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# Wreccsam Clarion

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To make clearly known  
To declare  
To clarify  
To call to prayer



This month, the banner celebrates: **Pentecost**, The feast of the Holy Spirit (red); **The Holy Trinity** (white);  
**Corpus Christi** -The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood (white);  
The Feast of the **Sacred Heart** (white);  
and the Feast of **Saints Peter and Paul**



**La pace  
sia con  
tutti voi!**



## Pope Leo XIV

Robert Francis Prevost, born Chicago, 1955,  
Elected 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
267<sup>th</sup> Pope, successor of St. Peter

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## Bishop's Column

Later this month the whole Christian Church will observe one of the most important and significant events in the life of the Church, though I suspect it will draw little attention and I don't imagine there will be any parties, flag waving or even observance of the event in our parishes.

Yet it is an event that focuses on the very heart of our faith from our baptism to our death and one to which we refer most Sundays of the year when we make our profession of faith at Mass.

I refer to the Council of Nicaea which opened on 19<sup>th</sup> June 325 AD and from which we receive substantially the Nicene Creed proclaimed most Sundays.

Creeds, of which there are dozens in the life of the Church from the instruction of Jesus to the disciples to '*go and baptise in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching observance of all I have commanded you*' (cf. Mt. 28:19-20), to the Profession of Faith of St. Pope Paul VI (1968), are also referred to as 'Symbols of Faith', because they take their meaning from the Greek word "*symbolon*" which means "gathering, collection or summary" (CCC N.188).

That instruction of Jesus would be considered a Trinitarian profession, but there are also Christological ones, the earliest being in the three concise formulae: 'Jesus is the Christ', 'Jesus is the Lord' and 'Jesus is the Son of God'; and, of course, combinations of the two.

In the early Church the most widespread theological heresy was Arianism, named after Arius (256-336AD), a popular priest and preacher with a great reputation for piety and learning. Arius taught that the Son of God is not God in the same way the Father is God. For Arius, only the Father is eternal, without beginning and true God; the Son is a secondary God, because the Son had a beginning – the Son is not eternal, not co-eternal with the Father, not 'unbegotten' like the Father.

His teaching spread quickly and persuasively because he set his doctrine to the music of drinking establishments throughout the Empire. Very quickly, every class in society became aware of his teachings and subsequent controversies, because they had heard the 'jingle'.

The third element in the background to the Council of Nicaea was that the Emperor Constantine, only recently a Christian could see the divisive nature of the theological dispute on the unity of the Empire, and so it was in his political interests that there should be a resolution.

Early in 325, some 56 bishops met at Antioch to elect a new bishop: while there, they also condemned Arianism and provisionally excommunicated a number of major players in the debate but granted them the option to change their minds before a forthcoming synod.

At this point Constantine decided to call the Council of Nicaea. Each diocese could send six people (the bishop, two priests and three servants), all expenses paid by the Emperor.

Constantine convened the Council to affirm the faith against the Arian crisis; the Council of '318 Fathers' from East and West was held from 16<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Pope Sylvester sent a representative to attend the Council. Contrary to the teaching of Arius who denied the equality of the Son with the Father, the 'Fathers of the Church' solemnly proclaimed in the Creed of the Council, the 'Oneness of Being' ('consubstantiality') of the Son with the Father. To the Symbol is appended a clear condemnation of the Arian errors and, additionally, a number of canons on a wide range of subjects from rules governing married clergy to the posture to be used at prayer in Sunday worship.

To see the full list please look at:

<https://www.papalencyclicals.net/councils/ecum01.htm>

In 381 that Creed of Nicaea was modified and confirmed at the First Council of Constantinople to become the Symbol of Constantinople (Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed) which is almost identical to the Nicene Creed, the Symbol that we use to-day.

This episode in the life of the Church reminds us of the development of doctrine and its place in the Church's growth, especially in the early centuries, not least in the bringing together of the Trinitarian and Christological elements of our faith.

It reminds us, too, of the uniting element that a single profession of faith can have on the unity of a political territory and power. Although this seventeenth hundred anniversary may not be a greatly exciting moment in Church history, it is crucial to the Church's identity as well as an example of early synodal thought and process about which I am confident we will hear more in the months and years to come.

Wishing you a blessed Pentecost and the celebration that marks the birth and mission of the Church,

† Peter.

**THE CYCLE OF PRAYER:** Until **Pentecost** we are asked to pray for New Members of the Church; Human Work; Vocations; Survivors of Abuse; the Right Use of the Media; the Church.

During **Ordinary Time** (Summer) i.e. up to September, we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer from Persecution, Oppression and denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION – June**

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

And he said to them,  
"When you pray, say:  
"Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation."

