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## Bishop Patrick's visit to St Gregory's, Sileby



Saturday 1st July was a very special day in the life of our community when Bishop Patrick came to celebrate Mass and administer the sacrament of Confirmation to our young people. We are but one of over one hundred and fifty parishes in the diocese, and the visit of our Bishop, our shepherd and our leader, was a reminder of the fact that we are part of a universal church.

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### Well Dressing 2017

Church of the Immaculate Conception,  
New York, Long Lane, Charlesworth

The parishioners, schools and local community connections have just spent over 380 hours together over the space of six days, preparing the boards to be dressed at our 12th Well Dressing event. Our themes this year are our local Martyr, Blessed Nicholas Garlick of Dinting (He is one of the Padley Martyrs and Dinting is approximately a mile and a half from our church), an image of Our Lady of Fatima was also made to commemorate the Centenary of her Apparition.

Twenty two children and staff members from St. Margaret's & All Saints Schools joined together to make a Well Dressing of St. Margaret of Scotland.

The Blessing of the Well Dressings took place during Mass on Sunday morning 16th July 2017 by Canon Daniel Bowdren V.F.



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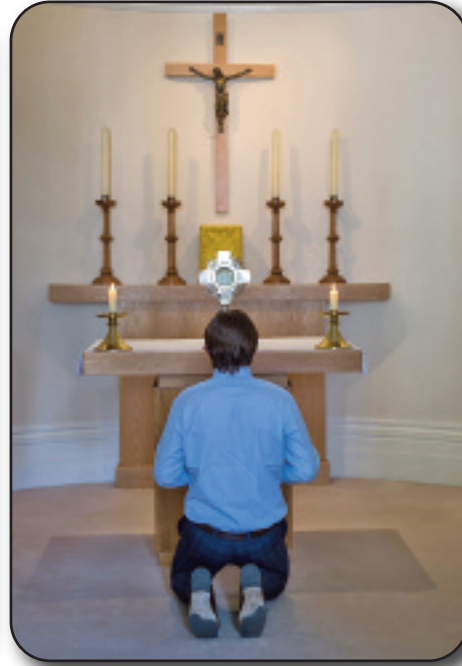
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# Adoremus: National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress - Liverpool 2018



The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year (7-9 September 2018). Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permissions for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament were refused.

Participants at the Congress will take part in a series of Catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the first day of the



Congress, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for Parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The sessions will focus on Scripture, Ecclesiology, Eucharistic Language and Catechism and a Workshop on the Rites and Music for Eucharistic Adoration.

The Echo Arena in Liverpool (which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims) will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the Congress, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration. On the final day of the Pilgrimage and Congress, Sunday, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession, open to all.

In a recent Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Westminster for the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Cardinal Nichols wrote: "We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."



Every diocese in England and Wales will take part in the Congress and in his letter; the Cardinal encourages people to make the pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress. Each Diocesan Bishop has nominated a representative whose task is to disseminate information to parishes, groups, religious communities about the Pilgrimage and Congress.

Ahead of the Eucharistic Congress in Genoa in 2016, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament, if possible, every day: "Moreover, I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and His mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with Him, to listen to Him in silence, and to peacefully entrust yourself to Him."

The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title Adoremus (let us adore). This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

## Diary Dates

If there is an event in your parish that you want publicised please  
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15 - 20 Oct

St. Philip Neri parish Mansfield – Pilgrimage to Florence and Rome:

15th – 22nd October 2017 –

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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

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## Stay safe from slavery

On the 21st June 2017 Unchosen organised a 'Stay safe from slavery' Conference at Nottingham University. Gillian Spratcher The Nottingham Diocesan Representative and myself, Sr Dorothy Paul, were there on behalf of the Medaille Trust. The Medaille Trust is a Charity founded in 2006 by groups of Religious Congregations to respond to the plight of thousands of people who are being trafficked in and into the U.K each year. It provides practical support and care, in 'safe houses', for the men, women and children who have been trafficked. The Conference highlighted new ways of preventing modern day slavery in the U.K and was well represented by many agencies,



including social work, police, the Courts, someone from the Home Office, local Churches and many other organisations, all working together to eradicate this abomination from our society. The Home Office recently estimated there were approximately 10,000 - 13,000 slaves in the U.K today (Unchosen Fact Sheet June 2017).

# Celebrating the feast of St Peter and St Paul

We all celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul, the two giants of the church, without whom, we would not have heard of Jesus. Here in Lincoln at St Peter and St Paul's we have always celebrated the feast as members of the CWL and provide an annual, wonderful Strawberry Tea on the afternoon of the actual day. This year was no exception; we had vast quantities of delicious food and very enjoyable company, which succeeded in raising £480 for the CWL charities.

This year we also had an International Meal. On Sunday the 2nd July, the nearest Sunday to our patronal feast

day, following the 11am Mass over 90 of our parishioners from four Continents came together to celebrate our diverse cultural community. Everyone brought a national dish. The food was amazing! Hot and cold cuisine from around the world, along with delicious puddings, graced our tables. Nigerian Jerk Chicken, Malawi Yellow Rice, Fried Rice and Spicy Rices. Chicken and fine Noodles, Onion Bhargees, Sri Lankan delicacies, Haggis, Tatties and Neeps, to name but a few. Of course our own local Lincolnshire dishes were well represented – as well as Lincolnshire Sausage Casserole and Lin-



colnshire Plum Bread. There was even RAF Shackleton Hotpot! And plenty of Lincolnshire Cheeses.

The children had a huge map and plenty of national flags to enable them to put their flag 'On the Map'

We all enjoyed a couple of hours of relaxed friendly socialising. It was lovely to meet people we hadn't known and new friends were made. We promised to come back next year and have another great international shared lunch celebration. The event was a money-free celebration; however people were very generous and insisted on making a donation for those locally who are without food.

**Brian Davis,**  
St Peter and St Paul's Church,  
Lincoln



## FRANKLY SPEAKING

It is now 25 years since I belonged to a political party. For about 28 years I had been pretty active in two geographical areas including being a chairman and attending 10 major national conferences of one party or another. Issues of conscience were usually but not always respected. A lack of respect for a "conscience" issue finally led to me resigning in 1992.

In subsequent years it has become more difficult to remain both a Christian and a political activist. The difficulty is not just holding an opinion on issues like abortion or same sex marriage but clearly being told in no uncertain terms that you are wrong and those who disagree with you are always right. Perhaps the advent of 24 hours rolling news and the decisive election and referendum results of recent years have contributed to this but in my opinion our media are not blameless.

