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Pilgrims '18

Saturday 9th June 2018 the Northampton Diocesan Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady Walsingham was led by Bishop Peter. The title of this years pilgrimage was, "Woman who followed Him," (a line from the Walsingham litany).

Bishop Peter had the day before celebrated 50 years as a priest, so this was a very special weekend. A large number of parishioners from the Diocese of Northampton flocked to Walsingham by coach and car, to give honour to Our Lady, on the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

A lovely Mass was said by Bishop Peter, and his fellow priests, at midday in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The Chapel was packed with parishioners, with many having to use the seating in the outside space.

In the afternoon at 3 pm; the pilgrims walked along the processional route. The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, adorned with beautiful flowers, was carried at the head of the procession leading the way to the Priory Grounds. Along the route the rosary was said, and hymns to Our Lady were sung.

The Priory Grounds is the site of the 11th century Anglo-Saxon shrine of the Holy House of Nazareth.

Walsingham is a place of prayer, and a special service was

said by Bishop Peter close to the remains of the imposing ruin of the Priory arch in the Priory Grounds; and a wonderful day concluded.

Marguerite Cook

The Catholic shrine is based at the Slipper Chapel. Built in 1325 it was the last and most important of the wayside chapels on the pilgrim routes to Walsingham



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News beyond Northampton

Leicester



The label of "Trappist" is among the most exclusive designations of beer worldwide, with only 11 breweries around the globe qualifying for the title.

But that number is about to become 12, with the Cistercian monks at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire gaining recognition as the first Trappist brewery in U.K. history.

The Leicestershire monks, who previously tried their luck at dairy farming, began exploring the idea of brewing beer in 2013 after they closed their dairy for monetary reasons. Inspired by the brew monks of Norcia in Italy, the U.K. monks visited the Norcia brewery a number of times and decided to

move forward with a beer of their own.

After visiting other brew abbeys and conducting five years of extensive research, the monks opted to brew Belgian beer and began experimenting on the feast of St. Lutgard – a saint who was known for surviving on bread and beer during fasts.

"Beer is a good, honest, nurturing drink – our Belgian friends said more than once it should be liquid bread and not coloured water, and that's what we're aiming to live up to," said Dom Erik Varden, abbot of Mount Saint Bernard, according to the BBC.

The monks' first beer is called Tynt Meadow after the location where the monks originally settled in 1835. With a 7.4 ABV, the beer went on sale July 9 at the abbey and be distributed throughout the U.K. by James Clay.

The U.K. monks are a Cistercian monastic community of the Strict Observance in rural Leicestershire. According to their website, their mission is to "affirm a life of work and prayer; of radical discipleship and fidelity to the Gospel, the Rule of Saint Benedict and the Constitutions and Statutes of the Cistercian order."

France

France is witnessing a decreasing number of priestly ordinations.

According to figures compiled by La Croix, 114 new priests will be ordained in the coun-

try during 2018. This is a significant decline compared to 2017 when 133 priests were ordained.

Of these 114 priests, 82 are diocesan, including a dozen from new communities or societies of apostolic life. Six are members of the Emmanuel Community while four are from the Neocatechumenal Way.

Rome

Pope Francis made an unexpected change in the structure of the College of Cardinals, adding some curial officials to the rank of "cardinal bishops," the highest rank within the college.

The College of Cardinals is structured in three orders, or ranks: the order of "cardinal deacons," the order of "cardinal priests," and the order.

There are customarily six cardinal bishops from the Latin Church, who are given a particular ceremonial title as the "titular bishops" of Rome's ancient suburbicarian sees. The dean of the College of Cardinals is also assigned as titular bishop of the Roman see of Ostia.

Eastern Catholic patriarchs who are cardinals are also cardinal bishops.

All three ranks within the College of Cardinals have ancient historical roots. Cardinal deacons were anciently entrusted with the administration of the six offices of the Lateran Palace (the See of the Bishop of Rome, the Pope) and of the seven departments of Rome, including care for poor.

The cardinal priests were those entrusted with the care of the most ancient Churches in Rome, called "titles," and are by tradition connected with a Roman parish. After ten full years as a cardinal deacon, a cardinal can "opt" to become a cardinal priest.



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Pastures new

Bishop Peter has outlined clergy moves. 'Father Brian Leatherland is retiring at the end of August. We thank him for his twenty years' priestly service in Kettering, Wellingborough, Thrapston, Raunds and Oundle, and we wish him well in his retirement though he is hoping to help out in Kettering.

