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## Fifty years on, still going strong!



On Sunday 1st May 2016, St. Teresa's parishioners welcomed former parish priests, priests of the Diocese and invited guests for a special Mass to celebrate 50 years of the Church.

The Church was packed to full capacity as 12 priests concelebrated Mass. The chief celebrant was parish priest of the last 17 years, Fr. Michael Gallagher. Fr. Michael reminded us that we were celebrating more than just fifty years of the physical building; we were celebrating the people who make up the parish, the true building. And so we gathered in the presence of the risen Christ in thanksgiving for a community shaped and driven by the Spirit, a community which parishioners are proud to call their own.

Fr. John Guest, parish priest during the 1990s, delivered a reflective and inspiring homily. He complimented the congregation on how young it looked (particularly the lack of grey hair and bald heads!) and said that the parish appeared to be 'riding the crest of the wave'. He spoke about the design of the Church, particularly on the parabolic roof and freestanding buttresses. John used the roof as a metaphor for how we as a church work. As a building, we rest on the twin freestanding buttresses; as God's people, we rest on the twin pillars of God's word and sacraments, without which we do not grow and we are not nourished. He spoke about how fortunate St.

Teresa's has been in the way these two pillars have been sustained over the years, pointing in particular to the way in which the sacramental life of the parish has been cared for through the Ministries of the Word and Holy Communion, RCIA and sacramental preparation, altar servers, music and liturgy.

During the Mass, we prayed for former parish priests and parishioners who lived and died making the church's stones 'living stones'. We prayed too for Fr. Michael who, as Fr. John put it, was 'rounding off in style' his time here as the parish's longest serving parish priest.

At the end of Mass, Gordon and Elaine Goodwin received the Bene Merenti Medal in recognition of their outstanding service to the parish and the Diocese. They have been an integral part of the musical life of the parish for five decades. It was commented during the Mass that the parish has always been blessed musically and that the folk group under Gordon and Elaine's leadership had 'stood the test of time'. Recognition was also given to the many other things they have been involved in. Fr. John presented the medals and said that the bestowal of the Bene Merenti on them also represented the work of the many who over the last 50 years have helped St. Teresa's remain the living presence of God among us.

After Mass, the celebrations continued down at Trinity Lower School with a plentiful supply of food and drink. It was great to see parishioners socialising and enjoying the atmosphere. We are grateful to Mr Dexter at The Trinity School for his assistance with the parish celebration, a living example of the type of relationship that should exist between schools and parishes.

We thank God for the last 50 years: for the relationships and friendships contained within the parish and for blessing us with a faithful, growing and diverse congregation.

We pray for our parish as we begin the next stage of our journey of faith together. It is fitting to finish with the closing remarks from Fr. John's homily: "may God bless you and guide you in the great adventure yet to come".

James Rowe, Organist

## The Lampedusa Cross: Join CAFOD and stand in solidarity to welcome the Stranger

Families and communities around the world have been pulled apart and forced out of their homes to escape war, persecution and natural disasters. These refugees make long and dangerous journeys to reach safe shores but now they face an uncertain future.



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# Pope Francis: Be witnesses of the Gospel every day

Pope Francis commemorated the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven by reminding the faithful of their duty to be witnesses of the Gospel every day of the week, in all areas of life – and not just on Sundays.

“We must carry this witness every week: Christ is with us; Christ has gone up into Heaven, and is with us; Christ is alive!” the Pope said during his May 8 Regina Caeli address to the crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square.

Citing the words of Jesus in the day's Gospel taken from Luke, the pontiff explained how the Apostles were “witnesses” of Christ's death, resurrection, and now Ascension; indeed, they returned to Jerusalem and joyfully testified about the risen Christ, in whose name they would preach conversion and “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins.”

The Pope said this witness – “made not only with words but also with daily life” – should go beyond Church on Sunday. Rather, it should extend throughout the entire week in our “homes, offices, schools, in places of entertainment, in hospitals, in prisons, in homes for the elderly, in places crowded with immigrants, in the city's peripheries.”

Pope Francis centered his address on the Feast of the Ascension, which commemorates Jesus ascending into Heaven 40 days after his Resurrection from the dead.

While this feast technically falls on a Thursday, many countries transfer the celebration to the following Sunday.

“We contemplate the mystery of Jesus who left our earthly space in order to enter in the fullness of God's glory, bringing with him our humanity,” the Pope said.

The pontiff reflected on the reaction of the disciples, who had previously witnessed Jesus being rejected by Jerusalem, “Judas' betrayal, Peter's denial, the dispersal of the disciples and the violence of a power” which left them feeling threatened.

“From that day, for the Apostles and for every disciple of Christ, it was possible to live in Jerusalem, and in every city of the world, even in those most troubled by injustice and violence,” he said. This is because every inhabitant of every city can turn their gaze upward “with hope.”

“Jesus, God, is true man; with his human body he is in Heaven! And this is our hope, our anchor, and we are firm in this hope if we look to heaven.”

“In this heaven lives that God who has revealed such closeness as to take the face of a man, Jesus of Nazareth,” the Pope continued. “And he remains always God-with-us” – that is, Emmanuel – “and he never leaves us alone!”

“In the Ascension of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, there is the promise of our participation in the fullness of life with God.”

Jesus assures the disciples that, in making this announcement and giving this testimony, we will be clothed in the Holy Spirit, the pontiff explained.

“Here lies the secret of this mission: the presence among us of the Risen Lord, who with the gift of the Spirit continues to open our minds and our hearts, to proclaim his love and mercy even in the most



Daniel Ibáñez/CNA

resistant areas of our cities.”

“The Holy Spirit is the real architect of the manifold testimony that the Church and every baptized make in the world.” For this reason, we should not neglect to gather together “in prayer to praise God and to invoke the gift of the Spirit.”

