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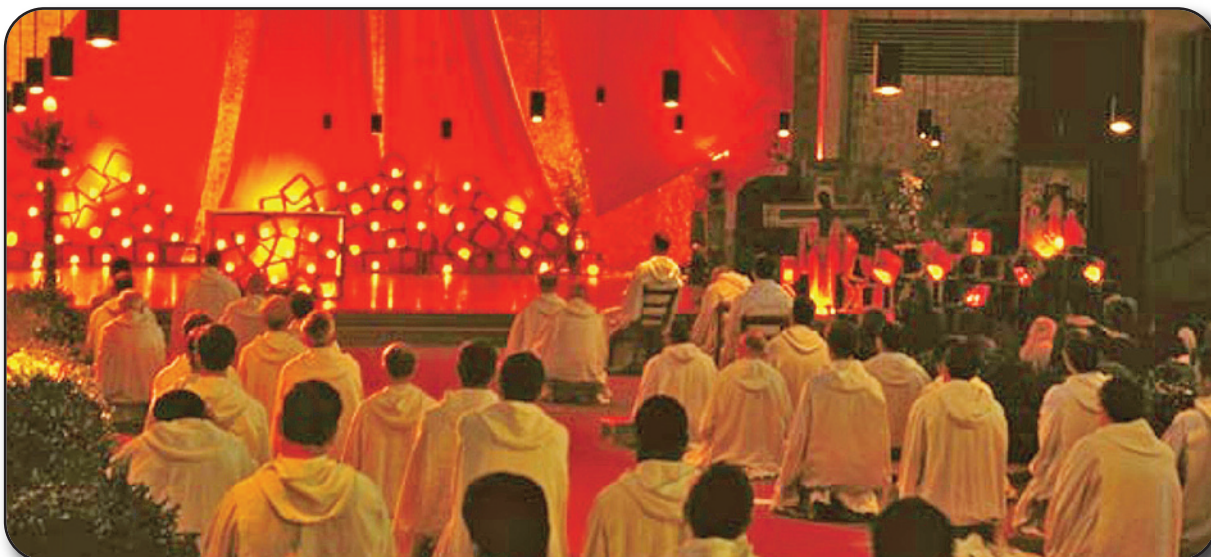
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A pilgrim comes from Taize

The Chiltern Pastoral Area in March welcomed Br Jean-Patrick, a member of the Taize Ecumenical Community in central France. This was part of his visit to various parts of England encouraging young people - and those not so young - to centre their lives on the Lord through discussion, community and prayer.

A large number of young people, as well as oldies, responded to his invitation to join him in the Taize style of prayer held at St Aidan's Church in Little Chalfont. It was an informative and joyful evening for all and we learned more about the importance of silence in prayer.



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News beyond Northampton

Peru

Peruvian authorities are investigating the death of British De La Salle Brother Paul McAuley, whose burned body was found April 2 in a home he founded for indigenous students in Iquitos, in the northeastern Amazonian region.



In a statement issued the same day, Peru's bishops called for authorities to clarify the events surrounding his death and find those responsible.

McAuley, 71, was an environmental activist and an advocate for indigenous students who traveled from remote Amazonian communities to attend college in Iquitos.

He worked in Nigeria and Rome before moving in 1995 to Peru, where he founded a school for low-income students in a shantytown on the north side of Lima, the capital. In 2000, he moved to Iquitos, where he worked with indigenous students and organized an environmental defense network.

He was outspoken about oil pollution and deforestation in the Amazon. In 2010, the Peruvian government refused to renew his Peruvian residency, although the decision was reversed after public protests by church groups and other supporters.

Australia

The Australian Catholic Church has completed the first phase of its 2020 Plenary Council, in which laypeople will be allowed to vote and decisions could be binding on the nation's Catholics, once ratified by the Vatican.

The meeting's organizers have received more than 20,000 submissions from more than 75,000 Catholics around the country in a 10-month "listening and dialogue" process that finished March 13.

The landmark meeting that will take place in two Australian cities during 2020 and 2021 is already bringing to the surface debate about the role of the laity in the church and other reforms that are becoming more urgent in the wake of the ever-growing global sexual abuse scandal.

The Australian meeting will be only the third plenary council to be held anywhere in the world since World War II; the Philippines held one in 1991 and Poland in 1993. There were three plenary councils in the United States before 1884, but none since.

