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Pope designates September 1 as World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

Like their Orthodox brothers and sisters, Catholics formally will mark Sept. 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis has decided.

The day of prayer, the pope said, will give individuals and communities an opportunity to implore God's help in protecting creation and an opportunity to ask God's forgiveness "for sins committed against the world in which we live."

Pope Francis announced his decision to add the annual prayer day to the Catholic calendar in a letter to Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, and to Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The text of the letter, dated Aug. 6, was released by the Vatican Aug. 10.

Pope Francis said he was instituting the prayer day for Catholics because he shares the concern of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, who initiated a similar prayer day for the Orthodox Church in 1989.

Metropolitan John of Pergamon, who represented the patriarch at the public presentation June 18 of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si'," had suggested there that all Christians join in prayer September 1.

"This would mark a step toward further closeness among them," he had said.

Pope Francis said Christians want to make their special contribution to safeguarding creation, but to do that they must rediscover the spiritual foundations of their approach to earthly realities, beginning with an acknowledgment that "the life of the spirit is not dissociated from the body or from nature," but lived in communion with

By Cindy Wooden

all worldly realities. The ecological crisis, he said, is a summons "to a profound spiritual conversion" and to a way of life that clearly shows they are believers.

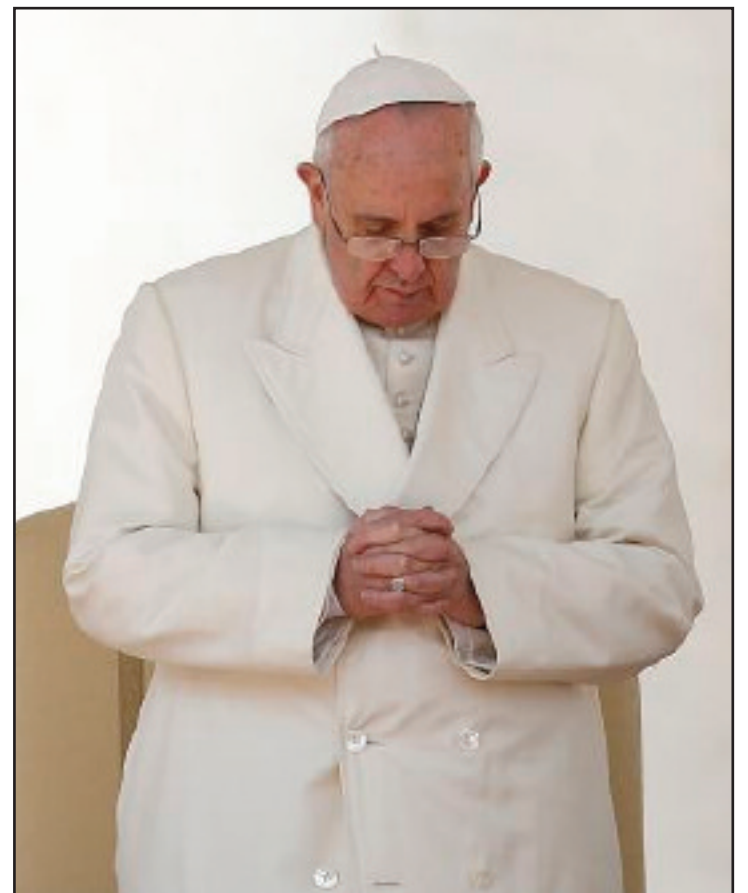
Quoting his encyclical, he said, "living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience."

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Francis said, will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the

world in which we live."

The pope asked Cardinal Koch to consult with and work with the Catholic Church's ecumenical partners and the World Council of Churches to make sure the prayer day becomes a sign of Christians' commitment to work together to safeguard creation "in order to be more credible and effective."

He entrusted to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace the task of working with Catholic bishops' conferences and environmental organizations to publicize and coordinate the specifics of the cele-



bration.

"I invoke upon this initiative the intercession of Mary, mother of God, and of St. Francis of Assisi, whose Canticle of the Creatures inspires so many men and women of goodwill to live in praise of the Creator and with respect for creation," he said.

Nepal earthquake survivors thank the people of Nottingham Diocese for their support

Three months since Nepal was hit by a devastating earthquake, CAFOD supporters across Nottingham Diocese have helped provide emergency aid to nearly 300,000 people.

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Birthday Celebrations at the Sacred Heart and St Bernadettes Church, Carlton

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Mary Bates age 90, pictured with Parish Priest, Father Joe Wheat and her son Andrew.

Mary Bates' service to the Church covers many years, each morning walking over a mile in all weathers to open the Church at 8am for morning Mass and preparation. Mary was one of the first commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist,



Winnie Norman age 104 pictured with Mary Bates

assisting at Church and visiting the sick and housebound with Holy Communion over the years. She is holder of the Pope's Bene Merenti Medal for her service to the Church.

Winnie Norman, 'Mother of the Parish', for many years walked to daily morning Mass and has supported, (and still does) many events and charities in the Parish and the Carlton area. This year, she received 133

cards; I wonder how many she will receive next year! Father Eammon O'Hara, recently retired from the Sacred Heart, often said that Winnie Norman must be related to most if not all of the Parish in some way. Both Winnie and Mary over the years have been an inspiration and example to us all. May they enjoy many more birthdays. God bless them.

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Nottingham Diocese Scoop Awards

Hundreds of young people, youth workers, teachers and supporters from across England and Wales, gathered in London's Leicester Square on 1 July, for the inaugural Celebrating Young People Awards Ceremony, hosted by Baroness Hollins.

The Celebrating Young People Awards honour the achievements of those truly remarkable young people who make our communities and our world a better place. Nominated by anyone from friends and family to teachers and clergy, the awardees have been drawn from throughout England and Wales and reflect achievements in every area of social action.

