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Share the Journey

Bishop Patrick asks that all parishes and schools get behind this campaign, launched by Pope Francis



Pope Francis launched 'Share the Journey', in November last year, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. The timescale of the campaign is from now until the Pope goes to address the UN in September. A week of action will also take place during Refugee Week 16 – 24 June.

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GIFT FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

The Immediate Past President of Market Harborough Circle of the Catenian Association, Christian Whitfield, chose as a charity for his Presidential Year the Diocese of Nottingham's "Retired Priests Appeal". Christian is a member of Our Lady of Victories & St. Alphonsus Parish, Lutterworth. Following a recent Sunday Mass, Christian had much pleasure in presenting, on behalf of the Circle, a cheque for £460 to the Parish Priest, Rev. Monsignor John Hadley, towards the Retired Priests Appeal. In thanking Christian for the Circle's generous gift Carla Brown, the Appeal's Co-ordinator, said "how very much such support was greatly appreciated".



The Market Harborough President,
Christian Whitfield, presenting the cheque to
Parish Priest Rev. Monsignor John Hadley.

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Pope Francis sends videomessage to forum on 'modern-day slavery'

Pope Francis has sent a video message to the Forum on modern day slavery, which ran from 5-8 May, 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The event was hosted by the Orthodox Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, and co-sponsored by the Patriarch Athenagoras Institute in Berkely, California. The forum brought together experts from many different walks of life, such as scholars, policy-makers, peacekeepers and theologians, in order to address the issue of modern day slavery and propose solutions to the problem. The forum was a continuation of the work begun by the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew, who is the leader of the Orthodox Churches, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. The two church leaders convoked a similar conference in Istanbul, Turkey, in 2017.

Pope Francis's message began with an illustration of the scale of the problem facing the participants. After listing some of the forms of slavery in today's world, such as human trafficking, exploitation of workers through debt and sexual exploitation, the Pope presented a startling image to the participants.

Startling statistics

"According to some recent statistics, there would be more than 40 million people, men, but especially women and children, who suffer slavery. Just to give us an idea we can think that if they lived in a single city, it would be the largest megalopolis on our

planet and would have, more or less, four times the population of the entire urban area of Buenos Aires and Greater Buenos Aires."

Crime against humanity

Describing the practice of modern day slavery as a crime against humanity, Pope Francis called for the "Veil of indifference" to be broken. Namely for everyone to be made aware of the extent of the problem and the suffering it causes, whether they work within the criminal gangs themselves, or consume the commercial goods produced through slavery or make financial profits as a result of the practice.

Root causes

The Pope also insisted that the key to solving the problem of slavery lies in addressing the root causes and improving the situations of countries where slavery is commonplace.

"It is not enough that some States and International Organizations adopt a particularly harsh policy in order to punish the exploitation of human beings, if afterwards the causes are not addressed, the deepest roots of the problem. When countries suffer extreme poverty, suffer violence and corruption, neither the economy, nor the legislative framework nor the basic



infrastructures are effective; they fail to guarantee security or assets or essential rights. In this way, it is easier for the perpetrators of these crimes to continue acting with total impunity."

Need for integral human development

Pope Francis further re-enforced his point, stating that "organized crime and the illegal trafficking of human beings choose their victims among people who today have little means of subsistence and even less hope for the future. To be more clear: among the poorest, among the most neglected, the most discarded. The basic response lies in creating opportunities for integral human development, starting with a quality education: this is the key point, quality education from early childhood, to continue generating new opportunities for growth through employment. Education and employment."

While reminding the participants of the forum that the work of ending modern day slavery will be long, requiring courage, patience and perseverance, the Pope also recommitted the Churches to helping in this work, calling the work of ending slavery a valuable aid for the construction of a renewed society oriented towards freedom.

Source: vaticannews.va

National Justice and Peace Network: Annual Conference 2018

'In the Shelter of Each Other the People Live'

How do we build a church and a society with the marginalised, the excluded and the most vulnerable at its heart? What does 'home' mean for those who are homeless or struggling to keep a roof over their heads, for those who have fled their homes, for those who are rejected or don't 'fit in'? And for the comfortable and secure, is it a space to defend or to open in welcome? Can we recognise that it is only in relationship with each other and with the earth that we share that we can all be truly 'at home'?