London

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A priest in London, Mgr Nizar Semaan has been chosen to be Archbishop Co-adjutor of the war-ravaged city of Mosul in Iraq. 'Co-adjutor' means that in due course he will succeed the current incumbent of the Syriac Catholic archdiocese.

During the ISIS occupation the Christian population of Mosul fled to the Kurdish Autonomous Region. Churches and convents in Mosul and surrounding towns, some of them majority Christian, have been damaged or desecrated. The Christian population is now slowly returning.

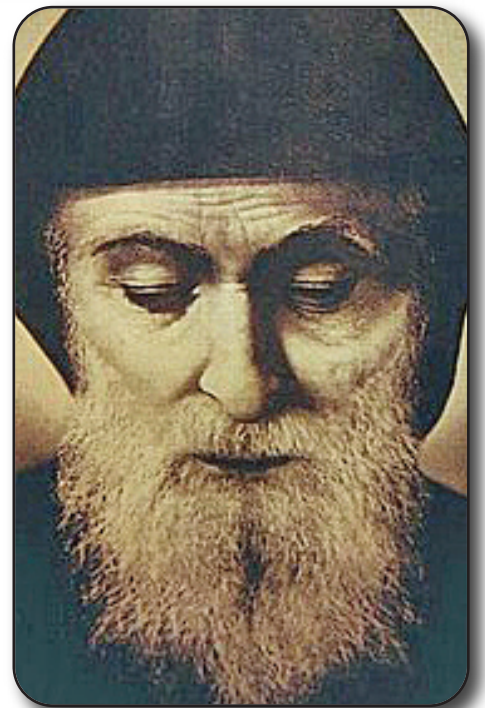
"The task of rebuilding will be a great challenge," said Mgr Semaan, "but we know that we can count on the support of our Christian brothers and sisters in other countries. And of course Our Lord himself will be with us."

Mgr Semaan, 54, has been based in Hammersmith, West London, for 14 years, with responsibility for Syriac Rite Catholics through the whole of the UK. Previously he had pastoral charge of the Syriac Rite community in Italy. The turmoil in Iraq and especially the ravages of ISIS have created a diaspora of Iraqi Christians in the Middle East, Europe and North America.

Mgr Semaan comes from Qaraqosh, a traditionally Christian town 20 miles from Mosul. He studied at the patriarchal seminary in Lebanon, the University of the Holy Spirit at Kaslik, also in Lebanon, and at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome where he was awarded a doctorate.

Lebanon

St. Charbel Makhoul is known in Lebanon for the miraculous healings of those who visit his tomb to seek his intercession – both



Christians and Muslims.

"St. Charbel has no geographic or confessional limits. Nothing is impossible for [his intercession] and when people ask [for something], he answers," Fr. Louis Matar, coordinator of the Shrine of St. Charbel in Annaya, Lebanon, told CNA.

Speaking in Arabic with the help of an interpreter, Matar said the shrine, which encompasses the monastery where the Maronite Catholic priest, monk, and hermit lived for nearly 20 years, receives around 4 million visitors a year, including both Christians and Muslims.

Matar, who is responsible for archiving the thousands of medically-verified healings attributed to the intercession of the Maronite priest-monk, said that many miraculous cures have been obtained by Muslims.

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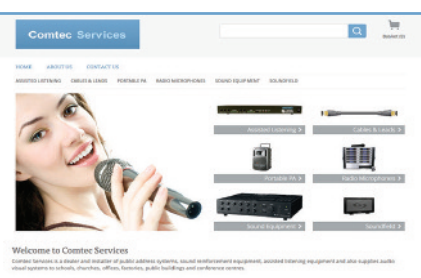
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'Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking'

The Northampton Justice and Peace Commission recently held their annual conference at St John the Apostle in Luton, which was on the very relevant subject of 'Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking'. The conference highlighted that, the reality is that slavery and trafficking are happening all around us in many parts of our diocese, and the conference was a great opportunity to learn and be aware of what is actually happening and how we can help. Nearly 100 people from all parts of the diocese attended and they gave high praise for the excellent speakers which included Sr Patricia Mulhall and Phoebe Prendergast who is from the Santa Marta Group (SMG).

