

News Knight – September 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 September 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, including our Jubilee Year Relic Tour with photos from: St Edmunds Beckenham, St Anthony's Anerley, St John Vianney Bexleyheath, Sacred Heart Wimbledon and some intrepid Brothers stewarding at Aylesford Priory.





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>





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

Our mailing address is:

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



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ST COLUMBA**

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE
WEEKLY ROSARIES**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm



Join us on Zoom:

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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**





At our 2024 Supreme Council we selected the Alma Mater at its national 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



DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE
NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT

The poster features a woman in a blue graduation gown and cap, holding a rolled-up diploma. The background is light blue with a white banner across the middle. The text on the banner reads: "PREGNANCY DOESN'T NEED TO BE THE END OF AN ACADEMIC JOURNEY". At the top right, it says "KSC National Action Project 2024-2026" and "www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater". At the bottom left, there are two logos: the KSC logo and the Alma Mater Fund logo. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for the Alma Mater Fund, featuring a woman and a child.

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.



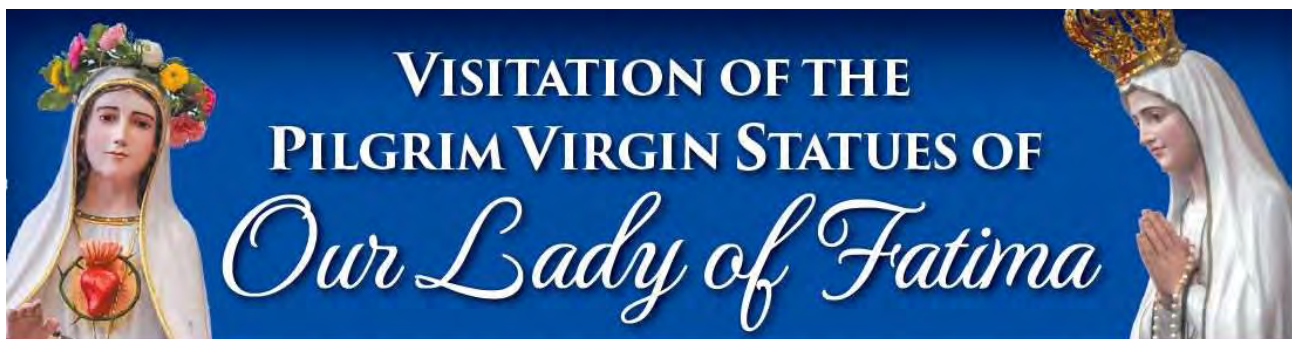
What is the Alma Mater Fund? The alma Mater Fund is an initiative of SPUC that provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative the Alma Mater Fund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

How does a student apply? First, a student should contact the initiative: Call, Text, WhatsApp: 07849 088244 | Email: 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





VISITATION OF THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUES OF *Our Lady of Fatima*

AND THE RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA AND FRANCISCO

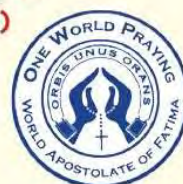
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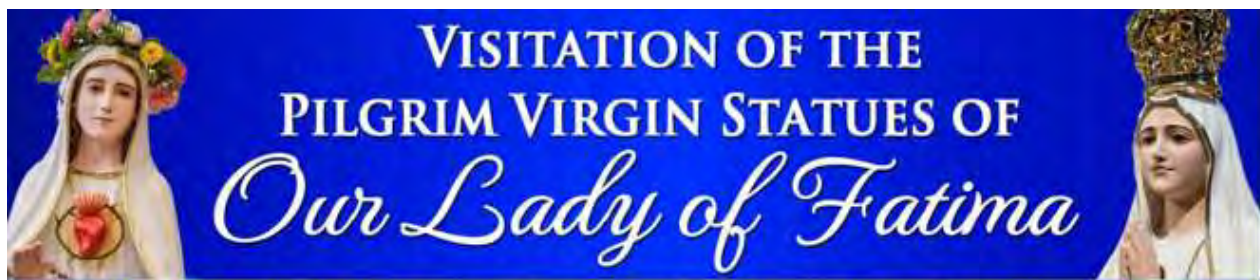
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2026

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2-3 May	Cathedral Church of St. Michael & St. George, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2BY
20 June	Cathedral Church of St. Peter (Diocese of Lancaster)
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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



Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill

The new government has an opportunity to fix this and build a fairer, more humane system – but their first piece of immigration legislation, going through parliament right now, is a missed opportunity.

This bill misses a vital opportunity to create a fair and humane asylum system.

While this bill repeals some particularly harmful policies of the last government (for example, the [Rwanda Plan](#)) – it also introduces dangerous new provisions which risk criminalising people seeking safety.