Many Christians who take an interest in politics will perhaps share my opinion that the hounding and emotional turmoil that Tim Farron endured for his Christian views in the recent election was both unnecessary and appalling. As leader of the Liberal Democrats his party was leading the campaign for a second referendum on the "Brexit deal" which the nation now awaits, so why was so much

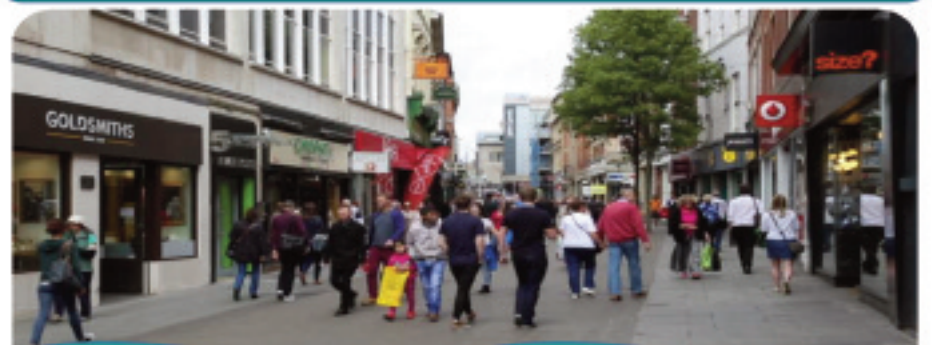
focus paid to his Christianity? Mr Farron's inevitable resignation as leader was strongly linked to his Christian Faith. In time I trust he and his family will feel better for it.

The divisive election of June 8th resulted in the Prime Minister seeking and obtaining an electoral deal with the Democratic Unionist Party. The news of this had only just emerged when the political implications according to some media would or would not incorporate the same issues that had confronted Tim Farron. In the midst of all this speculation the tragic agony of Grenfell Tower left the whole nation in shock and pain. Three days after that dreadful fire Cardinal Vincent Nichols came to St Pius X local Catholic Church to celebrate Mass for all the victims. In the congregation were some who had escaped the fire, or who had lost loved ones or whose loved ones were missing. The Cardinal spoke of prayer in every possible sense and acknowledged and understood the anger in the face of so many failures. I have no doubt that Londoners and all of us will need our Faith to be stronger as we respond to this summer of tragic events when our country needs to help those in greatest need.

**Frank Goulding**  
Holy Trinity Parish, Newark

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# Read All About It! Read All About It!

## Get Up to Speed with Leicestershire Active Catholic Youth

### Skittles in January!

A "Skittles" night was held in January at the Star and Garter in Wigston where LACY were joined by Lim Gamysi, a Student Priest, currently studying at Oscott. A great evening of skill, "Fun and Food!"

### TROPIC Fundraiser in February!



In February a "TROPIC" Fundraiser was organised by Margaret Devlin to raise money for LACY funds. Sincere thanks to Margaret. A lovely social and fun evening held at St. Thomas More, Leicester.

### Flame 2017 at Wembley Arena in March!



Once again a great time was had in London at this awe inspiring occasion. An opportunity was given to hear the music and inspiration of faith from Matt Redman and to

share Faith, Praise and Worship with other young people from all over the Country. Thanks to The Briars and to Seamus O'Looskan from St. Paul's Catholic School Leicester for organising our LACY coach, not forgetting the generous financial support received from the Catenian Association. A wonderful experience.

### Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Loughborough in April!



LACY enjoyed an afternoon with the young people of Loughborough as they portrayed the Stations of the Cross in a very dramatic way. A great way to experience the love of Christ and to engage with other young people of Leicestershire, whilst spending time together enjoying refreshments afterwards. Thanks to Emily Vu and Liz Abell.

### Celebrating the "Via Lucis" at Melton Mowbray in May!



This year we were blessed with good weather as we spent the afternoon together preparing for a Youth Mass and Celebrating "The Stations of Light." Young people from Stamford and Leicester enjoyed Faith, Fun & Games and Food. Thanks to Sr. Thomas More and the nuns at Melton for their hospitality and to Fr. Simon Gillespie for his support, guidance and enthusiasm at this Celebration!



In Addition, in March and June, two **Youth Masses** have been held in Leicestershire. One at Sacred Heart Leicester where Bea from CAFOD came along to tell the young people about the work of CAFOD and another Celebration was held with the Post Confirmation Young people of Our Lady of Victories and St. Alphonsus, Lutterworth. An amazing afternoon and evening! Thanks to Monsignor John Lally and Jesus Youth at Sacred Heart and to Monsignor John Hadley, Aggie Spragg and Cathy McManus at Lutterworth for their input and support in inspiring our young people.

Recently we were invited to attend the "Leicester 53 Catenian Circle and Ladies Night" to give a small presentation to their members about the work of LACY. Katie Jones, a recent University graduate, and Pauline Payne shared the aims and vision of LACY, which is to "offer young people aged 11 and upwards the opportunity to come to-



gether in Faith and Friendship; to enjoy the experience of their Faith, have Fun and share Food together!" The Circle President, Paul Astill, stated that he is delighted to support LACY because of the local connection. Past Grand President, David Rowley and Province 15 Director, David Baldam were also in attendance. David Baldam enthusiastically agreed also to support LACY over the next year.

Sincere and grateful thanks to all who give their support to LACY in various ways and to our Patron, Bishop Patrick McKinney, for his interest in the young people.

**Our young people are a joy to be with! They have great ideas and are enthusiastic in what they do! They are the Church of today so look out for LACY activities and celebrations that will be taking place. Find us on facebook and request to become a member! A warm welcome awaits all young people, their families and friends!**



## OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, MARKET HARBOROUGH: THE GIFT – A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

When I read in our parish newsletter last September that Bishop Patrick was commending the above Course across the Diocese I was thrilled and approached our parish priest, Fr Owen O'Neil offering to go as a representative from the parish to the two training days to be held in October in Nottingham. These proved to be exciting occasions when we learned that The Gift Course was all about helping people to encounter the Holy Spirit for themselves, to move from a head to heart faith and to share that discovery with others.

When I returned from Nottingham I wrote a full report for Fr Owen and suggested that this CaFE Course could be a major resource for our parish evangelization programme. We should respond positively to our Bishop's initiative.

### What had I let myself in for?

First, we formed a well-chosen planning group consisting of nine people. Our first meeting was held soon after Christmas and at this we identified all the areas that would need our attention. We had two copies of the CaFE DVD and group members were asked to view this individually before the

next meeting. It is important to say here that our parish priest had given his wholehearted support to our venture and we kept him informed at all times of our progress.

We next met as a planning group, and for leadership training, on April 3rd. Prayer and publicity were vital and leaders were encouraged to pray using hymns in the Holy Spirit/Pentecost section of our parish hymn book. The excellent downloadable publicity posters and fliers from café were customized for distribution at parish masses. It was also recognized that the best publicity was always personal invitation.

Once dates for the Course had been agreed (Easter to Pentecost) Fr Owen commended the Course enthusiastically at all parish masses and publicity distributed two weeks before commencement.

