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Volunteer Hopes To Inspire Climate Change Action

A Nottingham volunteer hopes his passion will inspire others to help combat climate change in his new role with aid agency CAFOD.

Tom Beall has been chosen as a Climate Champion by the agency, which will see him travel to Brussels by train in July for a sustainability workshop.

When 20-year-old Tom returns from the workshop, he will be raising awareness about climate change, sustainable living and CAFOD campaigns in the local community.

Tom said: "The reason I applied to be a Climate Champion is because climate change is something that I feel really passionate about.

"I know it is a problem that needs addressing and I hope I am able to help in doing that. I want to be able to inspire others to feel as passionately about the environment as I do.

"I can't wait to head off to Brussels!"

Tom works at family business Smiths-Timber Merchant in Newark and also volunteers with the National Trust, Newark Palace Theatre and the International Cricket Council.

CAFOD and the National Trust are both part of the Climate Coalition, which is formed of different organisations in the UK who have come together to combat climate change.

Tom said: "The fact that the National Trust and CAFOD are linked by the Climate Coalition is brilliant for me!"

Tom will also be undertaking a volunteer position with CAFOD as a Campaign Volunteer Co-ordinator.

He went on to say: "I will help ensure that the impact and engagement of CAFOD campaigning is as high as possible on a local level.



Retired priests' appeal: sponsored walk

A sponsored walk? We thought would be an organisational nightmare but hadn't anticipated that Canon Eddy Jarosz was determined to walk in daily sections from the south-west (Burton on Trent) to the north-west (Alkborough on the Humber) of the diocese.

We now had a direct challenge; wasn't the Retired Priests Appeal a lay led initiative? Fortunately one of our team suggested (volunteered) two friends Gillian and John Fernandez, teachers, who stepped up to the plate. We now had two outline routes in 21 daily sections

We shouldn't have worried about support: apart from sponsors, 65 people including our bishop and four priests, (and four dogs) walked, one cycled, many others organised their parishes, hosted the walkers overnight, ferried baggage, made packed lunches, opened churches, accompanied the lead walkers and provided tea at the end of daily sections. Morning Masses featured.



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Building Peaceful Communities



Who Is My Neighbour?

Over the coming months the Justice and Peace Commission will be keeping you up to date with our initiative, with the endorsement of Bishop Patrick, to help build, maintain and strengthen communities which are peaceful. At our Annual Assembly on Saturday 25th November at St Mary's Derby we will launch a parish resource to assist us all in this endeavour. In the meantime we hope you will follow this series of suggestions, resources and reflections on the subject.

This month, after the horror of recent terror attacks, we are asking you to consider "Who is my neighbour? Do you really know your community? Who are the people who comprise it? To truly have a chance of building peaceful communities we need to know each other. Otherwise, how can we build relationships with people we don't know?"

It is no mean feat to try to get to know the members of your local community. These days it is easier to know our 'virtual' community – those we engage with online. People no longer work where they live, or work with their neighbours, or sit with them on the bus. They no longer see each other regularly at working men's clubs, associations, union meetings or other institutions and organisations where traditionally people could meet 'their neighbour'. A void has been created, and we need to ask ourselves how we can fill it. Where there is emptiness, there the Holy Spirit will come to fill the void.

As church communities, many with well-equipped parish centres, now is the time to ask ourselves how our parishes serve the needs of the local community (not merely the Catholic community). Could your parish host regular meet-up opportunities for people who don't normally mix, all living in the same area? This would mean stepping away from our usual practice of using parish centres to raise funds for parish finances or

charities which the parish supports. To attract all-comers we need to look more closely at using church buildings as places where people can come together, at no cost, to learn from face to face contact who their neighbours are. This will require effort, conviction and complete selflessness from the parish, but if we who were called by our baptism do not step up to fill the void in meaningful social interaction in the 21st century, who will?

Wanted - Parish Correspondents

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

All items to be emailed to johnclwson@icloud.com before 10th of the month

Summer in the Forest

A new film about Jean Vanier and the L'Arche communities he founded was released in the UK on the 23 June. It tells the story of the love and friendship between people with and without

learning disabilities who share life together, living and/or working in the L'Arche communities of France and Bethlehem. It is comic, tender and moving. One critic said: "...it is extremely rare for a film to have the power to change lives. This one really might."



See trailer and cinema information here: www.summerintheforest.com any profit from the film will go to L'Arche.

For those unable to go to the cinema, the film can be downloaded at a special reduced price for parishioners from the website. The discount coupon code is SUMMER2017

Diary Dates

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15 - 20 Oct

St. Philip Neri parish Mansfield – Pilgrimage to Florence and Rome: 15th – 22nd October 2017 –

For more details or to book a place please contact Fr. Paul Chipchase: SPNMansfield@hotmail.co.uk

23 Oct - 2 Nov

Yad Vashem Seminar 2017 for Clergy and Church Leaders Monday 23rd October – Thursday 2nd November 2017.

Please note events may be cancelled for one reason or another. It is therefore prudent to ensure there are no changes to the information listed above before travelling.

HERMITAGE OF OUR LADY & SAINT BENEDICT

Statue renovation / painting undertaken . Please contact Fr. Richard h.d.n.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Due to the General Election on June 8th it was always necessary to write this article without knowledge of the new Government. The recent poll campaign however took a tragic direction due to the atrocities and loss of life in both Manchester on May 22nd and London on June 3rd. Only those who were present at these evil outrages can truly know what impact they will relay to the years ahead for their families. The cosmopolitan nature of our big cities ensures that foreign visitors to our shores may also be affected by the hatred we have recently experienced. Our country will be for ever grateful to the emergency services and so many others who responded with intense courage and personal love.

The new administration at Westminster will have a huge and difficult agenda, not only for our country but also in international affairs. I hope many readers studied the letter which was available in churches from the Catholic Bishops Conference. Under ten major statements we were given guidance for the MP's, who have been elected. I make no apology for quoting two of the statements which would not have possibly influenced many voters. The Bishops' spoke of our prison system facing unprecedented levels of violence and suicide. This has got far worse in recent years and with our prison population so high we urgently need prison reform and better resourcing. My second observation is the Bishop's reference to helping the world's poorest. In 1970 the

United Nations gave us the now much quoted figure of 0.7% from our country. This aid figure was not achieved until 2013. This Bishop's clearly state we should protect the international development budget to widen the scope by getting more guidance from organisations like CAFOD to ensure the aid reaches those in greatest need.

On the Sunday before the Manchester tragedy I was fortunate enough to attend Mass in the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese. The church had a huge Ascension Cross which dominated the sanctuary. The senior priest who celebrated Mass looked forward to Pentecost by suggesting "we achieve a good deed each week on the days of Monday to Friday". If we do this, he added "we will know the Holy Spirit is working".

A regular school bus which passes that church has an additional visual aid above the driver's cab, this sign simply says "all passengers welcome". Those brilliant people in Manchester and London surely reacted to this.

Our Bishops quoted Pope Francis when he said, "We love the human family which dwells here in all its tragedies and struggles". Will our new MP's please take notice?

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish,
Newark

LEICESTERSHIRE EMOHC RENEWAL DAY WITH BISHOP PATRICK

On Saturday May 13th, 260 Leicestershire Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion gathered at St Peters Church in Hinckley for our annual 'Renewal Day'. This is an event that takes place each year for all ministers across the Diocese within their own county.