After leading the crowds in the Regina Caeli prayer, Pope Francis extended his “cordial greetings” to all who work in communications, acknowledging this Sunday's 50th World Day of Social Communications.

“I hope that the way we communicate in the Church always has a clear evangelical style, a style which combines truth and mercy,” he said.

The pontiff greeted the tens of thousands of people who took part in this year's March for Life in Rome, many of whom had made their way to St. Peter's Square at the end of the morning march. Pope Francis then went on to acknowledge Mother's Day – celebrated this Sunday in many countries – and led the crowds in the Hail Mary for all mothers.

“We remember with gratitude and affection all mothers – those who are today in [St. Peter's] Square, our mothers, those who are among us and those who have gone to heaven – entrusting them to Mary, the mother of Jesus.”

## DONATION OFFERS SUPPORT TO HOMELESS YOUNG PEOPLE

Newark Emmaus Trust has received £4,279 to fund projects and events to help young homeless people in Newark improve their social and life skills.

The donation was provided by The Discovery Foundation, supported by Santander UK, which offers grants to UK registered charities for projects that help disadvantaged people in local communities.

The Trust provides accommodation and support for young, single homeless people including teenage parents and their babies. The grant will help the young people to set up their own project to visit local schools, churches and community groups and organise events to raise awareness of their experiences and talk about their achievements. This will provide them with life skills, leadership, management communication, as well as team building

skills and will help them to build their social confidence.

Jeremy Blatherwick at Newark Emmaus Trust said: “On behalf of the Directors, staff and residents at Newark Emmaus Trust I would like to thank The Discovery Foundation for supporting us with this grant which will help the young people in our project on their journey towards independence.”

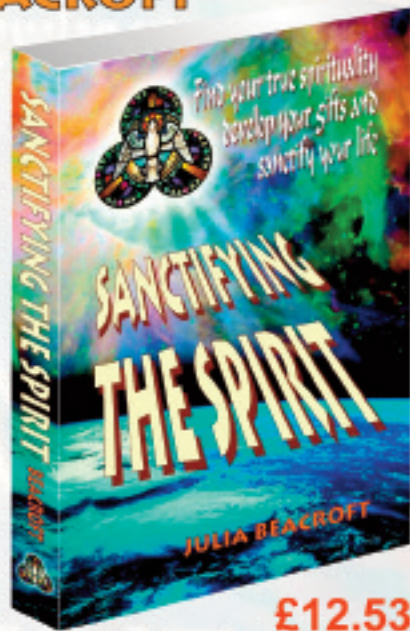
Victoria Mead, Branch Manager at Santander's Newark branch said: “The Discovery Foundation makes hundreds of donations every year to good causes throughout the UK. Our branch is committed to playing a key part in the community and we are delighted to be supporting Newark Emmaus Trust, and hope the donation makes a real difference to local young people.”

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# With striking melodies and catchy tunes

St George's RC Voluntary academy Derby, brought us to an attentive openness to the age old events of Easter, Our Christian knowledge and beliefs were opened up for us with drama, stirring music and a dash of humour. The pieces, written for the "Hosanna Rock" by Assistant Head Mrs Rachael Snowdon- Poole were appealing to children and adults alike. The new and varied twists to the traditional story caused both smiles and serious thoughts, with points to ponder for all.

The cast auditions and performance were directed by Mrs Hume, the children performed to the whole school and did two further additional performances for Parents, Governors and family.

The play was Entertaining throughout you didn't fail to go away with serious levity.

Fr Burbidge parish priest said" I saw the play twice it was so good I Enjoyed the catchiness of the music and singing and was pleased with the cohesion of songs



and activity setting . It is an endearing piece with just enough sentimentality. The Easter Drama particularly drew me in with its educational and entertaining lyrics. Musically it keeps you alert and some words spoken and sung expound an edge of compassion. The compelling will of God sears its way through to the joyfully proclaimed end. The gentle but real inter-

action of Peter and Judas is handled well and thoughtfully.

Karan O'Connor, Foundation Governor said, "What a great performance by them all, Well done to all the children and staff that have worked tirelessly to deliver an outstanding play. Special thanks to Mrs Snowdon-Poole and Mrs Hume, "

## Eyes down!



Friday the 18th March saw an Evening of Fund raising for Ellie Henderson of St George's Parish Derby, Ellie is fundraising to fulfil a wish to give her time and skills to help Child Africa, Ellie is going on a two week expedition to a school in Uganda with 20 of her school friends, with the charity Child Africa. Whilst they are there they will be renovating the existing school, as well as teaching and socialising with the children. The school supports the underprivileged children, the majority of whom live in absolute poverty. Almost half of the children are deaf and deaf children in Africa are denied any kind of education. The cost of the trip will be £1750, so Ellie has taken a part time job and embarked on her own fund raising quest to raise the money's to go. Although hard work the night was a great success. Mum, Trish provided a wonderful buffet whilst Ellie compared the evening with a quiz and Bingo. Although Ellie has a way to go before she reaches her target the evening alone raised

£410 and she has got another bingo event planned.

Ellie has truly embraced the call by Pope Francis to fulfil this Year of Mercy with the corporal and spiritual acts.



