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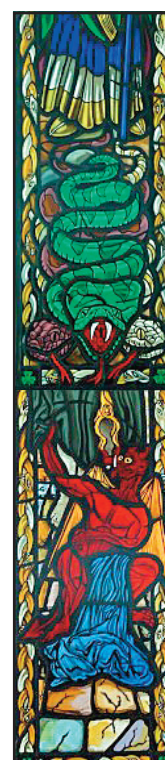
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Bishop Peter invites you to be a pilgrim this year

Each year Bishop Peter leads a group from Northampton Diocese on the Catholic Association Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The year 2019 celebrates the 175th anniversary of the birth of Bernadette Soubirous and we are encouraging as many as possible to join us, whether you need extra assistance, are a Doctor or Nurse, or maybe

can help as a Handmaid or Brancardier, please do join us in Lourdes this August. Please see the poster in your church porch which gives details of the pilgrimage or alternatively visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk

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Paris

Jean Vanier died May 7, at the age of 90. He died at a L'Arche home in Paris, where he had entered palliative care several weeks ago, after a protracted battle with cancer. Vanier was the founder of L'Arche, an international community of individuals with intellectual disabilities and their supporters, and of Faith and Light, an ecumenical Christian association of prayer and friendship for those with intellectual disabilities and their families.

When Vanier was 36, he left academic life. He began to assist a friend, Fr. Thomas Phillippe, OP, who had just become chaplain of the Val Fleuri, a French institution that was home to 30 men with intellectual disabilities. While there, Vanier visited a psychiatric hospital on the outskirts of Paris, which housed those with both mental illnesses and intellectual disabilities. He was struck by the depravity of the conditions there, and the apparent loneliness of the residents.

Shortly thereafter, Vanier discerned in prayer that he should invite two men, Raphael Simi and Phillippe Seux, to live with him in a small house in Trosly-Breuil, France. He named the home "L'Arche," or "The Ark."

Life in that home did not begin easily. Eventually, Vanier later recalled, "Essentially, they wanted a friend. They were not very interested in my knowledge or my ability to do things, but rather they needed my heart and my being," Vanier wrote.

Their home, and soon a community, was formed around friendship, a common table, common chores, common celebrations, and common faith.

Within a few years, Vanier opened similar households nearby, and he sought help from others: young people, from France,



Canada, England, Germany. As the community grew, the blueprint that became L'Arche was born.

L'Arche became 154 communities and more than 10,000 members. Until the late 1990s, Vanier oversaw the entire organization, while remaining responsible for the original L'Arche community as well. He penned 30 books, was feted with awards and honors from governments around the globe, and became a sought after speaker. He was a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and a regular visitor and correspondent with Pope St. John Paul II.

Pope Francis said of him May 7: "He was a man who knew how to read the Christian existence from the mystery of death on the cross of illness, from the mystery of those who are despised and rejected in the world. He worked, not only for the least of these, but also for those who before birth face the possibility of being sentenced to death. He spent his life like this. I am simply thankful to him and thankful to God for giving us this man with a great witness."

He summarized the mission of his life in this way: "The most important thing is not to do things for people who are poor and in distress, but to enter into relationship with them, to be with them and help them find confidence in themselves and discover their own gifts."

Zimbabwe

The bishops' conference of Zimbabwe has approved the opening of the cause for canonization of John Bradburne, a lay missionary to the area in the 1970s.

Bradburne was born in 1921 in England, the son of an Anglican clergyman. He served in the British army in World War II, and he converted to Catholicism in 1947 after staying with the Benedictines of Buckfast Abbey. He wished to become a monk at Buckfast, but had not been long enough in the Church, and he became a wanderer throughout Europe and the Middle East. He was a prolific poet. He stayed at other Benedictine abbeys, with Carthusians, the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion, tried living as a hermit on Dartmoor in England, and became a Third Order Franciscan in 1956. Through a Jesuit friend in the British colony of Southern Rhodesia (present-day Zimbabwe), Bradburne came to serve at the Mutemwa Leper Settlement, spending the last 10 years of his life there.

Southern Rhodesia declared independence in 1965, and the Rhodesian Bush War was fought from 1964 to 1979 among the white minority government, the Marxist Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army, and the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU).