Those attending learnt that it is estimated that worldwide there over 40 million people who are victims of modern day slavery across 167 countries. Annual profits generated from trafficking in human beings exceed £24 billion. It is a serious crime that includes exploiting people for little or no pay. This exploitation can take many forms including; forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic service, forced illegal activity and even organ harvesting. After the presentations a healthy discussion took place about how SMG, Law Enforcement and Justice and Peace Groups throughout the diocese can work together to help eradicate modern day slavery.

The day ended with a service in the church to pray for all those who suffer at the hands of others, and to ask the Holy Spirit to bless the work of the J & P commission in the diocese.

Jim Hannigan



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Tribute for Tony

At the February meeting of the Milton Keynes Circle of the Catenian Association, Brother Mike Cummins was presented with a certificate marking twenty-five years membership. The presentation was made by Circle President, Martin Maguire.

Brother Tony McManus was on hand to record the occasion.

Photograph

Brother Mike Cummins (right) being presented with his 25 Years Certificate by Circle President Martin Maguire.

Photograph – Tony McManus



Twin toilets around the world



Following a recent innovative idea, all toilets at Sacred Heart Leighton Buzzard, both in the Church and Parish Hall, are twinned! After a very successful appeal by parishioner Anne Farmer, a grand sum of £749.32 was raised. Each twinning costs £60, and many parishioners have “twinned” their own toilet at home.

Why do this? Toilet Twinning funds the work of the international relief and development agency Tearfund. The facts are - 2.3 billion people don't have somewhere safe and hygienic to go to the toilet. The lack of a loo makes women and girls a target for sexual attack as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night.

-Almost 1,000 children die every day from preventable diseases linked to dirty water and unsafe toilets. 663 million people live without safe water. Children worldwide miss 443 million school days each year because of dirty water and poor sanitation.

- Every year, women and girls spend 97 billion hours finding a place to go.

So, our donations will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education and our “smallest room” becomes the proud owner of a certificate, complete with a photo and GPS coordinates, so it is possible to look up your “twin’s” location on Google maps in countries such as Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Tanzania, Zambia and Uganda.

Healing the globe

I have been campaigning for some time for the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales to bring the message of the Pope's Encyclical 'Laudato Si' to the parishes. The good news is that through their Global Healing initiative, they have made a good start.

Global Healing consists of two films. The main film is 33 minutes long, and shows how human activity is destroying the planet, and how we need an ecological conversion so that we make the right ethical choices which will begin to reverse the destruction.

The second film is 15 minutes long, and prompts us to consider what we can do, as individuals and as parishioners, to educate ourselves on the issues, and to change our lifestyles so as to reduce our carbon footprint and lessen our abuse of animals.

The bishops have shown a willingness in producing Global Healing in response to

'Laudato Si' which deserves our praise and thanks. Apparently information about the Global Healing film has been sent to all parish priests in England and Wales.

I urge all Catholics who are concerned about the destruction of the environment and the abuse of animals to ask their parish priest to show the Global Healing film. Check it out:- <https://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk/>

With a few refreshments included, and the event publicised in the parish Newsletter, an enjoyable evening could be easily organised.

Although, the question of our abuse of animals could in my opinion have been put forward more strongly, I don't want to be critical of the content of these two films. I just want to thank God and the bishops for their present attitude to the natural environment. If it is excommunicated to the Church at large then Laudato Si will have been a success.



The saint and the sultan

Iman Lugman Ali and his wife Eleanor cofounders of the Khyal Theatre Company were guests at the Catenian Association's Luton Circle recent meeting. Lugman spoke about the encounter of St Francis of Assisi and Malik al-Kamil, the Sultan of Egypt during the fifth Crusade, 800 years ago and the need for tolerance and coexistence in a multicultural world.

In a follow-up communication just days after the tragedy in Christchurch, Lugman wrote to, Luton President, Dennis Cooper, stating 'Eleanor and I are very grateful and deeply touched by your beautiful and heartfelt card of prayer and condolences. Alongside our remembrance and prayer for my fellow Muslims lost in Christchurch NZ, we are also remembering all of the Christians, Jews and Sikhs who have been slain while at worship in recent years in such places as Pakistan, Egypt, USA, Nigeria and

elsewhere. There is so much more work to do to repair humanity's often estranged relationship with virtue in the light of God so that sacred peace is restored in our world. In peace and love. God Bless. Lugman

Lugman initially trained in the sciences of Islam and the languages (Arabic, Persian and Urdu), literature and cultures of the Middle East and the Indian Sub-continent qualifying as an imam before serving communities in the UK, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Pakistan, South Africa, Bermuda, Dominican Republic, Bahrain and beyond

Centre: Iman Lugman Ali and his wife Eleanor (right), with Canon Anthony Dwyer (end left), Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church Harpenden, Catenians and wives.



