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Clergy appointments

Monsignor Sean Healy VG -
Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Beaconsfield
and St Dunstan's, Bourne End and Dean of
South Bucks Pastoral Area

Canon Bennie Noonan -
Parish Priest of St Peter's, Biggleswade in
addition to St Francis of Assisi, Shefford

Father James Cassidy CRIC -
Parish Priest of Our Lady of Charity and St
Augustine's, Daventry

Father John Danford -
Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Flitwick in
addition to Sacred Heart, Leighton Buzzard

Father Francis Higgins -
Dean of Milton Keynes and Parish Priest of
the new Milton Keynes "Hub" comprising St
Augustine's, Heelands, Our Lady of
Lourdes, Coffee Hall, Christ the
Cornerstone, Christ the King, Kents Hill*, St
Bede's, Newport Pagnell* and St Mary's,
Woburn Sands

Father Jonathan Hill -
Parish Priest of St Augustine's, High
Wycombe

Father Wayne Coughlin -
Parish Priest of SS Philip and James and
Holy Cross, Bedford

Father Jude Iroh MSP -
Priest in Charge of St Anne's, Wendover in
addition to Our Lady of Lourdes, Bedgrove

Father Alessandro Renò -
Priest in Charge of Immaculate Heart of
Mary, Great Missenden in addition to St
Columba's, Chesham

Father Allan Jones CRIC -
To assist Father James Cassidy CRIC while
pursuing further studies

Father Pius Amoako -
Assistant Priest at the Milton Keynes "Hub"

Father Michael Bates -
Assistant Priest at Holy Family, Langley
with
St Augustine's, Datchet

Father Paul Gonsalves MSFS -
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Father Lijo Payikkattu MSFS -
Assistant Priest at the Milton Keynes "Hub"

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Assistant Priest at St Teresa's, Beaconsfield
and St Dunstan's, Bourne End and
continuing to assist with Sehion Ministries

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A taste and touch of Burma

On Sunday 30th July Sr. Eugene, who was born in Myanmar and is a sister in the Community of St Paul, invited parishioners from Haddenham and Long Crendon to join her and friends from the Burmese community for a Burmese Lunch followed by a demonstration of traditional Burmese dancing and a puppet show. The main purpose of the event which took place in the grounds of Our Lady of Light at Long Crendon was to raise money to support a student studying for the priesthood in Myanmar.

A large tent was erected in the grounds behind the church which was sufficient to accommodate most of the guests sitting at

tables where they were protected from the rain showers. There was a generous selection of Burmese dishes available and the whole atmosphere was enlivened by the ladies and gentlemen from Myanmar who were wearing brightly coloured traditional costumes.

The lunch was a very much enjoyed by all who attended and the fund raising was boosted by a bumper raffle with a large selection of donated prizes. At the end of the day the event produced a profit of £2,100.

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Forty years and a medal



Bishop Peter and the Lord lieutenant of Northamptonshire, David Laing joined staff and students to celebrate a great milestone for the residents of Kings Heath, Northampton.

Many past students and staff came together in celebration of the fortieth birthday of St. Mary's school. Head Teacher, Mark Wilson emphasised the importance of the primary

school to the whole community.

On arrival the school choir sang for Bishop Peter and Her Majesty's representative to Northamptonshire, both spending time enjoying the company of the young children.

A presentation was made to Mr Hugh Williams prior to Mass, of the Benemerenti honour for services to education. Mr

Williams has been chair of governors at St. Mary's and St. Gregory's primary since academisation in April 2016 and Chair of the federation governors before that. He has been involved with Catholic education as a teacher and governor for many decades. A well-deserved honour.

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Silver for Fr Francis Higgins

St. Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield hosted a Mass to celebrate 25 years of priesthood of Fr. Francis, the parish priest. The church was packed with parishioners from St. Teresa's and St. Dunstan's Bourne End where he is also the parish priest. The clergy was represented by Bishop Peter, numerous priests and deacons throughout the diocese plus the Rev. Jeremy Brooks, Rev Carolyn Croisdale-Appleby from St. Mary's Beaconsfield and Rev. Nigel Douglas from the United Reform Church, Beaconsfield.

Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll from Holy Family, Langley gave an amusing tribute detailing their first meeting in Bletchley when Fr. Francis was a deacon to the current date. Celine Pearson also gave an address which included items from various groups in both parishes. A secret collection had been made over the few weeks and Fr. Francis was given a cheque for £5,000. After the service drinks & nibbles were served in the Parish Centre & Garden.



