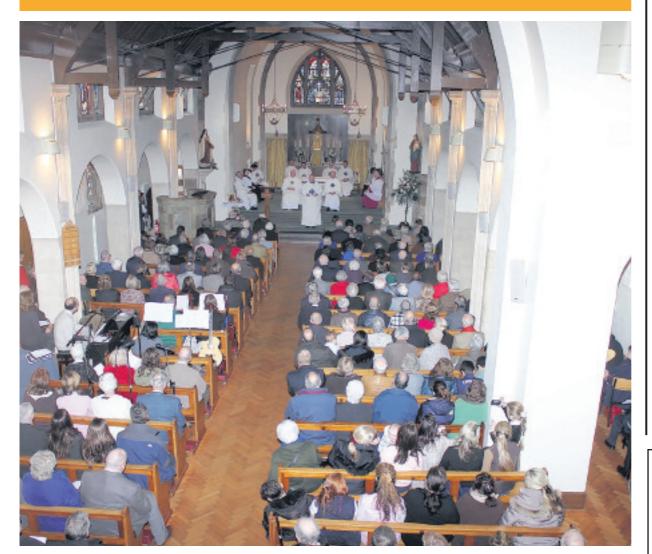
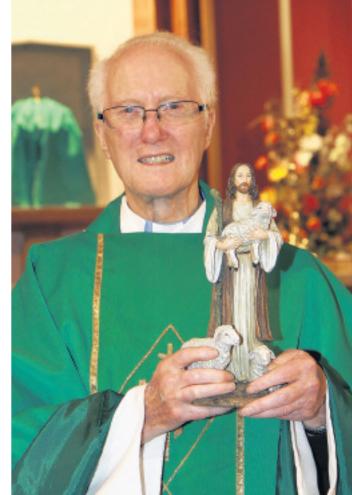


Celebrating Marriage



Bishop Peter went to a packed St ment of marriage, not only to the loving for marriage; for those bereaved, or dis-



Happy Birthday

Fr. Tony hits 80. Page 5

NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 22 - 29 AUGUST 2014

JOIN US ON OUR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The Northampton Pilgrimage to Lourdes (under the umbrella of the Catholic Associal on, which includes the dioceses of Clil on, East Anglia,

Teresa's Church in Beaconsfield on Saturday 8^{th} February to concelebrate Mass with fellow priests at a special diocesan celebration of Marriage and Family Life.

Most of the congregation, numbering several hundreds, were from all over the Diocese and joined Bishop Peter in celebrating their wedding anniversaries. As well as nine couples celebrating their diamond anniversaries there were eighteen couples celebrating their golden anniversaries and many celebrating other anniversaries.

In his homily, Bishop Peter stressed the importance of the lifelong commit-

d on couples themselves but also to the ebrate Church and society. Their intimate love pecial for each other was a sign of the love of and God. He talked also of the joys and sorrows that they would all have expe-

> rienced and shared during their marriages as well as the necessary forgiveness that they would have had to show each other on occasions.

The Bishop blessed the congregation during the Mass and the married couples pledged anew to love and honour each other, to love and support their children, and to share with them all that they valued. Prayers were also offered for those who were married; preparing

e tressed by their companion's health or well-being; for those in all kinds of difficult circumstances and moments of need; and for those who were divorced or separated.

The eleven or so Catholic organisations in the Diocese who work in support of marriages were thanked. As the Catholic Church in England and Wales was also praying that weekend for an end to human trafficking, the Bishop asked the congregation to follow the example of Pope Francis and be open always to the needs of the poor and oppressed.

Michael Phelan (Deacon**)**

Northampton, Portsmouth, Southwark with the Brii sh Province of Carmelites and Stonyhurst College) has over a hundred years' experience of bringing pilgrims to Our Lady's shrine in the French Pyrenees.

Our Lady asked St Bernadeı e to: "Go, tell the priests to bring people here in procession and have a Chapel built here". Our assisted (sick or disabled) pilgrims are at the heart of our pilgrimage to Lourdes, and we welcome anyone interested in coming to the beau ful shrine. The CA have an experienced team of helpers - nurses, doctors and non-medical volunteers who support and care for our assisted pilgrims. If you are interested in coming on pilgrimage, please either contact Rev Damien Walne on 01604 406410 or frdamien@ourladyandstanselm.org



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Rome

In his first ordinary public Consistory, Pope Francis elevated 19 of the Church's prelates to the rank of Cardinal - including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. At the start of the celebration on February 22 in St Peter's Basilica, the Holy Father Pope Francis warmly embraced his predecessor Benedict XVI, seated not far from the new Cardinals. In his homily, Pope Francis urged the members of the College of Cardinals to allow themselves to be led by Jesus. He reminded them too, of the need to think "as God does" and not to be "tempted to think as men do."??He also said the "Church needs you, your cooperation, and even more your communion, communion with me and among yourselves."

Cardinal Nichols received the red biretta and the cardinalatial ring from Pope Francis and was assigned the titular church of The Most Holy Redeemer and St Alphonsus in Rome.

