfelt gratitude to all those who support CAFOD financially as it helps to make his work a reality and improve the lives of the communities with which he works.



Fr Pius at Mother of God Parish

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Honouring the first Supreme Knight of the Knights of St Columba

In 1919 a group of 23 men, most of whom would have served in the trenches or other fields of combat in the First World War, came together in Glasgow to form a new Order for Catholic laymen. At this meeting they created the Knights of St Columba and elected PJ O'Callaghan as the first Supreme Knight.

From this humble beginning the Order grew, spreading into England with the formation of Liverpool Province and eventually had Councils and Provinces throughout all of Mainland Britain and the Channel Islands.

It became the leading organisation for Catholic laymen in Britain.

On Friday, 10th April, 2015, a short service was held at PJ O'Callaghan's grave in Dalbeth Cemetery, Glasgow, where a ceramic poppy, one of the great number displayed around the Tower of London, was laid before his headstone, to honour this great man and the many members of the Order who have served in our Armed Forces in the last century — many of them laying down their lives for their country.

Present at this ceremony were the current Supreme Knight, Charlie McCluskey, himself a Glasgow man, five former Supreme Knights, the entire 12 man Board of Directors, the Order's Ecclesiastical Director Most Rev Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, of Liverpool and many members of the Knights of St Columba from Glasgow Province 1.

The ceramic poppy was obtained by Council 118 of Province 12, Southwark, who donated it for this ceremony. It will now be taken to Liverpool Cathedral, where, with

the Permission of Archbishop McMahon, it will be displayed in a case near to the Order's Book of Remembrance, which is on permanent view in the Knights of St Columba Chapel within the Cathedral.

Supreme Knight Charlie McCluskey praised PJ Callaghan for his foresight and hard work in laying down the foundations of the Order with the guiding principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; principles which still guide the Order to this day. He added: "I wonder if our Brothers who

founded the Order could have imagined that we would still be here and flourishing after almost 100 years."

Archbishop McMahon, who conducted the short service, said: "The Knights of St Columba has been consistent and persistent in its fraternity, charity and unity, holding together of a body of men and their families, supporting them so that they could not just turn in on themselves and become victims, but actually existed to serve the Church and the wider society.



"We are honoured here today to be at this grave to place this poppy which has been given to us. This really caught the imagination of the nation in a way which I don't think anybody expected. You know it just seems like one of those little bits of frivolous modern art, but in fact is has been a lot more than that. It has really touched the hearts of people.

"We remember all those in the Knights of St Columba who went to war and gave their lives. So we bless this poppy and as we do so we remember all those who served to the end and made the ultimate sacrifice. "We hope that this poppy will remind us and all who come near here of what is required from some people when the chips are down. We remember them and we thank the Lord for giving us this blessing. We pray for our dead Brothers and their families."

At the conclusion of the ceremony Supreme Knight Charlie McCluskey thanked Archbishop McMahon and all who had attended at the cemetery.

Ordained to the Sacred Order of Diaconate





On the fourth Sunday of Easter which was also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Bishop Peter Doyle congratulated Richard Edey (left) and David Bowler (right) as he ordained them to the Sacred Order of Diaconate at St Barnabas Cathedral. A large congregation heard the Bishop frequently recalling The Paschal Mystery in his homily which he linked with Good Shepherd Sunday and the joy of the ordinations.

A reception was held after the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. The new Deacons are continuing to serve Holy Trinity parish, Newark.

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Derby Catenians support the Retired Priests Appeal

Immediate Past President of the Derby Circle of the Catenian Association John Lawson presented a cheque for £1539 to John Curran, Appeal Chairman.

This represented the proceeds of several fund raising occasions during his year as President having adopted the Nottingham Diocesan Sick and Retired Priests Fund as his charity for the duration of his Presidency. Derby is just one of eleven Circles in Province 15 of the Association essentially comprising the East Midlands area ranging from Chesterfield to the north, Market Harborough to the south, Peterborough to the east and Derby to the west. Encompassing Leicester and Not-

tingham within the range as almost all of Province 15 is contained in the Nottingham Diocese.