As ZANU forces approached Mutemwa, Bradburne was urged to leave, but he in-



sisted on remaining. He was kidnapped, and murdered Sept. 5, 1979.

He had confided in a Franciscan priest that his wishes were to serve leprosy patients, to die a martyr, and to be buried in the habit of St. Francis.

According to Independent Catholic News, two people have claimed miraculous cures through Bradburne's intercession: a woman in South African who regained the use of her legs, and a man in Scotland cured of a brain tumour.

* The progress towards canonization may take centuries.

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We are fully aware that this is a very sensitive subject on a very personal level for many people. We would like to reiterate that CathCom shares the view outlined in the statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in 2018 that "there is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church"¹ and our hope is that all of our publications work to strengthen that sense of welcome and belonging for all.

*1 A Statement on Gender from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales – 20/04/2018
www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Bishops-Plenary-Meetings/Plenary-April-2018/Statement-Gender/(language)/eng-GB*

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Mark rescues Maltese art

Mark Agius, a parishioner at Holy Ghost Parish Luton is also the Rector (Head) of the Archconfraternity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in his home town of Valletta, Malta. The Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel dominates the skyline of Valletta, but the confraternity owns a much smaller Oratory, which is part of the old Carmelite Monastery complex. This Oratory dates back to the founding of Valletta in the seventeenth century, and it contains the first ever statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Maltese Islands. This statue, which was brought over from Rome, some time before 1657. It is of great importance to Maltese Art History because it is similar in style a statue of Our Lady of the Rosary which is known to have been sculpted by Melchiorre Gafa, a Maltese colleague and contemporary

of Bernini and Ferrata, but this Mount Carmel Statue anti-dates the Rosary statue (sculpted 1661) by four years.

This statue has attracted great devotion in Malta over the years, but unfortunately both it and the Oratory have suffered from the depredations of time and neglect and are in urgent need of restoration. The work on both has begun, and Mark is constantly travelling back and forth to Malta to raise money for this work. In February, Hannah Bonnici, a Maltese Soprano, gave a Sacred Mulic concert at Holy Ghost to raise money for the restoration effort. However, we still need more help, and, if you wish to help us you could e-mail Mark at Mark.Agius52@gmail.com to ask how you can help.



Donkey Day

At the beginning of Holy Week a donkey is brought from a local sanctuary to mark the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This has been a feature at St. Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield for

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Nearly 150 years later, the Lourdes shrine attracts over six million visitors a year, which includes our pilgrimage of approximately a thousand people. We spend a week in Lourdes every August. Whether we are assisted pilgrims or helpers, young or old, clergy or laity, we are all in need of spiritual renewal, and our journey to Lourdes helps our pilgrims to refocus in their life's journey to God.

Our vast community of volunteers and pilgrims is made up of a diverse range of age groups and backgrounds, all of whom share a commitment to returning to service in Lourdes every year.

For more information on joining us in Lourdes this summer (including [available funding](#)), visit our website or get in touch!



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MOPSA dances for the poor

A charity founded in Northampton is achieving great results. Once again the whole school communities of Holyrood and Divine Saviour Catholic Primary Schools, Watford, took up their Lenten Challenge to raise money for the MoP mission in Nairobi. This year they chose a Danceathon involving all the children and included two world record attempts at the largest number of people dancing to 'Oops Up Side Your Head' and to 'Can't Stop the Feeling'. This all took place at both schools on 4th and 5th April. Their commitment was as strong as ever and after several weeks of preparation and hard work rehearsing, the children took to the stage (or in this case playground) to show off their moves.

Dance routines included Saturday Night, Jump, and The Birdie Song. Sarah Hadaway was one of the birds in the group, The Tweets, who recorded the 1981 UK chart hit, and she came along to support. Sarah's father, Sir Henry, also supported the event.

Pupils from nursery right up to year six got involved with the school dances before more than 600 parents teachers, and children sat down in chains swaying their arms to Oops Up Side Your Head, (a 1979 funk anthem recorded by the R&B group, The Gap Band) It was a day of fun and entertainment but a serious fund raiser too.

The families and friends of the two schools have been tirelessly supporting the work of the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (MoPSA) currently raising funds for MoP Nairobi, Kenya.

