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# Fatima and its saints

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima came to Northampton Cathedral from Walsingham on September 30. Part of a nation-wide tour to mark the centenary of the apparitions, it moved on to Liverpool Cathedral on the following day. The statue, with a beauty of its own, was blessed in Fatima by Pope Paul VI on May 13, 1967, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first apparition.

The congregation was deeply moved by a feeling of deep piety in the cathedral, mixed with a touch of show-business, provided by the organisers, the World-Wide Apostolate of Fatima. The statue was carried through the cathedral flanked by four cloaked 'guardians'. It was followed by three children dressed as the Fatima visionaries, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. The latter two children, who died of flu after the First World War, were canonised by Pope Francis in Fatima this year. The beatification of Lucia, who died as a Carmelite nun in 2013 is under investigation. The organisers even provided paper tissues for the custom of the crowd in Fatima, who wave white hankies as a greeting for the statue

The liturgy began with the crowning of the statue by Bishop Peter. The crown replaces the original one made in 1942. It contained the bullet which almost killed St John Paul II on May 13, 1981. It is used only in Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month. The new crown was brought to Westminster Cathe-



**Veneration of relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco**

dral on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and presented to Cardinal Vincent Nichols who crowned the statue with it at the start of its national tour. 'Dear Mother' prayed Bishop Peter, 'we want to help you bring the world back to God. Today we ask you to draw us to Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for our priests, our families, our country and the situation of the whole world. So today, as a sign of our petition and our promise to help you bring the world back to God, we crown this beautiful image of you with the title of Our Lady of Fatima, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary.'

Mass followed, and ended with an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: 'we consecrate ourselves for ever to you and to your immaculate heart, O Mother and Queen, that your love and patronage may hasten the triumph of the Kingdom of God, and that all nations, at peace with one another and with God, may proclaim you blessed and with you raise their voices to sing the everlasting Magnificat of glory, love and gratitude to the heart of Jesus, where they alone can find truth and peace.'

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## Italy



Pope Francis will go to the American Military Cemetery of Nettuno, near Anzio, some 66 kilometers south of Rome, where he will celebrate Mass "for all the victims of wars," on November 2, 2017, All Souls Day, around 3:15 pm, announced the Holy See Press Office.

Anzio is the place where the Allies landed in January of 1944. On January 22 of that year, the Allied Army went to Anzio. On board were 110,000 men ready to disembark, explains the Website dedicated to World War II, from which this account is taken.

Early in the morning, the fleet began to shell the beaches for more than half an hour. Planes

carried out 1200 sorties the same day and bombed the telecommunications network. The troops were then able to land. They met with very little resistance on the beaches; less than 70 were killed.

However, the Germans reacted and encircled the bridgehead three hours after the landing. The Luftwaffe supported the German infantry, helping it to contain the rising allied tide going to Rome and the Alban Hills.

On January 26, 30,000 Germans barred the route to the 110,000 Allies. Hitler sent a reinforcement of 40,000 men and ordered them to "eradicate the Allied menace." Ten days after the landing, there were 10,000 dead Allies and Germans.

On February 3, 1944, the Germans prepared a counter-offensive, with the same tactic as at Dunkirk four years earlier. The fighting raged. The Americans were preparing to withdraw when they learned that the Germans ran out of ammunition.

In fact, on March 1, 1944, paralyzed by the lack of ammunitions, the Germans halted the offensive. The two camps buried themselves in the trenches. The Germans were cold, they were malnourished and it rained for six days out of seven. They had gigantic cannons come by railroad, including mortars Karl and Leopold.

In mid-May, the Americans decided to take recourse to planes: with them, they bombed the buried Axis Powers, which were annihilated.

The Allies took up the offensive. The Germans began to withdraw. A very orderly German withdrawal began on June 2 and, on June 4, 1944, Rome was liberated

## Medaille Trust

The Medaille Trust, the Catholic Charity raising awareness of the plight of trafficked men women and children in the UK, has appointed Antony Burton as its new Representative in the Northampton Diocese. For further information, Tony who is based in Braunston, can be contacted on 01788 899239 or by email: [a.burton@medaille-trust.org.uk](mailto:a.burton@medaille-trust.org.uk). [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk)

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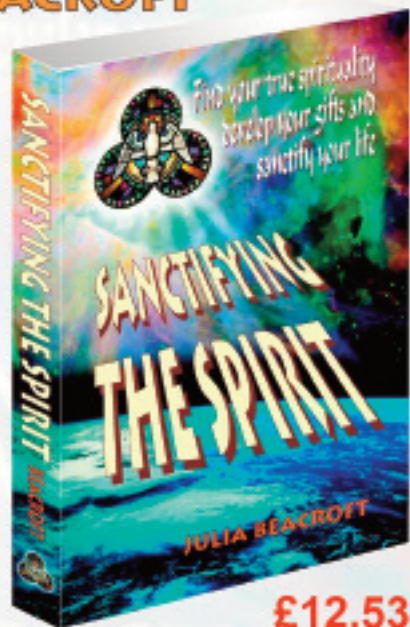
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# Thornton marks centenary

Northampton cathedral was painted red on September 20. It wasn't a posse of painters. It was 500 students from Thornton College celebrating the centenary of their school, founded by Mother St. Clare in 1917. The Mass also marked the start of the bicentenary celebration of the foundation of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mary and Joseph in Lyon by St. Claudine Thdvenet. They were all there; sisters, students, staff and friends.

