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CAFOD office leaves town

"It is with great sadness that the local CAFOD office leaves St Gregory's Primary School" said Deborah Purfield the CAFOD Diocesan manager (Northampton). St Gregory's Primary School in Northampton opened its doors to accommodate the local CAFOD Diocesan office when it was set up over eight years ago. Since then, CAFOD has been a big part of St Gregory's school and Northampton town. Many volunteers and supporters from Northampton have commented on how sorry they were to see the office move, Deborah was keen to reassure people saying, "Our move will not affect our relationship with our

supporters. I plan to strengthen it. I'll be focussing more on meeting people and supporting our wonderful volunteers, schools and parishes so please get in touch" The office moved out of St Gregory's School on the 29th October 2014 due to the school needing the space back to expand and carry out the good work they are doing. Mr John Davis (head teacher) remarked, "We have been fortunate to have had CAFOD in the school all these years and we hope you will continue to be part of the school's life." The children from each year group wrote farewell wishes which were compiled into a booklet and given as a

leaving gift together with a £100 donation towards CAFOD's work. "I am lost for words and am so touched" admitted Deborah who was invited to receive these gifts during the school assembly. She added, "out of sight doesn't mean out of mind, we are still part of the school and we look forward to being invited back to give assemblies and talks". The new CAFOD Northampton office is now based at : Ker Anna Centre, Aylesbury Road, Princes Risborough, Bucks. HP27 0JW, tel 01844 274723

Picture: St. Gregory's students say goodbye



Sheffield parishioner Patrick McKay spotted this sculpture on a Spanish beach.



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Turin

Pope Francis will visit the Shroud of Turin during its public display in Turin's cathedral April 19-June 24, 2015, as well as commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of St. John Bosco.

According to tradition, the 14-foot-by-4-foot linen cloth is the burial shroud of Jesus. The shroud has a full-length photonegative image of a man, front and back, bearing signs of wounds that correspond to the Gospel accounts of the torture Jesus endured in his passion and death.

The church has never officially ruled on the shroud's authenticity, saying judgments about its age and origin belonged to scientific investigation. Scientists have debated its authenticity for decades, and studies have led to conflicting results.

The archbishop and other organizers of the exhibition told reporters they expect at least 1 million people from all over the world to visit during the two-month-long public exposition.

All donations made by pilgrims during the event will be earmarked for a hospice for the terminally ill, officials announced.



Rome

Pope Francis has appointed the first Briton to be the Vatican's foreign minister – a post regarded as a possible stepping stone to the papacy itself.

Paul Gallagher was promoted as part of a reshuffle at senior levels of the Vatican, which Francis used to sideline the main spokesman of a conservative faction at last month's synod. The 60-year-old, from Liverpool, is currently the Vatican's nunzio (ambassador) in Australia.

An acquaintance of Gallagher, speaking on condition of anonymity, described him as "a discreet man, but with a calm and engaging personality. He is not over-formal and really quite proactive."

Gallagher, who holds the rank of archbishop, will head the Vatican section charged with overseeing its worldwide diplomacy.

Before being sent to Australia, Gallagher had served as the pope's envoy in Guatemala and Burundi, both countries that had been torn apart by civil war. In

Burundi, he took over from a predecessor who had been assassinated. Archbishop Michael Courtney, from Ireland, died of gunshot wounds after his car was attacked in 2003 as he was returning to the capital, Bujumbura. Gallagher also spent five years as an official in the secretariat of state, the Vatican department that doubles as a form of interior ministry, looking after relationships with the various national churches, and as a foreign ministry. He is regarded as well versed in the often Byzantine ways of the Roman curia, the central administration of the Catholic church.



An ecumenical invitation

Bishop Peter has issued a unique invitation to all parishes and all our ecumenical friends to join him in our Cathedral on 21st Jan. 2015 at 7.30 p.m. to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Vatican Council's decree on Christian Unity. Also invited are the local leaders of Christian denominations who have churches in our diocese, as well as Dr. David Cornick, the General Secretary of Churches Together in England.

