

News Knight – June 2026

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.



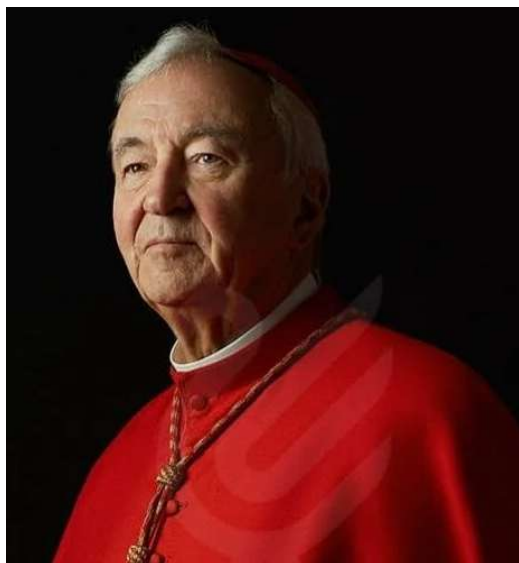
Faith Family Fraternity

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



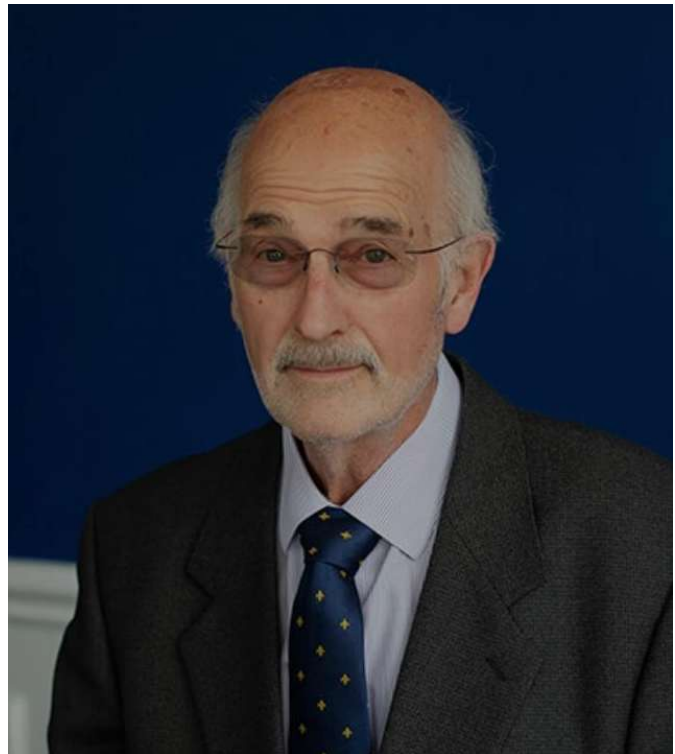
Welcome to the June 2026 edition of News Knight. This features a number of events and campaigns scheduled in 2026, as well as some that have already taken place.

Brother John Campolini RIP

The funeral of Brother John Campolini, ex Supreme Officer and main organizer of the Order's Centenary celebrations in 2019, took place on Thursday May 27th at St Edmund's Church Beckenham.

The previous evening, Brother John's body was received at the Church and a Knight's Farewell ceremony performed. There were close to 80 Brothers present for the funeral, fitting for a Brother who had put so much of his life and energy into the Order of the Knights of St Columba.

Brother John's service will stand as an inspiration to us all and is a great example of what it means to be a true Knight. My he rest in peace and rise in glory.





A Tribute to Brother John Campolini from Province 12

Bro John Campolini was born in August 1946 in Southeast London. He went to school with the late Bro Martin Quinn, who Grand Knight of Lesness Abbey Council 380 was a founding member and first Grand Knight of Abbey Wood Council 978.

At the age of 20, John joined the Knights in Council 472 with his father, Frank. John became a Grand Knight in his twenties. Bro Mike Cronin, PGK, appointed John as a District Deputy. John carried out these duties to a very high standard and looked after Orpington Council, Bromley Council and his own Council in later years.