From the onset of her Leukaemia, at the age of 3, Beth has always put other's suffering first. She was even fundraising for the 'Anthony Nolan Trust', whilst she was still at nursery! After relapsing at 14, her own hard work organizing recruitment drives directly resulted in seven people successfully becoming bone marrow donors,

thereby giving seven people a chance to live their lives free from severe illness. When she herself had secured a donor, Beth kept in contact with others to provide positivity and strength for those going through the same process.

Beth's care for others extends beyond her illness, whether fundraising and visiting Ghana to supply life-giving essentials, or giving up summer holidays to support the homeless and victims of domestic violence. Beth says, she hopes to be equipped 'with the necessary skills to help alleviate suffering, which is my greatest aspiration in life'. *Beth Mickleburgh is from Saint Paul's Catholic School, Leicester*

A special CYMFed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation) award for most inspiring youth leader went to Bruno Gambini (see also page 8) a much loved youth worker from Derby.

Bruno has volunteered as a Youth Worker in the parishes of Derby for nearly 30 years and is well known across the city.



Above: Beth Mickleburgh from Leicester won St Josephine Bakhita Award for Celebrating Human Dignity.

Bruno was nominated Angela Gillespie, Director of Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service who said, "Bruno doesn't see himself as a youth worker, yet the work he continually does with young people year after year is simply wonderful. The amount of young people who have stuck with their faith because of his gentle but powerful witness is amazing. Bruno understands that life as a teenager can be hard, sometimes deadly boring and very often confusing. Bruno is a constant presence of fun, sound advice and unfailing encouragement. Bruno loves young people and young people love him, it really is that simple. Bruno's commitment is unfailing – he's always there. He works in parish youth groups, confirmation programmes, and is a regular on the HCPT Lourdes pilgrimages."

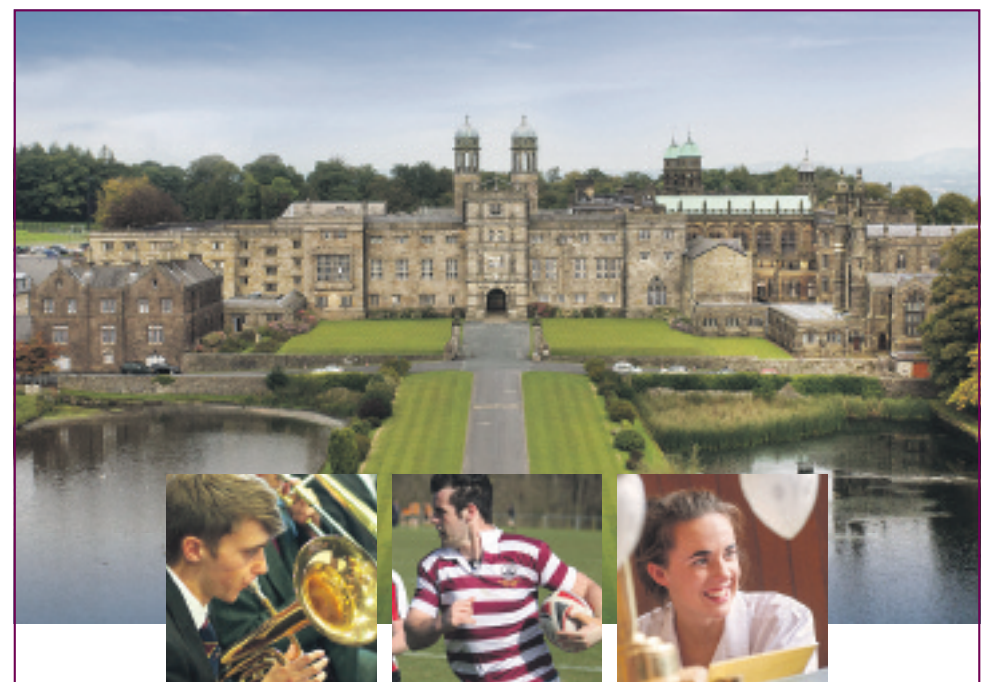
Loughborough Catenians Visit Local Brewery



Pictured are Loughborough Catenians and third from left Andrew Reed from the Charnwood Brewery

A group of Loughborough Catenians along with wives and friends enjoyed a superb visit to Loughborough's own family run brewery. The Charnwood Brewery which was founded in 2014 is owned and run by Andrew and Andrea Reed who both hosted the visit. Following a very interesting talk on how they decided to establish a brewery in Loughborough there was then a tour of the brewery itself and an opportunity to see how the whole process works – from the raw materials right through to the finished article!

As a part of the visit the group were able to sample some of the fine range of the beers that Andrea, who is the brewer, produces to accompany a lovely supper. An excellent time was had by all and we wish Andrew and Andrea every success in this venture.



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Carmelites celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of one of their best loved saints

2015 has seen Carmelites across the world celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of one of their best loved saints. St Teresa of Avila, mystic, reformer and great spiritual teacher of prayer, was born on 28th March 1515 in the medieval walled city of Avila in Spain. Although she spent most of her life as an enclosed Carmelite nun, Teresa's fame and influence spread even during her lifetime, and today she is regarded as one of the foremost teachers of the Christian spiritual life, a key figure in medieval Spanish literature, and one of the few women to be recognised as a Doctor of the Church.

