

OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY

The newspaper of the Diocese of East Anglia

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Fr Robert McCormick and Fr Ben O'Rourke OSA celebrated the 50th Anniversaries of their ordination as priests, Fr Peter Brett, his 40th and Fr Michael Ryan, his Silver Jubilee. The priests celebrated at Walsingham with Mass presided over by Bishop Michael and a special lunch. In his homily Bishop Michael paid tribute to the years of devoted service of the jubilarians, including Fr McCormick who was unable to be present, and spoke of the prophetic nature of the priesthood, speaking God's word faithfully as did Amos from whose book the first reading for that day's Mass came. The jubilarians were joined by around 50 priests from all over the diocese and several deacons.

Youth helping pilgrims

About 200 people from parishes across the diocese went on pilgrimage to Lourdes this year.

"Those who travelled by air to Our Lady's shrine were affected by the new security regime and many were sick pilgrims in wheelchairs.

"An increasing number travelled by train and this enhanced the experience of community which is a strong feature of the pilgrimage," deacon Andrew Neate from Cambridge, organiser of the pilgrimage, said.

"Another characteristic of the group is the number of young people acting as helpers. Also, the nurses and doctors were relatively young. Traditionally we have a contingent from St Mary's School in Cambridge who boost the number of helpers to about 60.

"Many of them come back to us even when they have left school or gone to university."

The East Anglian pilgrims joined groups from Stoneyhurst College, Southwark, Northampton, Plymouth and Clifton dioceses.

There were also an increasing number of pilgrims from overseas communities which have made their homes in East Anglia.

Mgr Tony Rogers led the liturgies which included the very popular International Mass in the basilica.

Andrew Neate said: "At this service you get a real view of the wider Catholic Church beyond Europe. But the services are wonderful across the week and all in a beautiful setting."

There are special arrangements for parents and sick children with many congregating in particular hotels

which cater just for them.

Andrew said: "This tradition has grown from the work over the last 15 years by the Glandfield Group who wanted a better accommodation for these pilgrims than many of the Victorian-type hospitals have offered in the past."

The pilgrimage is constantly changing and as well as needing more helpers transport arrangements are going back to another era.

Andrew said: "More people are using the TGV trains which make the journey from London to Lourdes in about 12 hours now."

This gives the pilgrimage a spiritual starting point as those travelling build up a real community spirit along the way.

"We are now looking at next year and would like to hear from anyone who wants to help."

Taizé days of summer

Thirty pilgrims from East Anglia joined 4,000 others at the ecumenical community in Taizé, France, in July.

They were a combined group of young adults and their leaders from our Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and the Anglican Diocese of Norwich. This was the first ecumenical pilgrimage from East Anglia to Taizé.

Next year it is hoped young Baptists, Methodists, United Reformed Church members and others will come as well – and a much bigger group of Catholics.

Despite the sweltering heat (just under 40 degrees all week), the pilgrims easily combined three times of prayer each day with discussion groups, sunbathing, international football matches, and relaxing at the 'Oyak' social centre.

Two weeks after our young people were there in 2005, the 90-year-old founder and prior, Brother Roger, was killed during evening prayer.

Bishop Michael said: "Although his gentle, holy and loving presence is much missed, the Taizé community and its wonderful work with young people continues.

"I was moved to see so many young adults spending time in quiet prayer at Brother Roger's



East Anglian and Cambodian pilgrims to Taizé.

simple grave. God has touched hundreds of thousands of young people through this saintly man."

Half-way through the week, three young Cambodians arrived to spend three months in Taizé. One of them, Rotha, was from East Anglia's twin diocese.

She is the sister of Ratana, one of the three catechists from Siem Reap who visited East Anglia last June, and is well known in the parish at Bury St Edmunds.

If you will be aged 17-29 on 21 July 2007, why not join the pilgrimage next year, from 21-30 July.



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ST. PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (Killegan Fathers) Witnessing to the Gospel

ST PATRICK'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (Killegan Fathers) was founded by a group of secular priests in 1932.

The Society was founded to support their missionary work of proclaiming the Good News in Nigeria where the people responded with unimagined enthusiasm.

In their Nigeria mission they were accompanied by lay and religious partners who made medicine and education an integral part of their missionary approach to the local church. By the 1950's Nigeria was producing its own professional in every field.

The number of students increased quickly and Rome asked St Patrick's Society to take up missions in Kenya and later in Brazil, propelled by the Spirit of our motto 'Christus Christus Ubi Nos' (The love of Christ urges us on: 2 Cor 5:14); we now have missionaries in Grenada, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, South Africa,

Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Mexico and Canada. We concentrate on building up the local church through the establishment of small Christian communities. The approach is to the family, the training of lay leaders, the formation of young Christians, and the primary mission is to the marginalised, the poor and the seemingly shanty towns of indigenous cities and dehumanised street children, in the most neglected parts of the world. The mission to Sudan brought us into close contact with the refugee problem which we see in some of the other countries as well.

In 1997 students from the areas where we work began to join St Patrick's Missionary Society and now we have more than eighty students studying for the priesthood from around the world. The spirit that brought us to Nigeria is still vibrant, the harvest is still great and the labourers are still needed.

All of us are missionaries; the Church by its very nature is missionary, even the Trinity is missionary, sending the Holy Spirit. We see in this divine mission together. Your partnership and support is of vital importance and most valuable as we together carry the message of God's love to every corner of the earth.

Refugee Relief

Peace and Justice

Youth Ministry

HIV AIDS Care

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Mission Promotions

We wish the people of East Anglia, a happy year and we thank you.

We priests of St Patrick's Missionary Society wish to thank Bishop Michael Evans, the parish priests, religious and catholic laity of the Diocese of East Anglia for the kind reception we are receiving as we visit you to make the annual mission appeal. We wish you all a joyful and blessed liturgical year in the company of the Risen Lord and the Spirit of Pentecost.

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NEWS FROM BISHOP MICHAEL

Clergy News

Deacon Martin Franks from St Ives died back in June, after going to France for a service for his old army regiment. His holy, humble and humorous service as a deacon is much missed. Our prayers are with his wife Tina and their children. May Martin know the joyful and eternal peace of the Risen Christ.