The organisation was, of course, meticulous. Although the girls arrived in a fleet of coaches almost an hour before the start they were very patient and ladylike. The readers were excellent. The musicians were more an ensemble than a mere school band. They touched base with tradition with a recurring chorus of 'Dona nobis p pacem' during Holy Communion.

Bishop Peter thanked the sisters for all the support he and his predecessors had received from the community since 1917. Noting the display of red blazers he invited the students to take the advice of St. Paul in the first reading: 'you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility'.

Sister Helen Mary Haigh, Provincial, spoke at the end of Mass. She talked of their foundaress, Claudine Thevdenet, whose two brothers The Sisters of Jesus and Mary now educate 100,000 girls in 27 countries. had been executed during the French Revolution. She was determined to raise girls from poverty through education, and to lead them to the love of Jesus and Mary. She didn't expect her initiative to succeed. Sister St. Clare, she suggested, chose Thornton as the site for their new school, not because of its historical associations, but because of its grounds, with ancient trees and sweeping lawns. In those same grounds the Sisters have built a nursery, a sports hall, a science block and a coffee bar. Thornton remains as beautiful as ever. And your editor thanks teacher, Miss Marum, without whose pen this report could not have been written.



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# Remembering Fr Peter

An ordinary priest would not attract three bishops to his Memorial Mass Bishop Peter, Archbishop McDonald, (formerly of Northampton and Southwark) and Archbishop Kelly (formerly of Liverpool) celebrated the Mass with local priests.

Other guests at the Mass included evangelist Michelle Moran and Dr Richard Harvey from the Messianic Jewish community. Mgr Hocken died suddenly in Vienna on June 7, aged 84

Ordained in 1964 Fr. Peter served as curate in St. Patrick's, Corby before moving to Oscott to teach Moral Theology. He spent some time in Rome for further studies. Between 1976 and 1996 he acted as chaplain

to the charismatic Mother of God community in the USA. Returning home he served as Chaplain and Chancellor to Bishop Mc-

Cartie. In 2001 he settled in Vienna where he pursued his interests in Charismatic Renewal, Pentecostalism and Messianic Judaism. He became a published scholar of international repute in these areas.

In his sermon Archbishop McDonald praised Fr. Peter's work, which was filled with a vision for the future. He was thankful for the help Fr. Peter gave him as the newly-installed Bishop of Northampton. He was much better known as a theologian in Europe than he was here, partly because he spent so much time out of the country. Totally given to God, he was unique and didn't fit into any established ideology. We shall never see his like again.

The Mass was the first to be streamed over the internet from Northampton cathedral.



## Aston goes gold

St Mary's Primary School in Aston le Walls are delighted to announce that they have been awarded School Games Gold Award for commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport.

This improves on the previous Silver Award. This is the second award for the school this week. The other award is the Terrific Scientific "School of Excellence" status.

The children take part in a variety of competitive sport both in and out of school which builds lifelong skills and a love of sport. The school has links with a wide range of sports clubs and associations who have come into school to offer coaching and share their expertise and enthusiasm. They have experienced a variety of sports from the usual football, rugby and netball to the less common such as archery and benchball. Some children also enjoy hockey, Gaelic football and Irish dancing. The children are also look forward to the weekly ball skills and dance lessons.