And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If then you who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

*Luke 11:2-13 ESV-CE*

### The Spirit of Truth

If you think fishermen tell the biggest tales -just ask a jogger how far he runs every morning. (Larry Johnson)

A theology lecturer informed his class that the lecture next week would be on 'deceit'. He asked them to prepare for it by reading the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter of St Mark's Gospel. The following week he asked them how many had complied with his request, and every one raised a hand. "Thank you", he said, "It is to you this lecture is devoted. Mark ends at Chapter 16".



3 April 2025 SimeonMarcel

### ARCHI-EPISCOPAL INSTALLATION ARCHBISHOP OF LIVERPOOL

Our congratulations, prayers and best wishes go to Archbishop John Sherrington who, until now, has been an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster and was installed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of Liverpool on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May in succession

to Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, OP

[A reflection on the ministry of Archbishop-elect John Sherrington - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Please remember the two Archbishops in your prayers

As the author of both his Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, Luke highlights the Holy Spirit and his work more than any other evangelist. At the Gospel's beginning, the Spirit raises up a prophet, John the Baptist (Luke 1:15), and inspires prophetic words from Elizabeth (1:41-42) < Zechariah (1:67), and Simeon (2:25-28). The Spirit also comes upon Mary (1:35) in a unique way so that she conceives Jesus. The beginning of Jesus' public ministry is also marked by the action of the Holy Spirit. At Jesus' baptism (3:22), his temptation (4:1-2), and in his preaching ministry (4:14, 18), Luke relates how Jesus is filled with the Spirit and acts in the power of the Spirit. Moreover, Jesus' prayer to the Father is a prayer in the Spirit (10:21). Since Jesus is also the one who baptises with the Holy Spirit (3:16), the Spirit is active in the lives of the disciples (11:13; 12:12). The Gospel ends with reference to the Spirit' coming in power to enable the disciples to witness to Jesus (24:48-49)

### POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT, LORD

Pour out your Spirit, Lord, on all mankind,  
as you did on the first Pentecost!

Pour out your Spirit on our sons and our daughters,  
on the young and the old,  
on the slaves and the servants,  
on the men and the women!  
May all of us become a prophetic people,  
the people of Jesus!

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### RETIRED BISHOP OF MENEVIA Dom Mark Jabalé



Please pray for the repose of the soul and eternal happiness of the Rt. Rev. Dom Mark Jabalé, tenth Bishop of Menevia and tenth Abbot of Belmont. He died peacefully on 9 May 2025 in the 92nd year of his life,

the 73rd year of his monastic life, and the 67th year of his priesthood.

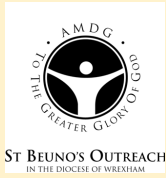
Bishop Jabalé's funeral will be held at Belmont Abbey at 12 noon on Thursday, 5 June

Born in Egypt, he was Headmaster of Belmont, and took an interest in rowing. For several years he coached the Oxford University crew for the Boat Race and was entrusted with the lightweight coxless four for Great Britain which won a Gold medal at the World Championships in 1979. He spent 3 years in Peru to found a monastery before returning to Belmont, and then in 2001 to Menevia

His obituary can be read on [Bishop Mark Jabalé OSB - Requiescat in pace - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)

Requiescat in pace





**Praying with  
St Beuno's Outreach:  
'As one friend to another'**

*In this monthly reflection, St Beuno's Outreach invites you to pray with an image and a verse of Scripture or other material.*

In May we celebrated the accession to the Papacy of Robert Francis Prevost (b. 1955), an American and Peruvian citizen. The choice of Leo XIV as his papal name recalls Pope Leo XIII (1878–1903) and his commitment to social issues. It also invites us to reflect this month on some of the main tenets of Catholic Social Teaching.

On 10 May 2025, in an address to the college of cardinals, our new Pope said:

**"Sensing myself called to continue in this same path, I chose to take the name Leo XIV. There are different reasons for this, but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defence of human dignity, justice and labour."**

The main focus of *Rerum Novarum* (1891) was to establish a balanced, moral vision that rejected extreme ideologies and emphasised the protection of human dignity. Its call for a fairer society with just wages, trades unions, and protection for the vulnerable, laid the foundation for modern Catholic Social Teaching, with its emphasis on Human Dignity

- Solidarity
- An option for the poor
- The common good
- Peace
- Creation and the environment
- The dignity of work

These themes are also found in this **Jubilee Year** where, as Pilgrims of Hope, we are invited to reflect on and pray for the care of creation, food poverty, modern slavery, managing debt, forgiveness and rest.

### ***Other prayer resources***

Go to [www.stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com](http://www.stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com) for more resources, including the weekly *Prego* and *Prego Plus* leaflets.

Take a moment to ponder these images of Pope Leo XIV and Pope Leo XIII, noticing what strikes you.