We are all missionary disciples

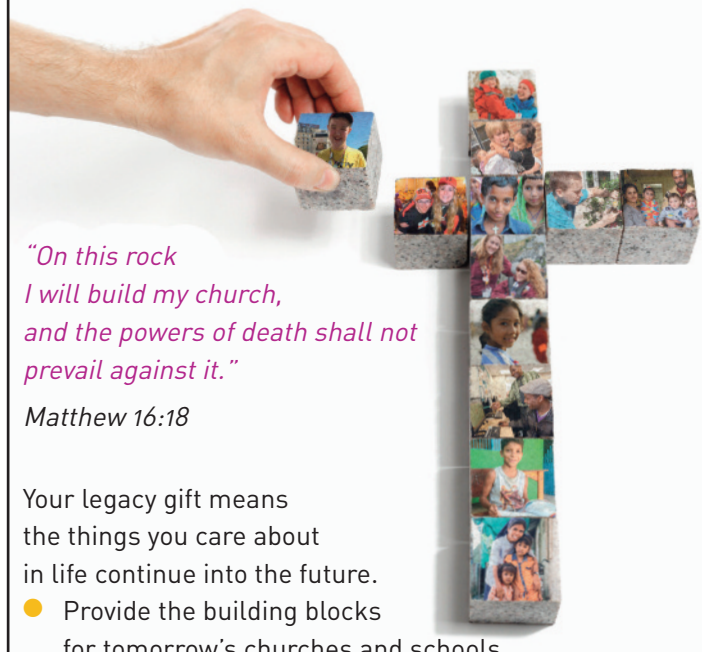


On Saturday 5th April Dr. Austen Ivereigh, writer, journalist and commentator on religious & political affairs gave a talk in the St. Teresa's Parish Centre in Beaconsfield. The talk was titled "We are all Missionary Disciples: Pope Francis's vision for Evangelising

the World in flux." Dr. Austen wrote a biography of Pope Francis (The Great Reformer) and was therefore able to give great insight to the work and ideas of the pope. About ninety people attended and afterwards a Question & Answer session was held.

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God has called you into a school of love and forgiveness, to strengthen one another and to support one another in the different stages of life. Many of you have been blessed in bringing new life into the world, to work with our God in the creation of a family.

Whether you have children or not, I am just full of admiration for you, not because you are perfect but because you have responded with fidelity to the call of Christ and through your loving faithfulness witness to the unfailing love of the Father.

I am praying that you are living your married life with hope in your hearts, with the hope of this Lent and Easter, with Jesus himself. For, without Jesus, we are dust and to dust we shall return. At this Mass, I hope that you are experiencing the joy of Christ in you and, as we heard in the Gospel, that your own joy may be complete.”

(Extracts from Bishop Peter’s homily)



Woburn Sands: April 6



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All of us who work in the Catholic Partnership of Schools in Luton have been stunned and distressed by the death of our friend and colleague Jackie Lee. These words are an understatement as Jackie's relatively short but devastating illness has taken her from us while still in her prime. She has had such a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children, staff and colleagues and we are all better off for having known her. This tribute is taken from the recollections of those who worked with her and loved her deeply.

Jackie began her teaching career at St Joseph's Junior in September 1987 as Miss Boland. Denise Carroll, a life-long friend who trained with Jackie at St Mary's Teaching College in Strawberry Hill, had been called to interview and Jackie went with her to provide moral support! However, Denise recalls that once the indomitable Head, Sr Mary Benedict had sized them both up and established their Irish family ancestry, she appointed both of them. I suspect that she had also spotted at that early stage, Jackie's huge potential, her strong commitment to Catholic education and her clear understanding of what it means to work in a Catholic school.

