

# News Knight – August 2025

We are an Order of Catholic men bound together in Charity, Unity and Fraternity to enrich our faith and spirituality by words and actions to proclaim the moral and social message of the Catholic Church.



## Charity - Unity - Fraternity

We exist to support the mission of the Catholic Church and at the same time to work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of our members and their families.

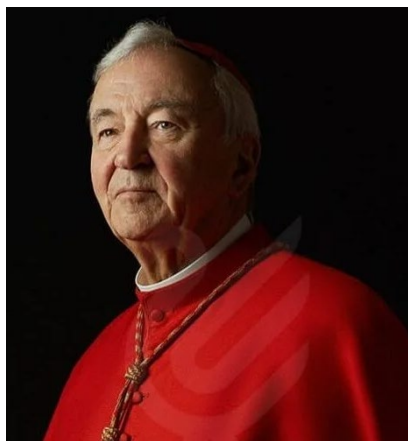
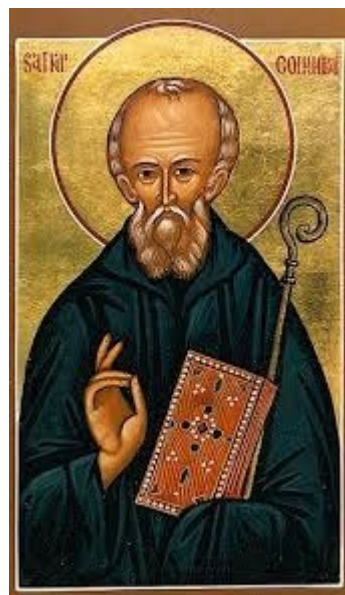


## Faith Family Fraternity

Members are encouraged to play an active role in the Catholic Church

They support Members, families, Parish and the local Community

They support our Widows and pray regularly for the Deceased Brothers Knights



"We need to return to Columba, then we'll return to Christ and that is all we need for the Knights of St Columba to succeed"

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 23 May 2023



Welcome to the August 2025 edition of News Knight. This features a number of events and campaigns taking place in the weeks and months ahead, as well as some past events that you should find inspiring and something uplifting that you might be interested in reading.

We can take much inspiration from the Ordination of our Brother, now Member of Honour, Father Stephen Trafford.

Father Stephen was a convert to the Catholic Church, a member of Council 210 Sittingbourne and now a priest. This was some journey!



This photograph shows Father Stephen after his first Mass at Sacred Heart Church Sittingbourne on Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>, the day after his ordination at St George's Cathedral (above).

Following his first Mass there was a fantastic reception in the Church Hall. Father Stephen is pictured with Paddy Boyle PGK and Tom Breen IPPGK Province 12, Southwark just before the reception got going.





## **R.C Parishes Of Hyndburn**



Pilgrimage to Ladyewell  
Shrine, Fernyhalgh

August 14<sup>th</sup> 2025



"There is no moment of delight in any  
pilgrimage like the beginning of it"

-Charles Dudley Warner

*Limited  
Availability!*



Coach pick up at  
-Oswaldtwistle  
-Accrington  
-Clayton  
-Great Harwood

**St Anne's church**

Fr Francis or Siobhan - 01254232920



The Parish Priest and the  
Parishioners of St Paul's Catholic  
Church Meopham invite you to

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH  
DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Thanksgiving Mass at 11am followed by  
food and drinks in the Presbytery  
Garden.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Principal Celebrant: Rt Rev. Paul  
Hendricks, Auxiliary Bishop-Kent Area

46 Huntingfield Road, Meopham, DA13 0EZ

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## Public talk: From Godalming to Burkina Faso:- A Morning of Hope and Inspiration

The Guildford & District Knights of St Columba are delighted to invite the public to an inspiring illustrated talk on Saturday **20 September 2025** from 10.30am to 11.45am at Our Lady Help of Christians Roman Catholic Church in West Byfleet.

The talk will be given by Gillie Nicholls-Penny, founder of Les Amis Burkina Faso (Friends of Burkina Faso), a Godalming based registered UK charity dedicated to serving the poor and needy of one of the world's most impoverished nations.



With firsthand insights and powerful stories, Gillie will showcase the charity's work in education, healthcare and community development and will be happy to take questions from the audience. Tickets are just £5 per person and advance booking is recommended at <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk> (search 'Burkina Faso'). All funds raised will support the charity's work.

