

News Knight – July 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.



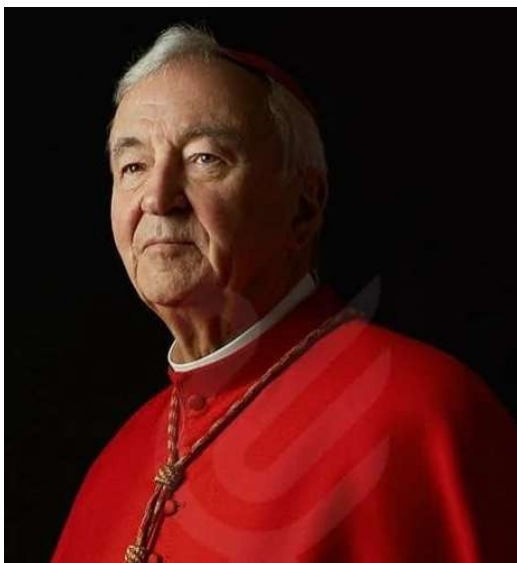
Faith Family Fraternity

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 July 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.

Aylesford Full-Knighthood Ceremony



On Sunday June 28th the Knights of Saint Columba Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford took place. This included a full-Knighthood Ceremony, during which 41 Brothers were raised to full-Knighthood by our Supreme Knight, Brother Michael Akinrele. There were Brothers from Provinces 10, 12 and 41 raised, a great witness to the recruitment that has been taking place this past couple of years. Mass was celebrated by Father Piotr Kucharski, recently appointed Provincial Chaplain to Province 12, Southwark and concelebrated by Father Stephen Trafford. The Pilgrimage ended with the Rosary, said while carrying the stature of Our Lady around the beautiful Rosary Walk at Aylesford. This year's Pilgrimage was well attended and hopefully will inspire even more Brothers and their families to attend next year



WHAT MAKES A KNIGHT? Homily by Rev. Piotr Kucharski. Aylesford Pilgrimage homily June 28th 2026

What makes a knight?

Most people would answer: courage, honour, loyalty, sacrifice.

History would probably add military victories.

Legends would add shining armour and heroic deeds.

But the Church gives a different answer. 'A knight is recognised long before he enters a battle. He is recognised by the man he has become.'

Every organisation has its constitution.

Every profession has its code.

Every family has its traditions.

All of them tell us something about identity.

The Knights of St Columba are no different. For more than a century the Order has existed to support the mission of the Church. It speaks about Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

It calls Catholic men to serve God by serving others. These are not simply values to admire. They are the blueprint for Christian manhood. They are a programme for Christian living. They describe the character that every Knight is invited to develop.

Peter's confession is not simply the correct answer to a theological question. It becomes the foundation of his entire life.

Before there is service, there is faith.

Before there is leadership, there is discipleship.

Before there is action, there is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Without that foundation, every activity becomes just another voluntary organisation.

With that foundation, every act of service becomes part of the mission of the Church.

It is far more than friendship. It means that another person's burdens become my concern, another person's family becomes part of my prayer, another person's suffering is never faced alone.



Father Piotr with Supreme Knight Brother Michael Akinrele



Fr Piotr continued....

Surely that is one of the greatest gifts the Knights of St Columba offer one another.

Every day placed into God's hands.

Every gift used for His Kingdom.

Every sacrifice united with Christ.

That is charity in its fullest sense.

Perhaps that is what the Church needs most from Catholic men today.

Men whose faith gives confidence to others.

Men whose word can be trusted.

Men who serve quietly without seeking recognition.

Men who pray.

Men who love the Church enough to give their time, their experience and their gifts.

The Knights of St Columba have sought to form exactly those kinds of men for over one hundred years. They have supported priests and bishops, strengthened parish life, cared for families, defended the dignity of human life and encouraged one another in holiness. That work has taken many forms, but its purpose has remained the same: to serve God by serving others.

If the Knights of St Columba remain faithful to this invitation, then Charity, Unity and Fraternity will never be merely words written in a constitution. They will become a living witness that strengthens our parishes, supports our families and brings people closer to Christ.

And perhaps that is the finest definition of a Christian knight.

A man whose whole life quietly points others to Jesus Christ.