At the Service, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham will preach. For many years he was the Catholic Ecumenical Officer for England and Wales, and so will speak from his inside knowledge. Catholics are asked to bring their non-Catholic relations, friends, and partners with them to the event.

Posters about this are being sent to all parishes, so it is hoped that the whole diocese will be represented. Fr. James Cassidy, C.R.I.C., the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer said that he hopes the event, which has been about a year in the planning, will show clearly what strides have been made in Church Unity by all the Churches over the last 50 years, and that the work of bringing the Churches together is still an important one.

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That morning we celebrated Mass in the Basilica of Santa Croce. Afterwards our guide Paola, took us to the Pope's seat as bishop of Rome, the basilica of St. John Lateran and the Scala Sancta, the steps brought from Jerusalem in the 4th century and said to be those ascended by Christ before his trial. In the afternoon Paola took us on a tour of St. Peter's basilica.

On Tuesday we celebrated Mass in St. Peter's. Later we visited the English College, which began as a hospice for English pilgrims in 1362. During the Reformation it became, and remains, a seminary for the training of English priests. In the afternoon we walked to the district of Trastevere, visited the church of Santa Maria in Trastevere, and had dinner at a restaurant there.

We returned to St. Peter's square on Wednesday for the papal audience. It was a wonderful experience. Pope Francis came to the podium, addressed the massive crowd and moved about in his pope-mobile to reach as many as possible. That afternoon we travelled to Assisi and toured the places associated with St. Francis and St. Clare. We went to the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli which covers St. Francis' original tiny chapel,

the Portiuncula, near where he died. From Assisi we went on to the town of Loreto, visited the basilica which contains the Holy House believed to be the home at Nazareth in which the Holy Family lived. We celebrated Mass there after a guided tour.

Then we travelled south, stopping first in Lancia, the site of a Eucharistic miracle in the 8th century. We then moved on to S. Giovanni Rotondo to honour St. Padre Pio. On the following day, Saturday, we had Mass at the saint's tomb. Then we were off to the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel at Monte S. Angelo where legend says that in 490 St. Michael appeared three times to a local nobleman and to the bishop. He directed the bishop to a grotto on the mountainside where there was an altar and a cross. The bishop built a chapel at the entrance to the cave. It became known as the Celestial Basilica, because St. Michael told the bishop that he himself had consecrated it.

On the following day, Sunday, we had Mass at St. Pio's birthplace in Pietrelcina, and continued on to Fiumicino airport for our flight home after a very active and wonderful pilgrimage.

We would like to extend a big thank you to Canon John Koenig, our spiritual leader; to Andy Sipple who organised the pilgrimage and to Andy Biddicombe, who suggested it

Picture: the pilgrim group outside the shrine to Padre Pio.

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Daventry vision shared with Synod bishops



The Annual Conference was held on 13-14th September at Staverton Park in Daventry, Northants. About 300 Marriage Care volunteers attended and heard what Cardinal Vincent Nichols said about the Catholic Church's vision for Marriage Care. Cardinal Nichols said 'the expertise that has been established within the volunteer workforce which supports Marriage Care is considerable and represents an extensive resource for the work of marriage preparation and the care of family relationships'. He confirmed that

he had had talks with the UK government about the strength of the Marriage Care volunteer workforce and how effectively Marriage Care was working in the UK. He thanked everyone for their work in marriage preparation classes and marriage counselling services. Cardinal Nichols was also taking the concept of how effectively Marriage Care works to Rome to share this model in the two week synod of 200 cardinals and bishops from around the world to discuss issues related to the family.

Pilgrims flock to Relic Image

The Miraculous Relic Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe visited St John's Cathedral, Norwich for a week earlier this year.