### How would the parish respond?

Forty six people had previously signed up for the Course but on the first evening almost sixty turned up! This meant that Fr Owen had to skilfully negotiate with the parish bingo group for a move to a smaller room, so freeing up the large octagonal hall

for our purpose. Fr Owen also kindly offered us the use of his TV set since there were no audio/visual facilities in this larger space.

Each evening began at 7.30pm with tea/coffee/biscuits and concluded promptly at 9.00pm. Sessions included the showing of a 30 minute DVD specially prepared by CaFE on the topic for the evening. These explored, through inspirational talks and testimonies, biblical and practical teaching on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Discussion groups followed, lasting around twenty-five minutes and focussed on previously prepared questions inviting conversations on the content of the DVD. A brief plenary sharing session enabled participants to benefit from the views expressed in the five groups. Before departure a very useful sheet of suggestions for daily prayerful reflection on the topic of the evening was distributed - something for participants to do during the following week. Relevant books to borrow or buy were available and widely used.

Special mention should be made of the session held on 1st June, the penultimate meeting. During this session prayer min-

istry was offered for all seeking a deeper experience of the Holy Spirit. By general agreement this was a most beautiful and powerful experience. Four people ministered, two by two, to everyone present, quietly praying in their own words, with the laying on of hands after Fr Owen had first prayed with them for their own anointing for their important ministry. Following this prayerful time people left quietly for home, thanking God that He had touched their lives by his Spirit

At the final meeting on June 8th attendees were invited to share their impressions of the Course by filling in a brief questionnaire. From these it was clear that great blessings had been received over the six weeks by many of those present. Some examples of comments made are as follows:

- "The Course was really interesting. It made me think more deeply about the third person of the Holy Trinity."
- "I really enjoyed it and looked forward to coming each evening"
- "It has been a real stimulus to my faith"
- "While some speakers on the DVD were more helpful than others I found them all enlightening and inspirational"

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While this was a very special day, it was in some respects a typical day in the life of our parish. We worship in a beautiful little church looked after by a team of cleaners; the sanctuary is cared for by our sacristan; the quality of our music is guaranteed by our dedicated organist and principal cantor; our altar servers, the envy of many a parish, are trained by our Master of Ceremonies who, after seventy-six years serving on the altar, is just about getting to grips with what to do and how to do it; the organisation of the shared meal after the service owed much to the Friends of St Gregory. These are just a sample of the many groups that work to ensure that parish life thrives. We should not forget the work of the Finance Committee; the Parish Pastoral Council; those who raise funds for the parish through the Christmas Fair and the Smarties scheme; those who raise funds for outside agencies such as CAFOD, the Missions and Faith in Families; the Youth Group, the Jus-

stice and Peace group, the Churches Together in Barrow group; those who run and care for the Social Centre. Almost too many to mention.

However, this day belonged especially to our newly confirmed young people. We thank them for having the courage to make their public commitment to Christ and we assure them of our prayerful support as they grow in their faith. We thank their parents without whose devotion and example they would be unlikely to have made it thus far. We thank the catechist, Rebecca Jinks, whose inspirational leadership was so instrumental in their preparation for this big day.

This service was followed by a shared meal at which Bishop Patrick circulated, speaking to many parishioners. The proceeds of the raffle held during the meal raised almost £100 for the parish Youth Group.

*Peter Fryer*



# Derby Catenian Clergy Night

On a pleasant June evening the Catenians of Derby and surrounding area entertained the Clergy from the Derby Deaneries to dinner at the Mickleover golf club. After a warm welcome from the Derby Catenian President, Andy Holden, Fr. Tim O'Sullivan gave a very amusing response.

It has been a long standing tradition in Catenian circles to invite the clergy to dinner, once a year, as a way of saying thank you for their ministry.

*Kevin Hurst  
Derby 46 Circle Publicity Officer*



*The assembled clergy with immediate Past Grand President, David Rowley, front left and Derby president, Andy Holden, back left.*

# CAFOD climate champion Photo Exhibition

A CAFOD climate champion has hosted a photo exhibition as part of the Speak Up Week of Action.



*Climate champion  
Jason Sheehan*



*The  
Jason spent time on a gap year with  
CAFOD*

exhibition took place after all morning and evening masses on Saturday and Sunday in Nottingham Cathedral's hall. Jason was there on both mornings to answer any questions that people had.

In his climate champion role, Jason also travelled to London to meet Climate Change and Industry Secretary Claire Perry.

Jason said: "I finished work at 1am and was up at 4am the same morning but it was worth it!

"Claire Perry was really open to hear what we had to say and it was really good to be in the same room with lots of people who wanted the same thing and change.

"It was really good to find out what Britain is doing to combat climate change and I got an overall message of positivity."

For more information on the Speak Up Week of Action, visit our website.

Jason Sheehan showed off his 'Sustainable Stories' project at Nottingham Cathedral on Saturday July 8 and Sunday July 9.

The 21-year-old was showcasing photos he took in Portugal as part of his role as a climate champion.

He said: "I spent a gap year with CAFOD in Zimbabwe and the children there did a similar photo exhibition and this is what inspired me to do it.

"I am really into photography and it is a great tool to share stories.

"I hope to make a difference at a local level, otherwise there would be no progression. I hope to create some action to fight climate change."

