



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

PROVINCE 41 - WESTMINSTER

## ROUNDABOUT

ORIGINALLY THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF PROVINCE 30 SINCE APRIL 1994

ISSUE No. 012 (192)

MAR & APR 2026

Councils in  
Province 41 Westminster

**North London - Edmonton - Hanwell - Palmers Green - St Albans - Wil Sudbury - Cockfosters  
Hemel Hempstead - Enfield - Harrow & District - Uxbridge - Wembley - Stevenage - Hoxton Square -  
Yeading - Whitton - Wembley - Thames Valley - Ascot, Bracknell and Maidenhead**



Dear Brothers, Reverend fathers, widows and friends Now that the rain and cold weather is easing away and green shoots start to appear on our trees to compliment the daffodils sprouting up in our gardens, we are about to start a new cycle where our council officers and their installation at church. Can I remind our Grand Knights to speak to their Parish Priest and arrange for a suitable after Mass ritual to show off our new officers to the community.

I thank all our councils for their good will and cooperation with completing their FA5 forms of newly elected brothers and this year to find a way to comply with the rotation rules in our constitution. One other aspect which I have been reminding you all is to find out any brothers in your council who need help with paying their membership dues this April. I am worried that we are well down on last year when we were able to help nineteen brothers through our Special Needs system, but this year only three councils have submitted their SW4a/SWC1. The closing date for submission of Special Need applications is 15<sup>th</sup> March.

I thank my team of Provincial Officers for their teamwork and District Deputies who have carried out their visits schedule to their three councils during 2025/2026. There are still outstanding visits to be actioned soonest, as from April we will be setting out a new schedule list for the coming term.

The last of two 'Winter' Provincial Council meetings will be on line on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March and I invite all the councils to ensure they are represented and to let all their brothers know that Provincial meetings are open to all brothers who may wish to attend as observers. It will be nice to see some more brothers attending.

Our Supreme Knight has now carried out two online open forums for Council Grand Knights and for Provincial Grand Knights. I thank brothers who have attended, but alas I consider our brothers uptake visits on these open forums rather poor. Bro Michael Akinrele's sessions are an opportunity for one-and-all to speak up about any difficulties you may be having in adhering to the rules and constitution of the Order, such as rotation and council committees which will be required by all councils in the coming year. I thank GK Bro John Ward Co500 Cockfosters and GK Bro Kevin Donnelly Co261 Palmers Green who attended the last SK zoom meeting and were able to express how the newly highlighted requirements are difficult to meet, and were able to obtain alternatives direct from our Supreme Knight. This is the place where difficulties can be outlined and where possible alternatives may be given by the SK about how to complying with the rules, especially where some of our councils are small in members. I look forward to more and more GKs and Officers attending the next session for Provincial officers Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 0900 and the SK progress report and 16<sup>th</sup> May 0900 - Dates will be published in the monthly bulletins and reminders will be sent out by Head Office.

I urge our brothers and their families to take part in is the HO weekly prayer evening (currently for Lent it's the stations of the Cross) after Lent we will revert to the weekly rosary... logon details are shown in this Roundabout.

I thank you all for showing support by electing me to Provincial Grand Knight for yet another year and also wish to thank one and all for your good will and cooperation throughout 2025/2026.

*Yours Fraternally - Tony Berkeley Provincial Grand Knight Province 41*

# SOCIAL MEDIA WARNING

## DON'T BE TAKEN IN

*Sorting our media fact from fiction  
Deepfakes, false quotes, and online misinformation.*

Since the election of **Pope Leo XIV**, our Holy Father has become the target of one of the largest deepfake and misinformation campaigns ever seen. AI tools are being used to create videos in which the Pope appears to say things he never said — from invented “end-times” sermons to praise for dictators or attacks on political figures. Many of these clips use dramatic titles to attract viewers, generate advertising revenue, or push particular agendas by making them seem “endorsed” by the Vatican.

Some of these channels even use Catholic-sounding names generated by bots to give a human face to automated misinformation. Since Pope Leo XIV was elected in May 2025, the volume of such material has surged. What makes these fakes convincing is that they often mix familiar Catholic language with emotional or sensational themes designed to provoke a reaction.