The sponsored Danceathon this year will help to provide toilets and a kitchen for the school, Divine Mercy, built and run by Fr Paul Vilangappara, with funds raised by the schools in Holy Rood staff, Aisling Meehan, Danielle Hassell and Gaynor Luurtsema, flew out to Nairobi last year – for the official

opening and blessing of the school by His Eminence John Cardinal Njue, Archbishop of Nairobi. They saw for themselves how much work is still to be done out there for the communities.

This year alone, Holy Rood and Divine Saviour have raised around £10,000 for MOPSA.!!

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*We are a charity that comprises solely of volunteers, with every penny raised going directly to support the most vulnerable and needy in our world. We do not employ professional fundraisers and do not make any deductions for expenses previous years.

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John Cardinal Njue, Archbishop of Nairobi opens the school Above
The MOPSA dancers



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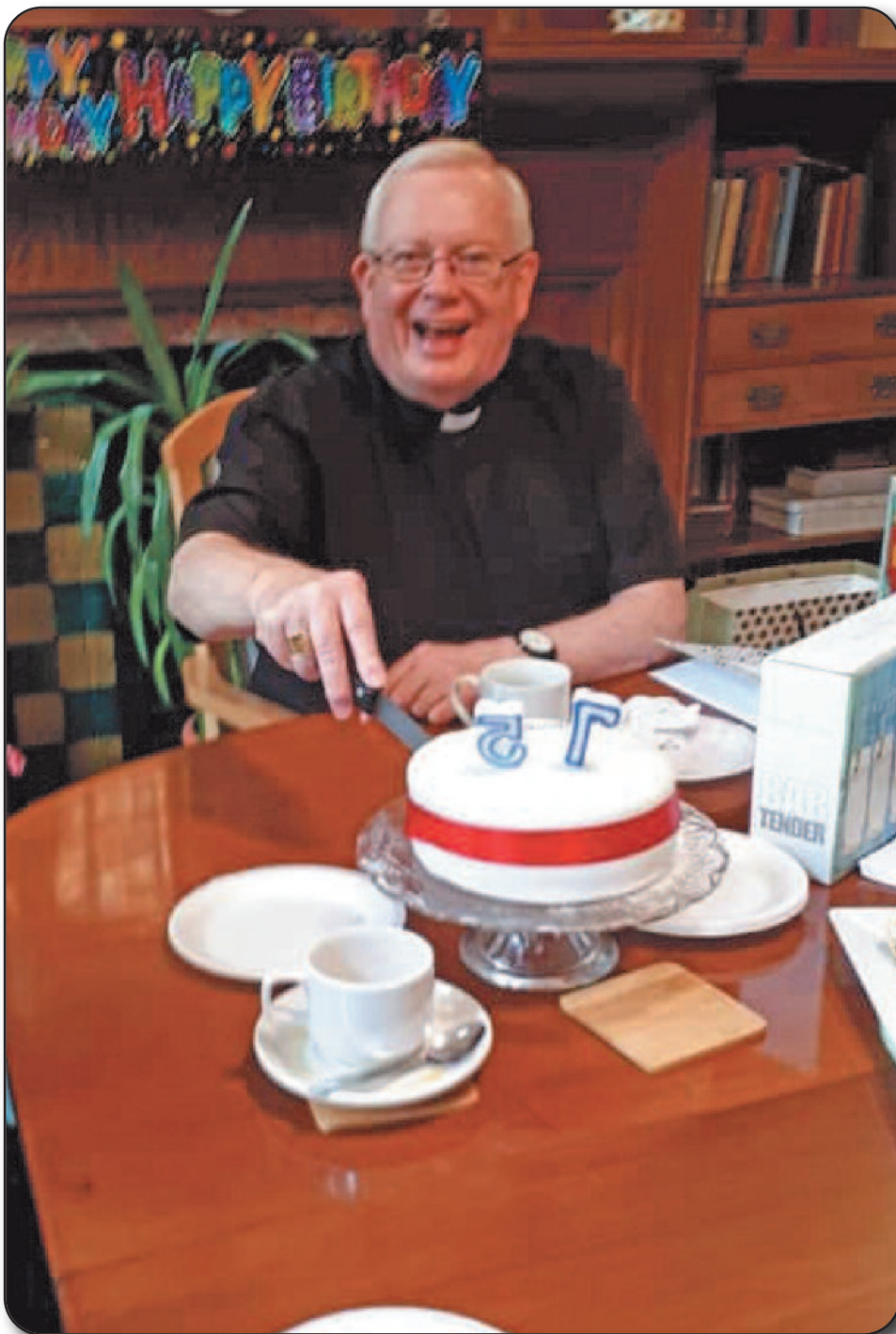
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Holy Thursday: The Night That Changed the World