Portrait of Pope Leo XIII  
at his papal coronation



Pope Leo XIV on the balcony of  
St Peter's 8 May 2025

(Credit: Dylan Martinez/Reuters and Guglielmo Mangiapane/Reuters)

Then take a couple of deep breaths to help you become still. Try to leave behind all your worries and anxieties, and the demands of your everyday life for a while. After a few moments, read these words of Jesus from St Matthew's Gospel, slowly and prayerfully:

**'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'**

Matthew 25: 35-40

Notice anything stirring within you as you read, taking care not to judge yourself.

Whatever comes to mind, turn to the Lord openly, entrusting all your limitations and weaknesses to his endless compassion and mercy. You may like to consider:

Do you find it easy to help those in need? If not, why might this be so?

What is going on in your mind and heart as you reflect on these things?

Now might be the time to talk with Jesus about them, as one friend to another.

Jesus invites into his kingdom all who have responded to those in need.

In what guises does Jesus come to us today? Where do we encounter the hungry, the naked, the sick, the stranger, the imprisoned ... those whom the world may count as completely unimportant?

Are there times when we sometimes fail to notice the face of Christ – or even choose to ignore it?

Pause for a moment, and then ask God to open your eyes to the needs of others, with greater generosity and love. You may like to pray particularly for the grace to respond to the challenges of 'the defence of human dignity, justice and labour', along with our new Pope.

When the time comes to end your prayer, slowly and with great reverence, thank God for giving us the grace to help others.

## Younger sons and older brothers

The Bible is full of stories about brothers. We know the names so well: Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers. These stories explore the rivalries between brothers in the light of the divine economy, that's to say, how they look in the light of God's purpose for the created world. Envy and jealousy lead, like day and night, to betrayal and murder. In Matthew's gospel Jesus tells us to examine our hearts because it is there that we find the dark roots of murder.

It is usually the younger brother who gets it in the neck. In many ways the story of Cain and Abel is the pattern for all these stories. Cain is the first-born. He tills the land. His younger brother, Abel, is a shepherd. Cain makes a thanksgiving sacrifice to God and Abel brings a lamb. Abel's sacrifice is accepted, but Cain's is not. Cain is angry, so angry that he leads his brother out into open country and murders him. He wants to be loved more than his brother.

Now God asks Cain, 'Where is your brother?' Cain in defiant anger asks, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' Cain's answer denies any responsibility for his brother. First came Adam's loss of communion with God, then Cain and the first murder; human misery accumulates like silt in the estuary. Unable to attain that closeness to God, Cain's insecurity makes him a wanderer across the earth. He is haunted by a sense that his life can never be complete.

He founds the first city as if it were a place to hide.

The parable of the Prodigal Son belongs to this big family of stories. Jesus doesn't call him the 'Prodigal Son'. Jesus says simply that he is a young man who went to a far-off land and that, there, he 'lived loosely'. What he actually says is that the young man 'lived like one who cannot be saved,' (ζῶν ἄσωτως). Jesus is telling this story to two groups of people: tax collectors and the earnest and learned pharisees. Each knew where the other stood on this question.

But in this story it is the younger son who is saved. He returns to his father's welcoming arms. The father's welcome includes every kind of generosity and abundance: 'For this son of mine was dead and is alive again.' (Luke 24) As St Anthony said, 'Without temptation there is no salvation.' The younger son's sense of distance from God drives him to return.

The elder brother is the problem in this parable. He is the neglected centre of the story. He does not run to greet his long-lost brother. He does not join in the feast. He is angry. Like Cain, he thinks he should be the only one to inherit the world of grace. He sneers at his brother and 'his women'. This is the very image of the people Jesus denounces as Pharisees: 'You lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. You do not go in yourselves, but when others go in, you stop them.' (Matt 23:13)

It is a flash photo of the elder brother standing alone.

(A Parishioner)

## FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

These are two of the Resolutions passed by the Bishops at their Plenary meeting last month:

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Laudato si'*

The month of May marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis's landmark encyclical, *Laudato si'*, which continued and developed the Church's social teaching on ecological issues. The Bishops of England and Wales note with great pleasure the substantial impact of the encyclical. *Laudato si'* has nourished the spiritual life of the faithful as well as encouraged political and practical action. Individuals, businesses, parishes, schools and voluntary groups throughout the country are responding to the encyclical in practical ways and working to help avert the ecological crises. We particularly commend the *Guardians of Creation* project and CAFOD's *Live Simply* programme.

We note the positive reception of *Laudato si'*, which was addressed to "all people of goodwill", amongst other Christians and people of other faiths and none, which gives great cause for hope.

As Pope Francis went on to say in *Laudate Deum* (October 2023), the ecological crises are, if anything, more serious and more urgent than ten years ago. It is important that they are not over-shadowed by the many other crises in the world today. We ask Catholics in England and Wales to continue to study and be inspired by *Laudato si'* and to deepen their relationship with Christ and, through doing so, take practical action to protect and nurture God's creation.