A belated welcome to Father Ako Anyanwu CM, a Vincentian of the Nigerian/Irish Province who has joined the community at St. Mary's, Dunstable.

Also a belated welcome back to Father Matt Blake OCD at St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross. Following the return of Father Prince to India after his five year posting with us for which we are very grateful, Father Roy Karakkattu MSFS is to be Priest in Charge of St. Bernadine's, Buckingham and St. Martin's, Brackley

Father Wilson Sebastian is to be Assistant Priest at St. Edward', Kettering replacing Father Paul Gonsalves who has moved to be Priest in Charge of the Devizes Parish in the Diocese of Clifton. We thank him for his time with us in Kettering.

Deacon Michael Rakowski has moved from the English College for a pastoral placement at the Cathedral. After Christmas,

please God, he will be ordained priest and then return to the English College for the final semester in February 2019.

Father David Barrett to be Assistant Priest at St. Augustine's, High Wycombe. Father David has qualified as a therapeutic counsellor and will be working part-time in that field.

Father Pius Amoako to continue as an Assistant Priest in the Milton Keynes Cluster in a part-time role as he takes up more responsibility in the work of the Sion Community which will become full-time from September 2019 for a further three years.

Welcome, in September, to Father Francis McCauliffe SPS, a Kiltegan Father returning from mission in Kenya, who will be Priest in Charge of Datchet and Eton.

Welcome, also in September, to Father Gregory Marchwinski, a priest of the Polish Diocese of Plock, who was Parish Priest of the Polish Mission Parish of SS Stanislaus and Lawrence in Northampton and will be on loan to our Diocese for three years. Father Gregory will be working with Canon Michael Harrison at Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby. Together they will also have responsibility for Thrapston, Raunds and Oundle'.

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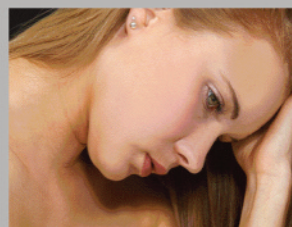
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Reviving an ancient tradition



We had a wonderful celebration on the Feast of Corpus Christi at St. Edmund's church in Wellingborough. For the first time in some years we processed from the church, led by some of our Year Three children, who attend our parish school and who had made their First Holy Communion this May. We were

very grateful for the beautiful sunshine as we made our way around the grounds of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School and along Henshaw Rd before returning to St. Edmund's.

Fr Paul Inman

Town schools in good voice

Milton Keynes five Catholic Primary Schools – St Bernadette's, Bishop Parker, St Mary Magdalene, St Monica's and St Thomas Aquinas, joined together with St Paul's Catholic School to delight an audience of over 200 people with a Celebration of Song at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone on Monday 18th June.

The event saw the six schools sing together, opening with Simon and Garfunkel's 'Feeling Groovy' and 'Only You' written by Vince Clarke and originally a hit for his group, Yazoo. Individual schools then took turns to give solo performances of two songs each that included a mix of contemporary songs and religious music. For the finale the schools joined once more for a rousing rendition of Walter Hawkins' famous gospel song 'Going Up A Yonder'.

Celebration of Song was led by the Music Department at St Paul's Catholic School and St Paul's Head of Music, Mrs Swords, assisted by Miss Kearns, worked closely with the Catholic primary schools to create the programme and spend time rehearsing with them. Mrs Swords said: "It was a wonderful experience working with the pupils and teachers who make up our Catholic schools' community. Everyone has worked extremely hard over the last few months and they all performed to the best of their ability last night."

At the end of the showcase Fr Francis Higgins congratulated the schools on their wonderful performances and praised the way the Catholic community had come together to support the event and make it such a success.

Mr Greg Maw, Assistant Headteacher at St Paul's Catholic School, said: "All the children behaved impeccably throughout a long day of rehearsals and a demanding evening performance and it was wonderful to see so many people supporting the event and so obviously enjoying it."

The event was free to attend but donations were invited to support the Church of Christ the Cornerstone and Mary's Meals, a charity which provides life-saving meals to some of the world's poorest children every day they attend school. Over £200 was raised.



