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## West goes east for Marian devotion



Kettering Syro-Malabar Community celebrated the feast of Queen of Holy Rosary on 29th October 2017 at St. Edwards Catholic Church Kettering. The preparation prayer for this feast was well organised by the committee members. From 1st of October till 28th Oct, 5.15 to 6pm, there was a preparation prayer for the celebration of the feast at different residence in the community. Prayers were included with a rosary and a novena and average attendance was 50 to 60 people including children.

Church decorations were done by the community's talented people and a team of around 18 people worked all night to make the church beautiful for the celebrations. Celebration started with rosary at 2.30pm on 29th October and Canon John hoisted the flag outside the church at 2.45pm. After flag hoisting, holy mass started and 5 priests combined together to celebrate the mass

and main celebrant was Fr.Tomy Chirackal Manaval. our community's priest in-charge Fr.Wilson Kottam Msfs c-ordinated everything and Fr.Paul Gonzalez Msfs (Assistant Priest, St.Edwards),Fr.Benny Valiyaveettil Msfs, Fr.Roy Karakattu Msfs were the co-celebrants.

At the end of the holy mass, there were presentation of awards for the winners of catechism from last academic year. After the mass, there was a procession outside the church which went through the street holding the statue of our Lady and St.Thomas the Apostle. Around 300 people participated for the celebration including the procession. At the end of the celebration there was a gathering and food for all.

**Binoy Kanjookkaran**

## Bishop Peter's Christmas message

A few weeks ago I saw the love of a grandmother in action. I was in the sacristy of a parish in Swansea preparing for the Funeral Mass of a Northampton priest, Canon Michael Griffiths, who retired to his native Wales in 2014. The lady was quietly checking every drawer and cupboard, every nook and cranny in the sacristy. She was looking for her grandson's house key which he had lost when altar serving the previous Sunday. She was so happy when she found the key. She knew that peace would be restored for her grandson and his mother, her daughter. It was the grandmother's love, more than the key, which restored harmony to the family.

periencing? For all of us, whether we believe or not, the love in our midst is the love of God who sends his only Son, Jesus, to be with us.

That mystery begins to unfold with Mary and Joseph, and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. I pray that that mystery of love may unfold in your life and in the lives of all whom you love. May Jesus be your way, your truth and your life.

May peace and harmony reign in your hearts through the love of God.

Happy Christmas!

+ Peter

**Bishop of Northampton**

With 24 hour news, we are all conscious of the turmoil in people's lives. Perhaps that is true, too, of our own lives. Where is the direction, the meaning and the harmony in what we are ex-



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# Catenians receive scrolls for long service

In November the Chiltern Catenian Circle had their clergy night at the Chartridge Golf Club for which six local priests and deacons had accepted invitations.

It commenced with a mass for the deceased brothers of the circle which was celebrated by Canon Vincent Berry who has just retired at the age of 80. This was followed by a meeting, an excellent dinner and the presentation of scrolls to long serving member of the association.

More than sixty brothers with their ladies and guests assembled for dinner and were delighted to welcome David Taylor who was the Grand President of the Catenian Association in 2008 which was its centenary year.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of scrolls to Brendon Sparks for 50 years and to Michael Stothard, John Capstick and Odran Steed for 25 years of service to the Catenians. Over the years all of them have been president of the Chiltern Circle in addition to holding many other offices within the circle and the Association.

**Pictures: David Taylor & John Capstick:**  
**Below, Odran Steed,**  
**Bottom, Michael Stothard.**

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# Catholics and Lutherans Celebrate Together

It was a unique occasion. Northampton Cathedral played host to a service marking 500 years since Martin Luther began the reformation. It was a Lutheran service, but on the sanctuary, among the Lutheran ministers, were the Anglican Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt Rev John Holbrook. Fr Phillip Swingle was one of the organisers, and Bishop Peter gave the welcome and the final blessing.

The service betrayed Luther's Catholic origins. It began with a penitential litany, using the ancient kyrie eleison response. It continued with the Creed, the Lord's prayer and Lutheran hymns well known to Catholics.