Several of the Circles have similarly supported the appeal from fund raising events both collectively and by individual members.

At the presentation, Appeal Chairman John Curran praised and thanked the members of the Catenians for their generosity to the fund which has so far raised £2.3million towards the £5.0million target.

The photograph shows John Lawson (left) presenting the cheque to John Curran.

John Lawson

Paddington Film Night Raises £102 for our Retired Priests

The children of St George's, Derby had a bear-illiant time on Friday 24th April, as they settled down to a film night with Paddington Bear- the movie.

The First Holy Communion group and their families which this year is, 55 children along with 27 adults, munched their way through popcorn and hot-dogs whilst thoroughly enjoying the film.

Parish Assistant, Karan O'Connor who is leading the Holy Communion group said "Many more people than we expected came and although it was not a fundraising event we were so pleased to hand over £102 to Fr Alan Burbidge for the Retired Priests Appeal."

Karan said the film was chosen for its message "Paddington is an immigrant—one prone to leaving marmalade paw prints on the wallpaper—but in his acts of friendship, his ability to rally his adopted family around him, and his willingness to stand up for what

he believes in, he helps more than he hinders."

"At a time when there is fear of migrant families, perhaps it's a message we all need to hear, as Paddington himself says: "In London nobody is the same, which means everyone fits in." Not bad for a little bear."

St Coorgon & Hely Spirit Dorby, will welcome the shill

St Georges & Holy Spirit Derby, will welcome the children into the faith with their First Holy Communion service on Saturday 16th May.

Knights support Nepal Earthquake appeal

FRANKLY SPEAKING

We must surely start with those in greatest need

The result of the General Election provided one political party with full power despite winning less than 37 per cent of the vote. For various reasons one third of the electorate did not take part in our democratic process and three well known political parties ended up with just 10 seats between them in the new Parliament.

The change in Scotland was remarkable to say the least as 56 constituencies are now represented by the SNP. The polling organisations who constantly talked of a coalition governmentor a hung parliament got their predictions wrong, All these statistics are now history, what really matters now is where are we as a nation are going.

The Prime Minister has spoken of a "One Nation" agenda, if he is really committed to this then his new cabinet has much work to do. I regularly visit a shopping area in one of our more socially deprived towns which has returned a Labour MP's since the 1960's. The entrance is dominated by a number of fast food areas. The only bakery shop now no longer sells wholemeal bread but has all the snacks that can contribute to what some would call unhealthy eating. The town once had major industries and has not recovered from the loss of its former industrial base. Education for the poorest in our society needs to be accelerated if the brightest are to rise to the top regardless of whether they are rich or poor. Social mobility needs much more attention from our government, will we see more losers from the as yet unknown origins of the £12 billion proposed welfare cuts? Will this policy help the most vulnerable to take control of their own lives as is claimed? I just hope this "moral mission" will be accompanied by newly elected MP's paying visits to the food banks which many of them seem to lack knowledge of the reason they exist.

We all commit actions which are wrong and have our regrets but most of us do not end up in prison. Despite this our prison population depending on whom you believe is 85,000 or more. Very little was heard of this in the recent election but the numbers in our prisons does seem to have doubled in a short period of time. Nationally there are 9.2 million people who have a criminal record and we have far too many ex-offenders who turn to crime when released. Many employers feel they cannot take on anyone who had been "inside" and yet there are some who will help. One national chain is now employing some 250 and training 70 more in prison workshops. If you have been the victim of crime it will be difficult to have sympathy with those behind bars but overfull prisons is a problem that simply will not go away. I just hope the new Justice Minister will show leadership at a time when too many politicians speak of crime reduction.

There are many other issues facing the country after the 2015 poll, the economy dictated the way in which many of us voted but if we are to believe in "One Nation" we must surely start with those in greatest need whether they be in Dundee, Derby or Dorking.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark

The Order of the Knights of St Columba have made immediate donations of £2500 to SCIAF and £2500 to CAFOD, a total of £5000 towards the Nepal Earthquake appeal.