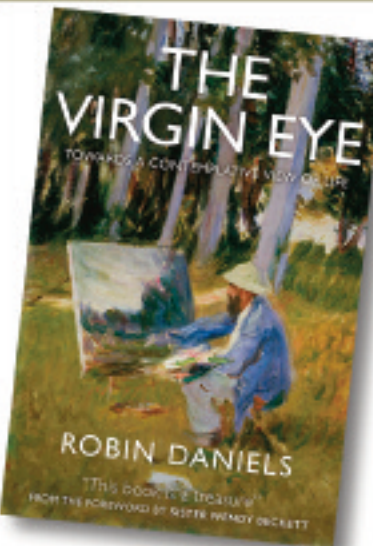


And ruby for Dean of Aylesbury Fr John Beirne

A Mass to celebrate 40 years of Priesthood 1977-2017 of Fr. John Patrick Beirne was held at St. Clare's Church in Aylesbury on Friday 23rd June at 7.00pm. The Mass was concelebrated by Mgr Sean Healy with Fr. John and several of his fellow priests including Fr. Hugh O'Donnell who attended the Salesian College with Fr John and gave a short tribute. Fr. John was ordained by

Bishop Charles Grant on July 8th 1977 and served at five other Churches in the Diocese before becoming parish priest for St. Clare's & St. Joseph's churches in Aylesbury in 1999. The Mass was well attended and a fish & chips supper was provided in the grounds afterwards. As well as parish priest Fr. Beirne is District Spiritual Advisor for the SVP.





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Gold for David

Talented Year 11 athlete David Boake has enjoyed outstanding success at the International Catholic Student Games (FISEC) in Italy this month. His medal haul included a gold in the 100m final, silver in the mixed relay and bronze as the boys in Team GB finished third overall in the whole athletics champion

Gold Silver & bronze

Speaking about the Games, David said: "The experience was great and I was really excited going into the championships. Everything was very professional and well organised.

"I'm just glad that it's now over and that I was able to live up to the expectations. It's good to know that all that hard work, time and effort was worth it.

"Getting a personal best of 11.15 in the 100m heats made me much more determined to

go and win the day after in the final with a time of 11.18. A very close race. Overall I'm just happy I've been able to come home injury free and healthy, with three medals. I hopefully have many more international opportunities in the near future."

Head of PE, Ross Knapper), said: "This is an incredible achievement for David. He has done an amazing job of representing St Paul's Catholic School and his country in the Games."

The FISEC Games is one of two world competitions for school based sport. This competition is recognised by the International Olympic Committee and follows international rules. Over the years, the Catholic Schools Sports Federation of Great Britain through FISEC, has provided the opportunity for young people to experience international sport for the first time with many going on to achieve full international honours in Athletics, Football, Swimming and Volleyball.

Picture shows David Boake (left) with Ross Knapper



MK Catenian Tony reaches 50



At the June meeting of the Milton Keynes Circle of the Catenian Association, Brother Tony McManus was presented with a scroll marking fifty years membership of the Association. The presentation was made by Great Britain National President, Brother Peter Rogers. Also present at the meeting

were Provincial Director, Brother Dennis Murphy, and his wife together with Provincial President, Brother Nando Braz. The occasion was also a Ladies Evening and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Brother Tony, who originally joined South-

gate Circle, was a founder member of Milton Keynes Circle and its first President in 1981. He also served as Circle President in 2008. Brother Tony has recently been elected to the office of Provincial Councilor.

(Left to right): Brother Dennis Murphy, (Director, Province 14), Margaret McManus, Brother Tony McManus, Britain National President, Brother Peter Rogers, Joan Rogers, and Brother Martin Cowan (Circle President).

Our new priest

Michael Bates was ordained into the diocesan priesthood on July 15 at a joyfull Mass at St. Augustine's, Daventry, where he was received into the church some years ago. Many priests and deacons from the diocese, as well as seminarians and contemporaries from Oscott, with the Rector and Vice-rector, joined family, friends and parishioners from several places where Michael had been on placement. Bishop Peter said that he had received numerous requests for Michael to be sent to them as a priest, but he was going to go to Holy Family, Slough to assist Canon Kevin O'Driscoll with that parish and with Datchet and Eton.

