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'The Word of God is living and active'. These words from Hebrews, were witnessed at the recent LUX weekend. The residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 years old was once again a lively mix of fun and deep moments of reflection, praying and sharing.

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# NOTICES

As we eagerly anticipate the **Episcopal Ordination** of Canon David Oakley, the organising team wish to make a few announcements:

The ordination is strictly a ticket only celebration. The team understand how disappointing this will be for those who do not receive an invitation and ask for patience and understanding. Our Cathedral can only seat 700 people maximum! If you are receiving an invitation, you will have received it by now. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR INVITATION WITH YOU ON THE DAY.**

For those wishing to join the celebrations, many parishes are live streaming the ordination from our diocesan website. If you are one of these parishes, please email Neil Roseman at [communications@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:communications@northamptondiocese.com) so we can publish your venue.

Vespers will be prayed with Bishop Elect David and Bishop Peter the evening before the ordination, Wednesday 18th March in our Cathedral in Northampton at 7.00pm. All are welcome to praise God and pray for Bishop David. This time of prayer will be live streamed from our diocesan website.

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7TH MARCH	YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE, LUTON, <a href="http://www.nymo.org/conference">www.nymo.org/conference</a>
18TH MARCH	7.00PM, VESPERS, NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL
19TH MARCH	EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF CANON DAVID OAKLEY
22ND MARCH	REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY, NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL (Mass celebrated by Bishop Elect David)
28TH MARCH	PASTORAL AREA COUNCILS GATHERING, THORNTON COLLEGE
28TH MARCH	YOUNG ADULT BRUNCH, LUTON, <a href="http://www.nymo.org/brunch">www.nymo.org/brunch</a>

## APRIL 2020

10TH APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY
12TH APRIL	EASTER SUNDAY
25TH APRIL	YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH, LUTON, <a href="http://www.nymo.org/brunch">www.nymo.org/brunch</a>

## THE BLESSING OF THE NEW DOWRY OF MARY PAINTING



On Wednesday 12th February, Pope Francis blessed the new Dowry of Mary painting in anticipation of the rededication of England to the dowry of Mary in March. Cardinal Vincent Nichols was joined by Mgr John Armitage, (outgoing)

Director of the Shrine at Walsingham and the artist, Amanda de Pulford.



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And dwelt among us.

## Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord



You are invited to a Rosary gathering/procession to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the vigil

**Tuesday 24th March 2020 at the Angelus time of 6pm.**

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**"To save poor sinners God wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world."**  
**Fatima, 13th June 1917**

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# A NEW ADVENTURE FOR OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

February 2020 has seen the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the evolution of our Catholic schools. Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) are groups of schools formally working together to provide a strong Catholic identity within the community and improve the prospects of the pupils in their care. Bishop Peter Doyle and the Diocesan Trustees have encouraged all schools to join their local Catholic MAT, with around half the schools in the diocese taking up the offer so far. Building on the success of the small MATs, NORES, the education office of the Bishop, is pleased to announce the formation of two regional MATs to cover both the north and south of the diocese from 1<sup>st</sup> February. Joe Richardson, former Head teacher at Cardinal Newman School in Luton and Chief

Executive Officer for the St Albans MAT has been appointed Strategic Executive Leader for St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust covering schools in Luton, Central Bedfordshire and Slough. Tony Bishop, former Executive Head teacher of St Francis of Assis MAT in Bedford has been appointed Strategic Executive Leader for Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Academies Trust covering schools in Bedford, Northampton town and North Northants. Collette Curtis, Director of School Development said, "This is a great opportunity for all our schools to work together, sharing expertise in overcoming local challenges and providing exciting opportunities for our staff to develop and nurture our future Catholic leaders" Bishop Peter said, "We are at our best when we work