At a press conference at the English College in Rome on the following Monday, Cardinal Vincent Nichols reflected on the Consistory, and his new role. "The Consistory and the Mass with Pope Francis yesterday were for me first of all a very vivid reminder of the experience of the universality of the Church. I think everybody has said that – Pope Francis has said so himself .. but to be among 18 new Cardinals from 15 different countries and only four of the Europeans, begins to

Wonersh

New Catholic Internet Radio "Heavens Road" has started live broadcasts of Daily Mass. Each week over 230 services, from over 16 different parishes here and in Ireland, will be broadcast for the housebound and those unable to attend Mass. Not only can you hear the Mass but you can watch it too! This must be a first - a RADIO station that broadcasts live pictures as well. You can join in the prayers, responses and even sing along with the hymns. 'Heavens Road' is based at St. John's seminary, Wonersh. Mass is broadcast throughout every day. Control/Click on this address, and then on Live Masses. http://www.heavensroadfm.com/v <u>ols/</u>.

make it very clear where the strength of Catholicism lies and how important it is that the College of Cardinals reflects that diversity and universality of the Church. So now I sit next to a Cardinal from Managua and he and I will slowly get to know each other .. it reminds me over and over again to think of the Church purely from the point of view of Europe is not to see the whole picture. "One other thing I will take back is a sense of pride in the choir of Westminster Cathedral which came and sang at the two pontifical events and young Colin who sang the Psalm in St Peters yesterday, the senior boys chorister.

A Mass with Solemn Rite of Welcome for His Eminence was held at Westminster Cathedral on Friday 28 February. Cardinal Vincent processed through the West Doors from Cathedral Piazza along with individual possessions of three English Cardinals from the Reformation. These artefacts symbolized the Catholic Church's connection to the Reformation Cardinals: The signet ring of Cardinal St John Fisher (c1469-1535), the pectoral cross of Cardinal Reginald Pole (1500-1558) and the crozier of Cardinal William Allen (1532-1594). Cardinal Vincent has a particular devotion to John Fisher and following further studies has written a book about the saint who inspires him. Pictures: top, receiving the red hat and ring; below, Pope Francis comes to greet the boys of the Westminster Cathedral choir.

Derry

Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Donal McKeown, Auxiliary Bishop of Down and Connor, as Bishop of Derry. Donal McKeown was born and brought up in Randalstown, Co Antrim. After local primary education, he attended Saint Mac Nissi's College, Garron Tower (1961–68). From 1968 to 1973, he studied at Queen's University, Belfast, while staying in the diocesan seminary at Saint Malachy's College. He graduated from QUB with an honours degree in German and Italian. He then undertook five years study of philosophy and theology in Rome at the Gregorian Pontifical University, being ordained a priest for the Diocese of Down and Connor by Bishop William Philbin in Randalstown on 3 July 1977.

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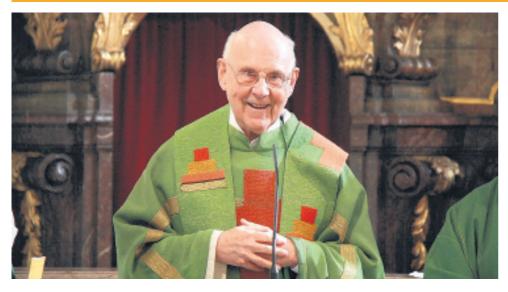
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Golden Day for Mgr Peter



On Sunday, 23rd February, Mgr Peter Hocken celebrated his Golden Jubilee of priesthood in the historic town of Hainburg, in East Austria, where he has lived since the end of 2008. He had been ordained priest on 23rd February, 1964, also a Sunday, by Bishop T. Leo Parker, in St. Augustine's, High Wycombe. Bishop Peter took part in the jubilee celebration, and Archbishop Kevin McDonald preached. Concelebrating with Fr Peter were Fr Mariusz Orczykowski OFM Conv, from Lublin, Poland, and the parish priest of Hainburg, Fr Othmar Posch. The church was filled with parishioners of Hainburg, and some sixty friends of Fr. Peter, mostly from Austria and Slovakia. The parish choir, who only sing on major feasts and special occasions, sang a Mass of Charles Gounod. The Mass was in German, but with one reading in English, and the gospel read by deacon Johannes Fichtenbauer of Vienna in both languages. The Bidding Prayers were said in five languages (Hungarian and Polish also) by different guests, and a prayer for the Ukraine from the parish. At the end of Mass the Burger meister (Mayor) of Hainburg, Herr

Josef Zeitelhofer, made a presentation to Fr Peter and also gave two wine glasses with the town's name and heraldic device to both visiting bishops, and there was a presentation from the parish council.

All present were invited for refreshments to Fr Peter's house, about 200 metres from the church, also within the medieval city. Many came from the parish- with a curiosity to see how the house which many knew from years ago has been refurbished - and there was a sit-down dinner for 45 people, a number that fits nicely into the large meeting room. The two bishops sang with vigour 'Ad Multos Annos', apparently not familiar to most others present.

Fr. Peter received a card from Cardinal Schonborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, whose presence was required in Rome for greater events. On this card the Cardinal wrote 'Dear Fr Peter, Lieber Mitbruder! With so many thanks and gratitude for all your work. It's a blessing to have you with us.

> Yours in Christ. + Fr Christoph C. Schonborn op'.

us today. "Be holy as the Lord your God is holy!" That message is for us all. It is quite simply a call to seria reality ousness Personal check. integrity and spiritual commitment are not two separate agendas. They imply and require one another. We need to hear that call

as Peter has heard and responded to it. If ever there are compromises in our lives, or areas

life.

where the self-life is still in control, at the very least we need to recognize it and seek the grace of healing and repentance, of new vision and new

We, all of us need to acknowledge that we, like Peter, have a unique calling and are on a unique journey. We need to develop greater clarity about what God is calling us to do and to

be. At times we may resent our calling and the place we seem to have in God's purposes. We may feel that the hand we have been dealt is unjust. If so we must continue to return to the Word God which alone can enlighten us on our journey and give us strength and perspective. God's word must progressively take root in our lives. Let us be open, therefore to what it offers us and to what it will cost us. And let us give thanks for the 50 vears of life and ministry of Mgr Peter Hocken who has pursued his priestly life in openness and fidelity to the Lord who calls us all.