The sermon was delivered by Rt Rev Jann Jeruma-Grinberga, formerly bishop to the Lutherans of Great Britain, and now chaplain to the Anglican community in Riga. 'Its astonishing' she said, 'We are in a service organised by a Lutheran pastor, a Catholic priest and an Anglican lay person, we gather together to worship, to remember the beginnings of the Reformation 500 years ago in a Catholic Cathedral, and with a Lutheran bishop, a woman to boot, preaching. Over the last year we have seen the Pope and the President of the LWF embracing warmly and leading a service together in Lund. We have seen the Pope visit Anglican and Lutheran churches in Rome. We have seen the Archbishop of Canterbury affirming the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification by Faith, signed by Lutherans and Catholics almost 20 years ago. It all started in much more serious ways. For decades following 1517, Catholics burned Protestants, Protestants hanged, drew and quartered Catholics, the religious authorities everywhere persecuted and murdered Anabaptists: and the leaders of the Muenster rebellion, tortured and killed when the city was besieged, were displayed in cages above St Lambert's church for centuries.

There is more to do. Much more. As the conclusion of 'From Conflict to Communion' says, "Lutherans and Catholics are invited to think from the perspective of the unity of Christ's body and to seek whatever will bring this unity to expression and serve the community of the body of Christ. Through baptism they recognize each other mutually as Christians. This orientation requires a continual conversion of heart."

In other words, we (and not just Lutherans and RC) are invited to reorientate our thinking, so that we start always from a perspective of unity. We are going to have to take risks. We are going to have to place ourselves entirely in God's hands, and trust that our loving Creator will guide us, keep us safe, as we knock down the last remaining bricks. My prayer is that when we celebrate 500 years since the beginning of the English Reformation in 15 years time, it will be at a service where the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop celebrate Holy Communion together; a service where a great procession of British Christians - Baptists, Anglicans, Lutherans, Catholics, Pentecostals, URC - walks between Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral to obliterate the last traces of the wall'.



Martin Luther was born in 1483. He studied at the university of Erfurt and in 1505 joined the Augustinian friars. Ordained priest in 1507 he began teaching at the university of Wittenburg and in 1512 was made a Doctor of Theology. In 1510 he had visited Rome on behalf of a number of Augustinian friaries and was appalled by the corruption he found. He became increasingly angry about the clergy selling indulgences. On October 31, 1517, he published his 'Ninety Five theses attacking papal abuses and the sale of indulgences.

He had come to believe that we are saved through faith and not through our own efforts. This turned him against many of the teachings of the Church. The Pope excommunicated him and the Emperor declared him a heretic and outlaw. He went into hiding and returned to Wittenburg in 1522. There he married Katharina von Bora, a former nun, with whom he had six children. In 1534 he published a complete translation of the bible into German. He died on February 18, 1546.

Pictures: above, an ecumenical gathering. First right is the Anglican bishop of Brixworth. First left is a Lutheran parish priest.

*Left: the sermon*



# Blessing for St Bernadette's Prayer Garden

On Monday 30th October, St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, Milton Keynes, celebrated the inaugural blessing of its Prayer Garden. Many staff and families came together for this special occasion. The blessing of the statues was carried out by Fr. Pius during a special service prepared by Sr. Yvonne Pilarski, the school chaplain. There was a very beautiful candlelight procession and we were delighted to have the finest October weather.

Many thanks go to the Sisters of the Holy Cross who kindly funded the statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette

The Garden itself was constructed thanks to the generosity of the whole school community, through the fundraising of St. Bernadette's Parents' Association.

Roses and adornments are given in memory of Miss Margaret Barrick and Mrs Maureen Wheeler.

For some time we had wanted to create a quiet yet distinctive place where members of the school community could go to pray and reflect. After deciding upon the best location in the school grounds and a practical design, we asked our Parents' Association if they would raise the necessary funds. The most important aspect of the project was choosing the statues of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette which were to be the focal point of the prayer garden.

We hope that the garden will be enjoyed and appreciated by children, staff, parents and parishioners for many years to come.



## Happy retirement!

The Luton St Vincent de Paul group celebrated the recent retirement of Mary Gillespie and Andre Till from their group as a thank you for their many years of service to the society.

A lovely evening was had by all. Masses were arranged within the parish for their special intentions and we thought it would be very fitting for them to have a mention in the Vine.



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# Stay awake

## Pastoral 'Letter' for Advent

Bishop Peter launched his year of prayer and vocation in a DVD sent to every parish.

What do we hear Jesus saying to us at the beginning of this season of Advent? "Stay awake!" It is an invitation to prayer, to an openness to God's presence, and it is an invitation to recognise and respond to God's call, to our different vocations and to our vocation as a community on the journey of faith.