*Descending, left: Bishop Parker, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Mary Magdalene.
Descending right: St. Monica: St. Bernadette: St. Paul*

Story and pictures courtesy of Nadia Farrell

Bishop honours altar servers

Bishop Peter celebrated a Mass for Altar Servers on Saturday 16th June at Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas Cathedral Northampton. Servers from all around the Diocese were in attendance and refreshments

were served in the garden afterwards. During the service Bishop Peter blessed an icon of St. Stephen which was then hung in the entrance of the cathedral.



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A golden episcopal day



The sun came out on 8th June for the celebration of Bishop Peter's Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, marking also the Diamond Jubilees of Canon Michael Hazell and Fr Neville McClement, the Golden Jubilee of Canon Bosco Clarke and the Silver Jubilee of Fr David Barrett. (It was also the 40th anniversary of ordination for Frs Kevin O'Connell and Tony Whitfield, and a 25th for Frs Brendan Killeen and Dariusz Bialowas, but there were unable to attend.)

With Archbishop Kevin McDonald and Bishop Ralph Heskett of Hallam joining the Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire and the Mayor of Northampton among the guests, there was also a large turnout of priests, deacons, religious, seminarians and layfolk. Bishop Peter's sister Alison and her husband represented his family.

In his homily Bishop Peter reminisced about his childhood. "Every Sunday, when I went to church with my father and mother, John and Alice, and with my brothers and sister, Chris and Alison and John junior, I used to look up at the altar and wish that I could be as holy as the priest; and I wished that I could understand the mystery of our faith like him. Now, from the altar, I look at you and I wish that I could be as holy as you are!"



The day also marked the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The Bishop said "There is an intimate link between the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the ministerial priesthood. But, in this Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, it is good to remember that men called to the particular vocation of the priesthood are called from God's holy people, all of whom are called to a life of holiness and service in a multitude of vocations, responding to the love of God"