**The Tablet** has highlighted several AI-generated sermons and online clips claiming to show the Pope speaking on controversial issues. These are not authentic, and YouTube has already removed some channels. A number of English-language videos circulating online have no matching official transcript — a clear warning sign.

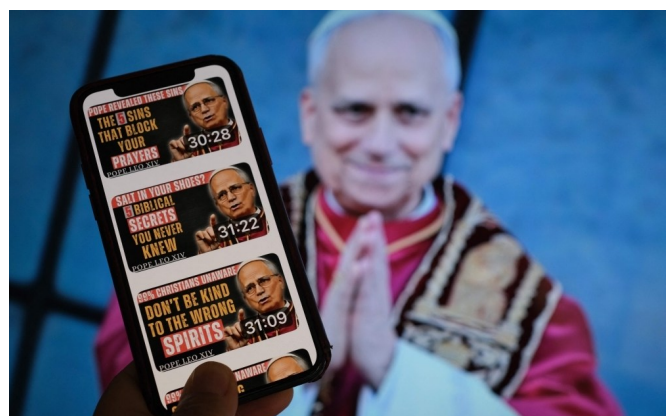
The Vatican has issued its own alerts about fake quotes, images, and videos of Pope Leo XIV spreading on social media. The only reliable sources for his genuine speeches and documents are the official Vatican platforms: **Vatican News** – <https://www.vaticannews.va/> and **The Holy See** – <https://www.vatican.va/>

If you come across a suspicious statement, you can check it by asking reputable AI platforms whether the quote genuinely comes from the Pope or the Vatican. Independent fact-checking organisations are also invaluable, including freely available sites such as :

**Snopes - Full Fact - AFP Fact Check - Reuters Fact Check**

Sadly, this pattern is not new. Many technologies begin as helpful tools and are quickly twisted into something harmful. Wi-Fi transformed communication, yet it also opened the door to scams and exploitation. Australia has now banned children under 16 from using social media due to the risks. Grok, launched as a supposedly objective AI assistant, is already under government scrutiny. TikTok, once rumoured to be a data-harvesting tool, has grown into a vast network with both benefits and dangers.

The lesson is simple: **be cautious**. Not everything online is true — even when it looks polished, sounds convincing, or appears to come from a trusted source. Staying alert protects both ourselves and the unity of our Church community. ©



# In Remembrance

**Ronald (Ron) Woolner (RIP)** It is with great sadness that Council 500 (Cockfosters and South Herts) announces the death of Brother Ronald (Ron) Woolner, who passed into eternity on Ash Wednesday (18th February) at the age of 93. Brother Ron joined the KSC in 1967 and was an outstanding Social Secretary, also running a popular dance class for the parish of Christ The King, Cockfosters and acting as maintenance officer for the church, sometimes climbing on the roof to repair the huge lettering on the wall of the building. A medical engineer, for raffle tickets used at KSC and parish social events, and it is understood that the operating his manual skills were evident in the various items that he constructed, such as a rotating drum theatres of the North Middlesex Hospital still use an item of equipment that he invented. Brother Ron's wife, Breda, who predeceased him, was a staunch member of the Catholic Women's League and together they made a substantial contribution to the Order and to their parish. Advancing years, together with Ron's deafness and mobility problems, brought an end to these activities, but although his body failed, his mind didn't and he remained alert and compos mentis right up to the end. His funeral is due to take place on Monday 16th March at 11.00 am at Christ the King, Cockfosters. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." - Brother Rodney Newton Secretary and Deputy Grand Knight, Council 500. ●



**Geoffrey Christopher Pilkington (RIP)** - The funeral took place at St Augustine's church, High Wycombe on Tuesday 20th January 2026 of Geoff Pilkington, the senior member of Co 422. Born on 7th October 1926, Geoff was a quiet man who trained as an apprentice engineer for a local High Wycombe company and went to night school to get his engineering qualifications. Called up for military service after the war Geoff did tours of duty in Germany working with the American military and becoming a fluent speaker of French, Italian and German. Being based in Germany, Geoff loved driving fast cars and he was in his element on the autobahns. Geoff married his German wife Martha and visited her home in Germany regularly. In later life Geoff set up his self employed engineering consultancy and he was a senior member of the team that promulgated the 1974 Health & Safety at Work Act that became an important part of industrial life in the United Kingdom. Geoff was a devoted and active member of the KSC and was involved in many of the St Augustine's parish activities. He loved working with Fr Tom and Fr Willie Strain who joined Geoff's funeral on-line from his retirement home in Donegal. Geoff was always available to give people a lift to the airport. A quiet, reliable and friendly brother Geoff will be sadly missed, dying a few months short of his 100th birthday.