John became a Provincial Grand Knight in 1995, later becoming a member of the Board of Directors and was given responsibility for organizing the Centenary of the Order in 2018. He was elected a Regional Director of Region 8: including Southwark, Arundel and Brighton and Jersey Provinces.

John was a very hard-working and was anxious to see as many new Brothers recruited as possible. John's favourite motto was "if each Brother recruited a new member into the Order this would lead to a doubling in the Order's membership. John encouraged training, especially of new Brothers, to ensure that a Brother, once recruited, stayed and his skills were used to the full. John was a key member of the Province and was anxious to take forward the Province's preparations for its Centenary in May 2026. He had set up a committee for this but unfortunately had a serious fall in late Summer 2025. John sadly never made a full recovery and spent his final days in Coloma Court Nursing Home, West Wickham where he was well looked after until his death on the 25th of April, surrounded by his close family.

John was also a Magistrate for many years. When John came through surgery for oesophageal cancer, he emerged with a powerful determination to give something back. He was elected chairman of OPA (Oesophageal Patients Association) and became a tireless voice for early diagnosis – speaking openly about the dangers, encouraging anyone with persistent symptoms to seek specialist referral without delay. For John, this was deeply personal. His father was taken by the same disease over 30 years ago, and his son, Mark, is currently being monitored for the condition. Few people understood better than John why the work of the OPA was so critical.

As Chair, John embodied everything the OPA stood for – bringing people together, sharing experiences, and making sure no one faced this journey alone. His hope has always been simple and sincere.

All of us who knew John remember him with love and affection and thank him for his contribution he made to Society in many different ways. May he rest in peace.



Province 12 – Southwark Centenary



On Saturday May 16th, Province 12 – Southwark celebrated the tremendous achievement of completing 100 years of service. To celebrate, a special Mass was arranged at St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson. There was a good turnout with around 350 present. Pictured are Worthy Supreme Knight Brother Michael Akinrele presenting a certificate recognizing the centenary to Provincial Grand Knight Brother David Havard. Also shown is a section of the congregation and Archbishop John who gave a wonderful homily incorporating the Knights and service of the Church.



Pope Leo XIV's newly released first encyclical letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*.



Signed on the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's landmark labor encyclical *Rerum Novarum*, this new text establishes the pastoral and moral trajectory for Pope Leo's pontificate. Rather than offering a blanket condemnation of new technology, the Holy Father highlights how innovation can heal and connect, while forcefully warning against a digital culture that reduces human beings to data points or projects "to be optimized."

Key themes highlighted in the encyclical include:

The Wonder of Human Limits: A moving reminder that our vulnerability, illness, and aging are not "defects to be corrected by machines," but spaces where we discover wisdom and encounter the Lord.

Ethical Technology: A direct call to scientists, engineers, and global leaders to "disarm" technologies that exclude or divide, ensuring AI serves the common good.

Community over Efficiency: A warning against allowing economic or technological resources to be concentrated in a few hands, widening the gap between the included and the excluded.

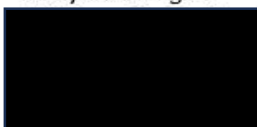


Award of Benemerenti Award to Brother Tony McDougall, Council 520



Knights of St Columba

Tony McDougall



1st June 2026

Dear Brother Tony,

I write to congratulate you following the confirmation of your nomination for the Diocesan Bene Merenti Award. I am delighted that your many years of outstanding service are being recognised.

This award reflects well on you, your family and the Knights of St Columba. The Knights primary goal as you know is to support our clergy and give our allegiance to the Holy See.

You have followed this call to 'Serve God by Serving Others' and to stay so committed to the cause over a long period shows what Knighthood is all about.

Council 520, Province 16 and the Board of Directors are all very proud of you for being honoured with this prestigious award.

May God continue to grant you good health so that you can continue your important work and inspire others to do the same by your actions.

