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in Memory of
John Bradburne



Congratulations!

Fr Philip Wrigley was ordained as priest by Bishop Paul Swarbrick at St Peter's Cathedral in Lancaster on 16 July. He will take up his appointment as Assistant Priest to St Kentigern's Blackpool in September.



Fr Andrew Allman has been appointed Vice Rector of St Mary's Seminary in the West Midlands. He will leave his post of parish priest of St Clare's, Preston to take up his new appointment this month.

*Please pray for our priests as they
embark on their new ministries*

You can read more about Fr Philip on pages 8 and 9 inside.

Editors note: we are grateful to Mike March pilgrim photography for the photographs of Fr Philip on this page and pages 8 and 9.

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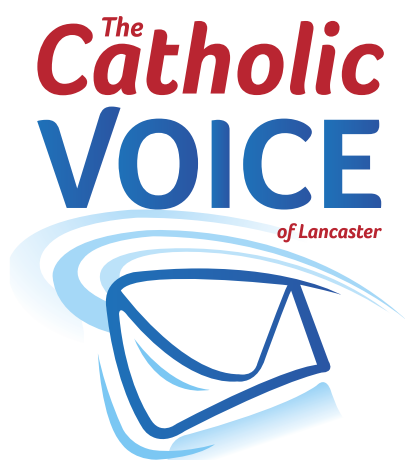
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The governors and staff of The Cathedral Catholic Primary School are delighted to share the outcome of their recent Section 48 denominational inspection which judged our school as 'outstanding' in all areas of Catholic life and religious education.

Head teacher Nicola Holt said *"We have 200 children on role with 9 teaching staff and 14 support staff including office staff. I have been the Head teacher here since April 2019 and was deputy head here from September 2015. Prior to that I was Assistant head at St Mary and St Benedict's in Bamber Bridge. I have always worked in Catholic education as it is such an integral part of my life. I currently live and worship in the parish of The Cathedral and am really overjoyed that our school has been awarded outstanding as it is testament to the hard work and dedication of all our staff who live our mission daily"*.

The report contains quotes including:

- "The Cathedral Catholic Primary School is an outstanding Catholic school. It is very welcoming and has inclusion for all as a central goal and a shared vision; pupils enjoy attending and they have positive attitudes to learning."
- "The Cathedral Catholic Primary school was the first school in the Diocese to be awarded School of Sanctuary in acknowledgement given for everyone in school feeling

valued, nurtured and encouraged to fulfil their God-given potential."

- "There are 22 languages other than English spoken by children in the school."
- "On the day of the inspection a representative from the Refugee Integration Team from Lancashire County Council was giving talks to classes, sharing the impact that the money raised in school would have on local refugees. Inspectors saw evidence of various fundraising events which pupils have organised to raise money to send to CAFOD, Aid to the Church in Need, Olive Branch, Morecambe Food Banks and other people in need, locally, nationally and globally."

As a governor I may be a little biased but, in these days of racial and other tensions, to see a school like ours where races and faiths mix and support each other without any dilution of the Catholic faith, ethos or curriculum is pretty special, I think.

One story I related to the inspectors was something that happened during the school's Nativity play in the Cathedral last year. One little boy who, I would guess, is Muslim was playing the part of a shepherd. Not only was he delivering his lines well and with obvious enthusiasm, but his proud father was giving him a double thumbs up from the benches! It was a light hearted moment but for me it summed up perfectly our school's achievement in living out the School of Sanctuary principles.

Joan Fox



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Editor’s Note: Due to an overwhelming number of articles being submitted for this edition it has been impossible to include them all, but any article held over will be published in October.

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Youth at Castlerigg Manor

Life here at Castlerigg is busy. Very busy. Lovely, sure. But busy! Everyone wants to come to the Lake District in the summer months and retreat groups coming to Castlerigg are no exception. Since we last wrote something for the *Catholic Voice* we have had (let me check...) twelve separate retreats in the building, plus a handful of day groups and outreach visits. Only a few weeks to go now before the summer holidays, when we'll hopefully see a lot of you in Lourdes.

Talking of Lourdes...

Almost all of the Castlerigg team went to Lourdes this year with the diocesan pilgrimage. Jack and Trish stayed behind to look after the very large Keswick Convention youth team who traditionally stay with us at the same time, but the other members of the team were all in the South of France.

Goodbye to Patricia

This summer, we will be saying goodbye to Patricia after fifteen (yes fifteen) years on the team at Castlerigg. Patricia has worked at Castlerigg longer than just about anybody else in our fifty-year history. Her face is known up and down the diocese and beyond and the contribution she has made to Castlerigg and the Youth Service is simply immeasurable. We wish her all the best for what we are sure will be a bright future and we know how many young people and teachers will miss her!