During this time more than 1,000 pilgrims from throughout the East Anglia Diocese-including St Neots, Peterborough, Cambridge and Yarmouth as well as Norwich-came to pay homage and to pray. Pilgrims were joined by a group of visiting Carmelites who had travelled from Aylesford Priory in Kent. The very successful visit owes much to the support and organisation from KSC Province 27 East Anglia under the direction of Chris Brookes, the Provincial Grand Knight.

Among the very positive outcomes was the establishment of 4 new home shrine devotions and also record repository sales.



At the end of the visit, following the Mass of Return, Fr James Walsh The, Dean, said 'this was a spiritual and uplifting experience for us and for all who came to venerate Our Lady's Miraculous Image. We hope to be blessed from a future visit in your busy programme of Pilgrimage'. The date has since been confirmed for 2017. Other requests for future visits were also received from Aylesford and Peterborough.

Honouring the image

The Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration will be on Friday 12 December, 7.30 pm, at the Shrine in the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Brereton Road, Bedford. Once again our principal celebrant will be Bishop Peter Doyle.

We will be joined by priests and guests who have come together from the Catholic provinces of England and Wales. During the Mass, Guardians and Home Shrine families will renew their promises and commitment to the Devotion.



SVP serve the sick in annual Beaconsfield Mass



The St. Teresa's Beaconsfield SVP Mass took place on Monday 29th September and was followed by a Tea in the Parish Centre. The Mass, celebrated by Fr. Francis Higgins assisted by Deacon Michael Phelan, featured the anointing of the sick and was well attended. At the Tea in the centre the outgoing President of the

SVP Michael Duffy was commended for his work over the last few years, in which time the St. Teresa's Conference had more than doubled in size, and a presentation was made by the incoming president Martin Majoram.

Pictures: left, the sacrament: below, the presentation.



Plaque marks prayer success



The UCM have held their Annual Rosary Rally at The Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Our Rosary and Prayer day is always so special, so we presented Fr. Damien with a plaque in appreciation that so many of our prayers had been answered. Every year we are in awe and thanks that whether we are praying about people trafficking, the homeless, mental health issues or children's welfare, our prayers are always answered in some way within our Diocese, it has been inspirational to us all, and to everyone visiting our shrine. This year our focus was 'Women in Poverty' not only physically but spiritually. Our speakers were Margaret Langley and Janet Baker who offer Post Abortion poverty counselling within Luton Good Council and Rachel's Vineyard. Gillian Brockway shared with

us here miraculous recovery from pain after asking Our Lady for help. We all remember Gillian attending previous rallies on the crutches she doesn't need any more. Our plaque was presented by our president Marianne French, and our treasurer Bernadette Bates co-ordinated its design and manufacture. After Mass we listened to our speakers then enjoyed refreshments and a good natter. Our Rosary continued in the afternoon with reflections read by members from each foundation in our Diocese. The lovely reflections were compiled by Agnes Milne. We lit our candles and presented our petitions in front of The Icon of Our Lady. Our day concluded with Benediction. We are always so grateful to Fr. Damien and his team at Great Billing for their wonderful hospitality.

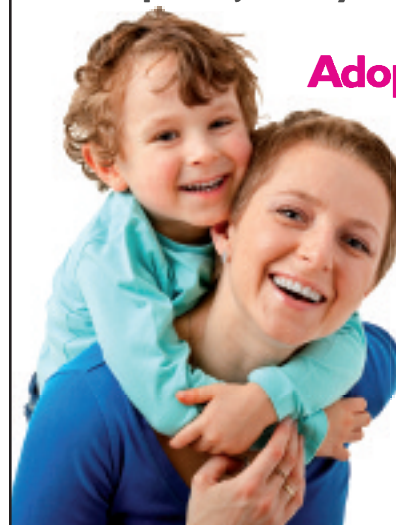
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Herr Beethoven accompanied the entrance hymn. Pope Francis inspired the theme, the Joy of the Gospel. Thornton Convent provided the instrumentalists and the cantors, and their uniforms provided the colour. An intrep-

id young lad from Cardinal Newman school delivered the first reading. The intercessions came from Chesham Bois; the offertory gifts from Corby.