## More than just a Red Box

Last year the Red Box helped Fr Charles in Malawi buy a van. That van is saving lives. Fr Charles is able to celebrate Mass in distant communities and brings comfort by visiting the sick and housebound. Earlier this year it got a mother and baby to hospital just in time. **Thank you.**



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## June

- 03 June - 1.00 pm**  
Mass for Jubilarians -  
Episcopal Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral  
led by Bishop Patrick
- 04 June - Noon**  
Confirmation for Cotgrave & West Bridgford -  
Episcopal Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral  
led by Bishop Patrick
- 04 June - Noon**  
St Barnabas' Cathedral for the Parishes of  
Cotgrave & West Bridgford
- 11 June - 11.30 am**  
Ordination of Deacons -  
Episcopal Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral  
led by Bishop Patrick
- 16 June - 1.00 pm**  
Chapter Mass - Episcopal Celebrations in  
St Barnabas' Cathedral led by Bishop  
Patrick
- 18 June - 11.00 am**  
Holy Trinity, Newark - Confirmation
- 17-19 June**  
Confirmation Candidates Open Retreat. For further  
information and to book a place, please contact  
Teresa Clark (bookings@ndcys.com;  
01773 852044).
- 19 June**  
Walsingham pilgrimage led by Bishop Patrick
- 20 June - 7.00 pm**  
St Alban, Chaddesden - Confirmation
- 21 June - 7.00 pm**  
Our Lady of Victories, Lutterworth - Confirmation
- 24 June - 7.00 pm**  
St Marys, South Wigston - Confirmation
- 25 June - 2.00 pm**  
Mass for the Commissioning of Catechists - Episcopal  
Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral led by  
Bishop Patrick
- 26 June**  
Rodsley pilgrimage led by Bishop Patrick
- 30 June - 7.00 pm**  
English Martyrs, Alvaston - Confirmation

## July

- 01 July - 7.00 pm**  
Good Shepherd, Arnold - Confirmation
- 05 July - 7.00 pm**  
St Patrick, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester -  
Confirmation
- 10 July**  
Padley pilgrimage led by Bishop Patrick
- 11-16 July**  
Lourdes pilgrimage led by Bishop Patrick
- 17 July - 11.15 am**  
St Norbert, Crowle - Confirmation
- 22 July - 01 Aug**  
World Youth Day. Information regarding next  
year's World Youth Day, which will take place in  
Krakow next summer, is available from Pete Vick-  
ers. (peter@ndcys.com; 01773 852044).

## September

- 03 Sept - 11.00 am**  
Mass for Chaplains & Volunteers in the Year of  
Mercy - Episcopal Celebrations in St Barnabas'  
Cathedral led by Bishop Patrick
- 16 Sept - 7.00 pm**  
St Joseph, Burton Road, Derby -  
Confirmation
- 23 Sept - 7.00 pm**  
Holy Souls, Scunthorpe - Confirmation
- 26 Sept - 7.00 pm**  
St Bernadette, Scunthorpe - Confirmation

## October

- 11 Oct - 7.00 pm**  
St Philip Neri, Mansfield - Confirmation
- 15-16 October**  
**The Balm of Mercy** is the title of a musi-  
cal for the Year of Mercy, especially written at  
Bishop Patrick's request. It will feature words to  
the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber and dancing to  
the music of Riverdance, and will be performed on  
the weekend of 15th & 16th October at St Peter's  
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- 14 Oct - 7.00 pm**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rushey Mead, Leicester  
- Confirmation
- 22 Oct - 11.30 am**  
Mass for Altar Servers - Episcopal Celebrations in  
St Barnabas' Cathedral led by Bishop Patrick
- 24 October - 28 October:**  
Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy to Shrines of  
Northern France (Paris, Nevers, Lisieux). All travel  
by luxury coach. Further details from  
Father Edward Jarosz 01724 842197.
- 28 Oct - 7.00 pm**  
St Thomas More, Knighton Road, Leicester -  
Confirmation
- 29 Oct - 11.30 am**  
Mass for the Knights of the  
Holy Sepulchre - Episcopal Celebrations in  
St Barnabas' Cathedral led by Bishop Patrick

## November

- 03 Nov - 1.00 pm**  
Chapter Mass - Episcopal Celebrations in  
St Barnabas' Cathedral led by Bishop Patrick
- 07 Nov - 1.00 pm**  
Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious - Episcopal  
Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral led by  
Bishop Patrick
- 09 Nov - 1.00 pm**  
Mass for Directors of Lourdes Pilgrimages -  
Episcopal Celebrations in St Barnabas' Cathedral  
led by Bishop Patrick
- 27 Nov - 2.30 pm**  
St George & All Soldier Saints,  
Old Normanton, Derby - Confirmation

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Our faith calls us to act; although sometimes our individual ac-  
tions seem inconsequential, together we can offer hope, love and  
give refugees dignity as we stand alongside them.

The Year of Mercy reminds us to welcome the stranger and Pope  
Francis teaches us that "we ourselves need to see, and then en-  
able others to see, that migrants and refugees are brothers and  
sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved."

One man who proved a small act can make a massive difference  
is Francesco Tuccio, a carpenter from the small Italian Island of  
Lampedusa. On a cold night, three years ago a boat sailed from  
Africa trying to reach Europe. The boat was over-filled with over  
500 refugees who were fleeing Eritrea and Somalia. Some  
aboard were Eritrean Christians who were trying to escape reli-  
gious persecution. Somewhere on route, the boat caught fire,  
capsized and sank; 311 people perished. Inhabitants of Lampe-  
dusa helped save the lives of 155 others.

So heartbroken was Mr Tuccio when he met some of the sur-  
vivors at his local church, he wanted to help but had nothing to  
give. The only thing he could think to give them was a symbol of  
hope. He collected the broken pieces of wood that had washed  
ashore from the remainder of their boat and made the Lampe-  
dusa Cross. He offered this simple, handmade cross to the sur-  
vivors of the disaster as a sign of hope, solidarity and love.

He gave a cross to Pope Francis to carry at a memorial service  
and a cross was recently carried through the great Door of Mercy  
at St Peter's basilica. CAFOD, together with Caritas Social Ac-  
tion and the Jesuit Refugee Service, has offered all Cathedrals  
in England and Wales with a Lampedusa Cross so they can dis-  
play it.