Another problem of the bill is its framing: it continues a long and dangerous trend of talking about asylum as a border security issue rather than a protection issue, and of crafting law and policy accordingly. Consistently associating 'national security' with people seeking sanctuary stokes division and distrust, framing seeking asylum as a threat. It is not hard to see the dangers of this: less than a year ago [the country was shocked by criminal violence targeting people seeking sanctuary](#).

We should be focussed on making it safer and easier for refugees to find protection, rather than building a fortress.

Ways we could build a better and fairer asylum system

Create safe routes for refugees to come to the UK

This would reduce reliance on small boats and other dangerous modes of travel.

Restore the right to work to asylum seekers

Most people seeking asylum are not permitted to work. This consigns them to deep poverty, obliges them to be reliant on Home Office support to meet their basic needs, and makes it harder for them to take up work when they are recognised as refugees. Restoring the full right to work to people seeking safety would be good for asylum seekers' mental health, support integration, and save public money.

End the use of immigration detention

Until this happens, introduce a 28-day time limit, ensure the decision to detain a person goes before a judge, and implement the recommendations of the Brook House Inquiry. JRS UK's report [After Brook House](#) demonstrates the abuse and harm endemic across the UK's detention estate, and makes recommendations for an entirely different approach.



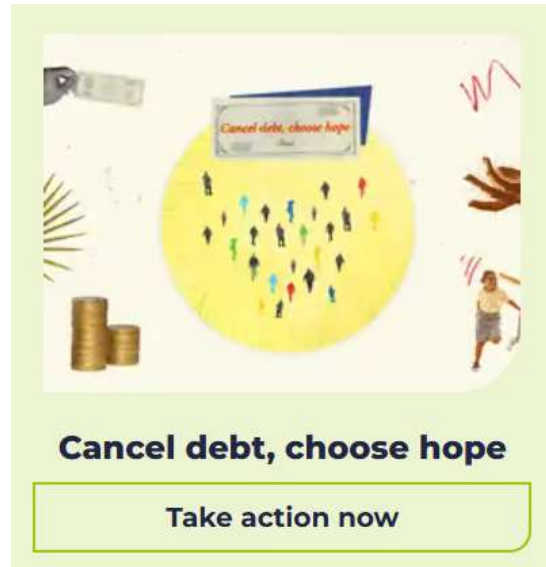
Many of the world's poorest countries have been plunged into a new debt crisis, and in this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis called for urgent action to address it.

Involve your parish in our debt campaign



The number of low and middle-income countries in debt crisis has more than doubled since 2015: 54 countries are now in debt crisis compared with 22 countries in 2015.

Despite facing significant poverty burdens, countries are having to make huge repayments on high-interest loans to wealthy banks, institutions and governments, leaving them unable to properly fund essential services.



In Africa, 34 countries spend more on external debt payments than on health or education, when hospitals and schools are already desperately underfunded.

Debts are being paid at the expense of hiring doctors and teachers, building schools, hospitals and sewage systems, preparing for floods, or coping with droughts.

Often, countries have repaid their original debt several times over, but the debt will never be cleared because the interest on it keeps growing.



Buy a World Gift

Check out our range of virtual charity gifts - with gifts starting from £4, we have something for everyone!



Leave a gift in your Will

A charity gift in your Will is a special way to reach out to future generations.



Give in memory

By remembering one special life, many more lives around the world will be changed.



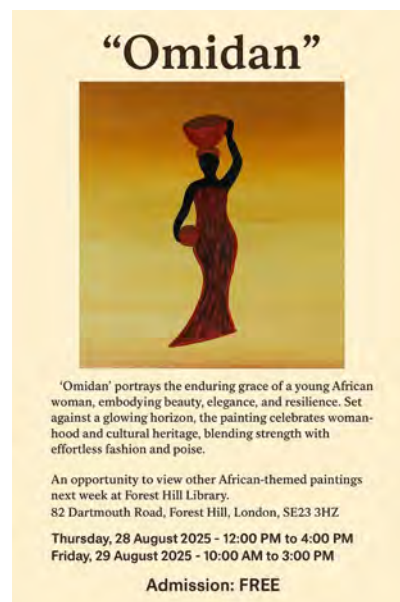
OMIDAN EXHIBITION - BROTHER MATTHEW MEDUPIN - PGK

Thursday 28th August 2025.

Council 472 Sydenham's Past GK Brother Matthew Medupin - Artist. Brother Matthew has invited me to his last 4 exhibitions and I was not able to attend due to work. Luckily for me that I was able attend his 5th one.

My own Council's Past.GK Brother Taiwo Agboola suggested we both go and show support to Brother Matthew given that I was off work for another KSC event that was cancelled.