Rev. Piotr Kucharski

Parish Priest of Sevenoaks and Dean of Tunbridge Wells Deanery

27th July 2026

Given at the Aylesford Pilgrimage.



Father Stephen Wang appointed Bishop of Arundel and Brighton



His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Fr Stephen Wang as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Ordained to the priesthood on 3 January 1998, Fr Wang has spent the last five years as Rector of the Venerable English College, one of two English and Welsh seminaries in Rome training men for the priesthood.

On hearing of his appointment, Bishop-elect Stephen Wang, said: "This appointment has come as a huge surprise. I feel a mixture of gratitude and trepidation; an excitement and curiosity about all that lies ahead; and above all, a sense of peace. I'm grateful to Pope Leo for calling me and putting his trust in me, and to Archbishop Moth for all his care for the Diocese over these years."

"I'm sad to be leaving the Venerable English College, and the Diocese of Westminster. But I am overjoyed at the thought of coming to Arundel and Brighton, getting to know the people, and working together to build God's Kingdom. Coming from a landlocked diocese where the hills are no bigger than London buses, I look forward to some wild swimming and walks on the South Downs."



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.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

<https://kscsouthwark.org>

THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA MEMBERSHIP INITIATION CEREMONY

SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2026

★ **MASS TIME: TBC** ★



CELEBRANT:
FR COSMAS IKIRODAH MSP



PRESIDING OFFICER:
BROTHER DAVID HAVARD
PROVINCE 12 GRAND KNIGHT



VENUE:
OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
131 DEPTFORD HIGH ST, LONDON SE8 4NS



*Please join us for a special occasion as we
welcome new gentlemen to our Order.*



RSVP:
BROTHER PIUS AKUBUE
M1 FORM SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO
membership@kscsouthwark.org
BY 20TH JULY 2026

*Wishing to join the Knights of St. Columba?
We would love to hear from you.
SCAN THIS QR CODE for a short enquiry form.*





Council 418, Chatham, anniversary dinner

**KNIGHTS
OF
ST. COLUMBA
COUNCIL 418**

**CARITAS
UNITAS
FRATERNITAS**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR

**KNIGHTS
OF
ST. COLUMBA
COUNCIL 418
PROVINCE 12 – CHATHAM**

CARITAS • UNITAS • FRATERNITAS

ANNIVERSARY DINNER

 25TH JULY 2026	 5:30PM TO 8:30PM	 MEALS IS £35
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**£ DEPOSIT £10 REQUIRED
BY 15TH JULY 2026**

*Join us for an evening of fellowship, celebration and
good food as we mark another year of unity and service.*

VENUE

 **TAJ CUISINE**
— Indian and Bangladeshi Cuisine —

For menu and more information, please visit:
<https://www.tajcuisinechatham.com/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

 Brother Simon	 07925 326059
 Brother Trevor	 07852704553

IN SERVICE, WITH CHARITY, FOR UNITY



SUNDAY 

12 JULY

A Thanksgiving Mass

FOR

Sister Augustine

CELEBRATED BY
BISHOP PAUL HENDRICKS

MASS AT

11.00 AM

♥ ALL ARE **WARMLY** WELCOME! ♥

 JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL
AFTER THE MASS
for refreshments

Let us come together to give thanks
for Sister Augustine's faithful service and presence among us.

➤➤➤ GOD BLESS YOU, SISTER AUGUSTINE! ➤➤➤



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

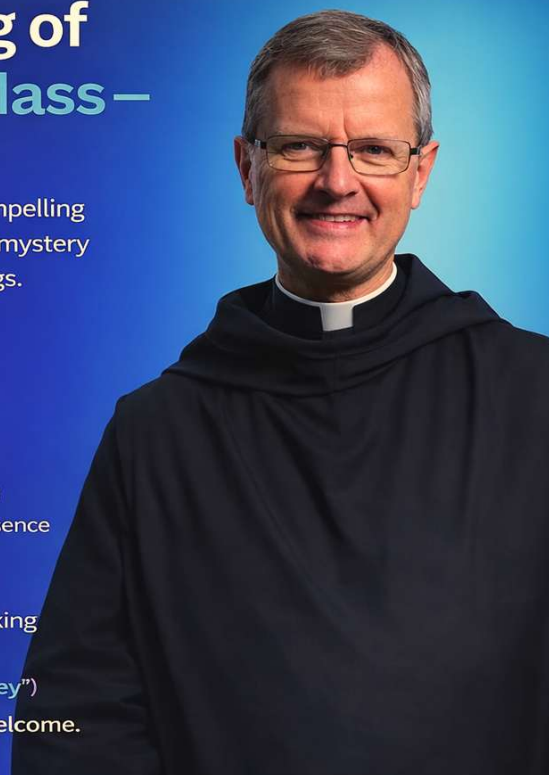
19 December – Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