By Francois Mauriac. Sophia Institute Press

We should not be surprised if a major Catholic writer reflects on the great mysteries of his faith. Francois Mauriac (1885-1970) was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1952. Unlike a later laureate, Seamus Heaney, Catholicism was the well-spring behind Mauriac's creativity; it gave him a deep consciousness of the existential drama of life: awareness that man can be damned and that contending with one's vices is a necessary lifelong battle. I learnt this from his most famous translated novel, *A Nest of Vipers*, which describes a man at his most degraded, and therefore at his most desperate: "Oh God! - if only you existed!" the protagonist, Louis, cries out. In this short series of reflections - less than 100 pages - first published in 1931, Mauriac takes the reader on an intensely personal journey through each aspect of the liturgy: the stripping of the altars, the washing of the feet, the institution of the priesthood and so on, pointing out their profundity and eternal significance. Typically of a man alive to the decline of faith which he saw around him in France in the 1930s, he writes that his reflections are intended for "the non-Christian reader, the hostile or indifferent

man who, perhaps, will thumb this little book only because my name is known to him. He hopes "They will learn... that the promise is for them also...because the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

What particularly seizes Mauriac's imagination is that the scenes enacted in the Upper Room in Jerusalem 2000 years ago have been vitally and constantly present in succeeding centuries, though only understood at the time by their divine initiator. Jesus would have known "the philosophers and the scientists who believe only in what they see; and the mockers, the blasphemers who, from century to century would fight with unremitting animosity the small silent Host."

Such a vividly expressed long view of supernatural history helps readers to place the woes of our own time - and there are many, ecclesiastic and secular - in their correct context, as well as to remind us of our own essential place in this drama: "How many times did the cock crow for us as it did for Simon Peter?" Mauriac asks rhetorically.



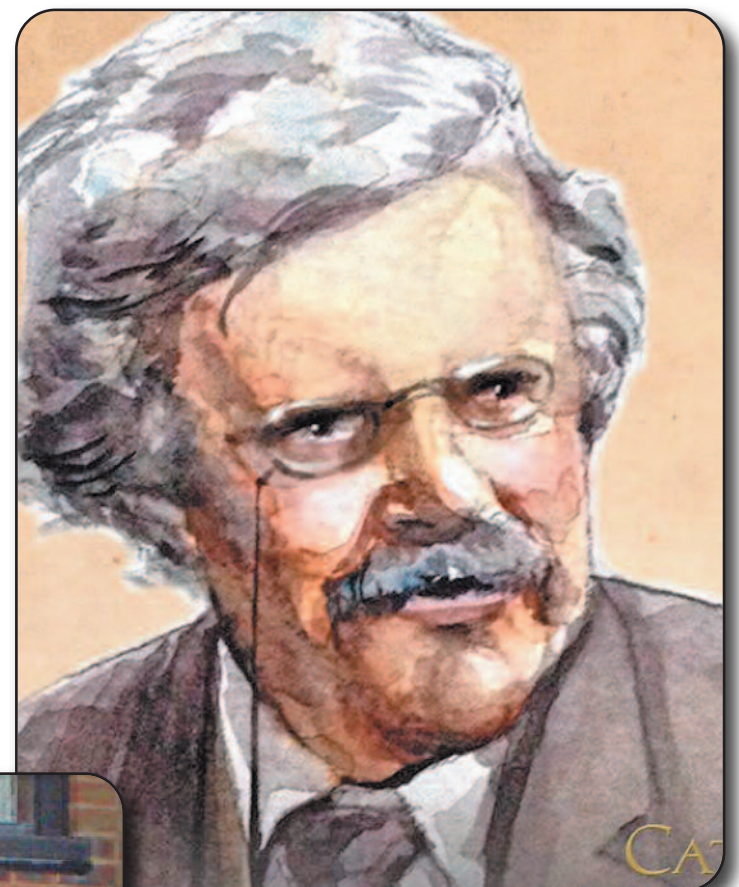
He recalls the liturgy of Holy Thursday from his childhood, awakened by the memories of singing in his college choir and participating in the soulful liturgy of Tenebrae. Unlike his slightly older fellow-countryman, Proust, also deeply alive to the power of early memories, Mauriac concentrates on the action of grace on a person's soul if he is receptive to it. Meditating on the need for confession he remarks, much as Georges Bernanos might have done, "It is never too late to become a saint."