## School of the Annunciation Centre for the New Evangelisation

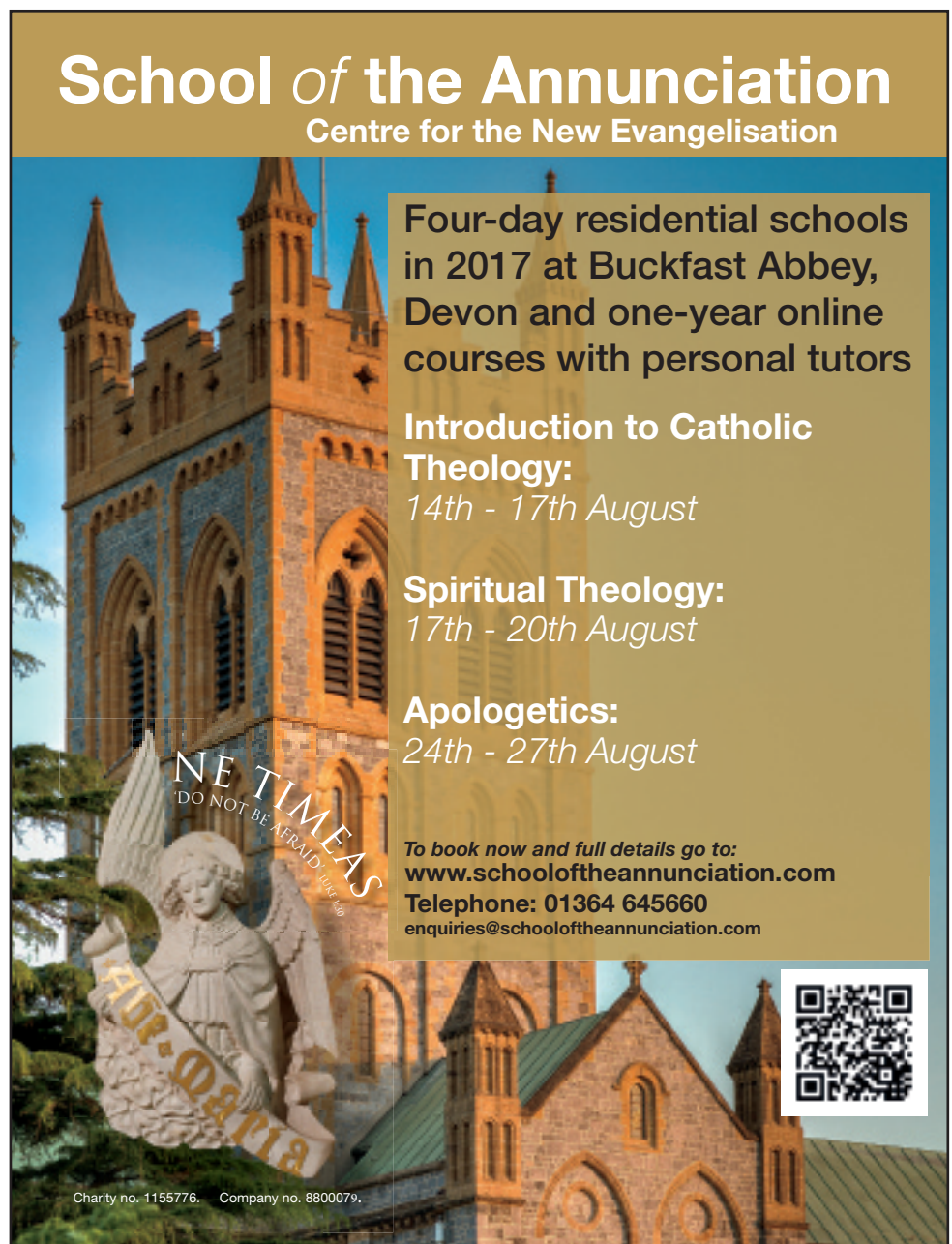
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# Rodsley Pilgrimage 2017

Once again the rain clouds gathered as if by celestial appointment, over the Pilgrims at the Crossroads as Bishop Patrick arrived to commence this years 41st Pilgrimage at Rodsley, home of St Ralph Sherwin one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

Yet again Plan B had to be effected, which meant taking refuge in the barn for the duration of the Service.

Fr Neil Peoples delivered the Homily, short and to the point a full copy of which is worthy of recording as follows;

**Today we gather here at Rodsley to seek the intercession of St Ralph Sherwin, to celebrate the ultimate witness he made for his Faith, through his Martyrdom. As some of you will know, I was trained at St Marys College, Oscott in Birmingham, a college that doesn't have a history of Martyrs – well not yet anyway !**



**However, my Priesthood, my Faith is still influenced by the example and actions of the Martyrs.**

**When looking up details about St Ralph Sherwin I came across the fact that on the 23rd April 1579 St Ralph took the Missionary Oath which includes the phrase "Today rather than tomorrow".**

**I believe that this is an oath that we should all make each day of our lives. What can I do today to bring the love of God to people I meet ? How can I help those that are worse off than me ? How can I today be more Christlike ?**

**We, as followers of Christ, have to live our lives as Ronan Keating sang as "If tomorrow never comes !"**

**Not putting off the act of kindness, not waiting for someone else to speak out against the injustices that we see, not waiting for a better time to do things – the best time is to do it now because it might be the only chance that we have because – tomorrow may never come.....**

**St Ralph Sherwin and those that travelled with him from Rome didn't come to be martyred. They would of course have been aware that this was a huge possibility – but they came because they wanted to administer the Sacraments to the people that yearned for them, to bring the healing mercy of God through the Sacrament of Confession, to bring people closer to God – something that had to happen today and not tomorrow!**

**The Catholic community in our land needed their Priests to come and give them Spiritual food, to strengthen them in their daily battles of life.**

**Today we also need priests. Here in Derbyshire we are seeking the intercession of St Ralph Sherwin with our prayer for an increase in Vocations.**

**The call to serve God today means facing tough challenges, not the same as St Ralph, but still challenges to overcome.**

**A priest today doesn't currently face the possibility of imprisonment and hanging, but he does face the challenge of ridicule.**

**To be viewed as being a bit odd to give up all that life has to offer – to serve God.**

**We have seen recently the resignation of Tim Farron – that to hold Christian values in our society comes at a cost !**

**The call to serve the Lord requires sacrifice, but it also come with great rewards, as we follow those that have gone before us, In being with Gods people in their times of need, times of happiness and times of sorrow. To have the amazing privilege of standing in persona Christi.**

**St Ralph Sherwin and the other Priests who came back from training abroad to serve the besieged Catholics of England could only fulfill their mission because of the support of the people, the families that would shelter them and provide them with food.**

**The Priest today can only live out his ministry with the help of the Laity as well, people volunteering to help with Parish projects, Catechists, bringing Communion to the sick and house-bound.**

**Just as St Ralph relied on help so do we priests today rely on your help and support.**

**The way you live out your Christian Vocation, the way you help the priest, makes our Vocation easier to live out, allows us to be the shepherds that God called us to be.**

**It also shows to those in the Parish that priests are valued and loved – that despite the challenges of living in a Secular Society the call to share Gods love, his mercy is still needed and much appreciated.**

**So pray for your priests, who try to follow in the steps of St Ralph, offer us your support and if you are considering a Vocation or see someone who would make a good priest or religious do something about it, tell them, don't put it off, because remember Tomorrow may never come !**

The rain gradually grew in intensity outside the barn as Bishop Patrick ended the Mass and Veneration of the Relic with an acknowledgement of everyones efforts. However, at this precise moment in time a cock crowed outside making the moment feel quite biblical.

Indeed, this belligerent bird made its presence heard several times, with Bishop Patrick cheerfully using it as part of a double act !

A Happy Day with new faces to be met and greeted.

A Memorable Day as the Rodsley Pilgrimage grows in popularity.

A Satisfying Day as a feeling of Great Debt to St Ralph and all our English Martyrs was experienced.

Oh, and a very special thank you to our Rodsley Tea Ladies – where would we be without them ?

**TONY BENNETT – PRESIDENT  
SHERWIN SOCIETY**



## Ten Ten celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Ten Ten celebrated its 10th anniversary with a special event at the Curzon cinema in London's West End on Saturday 24 June.