There was little in Teresa's early years to indicate how things would turn out. She was born into a merchant family with Jewish roots at a time when the purity of one's Christian ancestry was of critical importance in Spain. One of ten children from her father's second marriage, Teresa knew loss early in life when her mother died while she was still a teenager. Teresa reports being rather a wild youth, and her father eventually found a place for her at a school of Augustinian nuns who, he hoped, would have a calming influence on his exuberant daughter. Teresa was indeed impressed by the nuns and began to consider entering a convent herself, eventually settling on the Carmelite Monastery of the Incarnation, also in Avila. Teresa readily admits that her initial attraction to religious life was not intense; she even speaks of having to overcome her repugnance to the idea. Nevertheless, at the Incarnation she found a way of life which suited her well. The monastery was large, and nuns from wealthy backgrounds were accompanied by servants and occupied suites of rooms within the convent. Teresa's lively

disposition and witty conversation made her an instant hit in the community, and she was in high demand to entertain wealthy visitors and benefactors.

On the outside all seemed well, yet interiorly Teresa was struggling; she was enjoying herself, but felt dissatisfied with the kind of life she was living. She struggled to pray, often simply counting the minutes until the time designated for prayer was over, yet she was reluctant to relinquish the friendships and activities which she knew were distracting her from prayer. Teresa struggled on with this dilemma for nearly twenty years, and the conflict took its toll mentally and physically with Teresa suffering frequent bouts of ill health and evidently some form of breakdown. Eventually the Lord took over. Praying in front of an image of the scourged Christ during Lent in 1554, Teresa experienced a profound conversion experience. Suddenly she realised that the central friendship in her life was with Christ, and that prayer was in fact nothing more than an 'intimate sharing between friends.' From that moment on Teresa's sole purpose in life was to make this truth known to others, and to encourage them too to enter into a profound personal relationship with the human Christ.

To achieve this, Teresa recognised that some aspects of her life needed changing. Conscious that the Carmelite Order had its origins among a group of hermits living on Mt Carmel, Teresa realised that a return to the original ideals of silence, solitude and the support of a small praying community were essential to foster the life of friendship with Christ she now sought. Together with a group of like-minded sisters, Teresa began to explore the idea of found-

ing a new community, and in 1562 she established the monastery of St Joseph's in Avila; a community of just thirteen nuns dedicated to a life of prayer and communal charity. Teresa's nuns at St Joseph's were not simply interested in improving their own personal sanctity, however, for Teresa's founding of the new monastery was closely associated with her second great insight: a life of prayer is not simply for one's own benefit, but is fundamentally oriented to the good of the Church and the whole world.

Teresa was living at a time of social and ecclesial turmoil. The Inquisition was at the height of its powers in Spain, there was a worldwide movement towards the reform of the religious orders, and the first shockwaves of the Protestant Reformation were rippling across Europe. The world was, as Teresa put it, in flames, and she felt an intense urge to do something about it. Now, she realised, a life lived close to God became a political entity. Her prayers, and those of her sisters, would be poured out in intercession for the Church and the world. Their own personal growth in holiness could only increase the communal holiness of the whole Body of Christ; their prayers would support the priests and theologians battling for truth in a world of new uncertainties and religious conflict. Finally, their intense friendship with Christ would console him for the ill treatment and ingratitude he received as churches were closed and Eucharistic piety was abandoned. It was a striking vision: the lives and prayers of enclosed contemplative nuns suddenly took on global significance; the political reality of religious life at the heart of the world and of the Church was re-imagined. When she founded St Joseph's, however, Teresa had no intention of taking her reform movement further – this small house of sisters was enough. Others, however, could see a bigger potential. Encouraged by her religious superiors, Teresa began to establish further monasteries across Spain, so that by the time of her death in 1582 there were seventeen new houses founded either directly by her or by people she appointed to the task. In 1568 she met a young Carmelite friar, and together they began a similar reform movement among the friars. St John of the Cross was to become Teresa's life-long friend and spiritual guide, and together they are recognised as two of the most significant figures in Christian spirituality.

As with the new network of monasteries, Teresa never intended to become the author of some of the most important writings in Christian spirituality. Her works were largely written for the benefit of her new communities, and focused on teaching the sisters how to pray and guiding them in the challenges of community living. Yet Teresa's works (of which *The Book of her Life*, *The Way of Perfection* and *The Interior*



Castle are the best known) rapidly became popular beyond the monasteries as people sought guidance in a new, personal way of prayer. They were published shortly after her death and today have been translated into numerous languages and are read not only by Carmelites, but by Christians of all denominations, as well as scholars of theology, spirituality and medieval literature; Teresa is truly a Doctor of the Universal Church.

2015 has been an opportunity to celebrate the life of this remarkable woman, to consider her teaching afresh and to explore its significance for the social and religious realities of our own times. Celebrations in Britain have been organised by the Carmelite Forum of Britain and Ireland, and events have included retreats, study days and pilgrimages. The year will conclude with a closing ceremony at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 17th October. As part of these celebrations a touring exhibition exploring Teresa's life and teaching will be visiting Nottingham Cathedral from 9th – 15th October. For more details of this and all other events, please visit www.teresafavila.org.

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"One in four boys in Feltham Prison is spending 23 hours a day locked up in his cell in conditions which amount to solitary confinement". HM Inspector of Prisons

This is widespread in our prisons as reported by HM Chief Inspector in February in his report on Rochester YOI in February this year and by the Prison Reform Trust in their report 'Strangeways 25 years on' in March:-

"A prisoner who is unemployed because there is no activity available for him might spend 22 hours a day, and eat all his meals, with another prisoner in a small cell designed for one, perhaps eight foot by six foot, with an unscreened toilet" HM Chief Inspector of Prisons

Against this background, prayer groups become very difficult to organise, and prisoners struggle on their own. Roman Catholic Prison Chaplains are begging for Catholic Bibles and other catechetical resources to support the prisoners in their care in their journey of faith, a faith reawakened by their time inside and away from home.

"Thank you for the Catholic Bible. It is beautiful and has helped me with my faith. It has been a long journey and it has put me on the track to rightness, faith, hope and goodness" Mark HMP Isle

of Wight Catholic Truth Society Prison Appeal 2015.