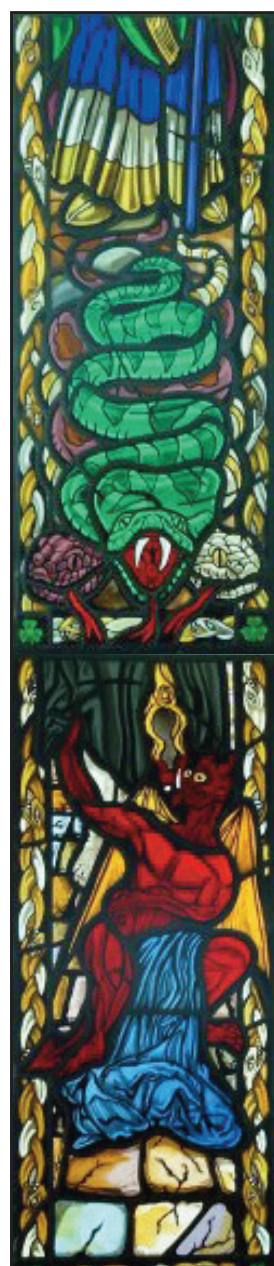
together, for each other, in service of the common good, embracing both solidarity and subsidiarity. This is essential in all decisions undertaken by our Catholic schools." For more information about your local Catholic school and the new MATs contact NORES on 01582 723312 or [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk)

## VI FORM CONFERENCE DAY

The Northampton Diocesan Office for RE, Catechesis and Schools (NORES) recently hosted a conference for over 70 A-level Religious Studies students from schools across our diocese in the diocesan centre at Holy Ghost, Luton. The day combined presentations on topics relevant to their study with a workshop enabling students from different schools to work together on common tasks. It proved to be a lively day with some impressive theological and philosophical contributions from the students themselves. Students were also able to take advantage of live polling software to offer their feedback on a variety of topics and questions dealt with during the day. Professor Anthony Towey, from St Mary's University Twickenham, led a session (see photo) on the 'Per-



son of Jesus in Eschatological Perspectives'. It is to be hoped that the conference will inspire students and help them gain new perspectives in their studies. It remains to thank the teachers and students from Cardinal Newman, Luton, St Bernard's Grammar, Slough, St Paul's, Milton Keynes, Thomas Becket, Northampton and St Michael's, High Wycombe for their great contribution to the day's success.



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# Stephen Foster RIP

**STEPHEN FOSTER**, the renowned artist who has contributed so much to our Diocese, died on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Stephen's work for churches around the country began when he was commissioned to carve an image of St. Joseph for Liverpool's

Metropolitan Cathedral. He was a quiet and deeply prayerful man and so at the funeral Bishop O'Toole could remind us that "in all of Stephen's work we see something of Stephen's faith and those things which accompanied him and continued to give him inspiration; his love of nature – stone, wood, colour and texture – literally sing with the trans-



parent beauty of God."

His contribution to our own Diocese has been immense. His most prominent work is the tryptic behind the altar in our Cathedral in Northampton (Left), but his work can also be seen in St.

Teresa's, Princes Risborough, St. Bernardine's, Buckingham, All Saints, Bletchley and St. Martin's, Luton. In Holy Family church, Langley(right), he carved a magnificent image of the risen, ascended Christ which dominates the building (see photograph). It is worth a visit to any of these churches to see Stephen's beautiful work.

Stephen's Requiem Mass took place on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019 in the Carmelite Monastery, Ware, in the chapel where he attended Mass each day. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Mark O'Toole, the Bishop of Plymouth and a friend of Stephen's, and was attended by the Carmelite Sisters, priests of the Archdiocese of Westminster and many friends and admirers.

May he rest in peace.



## SR CLAUDINE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION AT THORNTON COLLEGE



In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century a young French woman who lost her family in the bloodshed and upheaval of the French Revolution, turned her attention away from her own grief toward the needs of orphaned girls on the streets of Lyon. She rescued, fed, clothed and educated those that she found so that they could live in safety within a family environment. Members of the group of Religious Sis-

ters that St Claudine started came to England 100 years later and founded Thornton College, a day and boarding non-selective girl's school near Milton Keynes in Buckinghamshire. Each year staff, students and the Thornton community celebrate her feast day in February!

Inspired by her story Thornton girls engaged in a full day of service and celebration. The students involved them-

selves with a range of activities including; car washing, making gifts for members of our local community, volunteering at MK Food Bank, making up toiletry bags for women at our local refuge, making bird feeders and even hedgehog detection tunnels! Our Year 9 welcomed elderly members of our community for morning tea and cake and our Year 10 students set off and completed a sponsored

walk raising money for local charities.

After lunch Thornton held a celebratory Mass led by Fr Roy from the local Buckingham Parish.

The whole day was a fantastic experience that staff and students really enjoyed while at the same time making a real, tangible, positive difference and impact in our local environment and community.