However, for Leicestershire, this year was to be a little different as we were privileged to have with us Bishop Patrick McKinney who would speak to us and also be our main celebrant for Holy Mass.

After meeting old friends and 'catching up' on news from around the parishes over a cup of tea or coffee, our day began in the beautiful church of St Peters at 11.00am. Anthony Baxendale welcomed us and informed us of the programme for the day and then introduced Bishop Patrick who spoke to us of how God's love gives us the strength and courage needed in our vocation as Eucharistic Ministers. He also suggested how we could develop our prayer lives and encouraged us to "pray as you can, not as you can't."

After sharing these thoughts, interspersed with his gentle sense of humour, he con-

cluded by inviting any questions we might have and was able to answer them all.

After a short 'comfort break' Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Patrick and concelebrated with Fr's Frank Daly, Michael Eastwood, Geoffrey Hurst, Michael Mason and Terry Fellows. Fr Daniel Palmer was our organist and provided the musical support for our hymn singing. A truly joyous celebration bringing our morning to a close!

Lunch followed in the vibrant atmosphere of the Mary Forryan Centre where the ladies of the parish excelled in keeping us all well fortified with a never ending supply of tea, coffee and biscuits.

For the afternoon session and the final part of the day Fr. Michael Eastwood guided us in thoughts and prayer in a very Holy Hour which was the perfect contemplative way to bring the day to a close.

Anthony then concluded proceedings by summarising on the thoughts we had heard from Bishop Patrick, thanking Fr. Frank and St Peters parish for their hospitality, and to all those who had helped in any way. With Anthony's final, "Have a safe journey



home" ringing in our ears we dispersed and reflected on what had truly been a 'very' special day!

*Text by Ted Keller
Photographs by Anthony Baxendale*



**Fr Tim
O'Sullivan
Celebrates his
80th Birthday**



The parishioners of St Mary's Derby came together to organise an 80th birthday party for Canon Tim O'Sullivan. He has been the Parish Priest here for 24 years and the hall was packed with well-wishers, friends and family who wanted to be with Fr Tim to mark this milestone birthday. There was a display of Irish dancing, not one but two birthday cakes and plenty of food and drink. The music was provided by Fr Joe Wheat and Andy Clare, whose toe-tapping tunes ensured no one wanted to leave at the end. We wish Fr Tim many happy returns."

Frances Wickes

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A tip and added value

The tip: have a bishop to walk a section. Forget football fans-ask if he has walking boots and ask him to walk. Bishop Patrick did. The added value: the support, hospitality and friendship received from so many people along the way and that people met others from different parishes. Space lets us only show a few pictures but there are many more on our website (www.retiredpriestsappeal.com).

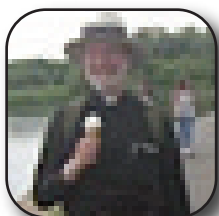
The lay led limb steals a march
The Fernandez set off on 23 May.

After excellent hospitality overnight (maybe we should have weighed them) they and five walkers (six counting a dog) visited both Glossop churches, the Hadfield and Broadbottom (more food) churches on the way to Marple Bridge to be met by Fr John and hosts.

With 'wonderful breakfast', then Mass with the school's 'Year 4' was followed by 15 mins Q and A with the children- as you'd expect remarkably straightforward but to teachers easy enough. With four accompanying walkers (and a dog) they went via to New Mills (another excellent lunch) to Chapel-en-le-Frith, met by Peter Barnes and Fr Kevin (ex-police officer). That evening it was 'plenty of good food and drink'. Next day saw Buxton; they went south while Fr Gerry and Bishop Patrick opened a school extension, with Bishop Patrick on his way north to Glossop. We omit the details of the hospitality and dining (see our website) but in short we really should have weighed in John and Gillian.

During a 'wi fi' blank they passed through Wyedale and Cheadale to a warm reception in Bakewell coinciding with leaving the noise of planes going to Manchester. Despite Fr Hugh having to miss the host's dinner he left with a huge 'take away'. Catenians and friends from St Mary's, Loughborough joined to reach Matlock via High Tor with motorbike riders admiring each other's bikes and a model boat exhibition and model duck and ducklings at Cromford Wharf. After high tea and Vigil Mass Fr Robbie, who will soon abseil 418 feet for Aid to the Church in Need (<http://matlockcatholicchurch.org.uk>) cooked dinner- for (or from) which he asked the congregation to pray. It was good. The welcome at Belper by Fr Michael and parishioners included more tea and cakes, dinner with Sean (another police officer) and Theresa and an overnight stay with hosts they would meet again later. Bishop Patrick joined the Belper walkers and after Mass (yes- more tea and cakes) all set off for Derby. The bishop brought the rain and the welcome party sent to find them lost them. By the time they returned the walkers reached St Mary's where parishioners were joined by Canon Tim, Fr Neil and Deacon Chris. The customary church visit included the restored Lady Chapel and the local hosts offered 'wonderful food and drink' before the Fernandez set off for Long Eaton the next day.

The next day while the Fernandez set out for Long Eaton, accompanied by friends from St Mary's Loughborough for yet another good welcome at Long Eaton with tea and a well hosted evening, the bishop accompanied Frs Eddy and John Paul from Burton on Trent through South Derbyshire countryside to Melbourne where after welcome by Fr Anthony the party made a swift, 'clerically endorsed' bolt to a local pub. By the time they had arrived a lady who had cycled from Burton had long since



Ice cream for some...

cycled back.

The lay last stretch but one.

On May 31 after Mass six parishioners (and a dog) were briefed by Fr Martin, solicitous for their sun protection and first aid provision accompanied the Fernandez to West Bridgford. The pilgrims had coffee, lunch, fruit and ice cream breaks before arriving ahead of schedule for tea. Fr Martin led a small party to the Olde Trip to Jerusalem, a pilgrim hostelry before taking the bus back home.

Gillian and John took a couple of days to recuperate (see Re-united)

Fr Eddy plods on and a young walker

Meanwhile after Mass, Fr Eddy and three parishioners set off passing Melbourne Hall leaving Derbyshire for Shepshed in Leicestershire to be met by Fr Michael and parishioners. One walker, Nathan who was accompanied by his grandmother became the youngest participant walking a full section.



Well done Nathan

Long legs

The next day Fr David Cain (new PP in St Alban's Derby) joined at Shepshed, for early breakfast and strode out for East Leake with Fr Eddy. Fr David is also to walk and collect for the Three Peaks Challenge for The Briars at the end of June.
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/davidcain1>

Plans to use the Normanton on Soar chain ferry failed so they diverted to Zouch to cross the Soar where a local septuagenarian who joined for the last part wryly observed the tall Fr David only needed four paces to cover the distance it took him five. The speedy pace nearly caught the local welcome on the hop.

Next day after Mass, celebrated by Fr Eddy while Fr Michael the PP celebrated at Keyworth, eight parishioners from East Leake and Keyworth set off with Fr Eddy in stages for West Bridgford with en route from Sharphill Wood a glimpse of the distant Cathedral, just as Camino to Santiago di Compostella pilgrims see their destination cathedral.