Fraternally

Brother Stephen Ferris

Deputy Supreme Knight
Knights of St Columba





KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Southwark - Province 12

KSC *Pilgrimage &* FULL-KNIGHTHOOD CEREMONY

Sunday, 28th June 2026



Mass: 12 pm



Celebrant:
Fr. Piotr Kucharski



Presiding officer:
Supreme Knight
Brother Michael Akinrele

Join us for a special
celebration/picnic:
parishioners, family &
friends are welcome



**ROSARY
PROCESSION**
3:15 PM

The Friars, Aylesford, Kent

ME20 7BX



For more information: please contact your Parish Knights of St Columba or scan the QR Code or Brother Pius Akubue: Membership@kscsouthwark.org



Faith Art and Worship at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

Discover the meaning of the Roman Catholic Mass – Public Talk Series

Join Benedictine monk Fr John Seddon OSB for a compelling seven-part Saturday series exploring the beauty and mystery of the Mass, based on Bishop Robert Barron's teachings.

27 June – A Privileged Encounter

25 July – Called out of the World

29 August – God Speaks our Story

26 September – Responding to God

31 October – Preparing for Sacrifice

21 November – The Real Presence Creates Communion

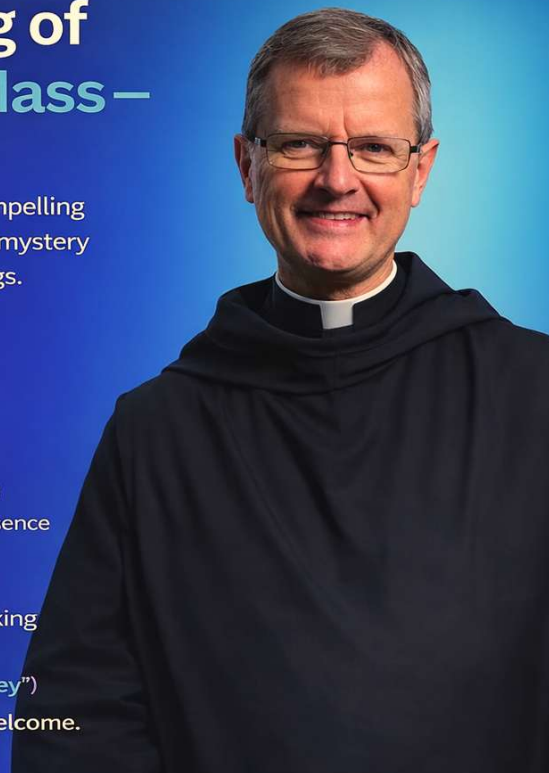
19 December – Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Saturdays 10.30am–12.20pm

£12 per session (booking fee applies) • Advance booking essential – No tickets on the door

Book at www.ticketsource.com (search "Chilworth Abbey")

Free refreshments from 10am • Free parking • All are welcome.



Bishop Barron Talks at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth is hosting a public talk series based on Bishop Robert Barron's teachings: **Discover the Meaning of the Roman Catholic Mass**, running monthly from **Saturday 27 June to Saturday 19 December 2026, 10.30am–12.20pm**. These are on the last Saturday of the month apart from November and December.

All talks are presented by Benedictine monk Fr John Seddon OSB.

Tickets: **£12 per session** for *Discover the Meaning of the Roman Catholic Mass*.

Booking essential via www.ticketsource.com (search "**Chilworth Abbey**").



Novice monk's love of gardening inspires unusual appeal for plants

The Benedictine monastery of St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth near Guildford is making an unusual appeal for donations of surplus garden plants after one of its new novice monks expressed a desire to continue developing areas of the monastery grounds.

The novice, who has a particular love of nature and gardening, finds working outdoors both rewarding and spiritually enriching. Gardening has become an important part of his prayer life, helping him to reflect on the beauty of creation while contributing to the life of the monastery.



Having already begun planting a number of Mediterranean-style species suited to the Abbey's sandy soil, he casually mentioned to a volunteer that he would enjoy expanding the project if suitable plants became available. With the blessing of Fr Abbot, the monastery is now inviting anyone with surplus Mediterranean or drought-tolerant plants to consider donating them over the coming weeks. Suitable plants could help enhance the Abbey grounds while supporting a project that means a great deal to the community.