The homily came from Bishop Peter. What makes me happy, he asked. No surprise in the answer – a holiday, a beach and a big ice cream. 'Our schools make me happy too. At the heart of each school is Jesus, giving us unconditional love. Today I want to say a big thank you to Jesus for the love he shares with you'.

The Vine was happy too. A goodly Knight, recognising the power and prestige of the Press, sent your reporter to park his car directly behind the bishop's vehicle, entirely blocking him in.

Pictures: top, opening candle bearers; right, entrance procession; below, musicians from Thornton College.







What makes you happy?

Pictures: Above, Bishop Peter starts Mass; left, readers. Below, young and old.








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Keynes Head of Centre.

Geraldine Delahunty the new Head of Centre for Northampton Marriage Care is gathering her new team together that will not only serve Northampton town but the whole of Northamptonshire. Geraldine said "I would really like the Northampton Centre to grow and would like volunteers to give any spare time they have to help with the range of services on offer – or can even help on an ad-hoc basis" Geraldine went on to say "I'm surprised how high the demand for services is. To be able to deliver marriage preparation and for counselling couples we need more volunteers to come forward"

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Welcome for St. Brendan's Head

On Tuesday 30th September, St Brendan's Catholic Primary School in Corby saw their Headteacher, Mrs Brydon, inducted into the school in a special Mass led by Monsignor Kevin McGinnell.

The Mass was a wonderful celebration of affirming Mrs Brydon as the schools Headteacher. The link between school, family and

parish was emphasized by the number of people who were there to support Mrs Brydon. During the Mass Mrs Brydon was presented with the school mission statement from the children, a Bible from the staff and a candle from Nore. Following the Mass, there was a fantastic celebration in the school hall for the guests to attend and for Mrs Brydon to enjoy her achievement.

Feast day Mass for Cardinal Newman Head



Mr Joe Richardson, the newly appointed Headteacher of Cardinal Newman Catholic School in Luton had his Mass of Induction on Thursday, 9 October, a date which is the Feast Day of their Patron, Blessed John Henry Newman, a great supporter of Catholic education.

Monsignor Kevin McGinnell, the Episcopal Vicar for Education, presided at the Mass, assisted by Fr Tony Brennan, Fr Chris Whitehouse, Deacon James Bannan and Deacon James Grennell.

The Liturgy was attended by the school governors, staff, invited guests of Mr Richardson and students, who assisted in all aspects of the mass, showing their support for the new Headteacher.

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Caroline Moloney presented Mr Richardson to the Episcopal Vicar with the letter of commendation from Bishop Peter to affirm his role in the teaching ministry of God's church in the Diocese.

Once Mass had concluded, Mr Richardson gave thanks to all those involved and presented former Headteacher, Mrs Jane Crow, with a bouquet of flowers. He also gave thanks to those who had supported him over the years through his work in four Diocesan schools.

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Defending Marriage: Twelve Arguments for Sanity

Anthony Esolen. St Benedict Press.

Anthony Esolen, professor of English at Providence College in the US, has written a serious, well-argued reflection on what marriage is traditionally meant to mean, why it matters and how it has been deeply undermined by recent new legislation that seeks to re-define it. His point is that it is not too late to "rebuild among the ruins" of what many western governments have done to marriage in legalising for a completely new form viz. marriage between those of the same sex. Dr Esolen argues that marriage is not simply a romantic relationship between two people (which is what the modern liberal establishment defines it as being); it also brings together two different sets of families, with all their interrelationships, in the making of a new family. Society has always privileged this unique institution because "it is the family, and not the abstracted, autonomous individual that is the foundation for the community." He is not afraid to point out what many people realise but refrain from saying aloud: that "the whole of the sexual revolution has been a colossal failure and has wrought untold human misery." Although a Catholic, the author does not argue his case from a religious perspective but from the standpoint of what human societies require to be healthy and pros-

perous. Among his closely-reasoned, eloquent arguments in defence of marriage are that the institution is a public one for the good of society as a whole; that without support from society it is hard enough to make heterosexual marriage flourish, let alone a new, experimental model; that