Founded by Martin O'Brien and his sister Clare, the Catholic theatre, film and education company has seen its work grow exponentially over the last 10 years. At the event, Martin announced that during this time over 850,000 children, young people, young offenders, teachers, parents and members of the public have been in the audiences of plays and workshops. Highlights include the theatre productions of "Kolbe's Gift" and "This Is My Body", their award-winning play on human trafficking.

The event included a screening of two new short films recently by Ten Ten as part of their new cinema-in-education venture: "Babies" is a 30-minute film based on the original Ten Ten play of the same name about pregnancy and abortion, and "Love, Honour, Cherish" explores teenage relationships including sexting, chastity and marriage. Both films are currently available to secondary schools as part of Ten Ten's Relationship and Sex Education programme.

Guest speaker Fr Christopher Jamison OSB praised Ten Ten saying that their success is due to the fact that they combine "high-quality writing, performances and production with good management skills - all at the service of the Gospel." He highlighted how the combined skills of siblings Clare and Martin in arts management and creative production have been at the heart of the success of Ten Ten.

Anna O'Brien, Clare and Martin's mother, was given a special commendation at the end of the evening for over 10 years of full-time voluntary service to Ten Ten. Fr Christopher presented her with a papal blessing for "supporting the spiritual, moral and cultural development of children and young people."

Ten Ten have exciting plans for development in the future including a significant programme of online resources for Catholic primary schools, the development of a new workshop on human trafficking for secondary schools, and a commitment to develop new film and theatre productions for mainstream audiences.

For more information, visit: [www.tententheatre.co.uk](http://www.tententheatre.co.uk)

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- "The course has given me a lot to think about and has enriched and motivated my faith"  
 - "the Course really challenged me and moved me out of my comfort zone"  
 - "It has been so lovely to actually talk about my faith"  
 - "I had never previously been prayed with. I felt open to God with tears of joy as I was being prayed for"  
 - "I want to be more open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit"  
 - "I feel reconnected. I would like to join a parish prayer group"

A final word. Every week at Mass we declare in the Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life" Our hope is that this Course has enabled many people to enter a little more deeply into this wonderful truth, for the Holy Spirit enables the truths we have imbibed through catechesis over the years to be experientially true in our hearts and lives, as well as in our minds.

As a parish we must now think about how we might follow-up The Gift to enable people to build on the experience of this six week Course. We live in exciting days!

Peter Green

# Learning about life cycles by caring for newly-hatched chicks

Children at Saint Joseph's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Matlock have been learning about life cycles by caring for newly-hatched chicks.

Pupils in the Reception class have watched four chicks hatch and been taught about caring for them as part of the Early Years curriculum.

Natalie Turner, Reception class teacher, said that initially they bought some butterfly larvae to show the life cycle of a caterpillar to a butterfly and then thought about getting some fertile chicken eggs.

She said: "We were given some eggs from a local farmer to learn the process of 'egg to chick'. I borrowed an incubator from a friend and from the array of eggs given we chose a selection to go into the incubator. We studied what would happen, learning how we had to rotate the eggs, the children took it in turns, up to five times a day, learning the temperature needed to keep them warm and what we would need if any chicks hatched."

Mrs Turners said that the parents of one of the children had been looking after the chicks since they hatched and although the original plan was to return them to the farm they came from, the family is now going to keep them.

She said: "The dad works at the farm which supplied the eggs. They can be visited by the children in the class whenever they would like to and they are already being spoilt. They are very lucky chicks and a huge bonus is that the children will be able to see them grow and grow into adult chickens."

"The children have been able to build on their speaking and writing skills, making more links in conversations and being able to write more details due to having the first-hand experience.

"They will be, in the next few weeks, going to use the chicks to begin to write their very own stories by taking them on adventures. Some of the children have learnt how to



handle an animal, having no experience of this, and we've even had some children learn that chicks are in fact baby birds.

"We have had a lot of feedback from parents who have said their children are talking more at home about their school days with particular attention to report on the eggs/chicks, which is a fantastic outcome too.

"So all in all the chicks, called Richard, Mela, Poppy and Harry, are going from strength to strength. They have an incredible bond and they will be kept together for life in their new home to be loved and spoilt."

## Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

Here at the Hermitage we receive a constant supply of requests for Masses and prayer either by email or telephone, even those who simply call at our door. Many of these people are unknown to us, but people who know of us and our life within the local area, within our own diocese but also from outside the area altogether from all Christian denominations and none, simply people who are in need of prayer for one reason or another in their lives and entrust their petitions to us. Therefore not every one of our Masses and times of prayer have a particular intention. and in this our prayer is representative of someone or some particular intention.

The intercessions of Our Blessed Lady are very much invoked for these prayer requests and it is on our monthly visits to Walsingham that we especially present these prayers at Our Lady's feet where she invokes her Blessed Son where she is united with Him as Queen of Heaven.

On the 15th August we shall celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady or the Falling asleep of the Blessed Virgin, when she ascended body and soul to heaven. Tradition tells us that her grave was found empty and fragrant with the smell of lilies - there are certainly no relics of Our Lady. One thing that we can say with certainty, besides her own inherent dignity as the Mother of Our Lord, Mary stands for the Church of faithful people, she is representative of faithful souls, she shines before us as the one who bought her will to a perfect loyalty to the will of God through the union of her will with the will of her Divine Son. We are taught to believe that everything that has been accomplished in the Head of the Church shall also be ac-



complished in His members. He will come again and we are told His saints will come again. He has overcome and is seated on His Father's throne( Rev.3:21)

It is then this ultimate triumph of the elect soul that we celebrate as we keep the Feast of the Assumption. Through God's grace we can really win a real victory. Mary suffered with her Son and of course we should be really faithless if we doubted that Mary is glorified with Him and praying for us all so that we too may come to know the final fruits of our faithfulness.

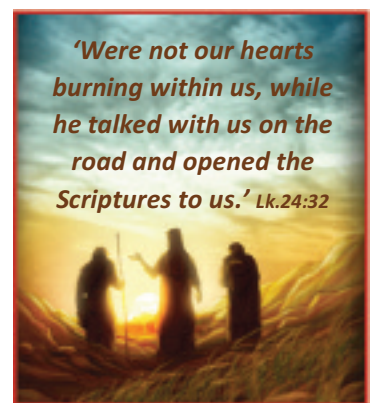
It is then the petitions that we ask for many people here at the hermitage everyday, that we ask Our Lady, Queen of Heaven with confidence to pray for us and those for whom we ask God's graces and blessing.

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# St Mary's School Celebrates her First Holy Communion Children



St Mary's Primary School, Derby, offered a Mass for the 27 children who have made their First Holy Communion in their home parishes this year. Children from St Mary's, Holy Family, Our Lady of Lourdes, Christ the King, English Martyrs and St. Maksymilian Kolbe Polish Church were represented, along with two children who returned to their family homes in Poland and India to receive the Sacrament for the first time. Fr Tim O'Sullivan celebrated the Mass

and spoke about what a special time this is in the children's spiritual lives. The Head Teacher, Mrs Amanda Greaves, gave all the children a wooden cross necklace as a memento of this important day."

