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A Blessing and a Gift

On Sunday evening, September 23rd, at St Ralph Sherwin Roman Catholic Church the Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney Bishop of Nottingham gave a brief address in front of 34 people gathered together for another ecumenical service organised on a regular basis by Churches Together in Chellaston.

At the end of the service Bishop Patrick invited all the ministers in attendance to share in giving the final blessing. Thus the congregation were not once, not twice but ...five times blessed!

For me this was deeply meaningful for the bishop had spoken about ecumenism and the 'dark night of the soul' touching on the perception that ecumenism seems rather pointless. In his address the bishop expressed a positive interpretation that after a long period of soul searching many were able to recognise the gift that comes from sharing – a great wealth of prayers and services and writings and interpretations of the Holy Word.

Those present heard the bishop explain that com-

ing together to share with a generous heart, whilst recognising those important obstacles to full union, is to work towards Christ's mission – for all people to experience the love of God and to follow his commandments. It is the Holy Spirit who is our guide ...in the words of Our lord... 'For where two or three are gathered in my Name I am there among them (Matt: 18-20)...'

A brief address but one of depth and one very well worthy of close attention.

So, for me, the generous invitation so gracefully accepted was a practical demonstration of ecumenism alive and well in Chellaston when those gathered together were so very well blessed at the end of the service.

The offertory donation of £151 will be given to the Padley Group for the homeless, at the bishop's request.

*Veronica Morrison Chair
Churches Together in Chellaston*



*Photo (from Left to Right)
Veronica Morrison (Chair of Churches together in Chellaston); Rev. B J Facey (Anglican Vicar of St. Peter's Chellaston); Rev. Fr. Mark Brentnall (RC Parish Priest Eng. Martyrs/St. Ralph Sherwin); Rt. Rev. Bishop Patrick McKinney (RC Bishop of Nottingham); Rev. Jenny Dyer (Superintendent of Derby Methodist Circuit); Rev. Raymond Lunt (Retired Methodist Minister)*

Long Eaton enjoys a parish mission

St Francis of Assisi parish in Long Eaton, a Derbyshire market town halfway between Derby and Nottingham, has recently experienced its first parish mission week in many years. Redemptorist missionaries Fr Kieran Brady and Fr Thomas MacCarte arrived in the parish on Saturday 30th September, and parishioners turned out in good numbers for Holy Mass and services each day.

The parish began publicising the mission in May, with window stickers in local pubs, cafés, hairdressers and shops, and parishioners were given invitations to pass on to their friends and families. In the fortnight before the mission, leaflets were delivered to more than 9,000 homes in the town, and on the Saturday the missionaries arrived, two parishioners handed out invitations in the market place.

In addition to Holy Mass each day, the mission included a healing service, a night of prayer around the cross, a family service, and an evening of Marian devotion. Housebound parishioners were brought to the final Mass of the mission, where some of those present received the Sacrament of the Sick. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was offered each day, and many parishioners took up the opportunity for confession.

Parish priest, Fr Martin Sylvester, said, "It was a joy to welcome Fr Kieran and Fr Tom, and many parishioners spoke with great warmth and appreciation about the events they ran for us. Some of those who attended told us it was their first visit to this church, and we were pleased to welcome unfamiliar faces as well as people who celebrate their faith at St Francis each week." The mission ended on Friday 6th October.



Parish priest Fr Martin Sylvester (left) with missionaries Fr Kieran Brady CSsR (middle) and Fr Thomas MacCarte CSsR (right).

Toy Appeal 2017

Share the love this Christmas!
Let's make this appeal the most successful one yet!

Please help us... there are lots and more families in our community who are in desperate need of your support this Christmas. Faith in Families provides hundreds of toys and food to families in need, with children ranging from babies to teenagers. We need your help to collect toys in your Parish, school or group!

Help children like Ethan by donating any of the following...

- New toys
- New hats, scarves, gloves, and socks.
- Gift cards
- Toiletry gift sets
- Stationery sets/craft sets
- Selection boxes
- Books & Games/Toy

Ethan is 4. He has an older brother who is 11. Their mum has just left the family home and they have no idea if she will be coming back. Dad is trying his best but he is always so sad. Ethan hopes Santa won't forget him this year!

If you can help, please contact Nicola, our Community Fundraiser on 0115 9558811 to arrange times to deliver.
Our worthy appeal closes on
Wednesday 6th December 2017

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Bishop Patrick celebrates Mass for Apostleship of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) port chaplains and volunteers in the Diocese of Nottingham bring Christ into the world through their ministry with seafarers.

In a homily at the AoS Stella Maris Mass in the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Fr Andrew Cole said, "Like Our Lady, the chaplains and volunteers of AoS are called to bring Christ into the world, to be a raft helping others to come safely to port."

"They are called to make Jesus real, in the most difficult circumstances, with some of the most vulnerable people," he said.

The Mass was held on 8th September and celebrated by Bishop Patrick McKinney. Present at Mass were AoS volunteers, supporters, head office staff and local parishioners.

Fr Andrew Cole who is parish priest of Grimsby, Cleethorpes and Immingham said AoS provides a warm welcome, scriptures, prayer, access to SIM cards, and social media so seafarers can connect with their families back home.

"I can see the good AoS does from my own personal experience as parish priest of the country's biggest port, Immingham. It's a real joy for me to support the chaplains' mission, to celebrate Mass on board ships, to make Christ present in the lives seafarers, to visit the Seafarers Centre and to say hello to some of the thousands who come to Immingham."



Fr Andrew added, "I recently celebrated Mass at the Centre and met two seafarers who told me this was the first time they'd been able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion for nine months."

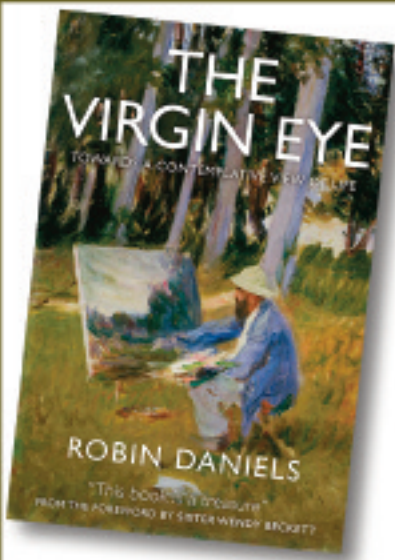
"That was a real insight into the life of a seafarer and the sacrifice that they make."

"We ask our Blessed Lady to pray for us, that we like her may joyfully welcome Christ into our hearts and bring him to birth in our lives. We pray for AoS and for its' chaplains and ship visitors throughout the world so they will continue to be like Mary, a light shining bright, a star of the sea; who helps us to trust in the Lord that His mercy endures forever."



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



THE VIRGIN EYE by Robin Daniels

The Virgin Eye by Robin Daniels inspires us to see the world anew through the innocent eyes of a child, so as to become more aware of God's presence in everyday life and encounters.