"the whole of the sexual revolution has been a colossal failure and has wrought untold human misery."

we need to recover the virtues of modesty, self-restraint and purity that in the past were associated with marriage; and that the redefinition of marriage undermines the ancient bond of male friendship. He emphasises that those who are most damaged by fragile adult relationships and divorce are the children. We have to learn to put the interests of children before adult selfishness, which is what happens

when we deliberately deprive them of a mother or father, thus damaging their emotional development. Esolen is also stern about divorce which he believes should only be allowed in exceptional circumstances, such as physical or moral danger; he is clear that no-fault divorce, while seemingly a more compassionate response to unhappiness, has been destructive of all those marriages that might be difficult or unsatisfactory but which, in the past, were loyally maintained for the better security and wellbeing of the children involved.

Analysing the moral chaos of modern relationships Esolen's book can sound somewhat negative, but it should be read as a warning on how and why western governments and states have taken a wrong path without properly reflecting on the long-term consequences. In arguing for "sanity" the author hopes his book will make ordinary people, not just those of religious faith, recognise that to destroy traditional marriage affects the whole of society in ways they may not have realised; it is a book well worth pondering and debating. Esolen articulates what most people know but cannot formulate: why governments have no business meddling in the ancient institution of marriage between a man and a woman.

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Beaconsfield Library. Shown in the photo, manning the stand were Martin Majoram, president of the St. Teresa's Beaconsfield SVP, Michael Duffy & Bernard Egan. Others members of the SVP did a stint from time to time. Coffee &

Company is held each week from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the St. Teresa's Parish Centre behind the church in Warwick Road. It has been running since January 2013 and while well established it is always keen to welcome new attendees.

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Promoting the fast

Parishioners in Northampton have been inspired by CAFOD's energiser days to help fight global hunger.

A group of volunteers met in Beaconsfield on 13 September to discuss Fast Day (held on 3 October) and the successes the group has already achieved. Altogether there were eight new CAFOD supporters, including a 12-year-old boy called Philip who came along with his parents to meet the group, and Father Francis from St Teresa's Catholic Church.

Part two of the energiser event took place on 20 September at St Gregory's Primary School in Northampton. Many were shocked to learn that one in eight in our world go hungry - when there is enough food for all.

Harvest Fast Day occurs at a time when farmers are harvesting the crops that provide food we eat. But half of the people in the world who go hungry are actually farmers. This year's campaign asked parishioners "Will you make a place at your table?" by making a one-off or regular donation.

Another suggestion was to support CAFOD by praying, wasting less food and by fasting/eating less and then donating the savings made.

An example of this good work is when CAFOD works with the local people to dig bore holes to find water and give them tools so they can help themselves.

CAFOD's Northampton Diocese Manager, Deborah Purfield, said: "These days were very positive and we had some fantastic input. The groups felt energised to take something back to their parish to promote Fast Day, whether it be handing out the envelopes rather than just leaving them for people to take, getting young people to partake more, giving a two-minute Fast Day talk or even holding a fundraising event with a talk before that on the work of CAFOD."

For more information, please contact Deborah Purfield on 01604 785254, email Northampton@cafod.org.uk or visit <http://www.cafod.org.uk/CAFOD-in-your-area/Harvest-2014>

New hand on Thomas More tiller

The Directors of the St Francis of Assisi Academies Trust are delighted to announce the appointment of Ms Alison Wilshaw as the Head Teacher of St Thomas More Catholic Teaching School, with effect from 1 September 2014. Many parents will know Ms Wilshaw and her insistence on the highest possible standards in all aspects of school life. She may already be teaching your child or, she may have taught you!