Jackie worked hard but also played hard. She loved her Friday evenings but never suffered the 'Sunday night blues' as she loved all aspects of her work in school. Her infectious energy, amazing organisation and phenomenal attention to detail quickly marked her out as a rising star in Catholic education and in 1997 she was appointed as Deputy Headteacher of Sacred Heart Junior School and then Headteacher of Sacred Heart Infants School in January 2001. Her reference from John Flanagan, the Headteacher at the time said: "You are indeed very fortunate that Mrs Lee has applied for the Headship of your school; many chairs of governors will have to search long and hard and probably unsuccessfully to find someone of Jackie's talents".

When Jackie left St Joseph's in 1997, she said in her resignation letter: "a part of me will always belong to St Joseph's" and so it was no surprise to anyone when she returned as St Joseph's new Head teacher in September 2006.

A standard question for all Catholic Headteachers at interviews is: "How do you promote effective links between the school, home and parish?" My advice would be to study the approach of Jackie Lee. She was the perfect example of a Headteacher who had successfully woven these three elements both into her own life and into the life of her school community. Her faith was extremely important to her. It shone through in every conversation, every instruction and every interaction with both children and adults and she was always actively involved in her parish of Holy Family and St John's as a Eucharistic minister, reader and a leader of confirmation classes. No-one can have any doubt about

how important her school was to her. She was passionate about teaching and learning and relentless in her quest to provide the best possible education for the children in her care. A pursuit of excellence which I believe she achieved.

At her last Ofsted inspection, the Lead Inspector told me just how impressed he was by Jackie's inspirational leadership and the way she had successfully brought about the merger of the Infant and Junior schools to create St Joseph's Catholic Primary. "This is the kind of school that I would want to send my children to" was his comment. "There is nothing that I have asked her for that she cannot immediately lay her hands on!" In the diocesan inspection into the Catholic Life of the school, inspectors concluded: "The leadership and management is outstanding. This is due to the dynamic and effective leadership of the headteacher and other senior leaders and their relentless commitment to excellence in all areas of religious education. Strong leadership is evident in all areas of the school. Individuals demonstrate their personal commitment to the faith, and there is a collective drive towards continually moving standards forward in all areas and improving on previous best".

Yet, for Jackie school wasn't just about hard work and achievement, there was always time to celebrate and have fun. Her end of year assemblies were incredible and will be hard to match. When a colleague was due to be married in the summer, she organised for her future husband to come into school for a 'mock wedding ceremony' complete with bridesmaids and a trainee priest, now Fr. Simon Penhali gan!

However, Jackie's first priority was always to her family who were her pride and joy. Despite her heavy work load, the fact that she never missed a deadline and always remembered everything, her family life never came second best to any Self Evaluation Form or policy document! She was one of those rare individuals who had the ability to set herself high standards and maintain them in all aspects of her life.

Jackie was enormously proud of her happy family life with husband Kevin and her boys James and Sean. Both sons attended St Joseph's and then went on to study at Cardinal Newman School. As their Headteacher, I was able to see first-hand what a brilliant job Jackie and Kevin have done as parents. She was justified in her pride and always found time to see as much of them as possible. At a conference organised for Heads by NORES at Sandbanks Jackie took us all to a little coffee bar she knew on the seafront, then met up with her son and decided to spend the afternoon with him rather than returning to the afternoon sessions!

Jackie also gave freely of her time to her ex-

tended family and had a close and special relationship with all of them.

Jackie was a force of nature; a perfectionist with the highest standards and someone who wanted the very best for her school and her family. However, she never asked as much of others as she did of herself and when speaking about Jackie most people recall her kindness, her generosity of spirit, her sense of style (fabulous shoes and bags!), her organisation, love of shopping and her great sense of fun!

She was extremely well respected both within Luton and across the whole of the diocese and she was always ready to share her expertise, her experience and her time. As a mentor to many new Head teachers her advice was practical, kind and non-patronising. One Head said: "Jackie was always a warm and helpful person. As a new Head to the group she was so welcoming to me and supportive. I will always remember her as a formidable and amazing Headteacher. I was unable to attend a Headteacher conference in Rome and at our next meeting Jackie gave me a crucifix she had bought for me from the Vatican. The cross to this day is on the wall in my office, it will always be very special to me" and another recalled that, "she was always a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen and a hug to make you feel better and of course, the fabulous bouquet of flowers that arrived just to brighten my day".