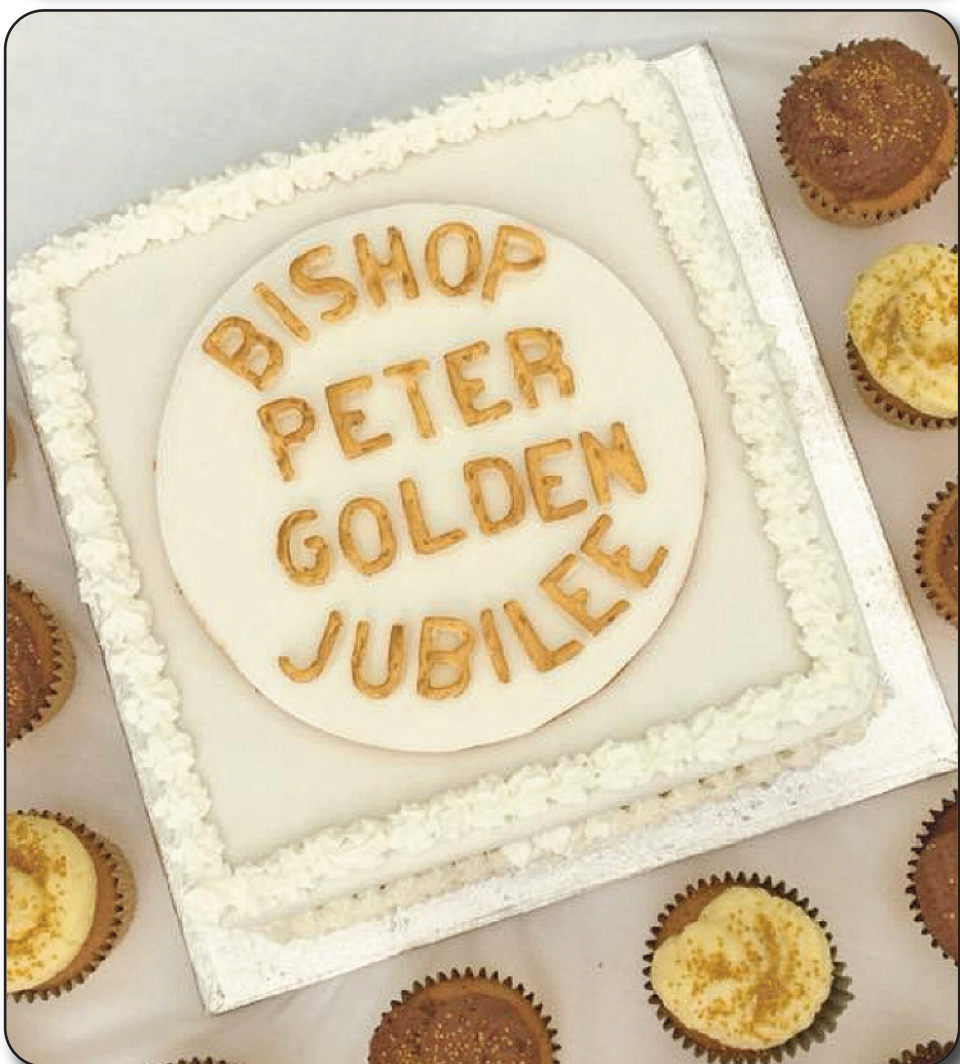
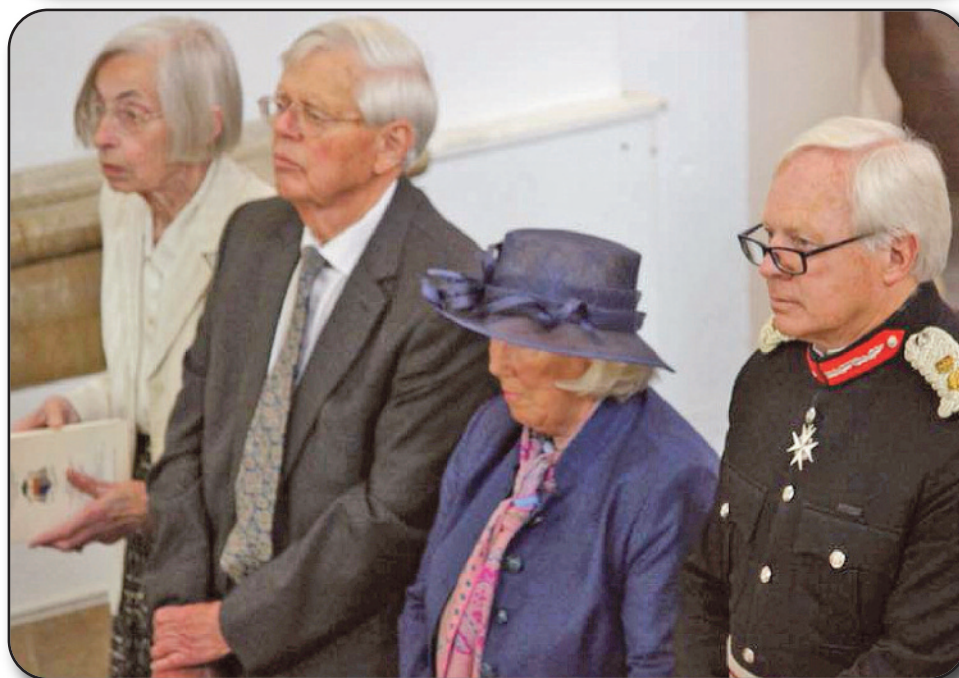
The staff at Bishop's House left their ordinary duties and became waiters and waitresses for the day, assisting the caterers who provided an abundant buffet.

On behalf of the Diocese Fr Tony Brennan, Chair of the Council of Priests, presented Bishop Peter with, as the Bishop himself put it, "a considerable cheque, and a new episcopal ring which I can carry with me into retirement."

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Ecumenical children

Shortly after St Anthony's Catholic Primary School and Nursery held a faith unity event in Slough, Pope Francis stressed practical ways in which Christians can live together in harmony.

Preaching during a Mass marking the end of an ecumenical pilgrimage to the Protestant heartland of Geneva on 21st June, Francis reminded us that 'Forgiving one another, re-discovering after centuries of disagreements and conflicts that we are brothers and sisters, how much good this has done us and continues to do!'

There was plenty of evidence of unity and a shared set of Christian values as children and staff from St Mary's C of E Combined, Farnham Royal, and St Peter's C of E Combined,

Burnham, joined their peer group at St Anthony's for a sun drenched morning of craft, drama and worship initiated by interim head teacher Debbie Rainer. Almost 300 children from Years 3 and 4 made new friends as they focused on the themes of love, joy and hope in the various workshops coordinated by St Peter Catholic Academy Trust chaplain Jo French. 'It was a wonderful morning' said Jo, 'where a community of children came together to think about their faith and relationship with Jesus. Seeing the children so happy to mingle, chat and share stories about their faith, and how they worship both in school and at home, was a wonderful thing to witness and made me very proud to be part of such a faith-filled, welcoming community.'