The congregation moved en-masse to the Daventry Working Mens' Club. A splended meal was enjoyed, speeches made songs sung and two ordination cakes cut

Our newly-ordained priest is no novice. He has seen more than seminary and sacristy. The journey possibly began when, as a young boy, his mother gave him a small Sacred Heart statue bought in a Rand Store. 'What's this', he asked. 'Its what we think Jesus looked like' she replied. He has kept it by him ever since. After the death of his mother when he was a teenager

Rand Store? Yes, he's the youngest of five in a first generation Sourh African family. His parents had emigrated from England, and the whole family were brought up as Anglicans. After the death of his mother when he was a young teenager Michael found his spiritual home in Methodism.

As a young adult he began training for the Methodist ministry. His dad wasn't too keen. As the youngest, Michael lacked some of the experience of his older siblings. So dad wanted him to spread his wings a bit.

Duribg the the first year of his ministerial training course he left South Africa on October 2, 2006. By October 5 he was working in a hotel in Daventry. He began as the junior who set up the conference rooms with pencil and paper and the like. Then he began to scale the heights. He became a receptionist and then conference supervisor.

As a committed Methodist he went along to a Methodist church in Daventry. 'There were no young people of my age'. So that was the end of that. But he retains his admiration of the Methodist Tradition, especially its use of Scripture. He does see confusion though. At home he knew two Methodist church communities. One happily welcomed gay marriage. The other said 'Scripture forbids it'.

For Christmas 2006 he went to Mass at St. Augustine's, Daventry. 'I hated it'. But a young Polish girl who also worked at the hotel had spotted him there. Come Ash Wednesday she encouraged him to go with her to Mass. 'There won't be any thing special', she said. 'They won't be using incense'. Then she started pestering him to go with her on Lenten Sundays. Halfway through Lent he gave in. 'If you stop nagging me I'll come with you'.

'I had no idea what was going on. When the

congregation went down the aisle for Holy Communion I joined them, but I didn't know what to do. I tried to compromise by shaking hands with the priest, but he gave me Communion. 'Back in my seat a dialogue started in my head about the Eucharist. It was God speaking. He started the discussion'. In March 2008 Michael was received into the Church.

Work too was taking him in a new direction. He went to a nursing home as a care assistant. Leaving there he went to Badby Park to work with neurological patients. A couple of decades earlier it had been a very flourishing convent, although he didn't know that at the time. And clergy were encouraging him to become gradually involved in parish ministry. 'But I had so much to learn'. 'I needed to grow as a Catholic'. He thought about taking a catechist's course, but ended up taking part in five vocations weekends over three years. 'If you don't apply to go to seminary I will ban you from the course' said the Vocations Director.

So it was off to Valladolid with other new Catholics, including Fr. Wayne Coughlin, of Great Missenden and Fr. Christopher Perry of Bletchley. They remain firm friends. The course lasted twelve months and had a focus on spiritual development. 'For me' says Michael, 'it was a long period of learning. I had never heard of the Second Vatican Council, but I read all the documents. I discovered some of the treasures of Catholic spirituality which were new to me, like the Stations of the Cross'.

Then it was the six year formation at Oscott and ordination as a deacon last year. Even his parish postings have brought new and sometimes unwelcome experiences. He was deacon with Mgr Paul Donovan in High Wycome, and was standing beside him when he collapsed at Christmas Midnight Mass. He looked after him for the short time he was at home and was woken by the hospital doctor in the early hours of the morning when Paul died. 'I didn't know that he had made me his next of kin'.

He knows that in a decade or two he may be the only priest in a town. But he doesn't have any dread about it. 'It would be an exciting opportunity'.



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The day was led by Kieran O'Brien (Coordinator - South Wales) and we started with 10mins contemplative prayer which Maureen Everington summed up the feelings of most when she said, "I really felt the 10mins fly and felt I could really delve deep into prayer." Many thought it would be such a great idea if more people could learn to do this form of prayer!

We looked at universal values and were surprised to note that a survey showed that irrespective of background or belief, people tended to have similar ideas of what comprised "good values" and "less good values" and how these represented our guiding principles. It was so interesting to see how prayer drives values!

The day gave us a chance to explore how can we connect our lives to our deepest held values, and recognise new ways on how we can put Pope Francis' vision into action in our own parishes and communities.

"How I would love a Church that is poor, and for the poor." – Pope Francis

We took time to contemplate on the things that re-

ally matter to us, and helped to reconnect our lives to the values of the Gospel.

We also had the opportunity over a shared lunch to get to know people from across the diocese and share experiences.