*Fran Wickes*

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# St Alban's Parish Says Goodbye to Fr Paul with a Farewell Concert

St Alban's Church was fortunate to enjoy an excellent Festival Concert that showcased the talents of all age groups. Lynne Derry organised the evening, and produced a mixture of music from Chopin and Bach to Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Katy Perry.

The Derby Deanery Youth Choir, led by Jo Rowlands, impressed everyone with their confidence, clear singing and choice of positive, uplifting songs. Many other parishioners sang and played, revealing there is plenty of talent in the parish.

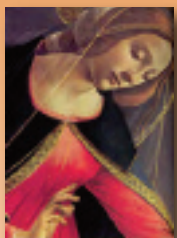
Numerous flags from different corners of the globe were waved during the patriotic 'Jerusalem' and 'Land of Hope and Glory.'

The concert was an opportunity for the parish to say thank you to Fr Paul Newman for his ministry, teaching and friendship. Fr Paul has taken up a new role as Vocations Director for the Diocese and is now the Parish Priest at St Edwards's in St Anne's, Nottingham. The



evening ended with a presentation to Fr Paul Newman of a handmade stole and, from the altar servers, a Notts Forest shirt with 'Fr Paul' printed on it. Fr Paul was much moved by the gifts and talked about how hard it has been to leave a community that he had spent six years ministering too. We have been together through times of celebration and deep sadness, and have mutually supported each other. The concert was followed by a delicious bring and share buffet."

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# Grimsby Catenians support Cleethorpes Celebrate Conference

The Catenian Association is an international association of practising Catholic laymen. The Grimsby Circle meet once a month at the Grimsby Golf Club. The Grimsby Catenians currently have 43 members, the youngest is in their twenties and the eldest is in their nineties.

So, whether you are just starting out in adult life and are excited at what lays ahead, or you are retired and spend your days enjoying your garden, you are bound to meet with people of your own age and who share similar interests.

Raising money to help Catholic and local charities is a very important part of what we do.

In April, the Grimsby Catenians presented £1200 to the nurse in charge of the cancer ward at Grimsby hospital, every penny goes towards improving the experience of patients.

In May, we presented Fr Colum at the Apostleship of the Sea at Immingham with £300. The Apostleship of the Sea is a Catholic charity which provides practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality, belief or race.

In June, our current President, Steve Reilly,



presented £200 to Richard Jones who is part of the organising committee of the Cleethorpes Celebrate Conference which took place on July 8th and 9th. The money paid for 5 people to attend Celebrate Cleethorpes.

By joining the Catenians you are joining a

Catholic association that opens to you a community of people who share your faith and understand the pressures of living in this increasing secular world. To find out more about membership, visit our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Grimsby185/>

# Franciscan Sisters Minoress - General Chapter Celebrations

Melton Mowbray became the new Cenacle in the week leading up to Pentecost 2017. The Sisters gathered for their General Chapter and the theme of the Chapter was 'With Mary in the Upper Room'. That was certainly the experience of the Sisters who had travelled from various Convents in England, Scotland and South Africa.

Father Brian McGrath OFM presided at the Chapter and led the Sisters in a most uplifting, encouraging, inspiring, challenging and humorous series of reflections and homilies. The presence of the Holy Spirit and Our Blessed Lady was tangible during this very special celebration. The Franciscan spirit permeated the daily gathering during the

Chapter deliberations and decisions. In this centenary year of St Bonaventure, we were privileged to explore the relevance of both his mystical and practical application of the Franciscan charism for contemporary Franciscan living.

On 30th May, Sister Patricia Jordan was elected the new Mother General of the Franciscan Sisters Minoress. Sister Patricia has years of experience working closely in leadership positions as Assistant Mother General, General Councillor, Local Superior, Novice Mistress and On-Going Formation Director for her Congregation. She will bring her own gift to her new ministry during the next five years. Highlighting Fr



**Sr Patricia Jordan, Mother General of the Franciscan Sisters Minoress**

Brian's description of the Franciscan Movement as both traditional and innovative, Sister Patricia captured her vision for the future as 'Innovation in Continuity' building and preserving a sound foundation but always remaining open to newness. Not backwards, but forwards: the works of Christ move forward. We congratulate Sister Patricia and wish her every grace and blessing as she takes up her new ministry.



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## Preparing for the World Day of the Poor

“As long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace.”

With these words, Pope Francis called for the whole Church to observe a World Day of the Poor on November 19, the Sunday before the Feast of Christ the King.

This day is to become an annual event and Pope Francis has expressed his hope that it will help all our parishes – and ourselves as individuals – to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel.

The World Day of the Poor is a direct result of the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis has said that showing compassion for the suffering is a special form of mercy that should last well beyond the formal close of the Holy Year.

In calling for this special day, the Holy Father also suggested that the particular forms of poverty we are seeing in the early part of 21st century demonstrate why there is such a pressing need for us to rediscover the virtue of mercy.

“Throng of people continue to migrate from one country to another in search of food, work, shelter and peace,” said Pope Francis.

“Disease in its various forms is a constant cause of suffering that cries out for assistance, comfort and support. Prisons are often places where confinement is accompanied by serious hardships due to inhumane living conditions.”

The Holy Father went on to describe many other forms of poverty, such as the lack of education and literacy that prevents children from reaching their full potential and exposes them to new forms of slavery.

“Being unemployed or not receiving a sufficient salary; not being able to have a home or a land in which to live; experiencing discrimination on account of one’s faith, race or social status: these are just a few of the

many examples of situations that attack the dignity of the person,” said Pope Francis.

In the face of so many problems and challenges, the World Day of the Poor will be our opportunity to show that we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters who experience such hardship and deprivation.

The Catholic News will be publishing a lot of information on the World Day of the Poor over the next few months. Hopefully, this information will increase our awareness and understanding of the concerns that lie at the heart of the Holy Father’s initiative.

“Our world continues to create new forms of spiritual and material poverty that assault human dignity,” said Pope Francis.

“For this reason, the Church must always be vigilant and ready to identify new works of mercy and to practice them with generosity and enthusiasm.”

## St Mary’s School Council Visits Derby Council House



St. Mary’s Primary School Council were taken on a guided tour of the Council House to learn about the history of the council and how local government works.

The pupils were shown around the Council Chamber by the Cabinet Member for Safeguarding and Children and Young People, Councillor Sara Bolton, who led the

tour.

their families.” Mrs Russell, Deputy Headteacher, was equally impressed, “What an amazing opportunity for St Mary’s pupils; being privileged enough to have a behind the scenes look at local government. They loved every minute, thank you Cllr Bolton for the wonderful experience.”