When
Friday 20 – Sunday 22 July 2018

Where
The Hayes Conference Centre,
Swanwick, Derbyshire, DE55 1AU

Speakers - Rev Al Barrett
Rector of Hodge Hill Church, a CofE-URC ecumenical partnership in east Birmingham. He lives on a diverse outer estate on the edge of the city, and has been involved in a journey of community-building there, with friends and neighbours, for the last 7 years. He writes and teaches a bit, blogs irregularly at thisestate.blogspot.com, and recently finished a PhD, seeking to develop 'a radically receptive political theology in the urban margins'.

David McLoughlin
Teacher at Newman University. He is a theological resource person for Caritas Europe, CAFOD, Pax Christi, the J&P network

and various groups of Religious. He is a founder member of the Movement of Christian Workers and an active member of their Birmingham revue of life group for 30 years. He explores the relationship between theology and everyday life and offers radical readings of the Bible for Christian activists.

Sarah Teather
Director of Jesuit Refugee Service UK since January 2016. She served for 12 years as MP in north west London. She stood down in 2015 and worked with JRS International, visiting refugee projects around the world, before taking up her present post.

John Grogan MP
Elected in 2017 as Labour MP for Keighley and Ilkley, having previously been MP for Selby before boundary changes abolished the seat. He is committed to issues of social justice and peace, voting against Trident renewal. The Conference will be chaired by Housing Justice

Celebrant
Fr Colum Kelly
Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Immingham.

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Booking Form and Timetable can be downloaded from the website of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales.

More Information
For more information contact: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk or visit: justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference



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House of Prayer

June

8 Friday - Healing Service led Fr Denis Labartette. Rosary at 7.00 pm followed by Mass, Adoration and prayers for healing.

16 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on The Church as Sacrament. Shared table lunch at 1.00pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.

23 Saturday - "We shall be saved by Beauty" – a look at Pope Francis' teachings on care for our planet, our "common home" by Fr Antonio Belsito. Mass at 10.00 am with talk at 11.00 am and shared table lunch at 1.00 pm. Please book in advance. All are welcome.

30 Saturday - Lectio Divina starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

July

7 Saturday - Deepening our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron DVD. Mass at 10.00 am followed at 11.00 am by DVD on The Spirit of the Liturgy. Shared table lunch at 1.00pm with soup and a roll. Please book in advance. Donations welcome.

28 Saturday - Lectio Divina starting at 3.00 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by meditation on the Sunday Gospel.

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Rosary on the Coast

Cleethorpes

Over three hundred people gathered in Cleethorpes for Rosary on the Coast on Sunday 29th April. The afternoon began with Holy Hour in Corpus Christi Church; then, after a procession with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the Pier Gardens, overlooking Cleethorpes beach, the glorious mysteries of the rosary were prayed for a re-flourishing of our faith, the grace to build a culture of life, and true peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations.

Holy Hour, procession & rosary, said: 'As we begin Our Lady's month, it is wonderful that so many people have come from across the Diocese of Nottingham and beyond to pray together, one of the largest gatherings this afternoon. I welcome the opportunity that Rosary on the Coast has given Catholics to profess their faith in this way, and I am sure that it will lead to many blessings for the people of England, Wales & Scotland.'

Rev Andrew Cole BA STL JCL VF
St Mary's Presbytery

Fr Andrew Cole, Parish Priest of Grimsby, Cleethorpes & Immingham, who led the



Children from St. Mary's, Brigg getting their rosary beads at the ready for the Rosary on the Coast event at Cleethorpes on Sunday 29 April.

Kate Prior



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The Word of God

Fr John Daley

"In the beginning was the Word" is the opening line of the gospel according to St. John. A word does not exist of itself – it is spoken, written, thought, heard. Who is here? I do not understand a word alone. There must be someone.

Neither do I understand "In the beginning". I would say "At the beginning". There is great difference between "at" and "in". I go to watch a game: I am at the game but the players are in the game. I go the theatre: I am at the play but the actors are in the play.

"In the beginning" suggests involvement. Who or what is involved?

"Genesis" is the Greek word. Translators seem to agree "In the beginning" is the best way to translate. "Genesis" – the opening word of the Bible, the first word of the scriptures, and in St. John is the first word of the last book of the Bible to be written (the Gospel according to John, written early in the second century) There is a parallel! It is deliberate, first and last book, "Genesis".