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.



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

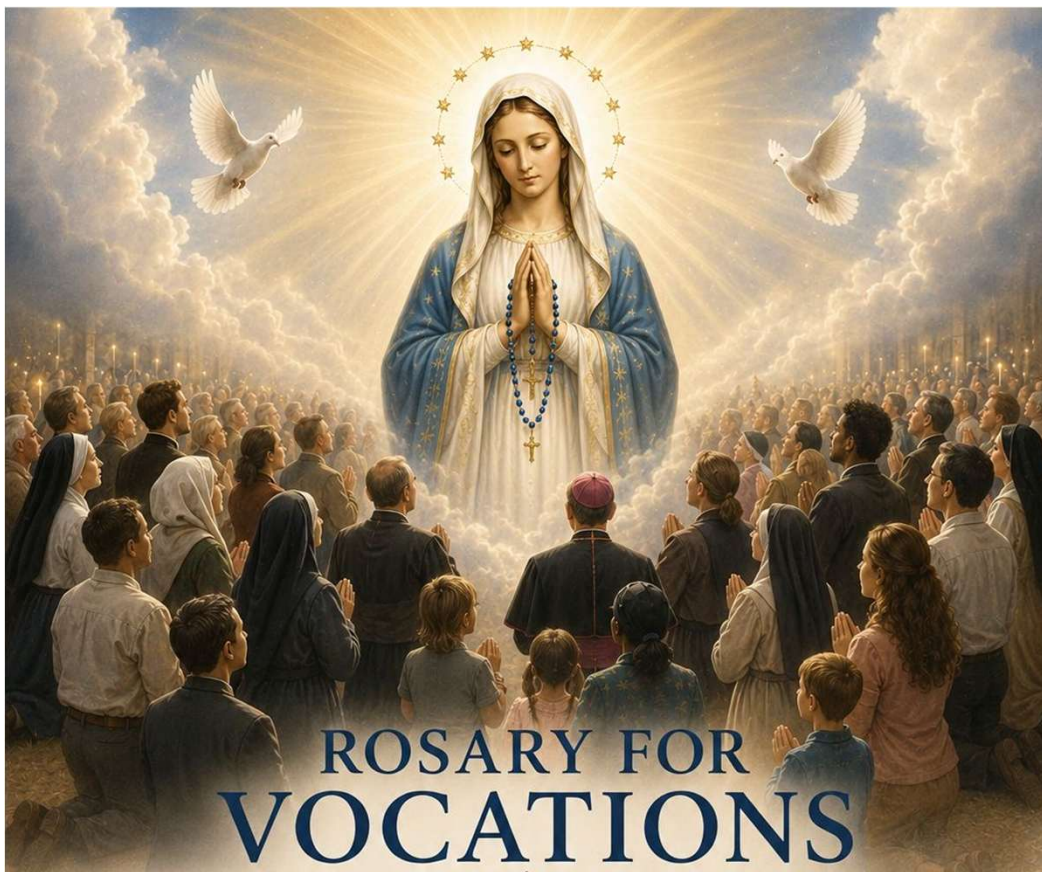
JULY 19th, 2026

02:00PM to 7:00pm

Varied Faces

Common Praises





ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

LED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA



EACH THURSDAY IN JULY
STARTING 2ND JULY AT 7:30PM



JOIN ZOOM MEETING
ONLINE SEE ZOOM LINK



LED BY CANON JUDE HARRISON
Chaplain for the Province
RESPONSE BY MIKE LOMAX
Grand Knight for the Province
ATTENDED BY ALL COUNCILS OF
THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA



THIS YEAR WE PRAY
A ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS TO
THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.