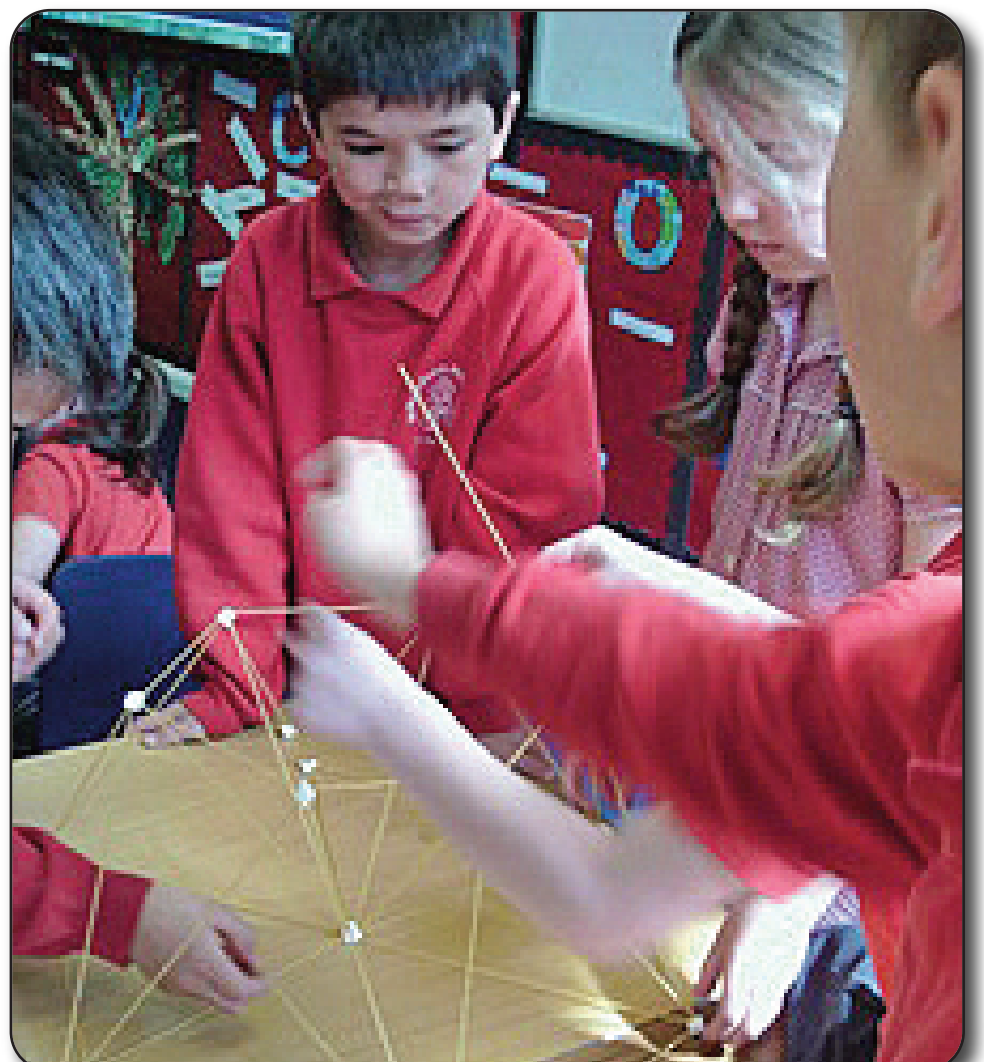
The school's latest acquisition is two full sized table tennis tables which were partially funded by Table Tennis England. The children are very enthusiastic and becoming

quite proficient and St Mary's is very keen to develop a table tennis club and looking into joining local leagues.

One child said "I enjoy working in a team when I play football". Others said "I enjoy competing against other schools" and "It is fun to meet other children from different schools."

Mrs Yuen, Head Teacher said "We encourage all children to participate and try new sports and actively encourage them to celebrate participation in sport, whatever their abilities. Inter school sports plays an important part of school life and we train Young Leaders who organise and manage our in school tournaments. I am delighted that our Young leaders put their newfound skills to use and encourage the younger children to try new things. I am even more proud when a child comes and tells me what they have done and we share their success with the rest of the school."

Any parents wishing to visit the school would be very welcome. There is an Open Morning on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, alternatively contact the school office on 01295 660258 to make an appointment.



# Reward for High-flyers

## Great achievements from St Paul's Key Stage 3 students

The outstanding efforts of pupils from Years 7 to 9 were recognised at the recent Key Stage 3 Awards Ceremony.

Jo-Anne Hoarty, Headteacher at St Paul's, said: "Every one of the pupils nominated for Key Stage 3 Awards should be very proud. At St Paul's, as well as celebrating academic achievement, we also recognise a wide range of individual gifts and talents that our students are demonstrating in their active lives within our community and beyond."

The awards were presented by Kamal Hyman, who runs his own business Aim A Little Higher. Kamal talked to pupils about how he went from being a coasting, lethargic student who lacked a clear focus to

achieving top grades in his exams. His achievements include being Youth MP for Peterborough, a 2012 Olympic torchbearer and being chosen by Dragon's Den star Peter Jones as National Entrepreneur of the Year – and he's still only 22!

Some of the evening's notable winners included Andrea Troso who scooped awards for Religious Education, Mathematics and Computer Science. Andrea was praised for his 100% effort and being a caring, positive and enthusiastic role model to others. Sara Diaz De La Fuente won awards for English As An Additional Language and for History. When Sara arrived in England one year ago she had limited English but has made huge improvements in all of her subjects and her level of English has improved dramatically.



Picture shows (left to right) Mrs Jo-Anne Hoarty with some of our KS3 award winners and nominees.

## New parish hall for Olney



For many years the Catholic community had been collecting funds for a Parish Hall. Originally the Church/Presbytery was built together with an adjacent school building which provided some accommodation outside the Church for meetings etc. Eventually the school was closed and the Daughters of the Holy Spirit acquired the building for use as a Convent and are still there today. The sisters are very generous in offering their rooms for occasional use together with us hiring the Olney Centre opposite. But it was felt that the Parish needed more space within the Church/presbytery site. Local architects, David Coles, were chosen to design a suitable addition to the rear of the existing presbytery/church in 2013 to provide space for some 90-100 people. Diocesan Approval was sought together with the necessary Planning Approval. Planning Approval was gained in Nov 1915 and building began by local builders, Andrew Pauley in May 1916 and a local Quantity Surveyor, Ian Stokes was engaged to manage the project. The building was finally handed over in April this year. The architect's brief was 'to provide a large open-plan flexible hall for parish activities and separate events for both the parish and the local community if required. The series of single storey flat roof additions are designed to be sympathetic to the existing church/presbytery and connect and improve the accessibility to the new