The Book of Genesis and I read "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." It is God's creative word. "He spoke, and the heavens were made." The Word, the creative word of God, the word that creates as it is spoken. "Dabar" is the Hebrew word for this word that creates as it is spoken and I can recognise "dabar" in my own life. Made in the image and likeness of God I can do a little of what God does: I can "create" as I speak, and so can you.

"You are my brother, my sister, my parents" are statements of love: but "You are my friend" is creative in love. You were not, but now you are, my friend: I have created you as my friend.

On a beautiful wedding day, the man and woman do it for each other, creating as they speak and promise: "You are my wife", "you are my husband" "Dabar". The man and

the woman are created husband and wife by their words. We can speak and reflect God's creative love.

"In the beginning was the Word." It is creation. I begin to understand.

"The Word was with God." This I understand, a little. When I speak with you, my word is with you and yours with me. Without losing my word I give it to you and you give to me without losing yours. We enrich each other, our words with each other.

"The Word was with God." The Old Testament books of Wisdom tell me the word is someone, a lovely lady named Sophia, Wisdom, delighting to be with God at the beginning and the shaping of creation, and delighting to be with the children of men. With us! Sophia, the wisdom of God, delighting to be with us. The lovely woman at God's side as creation is beautifully shaped – and the same lovely lady is glad to be with us, giving us a sharing in the wisdom of God. Sophia, wisdom of God.

"And the Word was God." This I don't understand. Sophia is not God, the books of Wisdom make no suggestion of that. She is God's lovely companion but she is not divine. She is with God but is not God. The Word is someone else, then.

And John the Evangelist knows who he is: Jesus of Nazareth, the Word of God, the Word made flesh who dwelt amongst us; "and we saw his glory as the only begotten of the Father."

John is overwhelmed. He had seen God in the person of his cousin, Jesus of Nazareth, and he tells us as he begins his story of the Gospel mission in which he had shared.

Salome was John's mother. She was the sister of Mary, the mother of Jesus and stood with her at the crucifixion. "Standing near the cross were his mother, his mother's sis-

ter, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary of Magdala." John had known Jesus, his cousin, since boyhood. They lived only a few miles apart, Nazareth and Capernaum. After his baptism Jesus moved from Nazareth for a short while to Capernaum, almost certainly staying with Uncle Zebedee, Aunt Salome, cousins James and John, and prepared there for his mission.

His cousins, other cousins and friends, became his disciples and apostles, and they thought they knew him – Jesus from Nazareth. But they didn't.

The Transfiguration was the wonderful moment of knowing. Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James and John, and they saw him speaking with Moses and Elijah. They now knew who he truly was! He told them to tell no one. The others would understand after his rising from the dead, they would not understand now.

So John carried the secret. His cousin the son of God. The wonder is here is the opening lines of the Gospel: "In the beginning..."

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." The creative and creating Word of God, spoken and written, active throughout the history of the Chosen people of Israel, is fulfilled in a person, Jesus of

Nazareth.

The vine in chapter five of the book of Isaiah was the people of Israel who failed their God: But the fulfilment is Jesus as the new Israel who speaks of himself "I am the true vine" in whom is eternal life.

The kings of Judah and Israel and the religious leaders were unfaithful shepherds who badly failed the people of God and God promised he would be the shepherd of his people. Jesus fulfils the promise: "I am the good shepherd".

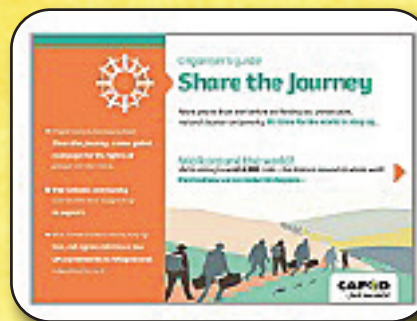
After the feeding of the people with loaves and fishes (one of the six tellings of that story, and all different!) Jesus is challenged: Moses gave them bread from heaven, the manna in the wilderness: Who are you? and Jesus answers that he is the true bread come down from heaven and whoever eats of him will live forever. Jesus is the bread of life, the true vine, the good shepherd. The Word of God has become Jesus of Nazareth.

"In the beginning was the word." Yes, says Jesus, it was I.

"The Word was with God." Yes, says Jesus, I was.

"The Word was God." Yes, says Jesus, I am.