Bishop’s Update

As this newspaper arrives in your parish, I will be recovering from a month of daily radiotherapy ‘zaps’. My medical team tell me to expect the two weeks after treatment (i.e. the first fortnight of September) to be the worst, so please forgive me if I am not entirely my usual self early this month.

Only tests and time will tell what long-term effects the treatment has had. But I have been most impressed with all the medical staff at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital since my first encounter with them nearly a year ago, and I am deeply grateful to all of them. For me anyway, the NHS is alive and well!

Diocesan Certificate

One of the things most asked for when I launched the ‘Forward and Outward Together’ discussions over three years ago was a diocesan programme of adult religious formation and education. In response, our new Diocesan Certificate Programme began a year ago, and the second series of study days gets going this October. Hundreds of people from across the diocese came to last year’s sessions, with attendance at the main open sessions ranging from 40 to 140. Nearly 40 people qualified for Level 1 of the Certificate in July, by attending four days over the year.

The study days for 2006-2007 are on very different topics from last year, with a good mixture of teaching and practical sessions. Many of them fit well with our diocesan theme for 2007: *‘Thus says the Lord’ – hearing and bearing the Word of God.*

Your parish priest should be duplicating and distributing details of the Autumn talks in the next few weeks (feel free to pester him gently if he doesn’t). You might like to note the dates for days which appeal to you. Full details will appear over the next few months.

The sessions are free, but donations towards the cost of speakers, venues and refreshments will be very welcome at the end of each module. Everyone is welcome. Although people can just turn up on the day, we would much prefer everyone to register for each module so that we can arrange enough seating and drinks. Some are Teaching Modules (T), others are Practical Modules (P).

To gain each level of the Diocesan Certificate, you need to have attended at least two Teaching Modules and at least one Practical Module in a total of four Modules. There is no written work or assessment involved: all you have to do is to attend and participate.

Advice on further reading will be given. All modules are on Saturdays, with registration and coffee at 10.30 and finishing at 3.00. Please bring your own packed lunch.

I hope you had a good summer break, and I wish you every blessing as autumn begins.

+ Michael

Diocesan Certificate Programme 2006-2007

AUTUMN 2006

Teaching modules

Introducing St Luke’s Gospel

(7th October 2006 at St Laurence’s Catholic Church, Milton Road, Cambridge)
Dr Adrian Graffy will lead a day focussing on the Gospel for Lectionary Cycle C used in 2007.

‘Who is our Methodist neighbour?’ Catholics & Methodists in dialogue

(25th November 2006 at St George’s Catholic Church, Sprowston Road, Norwich)
Bishop Michael will lead this day with Revd Graham Thompson, Chair of the Methodist East Anglia District. It will include an introduction to Methodism, & study of the 2006 statement of the Methodist/Catholic International Commission on the nature and mission of the Church.

Practical modules

Workshop on Prayer in a parish context

(21st October at Newmarket Parish Centre)
Dr Christine Dodd from Hexham and Newcastle will guide this practical day on deepening our life of prayer.

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Training Day for Readers

(9th December 2006 at St Luke’s Catholic Church, Peterborough)
Fr David Ward will lead three regional days, each aimed at enhancing and enriching the ministry of those who read the Scriptures at Mass.

SPRING 2007

Teaching modules

Life is Sacred: ‘Euthanasia and other ‘end of life’ topics’

(at St Laurence’s Catholic Church, Milton Road Cambridge)
Archbishop Peter Smith returns to East Anglia to help us explore vital issues for today on the ‘end of life’.

‘Live simply that others may simply live’

(24th March at St George’s Catholic Church, Norwich)
Bishop Michael leads a day reflecting on Pope Paul VI’s great encyclical *Populorum Progressio* in the week that marks the 40th anniversary of its publication.

Practical modules

Children’s Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass

(27th January at the Conference Centre, Poringland)
A day exploring good practice for those who lead parish Children’s Liturgy of the Word during Sunday Mass, led by Katie who leads the Children’s Liturgy at Poringland and has written extensively.

Suffolk Training Day for Readers

(24th February at St Mary’s Parish Hall, Ipswich)

SUMMER 2007

Teaching modules

‘Mary – Hearer & Bearer of God’s Word’

(12th April at St Mary’s Parish Hall, Ipswich)
Bishop Michael will help us prepare for next year’s Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Monday 7th May, which is on the theme of ‘Mary – hearer and bearer of the Word’

Why have Christians persecuted one another so much?

(12th May at Newmarket Parish Centre)
Deacon John Morrill, Professor of British and Irish History at Cambridge University, will help answer a troubling question of Christian history.

Practical modules

Norfolk Training Day for Readers

(26th May 2007 at Wymondham Parish Hall)

‘Christian and Muslim neighbours: what can we do together?’

23rd June at a venue in Peterborough)
Bishop Michael and Dr Musharraf Hussain introduce the basics of Islam and explore how Christians and Muslims can grow in friendship and action together.

You can register for any of the Autumn sessions by emailing your name, address, and the module you wish to attend to: deacert_programme@yahoo.co.uk

or send the registration slip below on the programme to:

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THE BISHOP TEACHES

PRIESTS FOR OUR FUTURE – could you be one of them?

Is Jesus calling you?

The answer to this question for every one of us is a resounding 'Yes'. Each of us is called by name by the Risen Jesus to work with him in some special way.

Together we are God's priestly, prophetic and royal people, and we are each called to serve in some special way. From within the community of the Church, God calls some people to serve in particular ways.

In this and the November issue, I will focus this teaching page on the call to priesthood. It is one of many vocations – marriage, parenthood, religious life, diaconate and many others – but there is no doubt that our diocese needs more priests for our future together. A few may come from other countries, but we have to provide priests from our own Catholic communities in East Anglia. If your parish wants to be guaranteed of a priest for the future, then your parish must help to provide them.

We need priests

The call to the priesthood is a vital calling, because a priest is ordained to be a living sign and instrument of Christ the Good Shepherd for his people. Through his priests, Jesus himself teaches and leads his disciples, and makes them holy.

We are blessed in this diocese with a great body of dedicated priests, but I have a vital question to ask you: who will be your parish priest in ten or twenty years' time? In ten years, at least twenty of our priests will have retired. In twenty years, only 17 of our current 55 parish priests will be under 75! We need to take this very seriously. We each have our part to play in making sure that we have priests for our future together.

