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News and Views

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2020

A meeting has been arranged for **Tuesday 9th July at 7 pm** in the Narthex at **St Mary's, Brownedge** for anyone interested in the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A representative from the Tour Company will be present along with Father Mark and Father Joe. The planned itinerary for the tour is on display in the Narthex at the back of the Church.

St Gerard's and St Mary's are Planning this Joint Pilgrimage to take place from 16th - 23rd March 2020. Staying for 5 Nights in Jerusalem and 2 nights in Galilee. The cost is expected to be £1350 + £250 single room supplement but this includes Airport Taxes and admission fees where applicable.

If you are interested let us know in writing via email or letter please as soon as possible. Email your expression of interest to office@saintgerards.org.uk.

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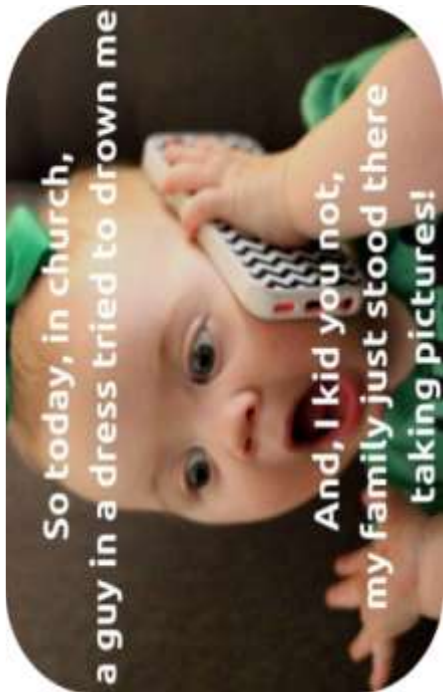
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JULY**

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Sea**

EMAIL ADDRESS

We are changing our parish email address and introducing a few more contacts in the near future. The main email is now :

office@saintgerards.org.uk



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Parish Diary

July 2019

7th	14th Sunday of the Year
8th	Senior Citizens Get-Together 2—4 pm
11th	St Benedict Sacred Heart Guild Meeting 7 pm
14th	15th Sunday of the Year Collection for APF
15th	St Bonaventure
16th	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
21st	16th Sunday of the Year
22nd	St Mary Magdalene
23rd	St Bridget
25th	St James
26th	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
28th	17th Sunday of the Year
29th	St Martha
31st	St Ignatius of Loyola
1st Aug	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
4th	18th Sunday of the Year

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Pope Benedict on St. Teresa of Jesus

On 2nd February 2011, during his general audience in Rome, Pope Benedict XVI began a series of catechesis on the Doctors of the Church, beginning with “one of the highest examples of Christian spirituality of all time”, the Carmelite Saint Teresa of Jesus (of Avila).
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the course of the catechesis that I dedicated to the Fathers of the Church, to great theologians, and to women of the Middle Ages, I was also able to reflect on some men and women saints who have been proclaimed ‘Doctors of the Church’ for their eminent doctrine. Today I would like to initiate a brief series of meetings to complete this presentation of the Doctors of the Church, and I begin with a saint who represents one of the highest examples of Christian spirituality of all times: St. Teresa of Avila (of Jesus).

Born in Avila, Spain, in 1515 with the name Teresa de Ahumada, in her autobiography she herself mentions some particulars of her childhood. She was born from “virtuous and God-fearing parents” in a numerous family, with nine brothers and three sisters. While still a child, less than 9 years old, she read the lives of some martyrs that inspired her with the desire for martyrdom, so much so that she improvised a brief flight from home to die a martyr and go to heaven (cf. *Life* 1, 4): “I want to see God,” said the little girl to her parents. Some years later, Teresa would speak of her childhood readings and affirmed that she discovered the truth, which she summarized in two fundamental principles: on one hand, “the fact that all that belongs to this word passes,” on the other, that only God is “for ever, ever, ever”, a theme that returns in the very famous poem “Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you; all things are passing. God is unchanging; patience obtains everything; the one who possesses God lacks nothing. God alone suffices!” Losing her mother at 12 years old, she asked the Virgin Most Holy to be her mother (cf. *Life* 1, 7).