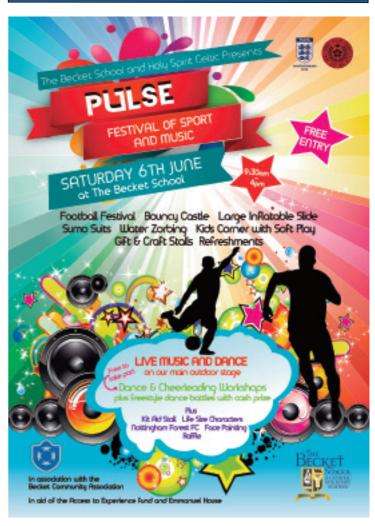
Charlie McCluskey, the Supreme Knight of the Order, appealing to communities throughout Britain, said: "Please pray for the repose of the souls of the victims and those starting to rebuild their lives in the aftermath of this unprecedent of the datasety."

Money donated will support the efforts of SCIAF and CAFOD to reach families affected by Saturday, 25th April's 7.8 magnitude quake, which struck west of the capital Kathmandu.

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The Crowning of Our Lady



The annual procession to honour Our Blessed Lady, Our Mother, took place at the 10 o'clock mass on Sunday, 3 May. It was lovely to see so many of our children in procession onto the alter, with the Crowning of Our Lady's statue carried out by Joseph and Isabel. Many comments were received from members of the congregation in appreciation of this celebration of homage to Our Lady.

Submitted by Gabriella Gibney



The Call, the Journey and the Mission

The Call, the Journey and the Mission. Is the theme of a study being carried out by The Union of Catholic Mothers in the Nottingham Diocese for three months. The feedback of the study will be read out to members at the U.C.M. A.G.M. which is being held in St Norberts Church Spalding on June 6th 2015. Member's feedback will be sent direct to the Bishops Conference, in readiness for the Ordinary Synod on the Family in Rome on October 2015.

Directive for this subject was initiated in a pastoral letter written by Monsignor Thomas Mc Govern earlier this year advising the laity to download the discussion papers from the Bishops Conference website.

The Call, The Journey and the Mission. This is an invitation from the Bishops of England and Wales for us to reflect on the gift of Marriage and Family Life. the downloaded documents gave background information to scripture and quotes from Pope Francis. A series of questions were also given to promote response to key issues.

Part of the Union of Catholic Mothers prayer reads;" Lord Jesus, you lived with Mary and Joseph and enjoyed Family Life, growing in wisdom and stature in the sight of God the Father and

ourselves. Help the members of The Union of Catholic Mothers to follow this example prayer, love and active witness Marriage, Family and Christian Life in the World"

Pauline Hallam (Mrs) NottinghamDiocesan President



books, figurines, medals, an assortment of cards, angels, gifts for the sacraments: Baptismal, First Holy Communion and Confirmation and a lot more

THE FIRST **HOLY MARTYRS OF** THE HOLY **ROMAN CHURCH**

These "proto-martyrs" of Rome were the first Christians persecuted en masse by the Emperor Nero in the year 64, before the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul.

Nero was widely believed to have caused the fire that burned down much of Rome in the same year.

He blamed the fire on the Christians and put them to death, many by crucifixion, being feeding to the wild animals in the circus, or by being tied to posts and lit up as human torches.

These martyrs were called the "Disciples of the Apostles" and their firmness in the face of their gruesome deaths were a powerful testimony that led to many conversions in the early Roman

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Pilgrimage to Beauvale



On Sunday 3rd May we joined a pilgrimage to Beauvale honouring St. John Houghton and St. Robert Lawrence, Carthusian Monks, who were martyred on 4th May

As the procession arrived, the sky blackened and a few minutes later we all received a blessing from the sky in the form of a heavy downpour.

Fortunately the sun soon returned.