We need priests ready to serve with pride, passion and faith, to serve with deep love for our Lord and his Church. These must come above all from among you in each of our parishes. Please pray for vocations, and do all you can to encourage vocations. Some of you should consider whether God might be calling you to serve him in this way – as his priest.



Most of this article repeats my pastoral letter of May 2003, when we had no students at all for the priesthood for our diocese. I am delighted we now have three students at Oscott College. We have two in the third year (Luke & Michael), and another one in the second year (Patrick).

Am I being called to be a priest?

Jesus is always with us as our Head and Shepherd, teaching us, feeding us, and uniting us with God and with each other. It is above all through his bishops and their priests that Jesus makes this continuing work visible among us.

The priest is a living sign and instrument of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Through the priest, especially through his preaching, through the sacraments and through his pastoral care, Jesus himself touches our lives in times of pain and trouble, and in times of joy and celebration.

In all of this, the priest works closely in partnership with others. Working together is vital to the whole Church today. We all serve together in Christ's name. But however much we involve everyone at the heart of the Church's life, the ministry of the priest is irreplaceable.

If there is no priest, we can make the most of things, but something vital is missing. As Archbishop Oscar Romero once said at the funeral of one of his priests in El Salvador, 'It is as if a community were beheaded when it has no priest to celebrate Mass....'

I ask a very personal question to our boys and young men, and to our not-so-young unmarried men (perhaps in your thirties

and forties). Could Jesus be calling you to be his priest? Would you be willing to allow the Risen Lord to take your life and work through you to bring his love to his people?

I am not surprised if you are thinking, 'No way!' So much would be asked of you. A long training. A whole life without the joys of marriage and with no children of your own. Perhaps you have already known the special joy of being in love. You are looking forward to being married one day, and being a father. Perhaps you have set your sights on a good job, with lots of money and a fast car!

You would probably make a great husband and a great father. That would be wonderful. But the same qualities are needed to be a great priest as well. A priest is called to love God's people in a very special way, and to bring God's fatherly care to them. To be a priest is to know the joy of sharing the Lord's work as our Shepherd. There is no more fulfilling way to spend your life.

You probably feel unworthy to be a priest. Perhaps you are thinking, 'Surely God wouldn't call me of all people?' No-one is worthy of such a vocation. But God calls us all the same! As St Paul put it, "We are only the earthenware jars that hold this treasure, to make it clear that such an overwhelming power comes from God and not from us."

As your bishop, I need more priests for the future service of the Church in East Anglia. I need priests with a love for the Lord and his Church, and a passion for proclaiming the Gospel.

I need well-balanced and mature priests, committed to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, and ready to work with me as we lead our diocese forward and outward together. Could the Lord be calling you to be such a priest?

Please talk about it with your parish priest, or contact our Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr David Bagstaff. See the box with his details.

CALLED TO BE A PRIEST? Vocations Morning at the Bishop's House

Fr David and I invite any boys and men aged 15-50 who think Jesus may be calling them to be priests to a relaxed morning at the Bishop's House in Poringland on Saturday 18th November. It will start at 10.45 and finish with a simple lunch. Parents of boys under 18 are welcome to come with their sons. It will just be a chance to talk, with no pressure and no expectations. If you are thinking of coming, please let Fr David know. There will be other days later.

Whatever your vocation, please keep listening to God. Kneel before him, and ask: 'What do you want me to do with my life? What is your will for me?'

+ Michael

Feel called to be a priest?

Like to talk about it?

Contact our Diocesan Vocations Director



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Around the Diocese

Parish fire rescue

Parishioners at St George's Catholic Church have sent £3,000 raised over the last few months to Father Hernan Pinilla a priest in Cambodia whose home was burnt to the ground after a kitchen fire.

The parish in Sprowston Road, Norwich, has developed close links with communities at Pursat and Kompong Luong in Cambodia where many people who spent more than a decade in Thailand refugee camps after fleeing the Pol Pot regime have resettled.

Many of them have also lost limbs or been injured by the many landmines which litter their farmland.

Recently returned from the Cambodian parish is 25-year-old Daniel Greef who visited Cambodia while traveling in the Far East and brought back with him two stoles - one for a priest and one for a deacon - which are used in church services at St Georges.

These are decorated with embroideries of the parish church at Pursat and Jesus with one leg to depict the many landmine victims who live in Cambodia. The stoles were made by victims who have their own workshops and use traditional Cambodian materials.

Daniel said: "The £3,000 will be enough to rebuild the house and there will be a little to spare to fund some of the projects in which Father Hernan is involved."

"About 95% of the population in this part of Cambodia is under 20 and it is a very poor area. Many of the inhabitants lived for more than a decade in refugee camps in Thailand getting hand outs are now having to fend for themselves and learn new skills."

"They have also lost their cultural roots and although they are mainly Buddhist the Catholic community is helping them relearn traditional songs and dances."



Daniel Greef (right) with his father Nick who is a deacon in the parish of St Georges, Norwich, with the two stoles.

"The people living at Kompong Luong are ethnic Vietnamese people and are even poorer. They live in a village of floating homes on a lake in the Mekong river and as a result suffer from malaria, waterborne infections and malnutrition."

"Finding food is a problem for all the people living in this part of south west Cambodia - about 100 miles north of Phnom Penh - as they can only manage one harvest a year."

"This means that for long periods in the year they are unemployed. They have no television or other entertainment so drugs and alcohol are a problem."

Daniel has been accepted as a novice by the Society of Jesus and will join their community in Birmingham in September. He was attracted to the order after seeing the work they were doing in Cambodia.



A parish celebration day in one of the largest rural parishes in the diocese had a distinctive international flavour as people from the UK, Ireland, Kerala, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Poland and France were brought together.

The first Sunday in July at Our Lady's parish in Stowmarket was the day when people who have their homes in 83 villages and two market towns which make up the parish came out to celebration.

Fr Denys Lloyd, parish priest, said: "The day included a celebration Mass at which young people from the parish took a prominent part and were joined and assisted by musicians from St Edmunds in Bury."

"We then moved to the Cedars Hotel and enjoyed an excellent barbecue and also a very fine curry prepared and served by members of the parish from Kerala."