If in her adolescence the reading of profane books led her to the distractions of a worldly life, her experience as a pupil of Augustinian nuns of St. Mary of Graces of Avila and the frequentation of spiritual books, especially classics of Franciscan spirituality, taught her recollection and prayer. At the age of 20, she entered the Carmelite



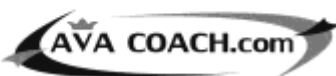
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Baptisms

Are normally conducted on the first and third Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon. Baptism Preparations currently take place every few months on two successive Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please telephone the Parish Priest or Sister on 335387 for details.

No Priest! What do we do?

If there is an Emergency and no Priest is available for the weekend Masses, the Eucharistic Ministers, particularly those who have been trained, will perform a Holy Communion Service and this will replace the Mass. Please note that this is **Only in an Emergency** and there is no time to arrange for another priest or no other is Priest is available. There may be occasions when the 8.30am Mass on a Sunday is cancelled, but the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses will be as usual.

Weekly Services

Sundays:

Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday 9:15 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m.
Thursday 9:15 p.m.
Friday NO MASS.

Holydays:

Eve 7:00 p.m.
Day 9:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

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Saturday: 11:00 am to
12:00 noon

convent of the Incarnation, still in Avila; in religious life she assumed the name Teresa of Jesus. Three years later, she became seriously ill, so much so that she was in a coma for four days, seemingly dead (cf. *Life* 5, 9). In the struggle against her illnesses the saint also saw the fight against weaknesses and resistance to God's call: "I wanted to live," she wrote, "because I understood well that I was not living, but I was fighting with a shadow of death, and I had no one to give me life, nor could I give it to myself, and he who could give it to me was right not to help me, given that so many times he had turned me toward him and I abandoned him" (*Life* 8, 2).

In 1543 she lost the closeness of relatives: her father died and all her brothers emigrated one after the other to America. In Lent of 1554, at 39 years of age, Teresa reached the culmination of her struggle against her weaknesses. The fortuitous discovery of the statue of "a very wounded Christ" marked her life profoundly (cf. *Life* 9). The saint, who in that period found profound consonance with the St. Augustine of the *Confessions*, describes in this way the decisive day of her mystical experience: "It happened ... that all of a sudden I had a sense of the presence of God, which in no way could I doubt was within me or that I was all absorbed in him" (*Life* 10, 1).

In a parallel manner to the maturation of her interiority, the saint began to develop concretely the ideal of the reform of the Carmelite Order. In 1562 she founded in Avila, with the support of the bishop of the city, Don Alvaro de Mendoza, the first reformed Carmel, and shortly after she also received the approval of the Prior General of the Order, Giovanni Battista Rossi. In subsequent years she continued the foundation of new Carmels, 17 in total. Her meeting with St. John of the Cross was essential; with him in 1568 she constituted the first convent of Discalced Carmelites in Duruelo, near Avila. In 1580 she obtained from Rome the establishment of an autonomous province for her reformed Carmelites, the starting point of the Religious Order of Discalced Carmelites.

Teresa finished her earthly life precisely while she was committed in the activity of foundation. In 1582, in fact, after having constituted the Carmel of Burgos and while she was on her way back to Avila, she died on the night of 15th October in Alba de Tormes, repeating humbly two expressions: "In the end, I die a daughter of the Church" and "It is time now, my Spouse, that we see you." An existence consumed within Spain but often for the whole Church. To be Continued.....

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Father Joe is not available on Fridays: in an emergency please contact St Marys Brownedge or another neighbouring parish.

HEALTH WALKS & RAMBLES IN SOUTH RIBBLE IN JULY

Tuesday 2nd June, Hurst Grange Guided Ramble 1-2.5mls. Meet 1pm at the Car Park of Hill Road.

Wednesday 3rd July, Dog kennel Wood Guided Ramble 3 to 6mls. Meet 10am outside Vue Cinema.

Tuesday 9th July, Capitol Centre Health Walk 1 to 2.5 miles. Meet 1pm outside Vue Cinema.

Wednesday 10th July, Coupe Green Guided Ramble 3 to 6 mls. Meet at St Josephs Community Centre at 10am.