Ad Multos Annos Archbishop Kevin McDonald



Blessed Pope John Paul II and John XXIII will be canonized on April 27, 2014 which is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy established by Blessed Pope John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000.



Archbishop Kevin's homily

In his homily the Archbishop said that

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We are privileged to have the opportunity to have Sr Justyna Klimek who entered The Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Warsaw, Poland on 1st September 1997 to come to our diocese and give talks on Blessed John Paul II and the life of St Faustina.

Sr. Justyna Klimek will be holding two talks at each of the following events

Saturday 26th April 2014

Holy Mass 7.00pm

St Frances of Assisi RC Church 25 High Street, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5DD Contact: Fr Benny Noonan Phone: 01462 711702

Sunday 27th April 2014 2.30pm (No Mass)

Holy Ghost RC Church,

sidourne Roaa, Luion Deas LC Contact: Noreen Bavister - Phone: 07795 318605

Monday 28th April 2014 Holy Mass at 2 pm Principle Celebrant Fr Christopher Poswiata CSMA Confessions from 1 - 1.45pm The Holy Child & St Joseph,

Midland Road, Bedford MK40 1HU. Contact: Andrew 07423 056820 Email: ryanboys2@talktalk.net

Monday 28th April 2014 Holy Mass at 7pm Principle Celebrant Fr Christopher Poswiata CSMA Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart RC Church, 82 Knox Road, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 1JA Contact: Fr Edmond Worthy - Phone: 01933 222780

Bishop Peter's gratitude for dedicated and committed service

Luton Good Counsel opened its doors just over 15 years ago, and since then has worked with over two and a half thousand women, and men, on issues surrounding pregnancy, abortion and fertility. We have tried consistently to plan and organise in such a way that gives reassurance to clients and supporters alike. The work has had tremendous support, financially and spiritually, from the clergy and laity of many parishes in the diocese, and beyond.

One of the critical questions we have addressed is that of continuity, and we have made efforts to establish the succession of the organisation by means of letters sent to supporters and by highlighting this need in parish appeals. A few years ago we indicated that those running the organisation could foresee a time, fast approaching, when they would no longer have the resources to sustain the day to day running of the organisation, nor be able to engage effectively with our clients from whom we are now, large-ly, separated in age by two generations! After consultations with Bishop Peter and a number of priests who have been actively involved in the work in one way or another we invited people from a wide spectrum to an information evening in July 2013 in the hope that it would generate interest in the work. The evening was reported in The Vine and particular reference was made to the need to find people 'committed from the heart' to this kind of work.

With deep regret, we have taken the difficult decision to bring Luton

Good Counsel to an end

Unfortunately this did not result in any new volunteers.

Bishop Peter invited us to a further meeting with himself and some of those priests we had met before to see if any solution to this question could be found. However, as with many other aspects of life and work in the diocese, it was difficult to identify any group or individuals who may be able to offer the time and commitment to take the work on. As a result, and with deep regret, we have taken the difficult decision to bring Luton Good Counsel to an end, and have decided, with Bishop Peter's blessing, that it will close at Easter.

We feel that this decision, unwelcome as it is to us, maintains the ethos of planning and organisation we have followed from the start. We now have the opportunity to take steps towards closure in an orderly manner in the hope that we may preserve something to pass on to any similar initiative that arises within the diocese in the future.

We wish to express our gratitude to all those who have given support in different ways – the many Parish Priests who have welcomed us to make appeals over the years as well as those who gave and supported the appeals; the pro-life Doctors who, freely and at any time, have advised on difficult questions; and those who have filled blue boxes, taken out standing orders, made donations (some of very generous proportions), taken part in Eucharistic adoration, prayed for the work individually or in a group, provided baby clothes and equipment. Without all of these and more we could not have continued for one year, let alone fifteen. Above all, we thank Our Lady of Good Counsel, who has protected the work and guided us, through some very difficult circumstances at times. We can be thankful that as a result of the efforts of all of the above there are, we estimate, well over 500 children alive now who would not otherwise have seen the light of day.

The annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Walsingham and the Acts of Witness



This summer sees the 2014 football World Cup take place in Brazil. There will be much excitement across the world but particularly in Latin America where football is part of people's staple diet. One such passiontion of 6 million – the same as London. A third of the population are aged under 14. The average age of entry into gangs has recently moved from 14 to 12. The youngest age of gang members is 9. With limited education and

Easter (holy) week to work with and mentor the local football coaches and to help run holiday football coaching camps for the young people. The project has a strictly fun emphasis and aims to teach not only football skills

Can you run a football holiday camp?

Last year saw over 25 Salvadoran community coaches of all ages and abilities working alongside the visiting UK coaches. What linked them all was their love of sport and their desire to help their communities. This year it is On previous trips, all those involved boys and girls, men and women, young and old – visibly grew as either coaches or players. They all shared a common goal – they just wanted to make things better and to



ate football country in this part of the world is the little known, El Salvador. Located on the pacific coast south of Mexico, it boasts some of the most amazing coastlines and wonderful landscapes in the world. It also has a history of natural disasters and a tradic

employment opportunities for young people, and a legacy of absent male role models in society following the civil war, the lure for young people to join the gangs can be strong.