"Well over 200 parishioners of all ages took part and enjoyed a variety of events indoors and outside. Musical items were put on members of the parish including Indian dancing by a young woman from Kerala, a bouncy castle, volley ball, face painting and a lot else."

"Everything was free - including the food!"

A raffle raised £132 for Siem Reap parish in Cambodia with which the Deanery is twinned. Now the parish is thinking of making it an annual event.

Advice on marriage challenge

Information leaflets on a range of family-related topics are available from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales committee for marriage and family life.

Anita Dowsing, a member of the Diocese of East Anglia Commission on Marriage and Family Life, took part in the conference which produced them.

She said that they came out of the Listening 2004 exercise when Catholics across England and Wales recorded their everyday experiences of family life.

"We had our own diocesan day in Bury St Edmunds where we discussed the reality of family life today."

"Reports from group leaders and the main findings were passed on to the national project officer Elizabeth Davies for inclusion in the national response."

The new leaflets focus on meeting current challenges to marriage and family life by quoting the experiences revealed by Catholics finding themselves in similar situations.

The leaflets also ask: "What is life

like if..." They pose questions for situations where family members do not share faith in God, or feel welcome at home but not in church or for youngsters saying 'why should I go to Mass but my dad doesn't.'

Another leaflet makes suggestions about what the parish family can do to make a difference by affirming that non-believers, divorced, remarried or mentally ill people all matter.

They also highlight supporting lone parents at Mass and ways to address people avoiding jargon or creating an 'us and them' impression.

Anita said: "The Everybody is Welcome" initiative is based on and aimed at people 'at the coalface' as well as those in positions of responsibility in parishes."

Leaflets can be downloaded from www.everybodyswelcome.org.uk

Releasing Formidable Energy is the title of the international symposium on Marriage and Family Spirituality October 20 - 22 at Ushaw College near Durham. Details on 01902 621594.

Deacon ordained for Bury

A care home manager from St Edmunds parish in Bury St Edmunds has been ordained a permanent deacon.

Alan McMahon, his wife Sarah and daughter Chloe joined relatives, friends and parishioners at St John's in Norwich for the ordination by Bishop Michael.

In his homily Bishop Michael said that Alan's health service background would help him to carry out his ministry of Charity or Love which along with the ministries of the Altar and the Word were the main duties of the deacon.

But the bishop said that the roles that deacons played in the diocese were very varied and valued especially in the parishes and communities where they worked.

"God would give him the strength and courage to be true to his ministry of service to the Church in East Anglia and its people."



Bishop Michael with new deacon Alan McMahon, Chloe and Sarah after the ordination.

Call to help Christians caught in conflict in Gaza

Fr Paul Maddison, at St Ives, is leading the support efforts for the many Christians caught up in the conflict in Gaza.

He has spoken to Fr Manauel, who said the circumstances of people is dire with the loss of electricity a a major hardship.

He compared life in Gaza to that described in the book of Lamentations.

"If you wish to really understand what is taking place in the Gaza strip, please open your bible and read the Lamentations of

Jeremiah. This is what we are living, people are crying, hungry, thirsty, desperate," Fr Paul said.

Fr Manauel said: "They are suffering from hunger. They need food. Even if there is food for sale, people have no money to buy food."

They have no income, no opportunities to get food from outside and no opportunities to secure money inside Gaza. No work, no livelihood, no future.

"They have no hope and many very poor people are aimlessly wandering around trying to beg for something from others who also have nothing. It is heartbreaking to see."

"I beg you, we do not need pity, we need only justice. If you don't give justice, there will be no peace."

"Peace is the farthest thing away from the mind of anyone, Christian or Moslem, in Gaza at this time."



A charity fundraising tea and garden party at St George's Catholic Church in Sprowston Road, Norwich, in July raised money for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Handicapped Pilgrimage Trust.

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YOUTH MATTERS (Oh Yes We Do!)

Knock out games in heat

On July 16, one of the hottest days of the year, approximately 50 people came together for *The Big One*.

This event had been planned by the Youth Commission and Youth Council to include inter-deanery it's a knockout style games.

Teams of young people came from Cambridge, Coastal parishes, Bury (mainly made up of people from Stowmarket) and Ipswich deaneries, not really knowing what to expect.

It became apparent that there were enough members of the Youth Council and Youth Commission around to form their own team – not knowing they would all end up completely soaked!

During lunch people visited the side stalls *Beat the Goaly*, *Coconut Shy*, *Face Painting* and *Refreshments*. Then the games began. They were:

Rescue Sir Ted – a teddy trapped in the middle of a pond could only be saved using ropes.

I'm at school get me out of here – crossing an imaginary river.

Spider's Web – a spider's web is made from rope, the team have to get through it using each hole only once.

Concord – paper aeroplane competition.

Sheepdog Trials – blindfold all the team, except the leader, and using verbal commands guide them along a simple course.

There's a hole in my drain pipe – a drain



The team that played the Big One to the full and made the day a success.

pipe with holes – people cover them with fingers and fill the drain pipe to float the tennis ball out.

Fill my bucket – teams have to fill a large bucket by balancing cups of water on their head and running to the bucket.

Tug of war – as it sounds but we didn't expect the rope to break and everyone end up in a pile on the floor.

...and for old times sake the three legged egg and spoon race

It didn't take long until *Fill my bucket* degenerated into an enormous water fight with people grabbing their team buckets to pour water over each other and throwing each other into the blow up pool. By the end

of the afternoon nearly everyone was drenched and loving it!

After a break to change clothes, and dry off a little, Bishop Michael celebrated Mass drawing on the experience of the games to illustrate how we all need each other to live the Christian life and we all need to be drenched in God's love and the Holy Spirit!

Bishop Michael presented medals for the teams that came first, second and third. The winning team also received a cup.

A barbecue and excellent music by the band Alpha Road brought to an end a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Thanks to everyone who helped organise and run *The Big One*.



The third hobble with the Bishop turned into more of a 'Walk quite quickly' with the Bishop as England were playing later that afternoon. However everyone enjoyed it and lots of money was raised for young people in Cambodia and the Holy Land. Once again Fr Ivan kindly invited us to use his presbytery garden for Mass and a barbecue after the walk.



Games and music fun

After all the day's activity it was rounded off with a barbecue.

The music was provided by the Alpha Road band. The organising team lived up to the challenges offered even though they were soaked through in the sun.