Wow! What an experience. So proud of Brother Matthews output. Each painting with its own story.
Bravo sir! Keep up the good work.





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



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42 South West, Channel Islands & Plymouth

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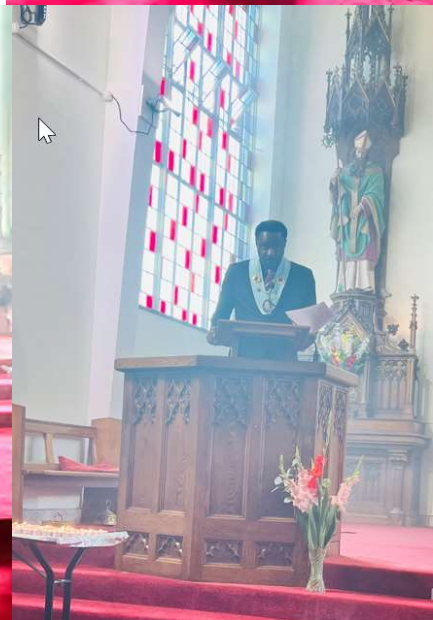
22/9/25 to 5/10/25





Province 8 Full knighthood Cermeony

PGK Brother Dr Ehosa Peter Ogbeni, KSC wrote to thank Reverend Father Derek Murphy and Supreme Knight Brother Michael Akinrele, as well as all others who attended the full-knighthood ceremony for Brother, Peter Odibo, KSC. This ceremony was arranged and planned by Concil 104 and took place at Christ the King Church.





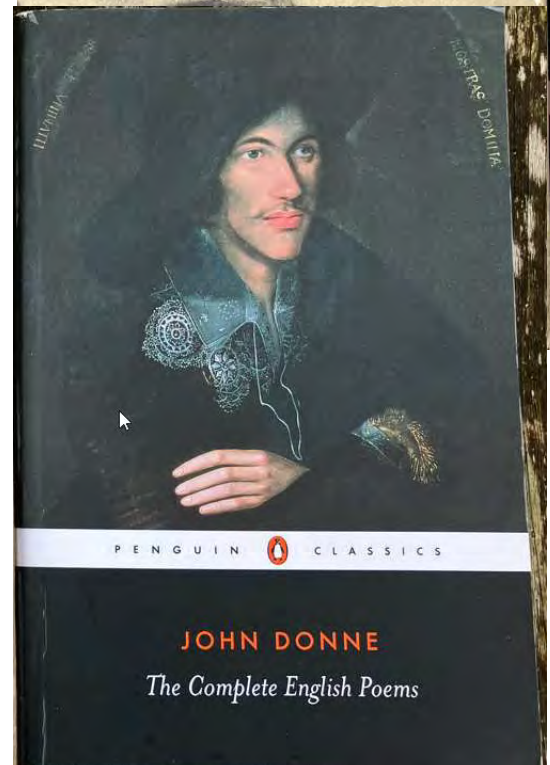
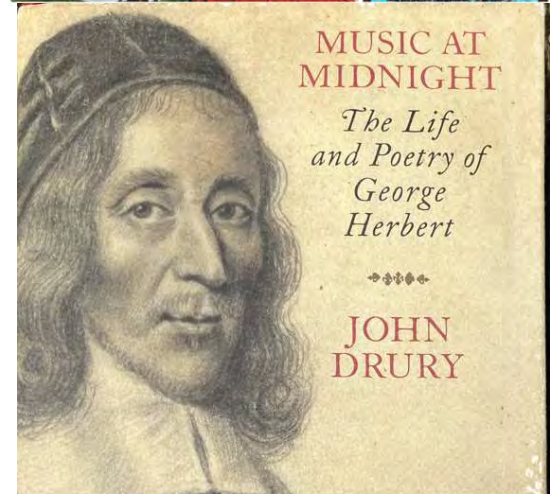
Two Paths to the Sacred: Indigenous Wisdom Meets Metaphysical Verse at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

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. 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





Faith Formation Series at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth



This autumn and winter, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth near Guildford invites you to a thought provoking six-part faith formation programme led by Benedictine monk Fr John Seddon OSB.

Titled "The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters" and based on Bishop Robert Barron's acclaimed series, the sessions explore atheism, the nature of God, the Trinity and the problem of evil.

Running monthly on Saturday mornings from 13 September 2025 to 14 February 2026 (10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., with refreshments), the gatherings will be held in the Assisi Room at the monastery, with free parking provided.

Booking is essential at £10 per person per session (plus booking fee) via <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk> (search 'Chilworth') All proceeds support the monks' life and work.