hall. The arrangement of the hall has been orientated to the the garden and the statue of Our Lady in the north west corner of the garden. There are large areas of openable glazing which allow a high level of natural daylight into the space together with some glass roof panels which open automatically to proved ventilation. A large overhanging roof controls the level of solar gain whilst providing a covered external patio for additional outside seating. (Chris Terelinck-lead architect)' The existing adjoining kitchen has been reburbished with a new opening hatch into the hall. There are 2 new toilets, one being designed for the use of the disabled. The hall can be accessed directly from the church and via the presbytery and the outside. It is already being used for Junior Liturgy during the Sunday Mass and for Catechesis. The Parish SVP and a new Knitting Group also have their meetings there. Regular tea/coffee gatherings are provided on the first Sunday of the month after mass. We are very grateful to Bishop Peter for coming to dedicate the new hall on tuesday 19th September. And to the Architects and builders for their inspirational design and good quality build. It is a great asset to the parish. If you are thinking about building your own Parish Hall bear in mind it will take longer and cost more than you think but you will never regret doing it.

Malcolm Bull

Her History exercise book was described as a priceless record of her fantastically creative class and homework. Tegan Dodimead won the Year 8 Leader Award for always doing the best that is possible and epitomising our school motto in all of her actions around school.

Entertainment was provided by Paolo Resma, winner of the Music Award, who played Mozart's Turkish March and by Tegan Dodimead, who played Imagine Dragons' Demons.

Students received certificates and category winners were also given vouchers.



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# Dioocese honours Our Lady of Fatima

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Then came an endless queue to venerate the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. People bowed, genuflected or knelt as they kissed the reliquary. No one seemed aware that theologians had pondered for years whether children of ten knew what it was to be holy. Ironically, the congregation was invited to recite the Litany of Saints Jacinta and Francisco.

The devotions continued after the cathedral's evening Mass. The congregation was shown the film 'The Little Shepherds of Fatima'. They listened to several talks, prayed the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the First Saturday Devotion. Even though they were honouring Fatima, in Portugal, they included a very English devotion, the enrolment and investiture with Brown Scapular. On July 16<sup>th</sup> 1251 Our Lady appeared to St Simon Stock in his priory in Aylesford and said: 'Whoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire.' And anyone who takes part in devotions which focus on the statue of Our Lady of Fatima receives an Apostolic Blessing granted by Pope Francis.



.... with  
Saints  
Jacinta  
and  
Francisco

# Faith in action

Young people from around the region gathered at St Paul's Catholic School for the first Northampton Diocesan Faith in Action Day. Year 9 and 10 students from Thornton College in Thornton, St Thomas Becket in Northampton, St Thomas More in Bedford and Cardinal Newman in Luton joined pupils from St Paul's to explore how, as Christians, we put our faith into action in our daily lives.

The Conference, organised jointly by St Paul's, Pax Christi, and the Northampton Youth Ministry Office,

began with pupils having the opportunity to ask questions of guest of honour, The Rt Revd Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton. One pupil asked Bishop Peter "what makes you really fulfilled?" and his answer was "being open to God". They then participated in a series of workshops run by Columbans UK, Pax Christi, Young Christian Workers and Northampton Youth Ministry Office.

Jennifer Rowlands, RE Teacher at St Paul's, said: "We held our first St Paul's Faith in Action Day last year

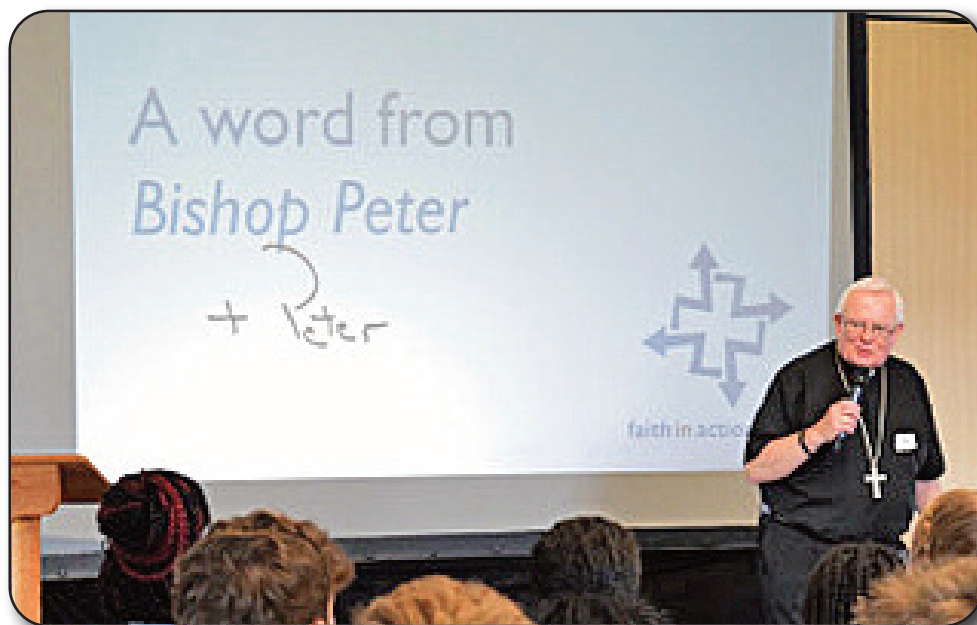


and thought that this year it would be a great idea to open it up to other schools and build networks between local Catholic high schools in the Diocese."