Tuesday 16th July, Kingsfold Health Walk 1 to 2.5 mls. Meet Community Centre Kingsfold Drive 10 am.

Wednesday 17th July, River Ribble to Hutton Guided Health Walk 3 to 6 mls. Meet 10am at Anchor Inn, Hutton.

Wednesday 24th July, Fishwick Bottoms Guided ramble 3 to 6 mls. Meet outside Vue Cinema 10am.

Thursday 25th July, Moss Side Health Walk Meet Moss Side Rugby Pitches 10am 1 to 2.5mls.

For more information please call SRBC on **01772 625625** or email **infor@southribble.gov.uk**

D-DAY & SALFORD CLERGY

It's reckoned that 55 priests of the Salford Diocese served as chaplains to Her Majesty's Forces during the 2nd World War. As far as I know, the only one present on the Normandy Beaches on 6th June 1944 was Fr John Corbett, chaplain to the Commandos.

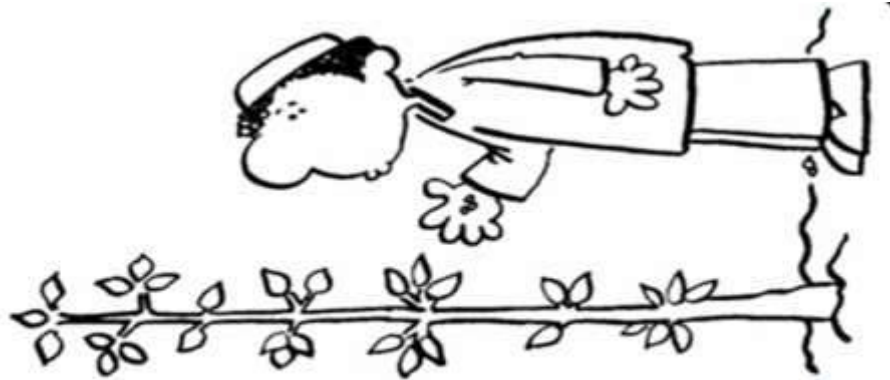
John Corbett was born in the United States. His parents had gone there from Bolton seeking work and a new life. His father died when John was only a baby and his mother brought him back to Bolton. After studies at St Bede's College in Manchester and then Upholland College, Wigan, John was ordained priest and went as curate to the English Martyrs parish in Whalley.

The parish priest there was deaf and his housekeeper, who was his sister, was also hard of hearing. Conversation was carried on by shouting at each other. The young curate used to turn his radio up to full blast to drown the cacophony and to let off steam he would ride his motorbike pell-mell up the nearby Trough of Bowland. Volunteering for service as an army chaplain, even in war-time, seemed an easier option.

John Corbett was a natural sportsman. While at St Bede's, Arsenal tried to sign him onto their books as a footballer and Lancashire County tried to sign him up as a cricketer. Priesthood prevailed, but his fitness took the youthful Fr Corbett into service with the Commandos. He trained with them, carrying for example full kit whilst running up Ben Nevis in winter time.

6th June 1944 saw him landing with a Commando unit in Normandy. He was to be on the beach for only one hour and a half. A mortar bomb exploded near him, shattering his right shoulder. Fortunately, the rest of his body was shielded by his army kit. He woke up in hospital in Southampton where surgeons attempted to put his injuries right. Twenty-six operations later they admitted defeat. His right arm and right hand were useless. Fr Corbett had to learn to do everything, including writing, with his left hand.

Fr George Richardson, PP of St Margaret Mary's, New Moston, took him into the presbytery there and Fr Corbett was nursed back to health. His sporting prowess flowered again, this time in bowls. Even left-handed he became something of a champion. With health restored he was appointed PP of Sacred Heart, Gorton. I owe an enormous



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BOWLING CLUB

June was a very busy month on our green and elsewhere, we have had the Catenians playing their annual competition on a very wet Monday night, and again we had the preliminary round of the Leyland Presidents competition on a rainy Saturday, we have had an extra rearranged home fixture in the Vets league against Leyland and Farington owing to their green being out of action, plus the Summer Fair.