### World Apostolate of Fatima: Cathedral Tour

The Bishops of England and Wales are grateful to the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Team for organising the visitation of the two National Pilgrim Statues and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco to all Cathedrals and Catholic shrines in England and Wales between May 2025 and October 2026.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, the bishops recognise the profound invitations to peace, prayer and penance contained in the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. They encourage all Catholics to a renewal of faith, especially in their love for the Eucharist and the sacraments and commend the Five First Saturdays devotion as a fruitful means to enter into this renewal.

**NOTE:** The Statue and relics are scheduled to be in Wrexham in October 2026. Nor should we forget that the first church outside Portugal to have the title and be under the dedication to **Our Lady of Fatima** is our **Shrine Church in Bala**.

Prayers travel faster when said in unison

(Latin proverb)





As we mourn Pope Francis and pray for Pope Leo XIV, we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope*. We recall that, in his letter for the Jubilee *Spes non confundit*, Pope Francis invited us all to be “tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind.” His model was the biblical Jubilee of the book of Leviticus. Taking place every fifty years, the Jubilee marked a great societal reset - land returned to its original owners, debts were cancelled, relationships restored, and creation renewed (see Leviticus 25).

We celebrate this Jubilee Year in a world where injustice, conflict and abuse of creation are sadly still prevalent. Just as the biblical Jubilee sought to transform economic and community life to reflect the values of God’s kingdom, so we too, are called to advocate for change today.

Central to this is the call for debt justice. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Francis called for richer countries to cancel the debts of poorer nations who are struggling with immense debt burdens, saying: “More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.”

CAFOD is part of a worldwide Caritas campaign this year calling for action on the global debt crisis. There is a petition that is being signed in 160 countries, calling on world leaders to take urgent steps in this Jubilee Year. You can sign the petition at [www.cafod.org.uk/debtpetition](http://www.cafod.org.uk/debtpetition) and also invite others in your parish to sign by ordering paper copies at [www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt](http://www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt)

As part of CAFOD’s parish materials there is a letter from Father Charlie Chilufya, a priest based in Kenya, to parishioners in England and Wales. In the letter Father Charlie explains the impact that the debt crisis is having on the Kenyan people, since Kenya is spending five times as much repaying foreign debts as it spends on hospitals and schools. “Families are foregoing medical care and children are losing access to quality education,” he explains.

Pope Francis spoke about the debt crisis and the need for action in the Jubilee Year many times in the last year of his life. Join parishes, schools and the whole Catholic community to respond to his call, at [www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt](http://www.cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt)

Shopping for a pair of binoculars, a priest was testing them by focussing on a distant wall. Noticing the Roman collar, a passer-by remarked “Just tell them to move nearer the front, Father”

### Lenten Family Day 2025 – A Joyful Gathering in Pantasaph

Continuing the tradition of Advent Family Days, this year the Commission brought a fresh and spiritually enriching event: the **Lenten Family Day**, held in April in the peaceful grounds of the Friary in Pantasaph. Now cared for by the Vincentian Fathers—entrusted by Bishop Peter to a religious congregation from Kerala, India,—the site includes St David’s Parish, a Retreat Centre, and hosts events like St Padre Pio’s Day.

The **Pilgrim’s Hall** was made available to the Commission, led by new Diocesan Coordinator **Wioletta Trebska**. The day proved a great success, drawing around 40 participants ranging in age from just 3 months to over 80 years.

The weather was kind enough to allow craft activities to take place outdoors. Children eagerly joined in to decorate biscuits with edible paints, create **Paschal lambs** from cotton wool, and make **Easter palms**. These creative activities were facilitated by the Commission’s dedicated volunteers, who are now looking to expand their team.

The beautifully crafted palms were blessed by Bishop Peter before being carried in a joyful, sung procession up to Calvary Hill and the St Padre Pio National Shrine. This Calvary Way is a truly unique spiritual landmark—the only one in the UK built on a hill with a Cross at the summit and a sepulchre below marking the final Station of the Cross.

During the walk, Bishop Peter provided thoughtful and accessible reflections at each of the **14 Stations**, helping the younger participants engage with the story of Christ’s Passion. With handouts provided beforehand, many children took active roles by carrying the cross and candles. Even those with prams or walking aids completed the pilgrimage, making it a truly inclusive event.



As **Taizé chants** echoed through the grounds, a shared spirit of contemplation and unity lifted the group. The journey concluded with a blessing from Bishop Peter, followed by the distribution of stickers for the children. Back at the hall, everyone enjoyed delicious hot dogs generously served by the Knights of

St Columba.

This **Lenten Family Day** was beautifully organised and deeply appreciated by all who attended. Many left feeling spiritually renewed and full of joy. Let us pray that more such events continue to flourish in our Diocese, bringing families together in faith and fellowship.



### Summer School 2025

**‘Pilgrims of Hope’** Keynote Speaker **David Wells\***.

30<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025 Liverpool Hope University

The Summer School conference is a chance to gather together parish musicians and liturgists from all over the country and to worship together.