The walkers unite

Pentecost morning saw eleven walkers being seen off by Frs John and Michael from West Bridgford It included the Fer-



Fr Eddy (first left) and the Fernandez (4th and 6th) with young walkers.



nandez, their granddaughters Tilly (2) and Annie (1), Fr Eddy, and three Catenians (two on their second walks)

Annie was in a pushchair but Tilly did 2 miles by balance bike on a river and canal side route. Fr Eddy went ahead to prepare for celebrating the 10:00 Mass. He managed to incorporate the walk in his homily by quoting a phrase from the Sequence - 'Guide the steps that go astray' although the Fernandez might have added the phrases 'Thou in toil art comfort sweet, Pleasant coolness in the heat'. During the swift turnover before the 11:15 Confirmation Mass the walkers were reunited with Bishop Patrick and made their way to tea in the hall meeting the throng entering the Cathedral and local supporters.



At the cathedral

Fr Eddy continues

After a restful weekend Fr Eddy started at his childhood parish of Carlton, where he went to school, served at Mass and was ordained with Fr Joe for Fiskerton near Southwell. He who was to meet them strode off down the Trent towpath and spotted too late that Frs Eddy & Joe were using a slightly different route, spotted them in the distance but had no chance of overtaking: note Fr Joe has long legs. To complete childhood memories Fr Eddy's overnight hosts were originally parishioners of Carlton. Even without Bishop Patrick's ability to make it rain on 6 June Fr Eddy was teased by intermittent showers arriving in Newark pretty wet. The locals welcoming him included Carla and Mandy from the Appeal Office.

An upended sheep

The next day Carol, added rural wisdom. Accompanying Fr Eddy she came across a sheep upended on its back. Some might upright themselves, but sheep normally walk on four legs so unless they are just scratching off parasites it does seem sensible to help: Carol got on with it.

After Mass in St Hugh's Lincoln Fr Eddy

and two companions for the day, set off, mainly through fields, passing through Stow with its fine church, animals, crops (and polling stations) to St Thomas's in Gainsborough.

Gainsborough to home

During this section to Holy Souls via St Bernadette's for tea, Fr Eddy reflected 'I thought about the many amazing people I met on my journey, and their great desire to support this appeal'. After tea at yet another policeman, Paul Hemingway looked after Fr Eddy.

But more to come

We have lost count of the number of miles walked by Fr Eddy, the Fernandez, Bishop Patrick and priests, the more than 300 walkers, reception groups, parish based organisers and overnight hosts. The accounts from Fr Eddy and Gillian & John summaries the walk.

Fr Eddy referring to his final day's walk from Scunthorpe to Alkborough wrote: 'After a night in my own bed the day dawned full of rain and I have to admit I had doubts as to whether the final stage would go ahead. However the presence of nine other people eager to walk with me meant that there was no choice in the matter and so after a post Mass cup of tea we braved the rain and set out.

The first hour or so was wet and miserable but then the rain stopped and we began to dry out. We stopped for a lunch break at Burton upon Stather and we were joined by another four walkers for the final stretch to Alkborough. We passed some wonderful views of the Trent as it reached its end at the Humber Estuary.

Just before three o'clock 14 of us reached Alkborough and two dogs too, the biggest group I had walked with on my journey. For me it was a fitting ending to the whole walk in which I believe I covered some 120 miles in 10 days of walking. As well as the pleasure and satisfaction that the walk has given me I hope it has helped to raise the profile of the Retired Priests Appeal and some much needed funds.

Thanks to all!

And from Gillian and John 'It has been an increasingly uplifting pilgrimage from Glossop to Nottingham and we will be ever grateful for the support, hospitality and friendship we have received along the way'

It is not too late to sponsor the walk- contact us srpfappeal@nrcdt.org.uk or 01158 882644.

Bishop Patrick pays tribute to 'transforming' work of Apostleship of the Sea

The Bishop of Nottingham, Rt Rev Patrick McKinney, has given a ringing endorsement for the ministry of Apostleship of the Sea (AoS).

Bishop McKinney recalled his visit to Immingham port early last year where he went on board a new ship with AoS' port chaplains and saw first-hand their work with seafarers. He also celebrated Mass for the crew and blessed the ship during that visit.

"That day very much opened my eyes to the important ministry that you all exercise," he said in his homily at a Mass on 11 May during AoS' national conference.

"Many crew members arrive at ports perhaps not having eaten for several days, sometimes abused or ill-treated.

"Hence the importance of good local support from parishes who can help with practical care, a welcoming atmosphere and maybe some good food as well," he said.

Reflecting on Pope Francis' understanding of God and of the Church, the Bishop said

the Church needs to be close to the people it serves – touching the suffering flesh of Christ.

"As I saw that day in Immingham, a Church close to the people it serves will not always be a tidy, orderly church, but rather one that gets its shoes soiled by the mud off the roads. This is the Church that the Holy Father prefers to see, a Church that through its closeness to the people it serves is a little bruised, hurting and dirty, because it has been out amongst the people."

Bishop McKinney added, "May the risen Christ Jesus continue to bless your transforming work of care and pursuit of justice on behalf of seafarers through the AoS.

"And may you in turn continue to challenge and enable parishes not only to give of their



money but also to give where possible of their time, their love and their practical care to transform, even for a little while, the hard and often harsh life of seafarers so far away from their loved ones and their homes."

*** Sea Sunday this year is on 9th July. Please pray for and remember seafarers on this special day.**

Bags of Love



Market Harborough Circle President, Bill Ryan, presenting his cheque to Cathy McManus, Parish Co-ordinator for Mary's Meals with some of the Ladies of Our Lady of Victories and St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth. Left to Right: Jean Davies, Mary Long, President Bill Ryan, Co-ordinator Cathy McManus, Eileen Fox and Vera Mather.

More than 40 youngsters in Malawi will have the chance of an education and regular, life-saving meals thanks to kind hearted Catenians from Market Harborough

The 'Bags of Love' project, part of the work of Mary's Meals, provides children in poverty with special backpacks filled with school clothes, notebooks, pencils, flip-flops and spoons, enabling them to attend school, and the Mary's Meals charity also supplies the world's poorest children with meals every school day.

Said Market Harborough Circle's Bill Ryan, who chose to support the charity in his year as President: "This is a project close to my heart which my Parish has been involved with since 2012. The £1000 Catenian donation will give young children, living in difficult circumstances, the opportunity to escape poverty through education."

A parishioner at Our Lady of Victories and

St. Alphonsus in Lutterworth, Bill added: "By the end of 2017 the Parish will have sent 1500 'Bags of Love' to needy youngsters in Liberia and Malawi. It is truly humbling and rewarding to be able to make such a difference."

Cathy McManus, Parish Co-ordinator for Mary's Meals, said she was "overwhelmed" by the "extremely generous Catenian support." She explained that Mary's Meals serves more than 1.2 million meals to the world's poorest children each school day in 14 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. Providing food attracts "chronically poor" children into the classroom, where they receive an education which can hopefully be their "ladder out of poverty."

Added Bill: "Market Harborough Circle is delighted to support these charitable works which we hope will have a life-changing impact on our world's future generation."

Look At The Crucifix!

