



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE

OUTREACH 28

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Pope addresses UN on need for new socio-economic models post-pandemic. Via video message, the U.N. General Assembly Sept. 15, Pope Francis spoke about using the coronavirus crisis as an opportunity to rethink economic, political and environmental policies in a way that will benefit humanity and the earth.

Fr Hugh writes: Some years ago I was a member of a group that went on pilgrimage to Greece, in the footsteps of Saint Paul. We started in the north east of the country, in what used to be called Macedonia, at the seaside town called Kavala, which in those days was called Neapolis. This is where Paul landed on his first arrival in Europe. From there he went the few short miles to Philippi, a city named after King Philip of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great. By Paul's time it was a Roman colony. You can read about Paul's adventures in Philippi in chapter 16 of the Acts of the Apostles.

Two things stood out for our group. First, the site of what is said to be where Paul was imprisoned, and, second, our stroll along the river where Paul met Lydia and her family. It is a peaceful scene and it is very easy to pray there. There it was that Lydia was baptised by Paul, and when you consider the millions of baptisms that have been performed down the ages in our fine old continent of Europe there is a special sense of holiness and indeed charm in being present where the first one took place.

It was of course to this early Philippian Christian community that Paul wrote his letter from which we hear at Mass this Sunday. Look at the tenderness with which he encourages us to be kind and gentle with others, to think of other people first, to acquire gradually the mind and attitude and reactions of Jesus Christ himself. And then look carefully at his description of that Jesus, not holding on to his equality with God but letting it slip from his grasp so that he could come to us to be our friend, our companion, our guide and our saviour. Let us truly keep our eyes, hearts and minds fixed on that Jesus, the same Jesus who energised Saint Paul to do the great deeds he did, the same Jesus who will bring us face to face with his Father, the loving God who has made us for himself. Hugh Duffy SJ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: David Froud, Barry Henwood, Lourdes Saunders, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley, Pat Hayden, Barbara Atkin- Spivey, Calvin Thompson, Mary Atfield, Margaret McNeil and Simon Hamerton 🙏

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: John McCann and Philip Day. RIP 🙏



CONGRATULATIONS AND A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED THE CHURCH ON SEPTEMBER 19th: Amy Steel, Adrian and Britta Stones, Paul Gray and Rebecca Rodrigues.

A WEEK FULL OF ANGELS: God's messengers.

This week is populated by two archangels, Raphael and Gabriel, September 29th, and, looking ahead to October 2nd, the vast throng of their colleagues, our guardian angels.

The archangels appear in Scripture where each performs a different mission: Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

The name Gabriel, means the “power of God.” While the name Raphael means “God heals.” Pope Francis

tells us that “while the archangels serve the Lord and contemplate his glory, God also "sends them to accompany us on the road of life."

"Gabriel, bring us news, bring us the Good News of salvation, that Jesus is with us, that Jesus has saved us, and gives us hope. Raphael, take us by the hand and helps us, on the journey, not to go the wrong way, but to always keep walking towards God."

Gabriel's best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Luke tells us “*the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary*” (1:26-37). Earlier, the archangel identified himself to Zachariah, saying, “*I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news*” (Luke 1:19).



According to Church tradition we all have an angel with us, who “guards us”. Our guardian angels are the protectors God places by our side, our companions and guides along the path of our life, and gateways that open the way to God. Psalm 91 proclaims: “*For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” All of us need help, especially when things are difficult, so why not ask our guardian angel?

Pope Francis explains: “Our angel is not only with us; he also sees God the Father. He is in relationship with Him. He is the daily bridge, from the moment we rise to the moment we go to bed. He accompanies us and is a link between us and God the Father. The angel is the daily gateway to transcendence, to the encounter with the Father: that is, the angel helps me to go forward because he looks upon the Father, and he knows the way. Let us not forget these companions along the journey”.

English Dominican nun joins Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences



London born, Dominican Sister Helen Alford, vice-rector of the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, has been appointed by Pope Francis as an ordinary member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Sr. Helen is closely involved with an initiative called

“Strong” which helps migrants get an intellectual and practical university education in order to become “change agents” in their local environment.

She is also working on an upcoming program called "Create" which is to be a regional program with the purpose of spreading Catholic social thought.

COMING SOON : NEW CIRCULAR LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS: THE LETTER WILL BE SIGNED ON OCTOBER 3rd and PUBLISHED OCTOBER 4th. The Vatican press office, said the encyclical will be titled "Fratelli Tutti" in Italian or "Brothers and Sisters All." The document offers to the world a style for the future, based on solidarity and gives the church and people of goodwill the responsibility for building it together.

WATCH THIS SPACE !!!!

MORE FELINE FUN:



BREAKING NEWS

The Repository is still closed. However, during the week beginning Monday 28th September, after the 10am mass, I will be selling Christmas cards, Card gift wallets, Calendars, Diaries, etc at the church entrance. Please come and support your church. Thank you. Fiona