The Catholic Truth Society launched its Prison Appeal 2015 at Easter this year with an Appeal to Members and Supporters of CTS. So far we have raised just over £12,000 of our target of £30,000 by Christmas 2015. There is some way to go! We wish to widen the Prison Appeal to all the dioceses and parishes in the country and need your help to do this.

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INTERNATIONAL NIGHT AT BOURNE



The church of St. Gilbert's, Bourne and its sister church of Our Lady Deeping St James came together last Sunday evening 26th July for an International Night. About 70 people attended.

The food was donated by the parishioners. There were dishes from many countries including Poland, Kenya, Korea and of course England.

It was a very exciting and enjoyable evening. After hungry tummies were filled there was entertainment by members of the churches. We had songs in English and Polish. The highlight of the evening was Guiseppi who sang and played his guitar. He sang a medley of songs in a variety of European languages.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Can a serious Christian ever become a political leader?

At the start of the main holiday season we might have had a break from party politics as the month of August got into its stride. The international scene, particularly surrounding the tragic events in Calais, was enough to be focused on but occurrences at Westminster were never out of the news.

When you read this article the Labour party leadership contest will still be unresolved. Whoever wins perhaps it will be a relief to all and we must wait to see who will be the new leader of the Opposition. My concern is the other party political leadership poll this summer when Tim Farron was elected leader of the Liberal Democrats. These days I have no connection with any active political party but I do try to keep informed on any Christian development at Westminster. Mr Farron now leads a party of just eight MP's four of whom are Christians. The new leader became an evangelical Christian as a teenager, he abstained on the third reading of the bill on same sex marriage.

In the past the member for Westmoreland and Lonsdale had described every abortion as a tragedy. For the record one former Lib-Dem MP said their new leader now supports same sex marriage and does not want any change to the laws

on abortion. If Mr Farron had described himself as an atheist or humanist I feel sure many journalists would have not been particularly interested in his views on what we used to believe were "conscience issues". Clearly the media (one radio channel, one television channel and one national newspaper) thought otherwise. We should surely ask ourselves - can a serious Christian ever become a political leader? In my time in active politics I cannot recall Harold Wilson, James Callaghan, Margaret Thatcher or John Major being grilled on the issues that Mr Farron was.

There is clearly a greater interest these days in the religion of our political leaders but that is no reason to think they are "odd" and that their views are lacking credibility because of their beliefs.

The veteran Catholic MP Sir Edward Leigh told the House of Commons in July that he was "pro-life". What is wrong with that. As we approach the vote on assisted dying, another great conscience issue, the Christian voice at Westminster must be heard whether some journalists like it or not.

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Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

Here we are in the month of September already! the year 2015 one way or another has been a busy one so far here at the hermitage with many outstanding events and many blessings to recall. In April Fr. Richard and I were ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Peter Doyle of Northampton and on St. Benedicts Day 11th July a day always of great observance for us we were ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Patrick, only a few days after his own ordination to the Episcopate., three events which were very prayerful and joyous occasions for us as individuals and for the whole of the diocese. It was a great joy too that we were able to share this day with Fr. Jonathan Rose and Fr. Kevin Gradwell ordained priests with us.



Here in Elston the hermitage is surrounded on all sides by farming land and for some weeks now the farmers have been harvesting their crop, a busy season for them and as one farmer said to us "we have been making hay while the sun shone", because life here has been hectic it does not seem so long ago that the farmer was sowing his seed, the growth of which has been encouraged by the lovely summer days we have experienced this year. As I sat in the garden last week to the sound of the harvesting machinery in the fields it caused me to reflect on the great blessings which God gives us in all these things. I saw that in this life we are all sowers of the seed, the farmers are in a very literal sense. but all of us sow along life's path. We are all sowers of influence all of us are leaving behind surely and slowly a little of ourselves, we all have free will and are able to sow what we will the good, the bad or the indifferent. We can be the enemy of God, the enemy of good, we can sow the evil thing; or we can sow the good seeds of love and unselfish service. After all what a man sows is himself. Whether we are teachers, parents, authors, politicians this is true for us all whatever our vocation. Didn't Our Lord speak a parable about himself, "except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it is alone, but if it die it brings forth much fruit" those who follow Christ must be then content with sowing. Life here in the hermitage continues day after day week after week with our 'honourium' round of daily prayer, offering of the Mass, study and work as prescribed for us in the rule of St. Benedict, a life of balance, a life of sowing, a life of daily dying with Christ so that the eternal harvest may be gathered by all we serve and pray for.

*Fr. David Bowler H.D.N.
Elston Hermitage*

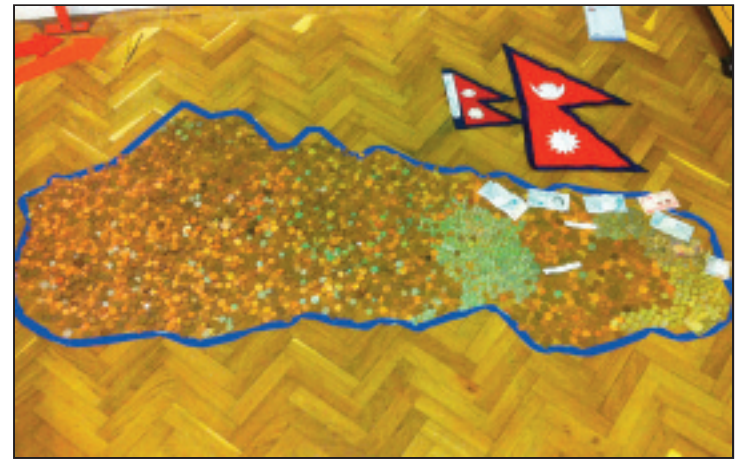
Referee for Women's FA Cup Final was an Ashby and Measham parishioner



The referee for the first women's FA Cup Final which took place at Wembley was an Ashby and Measham parishioner. Amy Fearn (second from left in photo) attends Mass either at Our Lady of Lourdes or St Charles Borromeo depending on her weekend refereeing duties. She also finds time in her busy life to look after our collection boxes for Faith in Families. Unfortunately the team from our diocese didn't win!