Ms Wilshaw joined St Thomas More in 1986 as a Newly Qualified Teacher (NQT) and has been an excellent servant of the community ever since. She has been both a successful Head of Year and Head of the English Department. As Head of English, her vision and department's remarkable results were a major driver in our successful bid to become a Specialist Humanities College.

In recent times, Ms Wilshaw was part of the leadership team that led the school to Ofsted outstanding status in 2011. This was quickly followed by Teaching School status later in that same year and being named as one of the 100 Most Improved Schools (for the second time) in 2013. In 2012/13, St Thomas More recorded its best ever results for Maths and English.



At this time, Ms Wilshaw was Acting Head Teacher.

We wish Ms Wilshaw well and offer her our full support in ensuring that all pupils are safe, happy and successful whilst at St Thomas More and that the school continues to go from success to success.

Dr Alan Lee
Executive Principal

School's bumper boost for Macmillan charity



The pupils, staff and parents of Sacred Heart Primary School in Luton are very proud of their record fundraiser for this year's Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning. Through coffee sessions, a raffle and cake sales they raised £700 for the charity.

The school family worker Mrs Sue Diggin said "Parents were extremely generous and scores of home baked treats were sent in for the children to buy, many of which reflected the different cultures within the school community."

Unused boxes of shop bought cakes have been made into hampers and will be presented to the Luton Foodbank along with donations of tinned food, rice and pasta collected by Sacred Heart School as part of the school's Harvest Festival Celebration and the generosity of Sacred Heart families will benefit yet another charity.

**Next
deadline
January 1
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Slough explores parish initiatives

Each Autumn Bishop Peter visits the 13 Pastoral Areas to review progress in that part of the Diocesan programme known as "Walking Humbly with our God". The programme is particularly concerned with the life of our worshipping communities. The "Walking Humbly with our God" process was about much more than just organising the number of Masses we have and how we deploy our priests. It was very much too about parish renewal, developing our present strengths and looking for new initiatives.

On September 27th 2014 a Slough Pastoral Area Conference took place and representatives from each of our six parishes were invited to say something about the energy and life they are bringing to their particular ministries and initiatives. Furthermore, Sister Petronia (from the Archdiocese of Westminster) spoke about the needs of the Irish travelling community.

The overall aim of the day is that we are encouraged by each other and are able to offer some wisdom to each other. The speakers were:

St. Ethelbert's: "Our town centre church"
Maria Corcoran
Our Lady of Peace: "Ministering to the Homeless"
John Power
Holy Redeemer: "Developing hospital chaplaincy"
Michel Ossei-Williams
St. Augustine's: "Ministering to an older congregation"
Bob Forsyth
Holy Family: "Moving to adult catechesis"
Roni Russell/Kieran McKeown
St. Anthony's: "Catholic education in Slough 2014"
Jim Hayes
Pastoral Area: "Serving the Travelling Community"
Sister Petronia

More than 50 people from the pastoral area attended and were joined by Bishop Peter, who commented afterwards: "All the areas covered were so relevant to the life and mission of the Church, and I hope that the Conference will promote closer cooperation among the parishes



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Mr David Williams with his wife Rosemary after being invested with the MBE by Prince William at Windsor Castle 2 October. David is a parishioner of St Augustine Daventry. The award was for community service and charity work. One of the charities involved was the recent diocesan campaign to raise funds for education of priests retired clergy and laity. He was on the original campaign advisory committee for raising the funds and is still a committee member of the TIF committee. Other charities were ABF the Soldiers Charity and the Holy Sepulchre Restoration trust Northampton. The community award was further raising funds to build and assisting in improving standards at a school for children with emotional and behavioural problems and Northampton."



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