In 2009 a small family run charity based here in Bedford with connec-

but also life skills trust, teamwork, respect, hard work and forgiveness.

This year's trip will be a special one with the impending football World Cup. Although El Salvador have not qualified for the finals, they will be watching avidly with many likely to be

expected that up to 400 young people – boys and girls –will attend the community coaching camps. With an average family monthly wage of £120, simple things like sports equipment, particularly football boots and trainers, are just too expen–

sive for many families

have a great time. Sport, particularly football, remains a powerful way to bring about lasting and positive change in the most adverse of circumstances.

If you are curious to know more, you can check our videos on previous years on YouTube -

outside the Luton and Dunstable Hospital will continue as before, as they are not specifically part of Luton Good Counsel's work.

Thank you and God bless you.

"Bishop Peter writes, 'I am so grateful to the Luton Good Counsel team for their dedicated and committed service over 15 years to people with fundamental and life changing decisions to make. I have always been impressed by the way in which the work of Luton Good Counsel is carried out in the context of prayer and with the support of so many people of goodwill. It is only fair and right that the team lay down the baton they have carried in the name of the Lord. I give thanks to God for everyone involved with Luton Good Counsel, and I am confident that Our Lady of Good Counsel will inspire others to carry on the good work perhaps in a new form."

tions in El Salvador, twelve year civil war Avoca (A Voice of which saw 85,000 people die. More Central America) ran recently, the country the first of what has has become known become an annual as the home to two project in the neighof the most notorious bourhoods where the street gangs in the gangs operate - FC world - MS and 18th Esperanza (Hope). Street. Volunteer football This tiny country coaches travel to the about the size of capital city of San Wales has a popula-Salvador during the

supporting the reigning champions, Spain fore will distribute (Barcelona and Real donated football Madrid are the two boots, footballs, tshirts, replica shirts, big teams followed in the country). In the diplomas and other donated gifts to the 1982 World Cup Finals, El Salvador ing the camps. was defeated 10-1 by Hungary, a score that stands as a World es, it has been an Cup record to this inspiring and unforgettable experience. day.

AvocaCharity - or to buy. Avoca therevisit www.avocacharity.org.uk. If you or your organisation would like to collect and/or donate any equipment, used or new to the project, young people attendplease get in touch with Peter at For the UK coachavoca_uk@yahoo.com . This year's trip will be between 10th and 20th April.

Surprise for octogenarian

Father Tony Whitfield celebrated his 80 birthday with a special surprise Mass on Saturday 22nd February

Fr Gerard Byrne, parish priest of St Brendan, Corby, said the parish was delighted to be able to share time with him.

He continued: "Birthdays are always an opportunity for us to thank God for the gift of special people in our life and in the case of a priest to thank God for the example, witness and pastoral care such special people give. And we thank God too for the family who cared for you, who nurtured you in the Faith and so generously gave you to serve the people of God in your priestly vocation."

"Your enthusiasm for the Faith and your willingness to share it with others, especially the young, is boundless. Your visits to the sick, the lonely, the bereaved and the housebound are always much appreciated and no matter whenever you receive a call to go to a soul in

distress, your response is always immediate and your ministry carried out with sensitivity and compassion."

"Fr Tony you are a visible presence of the Catholic Church in our midst. You are a caring and gentle shepherd of souls, you are a spiritual mentor and guide to those with whom you pray, and we are all privileged to call you our friend."

He presented a statue of Christ the Good Shepherd to Fr Tony, saying: "I hope this will always remind you of how grateful we are to have you as a loving shepherd among us in Corby."

Bernard Hales

Pctures

Father Tony Whitfield (centre) with representatives of parishioners from St. Patrick's and St. Brendan's.

Father Gerard presenting Father Tony with a large box of his favourite chocolates.







Congratulations

to Cathy

Mrs Cathy Foot, a member of the SVP, was honoured recently when SVP President Geoff Cox presented her with a 20 years Certificate for devoted Service to the St Vincent De Paul group at St Joseph's Church, Aylesbury.

ioners in all weathers. She is always willing to help, and she is devoted to her church and parish.

"Well done Cathy from all members of the SVP!

Cathy, in her 70's, visits numerous parish-

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A 300 pound, cigar smoking journalist with a halo?



Canon John Udris has been hitting the headlines again. A newspaper recently updated readers on Canon John's investigation of the life of Catholic author and journalist, G. K. Chesterton, who lived in Beaconsfield

Canon John thinks that the heroism of Chesterton lies in his humility, 'This man, who is such an intellect - how did that not all go to his head'? He talks about Chesterton's gratitude for life. He said grace, not just before meals, but before going to the theatre or reading a book. His whole way of approaching life was to say 'Thank you'.

His humility, says John, was evident in the charitable way he argued with his opponents. 'People he would have fierce public debates with felt respected by him, loved by him, even if they didn't agree with him'. Chesterton, he suggests, shows Catholics how to defend their faith with humility and courtesy. 'He would always try to find something good in someone else's idea'.

