



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

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Brothers, Rev. Fathers, Widows, family and friends, this issue is normally referred to as the Summer issue, but one still cannot rely on the weather, and we had all sorts of weather over the last few weeks. The work of the Knights go on regardless and some councils have been very busy fundraising for our Provincial Project, which is now at its half-way point. Some councils have organised fund raising, while some others are planning to, hopefully so that we can chalk up another success. We cannot all be doctors and nurses, but we aim to help them to deliver on our behalf by providing the means to do their work.

I wish to congratulate all our councils who have worked so hard to pay off their Head Office and Provincial dues for this 2024/5 term and I can honestly say I am glad that that job is now over and done with for another seven months. I am confident that some of the councils experiences will help them to start promptly come next April, to avoid the agonising and embarrassing work involved in collecting dues.

Since last issue - Province have held its quarterly officers meeting on the 31st July, followed by the Provincial Committee meetings, four on-line Zoom sessions 12th to 15th August. As many will remember, our province has kept up with the times and moved these meetings on-line to avoid late night travel across London, the inconvenience of being away from home, or rushing to get to the venue after a day's work. As you can see on page 4 of this issue, we have made some progress but still have some way to go before we get all the 19 councils to be represented at each of the four sessions. Committee meetings are key to keeping the councils working well and together in achieving our objectives as Knights of St Columba, and for those councils who are finding problems in attending, I look forward that they will work at doing so by the next round 11th to 14th November.

At the last Action Committee meeting, Councils were scheduled to put forward a bid for the next Provincial Project charity, which would then be shared with all councils to debate and decide which one of the tabled charities they liked best, and follow this up by casting their vote for their preferred charity by the next Provincial Action Committee on 14th November. Several Councils do not meet in August, but by the September council meetings all councils should have information from the charities bids submitted to Province. All GKs and A&W officers need to put this on the council agenda for debate during September and October so they can send in their vote of preferred charity by the November deadline. Bro John Lynn can help with any questions council may have. All council votes are to be sent to the PGK and Provincial Action convener [John Lynn] before the 14th November. The winning charity will be submitted for adoption at the next Provincial Council Meeting which will be on-line on the 14th December.

This is the last issue before Bro Rosario Fichardo, our Region-7 Regional Director will finish his term of office. At the next Supreme Council in Liverpool on 18th October, there will be a change where all current regional directors will be stood down, and just four National Regional Directors elected to cover the country. I thank Bro Rosario for his help and assistance in enabling the amalgamation of three provinces and in his work in taking our issues up with the Supreme Director. I look forward to continuing to work with Rosario who will no doubt fill one of the council officers in Council 163 Hanwell. ☉

*Yours Fraternally*

*Tony Berkeley Provincial Grand Knight Province 41*

## Catholic leaders join French Bishops in condemning Last Supper Scene at Paris Olympic opening ceremony.

Bishops and prominent Catholics from around the world have joined the French Bishops' Conference and U.S. bishops in criticizing the Paris Olympics opening ceremony held on July 26 for its depiction of the Last Supper, calling it a deeply deplorable derision of Christianity.

The controversial scene, part of the \$1.5 spectacle to kick off the 2024 Summer Olympics in a rain-soaked French capital on Friday, featured drag queens portraying the apostles and an overweight DJ as Jesus in what appeared to be a part of a fashion show — apparently mocking Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting.

In a statement released Saturday, the French bishops expressed deep regret over “scenes of derision and mockery of Christianity, which we deeply deplore.”

“We thank the members of other religious denominations who have expressed their solidarity,” the statement on July 27 continued “This morning, we think of all Christians on all continents who have been hurt by the outrage and provocation of certain scenes.”

Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta and Vatican Official Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said on X-Twitter, he had sent messages to the French Ambassador to Malta, expressing his “distress and great disappointment at the insult to us Christians during the opening ceremony of the Paris 2024 Olympics when a group of drag artists parodied the Last Supper of Jesus.” While also encouraging others to write to their French ambassador.