A book to give to sensitive, literary-minded, atheist friends.

Knight of the Holy Ghost: A Short History of G.K. Chesterton

By Dale Ahlquist. Ignatius Press/Augustine Institute

The prolific GK Chesterton who, after his reception into the Church aged 48 in 1922, was every bit as fervent a Catholic as Mauriac (it is argued he already belonged to the Church long before, in his heart and his writings), is nonetheless a large contrast to his French contemporary. Chesterton understood men's vices equally well but chose to illustrate them through his creation of the priest-detective Father Brown, who was always more interested in the redemption of souls than in solving a crime - though he was also a highly successful sleuth. One might say GKC was a hope-filled humourist while Mauriac was a hope-filled pessimist. Ahlquist does the amazing trick of fitting his comprehensive knowledge of his hero into 170 pages. Lovers of GKC will know this is some feat. In three sections, *The Man*, *The Writer*, *The Saint*, he interweaves these aspects, showing how they overlapped and complemented each other in this stimulating and authoritative survey. As the Cause of a potential "St Gilbert of Fleet Street" has been opened, the final section will be of particular interest to those who champion it. Ahlquist swiftly disposes of the accusations of anti-Semitism and sloth, arguing for GKS's avowed Zionism and his friendship with Jews, as well as how, when he was reclining on the sofa, his mind was always working at ferocious speed, composing articles, novels, poems, essays, editorials and biographies, sometimes at the same time. To those who think Chesterton was too prolific, Ahlquist comments drily: "His critics cannot approach him because they are overwhelmed."



Anyone who knows something of Chesterton's personality always falls under his spell: his intellectual exuberance, his generosity, his humility, his simplicity, all deepen the usual definitions of "genius". Ahlquist has written an excellent introduction for those who have not yet encountered him and who are free from the snobbery of modern literary trends. For those who already know and love him, this slim book is a reminder of why they do so. GKC's voice, prophetic, playful and profound, needs to be heard by a new generation.

Francis Phillips

Pat serves the sailors

She has always had an interest in the maritime industry. In her teens she attempted to join the merchant navy. When that didn't work out she decided to follow a career in engineering.

Pat admitted that when she visited Felixstowe for the first time, she was taken aback. "Felixstowe was the first port I visited and I had forgotten just how large container ships can be. Everything, particularly the cranes, seemed so big. On the whole the other ports in East Anglia tend to have smaller ships and don't strike you as quite as busy as Felixstowe."

She had also been unprepared for just how tall some container ships are. Some can have 18,000 metal boxes stacked on them. "My first surprise was just how high up container ships are. I hadn't really thought about this before I joined AoS, and it has taken me a while to get used to the height of the bigger ships. But I am getting there now."

We might not give much thought to seafarers, but they play a much more important part in our lives than we might imagine. If you go to your local shopping centre, many of the goods on sale – phones, computers, food – will have arrived in the UK by ship. It's the same with the cars and buses that get us around, and the fuel they need.

Sea Sunday occurs this month [July 14]



when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of AoS, whose chaplains provide practical and pastoral help in ports around the coast of Britain.

Pat's role as a port chaplain is to make herself available to the seafarers she meets and ask if they need mobile phone top-up cards or internet access. Many will have been at sea for months and have had no contact with their families. Even though technology has changed the maritime industry, most

ships still don't have internet access on board.