..and others

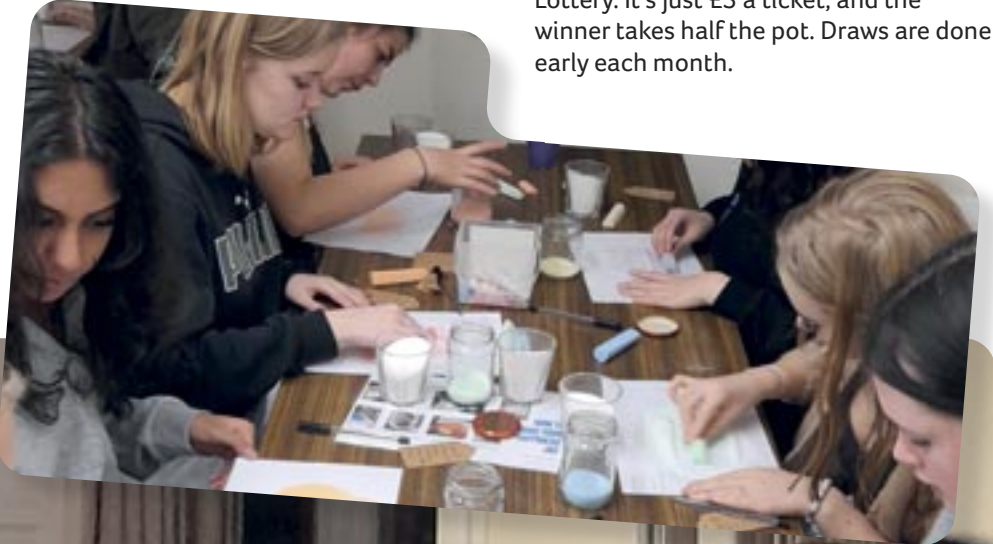
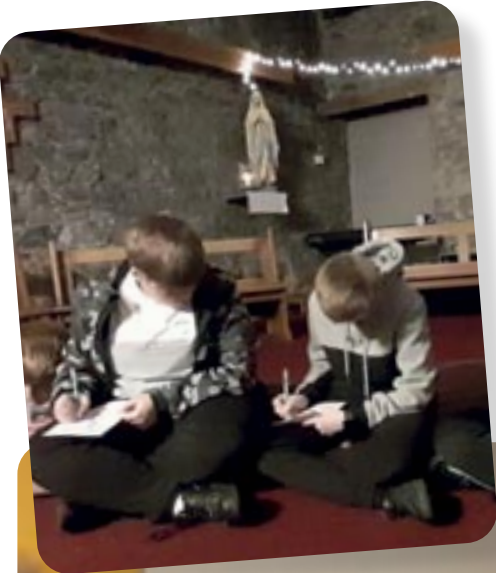
Patricia isn't the only one moving on this summer. We will also be saying goodbye to Alex Hill. Alex is one of our programme leaders and he has been with us since 2019, doing a huge amount to get us through Covid! Alex is moving on to School chaplaincy in the Northeast. We will also be saying goodbye to volunteers Rachel, Ellie, Beth, Megan and Mel. Mel's future is as yet undecided while the other four are going to off to study various things at various educational establishments. We wish them all well and we thank them for their service.

And, what about new people?

Well, we are looking forward to welcoming some new folks this summer, but we still need a few more. We are looking for at least one more volunteer and (at the time of writing) we are also looking for a Programme Leader. Head to the Castlerigg website and hit 'Current Vacancies' to see what we've got going and if there's anyone you can think of who might be interested.

The Castlerigg Lottery

Finally, don't forget about the Castlerigg Lottery. It's just £3 a ticket, and the winner takes half the pot. Draws are done early each month.



A Baker's Dozen Questions

Get to know the Castlerigg team! This month, it's the turn of Ellie.

1. What's your name?

Trevor. (She actually said that! She's really called Ellie Lightfoot).

2. Where are you from and what's it like?

I'm from a town called Walkden which is in Salford. It's quite small and there's not much to do. It's basically a normal suburb!

3. Tell us about the first time you ever saw Castlerigg?

The first time in person was when I first moved in but I'd seen pictures in high school. It was a lot bigger than I expected.

4. What made you want to volunteer here?

I wanted to gain a bit of experience working with young people and have a chance to grow in my own faith as well alongside it. I volunteered with CAFOD initially (on the Step into the Gap Programme) which meant I got to learn a bit more about the work that they do too and I was quite excited to pass that on.

5. What were you doing before?

I was at uni studying criminology and psychology.

6. What are you planning on doing afterwards?

I am doing teacher training at Leads Trinity Uni for Key Stage 2 Primary.

7. What's your favourite bit from the bible, and why?

I've always enjoyed reading about Jesus' miracles. Things like the wedding at Cana and the feeding of the 5,000.

8. Do you have a favourite saint?

Yes! I've really grown to love Blessed Chiara (Badano). She had a lot of joy

– not just for life, but for God. In spite of everything she was going through, she still managed to bring joy to others.

9. If you had a superpower what would it be?

Teleportation. Because I hate traffic! And petrol is expensive!

10. If you ruled the world with absolute power what would be the first law that you passed?

I would insist that on every working day a few hours were set aside for a siesta, like in Spain!!

11. If you were asked to redecorate Castlerigg, where would you start?

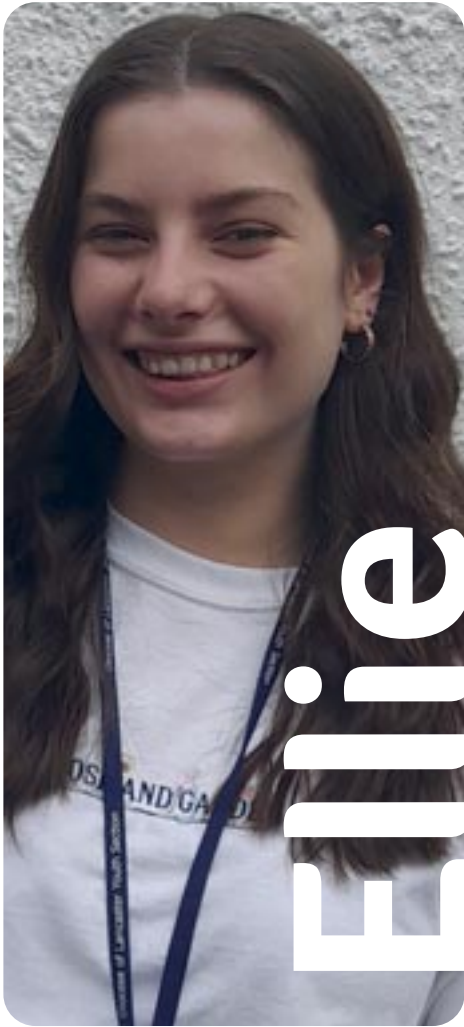
On the outside.