This book offers insights into contemplative prayer and mindfulness; making wise decisions; enjoying a creative relationship; slowing down; and managing change and stress. Daniels demonstrates how we can put St Paul's challenge request to 'pray without ceasing' into practice. He explores how we can turn suffering and trial into opportunity and growth, as we learn to see God, ourselves and other people with a pure heart and a pure eye

This book is a treasure.
 Sister Wendy Beckett, Art Critic, BBC's Sister Wendy's Odyssey

I wish it had been available years ago. It should be required reading.
 Roy Godwin, Executive Director, The Fald-y-Brenin Trust and author of The Grace Outpouring

Highly recommended!
 Brian M. Noble, Emeritus Bishop of Shrewsbury

It is less a book and more a journey which will not fail to transform your relationship with God, self and others.
 Teresa Onions, Director of Pastoral Care UK for the Association of Christian Counsellors

It will be a blessing for all into whose hands it happens to fall.
 Canon John Udris, Spiritual Director, St Mary's College, Oscott

This wonderful book is a fount of wisdom.
 Fr Vincent O'Hara, OCD, Director of the Avita Centre

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HCPT SPONSORED SKYDIVE



Thirteen volunteers and staff from HCPT in the Midlands did a sponsored skydive on Sunday 24 September. Nearly £10,000 was raised for HCPT's Lourdes pilgrimages next year for local disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. To sponsor any of the brave skydivers please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/heptsykydive>

ALIVE Nottingham – Are you ready? Celebrating 50 years of Charismatic Renewal



Over 120 people gathered during the day at Ratcliffe College, Leicester on Saturday 16th September to thank God for the blessing of 50 years of Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church. In the evening there was a Youth Event, for young people 18+, with food for all. The event was the initiative of the Bishop and the Rosminian priest Fr. Binu Palakapally I.C. who was the Director of the Rosmini Centre, next to Ratcliffe College.

For the day event, Guest Speakers included Michelle Moran, Archbishop Kevin McDonald and David Payne. The main venue for the Conference was in the College Chapel. A specially erected marquee on the nearby lawn provided workshop space and a space for the break times. The Old Library was the venue for another Workshop. Praise and worship during the day and for the Youth Event was led powerfully by the music group from Jesus Youth. The organising Committee was greatly assisted by the appointment of a Project Manager, Alice Slack, who, together with the Staff at Ratcliffe College, made sure the day ran smoothly. Fr. Philip Sainter I.C., the President of Ratcliffe, Mr Jon Reddin, the Headmaster of Ratcliffe, and Fr. Ted Mullen I.C., the new Director of the Rosmini Centre, are to be congratulated on the excellent venue and thanked for the warm and friendly welcome experienced by all concerned.

Michelle Moran is the Chair of the National Service Committee [NSC] for Charismatic Renewal in England. She is an international speaker for Charismatic Renewal in the Church and has recently been personally appointed by Pope Francis to establish a new single service structure for Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Vatican. As well as a key note address on the history and future direction for Charismatic Renewal, Michelle also led two practical Workshops on the Charisms & Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

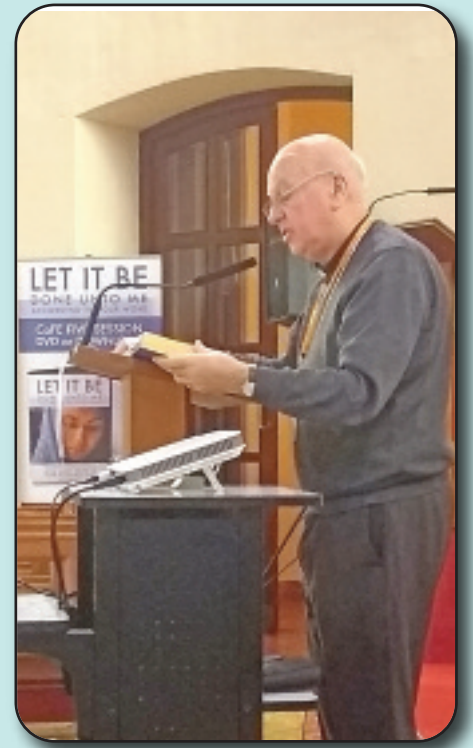
Archbishop Kevin McDonald is the Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark. He is the Episcopal Advisor to the NSC and gave an address entitled "Are we ready for God's salvation now and at the end times?" The Archbishop is currently Chair of the Bishops' Conference Committee for Other Faiths and of the Committee for Catholic-Jewish Relations but also he has many years of experience of working in the field of Christian Unity. So it was appropriate that he led two Workshops entitled "Ecumenism and the Renewal".

David Payne is the Director of Café, which stands for Catholic Faith Exploration. Café produces DVD & Video resources helping people to get more out of their faith. These are widely used for adult & youth education and sacramen-

tal preparation in parishes, school, colleges & prisons. He has travelled widely filming for and appearing in the Café DVD's and has written a number of books. During the day he led two Workshops called "The Spirit of Truth".

The day event concluded with Mass in the College Chapel. The Bishop was the main celebrant and preacher. Fr. Ted Mullen I.C. concelebrated together with Archbishop Kevin. Assisting at the altar was Seamus O'Looskan, and Fr. Philip Sainter I.C., acted as M.C. The music for the Mass was very well organised & played by the College Chaplain, Paul Michel.

In the evening, 30 or more young people accepted the Bishop's invitation to thanksgiving prayer, reflection and a hog-roast! Various stalls were available with information ranging from Vocations to Life issues. The Jesus Youth Band continued to lead the praise and worship and one of our Church Students, Liam Carpenter, spoke about vocation, call & response, and an openness to the Holy Spirit. At the beginning of the evening, Paul Michel welcomed everyone, and after a period of Adoration & Benediction, the evening concluded with thanks from Seamus and Fr. Philip.



It is hoped that ALIVE Nottingham will be the start of a number of initiatives around the Diocese offering opportunities to engage with Charismatic Renewal so that the exercise of the gifts & fruits of the Holy Spirit become the normal part of parish, school and home life.



Nottingham Roman Catholic
Diocesan Education Service

APPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Following Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter on Education Sunday, the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service (NRCDES) would welcome applications from practising Catholics willing to serve the diocese as foundation directors on the board of one of the four new Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts which will be established in September 2018.

For an application pack, please contact Julie Sweeney (Director's PA) or visit the NRCDES website.

Julie Sweeney: (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)
Website: www.nottingham-des.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 20 November 2017

Peter Giorgio
Director of Education



Has the Catholic secondary school become the 'parish' for most families?

by Dr Sean Whittle

Teasing out the relationship between the school and the parish can be a hard thing to do. In part this is because of the popular argument which regards the Catholic school as the de facto 'parish'. The Catholic secondary school has become the most common or typical way in which young people and their families most often encounter the Church. In recent decades our Catholic secondary schools have increasingly become the 'real' parish for the pupils and their families, particularly as young people enter that phase of having erratic attendance at Sunday mass. Although these young people who attend Catholic schools are not regularly at mass in their parish, they are involved in the life of their school. They will be taking part in assemblies, acts of worship, class prayers, charity work and retreat days and will be coming into contact with their school chaplain as part-and-parcel of school life in the average Catholic secondary school. For these young people, and perhaps for many of their families, the school is the ordinary or everyday way that they are encountering the Church. Given that it is the Catholic secondary school which has become the primary expression of the Church, does this mean that the time has come to accept that our Catholic secondary schools are in effect the new parishes for the Catholic Church in the UK?