Many seafarers are Catholic, often from the Philippines or India, and Pat is there to support them in their faith journey. She can provide transport for them to attend Mass in a local church, or for a priest to celebrate Mass on board. At Easter, she and her team of volunteer ship visitors distributed palm crosses and spiritual reading material – and chocolates.

But an AoS chaplain is there to serve seafarers of any faith or none. When Pat recently went on a ship in Ipswich, the seafarer who welcomed her aboard told her he was from Tunisia the only Muslim among the largely Polish and Russian crew. He was delighted by the prayer cards she gave him.

When seafarers from other parts of the world arrive in a port on the East coast, they arrive as strangers and, to those of us on land, even if we live near a port, they are an invisible work force.

A visit from a friendly port chaplain can make all the difference, believes Pat. "Not being forgotten is important to us all but even more so to the seafarers who silently work on our behalf bringing us the goods that fill our shops."

Greg Watts



Kettering Back Packers make a record

St Edward's Catholic Primary School, along with St Luke's Academies Trust, have for a number of years support the charity "Mary's Meals". In the past, this has included support for the "Back Pack Appeal".

This year two of our children, Oliver and Aidan Prosho, along with their wider family, have very generously collected 50 back packs which are now on their way to support children in Africa.

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A creation Mass – a wonderful way to pray and act on Climate change



"We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all."
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #14

As part of CAFOD's "Our Common Home" campaign in response to Pope Francis and to take action to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, the first Creation Celebration Mass in the Northampton Diocese was held at St Aidan's, Little Chalfont on Sunday 19 May.

In celebrating the wonder of God's creation, we are increasingly aware of the climate change crisis which affects our homes, our health, our heritage and our beautiful landscapes.

Fr Ken was wonderful in encouraging the parish to partake fully in the creation mass and we heard from Daniel Hale, CAFOD's Head of Campaigns and Mwila Mulumbi, from CAFOD in Zambia. Daniel reminded us how going above 1.5C could multiply hunger, migration and conflict. Despite great progress being made, we know that we need to go further, faster with our emissions cuts. Even if countries met all their plans to reduce emissions, we would still have 3.2C of warming.

Mwila shared how she had witnessed first-hand the devastation caused by flooding in the south of Zambia while the north experienced severe drought – something which

was uncommon before!

It was followed by a petition signing and discussion over tea and coffee after mass. People said they were inspired and keen to support the campaign. Thank you so much St Aidan's for adding your voice together with our global neighbours to help make a change!

What is CAFOD campaigning for?

We are calling on the UK to reach 'net zero' emissions by 2045 at the latest, which means only putting the same amount of emissions into the atmosphere as we take

out (e.g. by protecting and planting more trees, which take in carbon dioxide as they grow). This is based on the science behind keeping global temperature rise below 1.5C and what we believe is fair and equitable. Several countries have already committed to reach net zero emissions between 2030 - 2050. The UK should join them.

What can you do?

We are asking all parishes to hold a creation mass (all details and the guide can be found on : www.cafod.org.uk/climate) and a petition signing calling on the Prime Minister to support a by-2045 net zero greenhouse gas

emissions reduction target, and enshrine this in law within the lifetime of this Parliament.

Many parishes are already planning these creation masses between now and November so it's not too late to organise one if you haven't already done so.

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

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In Memoriam: John Charles Shoreland

The Brothers of Northampton Circle of the Catenian Association were greatly saddened to learn of the death of John Shoreland on the 23rd December 2018 aged 83. Jim Cooper, in association with Carole and the family, writes.

John was born in Avonmouth on the 31st May 1935. He was the oldest of three children, having a sister, Charlotte, and a brother, Peter. He began his education at St. Brendan's College, Bristol, where at 14 he joined the Christian Brothers Juniorate, later becoming a Brother and remaining in the Order for 10 years. During this time John was teaching at St. Anslems Birkenhead and St. Joseph's College Stoke on Trent. John left the Order in 1959 and was promptly called up for his National Service. He served in the army at the Tower of London as a Fuselier and later at Aldershot in the Education Corps.

