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**Pope Francis marks 650th
anniversary of revelations of
Mother Julian of Norwich**

Pope Francis sends a message to Catholic and Anglican pilgrims who are commemorating the 650th anniversary of the Shewings, or Revelations of the Passion of Christ, of Mother Julian of Norwich.

Pope Francis sent a message to pilgrims from across the world who throughout the year are gathering in the Catholic and Anglican cathedrals of the English city of Norwich to mark the 650th anniversary of the Shewings of Mother Julian of Norwich.

The Pope assured pilgrims of his spiritual closeness to those taking part in the various ecumenical celebrations.

Julian of Norwich was an English anchoress of the Middle Ages who received a series of visions or "shewings" of the Passion of Christ in 1373. Her writings on the subject, now known as the Revelations of Divine Love, are thought to be the earliest surviving English-language works by a woman.

The significance of this English mystic

In his message, Pope Francis said, "the profound significance of this English mystic for the Christian tradition speaks to us from across the centuries and is increasingly being acknowledged and celebrated."

Indeed, he added, "her maternal influence, humble anonymity, and profound theological insights stand as timely reminders that faith in God's loving providence and holiness of life expressed in generous service to our brothers and sisters in need, are timeless truths underpinning not only the life of Christian discipleship but the very fabric of a just and fraternal society."

Pope Francis went on to stress that of particular note is Julian's generosity in welcoming those who sought spiritual counsel and encouragement.

He explained that "this willingness to sacrifice self-convenience for the sake of others is especially needed in responding to the endemic problems of isolation and loneliness felt by so many in the more materially affluent nations of the world."

Relevance today

Bringing his message to a close, Pope Francis noted how Mother Julian's message of God's mercy and compassion continues to be vital for today's world.

In her Revelations of Divine Love, we learn that she was taught through God's grace that, despite the presence of evil in our midst, "all manner of thing shall be well."

In this regard, the Pope concluded, "I pray that all who face the pressing challenges of war, injustice, ecological disaster or spiritual poverty, may be consoled and strengthened by these enduring words of wisdom."

Finally, as is customary, the Holy Father imparted his Blessing to all those participating in the commemorative events.

Provincial Grand Knight

Arundel Cathedral celebrates its 150th anniversary on 1 July, with a range of events planned to mark this historic occasion.

The anniversary weekend will be commemorated by the celebration of Vespers and Mass attended by representatives from Diocesan Parishes and Schools. Dignitaries including Catholic Bishops from across England and Wales, the High Sheriffs of East and West Sussex and the Lord Lieutenant.

We have a great contribution to make as Knights of St. Columba and volunteers at the occasion. Names of Brothers who would like to volunteer in various capacities would be required by Bro. Hugh Brentnall, Provincial Spiritual & Welfare Officer, at our meeting.

As we prepare for Pentecost, may the Lord continue to guide us and give us the grace to recognize our obligations and responsibilities as Brothers of the Order of the Knight of St. Columba.

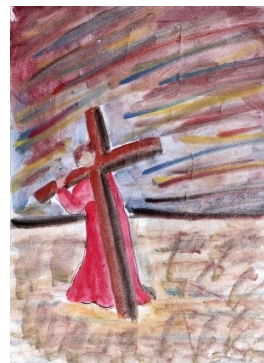
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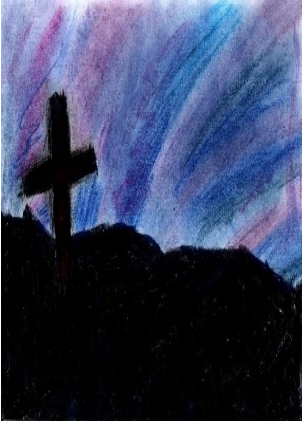
Bro Solomon Ezobi PGK

ACTION

The following Easter Scene Painting Competition entries were received from Catholic primary schools in Council 551 Guildford and Godalming and from Co 324 Bognor.

Guildford Council 551





Council 324 also submitted an entry to the Prayer Competition. Being the only entry it was selected as the Provincial winner and forwarded to Head Office.

Certificates of achievement and thanks for entry have been created for all entrants and will be provided to Councils 551 and 324.

Unfortunately a combination of teachers' strike action and staff sickness prevented the usual entries from St Mary's Worthing, from being produced for Council 280

Bognor Council 324

Bro Trevor Stauss Action Youth & Social Officer

Worthing and District Council 280

Brothers attended the memorial Mass on Saturday 18th February for Phyllis Jansen who died on 30th December 2022. Phyllis was a great supporter of our Council and the widow of Supreme Treasurer, Brother Jim Jansen, a member of Co 280.