Are Catholic schools the contemporary parish?

There are some compelling reasons for giving an affirmative answer to this question. One of the obvious reasons comes down to the convergence in numbers between those who regularly attend Sunday mass and the number of pupils enrolled into Catholic schools in England and Wales. In recent years the annual mass count census has started to match or even dip below the numbers who attend Catholic schools. In very basic terms, this means that during an average week more people cross the threshold of Catholic schools than go into a Church for mass on a Sunday. Another facet of this is the demographical differences between the school and the parish. In most of our parishes for Sunday masses there are very few young people or families with teenagers present. Overwhelmingly it is through their Catholic school that our young people are coming into contact with the Church.

Another reason for recognising the school as the contemporary parish is rooted in the ecclesiology and theology of the laity affirmed at Vatican II. The Church, as the people of God, is called to share the joys, hopes, griefs and anxieties of the rest of humanity. The opening words of *Gaudium et Spes* present a vision of those who belong to the Church as being fully involved in the life of all, especially the poor and needy. To

be the Church in the modern world is to be fully involved in the things that matter to other human beings, and of course education is an obvious example of this. If we are being true to this vision of the Church then it would make sense to depict our Catholic schools as primary expressions of the Church or the contemporary parish.

Given that so many members of the Body of Christ (the Church) are encountering each other in our schools there are sound theological reasons for regarding them as the contemporary parishes.

Schools-as-parishes

It might be helpful to briefly consider what the key characteristics of these 'parishes' are. Perhaps the most striking feature is that the leadership is almost entirely lay. It is lay people who lead and manage the Catholic school community. The numbers of religious who teach, even in private Catholic schools, has dwindled to minuscule numbers. It is very rare to come across a Catholic school in which it is an ordained minister or member of a religious order who has a leading role in the school. Moreover, in secondary schools the overwhelming majority of school chaplains are lay, with a huge proportion being female. In many respects this powerfully reflects Vatican II's Decree on the laity. No longer are the laity the 'long arm of the hierarchy' but in their work at Catholic schools they are embodying the Church and taking on important leadership roles in this part of the Church's work. For many of our young people their encounters with female lay chaplains at their school shows them how, even in the Catholic Church, it is possible for women to be heavily involved in leading services and liturgies as well as being outstanding pastors. This of course stands in stark contrast to what young people encounter in their local parish, where it is an exclusively male priesthood that too often takes the lead on everything.

Although large numbers of non-Catholics teach and work in Catholic schools, of those who are Catholic many have a strong sense of vocation to Catholic education. This means that the pupils at Catholic schools are regularly encountering people of deep faith who are striving to live out that imperative we hear at the end of the Eucharist – 'to go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life'. In addition, for pupils at Catholic schools there is a strong emphasis on putting faith into action, particularly when it comes to charity work. Cafod and numerous other charities benefit from the huge sums of money raised in Catholic schools each year. Almost all Catholic schools encourage pupils to do voluntary work, with a significant proportion of secondary schools sponsoring sixth form stu-

dents to be helpers in Lourdes. Prayer and times of reflection are often woven into the school day, through assemblies and prayers at the start of some lessons.

Throughout the school year there are a number of major Eucharistic liturgies, such as the mass of welcome for Year 7 pupils or the leaver's mass at the end of Year 11 and Year 13. Of course the hierarchical Church is involved in some crucial roles, but these tend to be more remote ones. It is the Bishop who is ultimately responsible for whether or not a school can be classified as a Catholic one. The diocesan inspectors come into Catholic schools in the name of the Bishop. Local clergy typically play a key role as the 'gatekeepers' through their function of signing school application forms, particularly for secondary schools.

In addition, serving on the governing body of Catholic schools is something that many parish priests are involved in.

Possible issues with promoting the school as the modern parish

However, there are a number of possible drawbacks when it comes to promoting the school as the modern day parish. Perhaps the most obvious point is to do with the differences between schools and parishes. To begin with, Catholic schools are transient communities in a way that parishes are not. Although compulsory education now spans over thirteen long years, belonging to your school is something that is only for part of your life. In fact schools are geared to helping pupils get ready for the rest of their life beyond their time at school. Belonging to a parish is supposed to be a more permanent part of life. Although one might move to new parishes throughout life, the key point is that being part of your parish (worshipping community) is supposed to be an ongoing feature of life for Catholic Christians, in a way that belonging to your school is not.

Another difference comes from the compulsory nature of education and schooling. For the vast majority of the population the legal injunction to ensure that children are educated means that they have to attend school or college until eighteen. This legal compulsion turns schools into highly unusual parishes.

Regular parishes are made up of people who by-and-large choose to be there, week in and week out. Although there might be a whole range of reasons for attending Sunday mass, there is ultimately no legal compulsion to gather with other members of your parish community. So schools and parishes have in this respect a fundamental dissimilarity.



Pinning down the relationship between the Catholic secondary school and the parish

However good Catholic schools are, and we know from the diocesan inspection reports that we are blessed with many of them, it is difficult to pin down the relationship between the parish and the school. Making the transition from secondary school to regular participation in the parish has always been very difficult to achieve. It might well be that a big part of the problem is actually caused by the success of our Catholic schools. These lay-led ecclesial communities give to the pupils an experience of an ecclesiology that is very different to that which is found in many of our parishes. Perhaps as pupils leave Catholic schools they become aware of a dissonance between their experience of the Church at school and what is to be found in so many of our parishes. At the same time it is important to be mindful of the changing composition of our Catholic schools.

In recent decades large proportions of Catholic parents have chosen not to send their children to Catholic schools. Indeed many of our Catholic schools are heavily populated by non-Catholic pupils.

Although slightly more pupils cross the threshold of Catholic schools each week, compared to Catholic parishes, this masks the fact that a significant number of these pupils do not belong to the faith. Without a doubt, many are actively involved in the life of their local mosque, temple and Gurdwara. Whilst the presence of pupils who are 'strangers to the faith' (as *Gravissimum Educationis* puts it) is a good thing, it presents a further challenge to the argument that the Catholic school ought to be regarded as the contemporary parish. Unpacking the relationship between the school and the parish is a highly challenging task. It is the shifting relationship between the two which makes it so challenging.

Although it has become more popular to argue that our Catholic schools should be regarded as the 'parish', it is important to recognise the significant drawbacks with pushing this claim too heavily.