Bishop Andrew Cozzens, chair of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, issued a statement calling on Catholics to respond to the Paris incident with prayer and fasting. Bishop Cozzens wrote, “Jesus experienced his Passion anew Friday night in Paris when his Last Supper was publicly defamed. He added “France and the entire world are saved by the love poured out through the Mass, which came to us through the Last Supper. Inspired by the many martyrs who shed their blood to witness to the truth of the Mass, we will not stand aside and quietly abide as the world mocks our greatest gift from the Lord Jesus“

Fray Nelson Medina, a well-known Colombian Dominican priest with a vast social media apostolate, stated that he “will not watch a single scene from the Olympic Games. How disgusting what they have done mocking the Lord Jesus Christ and his supreme gift of love. And they are cowards: they wouldn't mess with Muhammad.”

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In response to requests for explanations, Michaël Aloïso, spokesperson for the Paris 2024 Olympic Organizing Committee, responded on Saturday, July 27, on Franceinfo: "We stand by our decision to push boundaries."

I think that the French organisers got their just deserts – the opening ceremony was a complete farce, at which the media to avoid offending the French called it “different” a flop except for the lighting effect of the Eiffel Tower. As one says the Lord paid back with a torrential rain washout of the whole event, and a polluted River Seine – which made it impossible to run the planned events. ☹

*(Excerpts from the Catholic Herard)*



# FEARING CHANGE

Things one should stop doing once one gets old

Change is a constant part of life, and fearing it can hold you back. Embrace change as an opportunity for growth and new experiences, adapt to new circumstances with an open mind and a positive attitude, and accept change as the path to exciting possibilities.

Ageing is a natural part of life, and with it comes the wisdom of experience and the privilege of reflecting on what's truly important. As we grow older, our priorities shift, and here are first some things you might want to stop doing as you get older to make the most of this wonderful stage of life.

## **Putting Everyone Else First**

As you age, it's crucial to remember that your well-being matters too. While taking care of loved ones is important, neglecting your own needs can lead to burnout and resentment, feeling exhausted, empty, and unable to cope - so make self help a priority.

## **Holding Onto Grudges**

Holding onto past grievances can weigh heavily on your heart, while letting go of grudges can significantly improve your emotional health. Forgiveness doesn't mean you condone the hurt, but it frees you from the negative energy associated with it.

## **Overworking**

Many of us are conditioned to believe that our worth is tied to our productivity; however, as we age, it's vital to recognise that life is about more than work. Overworking can take a toll on your health and well-being, so aim for a balanced life that by including time for relaxation.

## **Ignoring Health Symptoms**

It's easy to dismiss minor aches and pains when you're younger, but as you age, your body requires more attention. Ignoring health symptoms can lead to more severe problems down the line, which is why regular check-ups and listening to your body are essential.

## **Comparing Yourself to Others**

Comparison can be a thief of joy, especially as you get older. Each person's journey is unique, and constantly comparing yourself to others can lead to unnecessary stress and dissatisfaction. Focus on your achievements and what makes you happy.

## **Living in the Past**

Nostalgia can be comforting, but dwelling too much on the past can prevent you from enjoying the present. Life is continually moving forward, and there are always new memories to be made, therefore focus on creating new experiences and appreciating the here and now.

## **Being Too Frugal**

While it's wise to save and be financially responsible, being overly frugal can prevent you from enjoying life. You should treat yourself occasionally, whether it's a nice meal, a holiday, or a hobby you've always wanted to pursue - you deserve to enjoy the fruits of your labour. ●



Extracts from Jane Andrews. Part 1 ... some more wise words next edition !



# Keeping our Promise

When new brothers are enrolled as members of the Knights of St Columba during the church ceremonial similar to Members of Parliament, they are asked to make a Solemnly declaration whereby they repeat the words .... "I solemnly declare , on my sacred word of honour as member of the Holy Catholic Church, that I will be a true and faithful Knight of St Columba, doing all in my power to promote the interests of the Order and to help my fellow Knights. I will be obedient to the Rules and Constitution of the Order etc" and annually when Councils instal their Council officers, usually at Mass after the April elections, each Council Officer is asked....