12. What's your favourite place in Keswick?

The lake. I love the lake! Especially in the evening when the sun is setting.

13. Which character from fiction would you most like to be?

Eleven from 'Stranger Things.'



Crossword

Across

2. The place where we go to pray
4. The hill overlooking Keswick that we take groups up
6. The big thing in the middle of the building
7. Our boss!
8. The town we are based in

Down

1. Our longest serving team member
3. Something we do in the summer on the front lawn
5. It's in the games room and it opens at break

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The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust - welcomes four schools into the Trust on 1 September '22

The Trust, which previously consisted of three schools, St. Mary's Catholic Academy, Christ the King and St. Cuthbert's Primary Academies, is excited to be working with a growing family of Catholic schools across the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre region. The Chief Executive Officer of the Trust, Helen O'Neill, and Trust Directors are delighted to welcome St. Kentigern's Catholic Primary School, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Great Eccleston, St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School and St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's Catholic Primary School into the Trust. More schools are due to transfer into the Trust this academic year and in the coming years.

All of the schools which join BEBCMAT will benefit from being part of the Academy Trust family of schools and the wider Diocesan education family. This move will bring opportunities for staff to share, develop and collaborate on best practice, as well as access to training networks and support from a wide range of expert practitioners.

Children and young people attending Trust schools will benefit from receiving the highest quality teaching and learning,

helping to ensure that standards remain high in all areas of school life. The Directors of the Trust are looking forward to working with local governing bodies to provide a world-class education in our Catholic schools where children and young people are encouraged to 'believe, belong and become'. We want all of our pupils to become the best they can be, supported by our dedicated staff who are committed to serving our pupils, their families, parish and wider community.

The growth of the Trust supports the wishes of the Bishop of Lancaster for all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lancaster to become part of one of three Diocesan Multi Academy Trusts in the next few years. The Trust and Diocese work closely together to ensure that all pupils will be supported and encouraged to reach their full potential.

The directors and Trust leaders recognise that our Catholic schools are an integral part of the Diocese's mission to make Jesus Christ known and loved in our communities. By schools working together to support school improvement, leadership recruitment, governance and formation, this will only serve to

strengthen the Catholic mission of the schools in the Trust. Being part of a Catholic multi academy Trust allows schools to maintain their own unique and precious identities, whilst benefiting from the support and opportunities that working across a strong family of

schools brings. All members of BEBCMAT are excited to be an integral part of the Diocesan vision for Catholic education across the Diocese and look forward to continuing to work closely with all schools due to join the Trust in the next few years.

An 'Outstanding' Year for Corpus Christi Catholic High School Preston

Looking back on a successful year in which Section 48 inspectors described Corpus Christi as 'an outstanding Catholic School' and Preston College, together with The Eric Wright Learning Partnership, named the school as their 'Partnership School of the Year'.


For the first time since inspections began, the Fulwood school was given the overall judgement of 'an outstanding Catholic School' following their Section 48 inspection earlier this year.

The report noted: 'Catholic Life is outstanding because leaders have ensured that Christ is at the centre of this school.' The report recognised the improvements that the school has made as a whole, with inspectors commenting that the 'environment and conditions for learning are excellent' and that pupils' behaviour is 'exceptional in and around school'. There were so many more positives highlighted throughout the report, which is the result

of strong relationships developed over time between governors, staff, pupils and parents.

The school has been on an upward trajectory in recent years, with their last Ofsted inspection rated good in 2019. Since then, pupil numbers have increased significantly and the school is now oversubscribed. Mr John Hankin, Headteacher, took up post last September after being at the school for six years previously. He, together with the Senior Leadership Team, were praised in the report: 'The new Headteacher has very much added to developments and progress established over time, and since the last inspection.' It also states that the quality of education provided is the 'direct consequence of the high expectations and well-thought-out improvement strategies of the Headteacher and his senior colleagues'.

Corpus Christi encourages every child to fulfil their God given potential; to











**Blessed Edward Bamber
Catholic Multi Academy Trust**

Following the wishes of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, we are pleased to announce that The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust in the Diocese of Lancaster is growing from 01 September 2022.




The Blessed Edward Bamber Catholic Multi Academy Trust welcomes **St. Kentigerns, St. Mary's Great Eccleston, St. Teresa's and St. Wulstan's & St. Edmund's** into the BEBCMAT Catholic family of schools. Our schools will work together as a family of Catholic schools within the Trust to strengthen the Catholic mission of the Diocese. We keep the academic, spiritual and social development of all our pupils at the heart of our vision. We work closely with parents and carers to ensure our pupils receive a first-class education, providing them with the knowledge, skills and spiritual development to 'Believe, Belong and Become'.

The Directors, central team and Diocese look forward to working closely with all schools in the Trust. The new schools will be a fantastic addition to an already strong Trust which serves our pupils, families, parishes and wider community across Blackpool and Fylde & Wyre areas.



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We were inspected in March 2022 and described in our Section 48 report as being 'an outstanding Catholic school'. Our latest Ofsted report in February 2019 judged us to be good in all areas. Inspectors commended leaders and governors for working tenaciously to raise standards in those areas that required improvement. The quality of teaching, learning and assessment had improved considerably since our last inspection and stated that 'Teachers have high expectations and they expect the best from pupils who have positive attitudes to learning.' Both reports cited that inspectors were impressed by our pupils' manners, behaviour, their respect for each other and eagerness to learn.

