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Cutting the turf

Centre Ground Breaking at our Cathedral! The greatly anticipated building at our Cathedral in Northampton has begun. As he broke the ground, joined by Canon Mark Floody and the Lord Lieutenant Mr David Laing (Her Majesty's representative in the county), Bishop Peter thanked all those who had made this project a reality, "Without the generosity in so many ways by so many people this would not have been possible".

The new centre will serve the parish community and the people of the local neighbourhood. It will also provide facilities for refreshments after diocesan events.





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News beyond Northampton

Rome

Pope Francis has announced that the Vatican will open its archives on the pontificate of Pope Pius XII. Confidential files of the pope who led the Church during World War II will be made available next year.

"Serious and objective historical research" will be able to evaluate Pius XII's "hidden but active diplomacy" "in its proper light," Pope Francis said March 4. The pope said that the full confidential files, called a "secret archive," will be released March 2, 2020.

The pontificate of Pius XII has been often misunderstood. Critics have accused him of indifference to the plight of the Jewish people during the Second World War, despite several already public documents which show the pope's systematic efforts to assist Jews in Italy.

In the late 1990s, debate over whether Pius XII did enough to counter the Nazis reached a high point with the publication of the deeply controversial book, "Hitler's Pope," by British journalist John Cornwell. The book was highly critical of Pius XII, charging that he was culpably silent – if not an accomplice - in the rise of Nazism.

A book published in 2015 documented how Pope Pius XII chose to resist Adolf Hitler with covert action in lieu of overt protest. Historian Mark Riebling, author of Church of Spies: The Pope's Secret War Against Hitler, drew on wartime documents hews with American intelligence agents to tell how Pope Pius XII secretly provided support for three attempts to overthrow Hitler.

Pope Francis has previously considered Pope



Pius XII' cause for sainthood, according to a source in the Vatican's Congregation for Causes of Saints

Benedict XVI declared Pius XII Venerable on Dec. 19, 2009, based on the recommendation of the committee investigating his cause.

When Pope Paul VI started the beatification and canonization process in 1967, nine years after Pius XII's death, he formed a committee of historians to conduct an in-depth study of his predecessor's life and behavior, giving particular attention to the events of World

"The Church is not afraid of history, rather, loves it and would like to love it more and better, as God loves it!" Pope Francis said in a meeting with Vatican secret archives personnel in which he made the announcement.

Wembley

100 young people from our diocese joined 8000 others at Wembley for this years Flame Congress.



Flame 2019, organised by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) and supported by organisations such as the Catenians, a group of around 10,000 Catholic men and their families who meet socially to develop faith and friendship, saw 8,500 young people from all the dioceses of England and Wales examine the theme of 'Significance'.

They were given an entertaining and participatory programme which saw them jump up and down to rap Gospel, enjoy the visual spectacle of Rise Theatre, and witness most of the bishops of England and Wales join them in a Mexican wave. They contributed towards spectacular lighting effects through waving the torches on their mobile phones.

Focusing on the theme of "Significance", speakers and performers looked at each person's life being unique and special to God. Pope Francis sent a message urging them to review "not only our place in the world but

what has lasting treasure in our lives". Jean Vanier, aged 90, founder of the L'Arche, did a video presentation, urging the young people to accept others as they are and find happiness in helping others. "I hope you will find the secret of your life," he said, "and discover how beautiful you are

It was a long day for groups, some of which were on the road from 5am, but the Nottingham youth with their Robin Hood green hats and Salesians of Don Bosco in their vellow and black scarves were among those heading back to their dioceses inspired and happy. Youth workers could give themselves a pat on the back.

Leeds Diocesan Youth tweeted, "we want to thank everyone who was involved in the event, the organisers, volunteers, musicians and the incredible speakers that have really left our young people inspired". The next gathering of Flame will be in 2020.

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In return, I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. St Jude pray for all that have invoked your aid. Amen 3 x Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be

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- 2. The scourging at the pillar
- 3. The crowning with thorns 4. The carrying of the cross
- 5. The crucifixion

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Looking for new volunteers to join... The Safeguarding Commission

Did you know?

There is an independent Safeguarding Commission in every diocese that has extensive safeguarding experience in working with children and vulnerable adults. The Northampton Diocese is blessed with a strong team of individuals with extensive expertise and experience to ensure appropriate knowledge and skills are available to deal with any reported safeguarding issues.