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Thanks to more than £119,400 donations to CAFOD's Nepal appeal from our diocese and a total of £3.3 million from across England and Wales so far, emergency shelter materials, water, and hygiene kits containing aquatabs,



soap, washing detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste have all reached thousands of those most affected through local Nepalese and international CAFOD partners.

Many parishes and schools across the diocese held collections the Nepal appeal and individuals made donations. The children at Our Lady's Primary, Bulwell, brought loose change from home to cover a map of Nepal outlined on the floor of the school hall and held a cake sale too, raising £400.

However, with 2.8 million affected by the earthquake and with monsoon rains now reaching Nepal it is a huge challenge to reach all those in need.

Award winning actress Jo Joyner, whose work includes *The Interceptor*, *Ordinary Lies* and *EastEnders*, recently returned from a visit to Nepal with CAFOD. Whilst there she met people who were severely affected by the earthquake and saw how CAFOD and its partners have been supporting them with life-saving aid.

Among those she met was Mishri Nepal, 74, who was at home in the remote village of Chandani in Kavrepalanchowk when the first earthquake struck.

Mishri said: "I was inside my house when the earth moved. Then suddenly I was outside my house, thrown to the ground. I felt as if my soul had left me. I just stayed there, I didn't move. I waited for the earth to stop shaking. My home was destroyed and my food store buried under the rubble."

Mishri and her neighbours were terrified that their village would be cut off by the monsoon, but CAFOD's partner Caritas Nepal made it through and delivered

lentils, household items such as plastic buckets and cooking pots, blankets, and plastic sheeting for creating a makeshift shelter.

Mishri said: "You came, you cared, you showed us love. It's not easy to reach us, the road is not smooth, but we thank Caritas Nepal for always coming and not forgetting us."

Marie Molloy, Manager for Nottingham Diocese said: "We are hugely grateful to everyone who has donated, including schools, church groups, people who organised fundraising events, and individuals who were moved by the plight of the people of Nepal. Everyone who has raised funds for our appeal can be sure that their efforts will make a huge difference. "It was hard enough to deliver aid in Nepal before the monsoon began, because of the mountainous terrain and because many villages lie miles from the nearest road. Now, with landslides and rains washing roads away, some areas will become almost impossible to reach.

"That's why, over the last three months, our partners have been working around the clock to support communities that are likely to be cut off, making sure they have shelter during the monsoon, as well as hygiene kits containing soap and water purification tablets, which are crucial for preventing the spread of disease.

"The local staff and volunteers we work with are continuing to show incredible dedication. They are hiking up mountains, pushing trucks for miles through mud, and even taking helicopters to reach those most in need. Despite the challenges, they are still delivering supplies to some of the worst affected villages across the country."

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English Church Honours “The Kindest Person in Ireland”

The parishioners of the Immaculate Conception Church and children from St Margaret’s school, Charlesworth, Derbyshire, have completed this year’s well dressing displays. As always, they look magnificent as they stand on show at the well in the grounds of the beautiful little church in a picturesque Derbyshire village.

This year, the theme for the main display, “The Year of the Religious” (brothers and Sisters), is Irish Nun, Nano (real name Honora) Nagle. Born in Ireland in 1775, Nano Nagle, once called “The kindest person in Ireland,” was the founder of the Order of the Presentation Sisters. And, following her education in Paris, she returned to her homeland and began helping the

poor - setting up schools to educate impoverished children, thereby helping them to build a better future for themselves. Since the Order’s inception, Sisters of Nano’s Order have taken its good works to countries throughout the world.

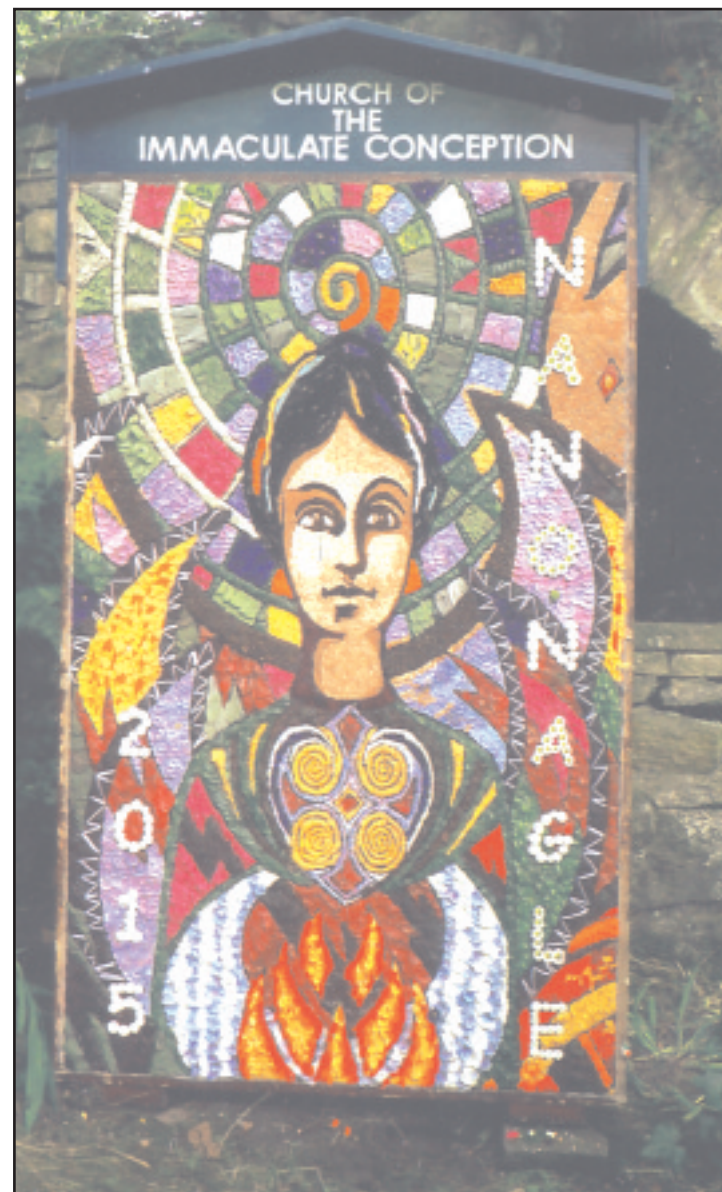
Two very special guests, Sr. Teresa (once based near Charlesworth) and Sr. Anne Marie, attended the Blessing Service, conducted by Cannon Don Bowdren, to witness the honouring of their Order’s founder. Both Sisters performed the respectful ritual of sprinkling her iconic image with holy water. The image used was originally designed as a kinetic stained glass window by artist, Desmond M. Kyne of, coincidentally, the Church of the Im-