Aleksandra Wiencis, from St Paul's Catholic School, said: "I liked the fact that we could connect with students from other Catholic schools' while Dominika Mazur, also from St Paul's, said: 'It was really fun. I enjoyed meeting other people from other schools and getting to know how they practice their faith.'"

Delegates received conference packs

which contained a variety of items including sunglasses, highlighters and chocolate bars. They also took away a conference booklet that was full of practical ideas for putting faith into action. Matt Jeziorski of Pax Christi added, "We have been delighted with the response to this first Diocesan Faith in Action Day. It has been so well supported by the schools, the enthusiasm of the students generated a wonderful atmosphere, and the hard work of the organising team has really paid off. We are already looking forward to next year."



# Governors honoured

At the end of the Summer term, the staff, families and pupils of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School were very sorry to say goodbye to three long-serving Foundation Governors, appointed by the Bishops of Northampton, Rt. Rev. Kevin McDonald (2004) and Rt. Rev. Peter Doyle (2008). Mr John Brandon fulfilled the role of Founding Chair of Governors at the very inception of the school in 2004 and, as a retired Headteacher, served his role with invaluable wisdom, knowledge and precision. Mr Richard Gordon had also provided thirteen years of dedicated service to the school, as a founding member of the Governing Board, Development Governor and a highly valued Safeguarding Governor. Mr

Jonathan Morris, Chair of the Curriculum Committee and Vice Chair of Governors had also selflessly given of his time for nine years to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

They joined the departing Year 6 pupils at a special Mass of Thanksgiving and were presented with Long Service Certificates from the Board and letters of thanks and recognition from Mgr McGinnell, Schools Commissioner and Episcopal Vicar for Education. They also received cufflinks emblazoned with the school logo as a memento of their time in serving the school community.

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But it was not in a spirit of dejection that nearly 1000 pilgrims descended on Walsingham recently to pray and make reparation for this situation. They came from the dioceses of Northampton, Leeds, Brentwood, Westminster, East Anglia and Southwark in hope, in joy and in expectation to this England's Nazareth to ask Our Lady for her help and intercession. The pilgrimage was blessed by the Miraculous Image of the pregnant "Our Lady of Guadalupe" and queues of people were visible throughout the day waiting to make their veneration.

Bishop Robert Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham led the pilgrimage and spoke encouragingly of our coming to Walsingham in a spirit of optimism, knowing that our witness can be a powerful sign. He added that maybe people are not yet ready to listen to us, but that one day they will see that God's way is the only way. God alone knows how to deal with the attacks on family life which have led to the chaos of our broken society and the destruction of his order.

He said that Christ has given us two commands – one is to love and the other is to forgive, and that love and forgiveness are what makes life precious. They enable us to become the people he wants us to be. He spoke of Our Lady as our guide and protection. Hers is a life lived for God to its full potential and through her we can enjoy that source of life and grace in Christ which is there for every human being.

At the end of the Mass, The Shrine Director Mgr Armitage spoke of the decision by the Bishop's Conference to re-dedicate England as the Dowry of Mary on the Solemnity of the Annunciation 2020. He referred to the recently published Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Walsingham to be used as preparation for that event. The intention on Day 3 of the novena is "for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to natural death" and "that a culture respecting the sanctity of life, marriage and family may once again prevail in our country and communities."

The pilgrimage offered intercessions for life during the Stations of the Cross and prayed the Litany of Life during Eucharistic Adoration.



A feature of the pilgrimage is the Silent Walk into the village spiritually carrying the Cross with Christ in reparation for sins against life. Our final destination was the Priory grounds where the original Holy House stood and here we completed the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary and prayed the Prayer for England.

The pilgrimage this year was supported by the Friars of the Renewal, also Lord David Alton with his wife, and Ann Widecombe.

The pilgrimage next year takes place on 7th October (Our Lady of the Rosary) 2018 and will be led by the Most Reverend Kevin McDonald, Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark. Why not make a note in your diary, talk to your Parish Priest, consider coming on a coach, or maybe book a coach for your area and join us next year?

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# The priests of Dachau

The sub-title, Dachau 1938-1945, tells us what this book is about. Dachau, the first of the infamous concentration camps, was constructed in 1933, on the outskirts of Munich. Between 1938 and 1945 2,579 priests, monks and Catholic seminarians were imprisoned there, in three specially designated barrack blocks: numbers 26, 28 and 30. 1,034 priests were to die there. The story of these men, who now include some beati, is well worth telling, both for its sorrows and its glories.