Canon John is pleased that Chesterton breaks the mould of a stereotypical saint. As a married lay person who did not go to Mass every day, and who liked his beer and wine, he would show people 'that you don't have to say your rosary every five minutes to be holy'. But the most significant obstacle to sainthood is the allegation of



anti-Semitism. Chesterton argued that Jews ought to wear distinctive dress so that they could be recognised as foreign. He did not despise Jews. He simply saw them as fundamentally alien. His writing is full of unpleasant stereotypes, portraying Jews as greedy, secretive or unpatriotic. In his defence it is said that Chesterton was not anti-Semitic in a racial sense, as he strongly opposed the racial ideology prevalent in the 1920's and 30's. He was anti Jewish only because he associated Jewish people with capitalism and international finance.

It is likely that the charge of anti-Semitism will be an obstacle to Chesterton's canonisation. Meanwhile, Canon John will finish his research and submit the dossier to Bishop Peter. The bishop will then decide whether to ask the Vatican to make an official investigation of Chesterton's sanctity. There are many who warm to the idea of a 300 pound, cigar smoking journalist with a walrus moustache wearing a halo.



Farewell to Annette

Annette Potter who ioined Holv Ghost. Luton, as Parish Secretary in September 2007 is movina on. She has given many years of great service to the Holv Ghost community. Fr Kevin said 'She has been a tremendous support in every way and has managed to be always friendly, welcoming

and efficient. whatever has happened or been asked of her'. Annette has taken the position of a senior administrator at Stopslev High School in Luton in

late February. Fr Kevin and the Holy Ghost parishioners wish Annette. Lewis and Olivia every praver and blessing as she takes up her new post.



The recent questionnaire on family life from the Vatican provided a unique opportunity for people to their thoughts share and experiences. The questionnaire is a part of the preparation for Extraordinary the General Synod of Bishops to be held in October this year. Despite the complex questions set by the Vatican, nearly 500 people responded from the diocese of Northampton.

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> the questionnaire also speak of the importance of support in times of family tension They and crisis. acknowledge the very good work of agencies and groups available in the diocese. However, they also mention that these are not available evervwhere. These respon

dents explain that the first person people usually turn to for help is the local priest. It is acknowledged that he is often under pressure from many other responsibilities. Thus, the need to support and promote these agencies and groups is essential.

The fact that so many people took time to answer the questionnaire is a sign of how important we value family life within the diocese of Northampton. We await the Synod with joy, and we hope to learn from it.

Evolution of Music!"

Young

hospital

DJs

Since January, every Monday afternoon, a group of sixth formers at St Joseph's High School in Slough, have been swapping their books for microphones as they volunteer for Radio Wexham. They gain experience not only in the radio industry, but in valuable volunteering and business experience.

The afternoon starts with a visit to the wards in the hospital. Many people don't realise that a large number of patients have no visitors. So a friendly face and a chance to chat is often the highlight of their week. After going round getting song requests from the patients, it's back to the studio. The hard work really begins as the team finalise their show: "The

With the group taking on roles as producers and presenters, they have been keeping the listeners entertained chatting about music, news, TV, and also what they've been doing during the week.

Station Manager Melanie Ive said: "It has been fantastic having the 6th formers volunteering at Radio Wexham. They have not only learnt presenting, producing and radio skills, more importantly they have brought smiles and laughter to many of the patients and staff at the hospital. The success of this scheme has definitely enhanced our link with St Joseph's." The scheme is part of Radio Wexham's new



initiative to develop closer links with the community, and encourage people to think about the radio industry as a career.

Double deal in Wycombe

Bishop Peter visited St Wulstan's, High Wycombe, last November for two important reasons

The first was Induction of Fr. Joseph Udoh MSP as Parish Priest of Blessed John Henry Newman. The Bishop was the principal celebrant at the Mass of Induction with some twenty priests

Many priests of Fr. Joe's missionary order from all over England and Wales, and priests and parishioners from Deptford, Fr. Joe's previous parish, came for the celebration.

In his address Bishop Peter pointed out that the priest is a co-worker with the bishop and they are both co-workers with God, called, as Pope Francis has said, to 'live the faith in a concrete way'.

the award of a Benemerenti papal medal on

Mary Bull. Mary has worked tirelessly over many years in parish, deanery and diocese. She has chaired the Diocesan Pastoral Council; has served as trainer of those involved in catechetical work, helps in many ways at the Maryvale Institute for higher theological studies; organises ecumenical activities in the Holmer Green area; and leads liturgical celebrations in her present parish, in co-operation with Fr Joe. She amply deserves this recognition by the Holy Father and the parish offered her our conaratulations

In responding to the award, Mary said that really it belonged to all those who had worked with her and supported her in working for the Church over more than forty years.

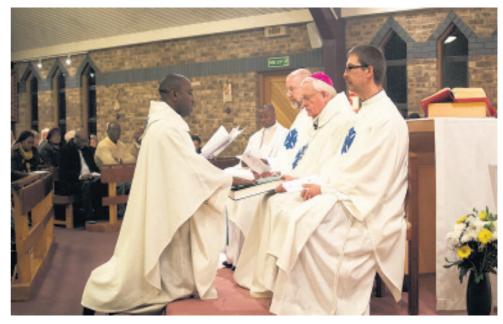
The Bishop's second reason was to bestow

The joyful evening was brought to a conclusion with delicious refreshments.

Dawn Williams

Pictures by Dave Russell. Above right, Fr. Joe's induction. Below: presentation to Mary. Right: cutting the cake.