The Order's Easter posters were purchased and distributed to all local parishes.

A membership drive has been arranged to be held at English Martyrs' church in September and hopefully one other parish. An additional meeting is planned for all members of Worthing Council to discuss the way forward and contribute to recruitment.

Forty young people from Saint Oscar Romero school attended the Catholic Youth Ministry's Flame event at the Wembley Arena in March. They reported it as a fantastic, uplifting and enjoyable experience. The Council voted a donation of £50 towards their expenses.

Brothers met with Canon David Parmiter, Dean of Arundel Cathedral to discuss occasions where our support could be provided for Cathedral events.

Certificates were presented at St Mary's school to all of the 34 children who submitted pictures for the 2022 KSC Nativity Painting competition. Each certificate included a reduced image of their entry.

A Race Night was held on 20th May, This was well supported and raised over £1,000. Proceeds will be shared with Lourdes Pilgrimage Red Shirts, from Saint Oscar Romero school and our local perennial projects. Pupils from the school assisted brothers at the Race Night in directing punters, moving horses as well as the tote, raffle and clearing away afterwards.

Brothers assisted in the Worthing Deanery Confirmations Celebration on Sunday 28th May. They are also planning to act as stewards for the Carpet of Flowers and Corpus Christi celebration at Arundel Cathedral on June 7th / 8th.

Council AYS Officer, Brother David Wynn-Davies, has organised our local Catholic primary schools to participate in our annual football and netball tournaments at English Martyrs' school on June 7th.

All brothers completed voting papers for the next Regional Director which were forwarded to the PGK.

A summer picnic and boules match is planned for pm on Sunday 30th July at St Michael's Hayling Rise.

Brothers continue to visit and to keep in touch with our widows and with our infirm brothers. Their support to their parishes continues, in all ministries.

My grateful thanks go to Council 280's Officers who all supported me so well in 2022. They have also elected to remain in post for 2023.

Bro Trevor Stauss GK

Welfare

There was good attendance by knights for the Deanery Confirmation Service. As no servers had turned up, Brothers Geoff Breeze and John Burnett stepped in.

At the time of writing this report there has been a good show of knights willing to offer their time to help out with stewarding duties in the cathedral and with the procession for the Corpus Christi celebration. More on the Corpus Christi celebration in my next report in September.

We are keeping our Provincial Secretary Bro Pat Coates in our prayers after he suffered a bad head injury in an accident and is still confined in hospital. We pray for his full recovery.

Sadly, during this quarter, we have lost the following Province 34 Brothers:

Bro. (Sylvester Patrick) Paddy Hooke of Hastings Council 630 who died on 9th March 2023.

also

Bro Roy Worsley of Eastbourne Council 433 who died on 29th April 2023.

May they Rest in Peace

As advised in my report of 5th March, the following item has been received from Brother Sean Mulligan, Director for Spirituality and Welfare:

National Deceased Brothers Mass

The date is fixed for 10th June 2023 at 15.00 (3pm). The intention is for "The Deceased members of The Knights of St Columba family". The Order is a family so it is only fitting that we remember not only our brothers but also deceased family members and not forgetting our clergy.

It will be held in the cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool.

Bro Hugh Brentnall - Provincial Spiritual & Welfare Officer

**Mass for Deceased Brothers
Arundel Cathedral
11.15am
Sunday 19th November 2023**

**Pilgrimage to
West Grinstead with the
UCM
Thursday 7th September
2023. 10.30am**

OBITUARY



Brother Sylvester Vincent Hooke
Hastings and Rother Valley Council
630
Died 9th March 2023
Aged 91
R.I.P.

Sylvester Vincent Hooke "Paddy"

On the 18th April we celebrated the Requiem Mass for our founder member and first Grand Knight for Council 630 at St Mary Star of the Sea Church Hastings. The celebrant was Fr Tony Harris SAC In addition to our Council members Bro Geoff Breeze travelled from Chichester to pay his respects to his friend and his first Provincial Deputy. Also in attendance was Bro Bob Waters a long time fellow Provincial Officer.

As is our custom on these occasions Council 630 members honoured Paddy with a Guard of Honour on entry and on exiting the church. Last year when Paddy was still sufficiently mobile, we celebrated his 90th Birthday with a Mass for his intentions followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. Paddy was touched by receiving a Papal Blessing, deserved by his longstanding devotion to his work within the Parish. It was a joyful fun filled day.