Children are the most vulnerable in our society particularly those that are disadvantaged or disabled. Pope Francis said at the meeting on the 'Protection of Minors' in Rome recently that 'The abuse of children is wrong anywhere and at anytime and thi point is not negotiable'.

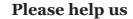
We are looking for more safeguarding volunteers to come forward particularly a Senior Police Officer, Probation or Adult Social Care Workers to add to our Safeguarding Commission team.

including the commissioning of risk assessment.

Bishop Peter has recognised the importance of the Safeguarding Commission when he

'The safeguarding of all, especially the most vulnerable is a priority for our diocese. It underpins so much of our work and ministries both as a diocese and in parishes. As I work closely with our diocesan safeguarding office, I recognise the tremendous efforts made by so many people in continuing to build a culture where safeguarding is recognised as a responsibility of us all. Constantly developing our procedures as we learn and develop our understanding.

The work of our dedicated team on the Safeguarding Commission is invaluable to the life of our diocese and I would like to thank those who currently give their expertise and time and pray that more of you will feel confident to offer your time and expertise as a member



So if you have experience or expertise of working in a safeguarding capacity relating to children and/or vulnerable adults, then you would be an ideal candidate to join our Commission as a member. The local Commission are looking for new members to join and-Danielle is most proud of the steps we have been taking in the diocese to improve our response to and engagement with victims and survivors.'

Be part of the safeguarding structure of the Catholic Church in this very important work. As a member, your role will include attendance at Commission meetings which take place approximately four times each year. Here is a statement from one of our current Commission members on what the role means to him. 'Being part of the diocesan safeguarding commission offers me the opportunity to shape the way we as a church respond to the needs of young people and vulnerable adults. Supporting strate-

gies that affect people during some of the most challenging times of life. Realising the positive effects our decisions have on the lives of individuals; protecting, caring and promoting safer environments for all.'

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Commission member, please either contact Danielle Dixon, the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 01604 723514 or 07833 050628 or email safeguarding@northamptondiocese.com

Check the safeguarding section on the diocese website for more information about the work of the Safeguarding Commission http://www.northamptondiocese.org

In a short opening statement for the four-day summit at the Vatican, the 82-year-old pontiff said he wanted to "reach out" to victims after being made aware of "the scourge of sexual abuse committed by men of the Church against minors".

"The holy people of God look at us and await from us not simple and obvious condemnations, but concrete and effective measures to put into place. Concreteness is required.





The Safeguarding Commission is accountable to the Bishop and Trustees of the Diocese. The Commission has regulatory, advisory and supportive functions. It exists to discharge these functions at a strategic level in all matters relating to safeguarding in Dioceses, Religious Congregations and Seminaries.

The Safeguarding Commission and through ts sub groups seeks to:

- *Secure a strategy for the promotion of good and safe children and vulnerable adult environments in all parishes in line with agreed national policies and procedures
- *Receive all information relating to safeguarding matters and deal with them
- *Ensure effective liaison with all relevant Statutory Agencies
- *Advise the Bishop on welfare matters in respect of parishes, and individuals and families within parishes, who have been victims of abuse
- *Ensure arrangements are in place for the pastoral care of individuals and communities affected by abuse
- *Support and advise on matters relating to long term arrangements for members of the Church who are known abusers of children,

of the commission or as a parish safeguarding representative.'

The Northampton Diocese Safeguarding Office is run very effectively by Danielle

Danielle is responsible for coordinating the safeguarding matters within the Diocese. Danielle leads in the implementation and management of the safeguarding policy and practice, including Safer Recruitment, working closely with the Safeguarding Commission, the Bishop and congregational leaders, helping to organise meetings, preparing orts and assessing needs.

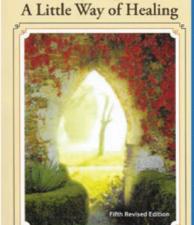
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Honouring the new saint -Oscar Romero

We were all delighted at Sacred Heart, rebels who were killing his people, looking Leighton Buzzard, when our parish was chosen for the Diocesan celebration of the Canonisation of St Oscar Romero.

On 14th October, thousands of pilgrims gathered in the Vatican to pay tribute to the Salvadoran Archbishop, who was murdered in 1980 whilst celebrating Mass. A total of seven were canonised that day, including Pope Paul

A month later, on Tuesday 20th November, the event was celebrated in our Diocese with a special Mass led by Bishop Peter, concelebrated with Parish Priest Fr John Danford, who was joined by Fr James Evans, Fr Roy Karakkattu and Deacons Tony Falcon and Jim Hannigan.