Les Amis Burkina Faso works to provide meaningful help and relief to some of the most vulnerable communities in the politically unstable nation of Burkina Faso in West Africa with a particular focus on supporting women and enabling sustainable change. Founded with the belief that everyone deserves dignity and opportunity, the charity has grown from local roots in Godalming into a vital lifeline for many in West Africa.

This public talk is a unique chance to hear directly from the charity's founder and learn how a small Surrey based initiative is making a global difference. And if you have been looking for something worthwhile to do in your free time, potentially getting involved with the charity might be just right for you.

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk>  
(search 'Burkina Faso').



<https://www.csj.org.uk/news/the-2025-pilgrimage-of-hope?Title=the-2025-pilgrimage-of-hope>

## **The 2025 National Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage of Hope opens for day pilgrim registration**

The Pilgrimage of Hope is a national walking pilgrimage for England & Wales with four main Ways converging at the Cathedral of St Barnabas, Nottingham, on Saturday 13th September 2025, eve of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.



It is an initiative of the Hearts in Search of God project. The Ways start at the Catholic cathedrals in Cardiff, Leeds, Norwich and St George's Catholic Cathedral, Southwark, London (see map above) and will bless our nations with a Sign of the Cross. The routes use established hiking routes and are off road as much as possible. A small group of 'perpetual pilgrims' will walk the full distance of each Way, with up to 20-day pilgrims joining for day stages. There are potential feeder routes to the four main Ways from all the other Catholic cathedrals of England & Wales.

<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-jubilee-pilgrimage-of-hope>

<https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/northampton>





Pilgrimage  
People

*Pilgrimage Strengthens Our Common Faith*



## **Faith and Art Siena and San Gimignano**

Travel with us to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Siena and San Gimignano,  
16th -20th March 2026.

Rich in history, beautiful architecture and stunning views and home to some of the  
most beautiful artworks in the world.

Led by renowned art historian and lay minister, Sarah Burles, this five day tour will  
lead us through frescos, crypts, palazzos and along city walls as we explore the  
influence faith has had in shaping these beautiful places.

Book at: <https://pilgrimagepeople.org/book>

Our mailing address is:

Pilgrimage People 28 Norwich Road Fakenham, Norfolk NR21  
8BB United Kingdom



**KNIGHTS OF  
ST COLUMBA**

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE  
WEEKLY ROSARIES**

**Every Thursday at 7:30pm**



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**Passcode: 856705**

**Join us on Facebook:**

**<https://facebook.com/KofSC>**

**Join the Knights of St Columba  
visit <https://ksc.org.uk>**

**Jubilee Year 2025 -  
Pilgrims of Hope**





NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT 2024 - 2026

At our 2024 Supreme Council we selected the Alma Mater Fund as our National Action Project for the coming two years. Alma Mater says ...

"We are incredibly grateful that the Knights of St Columba have chosen the Alma Mater Fund for their National Action Project from 2024 – 2026. In so doing, this Catholic lay fraternity has shown a commitment to protect vulnerable women and their babies – and to support these women in pursuing the best for themselves and their children."

To learn more about how you can be involved, or to donate please visit:  
[www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater](http://www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater)



DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE  
NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT



KSC National Action Project 2024-2026 [www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater](http://www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater)



Alma Mater Fund is an initiative of SPUC Scotland. SPUC Pro-Life Scotland Ltd (known as SPUC Scotland) is a Scottish Charity, SC050567 and a company limited by guarantee, SC446258.





**What is the Alma Mater Fund?** The alma Mater Fund is an initiative of SPUC that provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative the Alma Mater Fund coordinator can also direct students to further sources of support and advice.

**How does a student apply?** First, a student could contact the initiative: Call, Text, WhatsApp: 07849 088244 | Email: [info@almamaterfund.org.uk](mailto:info@almamaterfund.org.uk) | Social Media: @almamaterfund. Then the Alma Mater Fund coordinator will walk through the very simple application process with her.