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grow and flourish in every way possible. The school's diverse extra-curricular programme urges pupils to explore their interests and talents. The majority of pupils attended at least one enrichment a week in the past year, with many opting to attend multiple clubs.

Corpus Christi raised over £4000 for charities in the past year: gifting presents to care home residents; donating supplies to the 'Ukraine Appeal'; raising over £1700 during their Rucksack Appeal which resulted in a donation of 30 full backpacks to the homeless; embracing Lenten Almsgiving, raising over £2,100 for Mary's Meals which equated to a donation of 28,929 meals,

or 134 children being fed for a whole year; supporting St Catherine's Hospice by giving £500 of the proceeds from the school production 'The Show'.

The Eric Wright Learning Partnership and Preston College work closely with Corpus Christi to provide provision for some of their pupils. Corpus Christi was awarded their 'Partnership School of the Year' in May. The award was given, praising the attitude and work of their pupils, the constant co-operation from the school and mutual support.

The end of the school year was marked with a whole school Mass of Thanksgiving. Bishop Paul commented

on how impressed he was with the school and commended pupils for their excellent behaviour and their respectful participation at Mass.

To learn more about Corpus Christi Catholic High School, their recent success stories and to read their recent Section 48 Report, visit their website www.ccc.lancs.sch.uk or visit their Open Evening on Tuesday 20th September.

Photograph right: Mary's Meals Presentation cheque amounting to £2,134.37. Year 10 House Captains, Anne Lee from Marys Meals, Chaplains Ruth and Joe White and Headteacher Mr John Hankin.



We would like to thank these schools for always supporting the paper

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Fr Philip Wrigley

"All nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord" Psalm 85:9

My name is Fr Philip Wrigley, and on the 16 July 2022 I became a newly ordained Priest for the Diocese of Lancaster. Here is my vocation story.

I am a Carlisle lad, first attending St. Bede's, Catholic Primary school, then moving to Newman Catholic Secondary school. My grades weren't great, so I went to Carlisle College studying computers, over several different courses, until I graduated with a Degree at Northumbria University.

In my teenage years, I used to altar serve at Morton Chapel & St. Edmunds churches, Carlisle with Canon Dewhurst. I had the great pleasure to serve for the late Bishop John Brewer on his occasional visits to our Parish. It was Bishop Brewer who first sowed the seed for me to think about joining the priesthood. Before Mass, he was asking me about how long I had served and if I'd ever considered joining the priesthood. I was ashamed to say "No" to him immediately. Bishop Brewer smiled and said, *"Trust in the Lord, as you do not know what the Lord has planned for you"*. Ever since that chat, the priesthood had always been in the back of my mind.

It was around 2008 when I started thinking more deeply about my life's direction. My occupation at that time was working at Preston Hospital in the Computer department, fixing, and maintaining their computer systems. A good paid job, but I felt something was missing, I wasn't being fulfilled in my work.

I was a regular church goer, and every Sunday I would attend Mass at 'English Martyrs' in Preston. One hour per week on a Sunday morning didn't feel adequate to me anymore so I made the effort to go more regularly, Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. The more I prayed, especially in front of the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration, the more Jesus was speaking to me, pulling me towards the idea of the Priesthood.

My parents are split Christian denomination, my Dad's side of the family are Catholic and my Mum's side Evangelical. As you can imagine, a few interesting topics of conversation around the dinner table, over the years. I was scared and nervous about telling my mum about my discernment, because I knew how strong her beliefs were against the teachings of the Catholic Church. It took me years to find the courage to talk to her about it and tell her my plans for the future.

It wasn't until the Pope Benedict's XVI visit to the UK in 2010 for the Beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman when I decided that enough time had been spent thinking about the Priesthood and I needed to start getting the ball rolling. So, I contacted the vocations director who was Fr Manny Gribben at that time and started my monthly meetings with him.

My discernment process didn't go smoothly, but with perseverance I was given a twelve-month pastoral placement in the diocese. I spent eight months in Workington with Canon Paul Swarbrick & Fr Paul Harrison, and four months in Lancaster with Fr Philip

Conner. This pastoral experience was invaluable and allowed me to focus more deeply on God's plan in my life. When my placement was finished, I was accepted by Bishop Michael Campbell, to study at St. Mary's College, Oscott for my seminary training. This was fantastic news. The training for the priesthood takes six years. Years one - three are focused on Philosophy, while the others are on Theology. It is a double degree course studying a BA (Hons) in Fundamental Catholic Theology affiliated to Birmingham University, and a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (STB) affiliated to Leuven University in Belgium.

In year four we go on an extended parish placement lasting five months back in the Lancaster Diocese. Bishop Paul Swarbrick sent me to Barrow in Furness to Fr Manny Gribben & Fr Ajish. It was my first visit to Barrow, somewhere I haven't explored before. The parish is large, and the opportunities to be involved were vast and rewarding.

Once my placement came to an end, Oscott College took my year to the Holy Land for two weeks on pilgrimage, which brought the Gospel alive. It was a study pilgrimage and we had lessons in the afternoon, we also saw so many wonderful sites

At the end of year four we received Candidacy, a time when the Church accepts that you indeed have a vocation to the Priesthood, and the focus changes from that point onwards toward Diaconate Ordination. Preparing for Candidacy is a crucial point in our training to confirm within ourselves, that the priesthood is the right path, and it is God's plan for us. If there were any doubts, then now is the time to step back from formation. The college requires total commitment from this point onwards, so Candidacy is a big deal. Important scrutiny meetings by Oscott staff take place to confirm whether you are ready to receive this milestone in our priesthood training. After Candidacy, seminarians will be allowed to wear the colours of the Church, meaning to wear a Roman Collar.