If a Head was retiring or leaving the area Jackie was always the one who organised the 'leaving do', selected the leaving present - expertly matched to his or her taste and harassed everyone else to make sure there was a good turnout! She was impossible to say no to!

Jackie was a unique mix of empathy and practicality, firmness and tenderness, a supreme professional with a great sense of humour. She heard everything, saw everything and nothing went un-noticed but she instilled a great sense of belief in her staff and pupils that everyone can achieve anything they set their mind to. The kind of person you can spend a day working with, praying with and then find yourselves singing Molly Mal-one with in the bar later!

In the end she bore her illness with great dignity and not a trace of self-pity. How we will miss her!

Jane Crow

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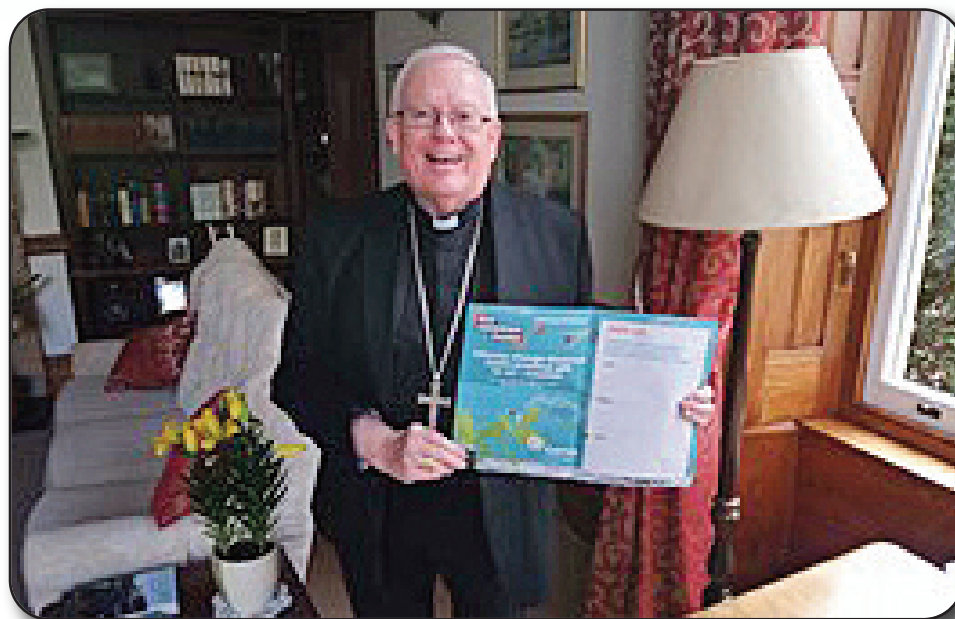
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If you put one date in your diary this year make it Wednesday 26 June, and join CAFOD at an unforgettable event in London. It's time to confront this climate and environmental crisis and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home.

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We need as many people as possible to turn up to meet their MPs. Together we will create a noise outside Parliament that can't be ignored. Together we can turn the tide.

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Join the Climate Pilgrimage by taking the coach that will be departing from various locations in our diocese listed in the table below. Please book your place using

the Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-time-is-now-lobby-and-pilgrimage-tickets-54923178706> (All pick up locations and departure times may be subject to change.)

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For more information get in touch with Deborah Purfield : 01494 863777 northampton@cafod.org.uk,



So then the Lord after He had spoken to them, was taken up into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God.
 Mark 16.v19



Feast of the Ascension of The Lord

Rosary gathering/procession to honour the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus.
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Welcome for new Pastoral Leaders

On 9th March, Bishop Peter welcomed over 100 people to a Reflection Day for Pastoral Area Councils at Thornton College. Made very welcome by the Sisters and staff of the college, we had a wonderful day reflecting together about how our parishes and pastoral areas could become “springs of water which never run dry”. Bishop Peter shared how much our diocese had grown through the Walking Humbly process, but that as our clergy are so overstretched we needed to go forward encouraging the many and varied ministries that are already being exercised and developing new forms of leadership. He proposed a model in which lay people and deacons could train as Pastoral Leaders looking after parishes with no resident priest, a model found in many other parts of the world. Fr Sean, our Vicar General, reminded us of Pope Francis’s call to become evange-

lising communities and suggested that lay people, deacons and priests need to work together to make this a reality. Our vocation springs from our baptism - we are all gifted and called to build the kingdom!