The reasons for their imprisonment varied: the ownership of a forbidden book, suspect clippings from newspapers, personal letters critical of the regime, or signs of proselytism were some of the reasons for an arbitrary arrest, cruel incarceration and the possibility of death. On arrival, priests were divested of their cassocks, bibles, missals, holy medals and rosaries, stripped and shaved and forced to wear old clothes with a red triangle sewn on them, as "political" prisoners. Zeller comments that "Everything was an excuse to put them in a delicate situation with regard to their faith and the priesthood". They were thus subject to obscenities, blaspheming and humiliations as well as being the main targets for medical experiments and for the death transports for the disabled or elderly. A young Polish seminarian, Kazimierz Majdanski, later an archbishop and champion of the family, was subject to appalling medical experiments to find a cure for septicaemia. Pus was deliberately

injected into his leg to induce a form of gangrene; he was only saved from death by the heroic secret action of a hospital orderly who risked his own life for him. The spiritual attacks could be ferocious. A Belgian priest, Fr de Coninck, related in his book about his ordeal, "Before Dachau I had never seen hatred: eyes blazing with hatred, mouths contorted with anger..." It was suggestive of satanic possession; indeed, a Czech priest used to say the prayers of exorcism when an SS guard entered the priests' barracks.

The priests' spiritual condition improved when, as the result of Vatican pressure on the German authorities, they were allowed to make a chapel in Block 26 at the end of 1940 and were thus able to celebrate Mass. Communion wafers were smuggled in from outside, alongside prayer books, Stations of the Cross and holy pictures. A tabernacle was made secretly in the carpenter's workshop and the altar and candlesticks were salvaged from camp materials. Lay prisoners were forbidden to attend these Masses, though some managed to at great risk, while Communion hosts were smuggled into the other barracks for

Catholic prisoners at even greater risk.

Zeller records that the activity of the Eucharistic network "sometimes resulted in mystical phenomena." Bernard Py, a young French layman, received a fragment of a host. He slid the folded paper which sheltered it into his breast pocket so as to consume it later in private. "Then...he tells of having felt a peculiar sensation coming from inside his chest. "I felt an expansion, a joy, a tenderness which slowly became more precise and grew minute by minute, overflowing, invading my whole person, an experience which was simultaneously physical, burning and moral, which stirred me with a love and an unexpected happiness." A little later, Py realised this sensation came from the host, still in his breast pocket.

Francis Phillips



## British Council's prestigious International School Award

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School has been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its exceptional work in international education.

Pupils at the school have taken part in several activities in order to achieve this award including: learning French to send French Christmas cards to schools across Europe, writing to pen pals in Atlanta to learn about cultural traditions, starring in videos showcasing their own renditions of French songs and poems, and learning about different religions

As well as this, children learned about different cultures with a Multicultural Celebration Day held at the school and were able to take part in a variety of activities such as: language displays, traditional dance, clothing and music, as well as hair braiding, jewellery and henna hand art painting.

Children also had the opportunity to taste a wide variety of food and traditional dishes from the many cultures represented in the school.

On hearing the news that St Joseph's had received the award, Mrs Jacqueline Lee, Head teacher at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,

said: "We are very fortunate to have a richly diverse school community and have always striven to ensure that this is reflected and celebrated in the work that we do at St. Joseph's.

"Our approach enables all our pupils to take pride in their own cultural heritage whilst promoting tolerance and respect in building knowledge and understanding as global citizens. Parents and Carers have been extremely supportive in our achievement of the International Schools Award and were instrumental in the success of our Multicultural Celebration."

Nazia Ahmed, Parent Governor at St. Joseph's added: "As a parent I was so proud when St Joseph's received this award. My two children are currently taking part in the Junior Language Challenge and learning Japanese. I can see the effort they are putting in at home regularly and their enjoyment."

Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said: "The school's fantastic international work has rightfully earned it this prestigious award. Embedding an international dimension in children's education ensures that they are truly global citizens and helps prepare them for successful lives and careers in an increasingly global economy."

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# Healing of memories contributes to the healing of the whole person

“Healing of memories contributes to the healing of the whole person. In this way The Little Way Healing Ministries is an instrument in the New Evangelisation for today’s world” says its co-founder, Pauline Edwards.

The Little Way Healing Ministries, named after St Thérèse of Lisieux’s Little Way, held an Open Healing Day at the Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford on 9 September. The event was a great success. Scheduled to finish at 4.30 pm, people wanted to stay on, and the day eventually closed at around 6 pm. Father Laurence Brassill O.S.A., Pauline Edwards and

their team had come to the Bedford church, which is also the home of the Shrine of the Miraculous Relic Image of our Lady of Guadalupe, for the first time, at the invitation of Canon Seamus Keenan, Rector of the Shrine. The Relic Image was in a place of honour at the front of the church for the day.

The packed church eagerly received the message of God’s healing power. They heard testimonies and experienced the laying on of hands. “The day was filled with emotion, grace, healing and joy” reported Andrew Hinde, Guardian of the Shrine.