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*Louise*

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# THANK YOU BISHOP



The 'topping out' ceremony at St Clare's in Aylesbury in 2005

With the installation of Bishop Elect David, our diocese will say a grateful and fond farewell to Bishop Peter Doyle after almost 15 years as our shepherd.

When Bishop Peter was ordained Bishop of Northampton in June 2005, the Diocese of Northampton had been without a Bishop for eighteen months since (Arch)Bishop Kevin McDonald was translated to the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Although he admits the appointment came as a shock, he had heard rumours on the Catholic grapevine. He recalls meeting Mgr. Sean Healy, the Vicar General in the south of our diocese, shortly before the public announcement, where he began to build a picture of what his new diocese was like. Mgr. Sean has remained Vicar General throughout Bishop Peter's time in Northampton and was by his side on the day of the announcement when he met with clergy and was introduced to the world at a press conference in Bishops House.

On 28th June 2005 Bishop Peter was ordained Bishop of Northampton with Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor as principle consecrator. He was the first senior appointment to the Catholic Church in Britain by Pope (emeritus) Benedict XVI. It was clear to his new Diocese that he was going to be missed by his home Diocese by the number of priests and parishioners who attended the ordination.

Within a few days of his ordination, Bishop Peter would be in no doubt the role of a Bishop as he found himself climbing a ladder to the roof of St Clare's Catholic Church in Aylesbury for a 'topping out' ceremony. The role of a Bishop is varied with no two days the same!

Throughout his fifteen years in Northampton there have been many changes and developments. The creation of pastoral areas as part of the Walking Humbly process has offered a framework for collaboration across parishes, as well as a



World Youth Day in Krakow in 2016

structure for mapping the future of our local communities, with the challenge of a reduced number of priests. Bishop Peter has shown determination in empowering local parishes and pastoral areas to grow together and build on the strengths within each area – a change of culture from days past when the parish priest (and curates) would lead and be relied on for everything. Bishop Peter has also shown trust and offered encouragement to the laity, both at a diocesan level and in the local areas; the appointment of lay trustees, a greater number of lay employees in parishes and diocesan agencies, young leader programs, pastoral area councils and many more initiatives have developed over the last fifteen years. Recently the development of the pastoral ministry office is evidence of his commitment to the raising of lay leaders in our communities.

Bishop Peter has always been popular with our young people. Meeting them at every opportunity, being open with them

about the joys and challenges of a life of faith and listening to their struggles and thoughts on all subjects. Recognising the importance of relationship with our young people, he even instigated the BLAZE Confirmation days so that he could meet the candidates and get to know them before the day of the Sacrament. He has supported the World Youth Days, even having a baptism of fire in Cologne in 2005 as a new Bishop.

He has overseen changes to schools in our diocese. Most recently the move towards the academy structure, as well as attending the head and deputy head teachers retreats each year. He presides over the schools Mass each October and always visits the schools when invited. He had the opportunity to visit our newest (satellite) school, Saint Michaels in Aylesbury shortly before Christmas.

For all Bishops in recent times, safeguarding has been a primary concern. Bishop Peter has al-



Bishop Peter on one of his many visits to schools



Bishop Peter addressing a seminar audience at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin.



# P PETER



Bishop Peter will be missed by many parishioners across our diocese

ways been quick to respond to the needs of the vulnerable and is acutely aware of the need for our church to walk with victims and survivors, and all those in need. He has met with victims and survivors of abuse, to listen and journey with them, since before he was ordained a Bishop. His pastoral care for the individual is evident not just in his pastoral action as an individual but also through his strategic leadership of our diocese, offering resources and time to ensure that we are the best we can be.

He has also played an active role for the Bishops Conference in England and Wales. His most prominent role is as chair to the marriage and family life department. It was in this role that he was invited to Rome in October 2015 as part of the synod on marriage and family life. His words of compassion and understanding of the challenges and complex nature of family life at this synod, were reflected in his advice to newly married couples, "Be gentle with each other".

There has been much to celebrate for Bishop Peter during his time in Northampton. The celebrations for his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and his golden jubilee of ordination to the priesthood gave many the opportunity to experience his gift and desire for hospitality.