St George's RC Derby Celebrating the Sacraments

"All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away" John 6 :37

The last week of September 2017 was a very busy week in St George's Derby. With two weddings, two baptisms and a First Holy Communion Mass. The Parish sees this as a sign of a relevant living church in their community. This year so far the Parish have celebrated 9 weddings with two more planned by the end of the year, 41 children have been baptised so far, 76 children have received their First Communion and 4 RCIA communicants have been received. What a year so far and Canon Alan Burbidge and Fr Peter Peterken embrace the busy sacramental programme.

Canon Burbidge says "As Catholics, the celebration and living of the Sacraments are the most important part of our faith. The sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Marriage, Holy Orders, and the Anointing of the Sick - are ceremonies that point to what is sacred, significant and important for Christians. They are special occasions for experiencing God's saving presence and instruments of God's grace - each one is an outward sign of an inward grace the key to them remaining relevant today is meeting people where they are and supporting them on the journey, Parish Outreach work is fundamental in today's world". Pictured are the Children from our Refugee/Asylum/ second language community, who require a little more support with the FHC

programme.

Fr Peter expressed his joy of the FHC Mass "We had a wonderful celebration and party, this brings our 2017 programme to its close, Fr Alan and I thank Karan our Parish Assistant, Mrs Mooney and all the FHC team who prepared the 76 children for this year programme. We have a fantastic team of Catechist supporting all our Sacramental programmes and a thriving Children's Church, the Catechist are a great asset to our Parish life and our worshipping community in which we serve without their support our Ministry as Priest would be a real challenge .

Mrs Karan O'Connor
Parish Assistant



Sick and Retired Priests Appeal

Homily for Memorial of St Jerome in Mass to thank promoters of the Retired Priests Appeal

It is still sometimes the case in Mass that the Liturgy of the Word, the time when we listen to God's word in the scriptures, is simply treated as an introduction to the Mass. But from the earliest days of the Church, long before St Jerome, born in the year 340 whose memorial we keep today it was recognised that it is a most precious time when the Word of God is proclaimed, preached and received. It is a time when those assembled are addressed by the living God, whose word it is, and are called to make a decision for or against the Kingdom of God. The Word of God in the scriptures, even when it seems to us difficult and obscure to understand, is always the Word of God addressed in a particular way to each person's heart. So God's Word when proclaimed and preached never leaves us indifferent or unchanged. Even when we ignore the Word or feel moved to boredom by an all too familiar passage of scripture or a homily that doesn't quite catch our attention, we are still being addressed and called by God. To ignore Him or pretend indifference is itself a decision.

There isn't a priest or deacon who isn't aware that he is called to help the Word of God take flesh in the hearts and lives of those to whom he preaches, his brothers and sisters in Christ. To be able to do that he must of course first allow God's Word to speak to his own heart, his own manner of life, and to the circumstances of his ministry. His calling from God is to allow God to speak to his people through his own inadequate words. So the priest or deacon when proclaiming God's Word, stands before God aware of his own weakness, aware of his own need of forgiveness, and so only too aware of his own need of the Word he is called to preach. And so the Christ Jesus he preaches is not some abstract idea, but the living Word of God whom he is striving to allow to be the Lord of his life; the one who inspires his days, who carries him through life's trials and difficulties, and whose forgiveness and faithful love sustains him. So ultimately the message of the preacher is the living person of Jesus, whom he has encountered and whom he wants to share with others. Such is the important place of God's Word in the heart and life of the priest and deacon, but what



of the importance of the openness to God's Word in the hearts of those listening?

Jesus, in his parable of the sower and the seed, highlighted some of the major obstacles to sowing the seed of God's word. There can be a lack of response in that our listening is only superficial and we don't allow God's Word to enter our hearts and help shape our everyday lives; or there can be a lack of commitment to God's Word in that when it begins to challenge our life we turn the deaf ear; or we can hear God's Word, but our heart is too filled with the anxieties and worries of life and this blocks the effectiveness of God's Word in our heart. And finally there is the open, receptive heart, which hears the Word of God, takes it into their heart and asks for God's grace to respond generously. Within such a heart, the daily concerns of life are all too real, but they do not cause great and lasting anxiety, because the heart of such a person is focussed on the promises of God's love and care. May that heart, more and more, be the hearts of all of us throughout our diocese.

As Bishop, I welcome this opportunity to thank the open and generous hearts of each and every one of you, and all other lay volunteers who are unable to be here today, for the enormous contribution you have made to ensuring that, as a diocese, we can provide into the future, the care and practical support that may be needed for the sick and retired priests of our diocese. They have borne the 'heat of the day' in their many years of faithful and generous ministry, now they deserve our care and support. Near the end of Mass you will hear from John Curran, who with his team has done such sterling work, that the appeal has done very well. There is still a way to go to reach the final target, but, without the generous involvement, support and prayers of so many lay people throughout the parishes and schools of our diocese, we would not be where we currently are. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I am offering this Mass for each of your intentions.

+Patrick
Bishop of Nottingham

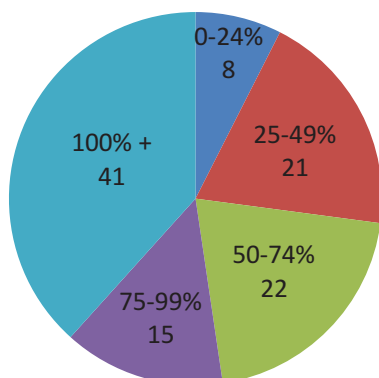
End of Appeal Active Phase

Bishop Patrick was surrounded by many of our appeal workers after Mass in our Cathedral on 30 September 2017. The Mass marked the end of the first and biggest phase of the appeal to bolster the diocese's Sick and Retired Priests' Fund, and was to thank the lay workers in parishes who worked so hard. The bishop's homily is elsewhere in this edition of Catholic News.

By the middle of October 44 of our 103 parishes had raised or pledged to raise what was sought. We thank and congratulate all for undertaking what at first sight was a daunting task. As we do so intermittently, we list them and in no particular order:

Melton Mowbray; Gainsborough; Bourne & Deeping St James; Belper & Duffield; Melbourne & Castle Donnington; Ashbourne; Market Harborough & Husbands Bosworth; Lincoln- SS Peter & Paul, St Hugh & St Francis Assisi, Our Lady of Lincoln; Hassop & Bakewell; Measham; Coalville; Hadfield & Charlesworth; Eastwood; Southwell & Calverton; Stamford; Stapleford; Oadby; East Leake; Skegness & Spilsby; Leicester- St Patrick's, St Thomas More, St Peter's, St Joseph's & Rosary Church, St Edward's, Blessed Sacrament & St Andrew; Cotgrave; Buxton; Oakham; Earl Shilton & Market Bosworth; Keyworth; South Wigston and Eyres Monsall; Hinckley; Ashby de la Zouch & St Martin's; Woodhall Spa & Horncastle; Syston; Sileby; Matlock & Worksworth; Swadlincote; Nottingham- the Meadows and West Bridgford; Radcliffe on Trent; Stapenhill & Burton on Trent.