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In support of the campaign, CAFOD is aiming to walk 24,901 miles – the distance around the whole world! It is inviting all schools and parishes to engage in this campaign. It's an act of solidarity to Share the Journey with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. Every step you take, together with others from across the England & Wales, will send a message to world leaders that they must step up too. They need to act with courage and compassion when they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration in 2018.

An online petition is up and running already, and an organiser's guide can be ordered. This guide includes:

- Tips to walk with your parish/school group – it really is as simple as it sounds!
- Prayers, stories and conversation starters to use as you walk.
- What the campaign is calling for.

Bishop Patrick states "During the Week of Action in June, I encourage all parishes and schools to walk a mile in solidarity; perhaps organise a walk to church that weekend or around the school playground. Taking part in the Share the Journey campaign is an opportunity for parishes / deaneries to work together and also an opportunity to raise awareness of the campaign in preparation for Pilgrimages already in the Diocesan Calendar. If any events or activities are being planned it would be great to hear about them so we can share how the Diocese of Not-

tingham is responding to the call of Pope Francis to take part in his campaign."

Some walks have already been planned by schools and parishes and here are details of a few that you may wish to join in – or even better, organise one in your parish/ school. Order your resources and as Bishop Patrick says, do let us know what you are planning so we can celebrate and share how we in Nottingham Diocese are taking part in this campaign!

Saturday 16th June St Barnabas Cathedral to Nottingham Volunteer Centre. Start 11am

Friday 29th June Holy Cross Primary School Hucknall, whole school walking to the parish and back.

Holy Cross Parish, Hucknall has 3 Saturday evening walks of 1 mile to walk to evening Mass

Sunday 24th June Holy Spirit West Bridgford are walking to morning Mass from the park and back again for a picnic.

School groups visiting *The Briars* are also clocking up the miles when they visit

For more information about these and planning your own walk do get in touch:

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Annual Gathering
2 June, 2018

Speakers:
Max Brookman-Byrne
Maya Evans
on drone warfare today




**2nd of June, 2018,
from 10.30 to 16.30**

**Our Lady and S. Patrick's Church Hall,
Lauder Street, NG2 1JQ**

"Our Annual Gathering provides a chance for members and supporters to come together to share on their peacemaking work and learn more about Pax Christi. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, our National President, will be with us to celebrate Mass.

This year we will host a panel discussion in the afternoon on the theme of drone warfare today with speakers Max Brookman-Byrne, Lecturer in Law in the College of Social Science, University of Lincoln. Max's research focuses on international law and the use of force/conduct of hostilities and cutting edge research into the lawfulness of the use of armed drones. Maya Evans is a UK peace and human rights activist. Maya has made several visits to Afghanistan and among other things campaigns on armed drones and civil liberties."

St Mary's Raises £1100 for CAFOD

St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Derby pulled out all the stops for their Lenten fundraiser - raising a staggering £1100 for Cafod! The children were given a target of £20 per Class but vastly exceeded this by doing jobs around the house and their own fundraising activities.

Cafod volunteer, Mrs Tricia Henderson, came into School to receive the cheque from the Head Teacher, Mrs Amanda Greaves, and Chaplaincy Team members, Christina and Josie. The government has pledged to double donations so the full amount going to Cafod will be £2200.

Tricia spoke to the children about how the money will be used to impact the lives of children abroad, such as 7 year old Svonondo from Zimbabwe. His community has been given the tools, materials and training to start a successful vegetable garden. This has allowed different kinds of food to be grown and eaten, giving people a more nutritious and balanced diet.

The children thought about their responsibilities to others and prayed their mission prayer, promising to do their best to "make a difference" in the world."

Fran Wickes



Two new Brothers for Loughborough

Loughborough Circle of the Catenian Association recently celebrated the enrolment of two "younger" Brothers and as Membership Officer, Brother Robin Graham-Brown remarked, "reduces our average age and increases our membership nearer to our target of the magical 40! "

Keith Hannah who is forty-three and originally from Liverpool, has been married to his wife Jane for 21 years and they have 2 children. Their son Billy is currently at Nottingham Trent University studying to be a primary school teacher, whereas their daughter Erin who is 18, recently joined Keith as an apprentice in Electrical Installation in his business which provides emergency out of hours electrical cover for the Domestic, Commercial and Industrial sectors.

Keith is parishioner of Our Lady of the Angels in East Leake, and said "since joining The Catenian Association I have really enjoyed the social element and made some great friends".