Full residential or day attendance is available. Bursaries and financial support are available on application from the McElligot Bursary Fund.

All enquiries are confidential

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## SAFEGUARDING IN WREXHAM DIOCESE

### Children and Vulnerable Adults

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team is continually working hard to improve its Safeguarding Service throughout the Diocese. Therefore, the team would like to know your thoughts on the current safeguarding service in your parish.

You are asked to take a few minutes to complete the Diocesan safeguarding survey, the links to which can be found below.

***This should take no longer than 10 minutes and will be anonymous.***

The survey will close on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025** after which all responses will be analysed and shared across the Diocese.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey; your involvement will help us to continue to improve the safeguarding service we offer. **Link:**

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=T FvVAZLpvUu90nvUceKHh3p3-x-3SC1EhXC564cD2dJUOUUpDOVJSVVBSU0JHUFdUS1E2NzZEMVI FOC4u>

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2025

Pope Francis choose the theme for 59<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day 2025 that calls on people to "share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts"(cf. 1Pt 3:15-16)., communication that creates the condition for dialogue.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-09/world-communications-day-2025-theme-calls-for-gentleness.html>

The late Pope's message was released on 24<sup>th</sup> January this year and can be read:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/20250124-messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html>

There is a mandatory (CBCEW) collection that day for the Catholic Communications Network (CCN)

## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Laudato Si' Encyclical

Though Pope Francis has died, his legacy of calling for the care of Our Common Home through his 2015 Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, remains with us. In it, he called on all the faithful, indeed all people, to undergo an ecological conversion as a crucial step in tackling the environmental problems facing the planet. Animators are those people, mainly Catholics, who have completed the online Course provided by [Laudato Si' Movement](#) to educate and inspire action to tackle the environmental crises, under the umbrella of the Laudato Si' Encyclical. The Animators are more determined than ever that Pope Francis' legacy thrives.

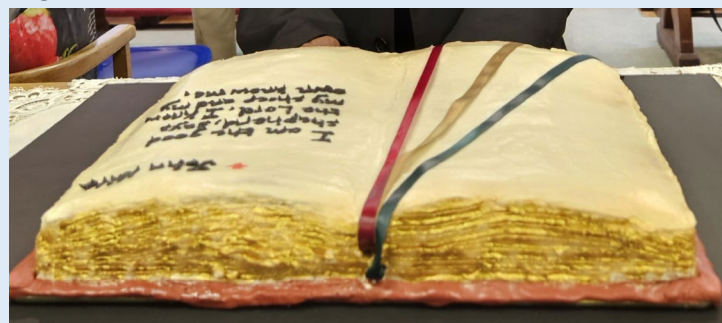
Pope Francis has left a precious legacy in his Laudato Si' Encyclical, and it is up to all people who care about the health of Our Common Home to ensure that this legacy of his continues to inspire, and that it is not the last word, but only the beginning.

## Fr George celebrates 40 years

The parish of Denbigh/Ruthin/St Asaph united in celebration of the Ruby Anniversary of priesthood of their PP, **Fr George Areekuzhy CMI**. Joined by fellow clergy, Fr George concelebrated Mass which was followed by refreshments, and a beautiful cake.

Fellow Carmelite of Mary Immaculate, Fr Pius Mathew from Mold preached the homily, and congratulated Fr George on this special occasion.

The cake, in the form of an Altar Missal bore the passage from John 10:14 "“I am the Good Shepherd”, says the Lord. “I know my sheep, and my own know me”.”



**The Ruby Anniversary Cake**



**Fr George receives congratulations**



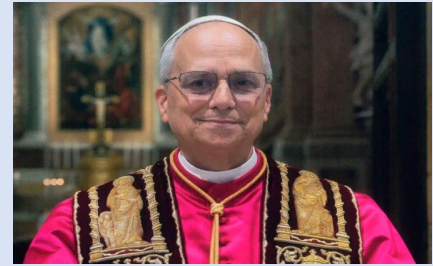
Churchgoers of **Y Bugail Da** joined other members of the community to commemorate V.E. day. The commemoration began with Morning Prayer in St Grwst Church in Wales led by Father Hugh and continued at the War Memorial. Wreaths were laid. Canon Francis Doyle laid the wreath on behalf of the churches and chapels of Llanrwst. The children of the local primary school took a full part in the proceedings.

(Picture: Canon Doyle lays a wreath)

On their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, a couple summed up the reason for their long and happy marriage. The husband said "I have tried never to be selfish. After all, there is no 'I' in marriage".

The wife said "And for my part, I have never corrected my husband's spelling"





On 10<sup>th</sup> May Pope Leo XIV revealed his coat of arms and motto.