The overall state of parishes is in the pie chart.
To all we offer our grateful thanks.



Although the immediate urgency of providing for our retired priests has been removed the task of caring for those priests who have borne 'the heat of the day' for us is incomplete. When we reach £5,000,000 we will have provided for our priests for the foreseeable future. After 2030 longer term measures should be in place.

So what's next? We reduced our staffing in August this year but the office contacts will remain the same until March 2018. We will concentrate on working with parishes that are still fund raising to help them join the completers' list. We have written to our representatives in parishes still fundraising to outline our plans for the future. The running total of what we have raised is on our website- www.retiredpriestsappeal.com.

Nottingham Diocese Spirituality Network

Days of Prayer: 2017-18

4 Nov. 9 Dec. 13 Jan. 10 Feb. 10 Mar.

14 Apr 12 May 9 Jun

Days of Prayer:

Offering different ways of praying

Deepening my Prayer Life

Day starts with coffee at 10:00 and ends with a Liturgy at 3:00pm

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7 October - Guided Meditation, Finding God in the Word (Core Group)

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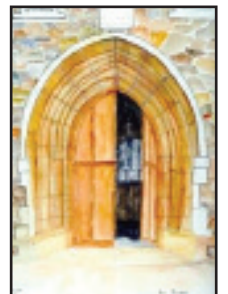
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Diamond Couple

A celebration Mass was held at The Holy Spirit Church Sinfon Derby recently for Rex and Rose Gilligan who have achieved 60 years of marriage.

They are founder members of the church in Sinfon and attended the very first Mass held in the Parish in February 1976. Records show Rex's mum was also present at that Mass.

They celebrated their achievement with daughters Marie and Rachael and Grandchildren Tom Jacob Katie and Piers.



Fr Peter Peterken, who celebrated the Mass, can also boast two diamond events with his marriage to Eileen and 60 years of the priesthood.

David Perry

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage.....

November seems to me to be a month of both courage and mystery. It is a month of courage because right at it's beginning we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, when we commemorate those who witnessed with their lives with courage to the faith which they professed with their lips. They were the heroes whose lives were consistent with their faith, and who in the power of that faith were able to prefer their soul's integrity to the temporary gain for which they were asked to barter it. As we say they 'lost their lives' however to them it was not life that they lost, they kept the things that were life to them, honour, self respect, and God respect, who in their human nature lived lives true to the revelation given in Christ. 'He that will save his life shall lose it, and he that will lose his life for my sake will find it' Jesus said. The saints were people who truly believed this and lived their lives in this belief. And so it is with courage that we too need to take these holy men and women as our guide on our journey's of faith - remembering that those saints in heaven are not just the famous ones, but the list includes those we knew in this life, those who were closest to us and are now close to us in spirit - a sort of heavenly support group !

Isn't God's great plan wonderful ? He has given us the gift of life, he has given us families and friends. He has given us a unique set of gifts and talents, which we can use to His glory in our lives. He has given to us the gift of salvation, along with the sacraments of the Church and the life of grace to sustain us, and yet still this is not enough, in addition to all these gifts, he has called us too to be with Him in heaven with all those saints who we commemorate at All Saints time.



And so also November is a month of Mystery, for we all stand before that curtain which death drops behind every life that passes on, hiding from human sight the entrance to that which we believe to be an existence more real and rich than this one we experience now. We try to catch the glimpse of the glory of the saints shining through the shrouding veil, we have the great witness of the faith of our Lord's Resurrection, but, that in our own life here is a mystery we cannot explain.

The faithful gone before who we commemorate on All Souls Day, have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, tell us that God is committed to bringing us all to His heavenly home. There will be surprises for us along the way, some sweet others not so sweet - but at every twist and turn we shall find Jesus waiting for us, ready to shower us with His grace.

**Fr. Richard + H.D.N.
Priest and Hermit
Diocese of Nottingham.**

Representing Wales

A 14-year-old Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy student will represent Wales in an international football tournament.

Will Russ has been selected for the Wales under-16 squad for the Victory Shield, which is an annual tournament competed for by the under-16 teams of Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland..

In the past, the under-16s version of the home international championship has showcased several up and coming stars including the likes of Ryan Giggs and Wayne Rooney.

Will, who is a striker, played for Wales under-16s for the first time in September in a warm-up game against Gibraltar ahead of the Victory Shield. Wales won 6-0 and Will scored the first goal after nine minutes.

The teenager used to play Sunday League football in Derby before signing for Chesterfield FC in May last year.



Staff from The Nursery at Loughborough Endowed Schools were joined by children and their parents for a very important celebration. On 3 October 2017 The Nursery, based on Garton Road in central Loughborough, achieved its first birthday and everyone gathered together to celebrate in style.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Writing this article on the day of the Las Vegas mass shooting, it soon became apparent that this was the most tragic in recent USA history. Our first re-action was perhaps "not again" as we are still trying to come to terms with the terrorist inspired loss of life in our own country earlier this year. The loss of life in this way leaves families and friends of the victims devastated in a way that it is difficult to imagine.

The advent of 24 hour rolling news means that a child can come home from school and have instant access to these evil and tragic occurrences. We cannot stop this and perhaps we should not try but we surely need to tell our children the difference between right and wrong. In the digital age in which we live we also know that modern technology is being used for the wrong reasons. This surely highlights the importance of our Catholic schools which frequently show academic excellence, and have an outstanding reputation gaining much popular support from parents.

In mid September a report from the Religious Education Council strongly suggested that some schools are not teaching religious education, in some schools not at all. There is a fear that up to one in four secondary units are struggling to meet their legal obligation to teach pupils about major religions. A quarter of schools polled for the report

said they do not offer the subject to all students at GCSE level.

Our church schools are not only respected for their academic performance, they really do teach our young children to have the right approach for the society in which we now live. Very rarely do we have our parliamentary representatives speak up for the respect our church schools have from parents. The banner headline in one of our newspapers read "Death Knell for RE in Schools". Why should our children not know about religion? Could it be that those who are opposed do not want our pupils to hear about our great saints or of the great missionary and practical aid that is taking place as you read this article?

More and more people say to me how concerned they are for the future of our children. Those who are responsible for guidance cannot just leave this matter to our teachers. We all need an inner resolve to make time to talk to our young people with the help of our faith. When Cardinal Keenan introduced a new Prayer Book in 1970 he wrote "I do not believe that young children have altered greatly in this generation. In their attitude to religion they turn easily and eagerly to Our Lord'.

**Frank Goulding
Holt Trinity Parish
Newark**

SS Peter & Paul, Lincoln say 'Farewell' to Fr Tom

A large congregation gathered to wish Fr Tom McGovern well on his last night in the Parish on Tuesday 19th September. Parishioners and friends from St Hugh's and Our Lady's celebrated together with joy and some sadness at his leaving.

With his usual dry wit Fr Tom raised many laughs as he addressed the assembled throng.