Fr Francis Higgins presented the model in greater detail, sharing the canon law underlying these new roles, and laying out a training programme to prepare people to be formally commissioned as Pastoral Leaders and other roles. These would be appointed directly by the Bishop, to provide local and spiritual leadership for a small Catholic community, co-ordinating and supporting volunteers and being themselves overseen by a Priest Moderator and supported by a visiting priest or a resident retired priest as Sacramental Minister who would come in to celebrate Mass and the Sacraments, but not

otherwise be responsible for that community. In some cases a deacon might be the appropriate person to be a Pastoral Leader, but only if their employment and marriage responsibilities would allow.

The response from the participants on the day was enthusiastic. Asked to talk about what was already good in their areas, they shared stories of homeless shelters, refugee resettlement schemes and town evangelisation projects. They also spoke warmly of their schools. The next step for the Pastoral Areas is to run a similar day of reflection in their own areas, to have a wide-ranging conversation about meeting Pope Francis’ challenge to reach out beyond our communities, while thinking about where these new roles could be useful on the ground. Look out for these reflection days happening later in the

year in your area.

One of the participants wrote afterwards: “Many thanks for such a lovely day on 9th March, it was really useful and interesting to meet up with other Pastoral Areas and be inspired to find positive ways forward to suit our Pastoral Area.”

The day finished with prayer invoking the patronal saints of our Pastoral Areas, and the blessing of special candles. We will meet again in March 2020.

For more information about this process or these new roles, please contact Avril Baigent at the Pastoral Ministry Office on avril@northamptondiocese.com, or 07823 788310.

Dad follows son

It is very sad that South London Catenian Circle (Number 10 in the Association) has reduced in size to the point where it obliged to renounce its charter. This means and that the remaining brothers need to find new homes for their members. This resulted in an almost unique event of a father and son being enrolled into a circle at the same time. Tom Leslie and his son Thomas Leslie applied to be enrolled into Chiltern Catenian Circle as they live within our catchment area. Their enrolment took place at Chiltern’s February meeting and the photograph shows our president, Odran Steed extending the hand of friendship after presenting Tom and Thomas with Chiltern ties. Tom who is a retired City

Head-hunter has been a Catenian for almost 40 years and has been actively involved in the life of the South London Circle. He has a military background and his picture can be found on the front cover of the August 2006 edition of Catena. Here he is dressed as an armoured HAC pikeman, wearing his Knight of St Gregory the Great medal, standing before the gates of the Vatican during the Swiss Guards 500th celebration. Thomas, who enrolled as a Catenian with South London during the past few weeks, graduated from Buckinghamshire New University in 2008 with an Honours degree specialising in Television and Audio production and is involved in local radio.



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 Recipient of Paul’s letter that destabilized rich nation (10)
- 8 Philosopher’s utter pretentiousness (4)
- 9 Aaron’s wife is with the priest, the scoundrel son of 4? (8)
- 10 Principal faction of the IRA, given time (7)
- 11 Trifle with this 3 character, for instance (4)
- 13 Church composer means little in Wales (4)
- 15 A royal seal about to be given to a body of water (4,3)
- 18 Forebear little boy getting to popular jelly first (8)
- 19 Celtic language after humankind multiplied (4)
- 20 Hot stews among diverse spread in period before the fast (10)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Don’s place eats up mucho euros, tovarich! (6)
- 2 Thiamin’s oily, but there’s no resistance in New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Elevated inner area of Athens? (5)
- 4 Descendant of 18’s church is held in one taken-over bar (6)
- 6 Petra they made eat bananas mushed up (10)
- 7 Where Paul landed in Crete markets line the harbour (4,6)
- 12 One idiot’s introduced in attempt to make a trio (7)