## The Coat of Arms

Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms offers a clear reflection of his Augustinian roots and the values he seeks to promote during his pontificate, particularly unity and communion within the Church. The shield is divided diagonally into two sections. The heraldic design features a fleur-de-lis on a blue background, symbolising the Virgin Mary. The fleur-de-lis is a symbol of purity and the Virgin Mary. The three-petalled lily design has also been connected to the Holy Trinity. It is prominently featured in French heraldry, which may hold personal meaning for the pope, who has French ancestry through his father's lineage.

The lower half of the shield has a light background and displays an image that recalls the Order of Saint Augustine: a closed book with a heart pierced by an arrow. This is a direct reference to the conversion experience of Saint Augustine himself, who described his personal encounter with God's Word using the phrase: "*Vulnerasti cor meum verbo tuo*" - "*You have pierced my heart with your Word.*"

This is based on the **traditional symbol** of the Augustinian order.



## The Motto

Pope Leo XIV has chosen a motto which also reflects this Augustinian tradition: *In Illo uno unum*; "*In the One, we are one.*" The phrase is taken from St. Augustine's '*Exposition on Psalm 127*', where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

In a 2023 interview with Vatican News' Tiziana Campisi, then-Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost spoke about the significance of this motto: "As can be seen from my episcopal motto, unity and communion are truly part of the charism of the Order of Saint Augustine, and also of my way of acting and thinking," he said. "I believe it is very important to promote communion in the Church, and we know well that communion, participation, and mission are the three key words of the Synod. So, as an Augustinian, for me, promoting unity and communion is fundamental."

Saint Augustine's reflection on Psalm 127 highlights the theological foundation of this idea. "Christ - head and body - is one single man. And what is the body of Christ? His Church," Augustine writes. He then adds, "Although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one. We are many and we are one - because we are united to Him, and if our Head is in heaven, the members will follow."

Vatican News

## The Official Photo



Leo P.P. XIV

In this signed photo, Pope Leo returns to signing "P.P.", which stands for "Pastor Pastorum" 'Shepherd of the Shepherds', commonly used by popes, although Pope Francis chose the simple 'Franciscus'.

For a biography of Pope Leo XIV go to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-05/biography-of-robert-francis-prevost-pope-leo-xiv.html>

Copies of his official picture can be downloaded from the Vatican website:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/it/special/habemus-papam/habemus-papam-2025/foto-leone-xiv.html>



## Around and About in the Diocese



### SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June Fr Nicholas Enzama of the Apostles of Jesus and Cathedral Dean is to celebrate his twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination as Priest. We extend to him our heartfelt congratulations, best wishes and the assurance of continued prayer. His Jubilee Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon in the Cathedral



### ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June David Tarbrook of St. Richard Gwyn Parish (Ruabon) is to be ordained to the Order of Deacon having completed his studies and formation. Please keep him in your prayers at this special time.

### SOLAR POWER

Thanks to a gift from a legacy, the diocese has been able to install Solar PV at Bishop's House, not only will this result in a reduction in energy costs, but also of lowering the Diocese's carbon intensity.

Those parishes with a significant credit bank balance and a positive or balanced income/expenditure revenue account as well as an, ideally, south-east to south west facing roof may consider making this investment. Please contact Bishop's House for details and advice.

### MYSTAGOGIA MASS

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Bishop Peter invites all new Catholics to celebrate Mass with him on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June (the day of vigil of the Solemnity *Corpus Christi*) at 12 noon in the Cathedral. To this Mass last year's 'neophytes' (new-Catholics) will be especially welcome to celebrate their anniversary of coming to the Faith. For further details please speak with your Parish Priest

### JUBILEE YEAR 2025

An extensive range of articles and resources are available on the Bishops' Conference website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-2025/>



### PILGRIMS OF HOPE

At the request of those in the west of the Diocese Bishop Peter has added the Church of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, Dolgellau to St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Winefride's, Holywell, as a Pilgrimage site for the attaining of the Jubilee Indulgence.

**The Catholic Union**



To keep up to date with the interface between religious life and faith, and public life and politics the weekly briefing from Catholic Union of Great Britain this weekly briefing is an invaluable source of news and items currently in the public forum and about which we need be informed and prepared to act: [info@catholicunion.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicunion.org.uk)

### Events and Invitations

#### JUNE

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> World Communications Day
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday
- Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time Week 10. Weekday Cycle I
- Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Cathedral Chapter of Canons  
12 noon, Mass with the Chapter
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity  
Day for Life
- Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Celebration Mass for new Catholics  
(*Mystagogia Mass*)
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ  
(*Corpus Christi*)  
Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Winefride Holywell
- Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Diocesan Charity Trustees.
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests  
Mass for the Legal Profession and those of the Criminal Justice System
- Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul

#### JULY

- Sun 6<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year C
- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Sea Sunday
- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE AND WELL OF ST. WINEFRIDE,

The annual pilgrimage is on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

Following the Procession at 2.30pm from St. Winefride's Church, Mass will be celebrated in the Well grounds, beginning at 3 o'clock and followed by the blessing of the sick with the relic of St. Winefride and an opportunity for individual veneration. Once again, part of the grounds will be under cover, providing protection from the elements whether they be searing sunshine or torrential rain.