Rev. David Palmer, the guest preacher,

and Parish priest of St. Paul's, Nottingham, delivered a powerful homily to the congregation which included a number of priests and dignitaries.

Pupils from the Priory Catholic Primary and St John Houghton schools took part in and enhanced this special Holy Mass.

It was a moving occasion in a beautiful set-

by Anita Szatter









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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

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Living Life to the Full

'Living Life to the Full' was the title given to a week that, in the past might have been referred to as a Parish Mission, but for the people of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Leicester at the end of April, was a joyful experience of what faith can be. Delivered by the Irenaeus Project from Liverpool, the daily Mass and afternoon and evening sessions were full of reflection, prayer, music, sharing, emotion and fellowship. It was wonderful. Preparations began in October last year. Invitations were taken to every Catholic home in the Parish at the same time as a Mission Novena began. It was part of a Year of Mission currently being celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Parish which is very much about reaching out and inviting people to find out more about the Catholic Faith and about the Catholic

As a Parish we now can only go forward together to let the love we have received spill over into our every moment, to be joy to those we touch by our lives, to be the Word, present now in our actions. We have been blessed now it is our turn to be a blessing. Praise God!

There will be a follow up to the Parish Mission with a 'Mission in Art' weekend at the start of June. It is called Come and See and is based on John 1:38,39, when the two disciples of John the Baptist came and asked Jesus: 'Where do you live?' and he replied: 'Come and see'.

On Friday 5 June there will be a concert



in the church 7:30 to 9:30pm, and on Saturday 6 June between 11am and 4pm, invitations are to everyone, especially those who have never been into a Catholic Church before and those who do not know much about Catholics. It is hoped that many local people will take the plunge and come and see for themselves. The displays will be based around different as-

pects of the Church from the Sacraments and Station of the Cross to outreach and community work. Using artwork, sewing and knitting, poetry and pottery, and even old spectacles, we hope to bring our faith alive for visitors, and with people to talk to - and refreshment! - we feel sure that they will have a happy experience of their visit.

Can Leicestershire's **Best Inspire More** 16-30 Year Old to Register?

"17 year old Bethany Mickleborough from Leicester has just been awarded the Lord Lieutenant's Young Person of the Year award 2015.

Bethany has fought a battle with leukaemia three times, at the ages of three, eight and 14. When the disease returned at the age of 14, everyone knew she had to find a bone marrow transplant donor because her body was unable to tolerate further chemotherapy. She, her family and friends developed a campaign throughout Leicestershire encouraging people aged 16-30 to join the Anthony Nolan bone marrow donor register even though she knew it was unlikely a match would be found for her-

At any one time there are 37.000 cancer patients worldwide looking for a donor and only half will find a match. Her campaign encouraged people to join the bone marrow register to help Bethany and any other people worldwide who could benefit from a bone marrow transplant. Bethany's campaign, held at the Leicester Tigers' rugby stadium, was a major success. In one day, 2,000 people attended the event and another 1,000 joined the register online, it set the world record for the most people to sign up at a single event in Anthony Nolan's 40 year history.

Her mother Veronica said: "I feel Bethany wholeheartedly deserves this award as she continues to support Anthony Nolan. She will be involved in two donor recruitment drives over the summer, one at St Pauls RC School, where she has been studying for 7 years, and one at the Curve Theatre in Leicester, before she leaves for University. We are very proud of her and her achieve-

Pauline Henfrey, a nurse based at Leicester Royal Infirmary's children and teenage cancer ward, who was also invited to the awards and helped look after Bethany



Pictured left to right are her nurse Pauline Henfrey, Jemma Mickleborough her sister, Mrs Boulter, Jennifer, Lady Gretton the Lord Lieutenant of Leicester, Bethany, Bill Boulter the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, her grandmother Nancy Mickleborough and father and mother Jon and Veronica Mickleborough.