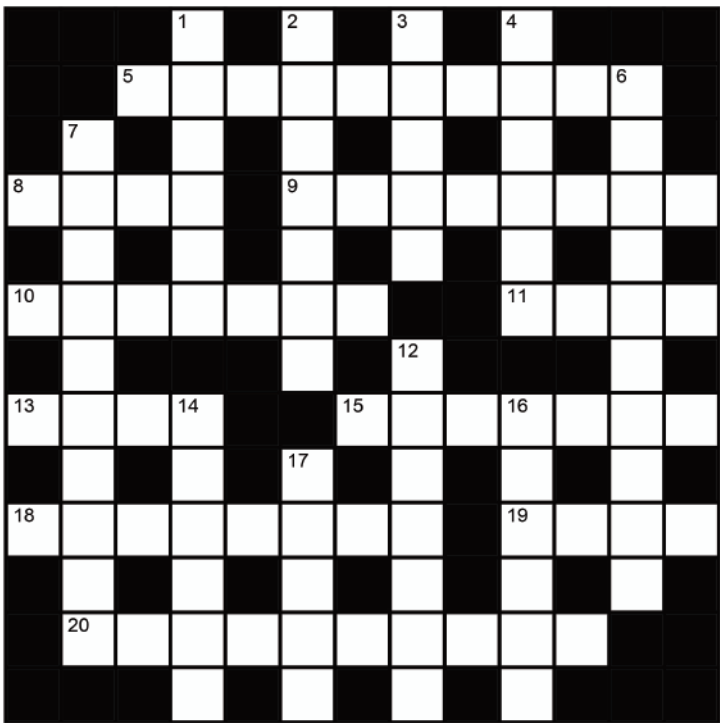
- 14 Jeremiah is sick, without yours truly, on return flight from Mecca (6)
- 16 3 character’s father’s contracted to follow the Lord (6)
- 17 I love in old Italy being on Venice’s banks, being awake (5)

QUICK Across

- 5 Order of architecture: amateur sportsman (10)
- 8 Influential German idealist philosopher (1724-1804) (4)
- 9 Wife of Aaron (8)
- 10 Dignitary presiding over a cathedral or college church (7)
- 11 Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
- 13 Family of German (Protestant) church composers (4)
- 15 Lake of Central Asia now only a quarter of the area it was in 1960 (4,3)
- 18 Youngest son of Jacob (8)
- 19 British language officially extinct in 1974 (4)
- 20 Season immediately preceding Lent (10)

QUICK Down

- 1 ----- -on-Don: Russian city, centre for the resurgence of Cossack nationalism (6)
- 2 Nickname for New Orleans (3,4)
- 3 Of or concerning the Greek region which encompasses



- Athens (5)
- 4 Father of Sheba who rebelled against David (6)
- 6 Biblical people whose capital was Petra in modern Jordan (10)
- 7 Port in Crete where Paul docked on his way to Rome (4,6)
- 12 In Christianity the union which makes up one Godhead (7)
- 14 Flight of Muhammad from Mecca to Medina in 622, beginning the Muslim era (variant spelling) (6)
- 16 Eleventh letter of the Greek alphabet (6)
- 17 Stir up, affect (archaic); remove (legal) (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 5 Corinthian, 8 Kant, 9 Eliphaz, 10 Provost, 11 Iota, 13 Bach, 15 Aral Sea, 18 Benjamin, 19 Manx, 20 Shrove-tide. Down: 1 Rostov, 2 Big Easy, 3 Attic, 4 Bichni, 6 Nabataeans, 7 Fair Havens, 12 Trinity, 14 Hejira, 16 Lambda, 17 Amove.

Two Milton Keynes students lobby parliament for their charity

Two students from St Paul's Catholic School in Milton Keynes have an appointment at the Houses of Parliament in April to lobby Nadhim Zahawi, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families at the Department for Education, about their community charity, Girl Pack.

Paige and Megan set up Girl Pack in 2018 to tackle the issue of period poverty in Milton Keynes and provide access to free care packs for girls who are unable to afford or are too embarrassed to ask for sanitary products. Each girl pack contains sanitary towels, feminine wipes, two pairs of knickers and hand sanitiser and they are currently available at St Paul's, Milton Keynes Academy, Sir Herbert Leon Academy, Shenley Brook End and Oakgrove Schools, as well as some community centres in Milton

Keynes.

Paige said: "Period poverty does exist in MK but it can be a hidden issue - a recent poll on Girl Pack's Facebook page showed that only 13 percent of respondents would phone their school to say that their daughter couldn't come in as they can't afford to buy sanitary products."

Megan continued: "We've made a lot of progress in a short time and have some great support from shops like Aldi who have donated products to us. Our meeting with the Minister will give us the chance to make a strong case for fighting to end period poverty not just in MK but around the country and we're really excited to be able to visit the Houses Parliament to do this."

Picture shows Paige and Megan.



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