maculate Conception, Stroud, England.

Other images complementing the display are those of St Patrick, to welcome Patrick Joseph McKinney, the new Bishop of Nottingham, (the diocese, to which the church and school belong); In addition, there are images - created energetically by the children of St. Margaret’s school - of a snake, signifying the banishing by St Patrick of such reptiles from Ireland, and Nano

Nagle’s Lantern.

Under the expert guidance of parishioner, Sue Hickinson, the dressings took 58 different pairs of hands 314 hours and 25 minutes to prepare.



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Thirty-nine years of service to Catholic Youth

Cardinal Vincent Nichols presented youth leader Bruno Gambini with a national award which recognized his 32 years of youth ministry in various roles in different parishes in Derby.

Hundreds of young people and their supporters from across England and Wales gathered in London's Leicester Square on 1 July, for the inaugural "Celebrating Young People" Awards honouring the achievements of young people aged 11-25 who make our communities and our world a better place.

Amongst them was Bruno Gambini, one of the leaders of the Challenge Team Unit for young people in Our Lady of Lourdes church, Mickleover. Bruno was nominated for a leadership award by Angela Gillespie, Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator for the Nottingham Diocese, who was in one of the first youth groups which Bruno was involved with. She described the many activities Bruno has been involved in with young people across the diocese over the years, and Bruno won the special award from the Catholic Youth Ministry federation for Inspiring Youth Leader.

As a young man Bruno began his youth ministry helping at St Josephs youth club Derby. The leaders wrote pantomimes and all were involved with the scenery and casting. Brunos first panto was Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs in which he played Sneezy. He took a red nose down to London as part of his speech! The proceeds of the event went to the youth club and they sent 3 young people on the coach to help in Lourdes. Bruno first went to Lourdes in 1976. He became a volunteer leader at St Josephs and began going to Lourdes with the youth in 1976 with the Nottingham di-



ocese. Bruno then joined the Young Christian Workers becoming its President when he was a young man. He got married, carrying on his work with St Josephs and Lourdes and in 1981 he became involved with the hospitality in Lourdes. He joined the Knights of St Columba at the Columba Club and then became a Youth Officer. In 1994 he joined the HCPT. He travels to Lourdes every year often funding his travel costs by playing Santa at the International Club in Derby. He has supported the St Georges Parish Fetes and is a volunteer driver for the Tuesday Club who meet at Our Lady of Lourdes twice a month. For the last ten years Bruno has been one of the youth leaders at Our Lady of Lourdes Challenge Team Unit (CTU) and is our link person to the Briars. Bruno is a charismatic, larger than life character and you could probably walk into any parish in Derby and people would smile on hearing his name. Those who work alongside him explain "Bruno doesn't see himself as a youth worker, yet the work he continually does with young people year after year is simply wonderful. The number of young people who have stuck with their faith because of Bruno's gentle but powerful witness is amazing." The young people describe him as "a legend"!

photo1) but managed to give a short account of the day at the next CTU meeting. The two things that concerned Bruno about the day were firstly that he would have to wear a suit with a tie, and secondly that he would have to give an acceptance speech. His prayers were answered on one of the hottest days of the year - in sweltering conditions Bruno was able to wear a polo shirt... big sighs of relief. Then he was told that because of time constraints he did not have to give an acceptance speech... Bruno was overjoyed at the news!

Bruno said that this award was for hundreds of people who had been part of all the events over the last 30 years. It made him reflect on the people he had met and it had been a lovely part of the whole day. From being nominated until being told that he had won ...the day before he went to London... Bruno was reminiscing on not just the people, but also the various activities, for example going down to Dunstable with the young Christian workers and making friends with different groups up and down the country. Bruno goes every year to Lourdes (although he hates flying) with HCPT and is skypeing many people from different parts of the world whom he has met there. He thought about the pantomimes he had taken part and starred in as a pantomime dame, about being on the youth coach with Nottingham Diocese pilgrimage and summed up as "amazing events and doing the most incredible things with the most incredible people". "There is no difference" he said "to the work done by the many youth leaders in all these parishes its just I've been nominated". Bruno spoke highly of the young people who had achieved awards. He told them they were brilliant.

Bruno is keen to point out that the award is not just for him but for the hundreds of people who have been involved with him in Youth Ministry, and that he is 'no different to anyone else in England and Wales who work in youth ministry.