Inspired by the Year of Mercy, people across England and Wales  
have begun to act in solidarity of this refugee crisis. Small acts  
such as writing messages of hope to be shared with refugees to  
organising pilgrimages to reflect on our response to the refugee  
crisis, demonstrate how through our faith we can stand in soli-  
darity with our brothers and sisters.

CAFOD, alongside partner organisations, is working interna-  
tionally to provide practical help to the refugees. In March 2016  
we pledged £100,000 to Caritas Hellas to support in scaling up  
their emergency aid response, which will also include installing  
basic chemical toilets and shower facilities at Idomeni refugee  
camp closest to the border of Greece and FYR Macedonia.

We are also calling on the UK government to accept a propor-  
tionate amount of refugees from both inside the EU and beyond.  
We are calling on the government to establish safe and legal  
routes so that those fleeing persecution, war and poverty can  
find a harbour where they are welcomed to safety.

We have created resources to help you organise your own pil-  
grimage in your parish, school or group, or use as part of any  
other Year of Mercy pilgrimage. During the pilgrimage, there is  
an opportunity to write messages for hope for refugees.

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# Leicester City Miracle is all down to Catenian Nik



Alongside Nik in the photograph is Martin Madden, a devoted Manchester United supporter who was also planning United's future tactical strategy. Sadly Martin is going back to the drawing board to try to get it right for 2017.

South Leicester Catenians arranged a behind the scenes visit to Leicester City some 18 months ago and in the Home changing room Nik Novakovic, a fanatical Foxes fan, is shown on the right adjusting the tactical plan. Clearly the incoming manager Claudio Ranieri adopted Nik's shrewd knowledge of the unfancied Leicester City squad and the outcome is a miracle that has delighted football fans around the world. Over many years no South Leicester meeting has taken place without sarcastic comments on Nik's devotion to 'his Foxes' and Leicester City winning the Premier-ship has been a delight for Catenians all

over the world except for those supporting Tottenham Hotspur.

South Leicester Catenians has strong historic links with the football club since Robin Bullock's father Norman managed the club when they achieved promotion to the old First Division in 1954. With astute planning David Skilbeck has arranged for the Historian/Archivist at Leicester City football club to give a talk at South Leicester's May 2016 meeting when local Catenians and their wives hope to gain an insight into life behind the scenes in Leicester City's outstanding season.



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# 'Take up Your Cross and Follow Me'

by Julia Beacroft



I'm not really a morning person. One of the things that I have a particular aversion to is setting an alarm. Being rudely awakened by the shrill tones and buzzing of my mobile phone always makes me feel more like groaning and going back to sleep than getting up!

In fact my list of pet hates is fairly extensive. Cleaning the windows is certainly high on it. Ironing is another contender. And then there are those situations which I try to avoid like the plague. Confrontation, finding myself totally alone in alien surroundings and attempting to live up to others expectations, prominently feature in my catalogue of dislikes or personal 'crosses'.

Yet I'm sure that I'm no different from lots of other people. Many of us feel the same way. Their 'hate lists' may vary, but they usually have one nevertheless. It doesn't really matter whether we detest cleaning the windows or cleaning the oven, or whether we hate to feel alone or we dislike being the centre of attention. What does matter is that each of us feels challenged and uncomfortable about various aspects of our day-to-day lifestyles.

### AN INVITATION

At this year's Chrism Mass, our Bishop gave a reminder that each and every one of us has an invitation to follow the Cross. We are called to participate and share with our Lord Jesus Christ in his journey

to Calvary. Not only that, we were given some salient advice: that the Cross we'd like to carry is rarely the one that we're given.

None of us want to be reminded of those personal crosses which we have to bear. Yet the reality is that in doing so, we are following the way of the Lord. Some of us will inevitably try to run away from pain, suffering and especially our individual pet hates. But, with God's grace and mercy we can overcome our fear and aversion, and become fruitful members of our communities.

### JOY CAME LATER

So recently, when my alarm went off and I faced the prospect of a fifteen minute walk to the church, followed by a one and a quarter hour bus drive to the Cathedral, I was not exactly filled with joy. Yet I can assure you that joy came later at that wonderful and moving Chrism Mass.

So whether our 'crosses' are trifling such as being allergic to mornings or are more serious such as illness, we can face them by following Jesus' way of the Cross. Christ suffered and died for us.

Best that we don't forget it.

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be traced back to at least the second century AD. The Anglican office of Evensong was compiled in the 16th century from the offices of Vespers and Compline.

The service began with a warm welcome from Fr Tim O'Sullivan and the Dean of Derby, the Very Revd John Davies, who also jointly



blessed the people at the conclusion of the service. The music and singing of the Cathedral Choir was magnificent. It is a blessing for both congregations that they are able to spend time together in worship and prayer. The evening was followed by refreshments in the Cathedral's cafe, which allowed fellowship and friendship to continue.

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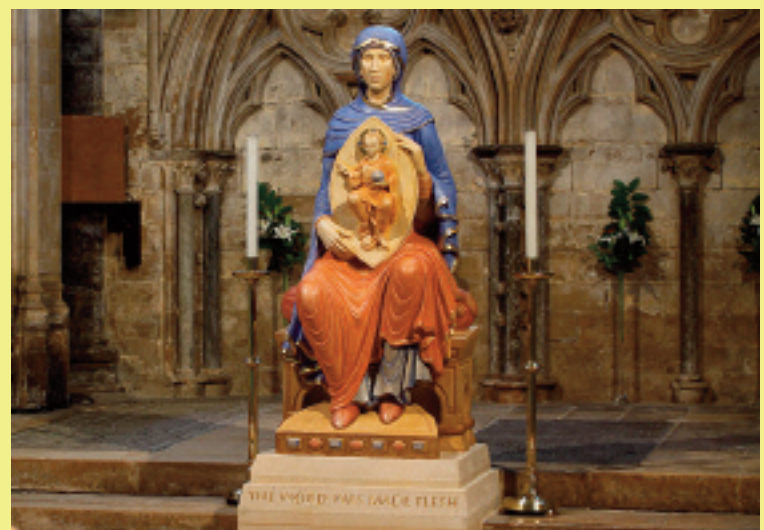
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# Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to remember the Venerable Mary Potter



On Sunday 10th April, 400 peoples from across the Diocese took part in a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to remember the Venerable Mary Potter, a nun who worked in Nottingham in the late nineteenth century to give dignity to the poor, the suffering and the dying.