John and Carole met in 1963 in Nottingham whilst training to become teachers. They were married on the 30th July 1966 and remained in Nottingham until 1980, bringing up their three oldest children, Ann, Katie and Richard. Their youngest daughter, Emma, was born in 1981. They also now have seven grandchildren. During their time in Nottingham John taught at three Catholic Secondary Schools - Bishop Dunn and St. Bernadette's as Head of Science then at Christ the King in Arnold as Deputy Head. For a number of years both John and Carole ran the Youth Club in their Nottingham parish of the Good Shepherd. In 1980 John was appointed as Head Teacher of Thomas Becket Upper School in Northampton where he remained until he retired 15 years later in 1995. The Becket School was a very new Upper School and John had the task of successfully establishing this as a major Catholic Comprehensive provider for Northampton and the wider county. During his time at Thomas Becket and following visits to Romania in 1991 after the revolution, John worked to assist the deprived youth there. John joined Northampton Circle of the Catenian Association on the 7th May 1982. He served as Mar-



shall in 1985, as VP in 1996, becoming President in 1997. In 1991 John and Carole went with the Northampton Catenians on a pilgrimage to Rome and were privileged to have a private audience with His Holiness John Paul II. As well as being Head Teacher at Thomas Becket, John was a prominent figure in Catholic Education nationally and served as President of the Catholic Teacher's Federation. He became Professional Development Officer in the successor body - The Catholic Association of Teachers, Schools and Colleges, representing Catholic teachers in many education initiatives. In 1999 John helped launch "Networking Catholic Education Today" where he became editor and a regular contributor. He was their main reviewer of all texts concerned with Catholic Education and other texts of interest to the Catholic Education community. He continued this work until November 2018. In 1995, on his retirement, John was awarded the prestigious Papal Award as a Knight of St. Gregory for his services to the church and Catholic education.



"Next Year in Jerusalem"

Parishioners at St Albans Winslow met for their annual Seder Meal just before Easter. The Seder meal is a re-enactment of the Passover Meal that Jews have traditionally ate for many centuries.

The event consists of bible readings recalling the Jewish Passover and their journey out of exile.

Unleavened bread and bitter herbs, the latter which signify sadness of the event, salt water symbolising the tears shed, and horseradish and dates signifying bitter and sweet memories are all part of the occasion.

Wine is drunk in haste as it would have been then, and the youngest person present asks questions about what the significance of the event is. It is a great occasion for bringing a small parish together.



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

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Ecclesiastic he's identifying from following threads (3,2,3,5)
- 8 Horse after sheen's applied becomes favourite at break fast-time (4,3)
- 9 Deploying horse into unstable wadi in the end was Gordon's nemesis (5)
- 10 New York opera one of the press gets dealt (5)
- 11 Fool grabbing fish's tail is being reported (7)
- 12 Banish divorcee when bringing a pet into kibbutz (13)
- 15 Spies tarnish a comeback, totally, for old lingo... (7)
- 17 ...they are seen to back, note, a kind of shop signage (5)
- 19 Oomph Siamese loses - hard being a Philistine (5)
- 20 Two in Oxford's tormenting the Catholic Church dis avowed? (7)
- 21 Manly no more, I play with a flirtatious star (7,6)

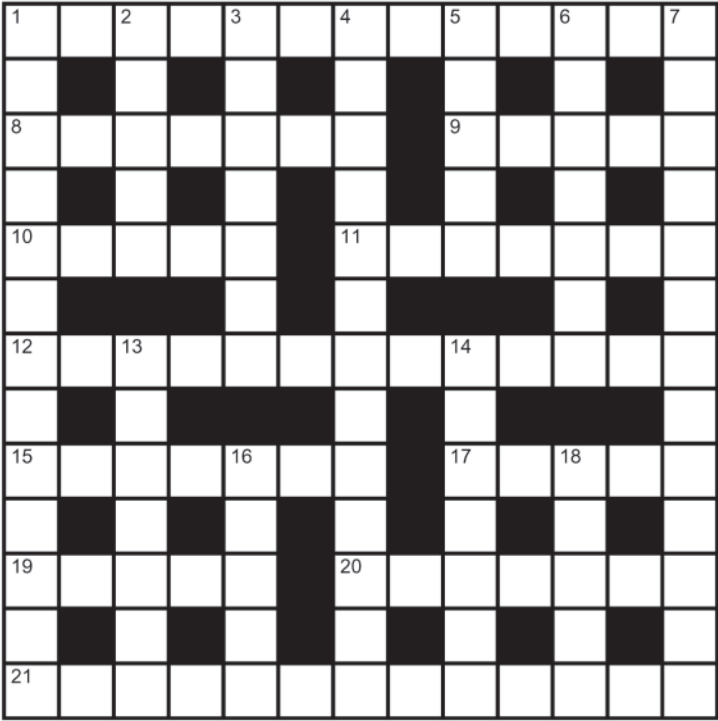
CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Criminally damn Imam's home in the name of religion (13)
- 2 Saw up to nine together (5)
- 3 Annoyance expressed over loud Small Faces fan's feudal set-up (7)
- 4 He's almost Catholic, this cleric on drugs (4,9)
- 5 Mark's made to pause, seeing many in an unconscious state (5)
- 6 Shakespearean in support of Old English pub, stuffed to