"Are you familiar with and willing to carry out faithfully the duties of the Office to which you have been elected" ? To which each council officer replies .... "I am"

All councils are required to be represented at all Provincial meetings. The table below shows councils' representation at the last Zoom Provincial Council committee meetings. •

## No Comment !

		12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug
		FINANCE	MEMBERSHIP	SPIRITUALITY	ACTION
Council		Attendance			
Co.106	London North	Abs	Abs	Present	Abs
Co.163	Hanwell	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co.248	Edmonton	Present	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.261	Palmers Green	Present	Abs	Abs	Present
Co.267	Sudbury	Present	Present	Abs	Present
Co.295	Harrow District	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co.320	St Albans	App	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.399	Uxbridge	Abs	Present	Present	Abs
Co.404	Willesden Green	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.422	High Wycombe	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co.500	Cockfosters	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co.528	Hemel Hempstead	Abs	Present	Present	Abs
Co.572	Enfield	Abs	Abs	Abs	Present
Co.616	Stevenage	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.637	Hoxton Green	Present	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.963	Yeading	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.970	Whitton	Abs	Abs	Abs	Abs
Co.982	Wembley	Present	Present	Present	Present
Co.984	Thames Valley	Present	Present	Present	Present
Absent		8	10	9	10
Apology		1	0	0	0
Present		10	9	10	9





# WESTMINSTER

## Remembrance Mass

The Annual Remembrance service for deceased brothers has been arranged by Province 41 at Westminster Cathedral on Sunday November 17th at 12:00 mass. Invites will be sent out to all Southern Area provinces to join us.

It is customary that brothers from all the Councils will arrange for some of their brothers to attend the mass, which is open to brothers, their wife and family members. The Supreme Knight and his deputy have been invited and as per last year a number of other board members will also attend.

The Supreme Knight and the Deputy Supreme Knight will be invited to lunch after mass, and brothers are welcome to join in. The Menu and costs are being checked out by the Provincial Social Secretary and will be communicated as soon as possible.

This is a good opportunity to show up our Province, and hopefully we would have completed a combined Remembrance Book to be placed at the foot of the altar on the day. All Councils are urged to put this on your council agendas for the next few months, try and get as many brothers as possible to support the event. Councils are encouraged to bring their banners and collars. Let province know numbers attending the mass and if attending lunch, numbers involved, as soon as possible. ●

## DISTRICT DEPUTIES

At election time last October when the three provinces were amalgamated, we voted in three District Deputies. Regrettably one has stepped down for personal reasons. He will be replaced when Bro Daniel will be installed at the September Provincial Council meeting Mass.

At the last Provincial Officers meeting, we talked about making the numbers up to a group of four to be able to spread the load whereby each of the nineteen councils could be visited at least once during the year. Visits will be shared with the current provincial officers initially to help spread the load.

Working out a visits schedule is not easy, and to be able to start this up as early as possible, province asked all councils to name couple of dates in the next few months, when a visit will be arranged to match the monthly council meeting. So far one **ONE** council have replied. !

Each council Grand Knight will be given a 'Visits Sheet' of heading that the visiting deputy or provincial officer will be looking at. Following the visit, the District Deputy or Provincial Officer will prepare a summary of observations, for the Council Grand Knight and Province, to where necessary help councils to improve standards and performance.

This is nothing new, but rather a practice set up by the Order years ago, and it was found to be an excellent way to be able to meet the brothers, be able to appreciate the good work and successes of councils, while at the same time working with the Grand Knights to improve on any points that were not at least matching the basic standards required from all councils. ●

**Councils are required to maintain an Attendance register and a Visits register, which the visiting officer will be interested in.**

**THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER** - a book that enable brothers to sign in as they arrive for council meeting - It will record HOUSEBOUND & SICK as well as a record of brothers that are absent. Details of the register should be recorded in the council minutes.

**THE VISITS REGISTER** - a book that records who's been visited at home/hospital, when and some feedback from the visit.

**WRITTEN REPORTS** - Finance - Membership - Spirituality - Action reports to the Council Grand Knight and Council secretary. ●

An offer one cannot refuse !