Reflecting on his parish visitations he said, 'It is uplifting to see developments in so many parishes and a growing openness of clergy and people to working together across and between communities.'

This season of Advent reminds us that we are a people on the move, a pilgrim people. We look forward to the second coming of Christ and to the kingdom of heaven. We should have our sights set on "the things of heaven", on how just and true, and how loving and forgiving we are.

In Advent we also look back to the first coming of Christ. Have you thought about the impact of that mystery on Mary and Joseph, on the shepherds, the wise men from the east who went home a different way, and on us?

So, this Advent we need to look up and be awake to the bigger picture of our different vocations as disciples of Jesus and not retreat into our comfort zone.

What does that mean? Pope Francis reminds us that the Church's mission is characterised by love and mercy and that is only possible when love and mercy are real and present in you and in me. That is how we are disciples and how we can draw others to be disciples – the Gospel of love and mercy is a source of hope and joy, not just for you and me, but for everyone. What Pope Francis asks of us is a new humility, a deeper love and tenderness and a passion for truth and justice.

All this resonates with our own diocesan journey over the last ten years. In 2007 when I presented my vision for the Diocese, I said: "My vision for our diocesan family is that, together and individually, we are called to be a community who act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God."

At that time our Pastoral Areas were created and parishes were invited to find new ways of working together for two main reasons. One was for us to prepare to make changes in the light of fewer priests. The second was to help our Catholic communities to thrive in a fast changing world.

This all takes time and a change of attitude from "what is the Church doing for me" to "what are we, the Church, called to be and to do for one another and in the service especially of those on the margins of society."

If you were around in the Diocese in 2007, you will remember that I asked everyone to embrace three "Cs" – Confidence in God and in one another – Conversation with God and conversation as a graceful way of talking with one another about what is really important – and Connections to foster a greater sense of belonging to Christ and his Church and to find ways of connecting with wider society.

The source of those three "Cs" remains our friendship with Jesus. That friendship gives hope and joy in our hearts.

Our sense of vocation means that we look beyond ourselves, at how best we serve God and his people. Our congregations have a constantly changing character and in almost all parts of the Diocese there are expanding housing developments.

An example of such change is Milton Keynes celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and due to double in size in the course of this century. With this in mind, I have amalgamated the two Pastoral Areas of Milton Keynes North and South, and we are establishing in the middle of Milton Keynes a pastoral cluster to serve a number of the parishes in the Pastoral Area. This will allow for the necessary flexibility to develop the mission of the Church and respond to need.

It is a different model of working, and it will need time to find its feet but already other areas are looking at establishing a similar kind of pastoral cluster.

I am launching a Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation with those themes woven into the life and worship of our parishes and schools. Then with the power of prayer and with an awareness of our vocation, we can

seek to make disciples, to make new friends for Christ, and to do that with the confidence, to have conversations and to make connections. To help us to do that, we are putting a new emphasis on adult formation and the participation of us all.

A key priority in the Walking Humbly with our God vision was and is the formation of laypeople as well as clergy. Much good work goes on but I am delighted that we have a new initiative with the appointment of a "Diocesan Pastoral Ministry Adviser." The brief for that role is initially to develop lay chaplaincy provision in our hospitals, prisons and universities, and to provide renewed opportunities within our Pastoral Areas to form lay people to help progress our Diocesan understanding of thriving Catholic communities.

Please find simple ways to focus on your prayer and your vocation throughout this Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation. To help us, prayer cards and other resources are available today, and more will be made available on the website each month.

I want to end, firstly, by thanking you all for your goodness and your generosity and, secondly, with part of the solemn blessing for Advent: "As you run the race of this present life, may the almighty and merciful God make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity. Amen."





## Challenge to our schools

*Justine Greening*

Bishop Peter has alerted the diocese to a risk to our schools. In a letter to priests he says, 'In 2010 the Coalition Government placed a faith-based admissions cap on new free schools. In practise this means that only 50% of oversubscribed places can be allocated on the basis of faith. This has precluded the opening of new Catholic schools as it would require Catholic schools to turn away Catholic pupils in favour of other applicants. The government has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and it is vital that the Catholic community makes its voice heard on this issue.'

The Church has been working with Parliament and the government on this issue since 2010. The Prime Minister reiterated her belief that the cap should be removed in 2016 and the 2017 Conservative Party manifesto promised to do so. However, the Secretary of State for Education may be about to reverse this decision. If she does it will rob parents of their right to give their children a Catholic education, and of their children to receive one.