# Bedford’s latest bequest

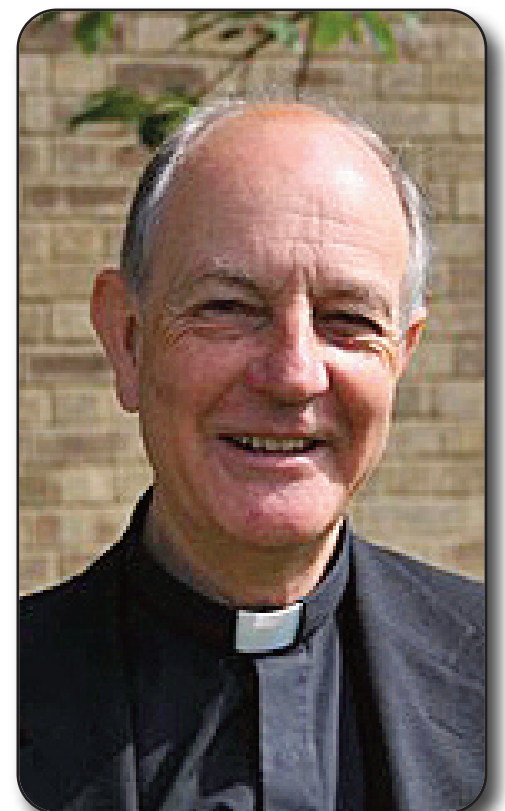
Christ the King Church, on the south side of Bedford, has a flourishing congregation with many activities going on both during the week and at weekends. We are fortunate enough to have beautiful extensive grounds, a large parish hall and a small parish room, but on Sunday mornings after Mass the First Holy Communion class was squashed into the small room and the hall was in use for refreshments. With no other rooms available, the parish Social Committee sometimes had to meet in a corner of the church. It was therefore suggested that another building be added to cater for these needs and others.

By a happy coincidence, around that time the parish received a generous bequest in his will from a former parishioner, Patrick Donegan. Various options were considered and in February 2017, planning permission was sought for a portacabin to be erected next to the hall, where there was plenty of space. Permission was finally granted in May and during the first week in August, the portacabin, built to our specifications, arrived from Hull and was lifted into position by a crane. This followed a great deal of groundwork by our project manager, Tony Cooper, one of our parishioners with expertise in this area, assisted by a team of fellow volunteers, some of whom spent

many weeks on the project.

On Sunday 3 September an opening ceremony was held. A ramp is a legal requirement for such a building, and first of all Lindsay, Tony’s wife, was pushed up this in a wheelchair to prove that it worked! Lindsay cut the first of several yellow ribbons and Parish Priest Fr Patrick Hutton blessed the “Patrick Donegan Bequest”, as the new building is to be known. “It’s first class!” said Fr Patrick of the new building. “We are very grateful to Tony and his team for all their hard work over the last six months”.

*Barbara Kay*



# SAVING OUR BACON ...

by Julia Beacroft

WHILE MY SON was at primary school he won a prize. No big deal, you're probably thinking; children win prizes at school all the time. And you would, of course, be quite correct.

However, this prize was notable – not only because it was a poetry prize and my son hated poetry and English in general – but also because of the content of the poem. For reasons best known only to himself, he decided to write his masterpiece about – of all things – bacon! In fact the title of his poem, (and I use the term loosely), was 'The Bacon Rap'. And incredibly, the triumphant ending to his epic verse was: 'Bacon, bacon, comes from a cow!'

Naturally, despite the prize from the school, he's never been able to live down the joke to this day! However, although hilariously funny, this event served as an excellent means of communication to us and to the school. It announced loudly and clearly that he certainly loved bacon!

## TAKEN OFF

Today, communication has become increasingly important and is readily available in a veritable plethora of means and methods. Social media, in particular, has 'taken off' in a way that no-one could have anticipated. It has actually become an integral part of our

lives, with Facebook, Twitter and Instagram being universally used as an excellent way of keeping in touch with others and sharing ideas and opinions. In fact, the Pope himself tweets on a daily basis. Facebook and Twitter are particularly good at suggesting 'friends' and 'followers' as a way of putting people in touch with each other and connecting them.

In the same way, as we attempt to spread the Gospel message, we ourselves are connectors – we connect others to the providential love and grace of God. In so doing our methods of communication are all important, whether this involves talking about our faith, listening to others or helping our neighbour. Even such a basic action as a smile, greeting or kind word to another person is hugely important. It is surprising the way that such small moments of kindness and friendliness can make an enormous difference to the lives of others, and in so doing possibly plant a seed of faith which could germinate and grow. When we behave in this way, we are living the Gospel in action. And although there can, and have been problems with social media and that sometimes trivia or even nonsense have been posted on it, let's not forget that it is also an excellent medium or connector for evangelization, as it reaches out to the whole world with ease. Ironically, Pope Francis tweeted recently:

'A Christian's mission in the world is splen-

did, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!'

## CONNECTORS

In today's technological world our communication systems are more advanced than ever as we e-mail, Skype, Snapchat and routinely use social media. Rightly or wrongly,

letters and former written methods of communication are rapidly becoming an anachronism. Yet conversely our role of connecting others to our Christian faith remains essentially unchanged. May we always embrace any method of communication to bring others to the Lord, so he may take his place in their lives and 'save their bacon'.