Angela, Paddy's daughter had cared for him lovingly for the past six years. The last months of his life were particularly difficult as he had a number of serious falls. Paddy never complained, taking all his difficulties with quiet resignation and a typical humorous remark. Each Wednesday he was accompanied in his wheelchair by his family friend Eileen for the highlight of his week Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea.

Paddy was one of nature's gentlemen who lived his Catholic Faith to the full. He was generous with his time and when Chancellor would make sure that brothers in need and widows were visited and helped in a practical way. Paddy and his wife Sylvia loved praying the Rosary and for many years had a monthly Rosary Prayer Group in their home. Paddy supported Sylvia's tremendous fund raising for St Michael's Hospice.

He was greatly loved by his family described as a "Fantastic Dad" by his daughter. Paddy had a very successful career in the Prison Service and was the Chief Prison Officer at Wormwood Scrubs

He is missed by family and friends at Star of the Sea and by our Council members.

18th July 1932- 9th March 2023

May he rest in peace



Bro Roy Worsley was born in Manchester in 1929. He did his National Service with the RAF and trained as an engineer.

He and his wife Marjorie married in 1951. They emigrated to South Africa in 1985 and there he joined the Knights of Da Gama. This was in the Apartheid era and Roy always kept the prayer to end Apartheid with his KSC prayer cards.

When he returned to England he moved to Farnborough and in 1989 joined the KSC Council no 185 there. He moved to Eastbourne and transferred to Council 433 in 1999.

He was excellent at DIY and continued to make major alterations to his house in Pevensey Bay until ill health forced him to move to a care home in 2022. Marjorie, his wife, died in 2012 and so could not continue to tell him to finish one job before starting another!

Brother Roy Worsley
Eastbourne Council 433
Died 29th April 2023
Aged 94
R.I.P.

He was Grand Knight of Eastbourne Council from 2001 to 2003 and then became Treasurer of the Council, a position he held until 2022 when he moved into a care home.

He had 4 daughters, one lived in the USA and he enjoyed his regular visits to see her there, travelling all over that country. One daughter said he

seemed to spend much time in the care home playing Rummikub with 3 ladies! These ladies, in wheelchairs, all attended the funeral.

Bro Roy died in Eastbourne on 29 April 2023 following a stroke, about 4 weeks after his 94th birthday. His funeral was held on 19 May 2023 at the church of Christ the King, Langney.

May he Rest in Peace.

Chichester Council 546

Bro Richard France is on the road of recovery, Bro John Partridge is awaiting a hip replacement.

Paper work for a MOH for our new Priest has been filled in and posted off.

We have a gentleman who will be welcomed into the order at our next meeting. We will have 4 Brothers available for the carpet of flowers. Bro Geoff Breeze will be away in Australia for 4 weeks.

Action we have had a very successful quiz at the Witterings and have a race night on the 23rd of June all welcome. The Council have carried out many duties in the Parish Sacristan's Special Ministry, Visitors group taking the Eucharist to the house bound and the building committee.

Welfare. Bro Paul Carney is now in a home and is visited weekly. We also have a Brother who finds it quite hard to make the meetings, so he is visited..

Bro Ray Webb GK

We at Council 630 have about 12 Brothers that meet at 7.00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month at the John Fisher Room, St. Thomas of Canterbury Church, St Leonards on Sea. The attendance does fluctuate but recently, I am pleased to say that it has been steady and we have had a number of potential new brothers attending.

I am very happy to inform you all that we have just had 2 initiations. I want to send a big congratulation and welcome again to our two new Brothers Noel Parr and Michael Jackson to the Knights of St. Columba. Our very successful initiation, took place on Sunday the 21st May 2023 at the 11am Mass at St Thomas's of Canterbury Church, Magdalen Road, St. Leonards on Sea, East Sussex TN37 6ET.

We are currently waiting for the full Knighthood ceremony for our 4 Brothers which we hope will take place at our KSC Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory on Sunday 18th June 2023.

The Knights were once again being called upon to fulfil their role within the Parish. We were asked to support Father Míceál in the 40 hours Adoration at St. Thomas' of Canterbury from the 16th and 18th May 2023. He was particularly looking for men to cover the late night to early morning hours and the Knights responded fantastically well to ensure the Adoration was successful.

We had a very successful Easter poster campaign in April. Basically, this involved our Brothers handing out posters to parishioners at the end of Mass. We wore our regalia and had a collection bucket for parishioners who wish to donate to our charities. We visited all our local Parishes and raised a total of £400 which we donated to the Hastings Foodbank.