The event culminated in a joint church ser-

vice led by Father Nicholas Nwazi and Reverend Sue Sampson, vicar of St Mary's Hitcham. Everyone listened attentively to the reading from Matthew's Gospel where we heard how Jesus welcomed the children and blessed them. Revd Sue followed with a reflection that reminded us all of the purity and innocence of a child's faith; it is adults who often complicate things.

'There were many wonderful moments,' Debbie remarked, 'but seeing Father and Reverend pray together and demonstrate mutual warmth, respect and love of Christ shone out as discipleship and a highly positive example of church unity. We plan to make this an annual event, whilst also seeking other opportunities for the schools to work together.'

Rugby leaders

Sixth Form students at St Paul's Catholic School have completed the 1st4sport Level 2 Award for Leadership Through Rugby Union. Certificates were presented to the fourteen students by Mr Dave Manders, Rugby Development Manager, at St Paul's Catholic School.

Developed in partnership with the Rugby Football Union (RFU), the 1st4sport Level 2 Award in Leadership Through Rugby Union (QCF) is an exciting qualification which enables young people, aged 14

to 19, to develop leadership skills and engage with grass-roots rugby union and Tag Rugby. By completing this qualification, learners can develop a range of skills in independent enquiry, teamwork, self-management, creative thinking and effective participation.

Learners are introduced into a number of leadership roles, including:

- leading Tag Rugby activity sessions
- refereeing Tag Rugby games

- managing a local small-sided game team
- contributing to the organisation and delivery of a local Tag Rugby festival/event for young people.

Mr Manders said: "Our students have worked very hard to gain this award. It's a great qualification for them if they want to progress within the voluntary or employed world of sport and sports development, giving them an insight into coaching, refereeing, sports administration and development."



A Mass for Life was celebrated on Saturday, 26 May at The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Church of the Holy Child & St Joseph, Bedford to pray for the work of pro-life organisations. This was particularly significant as the news broke from Ireland about the result of the referendum on abortion the day before. Guardian Donna Gardner, Shrine Coordinator, welcomed the many pilgrims who came, including a group from Eastbourne. Father Jeremy Davies, Spiritual and Faith Advisor to the Guardians, was Principal Celebrant, and Mass was concelebrated by Fr Wayne Coughlin from Holy Cross and SS

Philip & James Church, Bedford and by Fr Chris Perry, Chaplain to our Pilgrimage Partners the Knights of St Columba, who, as usual, provided their support. Wonderful dedication was shown by the young altar servers, and a group of musicians, AMDG Bedford, enhanced the liturgy with their music.

Fr Jeremy gave a very spiritually uplifting homily on the Holy Trinity which was followed, at the end of Mass, by a powerful but calm pro-life reflection by Guardian Teresa Williams, which touched many hearts.

A Mass for life

Heads together in Princes Risborough

Staff, parents, pupils, past pupils, Governors, family and friends joined together on Thursday evening, May 17th for a celebratory Inauguration Mass for Mrs Jane Draper and Mrs Yasmin Roberts, the new Joint Head Teachers at St Teresa's Catholic School in Princes Risborough. The concelebrated Mass was officiated by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell,

Vicar General for Education, together with Fr Joseph Kuttivayalil, Parish Priest, and Deacon Sean Duffy, of St Teresa's Church.

During the Mass Mrs Draper and Mrs Roberts were presented with the School Mission Statement by the School's pupils, Bibles by the two longest serving members of the

school staff, a copy of YouCat by Olivia Rzakiewicz, a member of NYMO, and a candle by Mrs Debbie Main a representative of NORES. Following the Mass a reception was held in St Teresa's School. Mrs Draper and Mrs Roberts were delighted to be joined by Mrs Celia Sparkes and Mrs Thalia Milton, both past Head Teachers of St Teresa's School.



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FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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Judith 15, v 9-11

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OBITUARY

Canon Brian Frost

Brian Alban Frost died on June 30 following a serious fall at home.

Ordained in 1951 he served first in St. Joseph's, Bedford until 1959. After a year

in Northampton Cathedral he served for five years in Leighton Buzzard.

In 1966 he was appointed to St. Joseph's, Luton, and stayed there until 1980. Eleven

years in Rushden followed. He moved to Kettering in 1991 and then St. Patrick's Corby for a further three years. He was appointed Canon in 1973 and was

Provost of the Cathedral Chapter from 1992-6.