Sharing good practice and discussing issues

Headteacher pilgrims’ conference in Rome

Headteachers from across the Diocese went on a three-day pilgrimage and conference in June this year.

It was a great opportunity for them to pray together, share good practice and discuss issues affecting all phases

of Catholic education today.

The headteachers celebrated Mass in St Peter’s and the church of San Pellegrino within the Vatican. They visited the Catacombs, the Basilica of St Paul outside the Walls and the Vatican Gardens.

They were given a tour of the English College and met with Fr Bruce Burbidge, a

priest of our Diocese, who described the educational formation of seminarians attending the College.

The group of 22 were led by Fr David Jennings and Julie O’Connor, Diocesan Director of Schools’ Service. They were delighted to be joined by Rev Roger Sparks, Chair of the Schools’ Service Commission.

A highlight of the conference was a meeting with Archbishop Michael Miller, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education in the Vatican.

The archbishop was anxious to hear of the opportunities that arise and the challenges that our Diocesan schools face, as well as the many successes they celebrate.

He spoke of the pressure that secularisation places on maintaining a true Catholic distinctiveness.

In addition, he emphasised that it is essential for us to foster and nurture the spiritual development of our headteachers in order that they can truly be spiritual as well as educational leaders within our schools.

Fr David said; “The pilgrimage was the first of its kind for headteachers within the Diocese of East Anglia and proved to be very worthwhile.

It is important to have the opportunity to come together as a group to discuss our common goals.”

Julie O’Connor, Diocesan Director of Schools’ Service



Diocesan priest Fr Bruce Burbidge, above left, met the heads who also saw Vatican education experts at their pilgrimage/conference.



Pyramids enjoy Walsingham

Year 4 pupils from St Joseph’s in Sudbury have produced the report on the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham by St Benedict’s Catholic pyramid of schools.

The older students from St Louis Middle and St Benedict’s Upper helped St Edmund’s, St Felix, St Joseph’s and St Louis during an extremely hot day.

The Year 4 students said: “We began a circular tour of Walsingham where we looked at some of the places of interest.

“The Orthodox church was very interesting as it used to be the railway station. We were pleased to sit in the shady gardens at Elnham House to have our lunch. Next everyone gathered at the coach park where we collected out banners before walking the Holy Mile.

“As we walked we stopped three times

to say prayers. Bishop Michael met us half way and accompanied us to the Chapel of Reconciliation where we celebrated Mass.

“Mass was a very happy occasion with children and students singing, playing instruments, serving at the altar, reading and taking up gifts and candles at the offertory. After Mass we proceeded to the Holy Spirit chapel where we lit six candles (one for each school in the pyramid) and said quiet prayers.

“There was just time to visit the shop for last minute gifts and we finished the day with a lovely cooling ice lolly.” Charlotte, aged nine, said: “It was a very hot day, but it was worth it.”

Toby, aged nine, said “I enjoyed singing and playing my guitar at Mass.”

St Thomas More raising money for orphanage

A Peterborough school has raised almost 50% more than its original target of £10,000 to build an orphanage for 18 children affected by Aids in Uganda.

St Thomas More School has been involved in a project at Gaba in Uganda for a couple of years and sponsor the education of a child, Umar.

They have now raised £14,335 for the orphanage in a new village called Bethany while at the same time forging links with Marantha school.

Head teacher Anne-Marie McElhinney said: “Through the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm of the children, staff, parents, governors and parishes involved with the school we have completed our fundraising project six months ahead of schedule.”

As part of the process of ensuring the work is underway and progress is steady four members of staff - Mrs McElhinney, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Smith and Fr John Warrington - went to Uganda in June along with Alan Stevens

from Signpost International, his sons Kristian and Alex and Steven Gabriel from Sawtry Community College.

Mrs McElhinney said: “However, we must now continue to raise funds to furnish the orphanage and find sponsors for the 18 children who will live there.” Whilst the members of staff were in Uganda they assessed how much will be needed to support the education and accommodation of the children and are now once again raising funds.

They are also trying to raise enough to provide foster parents for the children. Mrs McElhinney said: “We want to give them the care we take so much for granted and which we are able to give our own children.

“I am grateful to the children, staff, governors of St Thomas More, Fr John Warrington and the communities at St Luke’s in Orton and St Benedict’s in Sawtry who have given generously and worked tirelessly so that we can build the orphanage in Bethany, Uganda.”

Chilling out by sea

On July 19, the hottest day of the year, St. Laurence school, Cambridge closed its doors and set off in five coaches to Felixstowe for the day!

The 215 children were accompanied by teachers, teaching assistants, the secretary, caretaker, governors and a number of parents together with Fr David Paul, and Jan Southgate, the Headteacher.

They all had a fantastic day building sandcastles, making water gulleys, paddling in the sea and eating ice-cream. Several residents remarked how wonderful it was to see the whole school come out for the day together!



Schools at the seaside and on pilgrimage at Walsingham.



A new bell has been blessed by Fr Peter Rollings, from the parish at Sudbury, for the church of Our Lady of the Annunciation under construction at Walsingham.

The parish of Our Lady of Sudbury have donated the bell which was cast at the foundry in Loughborough in the medieval tradition and inscribed in Latin, ‘I am Gabriel’.

For the Blessing ceremony it was placed at the entrance to the building site.

Fr Michael Simison SM, parish priest, greeted the assembly and gave an introduction and a brief homily in which he talked about the significance of bells in both the religious and secular traditions.

Before the blessing on the Monday of Holy Week, the solo ‘The Angel Gabriel, from Heaven came’ was sung by Iris Sandiford.

Fr Peter(using a hammer!) then rang Gabriel’s first Angelus.

Children from Sudbury and some local people then passed the hammer between themselves, each striking one note.

CAFOD visit to Nigeria

CAFOD’s diocesan manager John Malley is busy preparing for his first visit in November to partners in Nigeria.

John has been involved in discussions and planning for the visit over the last year with Comfort Osilaja the programme manager based at CAFOD’S main office in London, and Peter Nanle CAFOD’S local manager in Abuja.

During John’s two week stay in Nigeria he will visit and learn about the 41 HIV/AIDS Home Based Care Projects which CAFOD has been successfully developing as well as support and married couples groups.