Leon Spence is a journalist who works as a press officer for a prominent MP and has written in numerous national, local and specialist publications including his long running politics column in the Catholic Universe. He recently wrote a thought provoking article "Catenians might be Church's best-kept secret" where he told the story of a young friend Lizzie who lost her husband Gareth when he died very suddenly of an undiagnosed illness. Gareth had joined the association not long before his death and Lizzie told Leon that the Catenians has been there for her and her two sons, for months and years afterwards, with practical and spiritual help.

Leon has been married to his wife Clare for



nearly twenty years and they have three children. They met whilst volunteering at the shrine of Lourdes where Leon is a member of the Hospitalite Notre Dame de Lourdes.

In his free time Leon is a trustee of two registered charities, enjoys amateur dramatics and running very slowly.

Leon and his family attended a family barbeque, advertised in his Church by his parish priest, which was organised by Loughborough Circle and joined the association a few months later.

He recently remarked "joining the Catenians has been a wonderful experience sharing a faith with like-minded men and their families has been truly uplifting".

If any men would like to know more about becoming a member of the Catenian Association please visit www.thecatenians.com where you can find general information and contact details.

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Blessed Sacrament Procession through the streets of Nottingham

On Saturday the 28th of April, 2018, the Bishop, Mgr. Patrick McKinney, led several hundreds of Catholics on a procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of West Nottingham, from the parish church of S. Mary in Hyson Green to the Cathedral, at the old West Gate of the City. In addition to parishioners from the area and other visitors from afar, the Bishop was assisted by members of the clergy from the Cathedral, from the parishes of Nottingham City and beyond, both during the procession and as he led prayers for the beatification of the Venerable Sr. Mary Potter, foundress of the Order of the Little Company of Mary, who began that Order in Hyson Green and whose mortal remains lie buried in the Cathedral ambulatory. The following is a photographic summary of the event. *(source- Diocesan website)*



Smiles all round at St Georges RC Derby FHC Party

There were smiles all round at St Georges Derby when the children celebrated the end of this year's programme with their Fancy Dress & film night party to mark the end of this years programme.

Fr Alan Parish Priest " I enjoyed a wonderful evening joining the FHC 2018 children and their families for a Party to Celebrate the end of this year's programme. We watched a very funny film "The secret life of Pets" which I highly recommend and dined on Hotdogs & Donuts. It was wonderful to see them in their Fancy-dress, they all made a wonderful effort with Cheerleaders, Batman, Gangsta Grannies and lots of Super-heroes to name a few. First prize went to Kyran Christian as The BFG from Roald Dahl with his very large ears !!"

Thank you to Mrs Love & Mrs Mooney our FHC catechist for a splendid evening also Dave & Ann Perry who were on hand to provided all the technical support needed to watch the film- Whilst the importance of our FHC programme should and is focused upon the teaching and learning of the catechism, fellowship and the joy of being part of a worshipping community should also be central and here at St Georges we do love a great party. "

Fr Alan Burbidge



Confirmations in Nottingham



On the evening of the 26th of April, the Bishop visited the parish of S. Augustine of England, to the north-east of Nottingham City centre, to Confirm a group of young people.

(Source – diocesan website)

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Those who have leadership responsibility need to consult colleagues

In the early 1970's the company I was employed in decided to change their colour. Containers of adhesive for industrial use previously painted green became embossed in red. A few short years later perhaps concern for environmental issues persuaded the organisation to revert back to green. The consequence of this was that a factory had to be painted yet again.

The executive responsible for this failed to check that a different shade of green had been designed so he went through a period of great stress. Fortunately for him his immediate manager could not care less and no more paint was needed.

If any lesson can be learned from the last paragraph it is surely much more important that those who have leadership responsibility need to consult colleagues particularly when the status of human beings is involved.

The lessons that must be learned from the "Windrush Scandal" must surely be implemented without delay. Never again must we hear about a hostile environment".

Prior to the closing days of April like many of us the Windrush generation meant little to me. To those parents who arrived from 1948 onwards their clear assumption was

that they were British citizens, it would appear that recent legislation changed all that and in a very difficult week the former Home Secretary announced that they would be "fast-tracked" to a status they thought they already had.

Meanwhile civil servants got all the blame and somehow people who were in our country legally found themselves caught up in immigration legislation. The possibility that people could be deported back to the Caribbean was truly appalling and never again must British people be treated like this.