His only disappointment on the day was that his wife was not on the guest list, but on the bright side it "saved on the fact that she didn't go shopping in London". Bruno's daughter Eleanor was there however, as she is part of the Briars Youth team (Residential Youth Ministry Co-ordinator), clearly carrying on the family tradition when it comes to working with young people. Well Done Bruno.



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Young people from Leicestershire gathered together on Saturday 24th April at St. Francis Convent in Melton Mowbray to share a Celebration of Mass and to make the Stations of the Resurrection together. This was a new concept for the young people. An occasion to look at the different happenings after the resurrection and taking the journey through to Pentecost.

On arrival the young people enjoyed an opportunity to get to know one another by sharing an "icebreaker" game! Following on from this, time was spent in different groups looking at, and learning about, the different stations of the Via Lucis. Refreshments were then available and an hour was spent out on the playing fields with rounders and football – offering time for the young people from different parishes and schools to get to know each other better.



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ent stations that we were thinking about as we made our journey of light. Our candlelit procession took us around the Convent and school grounds. We did get rather wet when the only shower of the day came down upon us at this time but this just added to the sharing together that was taking place. Fr. Kevin Clarke came to our rescue with umbrellas and his small amplifier and microphone and we happily succeeded to celebrate each station despite the misty rain!!

A new and enjoyable experience for us all was shared that Saturday with "Fun and Faith" and the gift of fifty young people celebrating together the love of God. Young people are a tremendous gift and most certainly "The Light of Christ" shone on "Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth" that day.

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Brazilian Lunch in Derby

Holy Family parish, Allestree, Derby have been part of CAFOD's connect2: programme since it began. Initially they focused on Cambodia, raising £5000 in total and learning more about the ups and downs of life in the Samrong Mean Chey, a tiny settlement on the edge of Cambodia's capital, Phnom Penh along the way. After achieving that milestone parishioners decided to move their focus across the world and become part of connect2:Brazil. In the communities of Mauá and Divineia in São Paulo CAFOD partners are supporting people who are campaigning for homeless and vulnerable families to have safe, dignified housing and better living conditions.

Recently around 25 people recently came together for a delicious lunch of Brazilian food cooked by parishioners Lis Martin and Linda Tidbury. They also heard Louise Cooke speak about her visit to CAFOD connect2: partners in Brazil, sharing stories of the people she met and the reality of life in Mauá and Divineia from personal experience.

Off to a flying start, the parish has already donated over £1,000 to connect2:Brazil. Thank you to parish volunteer David Martin and all those involved.



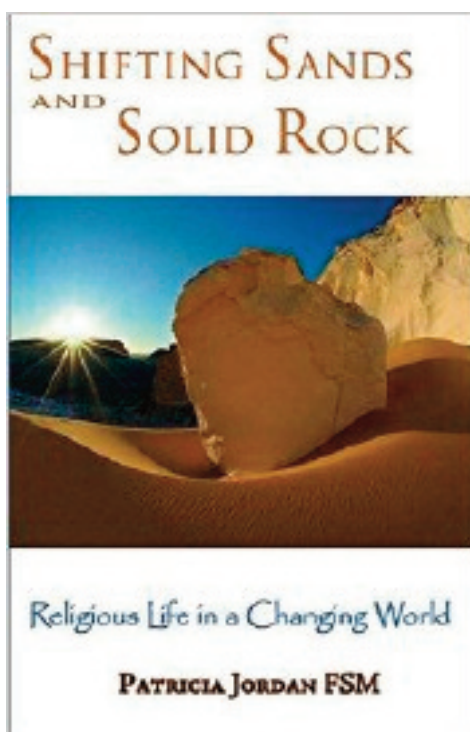
Book Reviews

Shifting Sands and Solid Rock Religious Life in a Changing World

Patricia Jordan FSM

Pope Francis writing a letter to all Consecrated People, 'as a Brother who, like yourselves, is consecrated to God', proclaimed the Year of Consecrated Life and outlined three main aims and five expectations for this special year.

In this book, these aims and expectations have been reflected upon and woven into the text with their graces, invitations and challenges. First, in looking to the past with gratitude, Sr Patricia draws our attention to the last fifty years in particular. With her emphasis on Jubilee, she emphasises gratitude and joy for the journey that has taken us to where we are now. In so



doing, remembering and recounting our history 'preserves our identity, for strengthening our unity as a family and our common sense of belonging'. The call to live the present with passion' is presented by the author as the greatest challenge because it is the perennial challenge of the Gospel. As Pope Francis says: 'The Gospel is demanding: it demands to be lived radically and sincerely'. This is a twofold challenge to a personal and passionate love for Jesus and a reaching out to others with the love of his heart. Therefore the call to mysticism and prophecy is emphasised. Finally, to embrace the future with hope, invites us to allow the Holy Spirit to 'spur us on so that he can do great things with us'. This book will ask questions, pose challenges and invite us to 'constantly set out anew, with trust in the Lord' so that 'we may wake up the world' and be witnesses to the joy of the Gospel.

Patricia Jordan is a Franciscan Sister Minor. Graduating from Liverpool University, she has taught Religious Education and English at Secondary school level, and has both an MA (from the Franciscan Institute, St Bonaventure University) and a PhD in Franciscan Studies.

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Spiritual Letters

By Sister Wendy Beckett

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Almost all these letters were exchanged between Sr Wendy and a nun identified only as "Anne" who, a fellow art lover, was close to her during the period when she was undergoing the transition from a South African teaching Order to living the life of a hermit in the grounds of the Carmelite Convent in Quidenham, Norfolk. They also pre-date her emergence as a TV art critic. They reveal an aspect of Sr Wendy recognisable to those who have listened to her TV commentaries or read her books: someone caught up in wonder at the truth and beauty of God and blessed with the gift of being able to describe this with brevity and passion.