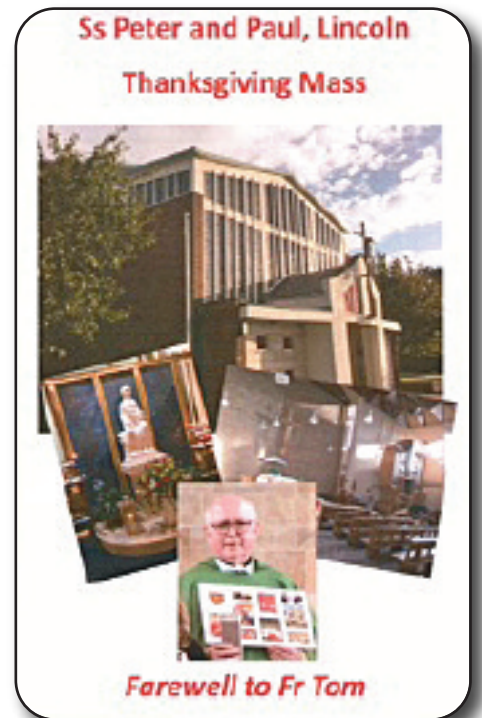
He thanked all the people who work so hard in the Parish and said he was especially proud of the programme "The Gift" which has continued as a prayer group; and the magnificent lay-led response to the fund for Sick and Retired Clergy, which saw our large contribution raised in just over a year.

He claimed that as he had spent 25 of his 47

years as a priest in Lincoln he could be called an honorary 'Yellow Belly' and as Scunthorpe was also in Lincolnshire he would soon become a fully-fledged one.

After the celebratory sung Mass in which the Choir excelled themselves yet again the Parish Centre was packed to share generous and delicious refreshments and to give parishioners a chance to snatch a few last words with Fr Tom. By the end of the evening people were dancing in a lovely social atmosphere but still tinged with sadness.

He leaves the Parish in good fettle and entrusted Canon Eddie Jarosz to our care when he arrived as our new Parish Priest later in the week. Fr Tom is a larger than life character and will be missed, especially for his self-deprecating style, but we looked forward to welcoming Canon Eddie.



The entire Parish wishes Fr Tom a happy and rewarding time at St Bernadette's.

*Peggy McCarthy,
SS Peter & Paul.*

MARKET HARBOROUGH CLERGY NIGHT



Clergy Night with Market Harbourough Council

Left to Right: Treasurer Carlo Laurenti, Welfare Officer Chris Long, Revd. Canon Owen O'Neill, President Christian Whitfield, Revd. Kevin O'Connor, Past President Bill Ryan, Acting Secretary Mike Hall, Provincial Councillor Keith Webb, Provincial Director David Baldam.

The President, brothers and ladies of Market Harbourough Circle were delighted to welcome their own Parish Priest, The Very Reverend Canon Owen O'Neill and Deacon, Reverend Kevin O'Connor of Our Lady of Victories and St. Alphonsus Parish, Lutterworth, to their annual Clergy Night Dinner.

In thanking the Clergy for their attendance, President Christian Whitfield said "how much the Circle appreciated their attendance, which presented an opportunity for the Circle to extend a warm thank you to our Clergy for their hard work and commitment."



National Celebration of the YCW in England and Wales

The Young Christian Workers (YCW) will be celebrating their 80th year in England and Wales on 18th November 2017 from 4pm, with a Mass celebrated by the Rt. Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist in Salford, followed by a celebration in the Cathedral Assembly Room.

In England and Wales, the first YCW group was founded in Wigan in 1937, with Father Gerry Rimmer as the Chaplain and Patrick Keegan, a young factory worker, as President. Patrick would go on to become the first lay man to address an Ecumenical Council of the Church when he addressed the Second Vatican Council on the role of the laity.

All members, past and present, friends and supporters are welcome.

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SAVING OUR BACON ...

by Julia Beacroft

WHILE MY SON was at primary school he won a prize. No big deal, you're probably thinking; children win prizes at school all the time. And you would, of course, be quite correct.

However, this prize was notable – not only because it was a poetry prize and my son hated poetry and English in general – but also because of the content of the poem. For reasons best known only to himself, he decided to write his masterpiece about – of all things – bacon! In fact the title of his poem, (and I use the term loosely), was 'The Bacon Rap'. And incredibly, the triumphant ending to his epic verse was: 'Bacon, bacon, comes from a cow!'

Naturally, despite the prize from the school, he's never been able to live down the joke to this day! However, although hilariously funny, this event served as an excellent means of communication to us and to the school. It announced loudly and clearly that he certainly loved bacon!

TAKEN OFF

Today, communication has become increasingly important and is readily available in a veritable plethora of means and methods. Social media, in particular, has 'taken off' in a way that no-one could have anticipated. It has actually become an integral part of our lives, with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram being universally used as an excellent way of keeping in touch with others and sharing ideas and opinions. In fact, the Pope himself tweets on a daily basis. Facebook and Twitter are particularly good at suggesting



'friends' and 'followers' as a way of putting people in touch with each other and connecting them.

In the same way, as we attempt to spread the Gospel message, we ourselves are connectors – we connect others to the providential love and grace of God. In so doing our methods of communication are all important, whether this involves talking about our faith, listening to others or helping our neighbour. Even such a basic action as a smile, greeting or kind word to another person is hugely important. It is surprising the way that such small moments of kindness and friendliness can make an enormous difference to the lives of others, and in so doing possibly plant a seed of faith which could germinate and grow. When we behave in this way, we are living the Gospel in action. And although there can, and have been problems with social media and that sometimes trivia or even nonsense have been posted on it, let's not forget that it is also an excellent medium or connector for evangelization, as it reaches out to the whole world with ease. Ironically, Pope Francis tweeted recently: 'A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!'

CONNECTORS

In today's technological world our communication systems are more advanced than ever as we e-mail, Skype, Snapchat and routinely use social media. Rightly or wrongly, letters and former written methods of communication are rapidly becoming an anachronism. Yet conversely our role of connecting others to our Christian faith remains essentially unchanged. May we always embrace any method of communication to bring others to the Lord, so he may take his place in their lives and 'save their bacon'.

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Freedom lies with being bold



At the recent Catenians National Public Speaking contest in Manchester, Daniel Clark of St Mary's High School, Chesterfield came third in a very strong field of 17 excellent young Catholic speakers.

The 2017 contestant were adjudicated by Rt Rev John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, Wendy Sutcliffe, Prof. Lord David Alton and National President of The Catenian Association Peter Rogers.

Daniel represented Province 15 of The Catenian Association having won the regional contest in March this year, again, against 8 very good young Catholics speakers.

Young Scunthorpe Volunteer Sees Determination Pay Off

A young Scunthorpe volunteer has shown remarkable passion and perseverance to ensure she can help raise funds for CAFOD.

Eleven-year-old Izzy was initially disappointed when she could not participate in a CAFOD raffle due to being under 16.