*"The Alma Mater Fund was extremely helpful, and the support offered really motivated me to go through with my university career. It is hard enough to balance studies on a regular basis, and while pregnant it might feel like the world is crushing you and you might want to give up. Finding out there is support out there for mothers that want to finish their academic journey gave me the strength needed to plan my path." – Alexa*

*"The Alma Mater Fund is a huge support. Everyone is lovely and more than willing to help. Being a student and having a baby is a financial struggle. The grant will allow me to get my daughter the things she needs. If you are a student and get pregnant, there is help out there. At first I thought I would never manage, but having a baby is the best thing that's happened to me." – Kaitlyn*





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AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

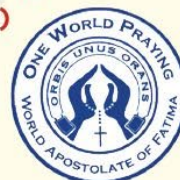
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1-2 June	Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (Archdiocese of Liverpool)
7-8 June	Cathedral Church of St. Mary (Diocese of Middlesbrough)
21-22 June	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St. Thomas (Diocese of Northampton)
28 June	Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Chad (Archdiocese of Birmingham)
2-3 August	National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper New Town, Cardigan SA43 1LT
13 September	Cathedral Church of St. Mary (Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle)
4-5 October	Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist (Diocese of Portsmouth)
13 October	Cathedral Church of St. Anne (Diocese of Leeds)
12-13 October	Cathedral Church of St. Barnabas (Diocese of Nottingham)
8 November	Cathedral Church of Our Lady & St. Philip Howard (Diocese of Arundel & Brighton)

**2026**

14-15 March	Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral, Duke St., London W1K 5BQ (Ukrainian Eparchy)
24-25 April	Cathedral Church of St. Marie (Diocese of Hallam)
2-3 May	Cathedral Church of St. Michael & St. George, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2BY
20 June	Cathedral Church of St. Peter (Diocese of Lancaster)
12 Sept	Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Helen (Diocese of Brentwood)
26-27 Sept	Cathedral Church of Saints Peter & Paul (Diocese of Clifton)
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Contact the World Apostolate of Fatima  
Mobile no. 07788473210 (9 am to 5 pm only, Mon to Fri)





## Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) - Accompany, Serve, Advocate



### **A refugee activist turns challenges into opportunities for asylum seekers in the United Kingdom**

Everyone knew Kjaled \* in Penally Camp in Wales, he was a guide for new arrivals to help them navigate the new and disorienting reality of a detention camp. "Seeing the confusion of the newly arrived, I had to help them, with simple things like Wi-Fi, medicines, directions to showers or dining rooms, as there was no signposting."



Initially organised in small groups on the mobile phones of people living in the camp, to facilitate the exchange of information, after a short time it became clear that part of the local community was interested in helping out. They started to get involved contributing in many ways, with food, medicine, English books, computers, and art workshops.

"This was growing rapidly. So, I finally called my lawyer and asked him if, as an asylum seeker, I had the right to form an association run and financed entirely by asylum seekers. He wanted to know why, and I explained to him that I wanted to improve the conditions and wellbeing of the people inside the camp. We created it and called ourselves: Camp Residents of Penally – CROP."

The challenges faced by the association were many. From restrictions on the entry of people from outside the camp to demonstrations in front of the gate, which prevented people from leaving. However, Kjaled together with the other CROP members managed to turn these adversities into a fresh start.

"We decided to prioritise English classes and art workshops. Since we were not allowed to bring in teachers from outside, for the English classes we found residents who had the best command of the language and asked them to lead the course; one of them was even an English teacher by profession. While for the art workshops, we were helped by a local artist who taught the lessons online. People were so happy with these initiatives, that they had a reason to get out of bed in the morning."

Kjaled obtained settled status in the United Kingdom (UK) fairly quickly, which allowed him to get a job and support himself.



**Relay of Hope: More than 30 countries take part in worldwide call to combat global debt crisis**



## **+ Gaza Crisis Appeal**

Nowhere is safe in Gaza. The suffering must stop.

[Donate now](#)



Over 17,000 children have been killed in Gaza. Famine is closing in. Hospitals lie in ruins. And life-saving aid is stuck at the border. This is not just a humanitarian crisis - it's the systematic erosion of what makes us human. The UK government is right to condemn Israel's current actions in Gaza and suspend trade negotiations with Israel. But this is far too little.