## What is the Brown Scapular?

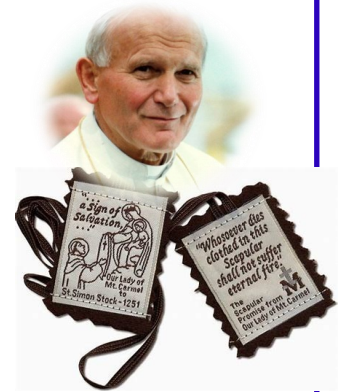
“Our Lady invites everyone to wear the Scapular. ... The reason for this is that the Scapular is our sign of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” - as recounted by Sr. Lúcia, one of the children of Fátima, who met Our Lady.

Pope St John Paul II who wore the scapular, always insisted that his scapular should never be removed even when he was taken in for surgical procedure.

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, or Brown Scapular, as its known, consists of two pieces of brown woollen cloths on a cord.

*Blessed Mother gave this sacramental to St. Simon Stock in the year 1251 with a promise ....that “Whosoever dies clothed in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire,” It is a sign of salvation, a sure safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace and my special protection until the end of the ages.”*

According to the Holy See’s *Directory on Popular Piety*, 205 : The history of Marian piety also includes “devotion” to various Scapulars, the most common of which is devotion to the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Its use is truly universal and, undoubtedly, it is one of those pious practices which the Council described as “recommended by the Magisterium throughout the centuries” (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter VIII).



The Scapular of Mount Carmel is a reduced form of the religious habit of the Order of the Friars of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel. Its use is very diffused and often independent of the life and spirituality of the Carmelite family.

Through this version of the Scapular of the Carmelite Order, those who wear it, associate themselves with the Carmelite Order, both in their devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and their expectation of her protection.

Full information on the background and priest consecration script can be found on [www..fatima.org/apostolate/pdf/brown\\_scapular.pdf](http://www.fatima.org/apostolate/pdf/brown_scapular.pdf)

You can get the scapular on Amazon : for £3.25 next day delivery and ask any priest to carry out the investiture and bless the scapular. The investiture procedure wording can be found in the above link. ●

## Hello and Good Bye



We say Hello to **Rev Fr Philip Baptist** our new **Provincial Chaplain** - we welcomed him at our last Provincial Council meeting at Edmonton and will be celebrating our Provincial Mass at Northfield’s Provincial Council Meeting on 21st September.



We also say Hello to **Bro Daniel Otuonye** ex Prov11 who has come forward to fill in the District Deputy vacancy. Bro Daniel served as DPGK as well as DGK and A & Y officer Co106 London North. We will be installing him as DD at the next Provincial Council meeting.



Sadly we will be saying goodbye to **Bro Rosario Fichardo** from his role as Regional Director. As decided at the last Supreme Council all the RD will be disbanded and four new National Regional directors elected. We thank Bro Rosario for all his hard work and patience over the last couple of years and we look forward to continue to work with him through Council 163 Hanwell where he is the Deputy Grand Knight. ◎



**We pray for those in our families, friends, brothers and larger communities, who are sick, housebound, or in hospital and for those who care for them.**

**Co.616 Stevenage** Bro Leo Williams who passed away recently.

**Co.500 Cockfosters**

Fr Christopher Brunet recovering from surgery.  
 Mrs Linda Quilter - long term health problems  
 Bro Eugene Mgbemere - Long term health problems  
 Bro Peter Mitchell - Fall & Long term health problems  
 Bro Geoffrey Pearson - Housebound  
 Bro Joe O'Connor - Housebound  
 Bro David Santamaria - Housebound  
 Bro John Mackey - Long term health problems  
 Bro Martin Sherlock - Long term health problems  
 Bro Ron Woolner - Housebound

**Co163 Hanwell** Bro Joe Lam back problems  
 Bro Mario Barreto GK - Podectomy treatment  
 Bro Finbar Pierre receiving treatment  
 Bro Denis Barry recovering from fall  
 Bro John Boniface recovering from fall  
 Bro John Duffy planned surgery  
 Bro Rosario Fichardo who had a fall and his son who is gravely ill.

**Co261 Palmers Green** Bros Hugh Casey, Bro John Flanagan and Bro Geoff Hook who passed away recently. Also Bro Louis Appiah DGK's father whose funeral was 20th August.

**Co295 Harrow** Bro Des Foy and Bro Des Kellett who passed away recently.

Bro Adrian Gibbons's father unwell in nursing home.  
 Bro Iji Okumah [RIP] Passed away recently.  
 Bro Pat Fogarty recovering fall.