Intention for prayer: as the legend of St. Winefride tells a story of sexual harassment and violence against a young woman, especially we remember in prayer those self-same victims in our society today.

Those who wish to mark the occasion with a walking pilgrimage may choose to walk the final stages of the new pilgrim route from St. Mary's Cathedral, Wrexham to the National Shrine, as given in Hearts in Search of God pilgrimages <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/wrexham> or go via the British Pilgrimage Trust St. Winefride Pilgrim Way <https://www.britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/st-winefride-pilgrim-trail>

A family related conversation.....

When my Great-grandson aged 6, heard that Leo was to be the next Pope he asked his Mum, "Does this mean Leo (his elder brother) has to go and live in Rome?" (A reader)

## DAY FOR LIFE - 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### Hope Does Not Disappoint – Finding Meaning in Suffering

It is inspired by Romans 5:5-6. St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and even see beyond it. Suffering touches every person at some point in their life. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is caused not only by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.

With the assisted suicide debate continuing with great intensity in Parliament, this year's [Day for Life](#), celebrated jointly with the episcopal conferences of Ireland and Scotland, falls on **15 June** on the above theme.

In a video interview on the subject, Archbishop John Sherrington, the Lead Bishop for 'Life Issues', explains how Christ accompanies us in our suffering and, while he understands that this is difficult for non-believers to understand, this can give it a redemptive quality.

There is a mandatory collection taken in parishes this weekend to support the work of the Bishops on life issues. The Day for Life Fund provides financial assistance each year to organisations working to support the Church's mission to protect human life from conception to natural death. Each year, the money donated on the Day for Life is dispersed to organisations to assist them in undertaking specific projects relating to life issues. These can range from educational workshops to advocacy campaigns, practical support services to commissioning research. Applications are now open to apply for a grant through the Day for Life Fund and will stay open until 15<sup>th</sup> July. For more information and to apply please visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life-fund/>

For enquiries please email: [dayforlife@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:dayforlife@cbcew.org.uk)

## DECREE FOR INDULGENCES IN THE HOLY YEAR 2025

The Holy See has published the Decree of Indulgences which sits alongside the Bull of Indiction *Spes Non Confundit* 'Hope does not disappoint' (Rom.5:5) for the Holy Year of Jubilee 2025.

[https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509\\_spes-non-confundit\\_bolla-giubileo2025.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-confundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html)

The Decree on the Granting of Indulgences in the Holy Year 2025:

[https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/tribunals/apost\\_penit/documents/rc\\_penitenzieria-ap\\_20240513\\_norme-indulgenza-giubileo2025\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/tribunals/apost_penit/documents/rc_penitenzieria-ap_20240513_norme-indulgenza-giubileo2025_en.html)

## LEGAL MASS

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm

In the evening of judges, barristers, solicitors, magistrates and others of the legal world, together with Police, Prison and Probation Service Officers are invited to gather with their spouse for the celebration by Bishop Peter of the Diocesan Legal Mass.

This Mass is celebrated near the feast of the martyrs, St. John Fisher, Bishop, and St. Thomas More, Lawyer, and is an occasion for us to remember and pray for all who have the responsibility to make, administer and enforce the laws of the land and to uphold the justice we value in the democracy of our countries.

## PETER'S PENCE –

### AN ANCIENT CUSTOM STILL ALIVE TO-DAY

Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

For more information, [www.obolodisanpietro.va](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va)

As is the custom on the Sunday of the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul this mandatory collection is taken in our parishes and across the world.

## ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION – UPDATE

In May, MPs debated the Report Stage of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Debate will continue on 13 June and possibly 20 June. Following the debate, Archbishop-elect John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, made a [statement](#). A range of further resources on opposing assisted suicide is available here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

In addition, the Catholic Union encourages people of faith or no faith to contact their MP as a matter of urgency raising the following issues regarding the Terminally Ill (End of Life) Bill:

\*State what can be done to ensure well-resourced and co-ordinated end of life care at home or close to home, i.e. hospice and palliative care facilities.

\*How concerns about coercion and undue influence as well as domestic abuse and violence are to be tackled.

\*What thought has been given to the unintended consequences of making lethal doses of unregulated drugs available within the NHS for doctors to assist patients in ending their own lives.

\*What respect is there for the consciences of pharmacists and other health care workers and medical staff?

\*How many incorrect deaths are acceptable?

## A Private Members Bill is not the right vehicle to overturn the Hippocratic Oath

What does this bill mean for the future of our society and our values?