A favourite expression of some politicians is the phrase "We are where we are" Like it or not the frequent comment means targets. All too often targets involve human beings such as the Windrush generations. The way in which they were incorporated into the immigration policy which is so heavily dominated by "targets" should be a lesson to all to check the facts. In our parishes we should continue to be enthusiastic in our welcome to both parishioners and visitors irrespective of their country of origin.

Frank Goulding
Holy Trinity Parish
Newark



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Mass, cake, training, lunch at St Joseph's Leicester

By Maggie Mairura Nottingham Diocese CAFOD representative

Last Wednesday I was heading north to Clay Cross. This week it was south to Leicester. I was travelling to St Joseph's in Leicester for Mass at 10am.

Sr Lelia and the team were so welcoming and it was lovely to meet some of the Sisters (CSJP) from the convent next door. I greeted Sr Breege, of whom I have fond memories from my time as Justice & Peace Worker. Sr Breege was then based up in Grimsby and they had a very vibrant and energetic J&P group. She is now retired and in need of some care so please do keep her and the Sisters in your prayers.



Volunteer with CAFOD

We settled down to our training session and before you know it, it was lunchtime! Other customers were coming in and the lovely aromas from the kitchen were tempting. We ordered our lunch at the counter and returned to our work as we waited for our food to be served.

Training session over and plans afoot for the next stage of our working together, Christina and I visited the Watermead Bookshop, in the converted stable block behind the hall. Seriously, if you haven't visited St Joseph's before, I highly recommend a visit on either Tuesday or Wednesday when the cafe is open! A great community initiative!

I was meeting Alec and Christina who were volunteering to take up the role of Area Coordinators and work together to support parishes in Leicestershire. Fr John kindly agreed to me saying a few words at the end of Mass and then it was into St Joseph's Table for a welcome coffee and lovely home made cakes!



Maggie Alec & Christina



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Fr John wore vestments made by the Sisters of the #PoorClare community at that time. We received communion from the Chalice given to Fr Short (the PP) by his parents for his ordination in 1917. Finally Fr Anthony enthralled us with the history of the building of the church and also shared beautiful words from St Augustine about the dedica-

Celebrating with our neighbours

One of the many benefits of having the CAFOD Volunteer Centre at the McGuinness Centre in Roman Catholic Diocese of Nottingham is being able to pop next door to the Convent Chapel for weekday Mass. This morning we celebrated the Dedication and Consecration of the parish church of #OurLadyofPerpetualSuccour in Bulwell on this day in 1961.

tion of a church – (Sermon 336,1,6: PL 38 [edit. 1861]. 1471-1472, 1475)



As the skill of construction joins together bricks, mortar and carpentry to create a place of worship and sanctuary, so are we who use it to be joined together. Whether it be the parish, the town, the diocese, our universal church.

“The work we see complete in this building is physical; it should find its spiritual counterpart in your hearts. We see here the finished product of stone and wood; so too your lives should reveal the handiwork of God's grace.”

And so it calls to mind the work of CAFOD, founded and sustained and supported by the Catholic Community of England & Wales, living out its mission to bring about



the Kingdom of God.

A very blessed start to the day.



“Rosary On The Coast” initiative inspired the Adult Faith Formation Group

The “Rosary On The Coast” initiative inspired the Adult Faith Formation Group of the Good Shepherd Church in Arnold, Nottingham, to register as an inland destination for people who wished to support the Rosary chain but for numerous reasons could not make it to the coast. So the booklets were printed, posters displayed and parishioners were encouraged to spread the word and inspire others to join in. A wonderful turn out of over 60 people arrived at the church Sunday afternoon, 29 April, to prayerfully meditate on the Rosary seeking the powerful intercession of Our Blessed Mother with the help of her Spouse, the Holy Spirit to seek a lively faith, an increase in peace and life for the British Isles. Once collective prayer was finished people were encouraged to sit in silence as Gregorian Chant filled the Church leaving many deep in contemplation. Responses from parishioners: “it was so moving” and “so wonderful and powerful to be praying with so many throughout the country”. We have for many years a Rosary Group who pray the daily Rosary everyday thirty minutes before the morning Holy Mass. All are most welcome to come along and join in. A huge thank you to the organisers of this powerful event and to all the Bishops who showed their support, especially those who joined in on the day.