He retired in 1995.

Informative, instructive and witty

South Bucks Circle of the Catenian Association has any reasons to be proud. Of course 'proudly Catholic' by definition, but proud too to be strong and even growing in an age when many Circles (and service organisations of all kinds) are experiencing falling numbers.

With a current membership of some 60 Brothers, South Bucks celebrated their 900th Meeting on 18th May with a very well attended function at the headquarters of the Chartered Institute of Marketing on the Thames in Cookham (admittedly a hundred yards across the border into Berkshire and Portsmouth Diocese!). A good turnout of South Bucks Brothers and their wives was almost exactly matched by Circle widows and Visiting Brothers, resulting in 120 sitting down to an excellent celebration dinner.

Speeches were informative, instructive and witty. Circle President Dave Tighe welcomed all of the guests and gave an insight into the strength that the Church and The Association gave him, coupled with the unfailing support of his wife Pam, while welcoming and toasting the health of the guests.

Great Britain National President John Hogan spoke with ease and warmth and his words of congratulation and encouragement were very well received. It was a real pleasure for the Circle to host John and Pauline.

We know that, despite the jokes about Catenianism being the best kept secret in the Catholic Church, our clergy really do know of The Association. Particularly, however, it's great to hear of a real connection and in the case of His Grace Bishop Peter Doyle of Northampton it's very personal. Not only was Bishop Peter's father a Brother, but so is his Brother! In fact, Bro Chris Doyle of Macclesfield Circle had travelled down specially to be among the guests on the evening.

Bishop Peter rounded off his address with a surprise rendition of *Ad multos annos*. The trip from Northampton to Cookham and back must have been worth it when the resulting applause matched that of a winner of Britain's Got Talent.

Picture: L to R) Circle President Dave Tighe, GBNP John Hogan, Bishop Peter Doyle!



Pathways of Prayer

Pathways of Prayer is a brand new online course especially created for Bishop Peter's Year of Prayer and Vocation. Over 6 weekly sessions, it explores why we pray, how to get praying, prayer in good times and bad, and introduces a whole range of different ways to pray, from the traditional to the contemporary. The online resources are the best video clips, audio and animations from around the internet, and can be dipped into at any time – while travelling, standing in a queue, or in a few quiet moments at the end of the day. Parishes can run special sessions, or the resources can be used with existing groups. They have already been used as part of an RCIA programme, with first communion parents and by a parish council. For those who can't easily get to mid-week sessions, there will also be an online discussion group starting in September.

The resource can be used by individuals, but the best feedback comes from groups who have used the weekly meetings to chew over what they have discovered. One

participant said: "Pathways of Prayer opened a whole new horizon to me. It gave me access to Spiritual Leaders I did not know existed. It gave me insight and encouragement and also increased confidence in expressing my faith." Another group said that every participant had moved forward in their faith and asked "What can we do next?" For group leaders there are full leaders' notes, and everyone gets a printable prayer journal to help them through the course.

To find out more about Pathways of Prayer, to have a play with the resources, and share ideas, come along to the Taster Session on Sat 15th September, 2-4pm at the Our Lady of Lourdes meeting room at 40 Lloyds, Coffee Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 5BE. Book your place by emailing avril@northamptondiocese.com or ringing 07823 788 310. To register on the prayer course as an individual or group leader, go to www.formationpathways.co.uk.

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Following the martyr's steps

The relic of St. Edmund Campion was originally the property of Monsignor Hume of Bedford, RIP and he left it in his will to the Knights of St. Columba (KSC). The relic is normally kept at St Augustine's, High Wycombe.

Some 40 to 50 years ago Monsignor Hume, Father Tiger SJ, and Father Woodard of Our lady of Peace, Burnham, Slough decided to organise a pilgrimage with the Relic for the Canonisation of the 40 English Martyrs.

The Pilgrimage started with Mass in the Tithe Barn at Lyford Grange; where Campion was captured and taken to London for trial. The Relic was to rest at Churches overnight following as near as possible the route Campion took on his way to Tyburn where he was hung, drawn and quartered in 1581. The final Mass was to be said at Tyburn Convent.

This has now become an annual pilgrimage in Honour of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales. This year it started at St. John Bosco in Woodley on 2nd June and is due to end with Mass at Tyburn Convent at 4.00pm on Sunday 22nd July. During this period the Knights of St Columba will be escorting the relic to around 50 different churches where Mass will be celebrated and the relic will be venerated.