This tribute could go on for many more pages and still not capture all of what has been achieved in the last fifteen years; his commitment to the pilgrimages to Walsingham and Lourdes, his support of women in the church through the Catholic Women's League, signing the decree for the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, welcoming two Apostolic Nuncios to our diocese, the development of buildings and properties in our parishes and of course the new Cathedral Centre. But it is the man that will be missed by so many across our diocese; the listening ear and words of wisdom, the understanding and mercy in times of need, the thoughtfulness in times of sadness and grief, the encouragement in times of joy. As many people have said over the last few weeks, "We have been blessed".



*"So much of what we bishops tend to worry about is simply symptomatic of the way life is today. Our families are called to live in the world with all its difficulties, strains and stresses. Our role is to strengthen them, to help them see Christ in their lives, to know him more fully and to respond to his loving invitation to life in the kingdom, through, in and with the world. "*

*Bishop Peter Doyle, Synod on Marriage and Family Life, Rome, October 2015.*

## Monsieur Claude's Great French Adventure

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Bishop Peter will be missed by the clergy also, as he has shared in their joys, challenges and disappointments of the last fifteen years.



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# THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE



At the beginning of February, record numbers of young people enjoyed the Lux weekend hosted by the NYMO team. This year's theme of 'VOX' encouraged us to make space to listen to the voice of God in our lives through scripture.

Great fun was had through the weekend whilst friendships were formed and, in this environment, formation taking place. Joining us for the weekend were Mairi- Claire McGeady, youth ministry coordinator for the Archdiocese of Glasgow who shared the beauty of scripture and the power of God's voice in our lives. Alongside Mairi- Clare, Matthew Van Duyvenbode, former NYMO team member inspired us on Sunday as he offered his top ten tips for moving forward with scripture when we leave LUX.

On Saturday afternoon great fun was had with human table football, parachute games and a giant dartboard! Highlights from the weekend also included; Adoration, a special time of reading, praying and sharing scripture and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

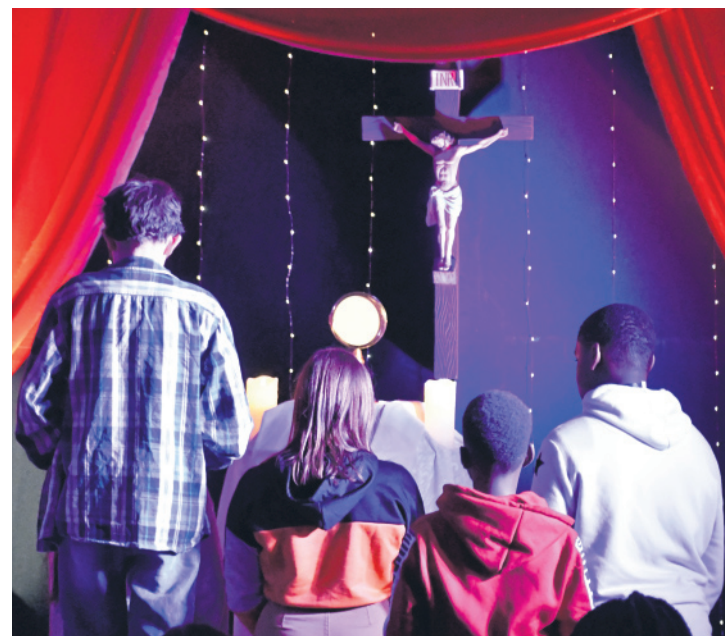
Director of Youth Ministry, Neil Roseman commented "It is amazing to see the desire in our young people to be as close as possible to God. To witness them queuing to recognise His forgiveness through the Sacrament is always a very special moment for my own faith journey".

NYMO rely heavily on a strong volunteer team of young adults who are always so bold in proclaiming their faith within the reality of life. This witness is a profound influence on the young people, and it is this and their ability to have which makes the Lux weekend so special. As one parent put it "My children always love NYMO events and they count down the days until the next one". Well, the next one is Summer Camp 2020 and bookings are open online now, visit [www.nymo.org/summercamp](http://www.nymo.org/summercamp), call 01582270627 or email [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org).



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**"I CAN FULLY BE MYSELF AND TALK TO MY FRIENDS ABOUT WHO I AM"**



Young People pray reverently before Our Lord present in the blessed Sacrament. These moments of encounter are blessed and life changing.



# THE WORD OF GOD IS LIVING AND ACTIVE



LUX is a residential weeknd for young people aged 11-198years old. It is open to all young peple across the diocese of Northampton and happens annually on the first weekend of February. If you are interested in LUX 2021, contact [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) to register your interest.