In his homily, Bishop Peter spoke of the courageous witness of St. Oscar Romero, and how that courageous witness to Christ continues in the Church today. He mentioned a couple in Baghdad who, in spite of the dangers, were determined to continue living there as part of a small Catholic community, and also, Archbishop Odama of Gulu in Northern Uganda who took his life in his hands and went alone to speak with the

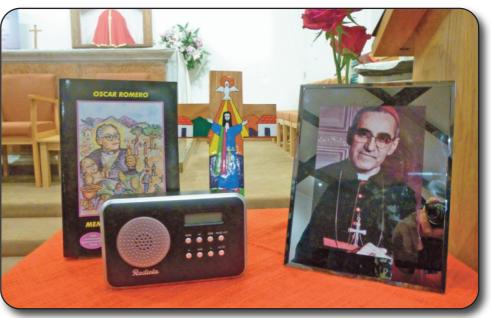
for some steps towards reconciliation and peace. These examples very much reflect Oscar Romero's words: "Let my death be for the liberation of my people".

The music was carefully chosen and included the Sacred Heart Singers leading the very appropriate "Unless a Grain of Wheat should fall upon the ground to die" as the Psalm and again the special hymn "God you Raise up True Disciples", which was written in 2017 for the occasion of the centenary of the birth of Blessed Oscar Romero.

As part of the Offertory procession, significant items were also brought forward: a picture of Oscar Romero, his book "Memories in Mosaic", the "Romero cross" and a radio, representing the Archbishop's sermons which were broadcast to the nation.

Following Mass, we enjoyed the cheese and wine refreshments in the Parish Hall, provided by the Fundraising and Social Team, while we had a splendid presentation by Dr John Guy, a CAFOD Trustee, who conveyed the thrill of the events of the canonisation day in Rome which he attended.







Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

We hear from our key note speaker Matthew Carter - Director of Emergencies for CAFOD. Matthew gave a very interesting and insightful view into just how much CAFOD is involved all over the world at times of disaster, famine and war. CAFOD (in partnership with Caritas) has been at the heart of catastrophes in the Yemen, Syria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Venezuela, the Rohingya crisis ..to list just a few. The work that CAFOD does is truly remarkable.

I delivered a quiz which tested our knowledge of CAFOD and its work – it was surprising what some 'old hands' like me did not know about CAFOD! People found this a fun way of learning more about CAFOD's work and several are hoping to use it in their parishes over Lent.

We concluded with a shared lunch which gave us the opportunity to chat and get to know other parishioners and volunteers - a very interesting and informative day! Together we can realise our ambition that no one should be beyond our reach.

Maggie Osgathorp – CAFD Parish volunteer

coordinator for Milton KeynesOn Saturday 23 February over 36 CAFOD volunteers and supporters got together at Our Lady Help of Christians' hall in Olney for the second Supporter's Day this year for the Diocese of

There was a very varied programme - Debbie (CAFOD coordinator) gave an overview of where CAFOD is to date. We were reminded of how CAFOD has its global Catholic network and local presence because it is a member of Caritas Internationalis – the second largest humanitarian network in the world operating in 193 countries! Hence the 'rebranding' of the logo, giving Caritas more prominence.

It was sad to learn that CAFOD currently cannot meet 1 in 3 documented requests for support from some of the poorest communities. These are projects that could be reached and would be supported if there were the funds. This is what CAFOD hopes to achieve with the ambition of No One Beyond Reach.

A very evocative video of Mahinur from Bangladesh was shown as it is the Lent 2019

Fast day focus story. Mahinur who is not only struggling to feed her disabled husband and son but who also has to put up with the stigma of their disability. Some people are fearful it might be contagious or being nearby might bring bad luck so they don't invite her to community events or parties. He son Rabiul has metal toggles and padlocks tied with a piece of string around his neck. His dad says they stop him from falling over so often. But dark marks linger on Rabiul's cheekbone - a reminder of recent falls.

The fact that Mahinur is the bread winner of the family which is not the norm in Bangladesh is also difficult. She says, "My neighbours think I'm not a nice woman because I shouldn't be going out earning money. It's not what women do."