However, Izzy was not deterred and wrote to CAFOD's Romero House explaining how disappointed she was at not being involved.

After being impressed with Izzy's maturity and determination to help, it was decided that the youngster can speak at mass for Harvest Fast Day and let her parish, St Norbert's in Crowle, know about the work of CAFOD.

"When I asked her about speaking at mass, she didn't hesitate in saying she would.

"Well done Izzy!"

Izzy will spoke about Harvest Fast Day, which took place on Friday October 6 and focuses on helping poor farmers across the world grow enough food to eat.

CAFOD is working with communities in El Salvador, where farming is the dominant profession but the land is often difficult to grow food on. Farmers may use substandard seeds that only last one harvest and cannot cope with pests, or that need special fertiliser to grow.



Picture right: Izzy showed great determination to volunteer for CAFOD

CAFOD representative in Nottingham, Maggie Mairura, said: "When Izzy wrote to say how passionate she was about supporting CAFOD, I couldn't wait to meet her!"

Over £400 raised

The CAFOD group at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Eastwood held their annual harvest lunch and raised over £400.

There were four main courses on offer and a variety of sweets at the lively get together.

There was also a raffle and tombola, in which the tickets had either a fruit or a vegetable, to help boost the total money raised for CAFOD's Connect2 scheme.

Connect2 is built on CAFOD's values of solidarity and partnership, where parishes in the UK are able to stand alongside communities overseas to fight against poverty and injustice.

Through Connect2, the CAFOD group at Our Lady of Good Counsel is linked with groups in Sebeya, in the dry, arid north of Ethiopia.

For more information on Connect2, visit our website.



Parishioners at Our Lady of Good Counsel enjoyed a harvest lunch

A Warm Welcome for the Reception Children at St Mary's

St Mary's Church in Derby welcomed the new Reception children from St Mary's Primary School at the 9am Mass on Sunday 1st October. Fr John St John led the worship. During Children's Liturgy the children heard the parable of the two sons, and thought about the importance of making the right choices.

Mrs Russell and the school staff then presented all the children with their Presentation Folders. These will be filled with certificates of achievement and examples of special work during the coming years, before being brought back to Church at the end of Yr 6.

We pray that the children make the most of their educational opportunities and enjoy learning about the incredible world God has given to us."

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Emily's Disney Dream

This morning pupils and staff at Our Lady's Convent School welcomed alumna Emily Dunne into assembly to talk about her experiences on the Walt Disney Cultural Exchange programme in the summer between her second and third year of university.

Emily spoke eloquently about the interview process and her experiences, living, being trained and working as a Cast Member at Walt Disney World in Florida. She described the incredible opportunities she enjoyed on the programme which included training, free access to all the Disney parks and making friends from around the world, as well as attending the Disney University.

Her stirring words and enthusiasm for the programme inspired and entertained the pupils who were keen to find out more and ask her questions.

Emily was one of nearly three thousand applicants for only three hundred jobs. What was clearly apparent was how Emily had taken, in her opinion, a chance by applying to the programme, but her message to the pupils was, "Get out there, take a chance, if I can do this, so can you!"

Emily has now completed her degree in Law at the University of Liverpool and is due to start a 12 month programme working in the UK pavilion at Disney's Epcot where she will gain more valuable life and management work experience.



Speaking after the assembly, Dr Julian Murphy, Headmaster said, "Past pupils often keep in touch with the School and let us know how they are getting on in the world of work. We are keen to encourage and, always delighted to, welcome them back to share their experiences and motivate our younger pupils to aspire for more in life. I would encourage anyone who has a specific dream to let us know, we will work with them to help them achieve it."

First day celebrations

Students in Year 7 celebrated their first day at Saint Benedict Catholic Voluntary Academy with a balloon release.

Each Year 7 student was asked to write down their fears about secondary school on a tag which was tied to a balloon.



The whole of Year 7 then released the balloons, which are bio-degradable, on the school field.

Before the balloon release, deputy head Matthew Shenton talked to students about bullying and how it is not tolerated at Saint Benedict CVA, in Duffield Road, Derby, how it can be reported and how it is dealt with.

Students can email their concerns anonymously to staff or write them down and post them in a box which is in school reception. Along with fully trained members of staff, older students also act as anti-bullying ambassadors.

Tracey Woodings, House Achievement Manager and anti-bullying ambassador at

Saint Benedict, in Duffield Road, Derby, said there was plenty of support available for all students at the academy. She said: "This was a lovely way for our new Year 7 students to end their first day and hopefully they went home feeling confident that there are a number of different ways that they can report any concerns to us."

Head teacher Kevin Gritton said: "We are delighted to welcome the new Year 7 students to our wonderful school community and the balloon release is a great celebration of their first day. We know that the move from primary to secondary can be a little daunting so this is just a way of reassuring them that we do not tolerate bullying and there is plenty of support in place for them."



St Peter and St Paul celebrates improved Ofsted rating

St Peter and St Paul has been praised by Ofsted after achieving a 'good' rating in its latest inspection.

The Academy has been praised for its quality of teaching, effectiveness of leadership and management, support for students that enables students to achieve good outcomes and make progress.

In rating the Academy as 'good' in all aspects, Ofsted highlighted that: 'Each pupil is known as an individual. Leaders at all levels are determined that all pupils succeed and thrive at school' and that: "Teachers create a positive atmosphere for learning. Lessons are purposeful and teachers have high expectations. Pupils are keen to learn and contribute well in lessons as key factors in the success of the Academy'.

The report highlights that there have been many improvements since the last inspection in March 2015.

The Ofsted report is testament and recognition of the many positive aspects of St Peter and St Paul and the high quality of all round education that is provided.

Following a two-day inspection of the Academy, which took place from 13th to 14th June this year, inspectors said: "Pupils make good progress across a range of subjects and in all year groups" and "The school's spiritual, moral, social and cultural provision makes a significant contribution to pupils' personal development".

Well done to everyone in our Academy Community

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Once-in-a-lifetime World Challenge trip

Teaching, volunteer work and a trek were just some of the activities experienced by Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy students during a once-in-a-lifetime World Challenge trip.

Twenty Year 10 and 11 students spent two weeks in Nepal over the summer along with three members of staff. Each student had to raise £2,690 to fund the trip and to do this they held events, took part in charity runs and made and sold Christmas decorations.

Libby Wilton, 15, said she has some incredible memories of the trip.

She said: "The reason I signed up to go was because it was something totally different and I'd never done anything like that before. I've done things in a group but never on that scale. The first thing we did was work in a school where we put lights in and built a wall around it so that it was safe. The trek was hard as we were walking for eight hours a day for five days. It was also quite emotional as a lot of people didn't think they would be able to achieve it. The whole trip was definitely a once-in-a-lifetime experience and it was probably the most rewarding thing I've ever done."

Ellie Chadburn-Tennyson, 16, said the trip had given her a different perspective.