Like for many of us the Covid-19 virus has turned our world upside down. But in this technological world we live in computers and the internet have made isolation easier. With Oscott College closed during the lockdown, we had to continue our lessons using 'Zoom'. We had to upload all our essays onto the college's interactive learning environment package, meaning all our work still had to be completed. Even our oral exams were performed through 'Zoom' a new experience for us all.

It took a while for things to get back to normal through the Covid restrictions at Oscott, but finally all restrictions by the government and Bishop's conference were dropped.

Year six, the final year went by so quickly. It was a lot of practical courses crucial for the Priesthood. We finally, got to learn *Ars Celebrandi*, (the art of

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celebrating the Mass), also other courses like Confessional Practicum, and how to anoint the sick and administer Viaticum to the dying. All these courses were well instructed and informative.

Another big piece of work was our dissertation essay, a 12,000 word essay of your choice that had to be agreed with the college and Leuven University. My essay question was “*In what way does elements in the Passion, act as signs in the Johannine Gospel Narrative?*” I really enjoyed getting to grips with this question and reading through many biblical commentaries. This brought me to a deeper appreciation and love of Jesus’ Passion, that has enriched my life.

My time as a Deacon throughout year six was special, I celebrated baptisms and funeral services. I served as Deacon for many big occasions at Oscott College and also at Lancaster Cathedral. A truly uplifting and enjoyable experience.

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”

Bishop John Brewer

On Saturday 16 July 2022, Bishop Paul Swarbrick ordained me Priest for the Diocese. It was a very humbling and happy experience. My family and friends were present, and it seemed almost all of the Diocese. I am very grateful for all who supported me over the six years of formation and the parishioners who attended my big day. It was great to see so many familiar faces all around the Cathedral. It was a wonderful occasion.

When I was reflecting over the last seven years, being on placement in Workington and Lancaster, and with two letters of recommendation from Canon Paul

Swarbrick and Fr Philip Conner being sent to Bishop Michael, in order to aid my acceptance for Seminary college. It feels right that it was Bishop Paul Swarbrick who ordained me Priest. I am so grateful that he did.

The most humbling part of the ordination for me, was towards the beginning. When the Bishop had dialogue with the Rector of Oscott college, Fr Michael Dolman.

Rector: *Most Reverend Father, Holy Mother Church asks you to ordain this man, our brother, for service as priest.*

Bishop: *Do you judge him to be worthy?*

Rector: *After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recommendation of those concerned with his training, I testify that he has been found worthy.*

Bishop: *We rely on the help of the Lord God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, and we choose this man, our brother, for priesthood in the presbyteral order.*

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Being through six years of intense scrutiny, and finally hearing the words from the Rector, “*I testify that he has been found worthy,*” is a truly humbling and extremely happy moment in my life.

At the end of the ordination, Bishop Paul Swarbrick announced where my first appointment would be. I am glad to announce that I have been assigned to Christ the King & St. Kentigern’s parish, Blackpool as curate under the guidance of Parish Priest, Fr Andrew Dawson. I am really looking forward to the years ahead in my priestly ministry, and what the Lord Jesus has in store for me.

Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you all in mine. Keep praying for vocations, and all the seminarians still studying at Oscott college.

God bless, Fr Philip Wrigley





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Sundays: 10.30 am, Sung Mass

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Relics of St Bernadette coming to the Diocese

When the Diocese of Lancaster was drawn up in 1924 by Pope Pius XI, the patron saints chosen for the new diocese were St Cuthbert (c634-687) and Our Lady of Lourdes. Since 1858, when the apparitions at Lourdes began, Lourdes has become firmly establish as a place of love devotion and healing amongst people of faith. The humble young woman to whom the Mother of God appeared in these apparitions was Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879) who was the eldest of nine children born to her parents.

Bernadette was only 14 when the apparitions began. They were to be decisive in her life, and the life of the Church. Several years later, when she was professed as a Sister of Charity, Bernadette looked back on the experience of the apparitions, and described her part in them in this way: *"The Virgin used me as a broom to remove the dust. When the work is done, the broom is put behind the door again."* What humility! Remarkably, even after her early death, the body of this great woman has survived the decay of the grave. Her incorrupt body is on display at the chapel of her convent in Nevers still. Her holiness of life was recognised by Pope Pius XI when she was canonised in 1933.

The Church in England Wales and Scotland now has opportunities to be close to some Relics of St Bernadette, and through them, to experience the powerful intercession of this humble woman. A number of relics, taken from her incorrupt body in the 1920s, have travelled to meet people in many parts of the world. They come to these shores on 1 September and are to be housed in every Catholic Diocese in England and Wales, as well as the Shrine at Carfin in Scotland, throughout September 2022.

The Diocese of Lancaster will be blessed by their presence at two

different locations between 22 September and 24 September. They will be housed at St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster from 8.30am on Thursday 22 September until their departure at around 6am on the 23 September. During that twenty-four hour period we are planning to have several different times of prayer and quietness, with the Cathedral opened during the night, mostly for silent prayer until the relics leave us. The other location for veneration within our Diocese is the Church of Our Lady and St Joseph in Warwick Square Carlisle, where the relics remain until their departure early on Saturday 24 September. Bishop Paul Swarbrick will be present at prayers and worship in both Lancaster and Carlisle.

Each location has arranged a programme of prayer and worship which is given in this issue and will shortly be available on parish and the diocesan websites. There is also a national website to mark the visit (www.stbernadette.org.uk). One of the features of the national website is a registration tab so that people can register their time of attendance and so appropriate facilities put in place to welcome people and to assist with their pilgrimage as safe and holy experience. Each location will also have times for visits from school groups.