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> Maggie Osgathorp -CAFD Parish volunteer coordinator for Milton Keynes

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A very warm welcome

It was, as always, a moving moment. Catechumens, candidates, godparents, sponsors and priests gathered in the cathedral on March 10 for the Rite of Election. There were 26 catechumens to be baptised at Easter, 27 candidates to be received into the Church, and six children.

Bishop Peter welcomed them on behalf of the diocese and the cathedral parish community.

'We come together in the cathedral', he said, 'as a sign that our parishes are part of a wider local Church, the diocese, presided over by the bishop. who, in turn, is united with his brother bishop, the bishop of Rome, Pope Francis. So

our membership of the Church reaches beyond our own parish to the Catholic Church across the world'.

After the Liturgy of the Word Bishop Peter asked catechumens and candidates if they wished to take the final step into the Church. He asked godparents and sponsors if they were worthy to be received. He asked them to continue to show their care and good example.

Each catechumen and candidate came forward to sign the Book of the Elect. Then each had a handshake and warm words from the bishop. Finally Bishop Peter signed the Book of the Elect, a formal sign that the Church welcomes the Newly-Elect.













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Becket's Head

This term has celebrated the Induction Mass of Mark McLaughlin as Headteacher of Thomas Becket School. The ceremony took place at Saint Gregory's Catholic Church with Monsignor Kevin McGinnell officiating., A mandate from Bishop Peter was read by Chris Atkins, Chair of Governors. The Mass was very well attended by school staff and Heads of local schools, the Trustees, Trust and parish community. Mark was presented with The Jerusalem Bible, a copy of 'YouCat' and a candle. More poignantly, he was presented with a copy of the school's new Mission Statement 'Christ's Love is our Foundation', by one of the students from Thomas Becket School who had been instrumental in the team of staff, governors and students who helped to create it. Becket Choir were joined by children from the Catholic Primary Schools and led the singing beautifully, in particular singing 'Panis Angelicus' during the Communion Procession.









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Val takes the top job

In the early evening of 4th March, friends, family and community members gathered at Thornton College for an Induction Mass for Mrs Val Holmes. The chapel was full and there was a feeling of warmth and hope as those attending welcomed each other and shared their excitement for this new era at Thornton.

Presider – Mgr Kevin McGinnell, Episcopal Vicar, welcomed all and explained the history he himself had with Thornton, what a beautiful setting and treasure it is to the Northampton Diocese and what a special time this is for Thornton College. Readings and Psalms were read by Val's Executive Team colleagues, Jane Sanders (Bursar) and Dr Louise Shaw (Deputy Head). Following The Gospel and Homily, Val was officially inducted at the request of the Trustees of Thornton, presented by Sr Helen Mary Haigh and received and agreed by Bishop Peter who sent a formal letter, read by Sr Helen Mary Haigh. All in the congregation gave their strong support, agreeing to commit themselves to work for the good of the school so that it may be a place of Christian faith and living, where young people and all who work at Thornton learn to know and love Christ ever more deeply. Val then received gifts of signs of service from Millie B (Head Girl) and Saffi B (Deputy Head Girl), Mr Peter Fahy (Head of RE, Ethos and Chaplaincy), NYMO (the Youth Ministry of the Diocese) and NORES (the Diocesan RE Service). All present joined in congratulating and celebrating Val's Induction with applause and following joyous hymns, communion and prayers, guests gathered in the Drawing Room for canapés and refreshments.

Thornton College is thrilled to have Val Holmes as its Head Teacher. Val has worked at Thornton for over 30 years. In her concluding speech she gave thanks to the Sisters, Trustees and Governors and all her team, recognising the importance of team work in creating such a special and successful place to work. Val also confirmed her dedication to continuing the ethos of Thornton, which is not to be found in the building (as beautiful as it is) but in the lives and relationships of those who make up the community within it, following the example of St. Claudine Thevenet and inspiring both students and staff to be the welcoming presence of Jesus to everyone they meet.







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Learning about money

Hearing impaired (HI) and visually impaired (VI) students at St Paul's Catholic School discovered some top tips for managing their finances at a special 'Money Mechanics' workshop delivered by the Royal Association for Deaf People (RAD).

The session, funded by players of the People's Postcode Lottery - Dreamfund, delivered financial education workshops in British Sign Language for HI students and used specially adapted resources for VI students.