**“LUX IS ALWAYS THE FIRST DATE I PUT IN MY DIARY - WE COUNT DOWN THE DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT ONE”**



This year a record number of young people attended the lux weekend showing our faith is alive and active!

NYMO, the Northampton Youth Ministry Office, are an office of the Diocese of Northampton. They exist to support and compliment local youth ministry, offer experiences of wider church to young people and communicate messages form the wider church to young people and from young people to the wider church.

If you are interested in youth ministry in your parish and would like a member of the NYMO team to visit your parish please contact [jay@nymo.org](mailto:jay@nymo.org) or come along to our **Youth Ministry Conference** on Saturday March 7th at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Luton. For more information visit [www.nymo.org/conference](http://www.nymo.org/conference)

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# REPENTANCE SERVICE IN HIGH WYCOMBE



Wycombe Church leaders, civic leaders and representatives of other faith groups came together for a service of reconciliation on January 29, remembering the expulsion of Jewish residents from High Wycombe in 1234 and anti-Jewish theology over many centuries. The Anglican Vicar Rev Hugh Ellis, who conducted the ecumenical service at All Saints Church High Wycombe, explains: "Henry III signed an order in 1234 requiring High Wycombe to expel its Jews. This civic occasion, titled 'Changing the Future by Confronting our Past', was dedicated to remembering the Church's sad history of anti-Semitism, confession for these past wrongs and reconciliation with representatives of today's Jewish community. We also pledged to stand together against all forms of prejudice in this town." Wycombe House of Prayer an ecumenical prayer group meeting weekly to pray for the town had worked for years towards this event.

Input was given by local Catholic Dominic McDermott one of the organizers of the evening, on the root of anti-Semitism and Replacement Theology. Dr James Patrick spoke on its history from Luther to the Holocaust, Rabbi Janet Darley on anti-Semitism today, and Sheikh Dr Ramzy on Islamophobia today. A personal response from Catholic Archbishop Kevin McDonald (who was unable to come on the night due to illness) was read out by Catholic Deacon Brin Dunsire of St Augustine's, High Wycombe. This response referred to the ground-breaking document *Nostra Aetate*



of the second Vatican Council and the recognition of the Jews as our elder brothers.

Christians in the audience were invited to join in a declaration of repentance for past racial and religious hatred. Edwin Shuker Vice President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, a former refugee from persecution, gave a moving response of gratitude.

Among the almost three hundred people present were representatives of Jewish, Muslim and Christian groups with representatives from 50 local churches, as well as Wycombe MP Steve Baker, Mayor of High Wycombe Cllr Mazamal Hussain, Prof Ruth Farwell, a Deputy Lord Lieutenant and Julia Upton the High Sheriff.

Steve Baker MP stated before the event: "With concern about anti-Semitism and Islamophobia at high levels, I'm proud High Wycombe is coming together tonight at All Saints for a united Christian response to historic anti-Semitism in the Church and to oppose all forms of prejudice in our town, including Islamophobia."

High Wycombe was one of the first towns required to expel its Jews, and this was repeated elsewhere before Edward I issued the Edict of Expulsion in 1290 expelling all Jews from England. The edict was only overturned when Oliver Cromwell permitted Jews to return to England in 1657.



## BELOVED AMAZONIA

Pope Francis released the post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Querida Amazonia* -Beloved Amazonia.

This much anticipated letter was not the controversial document many had expected but a piece of poetic writing summing up the weeks of listening that has defined Pope Francis pontificate.

The document is split into four dreams; social, cultural, ecological and ecclesial. Within this document Pope Francis emphasises the responsibility of us all in caring for our environment and those around us as a way of protecting the Amazon region.

**"I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.**

**I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways.**

**I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests.**

**I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features."**

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# STAY HEALTHY!

Our health and safety team wish to bring to your attention the advice offered by the Catholic Bishops Of England and Wales with regards to the coronavirus.

## The Key Messages are

- At the time of writing, individuals in the UK remain at low risk from coronavirus.
- The best way of protecting us from spread is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus. We should be doing this all the time for 'flu:
  - Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
  - Bin it - bin the tissue
  - Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
- Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
- Ensure good regular cleaning of surfaces lots of people touch regularly
- There is a government campaign on hygiene and posters can be downloaded and placed in parishes. It would be

sensible to place these in churches and premises and alert people to this in newsletters and bulletins. The link can be found in the further materials section below.