If you would like to know God, look at the Crucifix!
 If you would like to love God, look at the Crucifix!
 If you want to serve God, look at the Crucifix!
 If you hope for eternal happiness, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder what you are worth, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much God loves you, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much He wants you in heaven, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how He tries to prevent you from the jaws of hell, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much he will help you to save your immortal soul, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much you should forgive others, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much you should do for the salvation of souls, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how much your faith demands of you, in poverty, charity, meekness and every virtue, look at the Crucifix!
 If you want to know what unselfishness and generosity look like, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wonder how far your own unselfishness should go to bring others to Christ, look at the Crucifix!
 If you want to understand the need for self denial and mortification, look at the Crucifix!
 If you wish to live well, look at the Crucifix!

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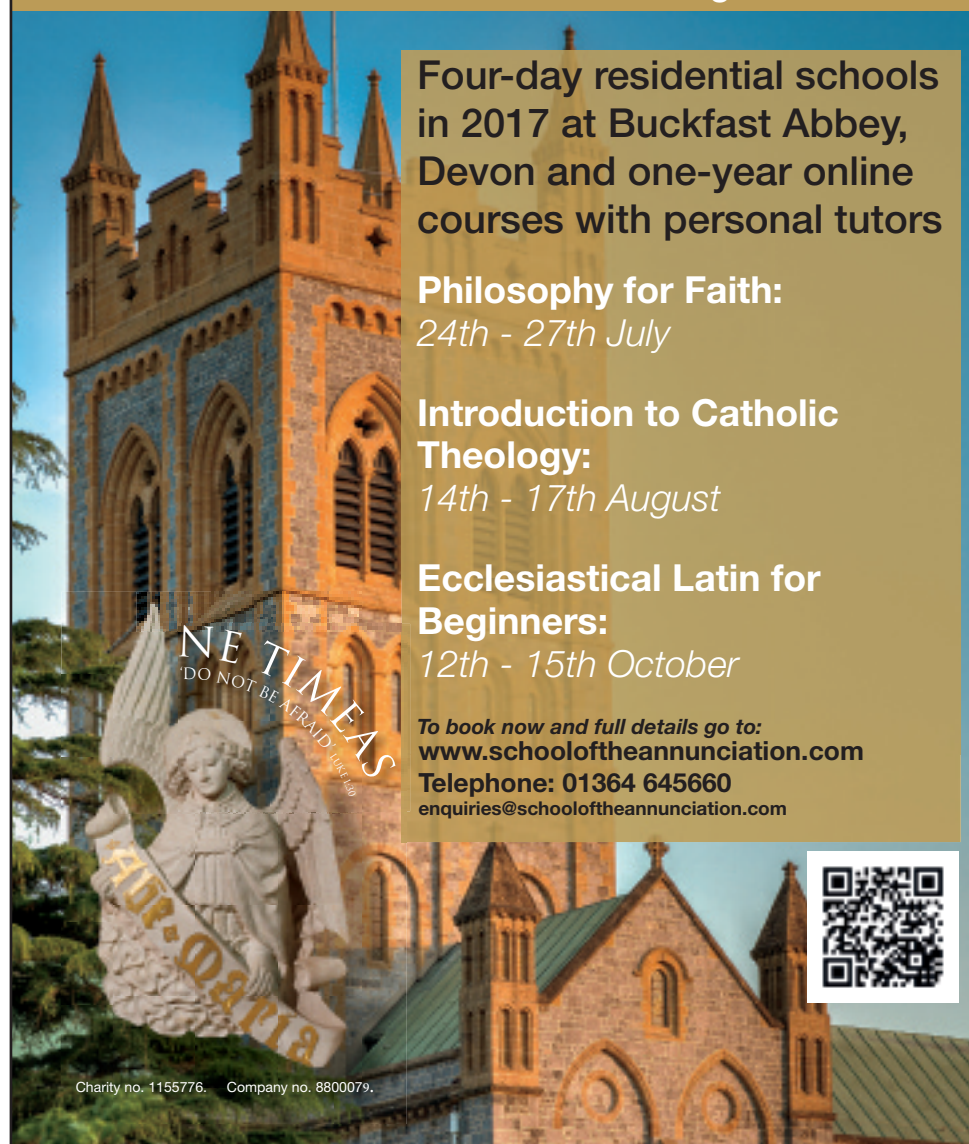
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St Joseph's Derby Youth Club Celebrating 50 Years

How wonderful to celebrate 50 years of St Joseph's youth club. Good wishes to the priests and religious and parishioners for their support. Thanks also to the parents, families and friends.

To the attentive caring members of the management committee, the terrific dedicated youth workers and the young people past and present for their honesty, energy, hope, joy and belief – congratulations!

Canon Beel was the parish priest in 1966 when talks were initiated about provision for a youth club. A cross section of parishioners met for a series of meetings and fundraising.



1967 - Rev Canon Beel and member of the YC Management Committee Jackie Weston

Fr Paul Klee from the Catholic Youth Service also attended. The youth of the parish were consulted and a management committee was formed on the 4th January 1967.

Chairman – Mr Peter Sutcliffe (Headmaster of St Joseph's school)
Treasurer – Mr A Weston
Secretary – Mrs M North
Youth Leader – Mr W Toryusen
Deputy Leader – Mr J McCready
And the distinguished committee.

29th March 1967 – Official Opening – 57 young people attended. 7.30pm – 10.00pm admission 1/-,
26th April – Quiz
15th May – Hike to Dovedale
19th July – Tramps Supper
7th September – Fr P Dooling joined the committee
15th October – Bus trip to Blackpool illuminations
29th October – Halloween Party
Christmas Eve – Visit to a Residential home to sing carols

The young people responded to the support by joining in with a whole range of activities like ice skating, hikes, pantomimes and games. We raised funds for the education of priests, the diocesan youth service and Lourdes pilgrimage, and we met up with St Mary's Youth Friday, Christ the King Mackworth and Shephed club. St Joseph's were one of the first groups to visit the Briars when we camped there in 1969 and 1971 with mass in the house. We continued to be associated through Fr M O'Donoghue and the youth rally at Ninian Park with Pope John Paul II when one of our members Paul Murphy was involved in the presentation and with Derek Hay for many years and now with Angela Gillespie a former member of the Youth Club.

Music has always been a major factor with the youth and the DJ's and musicians contributed to the success. The club has been attended by the youth from other parishes in Derby and they have helped it to flourish.

ish.

There has been great support from parishioners joining in and attending pantomimes and concerts. St Joseph's Mothers, the Columba Club and especially the Knights of St Columba for accommodating the club for many years and joining in each year for Stations of the Cross. Miss P Ashmole knew lots of the youth from teaching at St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School and had a wonderful vocation working with the young people. Sister Raphael's many years of teaching at St Joseph's Primary School and her links to the parishioners have been invaluable. Sister attends the youth club each week working on the door and she is greatly appreciated. Carol Barnett also attends each week purchasing the refreshments, then working in the tuck shop usually in great demand. We are blessed that they give so much of their time to the youth club.

All the priests have been supportive and encouraging especially the curates in their attending and joining in.

Rev Monsignor Canon Peter Dooling came to St Joseph's in September 1967 and immediately took an active part. Full of ideas and energy he inspired us to reach out and do more. He introduced the pantomimes and gave us a sense of fun and confidence in our life and faith.