John will also be meeting with some of the 470 Volunteers involved in supporting this work, as well as sitting in on some voluntary counselling and testing workshops.

As the Catholic Church is heavily involved with CAFOD in this work , John has been invited to meet with the Archbishop of Jos, and the Bishop of Makurdi, as well as other religious and pastoral care workers.

CAFOD last year gave £289.000 to partner projects mainly in the Archdiocese of Jos, and the Diocese of Makurdi in the south central part of the country.

John will be more than happy to come and give an illustrated talk on his visit to parish groups on his return - for more details contact CAFOD’S Diocesan Office on 01603 624714

Plea to share faith

Catholics across East Anglia have been asked to reflect on ways to share and proclaim faith in their communities, places of work and families.

On Home Mission Sunday Bishop Michael issued the appeal as part of a continuing national evangelisation campaign asking everyone in England and Wales to “give themselves” generously in prayer and other ways to spread the Word.

Bishop Michael said: “When Jesus asked Peter, ‘Who do you say I am?’, he answered ‘You are the Christ’.

“Peter recognized Jesus as the

Messiah, the Anointed One promised by the Father.

“Because we are united with Jesus the Christ, we too are God’s ‘anointed ones’, called to bring the Good News of God’s saving love to the world, including our local world, our families, friends, neighbours and work colleagues.

“Jesus’s anointing led to the cross. We too need to be ready to give ourselves for the sake of the Gospel, to put ourselves more fully and fruitfully into reaching out to others in the name of the Christ.”

Special celebration of more than 2000 years of marriage

About 350 people responded to Bishop Michael’s call to join him in celebrating significant and special anniversaries of marriage.

He noted the combined years of marriage of just the 120 people who had notified his office of their presence added up to over 2000 years!

The celebration of married life coincided with the patronal feast of the Cathedral, the birthday of St.

John the Baptist.

In his homily at the celebration Mass at St. John’s on Saturday June 24, Bishop Michael said that it was an appropriate feast day on which to ponder on the wonderful vocation of Christian Marriage.

Just as John the Baptist was a prophet, calling the attention of the men and women of his time to the presence of God in their midst, so Christian

married couples in our day are called upon to make people aware of the presence of the God who is love. In what some people see as the current wilderness state of marriage, the generous, enduring and faithful witness of Christian marriage makes the amazing love of God visible.

The Bishop reminded those present that they were

called to be ‘mirrors of God’s everlasting love’ (Preface of Marriage) and ‘images on earth of the wonder of God.’ (Pope John Paul II) He thanked them for their witness over so many years and prayed that they would continue to grow and mature in their married lives by opening themselves each day to the wonder of God’s love.

Following his homily the Bishop invited the

married couples who were present to renew their commitment to one another, and to making the love of God present to others through their marriage and they received a special blessing.

The event was organised by the new Diocesan Commission for Marriage & Family Life which has been set up to support and promote people throughout the Diocese of East Anglia.





CATHEDRAL FOCUS

NEWS FROM OUR MOTHER CHURCH

Cathedral receives support from Heritage Lottery Fund

Our Cathedral has received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund for its project to improve access and provide essential new facilities for visitors.

We have been reporting for some time on the fundraising effort for a new Narthex at the cathedral and the appeal for the project received a major boost in July when the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) announced that it has earmarked a grant of just under £1m for the project.

HLF has awarded a Stage One Pass* to the cathedral's application.

The Narthex will provide much-needed amenities for all who regularly use the cathedral, for occasional visitors and for the cathedral's expanding education programme.

Crucially, it will generally improve access to the 100-year-old neo-Gothic church, designed by George Gilbert Scott Junior and built in the Early English style at the personal expense of Henry Fitzalan Howard, XVth Duke of Norfolk

St John's Cathedral – which together with its Anglican sister cathedral was the joint focus of Norwich's magnificent Two Cathedrals' Flower Festival last month – is recognised as one of the nation's finest Victorian Gothic churches.

"This project is so important for St John's, if

we are to achieve our aim of bringing more and more people into this wonderful place," said cathedral dean, Fr James Walsh.

"So many visitors to the Flower Festival had never visited us before and were quite overwhelmed by the splendour of the cathedral.

"It belongs to everyone – not just to the Catholics – a house of God, for God's people, where are all welcome."

Naomi Perowne, cathedral development officer who coordinated the bid, explained that the news would unlock further funding for the project.

"Fundraising for a major capital project is a long process when you are starting from scratch – people need to be convinced the project is viable before committing large sums of money. Now we can show that it really will happen and other funders will come on board. "Individuals throughout the diocese have continued to be generous throughout this appeal and we hope that this success might encourage further individual donations."

Mike Loveday, chief executive of Norwich's Heritage Regeneration Trust (HEART) said: "This is really great news for the city – once again, Norwich's fantastic built heritage has received support from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

"The cathedral is committed to working with HEART in bringing together and promoting the city's fine heritage sites.

"This collaboration is crucial and we will be



Cathedral wins funding to improve facilities for visitors and people who use it regularly.

working jointly to help to achieve a successful outcome at Stage Two."

Robyn Llewellyn, Heritage Lottery Fund manager in the East of England added: "This award will be hugely beneficial for everyone from local people to the thousands of visitors that come to Norwich from around the world to explore its history.

"The planned work will rejuvenate the Cathedral, providing much needed community facilities and a fitting welcome for all visitors."

*A 'Stage One Pass' means money has been earmarked by the Heritage Lottery Fund for the project in question. Competition at this stage is tough, and while a Stage One Pass does not guarantee funding, it is an indication of positive support, and money for the scheme is set aside. The applicant can then progress to Stage Two and submit a further, fully developed application to secure the whole grant. On occasion, at Stage One, funding will also be awarded towards the development of the scheme.

Hundreds of people at Cathedral

Once again, the Cathedral hosted special events during the 2006 Heritage Open Days. Features included a special exhibition of vestments and plate, daily tower tours, lunchtime organ recitals and a children's trail. Once again hundreds of visitors passed through, many of whom had never visited the Cathedral before. This is yet another way of welcoming people into our Cathedral.

Priest's musical ministry

Music ministry specialist Fr Liam Lawton will be giving a concert in the Cathedral on Saturday September 30, at 7.30pm.

Fr Liam is extremely popular in Ireland, where he has released two albums with EMI which to date have sold double platinum in his home country.