This is an opportunity to pray with a great saint of the faith. It is a time, especially, to remind ourselves of what Lourdes has been doing since 1862 in welcoming the sick and the vulnerable. I'm sure there will many people and situations we will wish to bring to our two pilgrimage locations and invite the prayers of St Bernadette and the Holy Mother of God. Please pray for these arrangements that they may bring many blessings upon the people of our Diocese in these challenging times for people of faith. Everyone Welcome!

Fr Stephen Pearson & Canon Luiz Ruscillo, Pilgrimage organisers

St Peter's Cathedral Lancaster Timetable for the visit of St Bernadette's relics – Thursday 22 to Friday 23 September 2022

8:30am	Liturgy of Welcome with Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Sung Office of Morning Prayer.	7pm to 8:30pm	Mass with the anointing of the sick, and Blessed Sacrament procession, with blessing of the City.
9:30am	Rosary. (first decade lead by children from Cathedral Primary school with other school parties invited to be present.) The Joyful Mysteries.		Canon Cristofoli ICKSP to preach. Concelebrating priests welcome.
10:00am to Noon	Time for individual school visits. Children invited to bring flowers to place before relics plus a photo of someone sick who they wish to pray for.		A procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the Cathedral with the blessing of the city concluding the Mass.
12:15pm	Mass – Presider and preacher: Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Priests invited to concelebrate. Will be coordinated by Cathedral Office.	9pm to 9:15pm	Sung Compline.
1:30pm	Individual School visits. Similar to above.	9:30pm to 10pm	Devotions to Our Lady led by the Polish community in Polish.
5pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.	10pm to 5am	Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Cathedral open during the night. Office of Readings recited at 3am.
6pm to 6:30pm	Sung Vespers.	5:30am	Sung Morning Prayer as service of Farewell. During the visit a rota of priests available to hear confessions in the Cathedral.

Church Our Lady & St Joseph Carlisle Timetable for the visit of St Bernadette's relics – Friday 23 to Saturday 24 September 2022

8:00am	Welcome of Relics followed by Mass.	7:30am	Mass of Thanksgiving.
9:00am	Public Recitation of the Rosary.	8:00am	Relics depart.
12 Noon	Solemn Mass with Bishop Paul Swarbrick, with Eucharistic Procession & Blessing of the Sick.	*****	
2.00pm	Public Recitation of the Rosarye.	N.B:	The Church of Our Lady & St Joseph is open 24 hours for personal visits between 8:00am on Friday 23rd and 8:00am on Saturday 24th September.
5:30pm	Public Recitation of the Rosary.		
6pm	Mass (in Polish).		School visits will take place through the course of Friday.
7pm to Midnight	Night Vigil led by Diocesan Youth Service Team.		Priests will be available for Confession.





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Annual Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

On Saturday 9th July 2022, people from around the Diocese gathered with Bishop Paul for the annual pilgrimage to Ladyewell. Holy Mass took place in St. Mary's, Fernyhalgh, which had been especially decorated, prior to the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Ladyewell for Benediction. In his inspiring homilies, the Bishop highlighted the importance of trusting in the Lord.

Many altar servers from around the Diocese came to serve and walk in the procession. Also taking part were priests, religious sisters, parishioners from near and far and the children assisted with the strewing of petals and ringing of bells in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre were also present and Frank McGrath, Preston, led us in the Holy Rosary. Later Scouts from 8th Fulwood Scout Group (*Our Lady and St. Edward's, Preston*) prepared a superb barbeque for the Altar Servers and families. Many managed third portions!

It was a lovely opportunity for Altar Servers from around the Diocese to meet socially and make new contacts and friendships. Many thanks are due to the help and support of Fathers Ernest and Mario of St. Mary's and the Shrine and to Sue Gornall and the volunteers at Ladyewell.

The sun shone brightly on a day when all had gathered to honour Our Lord in such a special way at St. Mary's and Ladyewell. May we give thanks for having such a special place in our Diocese.

Ian Mulholland



Fraternal Brotherhood

The Burns brothers celebrating the silver jubilee of ordination on the feast of SS Peter & Paul of Fr David centre and Fr Peter right. On the left is Fr Jim who will celebrate his silver jubilee of priestly ordination next year.