The Father Forbes trophy competition held on a reasonably dry Sunday last month and this was won by Warwick Hesmondhalgh who beat Gordon Dobinson in the final, Mary Richardson and Wally Kimmins were the losing semi finalists, well done to all who played, provided food and drink, and who helped in any other way.

The Leyland League Vets Day was again held at the Fox Lane club. We had three bowlers playing on the day, Warwick Hesmondhalgh beaten in the second round and Charles Brown and Fran Naylor beaten in round one, Hot Pot was provided free of charge by the league to all who stayed, the winner was Tim Slinger from Longton B C. who beat John McDonald from Fox Lane B C.

Frank Kay captain of the Leyland team progressed to the last sixteen of the Leyland league Presidents day, which will be held at the Victoria B C the home of the league President Alan Pemberton.

Our next competition will be Presidents Day and will be held on Sunday the 7th of July and will start 1pm refreshments available.

W R Hesmondhalgh

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the name Peter and giving them a certificate to show to the priest in the Congo when they got home, 'if ever they did'.

Polish vessels also took part in the landings. One such was the *Dragon*, hit by a human torpedo. Once on board, Fr Holland worked his way through the ship. 'The magazine flooded with oil. Nothing one could do for the victims engulfed there ... Was it the engine-room? Or the magazine? I there saw sights that killed for ever the "glamour of war", if that ever existed.'

Bishop Holland seldom spoke about his D-Day experiences but I did hear him elaborate on that last sentence several times. He was obviously deeply affected by the slaughter he had seen. Nor did he mention the fact that he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross. The citation said it was awarded for 'gallantry, skill, determination and undaunted devotion to duty during the landing of the Allied Forces on the coast of Normandy'. He wore his DSC on Armistice Days.

It is fitting that Salford Diocese should remember with pride these two great priests and heroes as we come to the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. I am so grateful that I had the wonderful experience of working with them both.

Mgr John Allen



A speeding driver in Germany was saved from a £93 fine when a snow-white dove interceded on his behalf. The driver was caught on speed cameras - but his identity was hidden by the bird's wings spread in flight. A light-hearted police statement suggested that perhaps "it was no

coincidence the Holy Spirit" intervened - a reference to the dove as a symbol of that aspect of God in Christianity. "We have understood the sign and leave the speeder in peace this time." But the officials in Germany's western border, added: "We hope that the protected speeder likewise understands this 'hint from above' and drives appropriately in the future." The driver was travelling at 34mph on a stretch of road with a 30km/h speed limit, police said. But since only the car, and not the driver, could be identified, he was probably spared the "thanks to the feathered guardian angel with seemingly carefully spread wings".

They added that the dove should also have been fined for moving so fast in the restricted zone. "However, since we do not know where it has to be on time for [the upcoming Christian holy day of] Pentecost, we will allow mercy over justice here too."

Pope Francis warns against turning Earth into vast pile of 'rubble, deserts and refuse'

Pope Francis has declared a global "climate emergency", warning of the dangers of global heating and that a failure to act urgently to reduce greenhouse gases would be "a brutal act of injustice toward the poor and future generations".

He also endorsed the 1.5C limit on temperature rises that some countries are now aiming for, referring to warnings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change of "catastrophic" effects if we crossed such a threshold. He said a "radical energy transition" would be needed to stay within that limit, and urged young people and businesses to take a leading role.

"Future generations stand to inherit a greatly spoiled world. Our children and grandchildren should not have to pay the cost of our generation's irresponsibility," he said. "Indeed, as is becoming increasingly clear, young people are calling for a change."

The Pope's impassioned plea came as he met the leaders of some of the world's biggest multinational oil companies in the Vatican recently to impress upon them the urgency and scale of the challenge, and their central role in tackling the emissions crisis. It followed a similar meeting last year, but this time the Pope's stance was tougher as he warned that time was running out and urged them to hear "the increasingly desperate cries of the earth and its poor".

Creation Mass Song: The Keeper by The Houghton Weavers

www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHx86BVFBCo

This is the YouTube link for access to The Creation Mass song. It is an ideal song for children to sing about the beauty of creation and the importance of protecting the planet.

Margaret Cronin