Fr Dooling - First Anniversary of the Youth Club

Rev Michael Moore arrived in 1974 and got to know so many young people. He started the YCW and travelled to Lourdes with the youth. Fr Michael made us feel important in the church. He was a great help to the young adults.

Rev Greg Tobin came to St Joseph's in 1983 and made a great impact with the young people. Remembered for his involvement and inspiration for the Tuesday Club, the Folk Group, the Columba Club, the pantomimes and the Youth Club. We learnt to pray through music and drama with lots of fun.

Rev Paul Newman came to St Joseph's in 1989, very popular, involved the young people in many things. The junior youth group started and Fr Paul was very supportive.

Rev John Cahill came for a short period 1995 to 1997 and was very popular with the youth particularly playing football at St Joseph's School.

Rev P Wade – came in 1997 when Fr N McLaughlin was Parish Priest and attended and supported the young people.

We are extremely grateful to the clergy who shared their incredible vocation working with the young people and for

bringing Jesus closer into our daily lives.

Rev Canon T O'Sullivan welcomed the youth club to use St Mary's hall for a few years and we are grateful to Fr Tim and the parishioners.

The youth club is now back in St Joseph's and meets Thursday evenings. Our Parish priest Fr John Trenchard is very supportive with great counsel. The present management committee consist mainly of former members who have lots of experience and includes Aidan Repton, 43 years as Treasurer and his wife Regina as Secretary.

The present youth workers Irene Murphy and her son Pierce, Dominic Merrison, Tony Sadler and Janice Birkinshaw are particularly experienced and are outstanding, with lots of skills and understanding.



Fr McLaughlan and Fr Wade with Youth Club members

The youth leader Anne Flannigan has been working in the youth service for many years with Derby City Youth Service and with young people on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Anne works fulltime at St Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy and was a past member of the youth club, she absolutely holds dear and cares for all the young people.

Friday 7th July at 7.00pm 2017 Celebration Mass at St Joseph's Church, Burton Road, Derby followed by light refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome in the Bell and Castle, Burton Road afterwards.

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Youth Club Hike



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Youth Club Activity



Stations of the Cross with the Youth Club and KSC



Current members of the Youth Club

St Mary's Chaplaincy Team give every class flowers in honour of Mary

During the month of May, to celebrate their patron, children from St Mary's School Chaplaincy Team in Derby planted a pot of Marigolds for each class. Marigolds have a long association with the Blessed Virgin, they were known as 'Mary's Gold' by early Christians and they put them around statues of her in place of coins. During the Flight into Egypt, legend tells us that the Holy Family were robbed, however when the thieves came to open Mary's purse, Marigolds fell out. This flower is therefore perfect for showing love and respect to Mary. We hope the classes enjoy watching their Marigolds bloom."

Frances Wickes



Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

The month of July for us here at our little hermitage is usually a special month with several things to celebrate - July 11th especially is kept with great solemnity, with joy and with thanksgiving. There are two main reasons for this, the first being that it is the feast of Our Holy Father Saint Benedict our Patron whose holy rule written for his monks we follow here at the hermitage, the second reason being it is also the anniversary of both our ordinations to the sacred priesthood. So it is cause for great celebration for us both as hermits and priests - God called us and having heard his call we responded to it which is a great joy in our lives having committed ourselves to put God as priority both in our own lives and in the life of our hermitage. God has to be daily the first priority of our time and everything we do. He too must be the priority of all the choices in our lives, it is on this standard that, asking ourselves is this thing I am going to do, is the thing I am going to say, is this idea I am going to frame and carry out something that we can lay before God and ask his blessing on?. These are questions which perhaps from time to time we should all ask ourselves, if we do this it will surely give us a great confidence and a great peace - it will not matter how small or how larger a task we carry out if we are able to say "this is what God wants me to do" and we can be certain he will give us the help and graces to do it. Our priestly / eremitical life here at the hermitage calls us, like our monastic fathers in a simple and humble way to render our lives to God, that God may be first in our lives in all we endeavour to do throughout the hours of each day. In a hermits life there is no such thing as time. What we might call time is just a moment in eternity and we are able to bring heaven into, not only our own lives, but also the lives of those people for whom we pray and intercede, that priority to God may be given in our



world. So on the occasions we have cause for great joy, a cause for thanksgiving, let us remember God was there first, our love is there because God loved us first, turning every joy into thanksgiving. But let us also remember the occasions we feel pain or sorrow - God was also there first. God knows all about it, Jesus has worn the crown of thorns and shares in all our lives experiences and eventually sorrows will be turned into a thing of joy, as the psalmist says "At night there will be tears but joy comes at dawn". As priests and hermits we are blest to share with so many the joys and sorrows of life, through our priestly ministry, but especially as hermits dedicated to God in silence, solitude and prayer and intercession for our world and all estates of men daily through our celebration of the Eucharist, through the Divine Office of the Church and most especially through the prayer requests we receive daily, taking into account the sensitivity of every request - nonetheless all are offered in joy, and thanksgiving, none more so than in July when we recall all that God has given to us through our ministries. On July 11th, please remember us in your Masses and prayer, this giving us yet another joy that we share in the family of our diocese, in which hopefully we have a small but significant part.

Fr. David + h.d.n.
Priest and Hermit
Diocese of Nottingham

DAILY BUGLE

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Not many schools can say they have special blessings from three Popes over the past 120 years but that's exactly what St Bonaventure's in Forest Gate can proudly claim.

The school has just received a personalised blessing from His Holiness Pope Francis to bless the Headteacher, staff, students and community on the occasion of their 140th anniversary that begins this summer.

This wonderful blessing has just been framed and has been added to the corridor outside Headteacher Mr Halliwell's office along with the blessing from Pope Paul VI that was bestowed on the school in 1977 for their centenary but never displayed until now.

The blessing from Pope Leo XIII, dated 1896, was discovered in a dusty corner of one of the huge cellars about a year ago and has now been restored and framed and added to the other two blessings outside the Head's office for everyone to see.



Mr Halliwell said: "I am honoured to have three Papal blessings spanning over 120 years and knowing that three Holy Fathers have blessed and prayed for our school, it's students and staff makes me feel very humble indeed.

"2017 is a very special year for us and al-

though the school has changed dramatically in the 140 years since it was founded, the love and care our students receive has not changed and staff still strive to get the best out of them every single day in a bid to improve their life chances. Pope Francis' special blessing will invigorate us all to "Live, Love and Learn in the Presence of the Lord" – as our motto states – every single day."

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Once again, St Mary's Boston celebrated Pentecost with an international meal in the parish hall, a time of rejoicing in the great richness of the many communities which make up the one Catholic community in Boston. This year, the colourful variety of food was enhanced by the colour and vigour of dancing and singing from the Polish and Keralan communities. (The Polish troupe was somewhat reduced, for not everyone had recovered from the previous day's celebrations around the two First Communion Masses, but they put on a brave show for all that.)



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Slipping into God ...

by Julia Beacroft

SOME TIME AGO, in a previous article, I mentioned my involvement in church care or cleaning, at my local parish church for one morning per week.

In fact my main task is vacuuming and I find it strangely soothing, relaxing and even spiritual, as it gives me a much needed opportunity for prayer and reflection. Yet the other week I was jolted out of my reverie by one of my co-volunteers. As she approached me, duster and polish in hand, I couldn't help but notice that she was giggling. As I raised my eyebrows, she began to explain: "We're not supposed to polish the actual seats of the pews," she said, "For health and safety reasons. It makes them too slippery. But I was just thinking that perhaps it might not be such a bad idea after all."