- get sick, falling down (7)
- 7 With heels, lassie's staggering about the road to see cult hero (5,8)
- 13 Writer's block that's obvious in some biblical text? (7)
- 14 Extrapolate number to give one hell of a solution! (7)
- 16 Version of Jerusalem one detected in Lear nonsense (5)
- 18 More retiring to Colorado just in case Mexican king is overthrown (5)

QUICK Across

- 1 Reverend, for one (3,2,3,5)
- 8 Boiled, fried, scrambled or poached, to be specific! (4,3)
- 9 Epithet of the Sudanese leader against British imperialism in the 1880s (5)
- 10 Doled (out) (5)
- 11 Call-sign for 'C' (7)
- 12 Exclude from a church or a religious community (13)
- 15 Language purportedly spoken by Christ (7)
- 17 Shop front nameplate (variant spelling) (5)
- 19 Philistine who became a commander in David's army (5)
- 20 Those who voluntarily suffer death as the penalty for refusing to renounce their religion (7)
- 21 Norma Jeane Mortenson, 1 June 1926 - 4 August 1962 (7,6)



QUICK Down

- 1 Islam (13)
- 2 Chamber group (5)
- 3 Domain controlled by a feudal lord (7)
- 4 Member of that part of the C of E that exalts the sacraments and the authority of the priesthood (4,9)
- 5 Punctuation mark (5)
- 6 Hamlet's one-time intended (7)
- 7 Focus of the Rastafarian movement (5,8)
- 13 Meeting of canons or monks (7)
- 14 Fiery Hell, as described by Dante Aligheri (7)
- 16 OT name for Jerusalem: Shakespearean sprite (5)
- 18 Not as confident; more squeamish (5)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Man of the cloth, 8 Hen's egg, 9 Mahdi, 10 Meled, 11 Charlie, 12 Excommunicate, 15 Aramaic, 17 Facia, 19 Itali, 20 Martyrs, 21 Marilyn Monroe. Down: 1 Mohammedanism, 2 None!, 3 Fiefdom, 4 High Churchman, 5 Comma, 6 Ophelia, 7 Halite Selassie, 13 Chapter, 13 Chapter, 13 Chapter, 14 Inferno, 16 Arfel, 18 Coyer.

Time for prayer in school



At Thomas More Catholic Secondary & 6th Form, part of the Bedford Catholic Schools, has always seen itself as a school first and foremost of prayer. As staff we are entrusted with the spiritual formation of our students as they grow through the changing times of adolescence.

During the very stressful season of formal exams the Prayer Room is always open and we pray formally with students before the exams begin. Our

current year 11 are very special, there is a great support within the year group for each other often this is seen during our assemblies when they are at prayer and too within classrooms. Testimony to this has been this gathering of Year 11 boys each time there is a public exam. They stand together as a group led by one of the group in prayer. The prayer is personal and heartfelt and places the toil of preparation for these exams in the context of faith. This group make

us as a school very proud of Catholic Education. "They are the faith leaders of the future. They are the centre of what we do as a Catholic School, my prayer is that they may be richly blessed."

Bernadette Grimley,
Director of Inspirit Teaching School at St Thomas More

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It is an opportunity for Schools and Parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic Schools.

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