The workshops explored what money means to young people, looking at where money comes from and what to do with it. Students discussed financial topics such as working life including pay slips, minimum wage, tax and national insurance, as well as budgeting, savings, bank accounts and independent living. Bryan Whalley, Head of the HI Department and Teacher of the Deaf at St Paul's Catholic School, said: "The sessions were very interactive and it was good to see our students and those from our two guest schools. Lord Grev and Harlington, participating so enthusiastically."

Lucie Gray, Head of the VI Department at St Paul's Catholic School, said: "RAD prepared all of the resources for the VI group and they were excellent. The materials for the interactive activities allowed our students, who use either large print Braille or tactile resources, to mix and partner each other. To assist the students in understanding how different savings grow over time counters and discs were used which clearly illustrated amounts."

The aim of the workshops was to help pupils develop their financial competencies, build their confidence and develop skills leading to independence. They also helped teach pupils ways of understanding and managing their personal budgets in preparation for leaving school and starting higher education or ca-





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Inclusivity not exclusivity

The Bishop of Salford, John Arnold, was the guest of honour at the recent Catenian Association, Province 14, 300th Provincial Council meeting and to a packed room of more than seventy Catenians and ladies, he delivered a thought-provoking speech.

He reminded the gathering about the words of St Paul. "We are many and diverse parts of the one body, which is Christ. St Paul emphasises the necessary diversity of the

parts of the body but insists on a unity. The association must consistently challenge the original intention of the founding fathers, within the context of the present day. Certainly, it must remain a Catholic Association, and look at membership in the light of Pope Francis' emphasis on welcome. These are questions to consider, particularly in the light of the ministry of Jesus who welcomed all who came to listen to Him and learn from Him".

The Catenian Association is an international group which supports several Catholic based activities, e.g. Flame (The largest Catholic Youth event in the UK), the National 6th



Form Public Speaking Challenge, the Bursary Fund which gives cash grants of over £100,000 to young Catholics between the ages of 16 and 24, who volunteer on projects around the world and a significant number of charities.

It has circles throughout the UK, and in Ireland, Malta, Australia, India, Goa, Zimbabwe. Province 14 covers circles in Westminster, London Charterhouse, London North West, London Northern Heights,

North London, Southgate, Highgate, Bishop Stortford, Broxbourne, Mid Hertfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes and Bedford.

More information about the Catenian Association can be found by visiting; www.thecatenians.com or contact Province 14 Membership Officer, Sean Duff via email: seanduff@hotmail.com

Picture courtesy of Tony McManus, Milton Keynes Circle





The Holy Father's official charity for mission

Pope Francis has designated October as an Extraordinary Missionary Month and in response Missio has launched a music competition!

The aim is for primary and secondary schools to compose the lyrics and music for a hymn with "Baptised and sent" in the refrain.

Each Diocese is asked to submit one song for the competition.

For more details please contact the Diocesan Director of Missio Fr Wayne Coughlin: parishpriestbedford@gmail.com

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, loved, adored and glorified throughout the whole world, now and forever.

Say six times a day for nine days.

Our early saints

In collaboration with the English Catholic History Association, St Teresa's Catholic Church in Princes Risborough will be hosting an afternoon illustrated presentation by Dr Richard Shaw, Chairman of the History Department at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College in Ontario Canada, on Monday 27 May 2019 at 2:30pm

The subject - Bede, Augustine and the Gregorian Mission to England in the light of the earliest evidence.

The Venerable Bede's account of the advent of Augustine and the beginning of the conversion of the English is justly famous. Even now, thirteen centuries later, the Ecclesiastical History continues to dominate historians' understanding of events. Bede's sources for the period were, however, few and often unreliable.

In this talk, Dr Richard Shaw, winner of the Eusebius Prize for ecclesiastical history, will offer a re-evaluation of the character and characters of early Christian England using only contemporary sources – those extracted from Bede's History as well as literary, architectural, archaeological, numismatic and other material from the time. The picture that emerges is one which differs radically from the traditional one, revealing not only Kent's connections with contemporary Gaul, but also its similarity to that world and society.

Dr Richard Shaw is the Chairman of the History Department at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College in Canada.

His first book, on The Gregorian Mission to siodorus, Gregory of Tours, Augustine of Canterbury, Theodore of Tarsus, Bede the Venerable, Ælfric of Eynsham, Thomas Aquinas and François de Laval, as well as on early monasticism, Anglo-Saxon administration and Old English language and literature.