**Co248 Edmonton** Bro Alphonso Douglas suffering dementia. Prayers for his wife and family also.

**Co320 St Albans** Fiona Rafferty recovering at home.  
 Lorrain Ahern Stroke and Cadasil.

**Co572 Enfield** Bro John Egan - unwell

**Co984 Thames Valley**

Bro Jon Duus Jensen receiving care - bedbound  
 Bro Brian Lynch housebound

**Co.422 High Wycombe** ongoing prayers for Francilla Edwards (in Care Home).

Fr Willie Strain Member of Hon - who is unwell.

**Co.267 Sudbury**

Bro Julien Melville and Mrs Melville both recovering from recent issues.

**Co488 Chiswick**

PPGK Keven Gavin - Unwell  
 Bro Jack Holden - unwell

**HEAD OFFICE :** Please remember in your prayers for Mrs. Margaret Doran, wife of PSK Brother John Doran. Margaret is in hospital and is very ill.

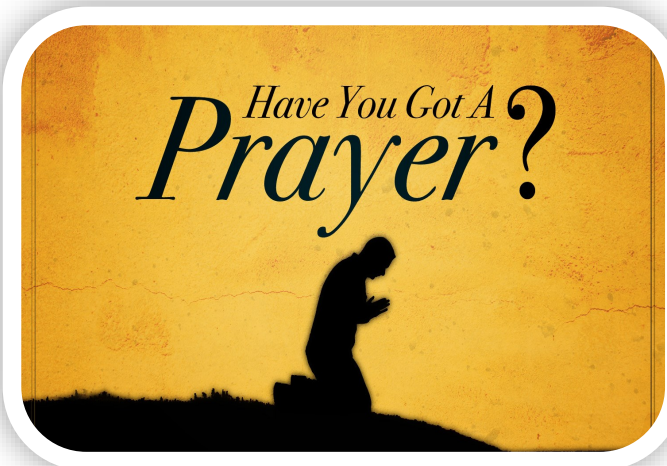
**Province - 9** Bro Jim McDonald seriously ill receiving palliative care.

**From Pope Francis**

@PONTIFEX · on 15th August



The Lord made us for the joy of Heaven. Our life is not a meaningless journey, but a project of love. Life is a pilgrimage that leads us, day by day, to the encounter with Him and to the endless joy that He has prepared for us. ☉



Father in Heaven, I ask for your help today. I am weak and cannot do this without you. My slip-ups are many, my mistakes are countless and my sins are often so big I can't even see them.

If it were not for your grace, Lord, I could never be what you want me to be. I thank you for your grace and pray that I will be what you want me to be today.

I thank your for your gift of time today, and your help to use it wisely for your Glory. - **Amen**



# AN ADVERT BY ST PAUL

## **Generosity Encouraged - St Paul letter to the Corinthians.....2 Corinthians 9: 1-5 Quote**

“Thin sowing means thin reaping; the more you sow, the more you reap. Each one should give what he has decided in his own mind, not grudgingly or because he is made to, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And there is no limit to the blessing which God can send you - he will make sure that you will always have all you need for yourselves in every possible circumstance, and still have something to spare for all sorts of good works.

As scripture says : He who was free in alms giving, and gave to the poor: his good deeds will never be forgotten. The one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide you with all the seed you want and make the harvest of your good deeds a larger one.” **Unquote**

## IN AID OF OUR PROVINCIAL PROJECT

We are now six months - half way - on our way for fundraising for our Provincial Project for the **NORTH LONDON HOSPICE** . It is hoped that councils have had this on their council meeting agenda, every month since March, and have considered and debated the best way of raising your council’s contribution to this worthy charity.

The ambitious target set last March was for Province 41 to raise £15000 by the end of March 2025. Working out that we have nineteen councils, and 280 brothers, it does not take a degree in finance to work out that, that works out to £789 per council. Some councils will find that fairly easy to raise in 12-months, while others will throw their hands up in the air and declare that that’s impossible.