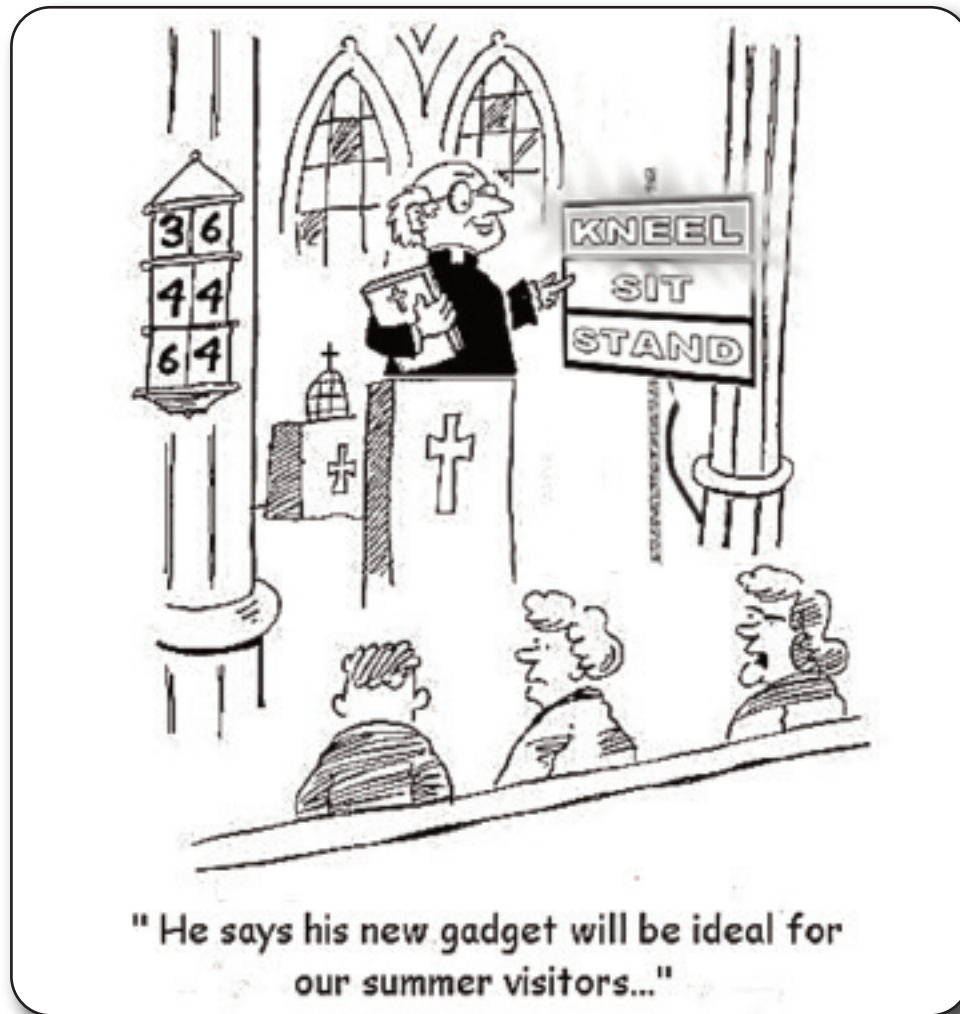
"Really?" I queried, trying to work out where the conversation was going.

"Yes!" she continued. "The parishioners can slip straight off their seats and onto their knees to pray, without having to make any effort at all!"

PERSONAL

It was hardly surprising that we both laughed at the silliness of the suggestion but I also made a mental note to repeat the joke to another friend later that day. Yet after this re-telling, I found myself seriously contemplating the ways in which we pray and the significance – if any – of these.

Prayer is extremely personal to each one of us as it is at the heart of our own relationship with Jesus Christ. Yet in the main we are able to recognise when others are praying by their actions and body language. Sitting or kneeling, hands pressed together palm to palm, clasped or held out palms upmost, are the classically recognised positions for prayer. neither simple nor straightforward.



And in fact, these physical positions are so accepted as the norm, that I've even seen a few people become upset, when they're unable to kneel to pray for medical reasons.

HEARTS

When we pray we use our minds and sometimes our lips but using our bodies in this way is also perfectly acceptable. Yet, of much greater import is the prayer which

emanates from our hearts. God knows our innermost thoughts and desires anyway, regardless of what we choose to share with him in prayer. Yet prayer is truly vital to build and maintain a loving, lasting relationship with the Lord.

Falling to our knees when we pray is a sign of reverence to the Lord – and rightly so – because he is Lord. Yet it is the reverence of our hearts and minds which we can gladly offer to God in our prayer life. In short, slipping to our knees to worship is good. Slipping into God in our hearts is sublime.

TOP FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED TO YEAR 11 STUDENT

A student at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy has been offered an Elite Player Performance Plan scholarship with Mansfield Town Football Club.

James Tague will train at Mansfield and study at college for two years from July before he finds out if the club want to offer him a professional contract.

The 15-year-old, who is in Year 11 and taking his GCSEs, is a central midfielder who was on Derby County's books until Christmas 2016.

During his time with the Rams he was also one of 30 boys selected for a series of England Under-15 training camps.

He has already attended an induction day at Mansfield Town, during which he had a look around and sat exam papers.

James said he was looking forward to proving himself at Mansfield.

He said: "I think this will be perfect for me. I was released by Derby after eight years because they didn't think I was physically ready for their U18 squad but football is all about opinions. Of course I was disappointed but they developed me and made me into the player that I am today and for that I will always be grateful.

"It's a bit of a waiting game now as I just have to take my exams and I'm going to try really hard to get good grades.

"Mansfield have offered me an EPPP scholarship which will work like an apprenticeship so I'll be training and studying a sport or coaching related subject. It's quite rare to be offered something like this so I'm really pleased. I've had a look around the accom-



modation as I'll be living there Monday to Friday.

"My ultimate aim is to be offered a professional contract."

Kevin Gritton, head teacher at Saint Benedict CVA, congratulated James on being offered the scholarship.

He said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for James who has clearly worked hard to be in this position. We wish him the best of luck, with his GCSEs and the scholarship."

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OBITUARY

Fr John Jerome Abbott LRAM ARCM LMus TCL



It was sixteen years ago that Fr John Abbott was first seen on the streets of Wollaton. Walking in the park, visiting shops, or drinking coffee outside a cafe, he was invariably accompanied by his beloved Airedale, 'Bouncer'. Tall of stature, with piercing brown eyes and ready smile, he became an instantly recognisable figure in the neighbourhood.

Few people knew that he was a Catholic priest. Officially, ill health had forced early retirement, aged fifty seven. In spite of this he put himself at the disposal of the parish priests of St Thomas More's Church, and was frequently called upon to celebrate Mass, preside at baptisms and weddings or visit the sick. Latterly, when he could hardly walk, with stubborn determination he celebrated Mass, the parishioners holding their breath as he manipulated the altar steps.