Anyone wishing to discuss a possible plant donation is invited to make contact through the Abbey

website: <https://www.chilworthbenedictines.com/contact-us>

The Monastic Community recognises that it is an unusual request, but one that reflects the Benedictine appreciation of prayer, work, hospitality and care for creation. With many thanks.

St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth GU4 8QR welcomes the public to daily Roman Catholic Mass (9am weekdays, 10am Sundays) and daily Divine office often sung in ancient Latin Gregorian Chant.



The Leo Effect

Christopher Lamb, CNN Vatican Correspondent, delivered the Catholic Union's latest pub talk, entitled *Who is Pope Leo?* Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, the event was extremely well attended with attendees having the opportunity to buy signed copies of Christopher's book [*American Hope: What Pope Leo XIV means for the Church and the World.*](#)

Christopher spoke about the formative influences on Pope Leo, including his time in Peru, and how he embodies servant leadership to confirm people to the faith and evangelise. With Augustinian principles almost in his DNA, and extensive knowledge of Canon Law, Pope Leo has established himself as a quiet yet powerful presence, with listening at the heart of all that he does.

Questions focused on international aspects, including the relationship between the Vatican and the White House and, of course, being the first American Pope, having English as a mother tongue, and being tech savvy. Christopher commented that Pope Leo's first Encyclical is likely to centre on the moral challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence.

The Catholic Union has continued its series of pub talks in 2026, which have been a very informative way to hear from politicians and policy makers about important and topical issues in a relaxed setting. Recent talks have featured Catherine McKinnell MP, Sir Iain Duncan-Smith MP, Jon Cruddas, Ann Widdecombe, Alex Macqueen, Lord Glasman, Andrew Hawkins, Stephen Pound, Andy Keen-Downs CBE, Kate Nightingale, Sojan Joseph MP, Margaret and Barry Mizen MBE and John Studzinski CBE. The Catholic Union is grateful to the Charlotte Marshall Trust for its sponsorship of this series of pub talks.

Keith Leslie, Chair at Samaritans in UK & Ireland, will deliver the next pub talk on 5 October, [*Mental Health – is it now becoming a fad?*](#)



Mental Health – is it now becoming a fad?

Keith Leslie, Chair at Samaritans in UK & Ireland, will deliver a Catholic Union pub talk on Monday 5 October. Chaired by Catherine Pepinster, journalist, the event will be open to all but [booking](#) is essential. The discussion will focus on mental health.

Keith Leslie, Chair at Samaritans in UK & Ireland, is a leadership and governance adviser, speaker and writer, living in the West Country. He is regularly appointed to lead independent reviews of public bodies, including the House of Lords, Better Society Capital, Access and a wide range of other public bodies and charities. Keith's book 'A Question Of Leadership: leading organisational change in times of crisis' was published by Bloomsbury in 2021.

Keith has devoted extensive time to the voluntary sector over the years. In addition to his Samaritans role, he is also a trustee of St Martins-in-the-Fields Charity and was Chair of the Board at the Mental Health Foundation, Build Africa and Mental Health At Work. He also served as a non-executive director of The Tablet Publishing Company Ltd, as a fellow at Windsor Leadership and a member of Council at St Paul's Cathedral. He has served 5 years as speaker and mentor at OnBoard, preparing young people from minority ethnic backgrounds for trustee roles.

Please [book your place](#) at the pub talk on Monday 5 October at 6.30 pm at the Brass Monkey, Victoria.



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

SPUC is hiring

I am delighted to say that SPUC is hiring again, with a total of four current vacancies. The vacancies span the three teams of Campaigns, Grassroots and Fundraising, and are listed below:

- Scottish Parliamentary Officer
- Major Gifts Officer
- Development Officer (for South-East England & the Midlands)
- Development Officer (for the North of England)

We are undergoing a time of real political and cultural upheaval right now, and whilst as pro-lifers we're seeing wins, we're also witnessing monumentally destructive changes. As such, we're looking for candidates who are both willing and capable of taking on the culture of death head-on. We're also looking for people who are in it for the long haul.

If you think you might be a good fit for any of the above roles, click the link below for more information and to view the various application packs:

Join our dynamic and ever-growing team and make a real difference.