We invite all our friends and Members to join us each Thursday to pray for an increase in young men joining Holy Orders, young women joining Holy Orders and ordinary people joining Catholic organisations, like ours, to assist in the Catholic Church and Community.





Mary, Pray For Us



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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

A poster for the Alma Mater Fund National Action Project. It features a woman in a blue graduation gown and cap, holding a rolled-up diploma. The text on the poster 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 www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater". At the bottom left, there are logos for the Knights of St Columba and the Alma Mater Fund. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for the Alma Mater Fund featuring a woman and a child. At the bottom left, there is a small text block: "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

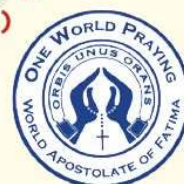
2025

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/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope#sign-up)

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



Joint statement on the impact of proposed reforms to asylum support under the Immigration Act 2016 on stateless people in the UK

We are deeply alarmed by the UK Government's proposed reforms to asylum support, set out in its consultation on implementing provisions of the Immigration Act 2016. These proposals would significantly restructure and reduce access to support for people who have been refused asylum, including removing asylum support from families 90 days after refusal.

JOINT STATEMENT
**The impact of
Earned Settlement
proposals on
statelessness in
the UK**

They would put children at risk of destitution, and significantly increase destitution among people refused asylum or without an immigration status, including stateless individuals and families who may not have had a chance to regularise their stay.

If approved, the impact on stateless people and those at risk of statelessness would be severe, compounding the uncertainty and instability they already endure and the structural barriers they face in resolving their status. By prolonging their exclusion from stable immigration status, the changes would obstruct access to existing pathways to settlement and citizenship, undermining broader efforts to reduce statelessness.

JRS UK together with ENS, Asylum Aid, Salam, NASI and University of Liverpool Law Clinic recommends that the UK Government:

Abandons the current proposals to reform the asylum support regime;
Ensure that everyone can access the support they need to live safely and in dignity, and that access to asylum support is based on need and responsive to individual circumstances

Maintain effective procedural safeguards, including access to independent appeal mechanisms



DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal



Our thoughts and prayers are with all the people of Venezuela after two devastating earthquakes near Caracas.

Many of our neighbours have been killed or injured, and buildings, including churches, seminaries and Caracas Cathedral, have been damaged.

Despite this, our trusted Church partners in Venezuela are already helping the survivors of this crisis with emergency water, food and shelter. **Your donation today will reach families affected by the earthquakes.** Many of our neighbours in Venezuela were already struggling with basic needs and services, so your support will be needed beyond the vital search and rescue work happening right now. **Please donate today.**

What can my gift do?

£30 could provide essential hygiene supplies to three families to prevent illness

£50 could help provide emergency food support to two families

£100 could provide shelter kits for six families whose homes have been destroyed



Province 16 Installation Ceremony



Council 978, Abbey Wood Sponsored walk 2026



Brothers from Council 978, Abbey Wood and Thamesmead in south-east London were pictured for their annual sponsored walk that raises money for local charities.



MBE for Brother Mike Haden

Many congratulations to Brother Mike Haden, former Grand Knight of Council 216, Jersey, who has been awarded an MBE in the King's Birthday Honours' List. This award comes following a life of selfless service in both Jersey and Rwanda. It is wonderful to see this recognition and should act as an inspiration to us all.



90th birthday for Past Director Brother Terry Mann

Congratulations are also due to Past Director Brother Terry Mann, the oldest surviving past Provincial Grand Knight from Province 12, Southwark on reaching his 90th birthday. Terry was particularly happy to have a cool Guinness in the recent hot weather to help celebrate his 90th birthday.





Knights in action in Scotland



The Knights were in action at an annual Pilgrimage in Scotland, pictured here with the Bishop of Aberdeen, the Right Reverend Hugh Gilbert. The Knights were given the honour of setting up the Abbey, car park stewarding and reordering the Abbey after the event.

Knights in action in Kent



On 2pm on Saturday June 20th, Bishop Paul Hendricks celebrated the Confirmation Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Sittingbourne. This is the home of Council 210, Sittingbourne who formed a guard of honour to welcome Bishop Paul.