It will not surprise readers of this collection, edited by a nun from the Quidenham Carmel, that their author chose not to reread them before publication. Sr Wendy writes that she simply "cannot bring myself to do so." This is because it would mean having to focus on herself and, as with all truly humble people, it would pain her to do so. She describes herself as a "monolith of selfishness" and in a letter dated 20 May 1974 she writes, "Coarse, crude woman that I am, I fear the words are so often too violent." To an outsider her words don't seem like this at all, or indeed her view of herself – but that is the point: if you view yourself always in the sight of God, as Sr Wendy does, you will see your faults laid bare in a way that the distractions of ordinary life usually conceal.

As letters written in response to a friend, the collection naturally lacks the completeness and roundedness of Sr Wendy's essays about her favourite paintings in her books. But they do provide flashes of insight to the kind of austere life she has chosen and why she has done so. Writing to Anne on the 20th December 1974, she says, "Think of me...just looking at one picture, until the impact of the glory it gives to God forces me to shut my eyes." This conveys



the intensity of her response to art and why it provides her with the stimulus to contemplation. Quite simply, beauty leads her to God. As she writes elsewhere, in a comment that might surprise those who do not understand the intimate dynamic of prayer, "Art is a form of prayer I value because it deepens in me my womanhood. It makes me more "there" for his possessing." Again, for those who wonder how it is possible to spend most of one's days in the solitary, confined space of a caravan, she provides the answer in a letter of 1978: "I am always living in the reality of Jesus and can cope best when exterior life is monotonous and undemanding." One realises how hard it must have been for Sr Wendy to emerge under the glare of the TV spotlights and how only the realisation that her audience might come closer to God through beauty could compel her to do so. There are tantalisingly brief references to artists which one wishes she had expanded, such as mentioning a love for Paul Klee and also Matisse, yet finding Picasso "a very poor third [by comparison]. All power and no beauty"; how true.

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This years President John Fernandez has chosen CAFOD as his nominated charity and John recently arranged for Marie Molloy who is the Nottingham Diocesan Coordinator for CAFOD to come and talk to the circle about the CAFOD organisation. Marie's talk covered many aspects of the CAFOD charity including its history which dates back to the 1960s and the scope of their activities in helping people to make a living, providing relief in emergencies and disasters and campaigning for justice and an end to poverty.

CAFOD work with more than 400 partners worldwide and Marie described some wonderful examples of initiatives in countries such as Nepal, Ethiopia, Myanmar and El Salvador that really illustrated just how essential their work is.

All of this work requires a lot of funding and CAFOD rely heavily on donations for two thirds of their income. The Loughborough Catenians raised £197 plus £40 in gift aid on the night and are aiming for another successful year of raising funds so that they can make their contribution to the excellent work carried out by CAFOD.

Lincolnshire teacher cycles against poverty

Michael O'Keefe from Horbling, a science teacher at Skegness Grammar School, is cycling over 900 miles from his home town to northern France and back to raise money for CAFOD. Michael hopes to raise £2,250 – enough to build three water wells in some of the poorest countries in the world.

The epic journey began at Lincoln Cathedral at 9am on 12 August. The Paris – Brest – Paris long distance cycle is the most famous of what is known as a Randonneur. The event has taken place every four years since 1931 – only missing one race during the Second World War. Michael will join thousands of cyclists from around the world. There's no winners or losers it's all about taking part.

Mike said: "I've done a few challenges over the past on and off the bike such as climbing in the Mont Blanc Massif but this is by far my greatest physical challenge to date. It'll be ten days of gruelling riding within strict time limits.

"I started cycling again only last September and discovered I loved it and just kept riding longer and longer distances. I've been training hard around Lincolnshire – one of the best parts of the country to cycle for beauty and open space.

"Once I set off on the race however my plan is to just keep my head down and remember why I'm doing this. Although I may be sleeping out in the open air a few times during this challenge, getting water is unlikely to be an issue for me. I'll keep thinking about those living in countries for whom access to water, let alone clean water, is a constant struggle for survival.

"It will be CAFOD and the people they support and my amazing family, friends, students and fellow teachers that have donated money and have a real belief in me



Mike having a bike fit with Paul Bonham at Terry Wright Cycles, Market Deeping

to complete the race that will keep me motivated when the going gets tough.

"I'm most looking forward to all the people I'll meet along the way and the scenery; and getting back home on the 24 August of course."

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Arusha Priest Visits St Mary's School



St Mary's School, Derby, was delighted to welcome Fr Cyril from the Arusha Diocese in Tanzania. The Arusha Project is a long-standing partnership between St Mary's Parish and the community of Arusha. Every year a group of young people from St Benedict School travel to work in the schools of Arusha, helping the students with their English. In return, one of the Arusha priests comes to St Mary's Church to minister during the priests' holidays. It is the first time that Fr Cyril has left Tanzania, and he paid tribute to the generosity of a local family in helping him achieve his dream of becoming a priest by sponsoring his school fees. He spoke to the

St Mary's School children about his impressions of Derby and the differences to Africa. During Assembly, children were fascinated to learn about the Maasai tribe, including the traditional dress, the leaders white stick signifying their authority (fortunately they no longer have to kill a lion!), jewellery, masks, musical instruments, how the priest blesses the congregation with cows milk, and they really enjoyed learning local songs and the jumping dance! Fr Cyril then spent time in the classes with the children as they worked on a special project about Tanzania, and later created their own art in an African style."

Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Mary's Derby



The Year 6 children from St Mary's School were welcomed by parishioners at the 9am Sunday Mass, as they prepared to leave Primary education and embark on the next phase of their schooling. Mass was celebrated by Fr Tim O'Sullivan who acknowledged the hard work and achievements of the children and their teachers. At the end of Mass, the Head Teacher, Mrs Amanda Greaves, presented each child with a hand held cross from Bethlehem."



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