John Deighan
Chief Executive



The Carmelites at Boar’s Hill Oxford highlight a series of programmes coming up soon on Channel 5, called “Trading Places.”

Fr. Alexander Ezechukwu, superior, writes: “You may already be aware that our community at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, has been featured in a documentary series on Channel 5 called Trading Places.

The programme follows three young men as they spend a week living alongside our friars, sharing in our daily life of prayer, silence, community, and work. The series is now airing and our episode broadcasts on Sunday 24 May at 10pm.

We expect it to reach millions of viewers and see this as a providential moment — not only for our community, but for the witness of religious and contemplative life in the United Kingdom more broadly.

[Watch full episodes on My5](#)

[dedicated page](#)



Marriage & Family Life

Forthcoming Events 2026



To join please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk



Building a Better Marriage (BABM)

In 2026 one day Building a Better Marriage events will be held to strengthen and enrich marriages. The day starts at 9.00 am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend

The days will be held in the following deaneries:

**May 23 Sutton: June 13 Dover: June 27 Wandsworth
October 3 Lambeth:**

Rooted in Love Online Group

For engaged and married couples

Meets one hour a month on Zoom from 8.30pm to 9.30 pm. No travelling and no costs.

April 23, May 21, June 25,
July 23, August 27,
September 24, October 22,
November 26, December 10.



Sycamore Growing in Faith Together

From the comfort of your living room join us for 4 x 1 hour Sycamore Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) for engaged and married couples **May 5,12,19,26. Sept 8,15,22,29.** Other courses available.

Can you help us?

We are looking for married couples to join our growing Marriage and Family Life Team.

FFI contact: Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: Mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Grief in Loss - Hope in Christ

A weekend for those who have been bereaved – This weekend takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you. Dates for 2026 October 9-11 For details phone 01622 717272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk



OUR PARISH CULTURAL DAY

St. Mary's Catholic Church
70 Wellesley Rd, Croydon CR0 2AR
PRESENTS

Join us to Celebrate

VENUE: ST MARY'S CAR PARK

JULY 19th, 2026
02:00PM to 7:00pm

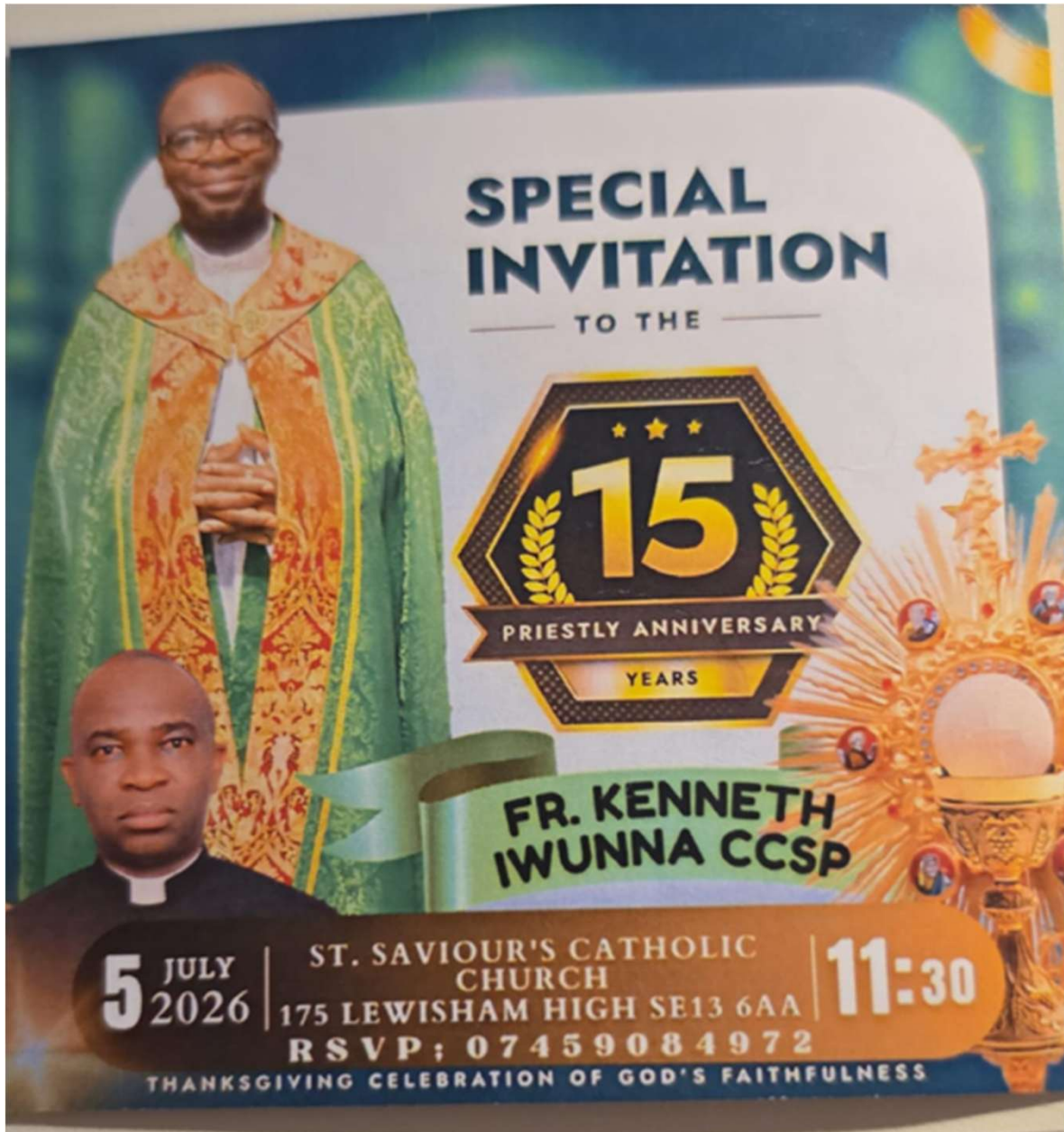


Varied Faces **Common Praises**





Father Kenneth Iwunna CCSP 15th anniversary



St Saviour's Church, Lewisham on Sunday July 5th 2026 at 11:30am Mass.



OLOR Evangelisation Conference 6th June 2026.jpg

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AI Evangelisation Conference

Exploring the Future of Faith & Technology



SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 2026


09:30 – 16:00

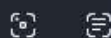
Join us for an inspiring day featuring guest speakers covering a variety of subjects on how Artificial Intelligence can promote evangelisation within the Catholic Church.

VENUE: Our Lady of the Rosary Church

330a Burnt Oak Lane, Blackfen, Sidcup
DA15 8LW

All are welcome – — clergy, laity, educators, and anyone interested in the intersection of AI and faith.

 rcblackfen.org.uk





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CATHOLIC UNION YOUNG WRITER COMPETITION 2026

Why Do We Go to Confession?

The Catholic Union Young Writer Award is open to all young Catholics in secondary years 8-11 inclusive.

There is a cash prize for the best essay, plus a number of runner-up prizes.

Your essay, no more than 1,200 words, should include:
specific references to Scripture, including Christ giving authority to His Apostles to forgive sins in His name, to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and to relevant Papal documents, including Pope St John Paul's *Reconciliatio et Paenitentia* (1984).

Deadline for entries 30 June 2026

Essays must be hand written, scanned and posted with application form to:

Catholic Young Writer Award 2026
22 Redcross Way
London SE1 1TA

www.catholicunion.org.uk



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Rosaries for Vocations

2026

Join us every Thursday to
pray the Rosary

ZOOM -

Meeting ID - 827 5010 5561

Passcode - 694846

FACEBOOK -

**[https://www.facebook.com/
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Our weekly Zoom Rosary begins **at 7:30pm**, so
please join if you can and invite those in your
Parishes to join too

Please note the updated Zoom code which was
unfortunately incorrect in a previous version of this
poster.