At Slough, eight year old Anthony brought chocolates and apricots to share and was keen for people to partake in it. A wonderful reminder of the miracle of the 5 loaves and two fish.

The second half of the day was equally engaging. Throughout the day we touched on Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and his apostolic exhortation - *Evangelii Gaudium* which are so awesome and really worth a read. Through this, people were encouraged to pray simply and LiveSimply.

The feedback was so positive. Michael Keaveny from St Joseph Bedford said "There is much food for thought here" and his comment was shared by many.

Young Anthony who participated fully in the day



said, "I enjoyed the day very much. Mum and I plan to come to church earlier from now on so that we can do the 10min silence and be still."

Candice Sinnett from Kettering reflected, "It was a super day. I got so much from it. We are all guilty of not allowing ourselves time for reflection and run the danger emptying our tanks. I have a full tank now!! Thank you"

They were truly informative and transformative days and thank you to all who participated in it.



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A load of old rubbish

Year 7 and 8 pupils gave something back to the local community when they spent a day helping 16 staff from Santander to clean up an overgrown and rubbish strewn part of the redway near the school.

The day was a vital action day for the Citizens:mk Redways Relaunch campaign, with pupils wearing 'Redway Warriors' t-shirts and using litter-picking equipment purchased by Santander.

Meghan Jones, the teacher responsible for coordinating Citizens:mk activities, said: "Everyone worked so hard on the day and it was incredible to see the end result. When we compared before and after pictures we could really see the huge difference that all our efforts have made."

As well as cans, bottles, plastic bags and nappies the Redway Warriors also found padlocks and chains discarded in the undergrowth. The items litter-picked from the redway and the debris trimmed from overgrown bushes and plants filled dozens of rubbish sacks. Year 8 pupil Tegan said: "It was great working with the Santander people. They're so friendly!"

Karen Robson, Santander's Head of Third

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Northampton diocese was represented by many parishioners from St Martin de Porres, Luton, and St Augustine's, Milton Keynes. The musicians from Luton sang and played with a congregation of almost 2000 people in an uplifting and spirit-filled Eucharistic celebration. Given the leadership of the Luton members of Couples for Christ – making all the liturgical arrangements – a casual observer could be forgiven for thinking that St Martin de Porres Parish were "on tour!"

The Mass with Bishop Peter stood at the centre of a weekend of enriching reflection and fellowship.

Oliver Pena, from St Martin's Luton, said: "It was a once in a lifetime spiritual experience, gathering with other families from all over Europe. We were inspired by Bishop Peter's homily, where he thanked us for our witness to stand firm in our faith."

Reena Pena agrees: "It was a great opportunity for us to share God's love with others through our life experience."

Brighton Centre, home of party political conferences, formed the venue for the weekend conference. Prayer time and spiritual sharing took centre stage, with Mass, adoration, rosary and moving testimonies. But there was lots of time for fellowship too, with one formal evening devoted to a showcase of talents, including dance, singing and drama. Also, a banner design competition, a 'praise parade' and food festival were other fondly-remembered highlights of a culturally enriching weekend.

The younger members, known as YFC or KFC – Youth For Christ and Kids For Christ – were kept busy with a 'Youth Olympics' in which sporting and cheerleading activities brought delight to those involved.

Maria Cantero, 16, spoke of the dance competition that took place. "As I was dancing and hearing all the delegates from so many countries, it was very uplifting to hear that kind of support from people who stand firm in their faith with us."

The theme of the 'Megacon' came from 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, and many sported t-shirts carrying the words of the Apostle: "Stand firm in the faith."

Dale Montesclaros spoke for many about the what the weekend meant for those involved. She said: "The experience itself was filled with a realisation of being able to build unity among ourselves to do the Father's will – and to be encouraged to bring forth and share the faith with everyone."



Jubilarians celebrate

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Tuesday 10th October 2017

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MK's Mini-vinnies

In February pupils at St. Bernadette's were joined by members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) from Christ the King Church in Milton Keynes at the Commissioning Ceremony of our newly formed Mini Vinnies team. Mini Vinnies are the youth branch of the SVP. We congratulate the newly formed Leadership Team, comprised of the successful applicants from Year 4 and Year 5 pupils: Senior members - Franek, Mali, Stefan and Sandra. Communications Officer - Lavinia, Secretary - Prayksha, Treasurer - Marie, Vice President - Maxenne and President - Adam. They will be joined by our Children's Chaplaincy Team to ensure that the whole school community has a continuous focus on supporting the elderly, sick, lonely and vulnerable within Milton Keynes.