Fr David Duane RIP

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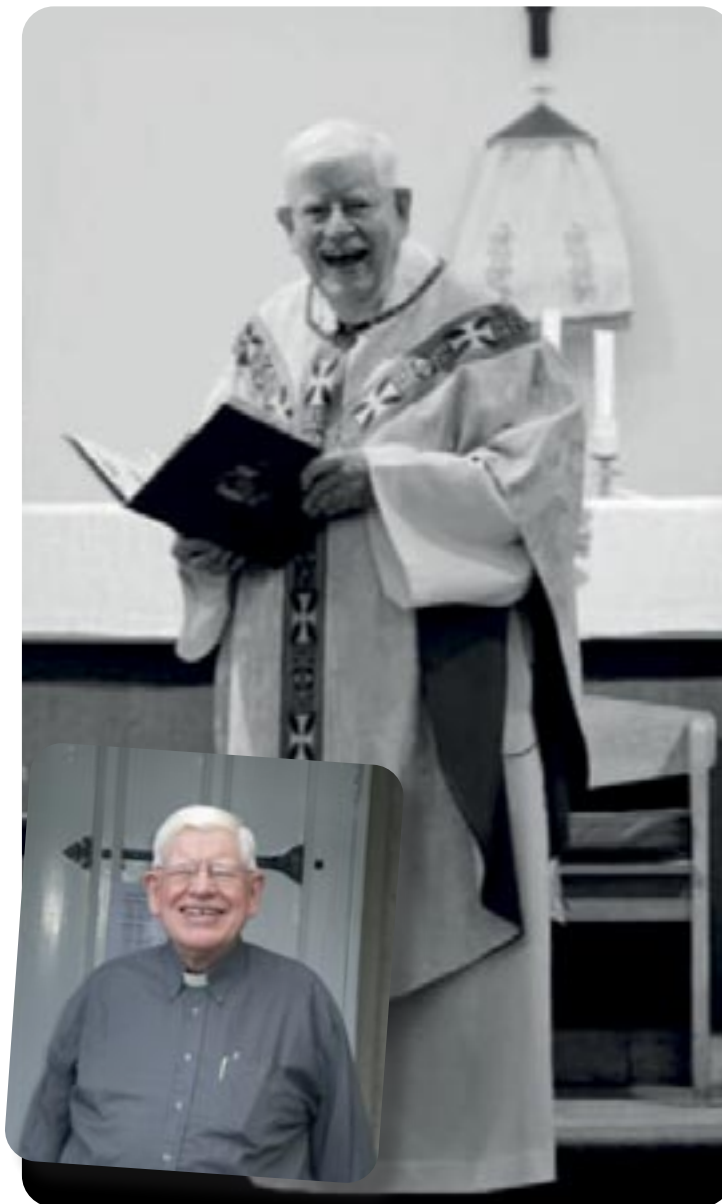
Fr David Duane was born in Derry and attended St Columba's Primary School Waterside, and then went to Presentation College, Glashule and Blackrock College in Dublin. He studied philosophy at University College, Dublin and then went to Holy Cross College Clonliffe and St Peter's College, Wexford, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 5 June 1960.

Fr David was assistant priest at English Martyrs Preston from 1960- 1966, St Mary's Barrow in Furness from 1966 – 1972, Our Lady & St Patrick Maryport from 1972 – 1975, Sacred Heart Preston from 1975-1979 and St John Vianney Blackpool from May – September 1979.

He was parish priest of St Thomas More, Lancaster from 1979 – 1987, Our Lady & St Patrick, Maryport & Our Lady of the Assumption, Silloth from 1987 -1999 and Christ the King, Milnthorpe from 1999- 2000. After a short spell in Lancaster Fr David moved to Our Lady of the Wayside, Grasmere, in 2004. He later assumed responsibility for the chapel of St Philip Howard in Glenridding and also the parish of Mater Amabilis, from where he retired in 2013 to live near his family in Castlewellan, Co. Down after 53 years priestly service in the diocese. His Requiem Mass was celebrated on 26 July in Ireland. The Diocese expresses its deepest sympathies to Fr David's sister, Ellie and also to the family of Mary, his former housekeeper, who have stayed in touch over the years after she died.

Bishop Paul Swarbrick remembered Fr David at Mass during the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes which was taking place at the time of Fr David's death and Requiem Mass. *Canon Paul Embery*

Eternal rest grant unto Fr David O Lord, may he rest in peace, Amen.



Fleetwood Faithful Remembered

"Whilst November is traditionally the month to celebrate an annual Mass for the deceased faithful of Fleetwood we cannot rely on the fickle weather that often besets the area at that time" said Canon Alf Hayes. He said "as a consequence we now celebrate the Mass in July when the weather is that little bit kinder."

"I first started saying Mass in the cemetery when I arrived in the parish nearly fourteen years ago. It's usually quite well attended, and after Mass, the people go to their family graves, and I make my way round to say a prayer with them and bless the grave" Canon Alf said.



Reigning and Raining in Lancaster

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Back in 2020 we were all ready for our first Pentecost in the Park event, when Covid hit and like many others we cancelled an event that we'd been looking forward to and hoping for. Two weeks before the event was due to happen, I was watching an online Mass when I heard God say to me "If Mass is online, why can't you do this for Pentecost in the Park" That year we put on the first ever Pentecost in the Park and had over 700 views on our Churches Together page and set a precedent that if God willed it, we as the Forever Amen Ministry would do it.

Fast forward to June 2022 - the event was finally able to happen in person for the very first time. In fact, not only were we celebrating Pentecost but it was also the Queens Jubilee so a Platinum Picnic had been added to the agenda. For this year only we retitled the event "Pentecost In The Park - Platinum Picnic". Nothing ran smoothly on the run up to the event, many of our team had prior commitments so were unable to be involved and a big blow was that we were unable to use the park, the cornerstone of the event! But we knew God was still calling us, so we persevered. After two very kind offers from local churches we settled on the Lancaster Priory, a place the team felt we were being called to. We also arranged to work with other churches to provide a full band for the event.

But 10 minutes before the event... musicians still hadn't turned up... communication errors had been made and there were 20 people in the room. We started singing anyway...

As we were into the first chorus of Holy Spirit you are welcome here when I looked up to see a sea of people in front of me. 20 people had turned into 120-150

people. The Holy Spirit was welcome and did show up!!

Amidst chaos and calamity God reigned that day and God also rained! Outside the heavens had opened but within the walls of the Priory we sang God's praises, we listened to his Word and we showed faith to one another through the modern day Saints. Every song was like heaven breaking open and every speaker felt God speaking. We were all in awe of his presence in the room, the place was filled with the presence of God, everyone felt it. When we finally got outside for the blessing over the city, the rain was falling but so gently that we carried on singing. Bishop Jill (*Anglican Bishop of Blackburn*) spoke and said that often when she preaches the Holy Spirit comes down as gentle rain, like it was that day - the Holy Spirit was moving over our city.