- Government has issued guidance for the public and this remains the best source of advice. The link can be found in the further materials section below.
- At the time of writing there is no need to take special measures on suspending the Chalice or Sign of Peace. Should that become necessary, more detailed pastoral care guidance will be issued.
- Ensuring ministers of the Eucharist wash their hands before distributing communion or sanitise them is a good practice to encourage always.
- Catholic Schools and

Care Facilities should have regard to guidance from government, and for ease of reference this guidance has been summarised in this document

- Pastoral care remains important
- o Chaplains and others working in institutions where people with coronavirus are being cared for should seek and follow hygiene

guidance from that institution  
o Those who have been asked to self-isolate in the community as a precaution by medical staff will understandably be anxious but equally it is important not to breach this isolation. "In person care" should be kept to a minimum and advice taken from NHS 111 or call NHS Direct Wales on 0845 4647 on any precautions needed.



**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**

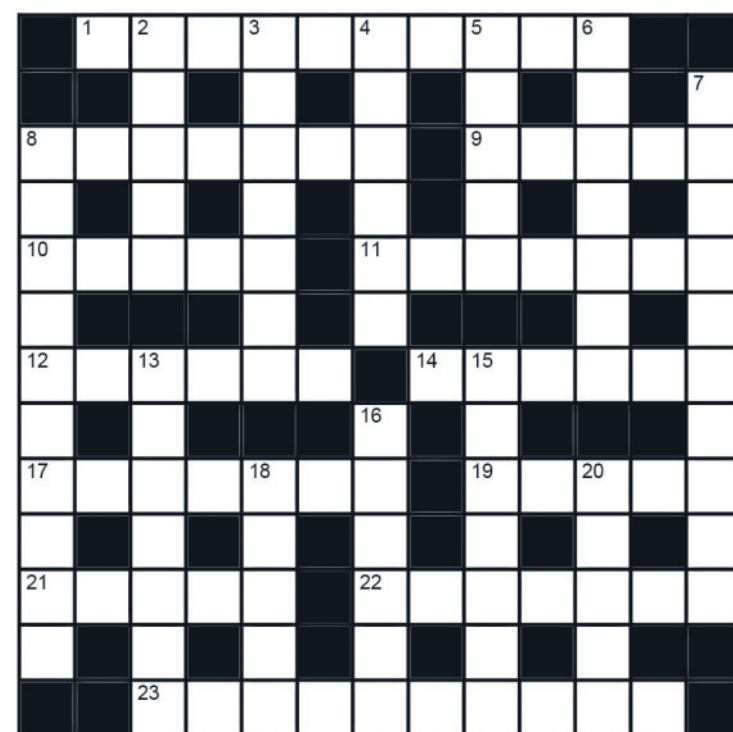
### CRYPTIC Across

- Annals from one or two books (10)
- Travel to an old city having found someone with taste (7)
- Director introduced learners to string instrument – but not violin (5)
- Pick up a sailor the French wanted first (5)
- Vile embrocation no team applied with robustness (3,4)
- Raise the profile of a line manager (6)
- Polish detective to the fore in tripping up receiver (6)
- A result of the sun one gets in California and a spot in Sicily (7)
- Judge a bishop's academic following (5)
- Fabrication of Lully's overture and the coda in this key (5)
- Characters that make the Epistles? (7)
- He reformed after salvo Aaron blasted (10)

### CRYPTIC Down

- Nigerian with Cuban capital, but without any transport, reaches America (5)
- Family group of agents adopted 007's change of leadership to 'M' (7)
- During performance it's tense, all in one piece (6)
- Aristo that's disappeared is concerning one of the Gospels (5)
- Deal's naval connection brings nothing to Allies landing here (7)
- Seen in craters close to Aleppo is a type of plant, in general, found in Babylon (10)
- Geldof clan's upset seeing an idol shattered? (6,4)
- Bar within limits, on the fringes, is just about the