We had our first meeting shortly after the commissioning ceremony and the Mini Vinnies team members chose to support The Henry Allen Trust (THAT) and their Easter egg collection. We were delighted to collect over 600 eggs which were donated to sick children in hospital over the Easter holiday.

The team are looking forward to sending cards, letters, jokes and poems to the elderly and sick in the local area. They will also be taking donations to the Foodbank and learning more about this vital service to families in crisis. Any suggestions for how we can continue to fulfil our promise to the vulnerable within Milton Keynes would always be gratefully received.



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

Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 1 Like a Middle Eastern country, one of the past (7)
- 5 Apostle with him out is going to die (5)
- 8 Written word puts crier in a tizz (9)
- 9 Part of the chair to reinforce (3)
- 10 Way a desert country contracted for plant opening (5)
- 12 One tucking into pineapple's an eye opener for Paul? (7)
- 13 Conflicting reports one may have heard of 25, perhaps? (6)
- 14 Figures car check-ups should be inclusive (6)
- 16 Old coal town's right to get Japanese firm to attract a large number in (7)
- 19 King of Ammon's sounding surprised to meet one with a habit (5)
- 21 NASA's concern - in short, it may have a blinking light (3)
- 22 Rig Madras constructed for carnival... (5,4)
- 24 ...is handy to re-use for masses, he wrote (5)
- 25 Xerxes and Themistocles scrap here for sausages (7)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Port of Mysia from which Paul sailed when seeing mayday (5)
- 2 Rhode Island's return address (3)
- 3 Rachel's sister's taken up hip-hop to promote a Renaissance Man (7)
- 4 Polish invasion of an unoccupied Antarctica island (5)
- 5 Gratitude indicated after pastry Madonna caught (while having a tot) on her lap (5)
- 6 Piece of jazz, it reaches Number One contrary

to custom (9)

- 7 Flock's inner bearing, one to follow by the Nile (7)
- 11 Ring flea-pit about Thor, shortly to be seen on date that smacks of 6 (9)
- 13 Branch out with gold into the London market (7)
- 15 Judge's hot-line's been tampered with (7)
- 17 Monster doctor discovers during study (5)
- 18 Anathema, frostiness, covering cuts made in the 70s? (5)
- 20 Time for loch to accommodate animal dwellings (5)
- 23 Suspect in Germany the cull from a bunch of crows is upsetting (3)

QUICK Across

- 1 Biblical country, now part of N Iraq (7)
- 5 Apostle entrusted with the 'keys of the Kingdom of Heaven' (5)
- 8 Religious writing, especially the Holy Bible (9)
- 9 Ready for 13 (3)
- 10 Mouth-like opening in certain animals: plant pore (5)
- 12 Curer of Paul's blindness in Damascus (7)
- 13 Struggle (6)
- 14 Themes (6)
- 16 S Wales valley(s) whose steam coal fuelled Britain's navy a century ago (7)
- 19 King of Ammon, son of Nahash (5)
- 21 Roswell sighting? (3)
- 22 Fat Tuesday (5,4)
- 24 Composer brothers (Franz) Josef and Michael (5)
- 25 Sea 13 between the Greeks and Persians,

480 BC (7)

QUICK Down

- 1 Mysian port from which Paul sailed to Jerusalem for the last time (5)
- 2 Rod Stewart, for one (3)
- 3 In Tobit, one of seven archangels (7)
- 4 Caribbean island, independent from the Netherlands Antilles since 1986 (5)
- 5 Representation of the Virgin Mary mourning over the dead body of Jesus (5)
- 6 Convention [1] (9)
- 7 Any of twelve kings of ancient Egypt between 1315 and 1090 BC (7)
- 11 Convention [2] (9)
- 13 English town that forms the constituency of a member of parliament (7)
- 15 One of the first Israelite judges who stopped his people worshipping Baal (7)

SOLUTION

Across: 1 Assyria, 5 Peter, 8 Scripture, 9 Arm, 10 Stoma, 12 Ananias, 13 Battle, 14 Motifs, 16 Rhondada, 19 Hanun, 21 UFO, 22 Mardi Gras, 24 Haydn, 25 Salamis. **Down:** 1 Assos, 2 Sir, 3 Demon, 18 Afros, 20 Nests, 23 Rum.