We were so blessed to have been part of this event and we were also blessed in that through this event our Forever Amen Ministry was able to grow, we grew in members but also in ministries, for the first time we were able to offer a children's ministry as part of the event and an artwork ministry - both of which allowed us to reach out further than our music alone.

We hope that next year's Pentecost In the Park will be "In The Park" where we will have a full days festival of music, art and scripture, for all ages!

And until then we will be on tour "On the road to Emmaus" where we are offering evenings of praise and worship to any church that would welcome us. Feel free to find us on facebook as we come to a church near you soon!

Emily Boyd (Worship Leader for Forever Amen Music Ministry)



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Corpus Christi Procession



Preston held their annual Corpus Christi Procession in June. For the last two years this was held indoors and live streamed using station altars but with no congregation. This year it was wonderful, once again, to have the full large procession.

The Procession began, as usual, in St. Walburge's Shrine Church and stopped at three external station altars on route and then onto the local roads before returning to church. As the Blessed Sacrament was brought back into church, children at the entrance rang hand bells until the Blessed Sacrament reached the Altar. Benediction followed and Canon Towers presided. Taking part were Religious and Clergy, altar servers, First Holy Communion children who strewed

petals along the whole route, Cubs and Scouts and their leaders, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, the Polish community who faithfully set up the external station altars and a number walked in traditional costume, members from St. Alphonsa who carried the delightful Blessed Sacrament umbrellas, the Knights of St. Columba who assisted with the marshalling and parishioners from Preston parishes who helped with giving out orders of service, doing the collection and giving out souvenir cards. The sun came out at the last minute and Our Lord was honoured in this special way.

Grateful thanks to Canons Cristofoli, Post and Ducret for all their help and support.
Ian Mulholland

"Stay at home, protect the NHS, save lives," goes the slogan. But what if you don't have a home?

At the latest AGM Luncheon of the Broughton Catholic Charitable Society held in June at Garstang Country House Hotel, we welcomed guests from YMCA Fylde Coast. They have many housing schemes, one of which is the YMCA Harbour House (Lytham) who provide temporary accommodation in 12 self-contained flats for people aged 18 to 25.

Kerry Flint of YMCA gave a very emotive speech, through which we heard testimonies from individuals who have directly benefited through Harbour House, with the financial support of the society.

'For many homeless young people, sofa surfing is the only way of keeping a roof over their heads, staying with different friends for days or weeks at a time, while they seek support and work out their next move.'

The lockdown during the COVID pandemic left many young people with nowhere to turn. Young people who had been sofa surfing or otherwise classed as hidden homeless with friends and family had no option but to sleep rough'

Miss C on being told Wi-Fi had been installed "Oh Wow, I can chat to my brother more now I don't have to sit in the communal room."

Mr D had not long moved in, he came to staff excited because he had his first job interview. He asked staff what he should wear and stood in his jogging pants and t-shirt. "I haven't got time to wash them and it's all I have" When staff asked his shirt and trouser size, he was at first puzzled, when he realised, we had a suit in his size he shouted "buzzing" (slang for really happy) and his face lit up the room. He didn't get that job but got the next one!

£12,000 donated from the Broughton Catholic Charitable society has undoubtedly greatly improved the lives of the young people living at Harbour House.

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in Memory of John Bradburne

Cross Fell, at 2,930 feet, is the highest mountain in England outside the Lake District. Undeterred by cold winds and boggy plateaus, one Saturday in June Bishop Paul Swarbrick, led prayers and reflections on the life of John Bradburne as a motley group of thirty pilgrims, including a South African Franciscan priest in habit and Megan the black labrador, scaled the Pennine escarpment.

Bradburne, born in 1921 in the nearby village of Skirwith, ascended Cross Fell regularly in his childhood. Son of an Anglican clergyman, he served with the Gurkhas and Chindits in the second world war and converted to Catholicism in 1947, going on to spend his last years serving leprosy patients in a colony at Mutemwa, in Zimbabwe. He was brutally murdered in 1979 as the civil war there reached its bloody climax.

On scaling the mound of rocks next to the trig point at the summit, Bishop Paul produced a rosary which had been

discovered under a pile of stones there last September on the occasion of the group's first collective assault on the mountain peak. It had been carefully placed back in the same spot nine months ago and was still in its original place.

"John was very dedicated to Mary, our mother," he told the group. "Let us take this a moment of communion with her and with him."

In 2019, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, formally opened the case for Bradburne's beatification, which is gathering at great pace. In 2023 the first part of the cause process will be finished and all the documentation gathered in Zimbabwe will be sent to the Vatican to move John to Venerable status.

For more information on John Bradburne and the work the charity, the John Bradburne Memorial Society does visit www.johnbradburne.com

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Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation

Bishop Paul was one of the many people who attended the Faith & Justice Commission’s event titled ‘*Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation*’ at St Wilfrid’s Church Hall, Preston.

The Commission was delighted to welcome Fr Eamonn Mulcahy as the keynote speaker on the day who talked about the Eucharist being a radical thank you, giving thanks for life, creation, everything.

He spoke about the Eucharist consisting of four aspects; Meal, Sacrifice, Unreserved Love and Real Presence and Jesus’ invitation to all of us to deepen our relationship with Him including the least, last, lost and all who are suffering and excluded.

Other speakers on the day who shared their stories included Roger Mitchell from the Poverty Truth Commission, Sister Philomena Grimley from Blackpool and Colin from the Caritas ACE project.

The Commission would like to extend its grateful thanks to all the speakers who gave up their time to be with us and share their thoughts and experiences, and to St Wilfrid’s Parish Church for hosting such a wonderful event.

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