**Pray for peace**



**Please tell your MP that the UK government must take bolder and more decisive action.**



## NATIONAL RELIC TOUR 2025

The Relics of St Columba, St Margret of Scotland and St Andrew are on tour through Scotland, England and Wales during this Jubilee Year of 2025. This is a great opportunity to venerate these Relics at a location close to you. Below is a photograph of the Relics with Council 29, Middlesbrough with their Chaplain Canon Paul Farrer after a special Mass for the Council



**10 Brentwood/East Anglia**

**12 Southwark**

**34 Arundel /Brighton**

**42 South West, Channel Islands & Plymouth**

**41 Westminster**

**28/7/25 to 10/8/25**

**11/8/25 to 24/8/25**

**25/8/25 to 7/9/25**

**8/9/25 to 21/9/25**

**22/9/25 to 5/10/25**



## Two Paths to the Sacred: Indigenous Wisdom Meets Metaphysical Verse at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

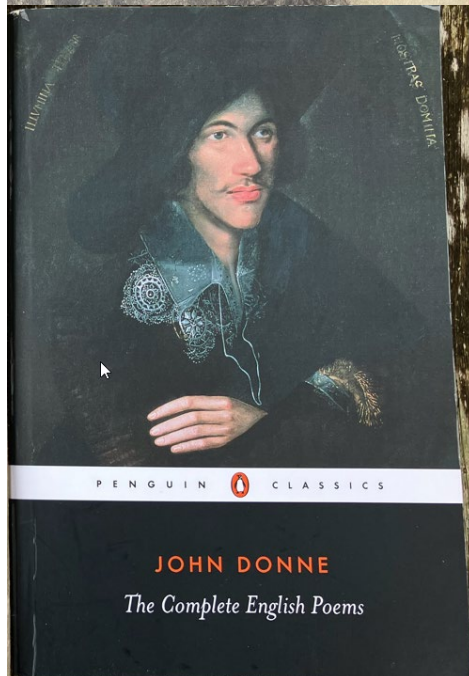
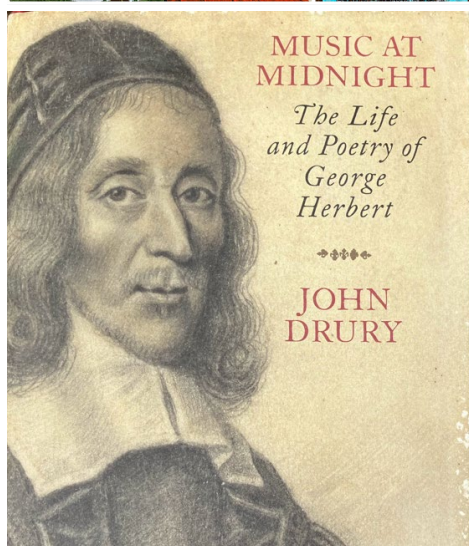
This September, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth launches Cultural Conversations: Mornings & Evenings of Enrichment—a new initiative inviting the public to engage with spiritual traditions through two inspiring events.

On **Saturday 6 September 2025, from 10am to 12 noon**, the Abbey hosts Discover Indigenous Spirituality – A Special Study Morning with Sheila Longman. This session will explore sacred traditions from tribal cultures, including a moving documentary on the Māori and live reflections from Jeremy Marks on Native American spirituality. It's a chance to explore how diverse cultures connect with the divine.

On **Thursday 25 September 2025, from 7.30pm to 9.15pm**, Mysteries of the Metaphysicals – A Poetry Evening will celebrate the timeless works of metaphysical poets John Donne and George Herbert. Led by Peter Thompson, Dr Jo Russell, and Sheila Longman, the evening will explore how poetry expresses faith, doubt, and devotion.

Both events will be held in the peaceful Assisi Room, with free parking and refreshments included. Tickets

are £10 via [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk). All proceeds support the Abbey Church organ conservation. St Augustine's Abbey, Sample Oak Lane, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8QR Visit us online at [www.chilworthbenedictines.com](http://www.chilworthbenedictines.com)





## Community based project in Tanzania

WGK Brother Jordan Nichols, Council 136, Southampton reports that the mother-in-law of one of our council Brother James Steward is trying to raise money for a Church in Maji Chumvi-Chanika, Tanzania. This is being done through gofundme.



The story of is as follow " Our Mama helped to establish and build a Catholic Parish Church in Zingiziwa-Chanika in Dar Es Salaam Tanzania in 2022 and now she needs our help to do the same for her Satellite church in Maji Chumvi-Chanika.

To go back to the beginning of Mama's story, imagine the members of her Catholic community praying and worshipping under the shade of a Mango tree (2005-2008) then the incredible journey to build a church, house for the parish priest and the nursery school for young children all on the same site. This is the vision we have for the Satellite church at Maji Chumvi.