since she was 3 said: "She's my shining

Her father Jon Mickleborough is President of South Leicester Catenians, he said "Beth had had an unbelievably tough time, but with the combination of medical science, her own faith and determination, had come through it all remarkably well. We were not surprised that she was a finalist in the Brave Heart category but with so many varied and deserving youngsters, did not automatically expect her to win the category and, it was quite emotional, to watch her then go on to pick up the award as the overall winner. She continues to push to encourage more people to join the Bone Marrow Register because she knows that she is living proof that there is now a cure

for blood cancer, and actually - it's you! Beth's match came from a young lady living in a flat in Leipzig - a complete stranger who had heard that there was a small chance of being able to save a life! When we heard there was someone who was a 100% match it was better than winning the lottery."

People reading these highly important issues are urged to encourage young people aged 16-30 years old to register to be a bone marrow donor, more information can be found on the Anthony Nolan website where the processes are explained, including a

http://www.anthonynolan.org/8-ways-youcould-save-life/donate-your-stemcells/apply-join-our-register

Sea Sunday

"Seafarers are extremely important for our daily life, but unfortunately we do not realize it. If we stop for a moment and try to look around ourselves and consider how many of the things around us are brought by vessels, we will be really surprised," says Father Bruno Ciceri.

Father Bruno is a member of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant Peoples and is responsible for overseeing the work of Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) around the world.

This month [July 12] is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of AoS, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around Britain, including Immingham and Grimsby.

AoS port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors work in many ports around the coast of Britain, providing a lifeline to visiting seafarers, who can be at sea for months and have no contact with their families back home.

Father Bruno joined the Pontifical Council in 2009 after 13 years as port chaplain and director of the Stella Maris Centre in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

"My previous experience as port chaplain and director of the Stella Maris Centre has prepared me well for my work in the Vatican. During those years in Taiwan while doing ship visiting or in welcoming the seafarers in the centre I had the opportunity to learn a lot about their life and their difficulties. "Before that, I didn't know anything about seafarers except the romantic and adventurous presentation of the life of the seafarers in the movies: travel and see the world for free,...a

girl in every port of call. Now I know that the life of the seafarers is something very different."

Father Bruno emphasises that seafarers play a vital role in modern life. "From food to furniture, from cellphone to cars, from clothes to construction material. Everything is brought from one country to another thanks to the work of the seafarers. We should be concerned about the seafarers because with their hard work, they make our life better and easier."

The Pontifical Council is particularly concerned with the working conditions of seafarers, he adds. "There is a huge difference in the way the seafarers are treated in regard to salary, months of contract, benefits, working condition, etc. Seemingly there is a trend in employing whoever will accept less of everything.

"In a similar way substandard vessels will



continue to sail and dock in small and far away ports where no one will be there to stop and arrest them."

AoS port chaplains are often asked to help seafarers resolve issues over breaches of contract and non-payment of wages. Last year, for example, Roger Stone, AoS port chaplain to Shoreham-by-Sea in West Sussex and his team of ship visitors supported seafarers who were unpaid and left in limbo after the shipping company they worked for fell into financial difficulties.

Father Bruno points out that the Pontifical Council is also concerned about the families of seafarers. "By the nature of their contract seafarers are forced to live far away from their families and loved ones for many months at the time. As a result, the family is most of the time incomplete, with children grow up without the figure of the father and the mother at home often has to take up both roles." By Greg Watts **Church Pews Uncomfortable?**

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Cardinal invites every parish to join new national network of prayer for evangelisation

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has made a video appeal Catholic parishes across England and Wales to join, on 11 July this year, a new national network of prayer for the work of evangelisation. The July date is significant because it is the same day that representatives from across England and Wales will gather in Birmingham for the Proclaim '15: National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, which is the first event of its kind in a generation.