Following on from his first book, Richard has been contracted to write two further volumes: one on the process of composition of Bede's History and one on early Christian Kent.

Kent in Bede's Ecclesiastical History, was published in 2018. He won the Journal of Ecclesiastical History's 2014 Eusebius Essay Prize and was short-listed for the 2016 Medium Aevum Essay Prize. Richard has published on Antony of Egypt.

Richard was educated at Downside School and Oxford University. On leaving Oxford, he worked for The Catholic Herald and then the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Richard moved with his wife and family to Canada in 2008 where he completed a doctorate. He began work at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College in rural Ontario, Canada, in 2012

He spent part of his youth in Monks Risborough where his parents still live; and he is very much looking forward to giving a talk at his old parish church, the beautiful St Teresa's, Princes Risborough.

Admission is free. Refreshments: tea, coffee, soft drinks and wine will be available.





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Honour for Agnes

Long term CAFOD volunteer Agnes Milne received a Papal Blessing in recognition of her contribution to CAFOD and championing the rights of some of the poorest communities across the world through campaigning and fundraising. The blessing certificate was presented to her by Deborah Purfield (CAFOD coordinator) and Fr Eamon Devlin (parish priest) at St Mary's parish Dunstable.

Agnes (84) has volunteered for CAFOD for over 25 years. During that time she has not only helped raise thousands of pounds but also campaigned on many issues, including Third World Debt, Fairtrade, and Climate Change.

Debbie said, "I am so honoured to be here on behalf of CAFOD to thank the parish and particularly Agnes for all her years of volunteering for CAFOD." Agnes exclaimed "I was so surprised and overwhelmed to get this blessing" adding that she felt she needed the blessing, having lost her husband, Andrew, seven months ago. Agnes dates her passion to fighting poverty back to the early 60s when she spent three years teaching in Uganda. This was at about the same time as CAFOD was founded and she has always been a supporter.

Agnes has organised petitions, displays,

walks, talks and church services. She works with Christians from other churches and once got a group of people, as part of a campaign, to talk to all the jewellers in Dunstable about where their gold came from, to ensure that it was ethically mined and that the miners got a fair deal. More recently she was involved in asking Sainsbury's not to ditch the Fairtrade mark on their own-brand tea. She also assisted in organising walks within the pastoral area, in support of the refugee campaign Share the Journey

Her husband, Andrew, joined in with Share the Journey by walking in the hospital ward during his last illness. He was thrilled to hear about the papal blessing and together with Debbie and the parish, started organising the day for Agnes. Sadly he was taken ill and couldn't see it through. However, we know that Andrew was very much with Agnes when she received it.

The certificate of Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis was presented to Agnes at the end of Sunday Mass 10 February, and she had a standing ovation. There was a small celebration after the service where many people expressed their love and admiration for Agnes, and for her late husband.



Debbie said "Agnes, you are such an inspiration. You use every opportunity you can to raise awareness of the causes of poverty and always encourage others to add their voices with yours against injustices. You not only talk the talk but walk the walk. You are an amazing volunteer! Thank you so much."

Some of Agnes's five children and eleven grandchildren were there to see her receive the award. Her youngest daughter, Louise, said "we are incredibly proud of mum. She always keeps in mind the less privileged, here in Dunstable and around the world, especially in Africa. We just wish our dad could have been with us today to see this too"



To find out more about CAFOD and how you can be involved visit: cafod.org.uk/

The God who speaks to us

The year 2020 will be the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have motivated the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to make 2020 a year of focus on The God Who Speaks.

Are you passionate about scripture; a creative and enthusiastic communicator, organised and able to lead initiatives within the diocese?

During 2020 our diocese, together with the Catholic Church in England and Wales, are excited to be running 'The God who Speaks' campaign, aiming to engage Catholics in reading scripture more, and through it, growing in their faith. We are looking for a campaign champion for the diocese of Northampton to run with this momentous opportunity and encourage people to engage with the many resources and events available.

You do not need to be a Biblical scholar, rather someone who just loves reading the scriptures and using scripture as part of our ongoing faith journey.

The God who Speaks Campaign Champion is a role appointed by the Bishop to champion the campaign within the diocese. You may like to work within a small team that already exists or with a priest, deacon, religious and other lay people together.

Your main tasks will be to enthuse people in our diocese to read the Bible more, engage creatively with scripture and evangelise to those around them; to be a brilliant communicator of the 2020 campaign within the diocese, resourcing people to dive deeper into scripture through events and the many ideas

on offer throughout the year; collecting feedback on the campaign successes and challenges.