I would like to thank Fr. Míceál Beatty of the Parish of the Good Shepherd, St. Leonards on Sea and Fr. Eamonn of St Marys Star of the Sea Church, Hastings for their continued support.
God bless and keep you safe.

Fidelis Okoliko GK

Welcome

To Brothers Noel Parr and Michael Jackson who joined the Order on 21st May at St Thomas of Canterbury Church St Leonards on Sea



Guildford Council 551

On the 1st April 2023 the Brothers attended the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Hugh's, Knaphill, celebrated for the Brothers of the Order as part of the National Knights' Mass Program, and as part of our Spiritual program Brothers were asked to pray a decade of the Rosary on the Mondays of May for the well-being of Brothers and their families.

It is with sadness that we report the deaths of two Knight's widows, Nancy Drapper and Ethel Stammers.

DGK Bro. Sean Leathem kept in touch with both widows and served at their Requiem Masses. Brothers were present at both Requiem Masses at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Milford, held respectively on the 3rd March and 5th April 2023.

We were pleased to welcome PGK Michael Steele to our April 2023 Council meeting. Brother Michael is a member of our Council and now lives in Sheffield, and a most enjoyable social gathering was held after the Council meeting.

Local Catholic Primary Schools were invited to participate in the KSC 2023 Easter Scene Painting Competition, and we are very pleased to report that from Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Addlestone, we had a Group 1 Provincial Finalist, and Group 2 Province 34 Winner; and from Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School, Hersham a Finalist in both Groups 1 and 2.

A forthcoming event is the Pilgrimage through the Thames Valley of the Relics of St Edmund Campion and the Martyrs of England and Wales, starting at Stonor Park on 7th May and ending at Tyburn Abbey on 23rd July 2023. On Saturday 3rd June the Veneration of the Relics will take place at St Michael's Abbey, Farnborough. This day event is organised by Council 185, and is supported by Council 551. The proceedings are as follows :12 Noon Mass followed by the Veneration of the Relics, Rosary Procession in the Abbey grounds, and shared lunch in the Abbey Guest House. At 3pm there will be a tour of both the Abbey and the church's Imperial Crypt which houses the tombs of Napoleon III, his wife Empress Eugenie, and son Prince Louis (who died in the 1879 Anglo-Zulu War)

A Council 551 Social event for Brothers and their families is planned for Sunday 23rd July 2023.

Bro Roderick O'Connor GK

Congratulations to our Council Brothers Angelo Emilianus, David Moss, Richard Morris and Owen O'Connor who were elevated to Knighthood on the 27th March 2023 during the 10am Mass celebrated at St Dunstan's, Woking, by Canon Rob Esdaile. PPGK John Walters presided and we were pleased to welcome to the Elevation Ceremony Brothers Michael Gallagher, Maurice McSharry and Frank Stanley from Council 185, Farnborough.



Bognor Regis Council 324

Congratulations to Brother John Burnett, our Membership Officer who, at a recent Mass, was presented with a Gold Medal from the Guild of St Steven for Altar service for 50 years. This medal is 26 years late as Bro John has been serving for 76 years and continues to do so daily.

Several Brothers were able to carry out traffic control and stewarding at the Walk of Witness, and again at the Confirmation Service at Arundel Cathedral.

The Council have started a new initiative following a request from a Ukrainian lady who attends Our Lady of Sorrows. We have been collecting tinned meat, packet soup, bandages and painkillers, together with crutches, walking sticks and wheelchairs. We have had one truck load leave 2 weeks ago and this will continue monthly. If you would like to help us with this, please let me know. We have storage capacity.

We were pleased to be notified that a Prayer entry from St Marys, our local primary school has gone forward to final adjudication. The Council recently contributed to the fund created for the building of a Grotto to Our Lady that will be built on the school grounds.

The social committee have developed a full social calendar.

Please continue to remember Bro Ian Wood and his family in prayer. Bro Ian continues to recover from a triple heart bypass and is making a slow but encouraging recovery. Bro Philip Wildsmith also needs your prayers as he undergoes Chemotherapy.

We plan to have a Knighthood ceremony for Bro Ferdinand when Fr Ramon arrives in August. All officers have been installed.

The Brothers still come together on the 4th Friday of each month for the Rosary for Life, following Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. All are welcome to join us.

Bro Tony Moran GK

Membership

Some encouraging news since my last report. At a national level Danny Ó Hearchaí, Supreme Director for Membership & Development, with the Supreme Knight has secured a meeting with his Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols on 23rd May to cement the already good relationship and 'sell' the Knights to his brother Bishops.