During the morning the young people saw the Jacob Rivers Room where the Mayor of Derby hosts civic engagements, as well as treasures given to the city over the years.

The young people enjoyed looking through the gallery of previous Mayors of Derby and had the challenge of identifying former Mayor of Derby, Cllr Bolton. Thomas, the Chair of the School Council, found the visit “fun and fascinating,” especially appreciating all the new facts they learnt. Many were surprised to find that a councillor can only hold the position of Mayor once in a lifetime for a year.

The children were excited to hold their own meeting in the Council Chamber, with Maia stating “we got a feel for how it really would be.”

Councillor Bolton enjoyed hosting St Mary’s School Council, and said she hoped “that they enjoyed the morning and have gained some valuable insight into how the council works and the history behind it. They are a real credit to their school and

## Oscar-Winning Actress Narrates Art Of Dying Well Film

Oscar-winning actress Vanessa Redgrave has narrated a beautiful animated film for a website designed to help people coping with issues surrounding the end of life.

Although devised by the Church in England and Wales and based in the Catholic tradition, the Art of Dying Well site is open to all.

Ms Redgrave is widely acknowledged to be one of the greatest actors of her generation and won an Academy Award for the title role in the 1977 film *Julia*, as well as five other Oscar nominations.

She narrates the story of the fictional Ferguson family, whose father asks to see a priest when he is diagnosed with terminal cancer.

He receives the Sacrament of the Sick in his final days even though he hasn’t been to Mass for many years, as well as planning hymns and readings for his funeral and even healing a rift with his son.

The site was officially launched last year at a Mass in Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

It is designed for everyone, including those who are dying, their friends, family and carers and content includes short videos, testimonies and case studies.

The idea was inspired by the *Ars Moriendi* or “Art of Dying”, a popular 15th-century manuscript designed to bring Christian comfort and practical guidance to dying people and their families.

The original Latin texts and illustrations offered advice on the protocols and procedures for a good death. It included deathbed etiquette and prayers as well as the five temptations a dying person might face and the prescribed antidotes.

The website is a modern approach to explaining the Church’s comforting rites and rituals that can help a person spiritually prepare for the final journey.

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# National Recognition for Jessica



Jessica Moody, a Year 12 student at Our Lady's Convent School, is a name to watch for the future. She has recently added to her growing record of artistic accolades by scooping first place in a national art competition.

In 2015 Jessica drew one of the shortlisted designs for the new 12 sided pound coin and earlier this year her work 'Lucy' was submitted to the ISA Art Competition where she was awarded first place in the Key Stage 4 category and National Winner of Key stage 4 Drawing.

The School has since heard that her piece 'Lucy' was awarded the national first prize for best piece of art in any category in the Independent Schools Association Annual Art Competition. An outstanding achievement.

Her winning piece was drawn using pencil crayons from a photograph of her dog 'Lucy' and illustrates a real understanding of her subject and chosen medium.

# Celebrating Coding Excellence with Local Schools

Our Lady's Convent School in Loughborough runs outreach activities with local primary schools and this year invited involvement in an exciting animation and coding competition which recently reached its nail biting conclusion.

The challenge, designed to support the teaching of computer coding and promote safety to pupils when playing Pokémon GO to students in Year 5, was to create a short animation using Scratch. The purpose was to educate other Year 5 students about how to stay safe whilst being aware of the dangers associated with exploring their environment whilst playing this latest craze. The schools approached the competition in different ways, some included it within their curriculum teaching time, others ran extra-curricular clubs but all the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to learn and showcase their new skills.

At the Grand Final hosted by Our Lady's Convent School, two submissions from each of the participating schools were scrutinised by the panel of five judges including The Mayoress of Charnwood and her consort. The flair and creativity demonstrated by all entries made the judges' job an unenviable task.

Loughborough C of E Primary School scooped the winners' trophy after their hugely enjoyable and creative submission



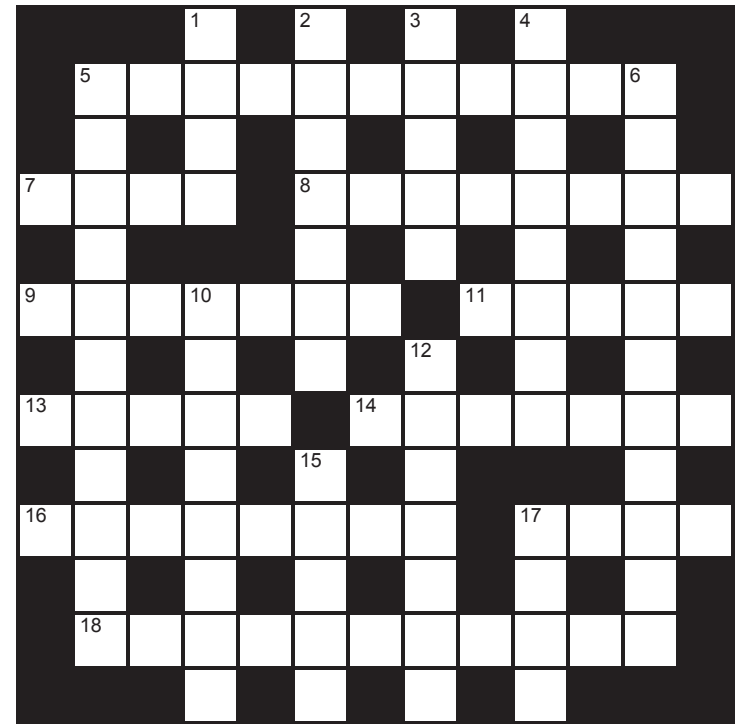
pipped St Michael and All Angels Primary School from Rearsby in what was a very tight competition with little to separate any of the submissions.

The teams in winner and runner up position received their certificates on the day but Dr Murphy, Headmaster at Our Lady's Convent School was so impressed with everyone's submissions that he has visited each school to present all the participants with a personalised certificate and to congratulate them for their hard work and achievement.

"I have been so impressed by the creativity and hard work shown in all the submissions," said Dr Murphy, "It is a challenge to condense important safety messages into 60 seconds of engaging animation, not to mention the skills required to add interaction and sound making it appealing to children. These are coders of the future."