OTHER AREAS OF INVOLVEMENT:

- Act as a communications bridge between our diocese and the 2020 campaign team.
- Be a clear and enthusiastic communicator, engaging diverse groups of Catholics and other Christians with the campaign.
- Coordinate 2020 campaign activities and events within our diocese.
- Liaise with key teams, members and agencies within our diocese to promote and support scriptural activities for the campaign.
- Be organised in disseminating resources within our diocese.
- Feed back to the 2020 campaign team with data and thoughts about events and initiatives happening within our diocese, and successes and challenges faced.

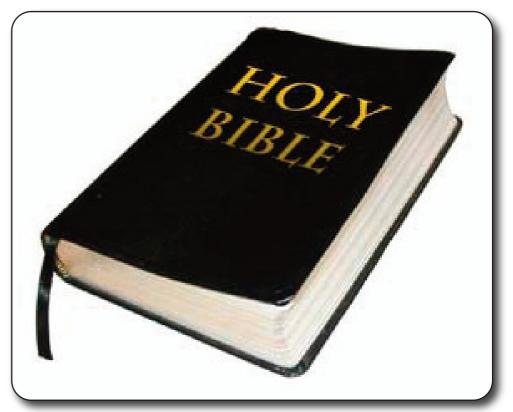
YOUR COMMITTMENT

There is flexibility, depending on your commitments, but we would expect the role to take about five hours each week, with fluctuation with busy and quieter times in the campaign.

All relevant travel expenses and any other out-of-pocket expenses necessary for the role to be fulfilled will be covered by the diocese. These will comply with the diocesan guidelines for all other voluntary roles.

Please look at our website, godwhospeaks.uk, for more information about the campaign.

Dioceses, please add contact details including phone and email.



INFORMATION FOR THE DIOCESE

The God who Speaks is a diverse campaign and each diocese will wish to explore the scriptures in different ways. To help appreciate the different approaches, the campaign has been given three broad areas of: celebrating, living and sharing God's word.

The diocesan focus may shape whom the diocese looks for as a Campaign Champion. If, for example, the aims of living God's word reflected and connected with the current plans for the diocese best, this would suggest that the champion may have a particular set of in-

terests and skills different from a focus on celebrating or sharing. The person may already be a member of the diocesan staff, it may be a priest with an enthusiasm for scripture or it may be lay volunteer who communicates well.

SUPPORT OF 2020 CAMPAIGN TEAM

- Organising initial and regular national contact meetings for information sharing and
- Regular updates centrally of the latest resources and events.
- Ongoing support throughout 2020.

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NOW IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO END THE SUFFERING CAUSED BY LEPROSY

Let's create a leprosyfree world

For thousands of years leprosy has been the scourge of poverty-stricken communities across the world. The disease frequently leads to severe, life-changing disabilities and those who suffer from it are often excluded by their community, and struggle to fend for themselves.



123 years dedicated to the relief of suffering

St Francis Leprosy Guild has been dedicated to the relief of suffering caused by leprosy for more than a century, during which time many religious sisters, brothers and priests have made it their life's vocation to care for those with the disease. Today we are determined to build on their legacy and seize our opportunity to help eradicate leprosy once and for all.

A leprosy-free world is now within sight

Just a few decades ago, more than five million

people were being diagnosed with leprosy every year, their lives destroyed physically, emotionally and socially by the disease. Today, this number has reduced significantly but remains stubbornly at over 200,000 new cases annually, worldwide. St Francis Leprosy Guild is committed to achieving a leprosyfree world and we genuinely believe it is possible, if only people like you are prepared to help.

Early detection can stop leprosy in its tracks

Leprosy is curable and in 1995 the World Health Organisation made multi-drug treatments freely available to help fight it. Since then, millions of people have been cured of the disease. New cases of leprosy tend to be concentrated in isolated communities where people are still living in dire poverty and have little or no access to healthcare. If leprosy is to be stamped out for good, your support is needed to train local healthcare workers who can reach out to these communities. By supporting early detection and treatment - before the disease takes hold - you can help to prevent untold suffering.

If, in this season of Lent, you are able to send a donation of £30, you will help us support ongoing health initiatives, such as the hospital ship run by Dr Tony Lopez Gonzalez.