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In his opening words of welcome to the congregation at the Induction ceremony held on 25th February, he said that there is much more still to be done before the St Peter's community becomes fully functional and effective. He said that he is really heartened by the ecumenical aspect of life in Biggleswade and he particularly welcomed all those who were present at the service from other churches and from none. He concluded his words of welcome by saying: "Let us pray for one another."

Bishop Peter Doyle officiated at the Induction Mass. Also present were Canon Benny Noonan from St Francis of Assisi, Shefford, and Deacon Philip Pugh from Sacred Heart, Flitwick.

In his homily the Bishop used the theme of the Gospel reading where Jesus has told his disciples that anyone who wanted to be first had to make himself last of all and servant of all. Bishop Peter stressed that we had to make ourselves insignificant and we had to become like a bridge over which people could pass from the worldly to the Godly. This, he said, was especially true of a priest who should lead his flock to the life of the world to come.



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The Mass then continued with Fr Richard renewing his commitment to Priestly Service after which Bishop Peter invited the people of the parish to pray for their parish priest asking the Lord to bless him with the fullness of his love, to help him to be a faithful minister of Christ, the High Priest, so that he may lead them to him, the fountain of our salvation.

At the conclusion of the Mass, there was time to meet the Bishop over some light refreshments, provided by the parishioners of St Peter's.



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*Maddy and Debora*h

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Letter

Dear Sir

Is there a reason for the lack of dates in two of the articles in the latest edition of The Vine? Surely the interesting article about Bishop Cary-Elwes could have have given some indication of when he actually lived, beyond a vague mention of an event in the 1920's which had touched him. There is reference in an earlier paragraph to Pope Leo XIII but, without an encyclopaedic knowledge of papal dates, that is of very little help.

Again in your obituary of Fr. Brendan Gorman, I, as a parishioner of St.

Teresa's in Beaconsfield since 1976, would love to have known when he was our parish priest and perhaps the date he died. In other editions of your paper, I have read of people getting awards but no mention of the parish.

It does make things more interesting if relevant information is provided and I hope you will regard this criticism as constructive. I look forward to hearing from you.

Annemary Thomas

Editor's reply: We hope that all the items which appear in The Vine are accurate. But we depend entirely on a tiny band of reporters and writers. We wouldn't dream of biting the hand that feeds us

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DEATH WITH LIFE CONTENDED NOTES ON THE PALM SUNDAY GOSPEL

On Palm Sunday (April13th) we hear the long account of Jesus' passion from St Matthew. The sad story unfolds with one tragic episode following another, culminating in Jesus' death. We may feel overwhelmed by hearing of all the sufferings experienced b Jesus within the last hours of his earthly life.

St Matthew borrows the basic storyline from St Mark, who may be preserving the tradition told by St Peter in Rome. But St Matthew adds a few unique details that are significant. It seems that St Matthew's Gospel was written some time after the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, when people in the Jewish community were asking why God had let this disaster happen.

Following years of heavy domination by the Roman overlords. Jewish zealots revolted against the imperial power in AD 66. The mighty Roman legions were sent into the Holy Land. Finally in AD 70 after a long siege, the city of Jerusalem fell to a general named Titus, who later became Roman emperor.

The Roman victory in AD 70 was a tragedy for the Jewish people. Many zealots suffered the same Roman punishment (crucifixion) that had been meted out to Jesus as "King of the Jews". Yet already Jesus had warned his fellow countrymen that the temple would be torn down: "I tell you solemnly, not a single stone here will be left on another. Everything will be destroyed" (Matt 24:2).

When Jesus was arrested in Gethsemane and one of the disciples took a sword to attack the high priest's servant, the non-violent Jesus gave a stark response: "All who draw the sword will die by the sword" (Matt 26:52). These chilling words would later be fulfilled dramatically in Jesus' trial: "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him" (Matt 27:19). In his infancy, Jesus had been saved from Herod's murderous plan because St Joseph heeded he divine warning given in a dream to take his family and escape into Egypt. This time, however, Pilate ignores the divine warning given to his wife in a dream and instead hands Jesus over to be crucified.

At the end of Jesus' trial, when the Roman governor Pilate finally hands him over to be crucified, St Matthew narrates the people's cry: "His blood be on us and on our children" (Matt 27:25). For the evangelist, this cry may have served to explain the tragedy of AD 70. According to Daniel Harrington, the evangelist seems to have viewed the fall of Jerusalem as a kind of divine punishment for the rejection of Jesus (compare Matt 23:36).

At some stages of later Christian history, this verse has been misused as a pretext for persecuting Jews. Yet almost fifty years ago, the Vatican II declaration Nostra Aetate (paragraph 4) taught: "Even though the Jewish authorities (and those who followed their lead) pressed for Christ's death, neither all Jews indiscriminately at that time, nor Jews today, can be charged with the crimes committed during his passion." The Vatican II declaration then emphasizes that Jesus freely sacrificed his life to save us: "The Church has always held and continues to hold that Christ out of infinite love freely underwent suffering and death because of the sins of all, so that all might attain salvation."