The relic was received into the Church of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Princes Risborough on the morning of Wednesday 13th June where more than 100 people, including pupils and teachers from St Teresa's School attended the 10.00am Mass which was celebrated by Fr Leszek Wisniewski.

After a period of adoration, the relic was due to be transported to the church of St Theresa's at Beaconsfield.



'The expense is reckoned, the enterprise is begun; it is of God, it cannot be withstood. So the faith was planted; so it must be restored.'

The most significant places on the Pilgrimage are Stonor Park where St Edmund had his printing press, The Grange Lyford where he was captured and Tyburn where he was executed.

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Day 3. The Zugspitze Railway. Today we enjoy an enthralling journey on the Zugspitze Railway (Standard Class) which makes the journey to the summit of Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany. Travelling through pine trees and foothills, the delightful carriages offer breathtaking views of the Zugspitze mountain range. The final leg sees us take a cable car to the very top, where we have free time.

Days 4-6. Neuschwanstein and Hohenschwangau Castles. Our excursion today takes us to the glorious Neuschwanstein Castle. This fantastic fortress is a stunning sight, and is famously the inspiration for Disney's 'Sleeping Beauty' castle. We also visit the delightful honey coloured castle of Hohenschwangau in the pretty village of the same name. Day 5 is at leisure to enjoy the charms of the quintessentially Bavarian Füssen.

Day 6. The Oberammergau Passion Play. This morning, we travel to Oberammergau where we check into our hotel. Today is the undisputed highlight of our tour - the Oberammergau Passion Play, and our top tier tickets grant us some of the best seats in the house. This extraordinary once-a-decade event

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Days 7-8. Nuremberg. Leaving Oberammergau this morning, we travel by rail (Standard Class) to Munich, and continue to Nuremberg, where overnight. On Day 8, we travel in First Class to Frankfurt before connecting with the Eurostar back to London via Paris.

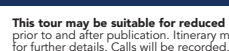


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You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same.

CRYPTIC

Across

- 1 King's great, putting a strong appearance in Arsenal-Reds meeting (6)
 4 Clergyman's almost late backing prisoner (6)
 8 Job's friend's sanctimonious volte face Hazel, in a spin, accepted (7)
 10 Alternatively father and husband to Ruth woman (5)
 11 Increase fringe benefits first mentioned at rallies (5,2)
 12 They will inherit songs you are listening to (5)
 13 Will's book, available in an old and new edition... (9)
 17 ...targeted media misrepresentation (5)
 19 He dictated at home to one girl earlier on, on reflection (3,4)
 21 Travellers stop at the last place in Oldham to get free meal (5)
 22 Canaanite's popular, exempting hospital from Church's tax (7)
 23 Order chap to prostrate himself, not being ordained (6)
 24 Second of articles in worker newspaper's found wanting (6)
- on the perimeter (6)
 9 Warner's wandering in a haze around pub? (9)
 13 Forget to return your KJV to Paul's mate...(7)
 14 ...and a couple of letters with his name on one in records let out (7)
 15 Mount streetcar, 'Melbourne Central' (6)
 16 Cut before depression that's popular – topside (6)
 18 Character of the Nile where it meets the sea... (5)
 20 ...'State of Oceans' report? (5)