Cheryl Broodryk



St Mary's Church, Derby, Celebrates Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winner Sarah Vasey

St Mary's Church in Derby were delighted to welcome back parishioner, Sarah Vasey, who won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Australia in the 50 metres breaststroke. Sarah has been a lifelong attender of St Mary's and her success has caused much excitement in the parish and her former schools, St Mary's Primary and St Benedict Academy.

Fr Tim O'Sullivan called Sarah out to the front after Mass and led a well deserved round of applause for the inspiring 21 year old. The parish showed how proud they are of her with a big banner declaring "Let's Go Crazy for Sarah Vasey!" Sarah was happy to show off her medal to the



children who were very excited to touch it. Her dedication and humble attitude make her truly a role model for the parish and schools."

Thoughts from Elston Hermitage..

Already this year we have celebrated some of the major festivals in our church's year with Holy week, Maundy Thursday, Easter and Trinity Sunday, but in the month of June we keep another day especially marked out to celebrate the Eucharist that of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. It may seem strange that we do this despite celebrating the Eucharist every Sunday, if not daily. Whatever may have been the original thinking behind this feast when introduced in England in 1318, it captured the imagination and quickly became a day of festival, with vigils, processions, benedictions and public veneration of the sacred host. It began primarily as a celebration of the Eucharist, of the bodiliness of Christ.

Despite some lapse when the feast was suppressed by Cranmer in 1548 in 1559 some 3000 people took part in a Corpus Christi procession in Canterbury in protest.

Sadly today in England at least processions are rare, (thankfully we have a splendid procession in our own diocese through Nottingham each year) the feast then continues attesting to our Church's faith in the sacramental system and I believe a reminder to both the clergy and laity alike that we are called to be a servant church, and a reminder of the intimate connection between Christ embodied in the Eucharist and Christ embodied in the living Church.

Bread wine and fish, basic foods indicate to us deceptive



sacramental depths, so simple to the eye, also profound for mind and spirit

The Second Vatican Council says that the Eucharist is the 'summit and source' of Christian living. In the Eucharist we are not only called to a private encounter with God, but to an empowering encounter.

The communion which is the Church is made present by the Church in its celebration of the Eucharist which binds it in covenant with God. In a real and immediate sense, we are what we celebrate. The Eucharist reconciles us to God and to each other, the one bread from which is born the one body of Christ, which is the Church.

In September this year as most of us know Liverpool will host a Eucharistic Congress, the first held in England for 110 years ' Adoremus ' aims to create a special opportunity for us to reflect on the central part that the Eucharist plays in the life of the church and will hopefully rejuvenate Eucharistic devotion to the life of the church and in our own spiritual devotions. Maybe this years Eucharistic Congress will build on that of the 1908 congress and bring about a deeper devotion to the Most Holy Sacrament both in our personal lives and that of our church.

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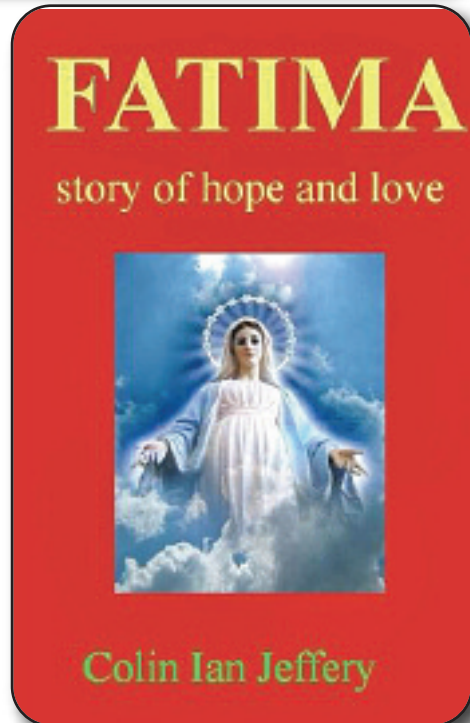
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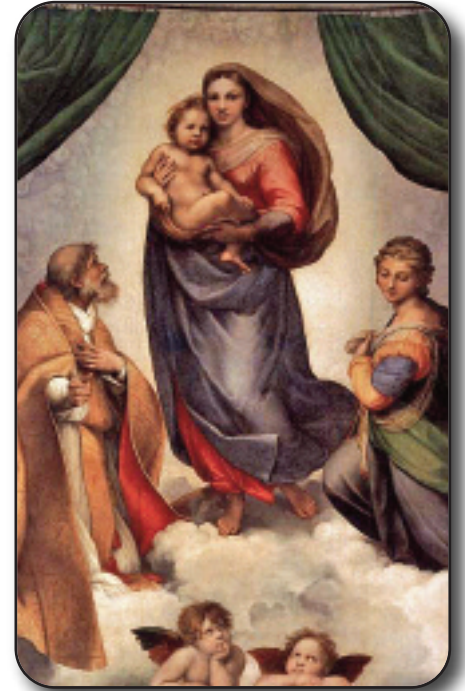
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Reverend Dr. Paul James Dunn