In an effort to show the Secretary of State that this is a deeply important issue to the Catholic community I am asking all priests to raise this issue in their parishes. The

bishop ends with a note for parish newsletters. 'I also ask that you draw specific attention to the online form which can be used to send an email to the Secretary of State registering a parishioner's concern and asking the Secretary of State to rethink this anti-Catholic policy.'

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic education'

Justine Greening was appointed Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Women and Equalities on July 14, 2016. She was elected MP for Putney, Roehampton and Southfields in May 2005





# From Bunyan to the Brickworks

During the warm summer months of June and July 2017, the students at St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School were privileged to have a number of visits from the Bedford Chronicles who shared their most recent project, 'the Journey from Bunyan to the Brickworks'.

The team delivered assemblies across school inspiring students and staff about the life of John Bunyan as well as the many individuals who have journeyed from around the world to be part of our Bedford community today. A particular emphasis was placed on the experience of the Italian community.

Year 7 then received a series of workshops through the History curriculum and a group of Year 9 students took part in a stained glass window workshop and competition. The students were given the task of producing their own illustration of the project in a template of a stained glass window.

On the last day of term the entries were gathered together and as the students left for their holidays, we had the difficult task of choosing a winner. It was a real challenge as the standard of the entries was incredible! We chose our winner but when the Bedford Chronicles arrived to collect the chosen piece, they were so pleased with our students work that they took all of our entries to use in the exhibition.

On Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> we gathered at the Bunyan meeting house for the opening of the exhibition and the unveiling of the overall winner whose image had been turned into a stained glass window. We were delighted to hear our entry from Naomi Stokes now Year 10 at St Thomas More was the winner! Well done Naomi and congratulations to the Bedford chronicles in producing such an inspiring project that has captured so many personal journeys and stories.

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# Scripture at Christmas

## MY SOUL GLORIFIES THE LORD

One of the best-loved Christmas carols celebrates our Lady's yes to God in the annunciation, which is this year's gospel for the last Sunday of Advent. The carol begins: "The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame. 'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!" The carol goes on to report God's unique call to our Lady to become the mother of our Saviour Jesus: "For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honour thee. Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favoured lady." Gloria!" Thereafter, the carol emphasizes Mary's obedient response to God: "Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head. 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said." Immediately the carol refers to our Lady's words from her great hymn of praise, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55): "My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name. Most highly favoured lady." Gloria!" The carol echoes her words at the visitation, when her kinswoman Elizabeth recognized her as the mother of the Lord: "My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour." In the Magnificat, Mary gives thanks that although she is a poor young woman from Nazareth, God has chosen her for the most important task given to any woman, past or future: "He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed." Indeed, throughout history, we remember our Lady's unique place in the story of our salvation, as she sings: "The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!" Our Lady's Magnificat continues by recalling God's ever-present

kindness: "His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him." She is aware that she belongs to a long line of prophetic figures from the Old Testament, who received God's mercy. Perhaps most similar is the figure of Hannah, mother of the prophet Samuel. While she was childless, Hannah prayed for a son, and eventually her prayer was answered. In her gratitude, she dedicated her son to the service of God. Her son Samuel grew up to be a great prophet and the one to anoint David as ruler of Israel. The dark days of defeat in the time of Israel's judges ended with the coming of the nation's great king. Acknowledging that God has given her a son, Hannah utters a song of praise (1 Samuel 2:1-10) that resembles the Magnificat: "My heart exults in the Lord. My strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord." Both Hannah and Mary were lowly women lifted up by God, to play a major role in the story of the chosen people. Hannah sings: "He raises up the poor from the dust. He lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, and inherit a seat of honour." Similarly, our Lady sings of God's saving power: "He puts forth his arm in strength, and scatters the proud-hearted. He casts the mighty from their thrones, and raises the lowly." Hannah and Mary both recognize that God has shown merciful kindness to those in need. Hannah sings: "The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil." Our Lady also rejoices in

God: "He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty." In the Magnificat, Mary expresses her joy that she has become mother of the Saviour. In this way, God has also fulfilled his ancient promises to the chosen people of Israel: "He comes to the help of Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever." When Abraham first left his own country in answer to the divine call, God made him a promise: "I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3). Likewise, because Mary answered God's call, all the families of the earth are blessed. Later, when Abraham had shown his total loyalty to God by being willing even to offer up his son, God extended the promise: "In your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice" (Genesis 22:18). Now Mary's son, one of Abraham's descendants, was going to bring blessing to all the nations of the earth. The carol's final verse beautifully recalls our Lady's role, which we remember every time we celebrate our Lord's birth: "Of her, Emmanuel the Christ was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn. And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say 'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!"