He has undertaken major sell-out Irish tours of churches, cathedrals and venues in Ireland playing to over 60,000 people.

So why is there such a demand now for Fr Liam's message and music? Fr Liam's music brings us into the presence of the Divine,



FR LIAM LAWTON

using the ancient Celtic prayers of early Irish monks and the inspiration of a wild and beautiful landscape to imbue his music.

It is music, both of the soul and for the soul. It is the music of his homeland.

In a world that is scarred,

frantic and fragmented Fr Liam's music 'soothes the soul, reaching down into the deep recesses of hearts and minds.'

Fr Liam Lawton will be accompanied by a five-piece backing group, including traditional Irish instruments and three singers.

The concert in the Cathedral is part of a major tour of mainland Britain, taking in Newcastle, Lancaster, Salford, Plymouth, Swansea, Bristol and Cardiff, as well as our own.

Tickets cost £15.00 and are available from the Cathedral Shop (or at the door on the night.

Fine Russian choir ready to perform in Norwich

The Cathedral is delighted to welcome the Rossica Choir from St Petersburg on Friday October 13.

The Rossica have already performed to great acclaim in East Anglia and elsewhere in the UK, appearing at several of our region's major music festivals.

The choir was formed in 1976 and today numbers about 24 singers, including the basses and deep basses so familiar in Russian choral music.

The Rossica (the name is derived from the Latin meaning 'of Russia') performs frequently in the best concert halls and fine

cathedrals of St Petersburg, Moscow, Kiev and other great cities.

Tickets (£10.00 each) are available from the Cathedral Shop (01603 765035 Tuesday to Saturday 10.30 – 4pm) or at the door on the night.

We are looking for kind folk to offer overnight accommodation in and around Norwich for these musicians and if anyone would like to offer them hospitality, please telephone Naomi on 01603 615288.

Helpful Hint – those 'in the know' coming to concerts at the cathedral often bring a small cushion to counteract the penitential pews!

BUILDING BRIDGES: our seminarians in Cambodia

From Oscott to Battambang

Every summer, as part of our formation for the priesthood, seminarians at Oscott College (where all the students for East Anglia are currently training) are sent back to their own dioceses for a month to experience parish life.

For two of us East Anglians, however, this year was a little different.

Up to now many young people and clergy from our diocese have been able to spend a period of time in our twin diocese of Battambang in Cambodia. It was agreed between Bishop Michael, the seminary and ourselves (Luke and Michael) that it would be useful to our formation for the two of us to spend a month with the people of Battambang and to experience the life of the Church in this part of the world.



Sharing the life of the people

A rich experience

Our time in Cambodia was very varied - it would be difficult to think of a time we could say we were without anything to do. A week and a half of our placement we spent together, visiting various parish communities in different areas of the country and taking part in Cambodian parish life. The rest of our time we spent in separate areas of the diocese.

Parish communities in Battambang vary greatly both in size and the situations they are facing. Luke's base parish was in the poorer, more rural area of Kompong Thom. Michael, on the other hand, spent most of his time in the town of Battambang itself, living in a large compound owned by the Church which contains a student hostel, a kindergarten, a centre for disabled children as well as the Apostolic Prefect's home.

Living the Gospel

Priestly ministry in Cambodia, although at its core the same as all priestly ministry, often has a very different face than it does in England.

It is very difficult for the Church in Cambodia to preach the Gospel message with words through fear that this might hinder the Church's actual mission of bringing people to know Christ: proclaiming by words alone a message which requires people to move away from their traditional Buddhist faith might actually stop people listening.

Instead, the Church seeks to bring Christ to the community through its good actions and its attempts to alleviate the difficulties of the people.

The time we spent in Siem Reap, for example, we both greatly enjoyed. The parish there offers assistance to the sick and hospitalized; it provides funding for students; it holds catechism classes in Khmer (Cambodian) and Vietnamese; it has set up learning centres in surrounding villages and provides nourishing food for local children.

A lot of parishes offer classes in traditional Khmer dance for children. This provides young people and their parents with wholesome entertainment and something to encourage confidence and ideals in the young people. It also shows the



New skills learned!



Luke Goymour (left) and Michael Collis who begin their third year of priestly formation this September



From East Anglia to Angkor Wat and back

people that the Church is interested in encouraging Cambodian culture and is not a 'foreign body'.

Deep impact

Both of us have many memories of things we experienced during our time in the diocese of Battambang which had a great impact on us.

One example was accompanying a priest who was taking Holy Communion to some local housebound residents. The poverty of some of them was very moving.

We moved from house to house with the priest holding the Blessed Sacrament. At each house more people joined us and the procession grew. It felt like we were in a scene from the film 'The Mission'.

Another example was again during our time in Siem Reap when we went to a floating church on the Tonle Sap lake for Sunday Mass.

We had been sitting in the back of a pick-up truck (the Cambodian way to travel) for about 20 minutes when we stopped at a small village.

As if from nowhere about twenty five small, ragged-clothed children jumped on to the bag of the truck smiling and laughing.

We continued our journey, squashed together, to the shore from where we travelled by a small boat to the floating Church where Mass was celebrated, the children were taught Catechism and then we gave them lunch - probably the healthiest food they're going to receive for the week.

Inspired and challenged

One of the most impressive things that will remain with us is how dedicated the small group of priests and religious sisters are in their service of the people.

Many in the West attack the priesthood and religious life and question its relevance. In the extremities of Cambodia, however, it is very clear to all that the work they do has an immense impact on people's lives. As young men preparing for priestly ministry this is both inspiring and challenging.

The radical gift of self

It is quite easy to intellectually gain a good understanding of what priesthood is. For us however, it is only in witnessing first hand the radical gift of self of these dedicated sisters and priests that we have come to realise in our hearts what we thought we knew in our heads.

Of course, that radical self-gift is there in the clergy and religious of our own diocese - perhaps our familiarity had brought us to a diminished appreciation of exactly how much our clergy and religious do give of themselves - but in a society of extremes like Cambodia Christ's working through his priests, sisters and those they serve manifest itself with great clarity.

The two of us are both very grateful for our time in Cambodia and neither of us would hesitate to go back again. We have both come back with much to ponder and reflect upon, and with many priorities re-organised.