Speaking from his private chapel at Archbishop's House in Westminster, His Eminence, said:

"In the Church at this time we're really trying to reinvigorate the way we understand ourselves and our parishes, to grasp again how essential to our life of faith is our readiness and willingness to share that faith and to reach out to others.... At the heart of all our effort must be prayer. It is from our relationship with Jesus that our desire, and readiness, and ability, to share our faith, really flows. So if all our efforts... are not based and flowing from that relationship with the Lord, they will probably go nowhere. And therefore, as we have this conference in Birmingham on 11 July I really hope every parish will be at prayer on that day, especially on that evening, so the Lord will guide everything we are doing." This summer the National Catholic Evangelisation Conference will bring together



an extraordinary group of speakers, workshop leaders and representatives from every diocese in England and Wales to celebrate joyfully and confidently their to support the organisation of parish Catholic Faith, and to explore how better to share it. Among the keynote speakers are: Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop Bernard Longley (Birmingham), Rev Nicky Gumbel (Alpha Course) and Mrs Michelle Moran (Pontifical Council for the Laity).

Cardinal Nichols added: ""Most of all what we need is a desire to be with the Lord so that he can send us out as his missionary disciples. You might like to remember that 11 July is the Feast of St Benedict, the Patron of Europe. We, in this country, as in other European countries, face very special challenges, really quite difficult challenges, in the way we have to go about expressing and sharing our faith. So St Benedict is our patron for engaging with the culture of this country and of this age in the task of evan-

gelisation. So we should be on our knees on 11 July and Benedict will pray with us, that God will bless our work of evangelisation, just as we try and respond to the Lord at the prompting of our Holy Father, Pope Francis."

"We'll be into July before long, so I urge and appeal to you, please do get ready for this day, get ready for 11 July.... It's an invitation to everybody please. Let's get together and ask the Lord's blessing that we can

be confidently Catholic and outward-going in our faith."

Free prayer materials are provided online evenings of prayer on 11 July, as well as an encouragement to offer a Novena of prayer in the run up to Pentecost which is celebrated on Sunday 24 May. The full video message can be viewed at: www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15

Rt Rev Mark O'Toole, Chair of the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, said: "Proclaim' 15 is a significant initiative to support the development of local evangelisation in England and Wales. It is offered as a practical response to Pope Francis' teaching and example. Please do explore how your parish can get involved and proclaim the reality of God's unconditional love, as we begin to prepare too for the forthcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy."



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St. Patrick's Catholic Church have helped raise over £1,000 for CAFOD during the period of lent. The Friday morning breakfasts, served after the 7.00am Mass over lent, raised £197, while a Smarties give away brought in £328. Both totals have been matched by the Government and will help the charity in their continuing efforts to end poverty and injustice.

In total, 144 tubes of Smarties were handed out after

Masses from Ash Wednesday onwards. Fewer than half were returned, but those that were had been filled with coins to help the Parish reach their impressive total. Father Martin Hardy paid tribute to his Parishioners "their generosity is overwhelming and inspiring, I'm so very grateful to them." With the Government matching the Parish's total, CAFOD will receive £1.050.

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.

During this year of Consecrated Life vocations to the priesthood and religious life have been very much highlighted in the life of our church locally and nationally, many of us have been praying that the Lord will send more labourers to the harvest in our own diocese and throughout the world, many of us have been praying the prayer issued by our diocese on vocations Sunday.

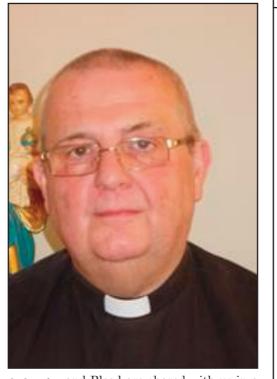
This has been bought very much home here at the hermitage, on the 26th April Brother David and mvself were ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Peter Doyle of Northampton in our Cathedral of St. Barnabas. We give Thanks to God for this.! In a few weeks time along with two other Deacons we shall be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood, our diocese also has other men in formation at various stages who will be ordained deacons and priests to serve in our diocese. Daily here at the hermitage we continue to pray that a good and faithful Bishop will soon be found for the Nottingham diocese to shepherd the flock and bring forth a rich harvest.