Hence, a positive interpretation of this verse was given in 2011 by Pope Benedict in the sec-

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the failed zealot revolt of AD 66-70, with disastrous results for the people of Jerusalem. Moreover. St Matthew presents Jesus@ passion as fulfilling the divine plan foretold in the scriptures. After narrating his arrest, the evangelist says: "Now all this happened to fulfil the prophecies in scripture" (Matt 26:56). Here he may be thinking especially of the prophecy of the Suffering Servant who "offers his life in atonement (Isaiah 53:10). Another detail unique to St Matthew is the mention of a dream experienced by Pilate's wife, who sent a message to her husband during

ond volume of his book Jesus of Nazareth (P.187): "Jesus' blood does not cry out for vengeance and punishment; it brings reconciliation. It is not poured out against anyone; it is poured out for many, for all. These words are not a curse, but rather redemption, salvation." The story of Jesus' passion would be depressing for us to hear if we did not believe in the resurrection. Our faith is well expressed in the Easter sequence: "Death with life contendedcombat strangely ended! Life's own champion

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Father Jeremy Corley

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Obituary

Catherine Mary Cassidy

1967-2013

Nominate your heroine

We are looking for joyful evangelists! Nominations are invited for the 2014 Catholic Women of the Year.

Every year four women are honoured, chosen by ballot from nominations sent in from across Britain. Any Catholic woman can be nominated and the aim is especially to honour those who are living out their faith publicly, in service and in witness, as part of the New Evangelisation in our country. Pope Francis has emphasised joy - the Joy of the Faith. We are looking for joyful women who teach the

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All we need from you to nominate some one is the lady's name and information on why she is being nominated - a few paragraphs setting out what she does, and where she does it, and the spirit in which she does it! The nomination can be from a friend, family member, or parish priest. It does

not have to be long, but it must give relevant information and must give the writer's name and contact details. It is not necessary to obtain permission from the lady being nominated. For most of our Catholic Women of the Year. the honour comes as a complete surprise, and that's the way it should be! Closing date for

nomination is April 30th 2014.

'They are amazing'

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Over 100 young people, youth leaders, young adults and priests joined together at the end of January for the last nine years, and happen twice a year, in January and in June. Neil Roseman, the diocesan youth ministry

his knowledge was tested in the 'grill the priest' session. He had to answer questions such as 'Will my cat go to

Scotland Primary School mourned the passing of its popular and much respected Head teacher, Mrs Catherine Cassidy. Although she led the School for just three short years, she made a profound and lasting impression on the staff and children in her care, through her strong faith and passion for education.

Margaret

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Catherine's vibrant life ended on 29th

December, following an illness of two years, which she faced with unflinching courage and dignity. Anyone who saw her was in no doubt that her strength of spirit came from her sense of the nearness of Christ and the knowledge that she was supported by His Divine Love. She passed away peacefully at the Keech Hospice, with her family around her.

Catherine was a daughter of Luton, having attended St Margaret of Scotland and Cardinal Newman Schools, before eventually graduating from St Mary's College in Twickenham to begin her teaching career. She excelled both academically and athletically and worked in Secondary Schools in Borehamwood, Hemel Hempstead and St Albans.

Following her marriage and the birth of her son, Ciaran, Catherine returned to Luton and taught at St Joseph's Catholic Junior School. She soon realised that her true vocation lay in nurturing and stimulating effective learning in young children. A gifted teacher, it wasn't long before she re-joined St Margaret's in 1998, rapidly becoming part of the Senior Leadership Team and later Deputy Head.

During this time the Infant and Junior schools were amalgamated and with the retirement of Head teacher Christine Boyd, Catherine became St Margaret's Primary School's fourth Head teacher in September, 2010.

To this role Catherine brought her particular strengths. She combined insistence on good discipline with respect for human personality and individual capabilities. Catherine had always demonstrated a deep insight into children's learning and individual needs and throughout her Headship she provided the pupils with the opportunity to succeed and



ensured that they were treated justly in every aspect of life at school.

Catherine was a valued member of the St. Alban's Catholic Schools Partnership. With her colleagues she worked closely with governors, staff and pupils across the Partnership to ensure each school could excel as a successful Catholic community.

Catherine attended Holy Ghost Parish in Luton where she served on the Parish council, was a reader at Mass and prepared the children of the Parish for Confirmation.

Catherine's Requiem Mass was attended by her many friends, family and colleagues, some of whom had travelled long distances. Education was represented by the Local Authority, Governors of St Margaret's, staff and pupils both past and present.

Catherine's contribution to Catholic Education received a tribfrom the Diocese of ute Northampton and from Bishop Peter. The numbers of people who filled the Church for Catherine's reception on the evening and the Requiem Mass the next day characterised the love and respect she engendered.

Her Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, reflected Catherine's deep spirituality. The words of the first reading from the prophet Micah: 'This is what the Lord asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God' exemplify how Catherine lived out her life.

Catherine is survived by her husband. Mick. her two sons Ciaran and Liam, her mother Margaret and her brothers Stephen, John and Michael. Throughout her inspirational life she made a lasting impression on those she knew. taught and loved.

latest youth residential retreat weekend, Lux. Enjoying a mixture of faith formation and fun activities, including roller disco, ultimate Frisbee, grill the priest, daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration and Benediction, a time of worship, sports and great food. This was a weekend to never forget.

The weekends, organised by the Northampton Youth ministry office (NYMO), have been running for the co-ordinator, sad, 'To listen to young people of secondary school age speak with such clarity about their complete faith in God gives us all a sense of real joy. They are amazing'.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the closing Mass concelebrated by two bishops, Bishop Peter and Bishop Crispian Hollis, who was visiting for the weekend. The new chairman of NYMO, Fr Simon Penhalagan, joined the team for the weekend, and

heaven', and 'what is grace'?