At the moment the satellite church in Maji Chumvi is made out of mud and not very well fortified against the elements. We are therefore eager to get something stronger in place so that the repairs can start after the devastation of the rainy season. We also need to build a toilet for the parishioners to meet their basic sanitary requirements.

This is a community-based project in Tanzania to help people in the local region gather in worship and help them with their mental health through meditational prayer, and share their Faith, support one another through teaching and learning and so much more."

Our council will be making a donation in due course. But I feel this is something the whole Order could get behind. The link to the gofundme page is <https://gofund.me/2e5130b1>. You can also use the qr code at the top of this email.



## Chatham MoH presentation



On June 28th Council 418 Chatham presented a Member of Honour certificate to Father Domnic at St Michael the Archangel Church in Chatham. The photograph includes WGK Brother Titus and Brother Trevor from Council 418.





## Province 38: a hive of activity



A whole range of photos from Province 38 PGK Mike Okwara. From participation in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, MoH presentation to Bishop Oakley, various installations and initiations at Bletchley, Northampton, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes, as well as presentation of the Golden Jubilee medal to PPGK Bro Pat Martin and the Provincial Dinner at Northampton on 14 February 2025.



## **Dinner Dance at Council 977 Gravesend and Northfleet**

Council 977 Gravesend and Northfleet held a very successful fund-raising dinner and dance on July 5th. This was a sell out with the Parish and Clergy supporting the evening. Excellent music, food, a cash bar and raffle all added to the evening. We were honoured to have our Supreme Knight Brother Michael Akinrele and his good wife attend.

Would the real SK please stand up?

During the dinner dance WGK Brother Fred Juma presented a painting of our WSK Brother Michael Akinrele. This was in recognition of the long-standing help provided by Brother Michael to Council 977 Gravesend and Northfleet.



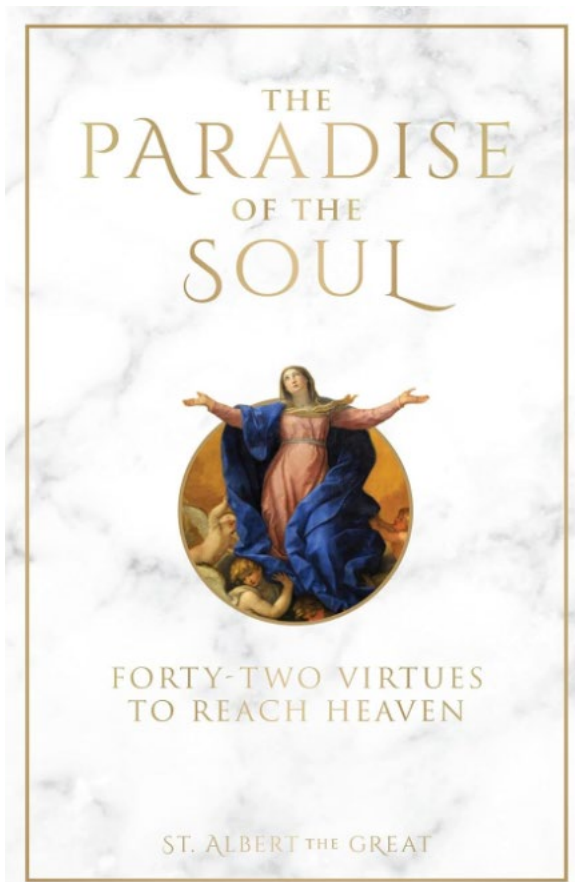
Brother Richard Akinfala the very happy winner of the Gold hamper, top prize in the raffle being congratulated by the WGK Broter Fred Juma from Council 977 Gravesend and Northfleet.



## Some Interesting Reading

### **The Paradise of the Soul: Forty-Two Virtues to Reach Heaven**

Saint Albert the Great, one of the greatest Doctors of the Church, and one of the greatest intellects of all time, recognized 42 distinct virtues. His teachings not only name and define the virtues but also direct and guide us in their fruitful exercise. Few are as qualified to teach on this subject as Albert, the Universal Doctor, best known as the teacher of Saint Thomas Aquinas himself. Only a man of true virtue could teach the truth of the virtues.



### **Pope's Intentions for August 2025**

For mutual coexistence:

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.





## Useful Links

[CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](#)

[Jesuit Refugee Service \(JRS\) - Accompany, Serve, Advocate](#)

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