The procession began from St Mary's Church in Hyson Green, the suburb of Nottingham where Mary Potter lived and worked. As it made its way to St Barnabas' Cathedral, where she is buried, the procession was passed by one of the city's trams that is named after her, after she was nominated in a BBC poll, and paused outside the Mary Potter Centre, also named in her memory, which houses NHS and other public services in Hyson Green

Led by Bishop Patrick, the loud and lively procession included sisters from the religious order founded by Mary Potter, members of the city's African, Indian, Irish traveller and Italian Catholic chaplaincies, local parishioners and many others who gathered to walk together in praise of God and to celebrate the life of this remarkable woman.

Mary Potter was born in London in 1833 and eventually came to Nottingham, where she founded the Little Company of Mary in 1877, when four companions joined her in a disused stocking factory in Hyson Green. Their mission was that of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word and deed, through the ministries of prayer for the dying, nursing, teaching and other pastoral activities.

In all that she did, like the world-famous Mother Teresa of Calcutta, she gave dignity to the poor and suffering, and the Little Company of Mary continues her mission throughout the world.

She died in Rome in 1913 and is now buried in St Barnabas' Cathedral in Nottingham. She was declared 'venerable', an important stage on the journey to being recognized as a saint, in 1988, and is an example of faith in action for Catholics in Nottingham and beyond, who are encouraged to pray for her Beatification and Canonization, so that she may be recognized as a saint.

*Her tomb can be visited in St Barnabas' Cathedral, and those who are interested in learning more about Mary Potter can visit the Heritage Centre in Nottingham city centre dedicated to her memory. Please do pray for the Beatification of the Venerable Mary Potter:*

*O God to whose glory the Little Company of Mary was founded by Venerable Mary Potter, grant that she may be beatified soon so that her work and spirit may benefit still more the suffering members of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Mary, Mother of the Church may this ardent apostle of your maternal heart be more widely known by special favours granted through her intercession. Amen.

For further information about the Venerable Mary Potter and the Little Company of Mary, please visit [www.lcmsisters.org.uk](http://www.lcmsisters.org.uk)

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The Mary Magdalen Charity shop hosted a fashion show on 30 April 2016 at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Nottingham.

It was a day to celebrate life, community and the spirit of christianity. The vision for the show was based on the rainbow as this is a sign of Gods faithfulness.

This was appropriate as the money was being raised for a sign for our Charity shop.

A new sign will attract more people into the shop so we can help fund the Mary Magdalen Foundation which does a bril-

liant job helping alcoholics and their families.

We had a great turnout and everybody who attended had a wonderful time seeing the show, eating beautiful homemade cakes, having a go on the Tombola and also designing their very own fashion dolls.

We would like to thank The Church of the Good Shepherd for offering us the free use of the hall and all the people who attended, helped, modelled, made cakes, Styled hair, did makeup, helped set up, took amazing photographs and the ladies

who ran the kitchen and greeted at the door.

We would also like to thank the trustees who supported us all the way through and helped and attended on the day.

As well as raising money for new sign £660 we also showed how fabulous the clothes and shoes are that are available in our shop. We had models of all ages and sizes they all looked beautiful and where good sports.

*With love and gratitude the  
Mary Magdalen Team*

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

### Europe - Will others follow?

I suspect many readers of this newspaper will have members of the Methodist Church who are friends or relatives. Not far from where I live is a chapel site which back in 1787 was opened by John Wesley. Charles Wesley his brother is one of our best known hymn writers and the two brothers will always be associated with the history of our country. I was reflecting on this when one of the prominent Methodist preachers described Saint Augustine of Hippo as a great Christian leader on national radio. In his early years Saint Augustine, the son of St Monica, had actually renounced his Christian Faith.

We are all told that his mother's influence, not least her patience, led this future bishop to be baptised when Saint Monica died in the year 387. The later years of his his life as priest and bishop witnessed Saint Augustine making full use of his many academic

talents to fully justify the tribute mentioned earlier in this article.

The second half of April this year gave all of us some examples of how not to react when matters attributed to leadership go wrong. The failure of a familiar high street store and a huge pension deficit can also be linked to leadership. What are we to make of the heated debates on academy schools and the clear division of opinion on the testing of children in their early years? Finally and after 37 years we had the Hillsborough verdict on a tragedy that should never have happened.

The same month of April did however reveal the leadership qualities we can all respect. The immense respect that the Queen received on the occasion of her 90th birthday was surely well deserved.

In our democracy we have often heard the viewpoint of those who favour a re-

public, perhaps this time they chose to be silent.

There is one last example of leadership which was both a bold humanitarian act and a significant personal gesture.

Pope Francis visited the Greek Island of Lesbos and returned with 12 Syrian refugees all of whom were Muslims.

This act of kindness by the Pope also had an additional development. A leader of the Orthodox Church Bartholomew I was the companion of the leader of the worlds' Roman Catholics proving once again that true leaders of good will can work to together when a crisis develops. As we prepare to vote in the Referendum on our future in Europe will others follow?