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— Nulli Secundus —

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CHRISTMAS 2025 - POSTER CAMPAIGN

Dear Friend,

Your support for our "Keep Christ in Christmas" Campaign 2024 was very much appreciated. It allowed us to make donations to a number of charities:

This year the cost of posters will again be £16.00 per hundred (including postage and packaging) but with a **minimum order of 100**. Please make cheques/postal orders payable to **KSC PROVINCE 21 CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN**. Payment can also be made via BACs to **Knights of St Columba Province 21 Christ Camp**, Sort code **20-55-41**, Account number **93832740**. Also, please ensure that your postcode and the address and postcode of the delivery address are on your order form.

The Campaign **must close on Friday 28 November 2025** in order for supplies to reach you in time for Christmas.

Many thanks for your support and may God bless you and your families with a joyful and peaceful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ita Thomas (Secretary)

CHRISTMAS POSTER CAMPAIGN 2025 – ORDER FORM

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Total: £_____ Please send orders to the above address.

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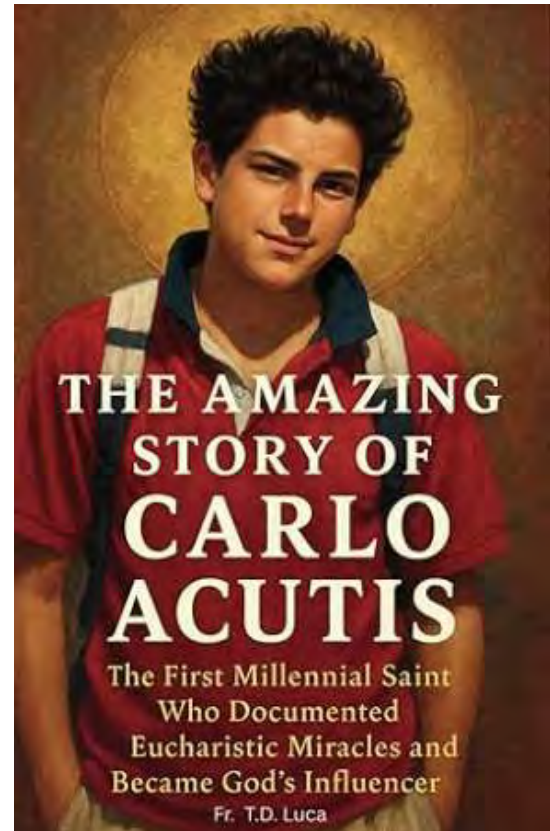
Some topical Reading

This book tells the story of a boy who loved GOD with all his heart and did everything he could to please Him.

Carlo received his first computer as a gift from his parents in the year 2000, when he was just 9 years old. He read university-level programming textbooks and quickly became very skilled in using the computer and the internet.

With this gift, he built a website to catalogue Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He wanted everyone to know that the Eucharist contains the very flesh and blood of our LORD and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

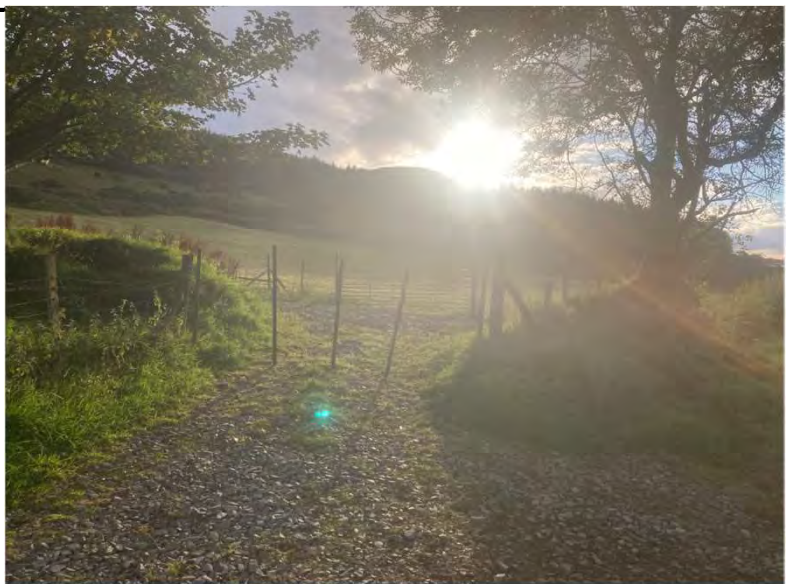
This is his story, from his birth in London to his death at the age of 15



Pope's Intentions for September 2025

For our relationship with all of creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.





Useful Links

[CAFOD - Catholic international development charity](#)

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

[Donate- Catholic Outreach – Caritas](#)

[SPUC – Making abortion unthinkable](#)

[Catholic Truth Society](#)

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