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### BISHOP PETER'S ENGAGEMENTS

#### June

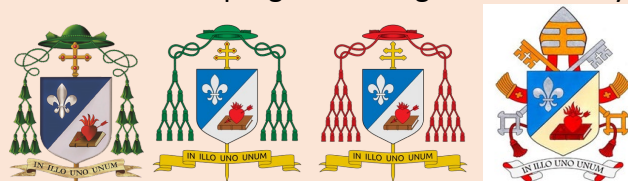
02-06	Diocesan Clergy Retreat	St Beuno's
05 12Noon	Funeral of Bishop Mark Jabalé	Belmont Abbey
07 12Noon	Silver Jubilee Mass for Fr Nicholas Enzama AJ	Cathedral
11 12Noon	Chapter Mass	Cathedral
12 6.30pm	Youth Commission Meeting	Colwyn Bay
14 11.00am	Ordination of David Tarbrook to the Permanent Diaconate	Cathedral
15 9.00am	Adult Confirmations	Dolgellau
17 11.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	St Winefride's Holywell
18 10.30am	M&W Infirm & Sick Clergy Fund AGM	Llandrindod Wells
21 12Noon	Mystagogia Mass	Cathedral
22 10.30am	Corpus Christi	Cathedral
National Pilgrimage to St Winefride's Shrine & Well, Holywell:		
2.30pm	Procession from the parish church	
3.00pm	Mass at the Shrine	
24 1.30pm	Diocese of Wrexham Trustees' Mtg	Bp's House
25 7.00pm	Confirmations	Llandudno
27 7.00pm	Legal Mass	Cathedral
28 1.00pm	Youth Mass	Rhyl
29 9.00am	Mass	Coedpoeth
10.30am	Mass	Cathedral

### A Papal Quiz:

- Pope Leo XIV is the a) 210<sup>th</sup> b) 245<sup>th</sup> c) 267<sup>th</sup> d) 285<sup>th</sup> pope?
- The most common name is  
a) Leo b) Innocent c) Benedict d) John
- Of which Evangelists has **NO** Pope ever taken the name?  
a) Matthew b) Mark c) Luke d) John
- Which two names share the same number of Popes?  
a) Gregory b) Stephen c) Benedict d) Pius
- Which two names also share the same number of Popes?  
a) Leo b) Innocent c) Julius d) Clement
- Who was the only English Pope?  
a) Adrian IV b) Adrian V c) Adrian VI d) Nicholas
- Alexander, Boniface, Urban share the same number of Popes...  
a) 5 b) 6 c) 8 d) 10 ?
- The longest gap between popes of the same name is.... ?  
a) Julius I & II b) Marcellus I & II c) Pius I & II d) Sixtus III & IV
- These long gaps are between which 'pairs'?  
a) 1303 yrs b) 1246 yrs c) 1151 yrs d) 1031 yrs
- How many Popes were elected and died(?) in the same year?  
a) 53 b) 19 c) 25 d) 45
- Which Pope 'reigned' the longest?  
a) Leo XIII b) John Paul II c) Pius IX d) St Peter
- And which the shortest?  
a) John Paul I b) Urban VII c) Boniface VI d) Benedict V

### Ecclesiastical Heraldry

The development of the heraldic history of Pope Leo XIV shows a progress through the hierarchy:



Bishop Archbishop Cardinal Pope Leo

It is interesting to note the arms of Wrexham Diocese:



Bishop Peter Brignall Bishop Emeritus Edwin Regan Bishop James Hannigan

Heraldry changes with time:

Pope John Paul II followed tradition with the Papal tiara. Pope Benedict changed it to a 'triple mitre', used also by Popes Francis and Leo.

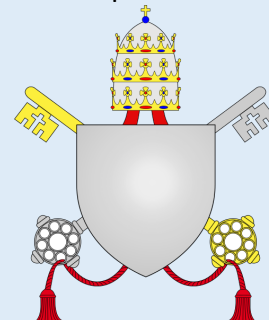
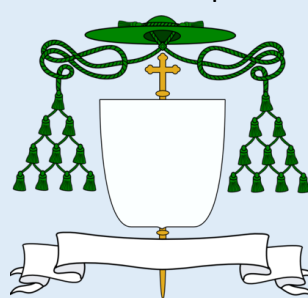


Pope John Paul II Pope Benedict XVI Pope Francis

Things to do: Create your own Coat of Arms!

Archbishop

Pope



What to include:

A family connection (often based on the family name)  
A particular devotion (saint, birth date) etc  
National origin (flag, emblem, symbol)

Answers to the Papal Quiz:

1. c
2. d
3. a, b, c (ONLY John has been used)
4. a & c. Gregory/Benedict, XVI
5. a & d Leo/Clement XIV
6. a (Nicholas Breakspear). 7. c
8. c Pius I & II (155-1458)
9. a 1303 (c), 1246 (b), 1151 (a), 1031 (d) 10. b
11. d St Peter reigned 34 years
12. b (13 days)

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