This has already helped to train 600 local healthcare assistants, and the ship visits remote communities in the Amazon where leprosy is still



rife, so they can monitor people for early symptoms and provide prompt medication.

Help to beat leprosy for good

Dr Tony's hospital ship is just one of around 60 inspirational partner organisations supported by St Francis Leprosy Guild, which are working with remote and marginalised communities in countries such as India and Brazil. Please send £30 today to help this essential work continue. This Lent, let's seize the opportunity to create a leprosy-free world and help put an end to people's suffering at last.



Winning the battle against leprosy

- 1980s some 5.2 million cases of leprosy reported annually.
- 1995 World Health Organisation extends free access to leprosy treatments.
 - 16 million people cured of leprosy in past 20 years.
 - Today, over 200,000 new cases diagnosed annually, worldwide.
 - Early diagnosis and treatment is key to total eradication.

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

Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 5 Parable of arch folio is decoded (1,4,4)
- 8 Lent in one case securely (4)
- 9 Angry counter that stops goalpost moving? (8)
- 10 Zoroastrian saves Tanzanian hide (7)
- 11 Job's acquaintance, to judge, is an unfulfilled Hindu (5)
- 13 Mean number in team (5)
- 15 Veteran airline has on board cocktail of rum with, note.
 - quite long shorts (7)
- 18 Awkwardly sweatier, so to speak (2,2,4)
- 19 Times platform's announced (4)
- 20 To a Scot among women of the South is a letter from Paul (9)

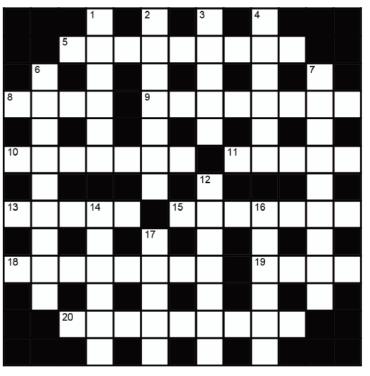
CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Nabatean king put time into domains (6)
- 2 Individual in jail, being a leading accountant, creates
- a ... ,_
- schism (7)
 3 About twelve inches? (5)
- 4 Novice, in the wake of the inspector, finds a small fragment (6)
- 6 He reformed Colombian city's indigenous wine t bordering upon sweet (9)

- 7 Italian saint, male, a doctor in Jerusalem court
- 12 Plague on mostly wicked, good man (7)
- 14 Joseph was taken here, and almost does as the KJV
 - said above (6)
- 16 Where Mohammed in Arabia is interred? (6)
- 17 Brought forth the King James Version! (5) QUICK Across
- 5 Parable of a hoarder in Luke (1,4,4)
- 8 Ramadan observance (4)
- 9 Feature of the posts in football, rugby, etc (8)
- 10 The Zend language (7)
- 11 Friend of Job (5)
- 13 Derogatory; sarcastic (5)
- 15 British Overseas Territory, capital Hamilton (7)
- 18 In a kind of way (2,2,4)
- 19 Speaker's platform; podium (4)
- 20 Letter from Paul to a church in a Roman province settled by Gauls in the 3rd century BC (9)

QUICK Down

- 1 King whose Damascus governor tried to capture Paul (6)
- 2 Schism between Rome and the Eastern Church, 484-519 (7)



- 3 Going on; happening (5)
- 4 Tiny piece (6)
- 6 Follower of a French theologian whose Protestantism
- sometimes called the 'Reformed tradition' (9)
- 7 Ancient Jewish supreme council (9)
- 12 Afflict; harass (7)
- 14 Town where Joseph was sold by his brothers to the Ishmaelites (6)
- 16 Second most holy city of Islam (6)
- 17 'Fathered', as in the KJV? (5)

Solution

7 Begat.

Across: 5 A Rich Fool, 8 Fast, 9 Crossbar, 10 Avestan, 11 Elihu, 13 Snide, 15 Bermuda, 18 As it were, 19 Dais, 20 Galatians. Down: 1 Aretas, 2 Acacian, 3 Afoot, 4 Morsel, 6 Calvinist, 7 Sanhedrin, 12 Bedevil, 14 Dothan, 16 Medina,

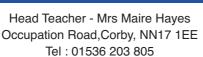
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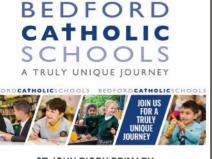
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