Few people also knew that this seemingly ordinary man was anything but 'ordinary'. Rescued from an orphanage, aged four, he was adopted by Mr & Mrs Abbott, shopkeepers from Earl Shilton. They must have been puzzled by this little boy, who preferred to spend his time, not by kicking a ball about with friends, but by reading in the local library. He excelled at school, and aged eleven, was taken to a classical music concert. He was 'blown away' by what he heard and from then on developed a passion for and knowledge of classical music. His parents bought him a piano and before long he was playing at an advanced level. Thereafter he spent his pocket money first on records, then later on CDs, sometimes buying multiple copies of the same piece and comparing the differing orchestral interpretations.

When, aged eighteen, John began studying at the Royal Academy of Music, he was an imposing figure, 6' 2" tall with a shock of black, curly hair and horn rimmed glasses. On graduating, his first job was teaching music to unruly and uninterested children in a London Comprehensive School. Unable to control or enthuse the pupils, he left and took a job in a carpet shop, selling Persian rugs.

Although brought up a Methodist, his girlfriend was an Anglican and he followed suit. Following the break-up of their relationship, he tried his vocation as an Anglican monk at the Benedictine Abbey in Nashdom. Later he decided that his future lay within the Catholic Church. His mother was furious, barred him from home and refused to speak to him for many years.

Not long after his reception into the Catholic Church he became a candidate for the priesthood, was accepted by the Bishop of Nottingham and studied for the next five years at Oscott College, Birmingham. Here he was invaluable as an organist and composer of sacred music including several settings to the psalms, one of which was sung at his Requiem Mass on May 10th. He was ordained priest in 1983 aged thirty nine. Then followed eighteen years ministry in different parishes which included a five year spell as Bishop McGuinness' secretary.

During the years in Wollaton, John's health declined steadily and latterly he endured a great deal of pain and had shrunk to a shadow of his former self. He was a character of great contradictions; an intellectual of wide interests and knowledge, and a man with an encyclopedic knowledge of classical music who wrote for the prestigious 'Gramophone' magazine where he critiqued the latest orchestral recordings. Alongside this was a truly mischievous, 'goon-like' sense of the ridiculous. He could be transported by the sublime music of Mahler one moment and laughing at the earthy TV comedy, 'Mrs. Brown's Boys' the next and he combined a deep knowledge and love of scripture with an enjoyment of 'horror movies'. His spirituality, which drew so many to seek his advice and counsel, ran happily alongside his love of food, especially bread and butter pudding! This complexity of character is epitomised in his favourite memories of eating chip-butties with friends, while discussing opera.

His friends felt a deep sense of loss on hearing of his death. When his body was brought into St Thomas More's church on the eve of his funeral, the church was packed with mourners. Forty priests concelebrated and about three hundred people attended his Requiem Mass at St Barnabas Cathedral the following day, testament, surely, to the widespread affection in which he was held. What was the secret of his popularity? No doubt he had charm. Everyone felt his genuine interest in them, almost as if they were doing him a favour by sharing their problems, sensing his totally non-judgemental concern.

He wore his priesthood as a badge of service with no difference in attitude toward prince or pauper and no sense of superiority in himself. He was 'just one of us', eschewing the title, 'father'. Except that he wasn't just 'one of us'. He was special.

When giving the homily at a funeral he once declared that his idea of heaven was unlimited supplies of spaghetti Bolognese, bread and butter pudding and Airedale dogs. Go for it John!

"The child grew and became strong in spirit" Luke 1:80

St George's Rc Church Derby First Holy Communion 13th & 20th May 2017



First Holy Communicants with their Priests, Deacon, school teachers and Catechist who all supported the children on their journey towards receiving their First Eucharist



There is a quote that says our lives being a gift from God, and what we do with them being our gift back to Him. Children are amazing blessings, gifts given from God's pure love. And we thank God for the abundant joy and happiness children bring to our lives, schools and parishes.

During two Saturdays in May, the 13th & 20th, we celebrated both our First Holy Communion Masses. The sun shone and the rain held off both days, the girls dressed in their beautiful white dresses and the boys in their Marian blue ties and sashes in honour of our Lady's Month of May. They were joined by teachers from our own parish school who provided the uplifting and fabulous music and singing, also teachers came along from other local catholic schools. They were very moving Masses, each one of the children had a special part to play and they joined us throughout the Mass on the Altar so they could all witness first-hand the celebration of their first Eucharist. The 13th May was a very special day as Pope Francis chose to canonise two little shepherd children on that day. The children, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, along with an older cousin Lúcia de Jesus dos Santos, told very sceptical elders that they had witnessed six apparitions of the Virgin. Sadly the younger children died in the 1918-19 European influenza pandemic. Their cousin, Lúcia, whose beatification process began in 2008, died in 2005 at age 97. So 100 years later on the day of our own FHC mass they were made Saints. Our Lady appeared to those children and recognised there is more love, forgiveness and kindness in children than some of us adults can muster in tough times.

We can all remember our own First Communion day and how special it was to us. It was wonderful to see the children's families coming along to join the celebration. Parents, siblings, family, friends and Grandparents busting with joy and pride at their little one receiving the sacrament and reminiscing. I know our FHC Masses were just as memorable and awesome for our own little parish Communicants. Please keep all our children in your prayers. They say it takes a village to raise a child and our experience tells us parents need the support of school and parish to help nurture their children's faith, we are blessed 48 of our parish families came this year and entrusted us to assist in that role.

By Canon Alan Burbidge -Parish Priest

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Students join Bishop Patrick for the annual Diocesan Beauvale Pilgrimage

Students and staff from Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy joined the Bishop of Nottingham for the annual Diocesan Beauvale Pilgrimage.

The group welcomed and joined a procession that had walked to Beauvale Priory, in Moorgreen, Nottingham.

Saint John Houghton CVA students welcomed pupils from The Priory Catholic Voluntary Academy in Eastwood and walked from Beauvale Lane through the Priory to the Beauvale Stone.

When the group arrived at Beauvale, Bishop Patrick McKinney said a blessing and held an outside Mass in the Priory grounds with Saint John Houghton CVA students Robert Smith and Adam Kavanagh reading and Anna Pancisi leading the way with the offertory.

Rachel Rose, chaplain at Saint John Houghton CVA, in Kirk Hallam, congratulated everyone who took part.

She said: "How lovely to see old friends and gather in Beauvale with our diocese, in honour of the English Martyrs and especially Saint John Houghton and Blessed Robert Lawrence.

"Many thanks to all the staff and pupils who supported this special day from Saint John Houghton CVA and The Priory and a huge thanks to the parents who gave up their time and love to join us.

"Special praise and thanks to Robert Smith, Adam Kavanagh and Anna Pancisi. How lovely it was to see Saint John Houghton students as Altar Servers and joining The Knights.

"It was a special Mass and in glorious sunshine a most enjoyable afternoon. Bishop Patrick reminded us about the faith of Saint John Houghton and asked us to find time for silence and reflection in our busy lives."

Liam Evans, 12, a student at Saint John Houghton CVA, said he enjoyed taking part.

He said: "I held the banner during the walk. When we arrived, Bishop Patrick spoke about the life of Saint John Houghton and said that we must find time in our lives for silence and reflection."