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**CRYPTIC Across**

- 1 Angel of the bottomless pit's one rotten fellow (7)
- 5 Check car's tyres at the front (5)
- 8 Picnic things are put in this stylish container (4,3)
- 9 Poke around firm in Israel (5)
- 10 It amplifies the matter of fruit on the turn (5)
- 11 Within visual range for observation (7)
- 12 Total lack of interest to cross a yard by track (6)
- 14 Zambia's evacuated, following small brown lines on a page (6)
- 17 Say farewell to lion-hearted after salute... (7)
- 19 ...awards partly leave them mystified (5)
- 22 The rise of Southwell? (5)
- 23 Rat one that double-crossed (7)
- 24 Somewhat dark Welsh river seen in a wasted day (5)
- 25 James' and John's dad, retiring bishop, drifted away during last Letter from America (7)

**CRYPTIC Down**

- 1 Racing here is one from an Aberdeen, perhaps (5)
- 2 Bother with navy getting deck out (5)
- 3 Judge's board he upset (7)
- 4 Note number on top have the spirit to

**support head (6)**

- 5 How meats are cooked in France, on Sunday, in early summer months (2,3)
- 6 One of ten sides last month suffering no end (7)
- 7 Dorcas the Greek gets to name it on headgear, but not all (7)
- 12 Charged with using cue cards, Rabbi pulled out (7)
- 13 On English vessel find a set forever young (7)
- 15 Jesus Christ the Gambler, said John? (3,4)
- 16 Conquistador, the first in Colombia with, surprisingly, zero time in there (6)
- 18 The event to broadcast? (5)
- 20 Greek character with very little English, Theodorus, is turned down (5)
- 21 Eastern wrap snacks are easily tucked into (5)

**QUICK Across**

- 1 Hebrew version of the Greek Apollyon (7)
- 5 Inspect (5)
- 8 Insulated container which keeps food cold (4,3)
- 9 Progenitor of the Israelites (5)
- 10 Electronic receiver that detects and demodulates and amplifies transmitted signals (5)

**11 Perception (7)**

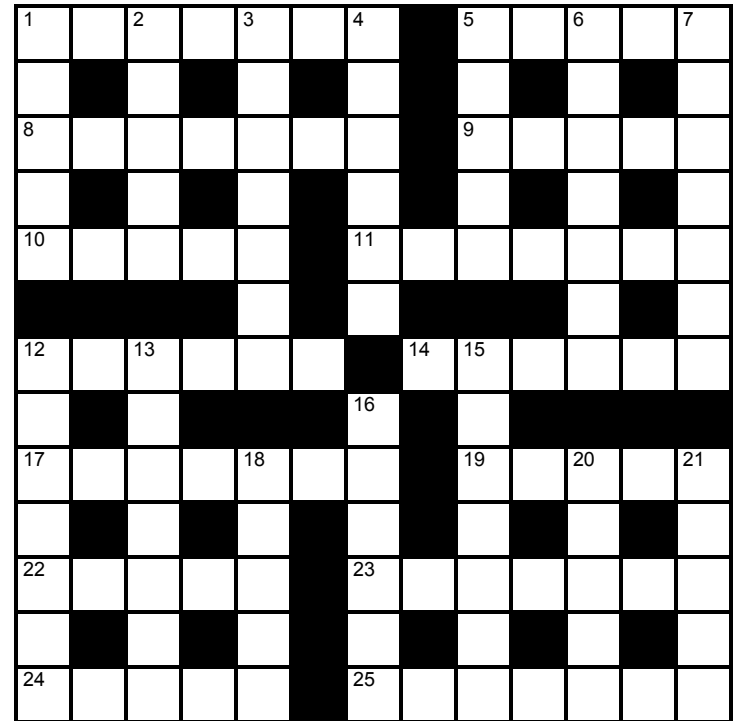
- 12 Absence of emotion or enthusiasm (6)
- 14 Group of lines in a poem, play, etc (6)
- 17 Toodle-pip! (7)
- 19 US TV Awards (5)
- 22 Increase in size, magnitude, number, or intensity (5)
- 23 Someone who betrays his country (7)
- 24 Dark-skinned (5)
- 25 Father of apostles James and John (7)

**QUICK Down**

- 1 Racing venue in Berkshire (5)
- 2 Festoon (5)
- 3 In the Book of Judges, the only female judge (7)
- 4 Small measure of spirits; mug (6)
- 5 Of meat cooked in its own gravy (French)

**SOLUTION**

Across: 1 Abaddon, 5 Audit, 8 Cool bag, 9 Jacob, 10 Turner, 11 Insight, 12 Apathy, 14 Stanza, 17 Chertio, 19 Emmy, 22 Swell, 23 Traitor, 24 Dusky, 25 Zebedee.  
Down: 1 Ascot, 2 Adorn, 3 Deborah, 4 Noggin, 5 Au Jus, 6 Decagon, 7 Tabitha, 12 Accused, 13 Ageless, 15 The Lamb, 16 Cortez, 18 Relay, 20 Muted, 21 Saree.



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