Bishop of Wrexham leads 2026 Wales National Pilgrimage to St Winefride's Shrine, Holywell

On Sunday, 28th June, Bishop Peter Brignall, the Bishop of Wrexham, led a National Pilgrimage of thanksgiving at the Shrine of Saint Winefride, Holywell, north Wales.



The shrine has been welcoming pilgrims and visitors for 14 centuries and is the place where Winefride, a teenage victim of sexual harassment and violence, found healing and new life in the actions of her uncle, the priest Beuno.

Legend has it that in 630 AD, Caradoc, a chieftain from Hawarden attempted to seduce Winefride. She ran from him towards the church which had been built by her uncle, the priest Beuno. Caradoc pursued her and cut off her head. In the place where her head fell, a spring of water came up. Beuno came out from the church, took up her head and placed it back on her body. He then prayed over her and she was restored to life.

Both Winefride and Beuno were made saints.

The shrine has been historically known as a place of healing. Records dating back hundreds of years are testament to the many cures from sickness and infirmity received through the intercession of St Winefride.

Brothers were active at the Pilgrimage, carrying the statue of St Winefride and also helping with stewarding on the day.





First Holy Communion and Confirmation for Brother Morrison from Council 204 Anerley



Many congratulations to Brother Morrison from Council 204, Anerley on the first Holy Communion and Confirmation of his wonderful children. Pictured are Brother Morrison with his wife and children. The family are based at St Anthony of Padua Parish in Anerley although have recently moved to Downham.

Golden Jubilee Award for Brother Chris Nash, Council 118, Woolwich



On Sunday June 14th, Brother Chris Nash from Council 118, Woolwich received his Golden Jubilee Award, an amazing achievement. The award was presented by Brother Patrick Boyle, IPPGK Province 12, Southwark with three further PPGKs present: Melvin Carty, Diego Gomes and Tom Breen. There was a very pleasant reception in St Patrick's Church Hall afterwards.



A tour of Lindisfarne – Holy Island



In 410 AD the Romans left Britain and Christianity went into decline. Nearly two hundred years later it was re-introduced from two sources. St Augustine brought Roman Christianity to the south and St Columba brought Celtic Christianity to the north.

The jewel in the crown of the north of England is of course Lindisfarne – Holy Island. It has been the home of Saints and scholars, most notably St Aidan and St Cuthbert and famously produced the medieval masterpiece, the Lindisfarne Gospels.



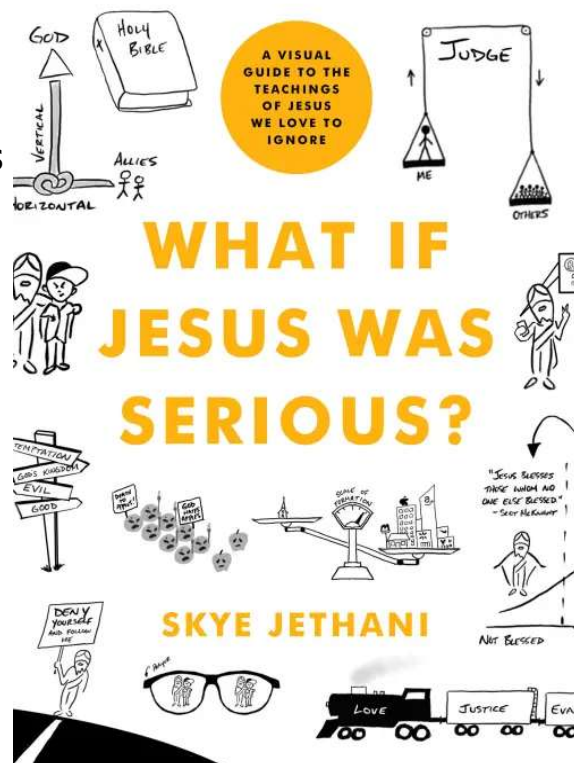
Saint Aidan was an Irish monk who founded the monastery and a school on Lindisfarne. St Cuthbert was a well-respected leader and healer who struggled with the conflict between demands of the world and his calling.





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