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**
- 5 Step to clean, desecrated about seven weeks after Easter (11)
  - 7 Leading characters from Rhondda, in former times a special valley (4)
  - 8 Always tear out an address for a clergyman (8)
  - 9 Lot of noise they say it created? (3,4)
  - 11 To youngster it's getting the measure of the Bible (5)
  - 13 Fascination for lines written on the reverse of records (5)
  - 14 Good to approve and make satisfied (7)
  - 16 Biblical port where a sea race settled (8)
  - 17 Turn off drill (4)
  - 18 Scary ageing, bumbling, mumbling words over dinner (6,5)

- CRYPTIC Down**
- 1 He's reported to be left out of club squad (4)
  - 2 Prong of the fork's wrong to stick into a kind of paté (7)
  - 3 Wine that's typically – in short – ordinary (5)
  - 4 Dreamy quality's not unknown in baroque arts study (8)

- 5 Two boys read quietly in school a letter from Paul (11)
- 6 Aidan's place in Friesland is falling down (11)
- 10 Target to look at after getting such rubbish second (5,3)
- 12 Impeach a bishop on a gin trip (7)
- 15 Go on and on over ace doctor (5)
- 17 Snotty kiddie king's bitten by a vampire, perhaps (4)

- QUICK Across**
- 5 Relating to Whitsuntide (11)
  - 7 Break in relations (4)
  - 8 Title or form of address for members of the clergy (8)
  - 9 Scientific hypothesis for the origin of the universe (3,4)
  - 11 Ancient unit of length based on the length of the forearm (5)
  - 13 Period of time (5)
  - 14 Please; indulge (7)
  - 16 Port built by Herod the Great in tribute to Augustus (8)
  - 17 Calibre of a gun: steep-fronted river wave (4)
  - 18 Making a short prayer in thanks for food (9,5)

- QUICK Down**
- 1 Military group (4)
  - 2 Paté or fancy meatloaf baked in an earthenware casserole (7)
  - 3 Dry white Italian wine (5)
  - 4 Hoagy Carmichael classic (8)
  - 5 Macedonians, recipients of a letter from Paul (11)
  - 6 Holy Island, alternatively (11)

- 10 Inner on a dartboard (5,3)
- 12 Indict; charge (7)
- 15 Remotely-controlled aircraft (5)
- 17 Badly spoilt child or adolescent (4)

**SOLUTION**

**Across:** 5 Pentecostal, 7 Rift, 8 Reverend, 9 Big Bang, 11 Cubit, 13 Spell, 14 Gratty, 16 Arraign, 15 Drone, 17 Brat.  
**Down:** 1 Unit, 2 Terrine, 3 Soave, 4 Stardust, 5 Philipians, 6 Lindisfarne, 10 Bull's eye, 12 Caesar, 17 Bore, 18 Saying Grace.  
**Quick:** 5 anag, 7 initial letters, 8 (Rever)end, 9 double def & pun, 11 cub+it, 13 EPs+!+, 14 g+ratty, 16 anag, 17 double def, 18 anag.  
**Down:** 1 Unit(-Ed), 2 (ter)rine, 3 So+ave, 4 anag of 'arts+stud(-y)', 5 Phillip(p)(d)ian+s, 6 anag, 10 bull+s+eye, 12 a+R+anag of 'gain', 15 Dr+one, 17 b(r)at.

# Serenaded students to raise money for charity

The Headteacher at Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy serenaded students throughout the school day to raise money for charity.

Joan McCarthy took requests and sang tunes ranging from pop to rock as students filed into lessons, during the morning's Act of Worship, and at break and lunchtime.

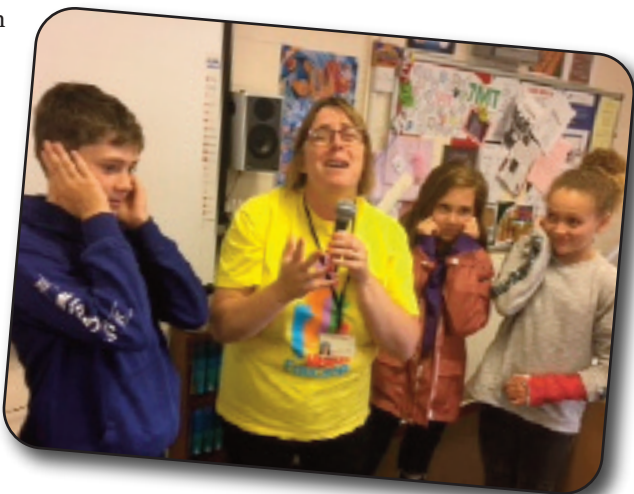
She decided to run the Singathon on a non-uniform day held to raise money for Mellon Educate, a charity that helps to build schools and improve education for African children.

Mrs McCarthy is aiming to raise £2,000 ahead of a trip to South Africa with Mellon Educate during the summer to work in schools, when she will be supporting teachers and finding out more about the country's education system.

She said: "I thought that the Singathon would be a bit of fun for the students, especially with all the bad news there has been recently. I also thought I could raise money and awareness of Mellon Educate at the same time. I sang during our Act of Worship and I encouraged students into lessons by singing to them, I'm not sure how much they enjoyed it but they certainly moved a bit quicker than usual."

Mrs McCarthy flies out to South Africa on July 29th for two weeks and will be based in a secondary school called Silverlands.

She said: "Mellon Educate started out by



building homes in townships in Africa and has moved into building schools and they need teachers to go out and help with the running of the schools.

"Hopefully we can share ideas. I don't really know what to expect but I'm looking forward to it and I'll be able to experience their education system and bring that back to our children at Saint John Houghton.

"I think a trip like this will show how lucky we are and I'm hoping to establish links with the school and learn from them."

With support from 25,000 volunteers, Mellon Educate has built houses for 125,000 homeless people in South Africa's poorest townships and the charity has pledged to provide better education for more than 100,000 African children.

To support Mrs McCarthy please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joan-mccarthy1>

# Months of hard work displayed at an annual Art exhibition

Creative students at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy displayed the results of months of hard work at an annual Art exhibition.

Exam pieces and controlled assessment units from students in Year 11 and Year 13 was on display for staff and families to view.

Helen Sharpe, Subject Leader Visual Arts at Saint Benedict CVA, in Duffield Road, Derby, said she was extremely proud of all the students and the standard of work that they had produced.

She said: "The students have put a lot of hours in and when I saw it displayed at the exhibition it made me feel very proud to be their teacher. Some of the work on the theme of detail was truly intricate; I don't think I've ever seen such detail. Another theme was 'all creatures great and small' and students used photographs and different textures and mixed-media to create their final pieces."

Olivia Bonner, 16 is a Year 11 GCSE Textiles student.

She said: "I chose detail as one of my themes as I knew that I could do a lot with that and I also took inspiration from butterflies as I do like nature."

"For our controlled assessment unit we were given a starting point and it was about



how we researched artists and then explored and developed ideas. I carried out observations and found my own images. It was about being creative, which I really enjoyed.

"It was a lot of hard work and you need to be prepared for that if you take this course but it's definitely been worth it. I've really enjoyed it and I'm very proud of what I've done."

Sally Moore, 16, is a Year 11 GCSE Textiles student.

She said: "One of the themes I chose was architecture and I focused on iconic buildings. For my other pieces I was inspired by sea shells, birds' nests and I also took inspiration from other artists. It's been two years of hard work and overall I'm really pleased with it. I used to sew things and sell them so I knew that this was a GCSE that I wanted to take."



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