*Frank Goulding  
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark*

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# ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME

The Parish of St Mary's Marple Bridge and The Annunciation New Mills in the High Peak has been actively involved in the Year of Mercy, holding monthly events on the theme of mercy. Joe Hennigan has been an active member of our spirituality group and felt called by the Holy Father's exhortation to 'Go on Pilgrimage'... but where to?

Having celebrated his 60th Birthday in 2014 with a Pilgrimage walk of almost 1,000 kms from the great Pilgrim centre of Lourdes in France, to the tomb of St James in Santiago de Compostela, there was only one place he really felt called to go: the Holy Door at St Peter's in the great City of Rome. He is presently walking the ancient Pilgrims' route from Canterbury to Rome, known as the 'Via Francigena,' around 2,000 kms, travelling across France, into Switzerland, over the Alps, crossing the Grand St Bernard Pass, and down through Italy into Rome.



"I decided to go on this great pilgrimage, not just for myself and my immediate intentions, which are dear to me, but also for those in the Parish and elsewhere, who are not able to go on Pilgrimage, to Rome or anywhere else. To those people I say 'Walk with me, and join my Pilgrimage in spirit; your prayers will help us all together, to seek God's wonderful mercy in this special Holy Year.'"

Having celebrated the wonderful Easter Triduum within the Parish, Joe received his first Pilgrim Blessing from Parish Priest Fr John Cairns at New Mills Church, after the Easter Vigil Mass, leaving behind a special pilgrim emblem at the feet of St Peter's statue, where it will remain until his return.



Joe began his Pilgrimage at Ramsgate, at the national shrine of St Augustine, the founding Father of English Christianity and of Canterbury Cathedral. He set off on St Augustine's way on April 7th, in wind, rain and hail, to Canterbury Cathedral. He was blessed to arrive at the Benedictine Abbey at Minster on the feast of St. Benedict, when there was a special Mass with a sung liturgy. Afterwards, there was a great commotion as the sisters learned of Joe's destination; Sr Mary Stephen stamped his pilgrim passport, carefully including the letters OSB!



Aided by Google maps and few signposts, Joe made his way to the historic church of Stodmarsh via the Kent marshes and Stourmouth. After spending a chilly but welcome night in the church, he set off early, through a Bluebell forest to Fordwich, where there is a stone, reputed to be either part of St Augustine's tomb or the original stone on the tomb; then onto the pilgrims' hotel in Canterbury.

In the footsteps of Archbishop Sigéric, Mary Ward and countless others, he then set off on the Via Francigena, towards Rome. Crossing the Kentish countryside and Dover castle, Joe arrived at the famous white cliffs and onto the ferry, ironically named 'Spirit of Britain.' Following the canals and green routes of France, staying at campsites, Joe stayed at Guines, then onto



the great abbey at Licques. By now, the signage was better, the food good and the showers hot.

Having visited the nearby convent of Notre Dame, Joe arrived at the Abbaye St Paul at Wisque. Hungry and without breakfast, Joe attended sung afternoon prayers (called None); Fr Peter, the hotelier priest replenished him with bread and butter and Vespers; dinner followed in silence with the monks and some readings. Via the Chappelle de Guemy and a gloriously haloed sun, Joe reached Tournahem sur la Hem, where he was to spend the next night. The following day he passed through Theuronne and Liettes, eventually arriving at Amettes, another Holy Door and then a welcome cold beer!

The next day greeted him with a beautiful sunrise but 'red in the morning is pilgrim's warning' and he began a very wet walk to Villers Chatel and a pilgrim's accommodation in Le Chateaux. The following morning, Joe passed a grotto built in memory of a cure at Lourdes and continued to the foot of Mont St Eloi, once a striking and famous Abbey, destroyed in the French Revolution, along with the last Abbot, who was executed.

The next day was mostly traveling across the WW1 battlefields, visiting several of the British, French and German graveyards and the war cemeteries of Bapaume. By now Joe had met Simon, another English pilgrim, no doubt welcome company; Simon was walking for the Alzheimer Café on the Isle of Wight.

Leaving the Pays de Calais region, they entered Picardie, passing the large French national cemetery and the Canal du Nord, towards Mass in Peronne. Via an old railway track and the fields of rural France, the pair reached Seracourt les Grandes. The next day, they walked to Tergnier via a disused railway and the Canal de St Quentin, again across the battlefields of the Somme, where the shadeless heat reminded them of the extent of the sacrifice of the soldiers who fought there. There they met up with Sandy and Peter, an Australian couple last seen in Canterbury!

At the time of writing, Joe had walked 403kms in 17 days and was taking a well-deserved rest day in Reims; please keep him in your prayers.

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# Ordination of Fr Michael

by Julia Beacroft

'It is good that we are here to give thanks to God in a Church central to his life and worship and indeed the Diocese of Nottingham, which he is proud to serve as priest.'

These words serve to sum up the general feeling which surrounded the occasion of the Holy Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the Silver Jubilee of Ordination of Father Michael Gilligan, which took place on Saturday 7th May 2016 at the Cathedral Church of St. Barnabas in Nottingham.

As a member of Fr. Michael's family, I was surprised and delighted to receive the invitation to such a momentous, moving and spiritual event. In fact, I made an immediate decision to be in attendance 'come what may'; despite having to travel the 230 miles from Devon in order to do so. And I was not disappointed. Although by nature quiet and unassuming, we could not fail to be moved by the essence of Fr. Michael's sincerity and spirituality which was evident in 'spade-fuls' that day. The beautiful holy Mass – always a joy to participate in – was presided over by the Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham and Fr. Michael's former teacher and Rector at St. Mary's College, Oscott, near Birmingham.