She said: "I had my hair cut short to raise money to buy a laptop to give to the school. Half of the money raised also went to the Teenage Cancer Trust. I think the teachers

in the school out there were excited and a bit confused when they saw the laptop as they don't have them in their school. I think when we came home we realised how lucky we are and how happy the children are out there, they were always smiling."

James Wheldon, Product Design teacher who led the trip, said it was an amazing experience.

He said: "The expedition did not disappoint. We spent many hours preparing for two weeks in the Himalayas which we soon found out would be one of the most humbling environments available for the human eyes.

"All the students were absolutely amazing, taking in every opportunity to experience the culture, mix with the local community and selflessly put themselves forward for all work needed to improve the lives of the young people and educators at the village school, that we were lucky to spend some time with. We had three days building an exterior wall, painting fences and working in the classrooms of a local village school.

"Following this was our expedition to the Annapurna Range, arguably one of the most stunning environments in the world. Six days saw a full range of weather conditions. Blistering sunshine, altitude, full scale humidity and monsoon weather."

Mr Wheldon is already planning the school's next World Challenge trip to Swaziland in 2019 and an information evening is being held for students on October 12th.



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

- 1 Angel of the bottomless pit's one rotten fellow (7)
- 5 Check car's tyres at the front (5)
- 8 Picnic things are put in this stylish container (4,3)
- 9 Poke around firm in Israel (5)
- 10 It amplifies the matter of fruit on the turn (5)
- 11 Within visual range for observation (7)
- 12 Total lack of interest to cross a yard by track (6)
- 14 Zambia's evacuated, following small brown lines on a page (6)
- 17 Say farewell to lion-hearted after salute... (7)
- 19 ...awards partly leave them mystified (5)
- 22 The rise of Southwell? (5)
- 23 Rat one that double-crossed (7)
- 24 Somewhat dark Welsh river seen in a wasted day (5)
- 25 James' and John's dad, retiring bishop, drifted away during last Letter from America (7)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Racing here is one from an Aberdeen, perhaps (5)
- 2 Bother with navy getting deck out (5)
- 3 Judge's board he upset (7)
- 4 Note number on top have the spirit to support head (6)
- 5 How meats are cooked in France, on Sunday, in early summer months (2,3)

- 6 One of ten sides last month suffering no end (7)
- 7 Dorcas the Greek gets to name it on headgear, but not all (7)
- 12 Charged with using cue cards, Rabbi pulled out (7)
- 13 On English vessel find a set forever young (7)
- 15 Jesus Christ the Gambler, said John? (3,4)
- 16 Conquistador, the first in Colombia with, surprisingly, zero time in there (6)
- 18 The event to broadcast? (5)
- 20 Greek character with very little English, Theodorus, is turned down (5)
- 21 Eastern wrap snacks are easily tucked into (5)

QUICK Across

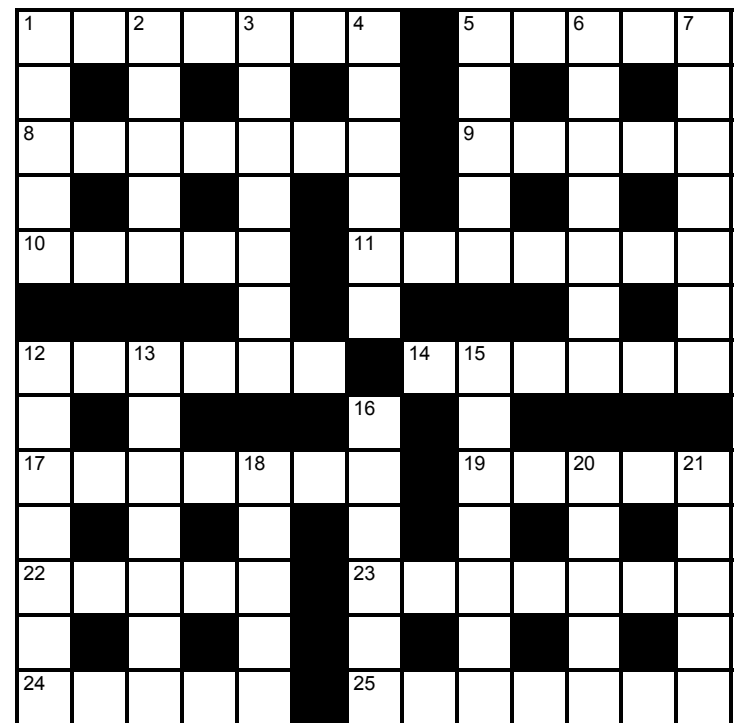
- 1 Hebrew version of the Greek Apollyon (7)
- 5 Inspect (5)
- 8 Insulated container which keeps food cold (4,3)
- 9 Progenitor of the Israelites (5)
- 10 Electronic receiver that detects and demodulates and amplifies transmitted signals (5)
- 11 Perception (7)
- 12 Absence of emotion or enthusiasm (6)
- 14 Group of lines in a poem, play, etc (6)
- 17 Toodle-did! (7)
- 19 US TV Awards (5)
- 22 Increase in size, magnitude, number, or intensity (5)

- 23 Someone who betrays his country (7)
- 24 Dark-skinned (5)
- 25 Father of apostles James and John (7)

QUICK Down

- 1 Racing venue in Berkshire (5)
- 2 Festoon (5)
- 3 In the Book of Judges, the only female judge (7)
- 4 Small measure of spirits; mug (6)
- 5 Of meat cooked in its own gravy (French) (2,3)
- 6 Ten-sided figure (7)
- 7 Woman in Acts, from Joppa (7)
- 12 Defendant in a criminal proceeding (7)

- 13 Eternal (7)
- 15 Euphemism for Jesus Christ in John (3,4)
- 16 Hernando -----, 1486-1547, conquistador (6)
- 18 Pass on (5)
- 20 Subdued (5)
- 21 Ranees' wrap (5)



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Grimsby Primary School 'Wear It Funny For Money'

A Grimsby primary school held five fancy dress days to raise a 'staggering' amount for aid agency CAFOD.

St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy held a 'wear it funny for money' event each Friday for five consecutive weeks.

Each week had a different theme, including wearing your shoes, hair and face funny in exchange for a donation to CAFOD.

This led to some hilarious outfits with plenty of wigs, face paint, odd shoes and more on show.

The school were able to raise a very impressive £636.61 for CAFOD, who work with communities across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, helping people to tackle poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest.



RE subject leader Helen Rushworth said: "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 people. "Children and families, staff and parishioners from Saint Mary on the Sea all helped raise the money."

CAFOD stands beside people living in poverty, whatever their religion or culture.

Through local church partners, they help

people directly in their own communities, and campaign for global justice, so that everyone can reach their full potential.

CAFOD representative in Nottingham, Maggie Mairura, said: "This was a really fun and inventive way to raise money and I would like to thank everybody who got involved with the 'wear it funny for money' days.

"I am sure all the pupils will have had a great time and I am looking forward to seeing what St Mary's does next."

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