Pray daily for peace in the world

The Bishop has asked all of us to pray daily for peace in the world and for a greater collaboration between the various nations. He has put forth the following prayer, on behalf of the Conference of Bishops, for use in the parishes and the chaplaincies of the diocese.

"Let us pray, through the intercession of Mary Queen of Peace, for peace on earth and an end to violence and terrorism in our world, for a new spirit of trust and collaboration between nations, for the gift of wisdom for our politicians and leaders, and for the resolution of long-standing conflicts in Syria, Gaza and the Ukraine, and in other countries around the world."



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Serving prisoners visited Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy to talk to students about life behind bars

Three inmates serving crimes ranging from fraud to death by dangerous driving warned students about the consequences of committing crime.

More than 180 students from Years 9 and 10 attended the sessions in school run by the charity Prison Me! No Way!

The aim is to raise awareness among young people about the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime.

Prison officer Graham Holgate led the sessions and introduced students to three female prisoners.

He told students: "I have worked in prisons for coming up to 32 years and I've locked up men, women, young and old. I have no choice about who I lock up. Some of them are coming to prison for 20 or 30 years and a lot of them have mental health issues. Some are very poorly and don't understand what's going on."

The three prisoners who accompanied Graham were serving sentences of up to three years and four months.

One of the female prisoners talked about how she had been convicted of death by dangerous driving following a crash in which a man died.

She said: "I was travelling at 45mph, which was within the 50mph speed limit. There were four lanes of traffic and I was in the slow lane and the traffic was moving. I put my mobile phone on to charge and I was distracted for five seconds. I didn't see the car that was stationary in the lane I was travelling in and hit the back of it."



Graham talked to students about the dangers of being linked to crime through friends' actions and how crime can affect people connected to you.

He said: "Crime doesn't affect just the person involved, it affects everyone around them. Probably the person who gets locked up gets the easiest time, it's the people outside who have to keep everything going." Student William Holt, 14, said he found the session extremely valuable.

He said: "I don't think I really thought about how many people can be affected by a crime rather than just the person who is involved in it. It can affect your family and friends as well. I think hearing the talk also makes you think about who you are hanging around with and hopefully what we've heard today will help people from going down the wrong path."

Ratcliffe College celebrates further inspection success

Staff and students at Ratcliffe College are celebrating inspection success once more, having been judged compliant its latest Focused Compliance Inspection, which took place in the last week of the Spring Term. Ratcliffe College was judged to be excellent in all nine categories in their most recent educational quality inspection in 2015. The Independent Schools' Inspectorate (ISI) is the body which inspects all independent schools on behalf of the Department of Education. A team of three inspectors spent two full days carrying out the Inspection, the purpose of which was to check whether the College meets the minimum standards set out in the Independent Schools Standard Regulations and the National Minimum Standards for Boarding. The inspection covered all three sections of the College: Nursery, Preparatory and Senior Schools.



Focused Compliance Inspection (FCI) every three years, as well as an Educational Quality Inspection every six years. As Ratcliffe College received the equivalent of an educational quality inspection in March 2015, where it was judged to be excellent in all categories, the school was scheduled to receive an FCI this year. While this is a type of inspection that all schools should expect to achieve compliance, it is very pleasing and reassuring to have this confirmed by ISI.

Headmaster, Mr Jonathan Reddin said, "A great deal of hard work goes on, daily, to ensure that the College is well led and effectively managed so as to meet the appropriate standards in all aspects of the education we offer. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank the staff – teaching and support, the Governors, the Senior Leadership Team, the students and our parent body, for all their support of the College, to ensure that we continue to set the highest standards for our School."

Following changes to government legislation, the inspection model for independent schools changed in 2017. The previous inspection cycle was revised and independent schools now receive two types of inspection as part of the new inspection framework; a



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