Neither was the occasion without its share of humour. Fr. Michael – prison Chaplain at H.M.P. Warrington,

where he has been for some years, was more than happy to crack a few jokes in his short speech of thanks at the end of Mass. After thanking those involved in all the preparations, principally the Bishop, cathedral clergy, the Director of Music along with the cantors and organist, to say nothing of those who had also had a liturgical role, Fr. Michael expressed his gratitude for the fact that we had come to share the day with him.

"Of course", he added, "I realise that there are others who would have wanted to be here. At my own particular place of work, (the prison), there are those who would have liked to come – but they couldn't manage to get out!"

Amid our laughter, I am sure that there were others who, like myself, were aware of a certain truth in this statement. This is because Fr. Michael is a much loved priest. A priest who inspires respect and gratitude. A priest whom others are always glad to follow, because he has spent his life encountering many people, whom he has helped lead to our Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, we were reminded of this in the homily.

Although it was somewhat difficult to pin the modest priest down long enough to grab a couple of photographs, ("I don't do photos!", I was told), there was little doubt that he felt the same utmost joy in his priestly ministry that he had felt twenty-five years earlier when he was



ordained in the same Cathedral. When I finally left, it was with his heartfelt thanks ringing in my ears: "Thank you for coming to share in this day. Your presence means so much to me. You have all, in different ways, enriched my life and ministry and have helped me become the person I am"

## Pastoral Letter of the Bishop of Nottingham appointed to be read at all Masses celebrated on the Fifth Sunday of Easter Saturday 23 / Sunday 24 April 2016

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

'Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.' (John 13: 34-35)

Loving others, as Christ loves us, is the very heart of Christian discipleship, and it was the example of love in action that led to the amazing growth of the Church in her earliest days. Daily life in the Roman Empire, in which Jesus and the Apostles lived, was often harsh and brutal, and sociologists have discovered that it was primarily the more caring and humane way of life of the early Christians, which made such an impression upon the wider society, that attracted many people to Christianity. It was the Christian love and fellowship that was extended to the vulnerable, children, slaves, foreigners and the sick, and the respect shown to women, that led to many becoming Christians. Christian selflessness in the face of plagues and sickness, and the practical care Christians showed to each other, were compelling factors which drew many people to faith in Jesus Christ.

The Church recognises and upholds the dignity of every human person, and invites us to create and maintain a safe environment for everyone, responding sensitively and compassionately to the needs of others, especially children and adults at risk. Internationally, the Catholic Church is one of the world's biggest providers of education, healthcare and social services - running schools and hospitals in some of the most deprived parts of the world. Locally, the safeguarding of the welfare of our children and of adults at risk is a duty incumbent on all of us. We can all play our part in showing care and concern, not only for the more vulnerable members of our parishes but also for those in our wider community. On this Safeguarding Sunday, I would like, especially, to thank the members of our Safeguarding Commission, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator and all our parish

Safeguarding Representatives for their good work on behalf of all of us. They have a particular role to play in helping to ensure that all who exercise ministry with children and adults at risk have appropriate training and support, so that they in turn can care for those whom they serve. Just as in our families we should nurture and care for one another, so we should do the same in the family of God, the Church, and therefore I am grateful for everything each of you does.

Today, I also want to speak about another aspect of the Church's duty to help safeguard all people who may be at risk. Human Trafficking is defined by the United Nations as 'the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of threat, use of force or other means of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of abuse of power [...] or of receiving and giving of payment to a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation'. It now ranks as the second most profitable worldwide criminal enterprise, after the illegal arms trade. The International Labour Organisation estimates that 2.4 million people are trafficked globally, at any given time, with annual profits generated from trafficking in human beings being as high as £17 billion. The UK is a destination country for human trafficking, and victims come here from countries such as Albania, Vietnam, Nigeria, Romania, Poland, Eritrea, China, Slovakia, and Sudan.

It is easy to think that human trafficking, that this kind of modern slavery, happens elsewhere, but not where I live. Let me tell you about 'Maria'. That is not her real name, but I shall call her 'Maria'. She is a vulnerable young woman in her twenties. She was born with a cleft palate, which affected her speech, and she has significant learning difficulties. In January last year, police called at an address in Nottingham. Inside, they found 'Maria'. She was malnourished, frail, very distressed, and appeared to be in pain. It was later discovered that she had a fractured rib and wrist, as well as bruising, as a result

of regular beatings. The only clothes she possessed were those she was wearing: a thin vest, tracksuit top, and a pair of men's jeans held up by a shoelace in place of a belt; no socks, just trainers.

'Maria' was eventually able to explain how she had been held captive at the house for the previous three months, where she had been made to work for the couple who lived there with their two children. She was, in effect, kept as an unpaid domestic slave, who was forced to sleep on the floor with no bedclothes. If she upset the couple or did anything they perceived to be wrong she was made to sleep outside where the dogs slept. Not only did she receive no pay, but the state benefits she received were stolen from her and paid into the couple's account. Her mobile phone was taken from her to prevent her contacting anyone, and she was denied access to Facebook and other forms of social media. She was assaulted regularly, not only by the couple but also by one of their male friends who was a regular visitor to the house.

All three eventually pleaded guilty to a number of charges of assault, theft, false imprisonment, and forced or compulsory labour, and were sent to prison. This took place within our Diocese, within Nottingham!

Popes St John Paul II, Benedict, and Francis have in recent years continually drawn the attention of the Church and the wider society to this now widespread exploitation of human beings. In May 2012, the Vatican hosted an international conference on combating human trafficking. It was organised by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales, and brought Catholics into a dialogue with police and prosecution authorities from around the world to develop a new partnership using the Church's worldwide networks. This work was continued by a second international conference in 2014, chaired by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, which resulted in the establishment of the 'Santa Marta Group', a partnership of Bishops and law enforcement

officials which now has membership in thirty-six countries, including the United Kingdom. It also met in London, later that same year, at the invitation of the British Government.