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 banner features a blue background with a white diagonal banner across the center. On the left, a woman in a blue graduation gown and cap is walking and holding a rolled-up diploma. The text on the white banner reads: "PREGNANCY DOESN'T NEED TO BE THE END OF AN ACADEMIC JOURNEY". At the top right of the banner, there is a small KSC logo and the text "KSC National Action Project 2024-2026 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 large circular logo for the Alma Mater Fund, which depicts a woman and a child within a laurel wreath.

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.



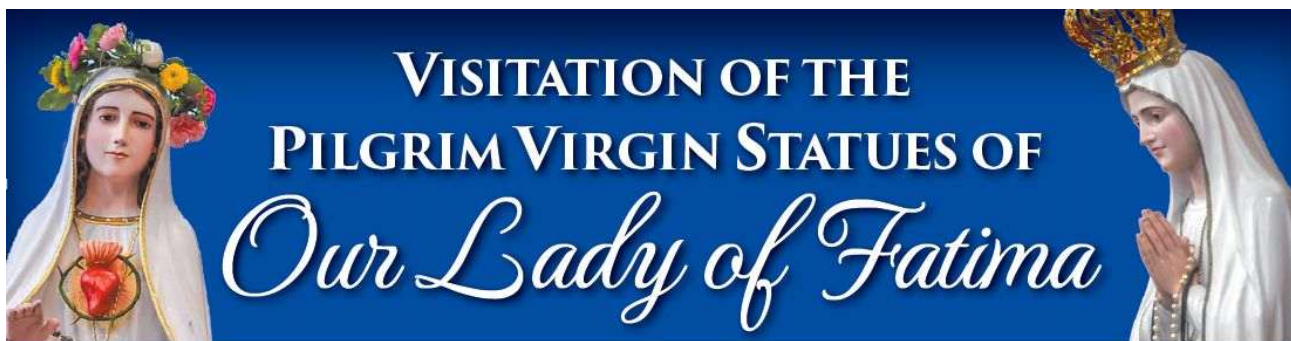
What is the Alma Mater Fund? The alma Mater Fund is an initiative of SPUC that provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative the Alma Mater Fund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

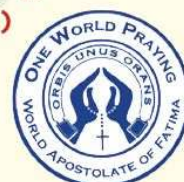
2025

CATHEDRAL VISITATIONS

- 3 May Cathedral Church of St. Joseph (Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia)
- 10 May Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Boniface (Diocese of Plymouth)
- 17-18 May Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George (Archdiocese of Southwark)
- 23-24 May Cathedral Church of St. Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception (Syro-Malabar)
- 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)
- 26-27 Sept Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist (Diocese of Salford)
- 3 October Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians (Diocese of Shrewsbury)
- 10-11 October Metropolitan Cathedral of St. David (Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia)
- 17-18 October Cathedral Church of St. John the Baptist (Diocese of East Anglia)
- 26 October Cathedral Church of St. Mary (Diocese of Wrexham)
- 31 October Metropolitan Cathedral of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ (Archdiocese of Westminster)





Mary's Meals Walk for Hope



When and where does Walk For Hope take place?

The series of walks will take place along routes across the UK and Ireland from May through to September 2026.

Whether you come on your own or as part of a group, walk with us in celebration of our work, our connections, and some of the most beautiful landscapes the UK and Ireland have to offer.



[Walk For Hope | Mary's Meals UK](https://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope#sign-up>



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



Together, Summer 2026

Creating Communities of
Hospitality

"At the root of the call of the Gospel to welcome the stranger is that recognition of the value of the human person. That comes from recognising that God is present in everyone" - Archbishop Richard Moth



This summer marks 75 years since the Refugee Convention promised protection to people forced to flee persecution. That promise matters now more than ever, at a deeply sobering moment. News reports detail the deaths of two women on their journey to seek sanctuary in the UK: the third deadly incident in just over a month. Disturbing scenes are also unfolding in Dunkirk, where children have been forcibly separated from their parents to prevent families boarding boats. And media outlets are reporting that a young man, returned to France under the UK's 'one in, one out' deal, is now at risk of onward removal to Syria, having fled forced conscription and lost contact with his family.

For Christians, the call to welcome is not optional. Catholic Social Teaching begins with the conviction that every person is made in the image of God, and that our responsibility to one another does not stop at borders. To welcome people seeking safety is to recognise Christ in others, and to insist on the dignity and worth of every human life.