The point was made, that the project would be on the monthly council meeting agenda. Some councils have actually done that and talked and planned how they were to raise their money through walks, fairs and all sorts of involving their community to participate. Other councils considered there was plenty of time to raise the money, while others never planned or organised any fundraising at all. I still have phone calls from councils **ASKING ME WHAT THE PROVINCIAL PROJECT** was, so late in the program !!

Fundraising is our way of living our faith. As Jesus said.... “Listen, those who have ears !” while the above message from St Paul... **Quote “Each one should give what he has decided in his own mind, not grudgingly or because he is made to, for God loves a cheerful giver. “ Unquote.** The idea *is not* for the brothers to dig into their pockets or rush for their cheque book and find the £5.00 per month, or even to raid their council general account to save their reputation by making a nominal donation at the end of the year. Provincial projects are there initially to fund raise for those less fortunate than us, but the project is also a tool for brothers to work together as a team, organise fundraising events, involve their parish community, advertise the work of the Knights and hopefully recruit one or two members as a bi-product.

There is still six months to go, and the next few months are the time when the weather allows outside events to be run, so please can you get going, the sooner the better.

Advertise for donations as well as run fundraising events, and if you so wish make a monthly donation, but debate and different ideas from the council brothers about how to best to maximise what your council can find towards the overall target.

We all know someone suffering from Cancer or other terminal illness. We cannot all be medical carers, nurses etc, but we can collectively provide the funding that is needed for others to do the work on our behalf. ●





# Monthly Council meetings for Province 41 councils will be .....

COUNCIL 106 NORTH LONDON at : St Francis De Salle 729 High Road London N17 8AG On the 3rd Thursday of the month.  
COUNCIL 163 HANWELL at : Parish centre 52 Uxbridge Road Hanwell W7 3SU On 4th Wednesday of the Month 8:00pm  
COUNCIL 248 EDMONTON at : St Edmunds Croyland road N9 7EB On 2nd Tuesday of the month 8.00pm  
COUNCIL 261 PALMERS GREEN at : St Monica Parish Stonard Road London N13 4DJ On 3rd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 267 SUDBURY at : St George's Hall 970 Harrow Road Sunbury HA2 2QE On 2nd Wednesday of the month.  
COUNCIL 295 HARROW DISTRICT at : All Saints Kenton Road Harrow HA3 0UG On 2nd Tuesday of the month.  
COUNCIL 320 ST ALBAN Ss.Alban & Stephen Parish, 14 Beaconsfield Road, St. Albans, AL1 3RB. On 2nd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 399 UXBRIDGE at: Parish Hall 160 Long Land Uxbridge UB10 0EH On 1st Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 404 WILLESDEN GREEN St Mary Magdalen, St Peter Avenue Willesden Green NW10 2DD last Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 422 HIGH WYCOMBE : OnLine & St Augustin 24 Amersham Hill High Wycombe HP13 6NZ 2nd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 500 COCKFOSTERS & S Herts at : Christ the King 29 Bramley Road London N14 4HE On 1st Thursday of the month.  
COUNCIL 528 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD at : St Joseph , St Johns Road Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead HP1 1NR On 2nd Thursday  
COUNCIL 572 ENFIELD at : Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George 42 London Road Enfield on the 2nd Monday of month.  
COUNCIL 616 STEVENAGE at : St Joseph's Hall Bedwell Crescent, Stevenage SG1 1NJ On first Tuesday of the month.  
COUNCIL 637 HOXTON SQUARE at: 19 Hoxton Road N1 5NT Hackney London On 1st Thursday of the month.  
COUNCIL 963 YEADING at : St Raphael Hall Morrison Road Yeading UB4 9JP On 2nd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 970 WHITTON at : Presbytery 123 Nelson Road Whitton TW2 7RB On 2nd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 982 WEMBLEY at : English Martyrs Chalk Hill Road Wembley HA9 9EU On 2nd Monday of the month.  
COUNCIL 984 THAMES VALLEY meets Zoom On-Line On the first Monday of the month at 12:00 Noon