Participants at the weekend were given a free copy of the Youth Catechism (YouCat) to encourage their faith development, and all enjoyed trying to beat Fr Simon to the answers

The NYMO team would love to see lots of young people aged 11-18 at the next Lux weekend in June. For more information visit the brand new website www.nymo.org

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Book Review

The Catholic Guide to Depression

By Aaron Kheriaty with Fr John Cihak. Sophia Institute Press.

This book, excerpts of which have appeared in the Herald, is very timely. Mental illness, especially depression, is increasing and as the secular medical world struggles to find strategies to cope with it, it is crucial that the Church brings her own wisdom and experience to the debate. Dr Kheriaty believes that depression can be influenced by cultural and spiritual factors as well as, more obviously, biological and psychological ones. He makes his position clear at the start: as an experienced Catholic psychiatrist, he states, "This book is grounded in the conviction that to know ourselves as human beings, we must know Jesus Christ."

This said, he is also clear about the different approaches of psychiatry and religion, emphasising that "the confessional was never meant to cure neurosis...and the couch was never meant to absolve sin." Faith and the world have different attitudes to suffering; in the secular mind, it is always bad news; for the religious outlook, although suffering should not be exalted morbidly, it can have meaning "when it is united to the redemptive suffering of Christ." Kheriaty takes the Christian perspective that we are spiritual beings as well as bodily and rational ones; wounded but "redeemed and capable of being sanctified by God."

He would like to see greater cooperation between all those involved in mental health - doctors, theologians, priests, patients and scientists. His book is written with the cooperation of a priest, Fr John Cihak who explains the spiritual dimension of depression. As he observes, many psychiatrists and therapists "operate with unexamined biases against religious belief and spiritual practices", rather than seeking to harness them in (religiously inclined) patients' best interests.

He makes careful distinctions between appropriate feelings of grief and clinical depression and discusses the various origins of depression, such as insecure attachments in early life; "Often the emotional wounds from insecure attachments lie outside the person's awareness", he observes.

He raises the question of healing - a word with as many religious connotations as medical ones; depression, he believes, is "no more part of our fundamental human nature than cancer or dementia; it is the result of the Fall and its consequent rupture of man's harmony with God." Christ is always the true and ultimate source of all healing; with his coming the human race no longer has to be "irredeemably sad."

At the same time it is important to emphasise that religious practice does not have "magical powers"; if science or medicine can help cure medical or psychological conditions, they should be used. Where they are limited is when the sufferer's illness is spiritual in origin - the dark night of the soul or the result of unacknowledged sin. Speaking with his Catholic hat on, he is convinced that "neurochemistry and the soul are inseparably connected." He is not dismissive of psychotherapy, explaining its benefits as well as its limitations; it cannot cure the problem of sin or the problem of death. Naturally he is keen on the healing nature of a good confession. In line with confession is modern forgiveness therapy, which is liberating because patients discover that forgiveness "makes them stronger than the wrong that was done to them." He ends with quoting a remark of GK Chesterton: "Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God."

Francis Phillips

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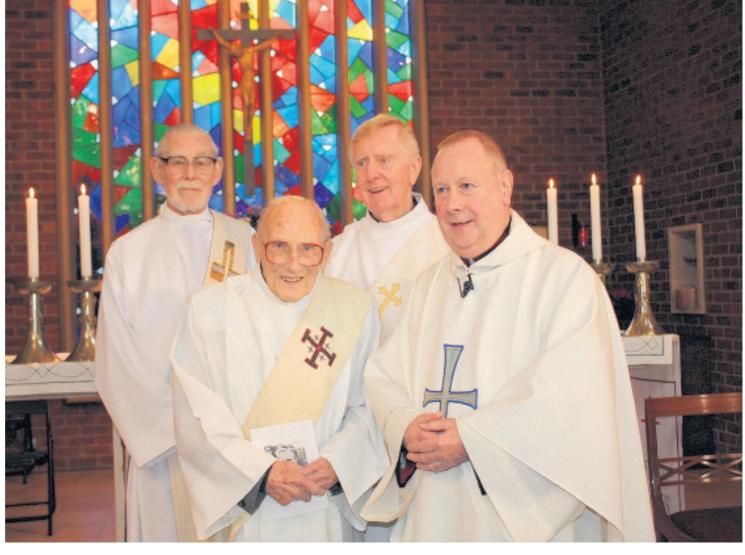
It was with great joy and thanksgiving that Deacon Ted celebrated his 100th Birthday Ted Connelly was on Saturday 11 January 2014. The church of SS Peter & John, Camberley was filled the very first to be with family, friends, ordained in England & parishioners and wellwishers who all came to celebrate Ted's hundred year mark at Heythrop College, a special Mass celebrated by parish priest to serve as a deacon Monsignor Richard Madders and arranged by Ted's son, Dave Heaven at Burnham, Connelly.

At 100 years, Deacon Ted still retains a strong, uplifting voice age of 90. After a few and confidently proclaimed the Gospel at with his family in the Mass with a voice that Camberley & Bagshot spoke of a lifetime of devotion to the Word Arundel & Brighton of God and service of Diocese. the Church. After Mass a special lunch was held in the adjacent church hall where Deacon Ted received many cards, gifts and words of affection, appreciation and thanks. The traditional 'telegram' from Her

Maiestv the Queen was shown and admired.

ordained a Permanent Deacon' on July 9th, 1976 becoming one of Wales. Following the completion of training and formation at 1975-76, he went on at the parish of Our Lady Queen of Bucks in the Northampton Diocese until he retired at the years he came to live Catholic Parish,

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