The greatest thing we have come to realise (so far) is that not only does proclaiming the Gospel message require a TOTAL gift of self but it also gives back in return abundant life, joy and fulfilment.

How is God calling you?

To be sure, the life of a priest appears challenging and sometimes frustrating, but it is immensely rewarding. We strongly urge all the young (or not so young) to ask whether God might be calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life - it is VERY possible!

It's an incredible journey which we are barely beginning, but it's the adventure of a lifetime.



SUCCESS The people who received certificates at St John's Cathedral after completing the course. Bishop Michael said at the presentation Mass he hoped they were now more confident to take the Gospel out to his people in the parishes of East Anglia. "It was not a course for personal edification but a gift to bring to everyone in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk and Suffolk." They were to go out and touch the lives of people bringing them the deeper understanding of the faith that they had learned on the course.

Certificate success

Deacon John Morrill, chair of the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation, reports on the successful launch of the new programme. Almost 300 people from the diocese have attended one or more of the Diocesan Certificate days organised since last October by the Commission for Evangelisation.

And there were more with Ipswich postcodes than Cambridge, Norwich or Peterborough postcodes, but all fairly close!

More than 80 have attended three or more sessions, and almost 40 attended the four sessions needed to earn the Diocesan Certificate.

They had to attend at least two 'teaching' days where our faith is explored, and at least one 'practical' day in which support is given to those undertaking or seeking to undertake a range of lay ministries.

Twenty four of these were in St John's Cathedral on 15 July for a celebratory Mass and to receive their certificates from Bishop Michael.

In all there were six teaching days covering the Papacy; the meaning of Christmas; gift of Scripture; Baptism; the meaning of Easter; The Trinity.

In addition, 11 practical days on such subjects as the ministry of holy communion, school foundation

governors, parish treasurers and youth leadership as well as an open training day for those visiting the sick at home and in hospital.

After each of the sessions, those attending were invited to fill out a questionnaire, and the content and value were consistently affirmed - usually more than 80% being happy or very happy with the day.

Some of our parish halls and schools have uncomfortable seats, variable heating and other lack of creature comforts, and the commission was not always able to get reliable information to those finding some of our more concealed diocesan venues!

But no-one actually got lost, and the commission office in Newmarket has had much support for the on-going programme. The office promises to issue better maps and try to improve the seating!

The certificate programme and the certificates themselves simply require attendance. There are no tests or exams! It is just great that so many people want to deepen and widen their understanding of the Faith. But in fact, the programme has had some marvellous side-effects.

Three people have reported they now intend to take up programmes of study leading to qualifications including degrees in pastoral theology and that these study days have inspired them to take the plunge.

And one group got together with their parish priest after the training day on visiting the sick and proposed a parish visiting scheme.

Campaign against gold miners

A CAFOD campaign targeting the mining and extraction industries has inspired novel efforts in the diocese. A-Level students from Notre Dame High School staged a protest at a Norwich jewellery store to persuade them to only use ethically produced gold in their products. Many communities across the world are finding the quest for gold is resulting in agricultural land being washed away or polluted by cyanide used in the process. The CAFOD stall at Walsingham is seeking more support for the gold mining campaign. They are hoping to encircle the area of the Slipper Chapel with a chain of golden Hail Marys. Each link in the chain is offered with a Hail Mary and it will be completed and offered to Our Lady House of Gold at the Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage on Sunday September 10.

Golden links are available at the Walsingham CAFOD stall or from John Malley, CAFOD East Anglia, Notre Dame High School, Surrey Street, Norwich NR1 3PB or 01603 624714.

BISHOP MICHAEL'S ENGAGEMENTS

(All of these events are dependent on the short-term side-effects of Bishop Michael's radiotherapy treatment during August)

SEPTEMBER	
2 nd	Diocesan Youth Council Retreat
7 th	Diocesan Schools Service Commission at Poringland at 10.30am
8 th	Mass at Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, 5.00pm
9 th	Diocesan Child Protection Representatives Mass & Lunch at Poringland
10 th	Dowry Pilgrimage to Walsingham
13 th	Diocesan College of Consultors at Poringland at 4.00pm
14/15 th	Christian-Muslim Forum residential meeting
16/17 th	Parish Visitation to St James, Ipswich
17 th	Pilgrimage Walk to Our Lady of Grace, Ipswich
19 th	CWL Mass at St Pancras, Ipswich at 7.30pm
20 th	Confirmations at Woodbridge at 7.30pm
21 st	Diocesan Finance Board at Poringland at 10.30am
22 nd	Magdalene Group Commissioning in Norwich at 11.00am
23 rd	Confirmations at Downham Market at 6.00pm
24 th	September – 2 nd October: Bishops' In-Service Week at Valladolid
OCTOBER	
4 th	Diocesan Prison Chaplaincy meeting at Poringland at 10.30am
5 th	Confirmations at Costessey at 7.00pm
6 th	School Service Commission Symposium at Poringland
7 th /8 th	Parish Visitation to All Souls, Peterborough
9 th	Diocesan Commission for Evangelisation at Newmarket at 7.30pm
10/11 th	Committee for Christian Unity (Hinsley Hall, Leeds)
12 th	Diocesan Social Concern AGM at Wymondham at 7.30pm
13 th	Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's, Walsingham at 7.30pm
14 th	Diocesan Committee for Dialogue & Unity at Poringland at 11.00am
15 th	Friends of the Cathedral Mass & AGM at the Cathedral at 11.00am
16 th	Cathedral Trustees meeting at Poringland at 2.00pm
18 th	Shrine Council Mass & Meeting at Walsingham at noon
	Confirmations at St Pancras, Ipswich at 7.30pm
19 th	Mass for Diocesan Head Teachers at Poringland at 3.00pm
	Confirmations at St Philip Howard, Cambridge at 7.30pm
21/22 nd	Parish Visitation to Dereham
23 rd	Standing Committee of Bishops' Conference at Archbishop's House, Westminster
25 th	Mass & Lunch with Retired Priests at Poringland at noon
28 th	Commissioning Day for Lay Ministers of Communion at Wisbech
29 th	Diocesan Youth Council at Poringland 3.00-7.00pm
30/31 st	Overnight meeting of Westminster Province Bishops in Nottingham
31 st	Suffolk Churches Together at 5.30pm

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