## Next cycle of Provincial meetings

### Provincial Officers' Meeting

30th October 2024 8.00pm ONLINE ZOOM SESSION

### Four Provincial Committee meetings starting

**FINANCE :** MONDAY 11th November ZOOM ONLINE 8:00 PM

**MEMBERSHIP :** TUESDAY 12th November ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM

**SPIRITUALITY :** WEDNESDAY 13th November ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM

**ACTION :** THURSDAY 14th November ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM

**Provincial Council Meeting on 21st September 10:00 Mass Northfield London 2024**

**Representation is required by every council for Provincial Meetings.**

**The Grand Knight and/or his council officer or a delegate is duty bound to attend.**

The knights of St Columba Co 982 Wembley, undertook a pilgrimage to Lourdes to coincide with the solemnity of the Assumption of our mother, the BVM. Other pilgrims from Our Lady of St Mary and St Andrew parish, Dollis Hill and St Dominica Camberwell travelled by coach to Lourdes and thereafter to the convent of Nevers where the incorrupt body of St Bernadette who died 16th of April 1879 can be seen in a glass casket.

During the pilgrimage there were daily mass services, a visit to the bath, stations of the cross, exposition, candle procession and visit to church of St Vincent de Paul.

It was an impressive, faith-building and strengthening experience. Brother Godwin Okafor can be seen carrying the banner made by brother Michael Okor, both of Wembley Council who are happy and proud to represent province 41 and the Order of the Knights of St Columba at the pilgrimage.

Sam Uwchue GK Co982



# LOURDES PILGRIMAGE .....

## By Fr Philip Provincial Chaplain

Shortly before midday on Thursday, July 18th I set off for Our Lady Vincent's Church, Potters Bar. Awaiting us was the Across Jumbulance would take us in 20 hours to Lourdes. Before departure we had a group Mass in the church then boarded the Jumbulance, leaving at 3pm for Lourdes. Our journey took us through Kent where we boarded the Eurotunnel. The Eurotunnel shuttle train took us to Calais from where we journeyed through France heading towards Paris, Limoges, Toulouse and Lourdes. We arrived safely in Lourdes at 10 o'clock the following day (Friday). For the next week Cardinal Vincent Nichols led the annual Westminster Pilgrimage. At the centre of every day is the Celebration of the Holy Mass. Most of our pilgrimage Masses took place in Saint Bernadette's Church opposite the Grotto. On the Sunday we joined with other pilgrims from all over the world for the International Mass in St Pius X Underground Basilica, our own Cardinal Vincent was the main Celebrant. On the Wednesday we joined other English-speaking pilgrims for Mass at the Grotto. Another highlight for many was the Mass celebrated at Cité St-Pierre. As usual we took part in the traditional Blessed Sacrament Procession and Torchlight Procession. During the pilgrimage, there was the occasion to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and, for those who desired it, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.



Rev Fr Philip Baptiste—Provincial chaplain & Bro Daniel Otuonye Co106 at Lourdes.

Alongside these times of Communal prayer, there were also times when we could visit the Grotto and make our own personal prayers. In response to Our Lady's request we were given the opportunity to wash with and drink the water from the spring in the Grotto that Our Lady revealed to Saint Bernadette. Whilst a place of prayer, Lourdes is also a place where we can meet each other and journey together in faith and fraternity. A lot of this sharing takes place in the various cafés and bars. Maybe a coffee and ice cream or even a beer.

All this is part and parcel of our pilgrimage. Many of us returned to London on the 26th July, unfortunately, many pilgrims suffered to quote the passport; "let and hindrance" due to transport problems in France. There is a saying that

if there is not a delay it's not a proper pilgrimage to Lourdes! Us Jumbulance pilgrims returned on Saturday 27th. A long journey but thankful for a safe passage and grateful for the many graces and blessings received in Lourdes. ☉

### Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights. This issue has been forwarded direct to all the officers in the Provincial directory. Please forward Roundabout to all other Brothers of your Council who are not 'online' and any other persons who may be interested. Due to administration costs and cost of postage, printed copies of Roundabout are not being produced, but a direct copy is sent to all brothers whose email address is held at Province.

Tony Berkeley – Editor

The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue of Roundabout which should reach him by Thursday 15th October 2024

Opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the authors only.



KSC Collar purses— A new source has been established in Jerusalem at the Palestine Conflict Transformation Centre.

Now available from Co.344 Bro Alex Rugg for £25 plus £1.00 p/p.

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