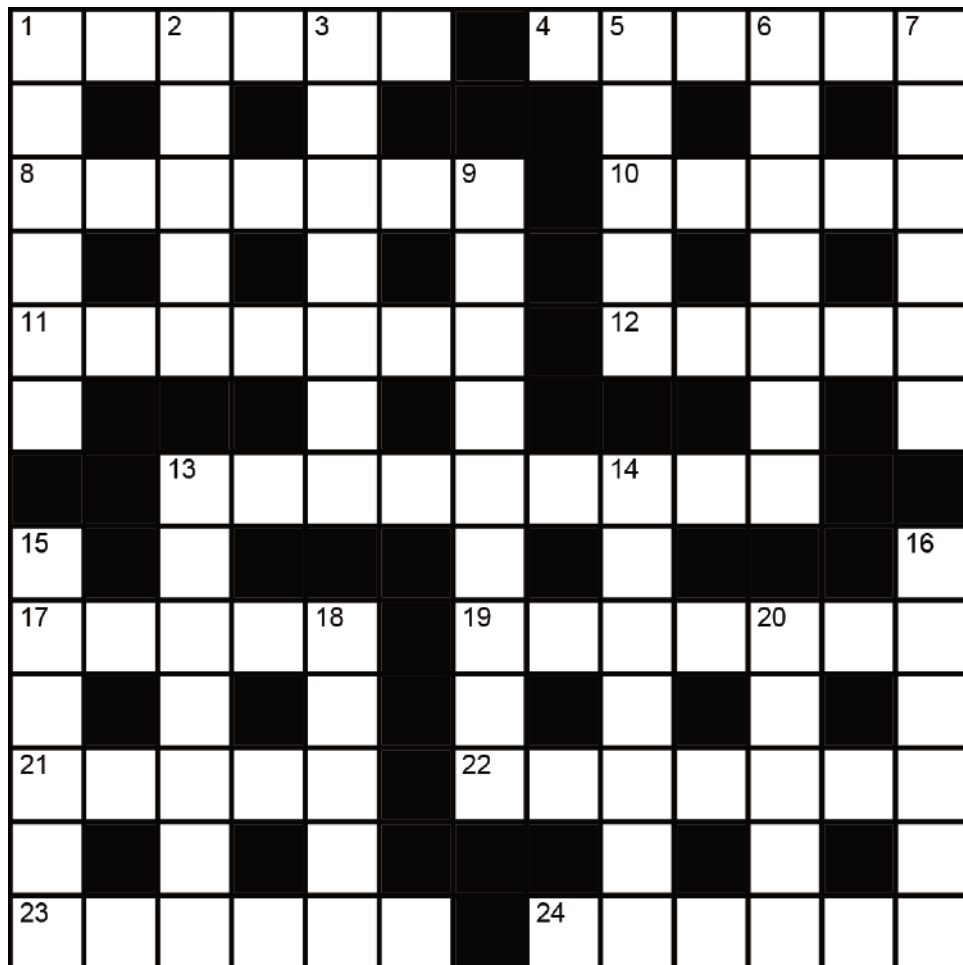
QUICK Across

- 1 ----- Brendel, much-travelled Austrian pianist with an honorary KBE (6)
 4 Cleric ranking just below a priest (6)
 8 The Temanite, one of Job's friends (7)
 10 Less-famous daughter-in-law of Naomi (5)
 11 Revitalizes (5,2)
 12 Those who inherit estates, titles or offices (5)
 13 Either of the two main parts of the Christian Bible (9)
 17 Directed; shot for (5)
 19 Former Ugandan despot (1971-1979) (3,4)
 21 Hotel designed for the motorist; cheaper style of hotel (5)
 22 One of an ancient people of Syria and Asia Minor (7)
 23 Non-ordained member of a church (6)
 24 Suffering from unrequited love; forlorn (6)

CRYPTIC

Down

- 1 Drink, very quietly getting a round, in Syrian city (6)
 2 One in the habit of regularly shooting British guns into wood (5)
 3 Roughly pushes on east to get to biblical site in Asia Minor (7)
 5 With number in English church, one who may be taken by God? (5)
 6 Canterbury-fringe head of house cut short time of one from the Med (7)
 7 Ammonite king owns old family retreat
- Troubled second city of Syria (9)
 2 Male member of a religious order that



- originally relied solely on alms (5)
 3 NT city, site of the Temple of Artemis (7)
 5 Son of Cain, father of Methuselah (either spelling) (5)
 6 Nationality of Barnabas (7)
 7 Ammonite king, first victim of the united Israelites under Saul (6)
 9 Minor prophet and book of the OT (9)
- 13 Book of the New Testament – recipient of two of Paul's 14s (7)
 14 Letter in KJV parlance (7)
 15 Mountain range where Elijah challenged prophets of Baal (6)
 16 Bind as an apprentice or servant (6)
 18 River feature, classically of the Nile (5)
 20 USA's most easterly state: capital, Augusta (5)

Solution

Across: 1 Alfred, 4 Deacon, 8 Eliphaz, 10 Orpah, 11 Peka up, 12 Heirs, 13 Testament, 17 Aimed, 19 Idl Cypriot, 7 Nahash, 9 Zephaniah, 13 Timothy, 14 Epistle, 15 Carmel, 16 Indent, 18 Delta, 20 Maine. Amn, 21 Motel, 22 Hittite, 23 Layman, 24 Bereft. Down: 1 Aleppo, 2 Friar, 3 Ephesus, 5 Enoch, 6



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