That's why this summer we're asking you to join us in our campaign to defend asylum, by praying, speaking out, and acting together

<https://jrs.net/donate>



Volunteers' week

When you volunteer with us, you'll make a positive impact in your local community, in schools or in your parish.



CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, part of Caritas Internationalis.

We believe God wants everyone to flourish — yet many people are struggling with conflict, the climate crisis, inequality and injustice.

Across parishes, schools and homes in England and Wales we inspire people to raise money, petition politicians and pray, so that together we can support communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, as they strive to find practical, sustainable solutions to deep-rooted challenges.

We help all people, regardless of background, so that together we can build a better, fairer world – as God intended.



Council 139 Bournemouth Centenary

On April 26th a Mass was celebrated in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Bournemouth to commemorate the Centenary, to the day of Bournemouth Council 139.



Originally meetings had been held in the town centre Church, Sacred Heart, but an offer of improved facilities in the

early 70s, prompted our move to Our Lady Queen of Peace. In the post war period, the Council was very active in organizing dances and social events, also supplying a crib with life sized figures which was displayed in the Central Gardens right up to 2000. In the 80s and 90s we turned our attention to raising funds for charities through sponsored walks, regularly receiving between £2000 and £3000. The main organiser of the walks was Brother Rob Weston and I invited his daughter Veronica Woodward, (pictured above) head teacher at a local Catholic school as a guest of honour to cut the centenary cake.

Following the Mass we invited guests to join us in the hall for a buffet lunch, about 50 people were in attendance including PGK Brother Michael Gallagher, And two Gks from neighbouring councils. Our thanks and gratitude go to the local CWL who helped with the food.

Our numbers are small but we do our best to fly the flag, and hopefully we may have secured 2 new members from the event. Pictured right are GK Richard Arthur and DGK Henry Gardiner.





Province 12 – Southwark Centenary



Photographs from Province 12 – Southwark’s Centenary celebration of May 16th. Above are Archbishop John Wilson and Bishop Paul Hendricks pictured with the Provincial Officers. Below left are the past PGKs, in order of service from left to right: Frank Stanley, Deigo Gomes, Michael Akinrele, Tom Breen and Paddy Boyle, with the current PGK David Havard on the right. In the middle is the oldest past PGK still present, Brother Michael Cronin who came from Ireland for the Centenary celebration with the most recent past PGK Paddy Boyle, who is again on the right cutting the birthday cake with current PGK David Havard. A wonderful buffet was enjoyed by those attending the celebration after Mass in the Amigo Hall.



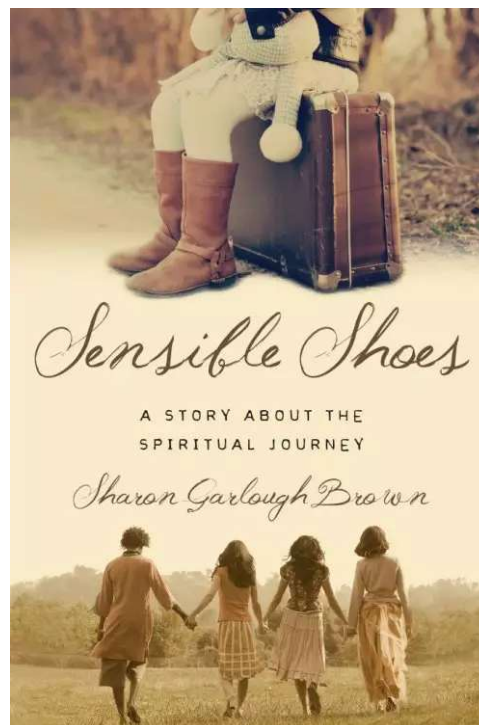
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You're invited to join these four women as they reluctantly arrive at a retreat center and find themselves drawn out of their separate stories of isolation and struggle and into a collective journey of spiritual practice, mutual support and personal revelation.



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Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of June and invites Catholics to pray 'for the values of sports,' that all sport may promote peace, fraternity and communion.



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