Early this month we shall keep the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ,

which is a spiritual harvest when we thank God for spiritual things, for our spiritual life and the sustenance of our spiritual life through the Body and Blood of Christ. The secret of our Lord's life was living by the Father, and we are told in St. John's Gospel Ch. 6 'that He was sent by the Father and lived by the grace of His union with the Father,' so we too are to be Christ sent and

Christ fed and live by the help of and Blood are shared with us in a the grace of union with Himself through the Blessed Sacrament.

One of the saints once said 'If we find Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament we shall find the Blessed Sacrament in all things. 'We see a sacramental mystery in many things, the God who can lift the dust of earth to form a flower from seed, who can form from the flesh of parents the wonder of a child, who himself once entered life through the motherhood of the Blessed Virgin, bringing from her His Divine presence on earth, gives us too the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament, from the simple elements of bread and wine His Body



giving hope to all those who come within the radiance of that Divine Love and feed on that Divine Bread. Please continue to pray for David and myself, Jonathan Rose and Kevin Gradwell as we prepare for ordination to the Sacred Priesthood that we may be found faithful stew-

ards of God's word and sacraments.

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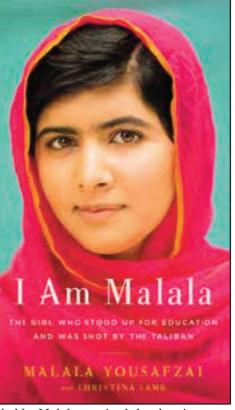
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Book Reviews

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for **Education and was** Shot by the Taliban

Malala Yousafzai, Phoenix, 2014 pbk: 320 pages, ISBN-13: 978-1780226583, £7.99. also available for Kindle.

In 2009 Malala Yousafzai began writing a blog on BBC Urdu about life in the Swat Valley as the Taliban gained control, at times banning girls from attending school. When her identity discovered, Malala began to appear in both Pakistani international media, advocating the freedom to pursue education for all. In October 2011, boarded Malala's school bus and shot her in the face, a bullet passing through her head and into



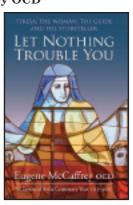
her shoulder. Remarkably, Malala survived the shooting. At a very young age, Malala Yousafzai has become a worldwide symbol of courage and hope. Her shooting has sparked a wave of solidarity across Pakistan, not to mention globally, for the right to education, freedom from terror and female emancipation.

Let Nothing **Trouble You**

Teresa: The Woman, The Guide and The Storyteller

By Eugene McCaffrey OCD

28th March 2015 marked the fifth centenary of the birth of St Teresa of Avila. Let Nothing Trouble You explores her remarkable story and the influence of this charming, attractive, witty woman, who fits as easily into the twenty-first century as into the sixteenth. Teresa belongs to everyone. She openly shares her humanity with us and teaches us how to make our own dreams come true. Teresa of Avila lived well, prayed well and was as much at home in the kitchen as in the



She knew how to make poetry, music

and dance from her spiritual experiences. Of the thousands of words written by her, few have struck such a universal chord throughout the centuries as the short, pithy lines of her 'Bookmark'.

They are her meditation on the daily struggle of life. They resonate within our own lives and speak to our restless hearts: words of wisdom that echo down the years and reveal a woman of deep spirituality, fully human and fully alive, an earthy mystic who never lost the common touch.

Her words hold a universal truth and remind us that all things pass and the ultimate, unchanging truth is found within the heart's deep core, an immortal diamond, a world of beauty and wonder, waiting to be explored.

Teresa of Avila invites us to go cheerfully about our tasks. True holiness is joy: 'a sad saint is a sorry saint.' (Pope Francis) Eugene McCaffrey is a Carmelite friar and a member of the

Avila Centre of Spirituality in Dublin. He has written a number of books on prayer and spirituality including: Heart of Love, Patterns of Prayer, Let Yourself Be Loved and The Writings of St Teresa of Avila: An Introduction.