- place to be when camping (7)
  - Hymn book each sailor keeps (7)
  - Cardigan's arm of leadership in the Crimean War? (6)
  - Strict veggie turned up replacing an A with an E supplement to fill the void (5)
  - Expertly introduce Schubert piece live (5)
- ### QUICK Across
- Two OT books which record the early history of Israel and Judah (10)
  - Epicurean; connoisseur (7)
  - Four-stringed bass instrument of the violin family (5)
  - Assimilate: detect (5)
  - With vigour (music) (3,4)
  - Mould to raise against low relief (6)
  - Smart cellular handset (6)
  - Port on the eastern coast of Sicily, at the foot of Mt Etna (7)
  - Judge of Israel for eight years, son of Hillel the Pirathonite (5)
  - Mendacious; double-dealing (5)
  - Colossians or Ephesians, for instance (7)
  - Italian priest and reformer (1452-98), who fought against immorality and corruption (10)
- ### QUICK Down
- Predominantly Muslim people, and their language, living chiefly in northern Nigeria (5)
  - 1970s American band (7)
  - Complete; whole (6)
  - Relating to St Luke (5)



- Landing beach site for the Invasion of Italy (1943) (7)
- His beheading is portrayed by Donatelli, among others (10)
- Image made by Aaron which has come to mean an un worthy or inappropriate object of worship (6,4)
- British holiday institution since 1936 (7)
- Book of hymns or poems associated with the OT (7)
- Kind of sweater sleeve design: Welsh castle (6)
- Desert area north of Sinai (5)
- Reside; inhabit (5)

### SOLUTION

**Across:** 1 Chronicles, 8 Gourmet, 9 Cello, 10 Learn, 11 Con brio, 12 Emboss, 14 Iphone, 17 Catania, 19 Abdon, 21 Lying, 22 Letters, 23 Savonarola. **Down:** 2 Hausa, 3 Os-monds, 4 Intact, 5 Lucan, 6 Salerno, 7 Holofernes, 8 Golden calf, 13 Butlins, 15 Psalter, 16 Raglan, 18 Negev, 20 Dwell.



# THE LIBERATOR

Bedford cemetery has become one of the prettiest cemeteries in England. The cemetery is set on a sloping hillside with lovely views over the adjoining Bedford Park, and the surrounding Bedford town centre and the Great Ouse Valley. Bedford cemetery covers 37 acres, and is beautifully cared for, with winding paths going between one of the finest examples of urban woodland, of which many are evergreen trees.

Bedford cemetery was opened in June 1855, by the Victorians, and lying among an abundance of glorious spring flowers are six

priests and many religious sisters. The priests; resting in pairs; are Canon John Warmoll, Father Robert Middleton, Father Thomas Fitzgerald, Monsignor John Freeland, and twin brothers Monsignor Anthony and Canon Gerard Hulme.

At the bottom of the hill in Bedford cemetery is the grave of Daniel O'Connell Jnr, who was an Irish MP. Daniel O'Connell Jnr died in Bedford in 1897, aged 80, and following a Requiem Mass was laid to rest near the grave of his little daughter. The gravestone of Daniel O'Connell Jnr proudly states he was the youngest son of "The Liberator".

The Liberator was Daniel O'Connell Snr (1775-1847), and he was a famous Catholic politician who was born in Co. Kerry, Ireland. The Liberator campaigned for the removal of discrimination against Catholics. He was one of Ireland's greatest politicians, and as a brilliant orator he became famous for speaking to huge gatherings of people. His campaign was one of non-violent agitation.

Fired by his deep love of the



Catholic Church he strove for Catholic emancipation and helped towards the passing of the 1829 Catholic Relief Act. It was this act that enabled him, as an MP for Co. Clare in Ireland, to take his seat in Parliament. The Liberator, as a Catholic MP, fought for the rights of Jewish people and played a leading role in condemning the evil of American Slavery.

When the Liberator was dying it was his son Daniel O'Connell Jnr, who now lies in Bedford cemetery, who accompanied his father to Rome. The Liberator never reached the Eternal City, and died in Genoa, in northern Italy in 1847, aged 71. Daniel

Jnr, with filial love, fulfilled his father's dying wishes by giving his heart to the Irish College in Rome, and returned his body to be buried in Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin.

There are many monuments to Daniel O'Connell Snr; the Liberator; an Irish hero who helped lead a victorious struggle for Catholic emancipation. However, the very finest monument must be the very beautiful Catholic church in his hometown of Cahersiveen. The church is named the Daniel O'Connell Church of the Holy Cross, which is the only Catholic church in Ireland named after a layman!



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