Bro Fidelis Okoliko, GK of Council 630, Hastings and Rother Valley: held a welcome ceremony for two new brothers, Noel Parr and Michael Jackson on 21st May 2023 at St Thomas of Canterbury, St Leonards on Sea. In addition, Council 630 have three Brothers, Brother Brian John Fitzgerald, Brother Francis Neil Callaghan and Brother Daniel Stephen Hunt, to be elevated to full Knighthood during the KSC Pilgrimage to Aylesford on Sunday 18th June.

Bro John Hydes, MO Council 280, Worthing which currently has a total of 18 Brothers, states that they have agreement for a recruitment drive to happen at English Martyrs Church on 23rd/24th September, explorations are ongoing among other communities in and around Worthing. In addition, communication has been had with Canon David Parmiter, Dean of Arundel and Brighton Cathedral to possibly hold a recruitment drive at the Cathedral. Further contact will be made in July after the Deanery celebrations of Confirmation.

As GK of the one active man Crawley Council I recently have met with Craig Read, originally from Toronto, Canada, who is a Knight of Columbus and who is interested in what the Knights do here in England.

It would be good to hear from other councils which have successful recruitment strategies, and which could be shared with other councils. In addition, it would be wonderful to receive reports from other Councils regarding membership.

**Bro Stephen Horsman
Provincial Membership Officer.**

Why is it important to take care of your emails?

You must take care of your emails and in particular your email password.

If somebody is able to access your emails they can take over your account and prevent you getting access yourself. They then send spoof emails to those on your contacts to try and trick them into passing on information such as their email password. I would not do this, I hear you say. Unfortunately it is all too easy to get caught.

There are many ways that somebody can look at your emails and then send you a phishing email to gain more information.

One email that is circulating and which could come to you, is a copy of your 'genuine' notice from your provider telling you that your bill is ready to view. You need to check where the email came from before you do anything else. Check to see if the sending email address is your provider. If it is not just delete it.

"**CLICK HERE TO VIEW BILL**" appears in a box to tempt you to look. You are then provided with a form to complete your email address and password to get into your account and see your bill, fair enough you think, this is normal, but beware. If you give that information you are caught. You may give access to your email account. More importantly if you use that password for any other account or website you have given access to those accounts also. (You should not use the same password for more than one site).

I mention this now because a number of brothers have had their emails compromised recently.

One of the things that happens which you will notice is that you get calls from friends or brothers saying they have received strange emails from you. Because you have been locked out of your account you cannot see these but at least know that you will have to contact your provider to change your password.

The real problem arises if you have used that password for other sites. If these are banking sites you are in real trouble and must contact all those sites as quickly as possible to change your password or to advise them, or if that is the case, and monies are missing, that you have been defrauded.

Hackers get their information from a number of sources but if they have access to your email account they also have access to your contacts. That is why they send emails to them which others think you sent.

They can of course easily get a package of emails they know are connected to you without even accessing your account, namely when you send a circular email showing the email addresses of all recipients. Beware of this also because if you have not sent the copies **Bcc** you could be in breach of the Data Protection Regulations and subject to a hefty fine. Ask yourself, have your recipients given you their consent to reveal their email address to others?

Once hackers know that they have a valid email address they will try to trick that person to pay monies or they will send them the sort of phishing email mentioned above to get personal details or passwords.

Do not open suspicious emails; look at them under preview only and then forward them to the governments Cyber Security Centre before deleting them completely.

The best way to deal with any suspicious emails is to forward them on to the Government's site the National Cyber Security Centre report@phishing.gov.uk

Above all make sure that all your passwords are really strong and individual, and that is especially true for email accounts. Do not use the same password for more than one site.

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Brighton 277 Paul Lowry 01273 565437 pelowry@aol.com	2rd Wed 7.30pm	St Thomas More, Patcham <i>(Provincial Council meetings also take place at this venue first Sunday of each quarter at 3pm)</i>
Chichester 546 Ray Webb 01243 788803 rayfwebb1@yahoo.co.uk	3rd Mon 7.pm	St Richard's, Cawley Road Chichester
Crawley 358 Stephen Horsman 01293 540112 spe.horsman@btinternet.com	4th Tuesday 7.30pm	The Friary Not currently meeting
Eastbourne 433 Rod Barker 07729936666. barkeruk@btinternet.com	2nd Mon 3pm	Venue varies. Please check with GK
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