Let Nothing Trouble You is published by The Columba Press priced €9.99/£8.50

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All the Fun of the Fair at St Mary's!



Children, parents and the local community came together at St Mary's Primary School, Derby, for the annual Spring School Fair. There was so much to see and do it was hard to know where to start – the Merry-go-round, the climbing wall, a ride on a pony, the coconut shy, guessing the number of balloons in the Headteacher's car, racing on the scalextric track or stroking a snake – and that was just for starters! Even the rain couldn't damper spirits as a wonderful time was had by all.

The Fair raises funds for the School but more importantly it is a chance to get together and celebrate the St Mary's community, making happy memories for young and old alike. Of course this sort of event doesn't happen without a lot of planning and goodwill and St Mary's is blessed with an inspiring number of staff, parents and children who willingly give up their time to make it such a special day. We look forward to next year's Fair – and will make sure the Sun gets his invite this time!



'Garden Party Spectacular' Continues 150th Anniversary Celebrations for St Mary's

This year, St Mary's Catholic High School in Chesterfield celebrates its 150th Anniversary. As many people will know, Leonie Martin published an extremely successful book at the beginning of the year to commemorate the school reaching this amazing milestone. Celebratory events are set to continue throughout the year and include a very special Garden Party arranged by the St Mary's Alumni Association. On Saturday 27 June both St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic High School will open their gates to friends, parishioners, former teachers and past pupils.

The Headteacher of the High School, Mr McClafferty, said; "We are planning for food, music, reminiscence, good company and much, much more. This is a wonderful opportunity for the people and the parishes who have contributed to the building and growth of the school to come together and celebrate what they have all been a part of".

Mrs Apps, Headteacher of the Primary School, said; "We're delighted to be able to invite the wider school community and the parish into our school as part of our Anniversary programme. We have some exciting things planned for the morning, including a walk through the school's history. Come along and celebrate with us, and see just how different things were when the school first opened compared to the modern school of today". The Primary School will open to guests between 10am and 12noon, and the High School for the Garden Party from 11am to 2pm. Both schools run Facebook pages where more information about the Garden Party is available. Or for more details, please email Mar-

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Fundraising for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal

Students at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy have launched a fundraising appeal for the victims of the Nepal earthquake. Each year group will be collecting change in boxes during lunchtimes and the money will be donated to CAFOD's Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

It is now 13 days since a devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake impacted Nepal and surrounding countries. The Nepal government reports 7,652 people have died and 16,392 are injured. Almost 280,000 homes have been destroyed with a further 237,000 homes damaged. Altogether some 8 million people are affected in 39 of Nepal's 75 districts.

Student Olivia (right), said: "Lots of people have died and others have lost their families and won't have any shelter and they will be alone. Anything that we can do to help is a good thing.

Joan McCarthy, head teacher at Saint John Houghton CVA, said the whole school wanted to offer its support to those affected by the earthquake. She said: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the victims of this disaster and as soon as we heard about it we decided to launch a fundraising appeal. Our students reacted quickly and they are already working hard to raise money for what is a very important cause.

CAFOD is working closely with Caritas Nepal, as part of Caritas Internationalis, the worldwide network of catholic relief and development agencies.

The Caritas network's first priority is providing temporary shelter (tarpaulins and blankets) for the most marginalised and affected families. The second priority is the distribution of water, hygiene and sanitation materials. People have salvaged some



Students prepare their collection boxes

of their food from their dilapidated houses and Caritas Nepal will provide food for them when reserves run out. Together with the relief materials, Caritas is also providing trauma counselling in some locations. Following this immediate emergency response stage, the Caritas network will continue a strong partnership of solidarity

with Caritas Nepal and the affected families, supporting them to rebuild lives, relivelihoods and strengthen store

Thank you to all those school and parishes across the diocese who have put plans in place to fundraise for the Nepal Earth-





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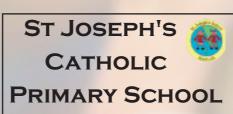
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