Scriptural Notes by  
 Father Jeremy Corley





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# From an organ in Cranfield to a shrine in Rouzede

My name is Matthew McHugh. I was a parishioner at Saint Mary's church Woburn Sands and The Chapel at Cranfield University for over forty years and being appointed to the Eucharistic ministry by the late Father Stan Condon.

At that time I lived in Cranfield and was a self employed electrician carrying out a lot of work for the general and Christian community. In 1999 I was involved with the dismantling of the original organ in the church of S.S, Peter and Paul in Cranfield and installing a replacement organ.

The original organ was installed in 1835. The pipes from the original organ were wooden and I was able to purchase four of these pipes. In 2011 my wife and I decided to move to Rouzede in the Charente, France. Since living here I become involved with the church and continued my Eucharistic Ministry. Although I am an electrician, I have always been interested in woodwork and this, beside other things it is my main hobby. So, one day I pondered

over the said organ pipes that I brought with me from England and came up with the idea of making a display unit for our lounge.

I set to work and completed the job in June 2017. I was pleased with the end result.

In our village of Rouzede we have quite a close and friendly community, and therefore we have quite a few occasional visitors.

One of these visitors is Madame Lucette Jaubert who is sacristan to the village church of The Notre Dame in Rouzede. She, after seeing the the display unit that I had made, asked me if it could be possible to make one for the church. So I made another display unit and installed it adjacent to the twelfth century baptismal font in the church. The community and clergy are very pleased with it.

I also added a notice explaining the history and origin of the organ pipe in French and English.



## Catenians celebrate hospice



Meadow House Hospice in West London celebrated its 30th anniversary in September. The hospice which was founded by Maria Brennan MBE, the wife of Gerry Brennan of South Bucks Circle, takes its name from the Meadow Butterfly adopted as the hospice emblem. When opened in 1987 by broadcaster and journalist Martyn Lewis (now Sir Martyn) it was one of the first of its kind. It is now one of the leading NHS hospices in the country.

The occasion had a strong Catenian flavour as Gerry and Maria were accompanied by two other Catenians; long term and active supporters of the hospice: John Sharkey, Provincial President of Province 8, and Frank Faulkner of West Middlesex Circle. Also present at the anniversary celebration, were the hospice's patron John Sergeant TV Presenter (and star of "Strictly") and Sir Martyn.

**Pictured are: Sir Martyn, John Sharkey, Maria Brennan, John Sergeant, Gerry Brennan and Frank Faulkner.**

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**"Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things."  
- Psalm 119:18**



## Davis is living his childhood in darkness. Will you help a child see the wonder of God's creation?

Dear The Vine reader,

As a fellow Christian, I wanted to share with you how incredibly powerful it is to witness a child seeing for the first time, after eye surgery.

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If you could send a gift of £95 today, you could pay for a child like Davis' surgery. You could open his eyes to the beauty of God's creation. And we'll send you an update on how Davis' surgery goes.

God bless you,

Andrea Brandt von Lindau  
Programme Manager for Inclusive Eye Health



Davis' cataracts means he's been living in darkness



He can hardly see objects in front of him



Your gift could help a child see and transform a life

Christian Blind Mission is a huge inspiration to me. It works in more than 60 countries, including some of the world's poorest communities, to restore sight, mobility and independence to people living with disability. It's putting Christ's love into action for the most marginalised people. Will you join Christian Blind Mission by supporting this amazing work?

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David spoke to students about how the Premier League was formed and the impact it

has had on English football. He talked about the importance of sticking together as a team and how behaviour and attitude are essential to success. David also shared his 'motto of the turtle' which was "you don't get anywhere unless you stick your neck out."

Jennifer Appleby, Head of Sixth Form, said:

"David instilled in our students that to be successful they need to be hardworking, to have a vision for where they want to get to in life and to be courageous. These are important messages for them to take forward as they think about their futures in higher education, apprenticeships or the workplace."

Last year the Daily Mail published a list of the 50 most influential people in the history of the Premier League and David Dein was in the top ten with people like Sir Alex Ferguson. These days David spends much of his time speaking in schools and prisons as well as businesses – he recently spoke to students of the world renowned Harvard Business School in Boston.



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