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution. Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Coax old king to embrace a knave (6)
- 8 Feral feline spotted wildcat (6)
- 9 Army lost much artillery in the initial stages of Crimea battle (4)
- 10 As rich – as poor – as a tribal leader (8)
- 11 Act badly to rib one that may need rocking to sleep (7)
- 13 Kick out at alien snatching little boy (5)
- 15 Cheat out of demesne, a knight (5)
- 17 Quietly report to Bishop, perhaps (7)
- 20 Religion that's active, serious-minded, but has no see, which is strange (8)
- 21 'Blow up French capital', you texted with extreme menace (4)
- 22 Hardly make it from pub to cathedral (6)
- 23 Bait regular teachers to infiltrate island, the western end (6)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 The best student secured backing to flower (6)
- 2 River falls are a stellar phenomenon (4)
- 3 Entrance to internet being down's a cause of some irritation (7)
- 4 Western group exercises involved US intelligence in the old days (5)
- 5 One on a quest, English vicar's poor record's about to be overturned (8)
- 6 Ancient law for marbles, put together by

QUICK Across

- 7 Persuade (6)
- 8 South American wild cat (6)
- 9 ---- River, battle in the Crimean War, 1854 (4)
- 10 Patriarch son of Jacob and Leah (8)
- 11 Hanging bed of canvas or rope netting (7)
- 13 Dispossess (of property) (5)
- 15 Move quietly trying not to be seen (5)
- 17 Senior clergyman and dignitary (7)
- 20 Ancient Celtic religion (8)
- 21 Be mad or angry (4)
- 22 Just (6)
- 23 Malign (6)

QUICK Down

- 12 Ruth's people are dead: bird attacks linked (8)
- 14 One Catholic's taken about a month in the Sorbonne to learn an ancient language (7)
- 16 Usual article by one coming from France (6)
- 18 Barrow's American emigrated with tenor in brouhaha (6)
- 19 Turned up in company of lowly bishop: bit of a 'seer', this one (5)
- 21 Tizzy over terribly subfusc cub's riotous coming out (4)

QUICK Down

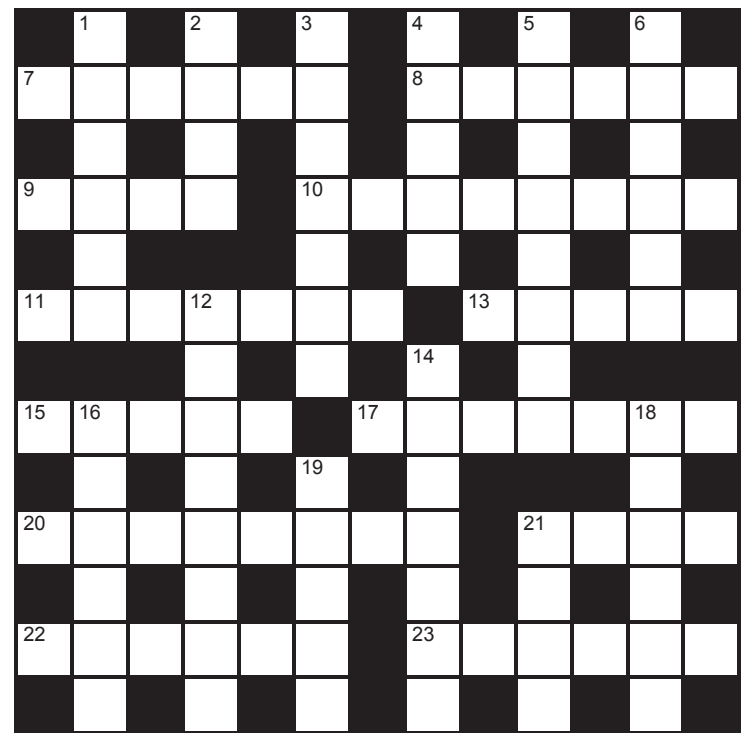
- 1 Showy bloom: any plant of this particular Mexican genus (6)
- 2 Exploding star (4)
- 3 Possess (7)
- 4 Search party (5)
- 5 Knight of the Round Table (8)
- 6 Law of the Jews from Mt Sinai (6)
- 12 Descendants of Lot's son (8)
- 14 Semitic language, dialects of which are still used by some Christian sects (7)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Mesopotamia, 7 Purr, 8 Tutelage, 9 Stir fry, 10 Twig, 12 Lead, 14 Elysian, 17 Amethyst, 18 Run, 19 Novatianism. **Down:** 1 Usurer, 2 Upstart, 3 State, 4 Amulet, 5 Mount Hermon, 6 Anglicanism, 11 Flotsam, 13 Dative, 15 Sordid, 16 Kyoto.

EXPLANATIONS

Across: 5 anag, 7 pun, 8 Tut+E+lage(-r), 9 stir+fry, 10 T+wig, 12 double def, 14 Ely+s+ian, 17 a+meth(y)+s+, 18 (-B)-ruin, 19 anag of 'invasion+(-E)-am'. **Down:** 1 pun, 2 upstart, 3 s+Tate, 4 a+mule+(-t), 5 mo+anag of 'nun+mother', 6 anag & pun, 11 hidden word in 'AerofLOT'S American', 13 dat(i)v(e), 15 'eve' letters 'o+d+d' through 'IRS' [rev], 16 anag & und.



Bronze Award for Grace Dieu's Eco-conscious pupils!

Pupils from Grace Dieu Manor School in Thringstone are delighted to have been awarded their first Eco School flag - the Bronze Award!

This internationally recognised award, for excellence in environmental action and learning, has been awarded to the newly formed Eco Committee, made up of pupils in Years 3-6, along with some teaching and non teaching staff, and some parents!

"The pupils have been incredibly committed to achieving this award," says Head of Outdoor Learning Claire Tatton. "They have undertaken an environmental review, as well as compiling an 'Eco Code' and an action plan which they have then shared with the rest of the School."

The Eco Committee are, quite rightly, proud to have been awarded a certificate that recognises their achievements in work-



ing toward a sustainable lifestyle.

"We are delighted that the pupils' hard work has been recognised, especially given our strong reputation for outdoor learning," continues Claire. "It's certainly very fitting for Grace Dieu, with our 120 acres and all of our outdoor learning activities, to have this Bronze Award. Our next challenge is the Silver Award!"

Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Academy in Grimsby, raise money for CAFOD



Every year during Lent, children and staff at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary Academy in Grimsby, raise money for CAFOD. This year, CAFOD set schools the challenge of turning little fish into BIG FISH... raising money for fish farming in Zambia.

There's nothing better than raising money with a smile on your face and we had lots of smiles and giggles each Friday with our 'Wear it funny for money' fundraising days. This year, children and families, staff and parishioners from Saint Mary on the Sea, raised money by holding a different event each week. These included: wearing you face funny, shoes funny, hair funny and clothes funny in exchange for donating money to our Lenten charity. On the last week of term, the children decorated eggs and made a contribution to enter a competition. We had some eggcellent entries- all of which were cracking!

Over the five weeks, we raised the grand total of... £636.61. For a school in one of the most deprived areas of the country, this was a staggering achievement. We are very proud that our efforts we will be making a huge difference to the lives of so many in Zambia, who will be able to set up their own fish farms and be able to provide a better and brighter life for themselves and their families. What a fantastic gift to give!

I have attached some photographs that were taken on each of the Funny for Money days as well as the winners of the Easter egg competition for each class. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01472 357982 or by this email address.

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