Parliament passed the Modern Slavery Act in 2015, which saw an Anti-Slavery Commissioner being appointed in England & Wales. His role is to help ensure that more victims of modern slavery are identified and referred for appropriate support, and that human traffickers and slave masters are prosecuted and convicted. In June 2015, 'Caritas Bakhita House' was opened in London; run by religious sisters, it provides short-term initial shelter and pastoral and practical help to female victims of human trafficking.

So that we can begin to become more sensitive to potential victims of trafficking and other exploited and vulnerable individuals living in our midst, it is my intention to hold training days in parts of the Diocese so that we can learn more about what Pope Francis has called 'an open wound on the body of contemporary society'.

If you would like to be involved in helping to shape a diocesan response to this global evil, as part of our safeguarding care, please do get in contact with your parish priest or deacon. If you would like to find out more about modern slavery, please go to the resources section of the diocesan Year of Mercy website: [www.bemerciful.co.uk](http://www.bemerciful.co.uk).

Above all else, please pray for an end to human trafficking and modern slavery. Please keep me in your prayers, and know that you and your loved ones are in mine.

+ Patrick

**Rt Rev Patrick McKinney  
Bishop of Nottingham**



# The Crowning Of Our Lady

The annual Crowning of Our Lady's statue took place on Sunday May 8th at the Church Of The Good Shepherd in Nottingham. The occasion was very well attended with a full church. All of our children processed up to the Altar with flowers being placed at the foot of the statue before a crown, adorned with roses, was placed on Our Lady's statue. Each child received a pack containing rosary beads, miraculous medal and 2 booklets - "The Rosary for Children" and a "Junior Leaflet" explaining the Miraculous Medal. In total, 150 packs were distributed to children and these were blessed by Father Philip whilst the children were gathered around Our Lady's statue. We would like to thank Rebecca ( Flowers by Rebecca) for the beautiful flower posies supplied for this event.

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### Catholic Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lincoln Bank Holiday Monday 30 May 2016



The month of May has long been dedicated to Mary with devotions, processions and pilgrimages. In his 1965 encyclical *Mense Maio* Pope Paul VI identified it as a time for renewed prayers to Mary for peace and unity among all Christians. In this same spirit of ecumenism during the month of May in this Jubilee of Mercy, Bishop Patrick encourages us to celebrate our common heritage by visiting cathedrals and churches dedicated by our forebears to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as here in Lincoln.

The month of May ends with the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On the Eve of this, Bank Holiday Monday, the Catholic community with friends from other churches are invited by the Dean and Chapter to celebrate in Lincoln's ancient cathedral, dedicated since its origins as an Anglo-Saxon Minster to Saint Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the *Word made Flesh*.

**2.00 p.m.** Pilgrims assemble outside the Great West Doors of the Cathedral to be welcomed by the Dean and Chapter. Those who would like to walk from either of the Catholic Churches of St Hugh or Our Lady of Lincoln, will be welcome to park in their car parks. The two church halls will be open from 12.00 noon for eating picnic lunches; and tea and coffee will be available.

**2.30 p.m.** After the welcome at 2.00 p.m., we shall make our way to St Hugh's Choir for the **Sung Mass of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Votive) at the High Altar. The celebrant will be Monsignor Tom McGovern Prot.Ap. Vicar General of the Diocese of Nottingham. Catholic priests will be welcome to concelebrate. Bishop Patrick sends his blessing, but will be in Rome. Music will be provided by Lincoln Catholic Deanery Choir under the direction of Daniel Ballard.

**3.45 p.m.** After Mass there will be a talk by Rev. John Wilford in the Wren Library on the historical importance of Mary to Lincoln since Anglo-Saxon times, and the significance of the recent sculpture of *The Word Made Flesh* as a focus for renewed Marian devotion and pilgrimage in our ancient city. There is a limit of one hundred persons in the Wren Library, so tickets may have to be issued.

**4.30 p.m.** Tea and biscuits served in the Chapter House, with time to explore the riches of Lincoln Cathedral and spend time in prayer. Pilgrims may leave at any time during the afternoon, but at **5.30 p.m.** Evensong (Vespers) will be sung with a visiting Cathedral choir. After this there will be a procession to the Lady Chapel for concluding prayers and the *Salve Regina*; to be over by 6.30 p.m.

Deacon John Wilford, e-mail [parish@ourladyoflincoln.com](mailto:parish@ourladyoflincoln.com), or telephone 01522 800114.



# Grace Dieu and Ratcliffe Retreat Day

Year 4 children at Grace Dieu Manor School invited the Year 4 children from Ratcliffe Preparatory School to join them on a Retreat Day. The theme was Discipleship and Stewardship. The children enjoyed creating their own dramas about how we can look after each other, the task was undertaken with great relish... it seems that we have some budding actors amongst us!

The group also created environmental posters about how we can prevent pollution and work together to look after our world. We finished the day with a beautiful Mass in the School Chapel.

The day was a huge success and the children made many new friends as a result of it!



# Any Dream Will Do for St Mary's Bible Story Club



'The St Mary's School Bible Story Club, Derby, took their performance of the story of Joseph and his brothers to the residents of The Mercy Care Home Centre. The children acted their hearts out and sang two songs – 'Any Dream Will Do' and 'Joseph's Coat.' The quality of the singing certainly impressed the audience who requested an encore. The Coat of Many Colours had been lent to the children by the 'Oakwood Open the Book Team' who regularly go into primary schools to perform Bible stories for children in non-faith schools. It is wonderful to witness the Bible being shared like this in Derby to some of our oldest and youngest residents.'



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