John Lynn—Provincial F & A Officer P41 ●

**Percy Borg (RIP)** - The death is announced of Percy Borg who died in a nursing home in Thrapston, Northants on 15th February 2026. Percy moved to Thrapston to be close to his daughter, Margaret and then moved into a nursing home a year ago with his wife Lilian who still lives in the home. Percy joined a very strong Windsor Co 301 in 1980 after nearing retirement age, returning to the UK from overseas having spent many years in the middle east, particularly Egypt working as a Sales Rep and accountant working for the Dunlop Company. A quiet yet resolute man Percy was born in Malta on 12th March 1926 and was very proud of his heritage. It was when he moved to Cairo that he met and married Lilian from another Maltese family after he attended Mass at the church run by the Verona Fathers for which Percy had a long association.

Moving to Windsor, Percy soon became active in the KSC and parish and was involved in setting up the Thames Valley Hospice where he was a treasurer and served in first TV Hospice fundraising shop in Windsor. Despite moving away, Percy always maintained contact with John Lynn, the GK of Co 301 who fondly remembers this brother Knight who was the council treasurer for many years and provided a great service to parishioners and the people of Windsor and passed away only a few weeks before his 100th birthday.



John Lynn—Provincial F & A Officer P41 ●



On the third of February, we received the following thank you letter - in response to a last minute collection for the poor and homeless in London.

Dear Hi John & those at Westminster Knights of St Columba, I am writing to thank you for your wonderful donation of £300. Your support enables us to serve people affected by homelessness and support them in transforming their lives. Your contribution provides vital support across the three pillars of our work and beyond.

Homes Social Bite Villages provide a radically different alternative to the sub-standard temporary accommodations that form the status quo. Featuring a beautiful living environment and intensive onsite support, the Village offers the right support, living environment and opportunities for people in a situation of homelessness to build an independent life, secure stable employment and sustain future tenancies. Replicating the existing model of the Social Bite

Jobs Our employment programme Jobs First is designed to help people who have experienced homelessness find paid employment and improve their access to job opportunities. The 15-month programme is distinct because it provides wraparound support, not only to the employees, but also to the employers. Using a trauma informed and strengths-based approach, Jobs First helps individuals build their skills, confidence and resilience ,

Just £5 can provide a meal for somebody in a situation of homelessness or food poverty, so you can see what an impact your donation could make. It doesn't matter what someone's Circumstances are – everyone is welcome at Social Bite. Thank you for your tremendous support! It's only with support from yourselves that these projects are made a reality and have a life changing impact for people. **Eve Davidson | Community & Events Executive | Social Bite** ☉

**I thank all councils who responded to Provincial last minute please for meals for the homeless at Christmas. £300 was able to feed 60 people at Christmas day.**



# KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

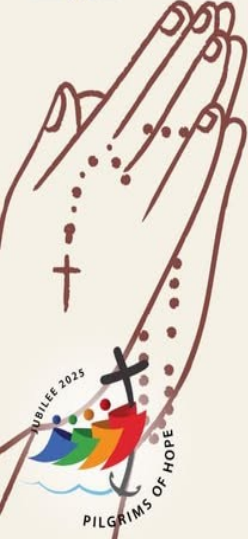
**Pilgrims of Hope  
Weekly Rosaries**

Every Thursday at 7:30pm

Zoom ID: 895 3351 1576  
Passcode: 856705

Please feel free to join us on  
Zoom or on Facebook  
(<https://facebook.com/KofSC>)

Join the Order - visit <https://ksc.org.uk>




ST FRANCES FATIMA DEVOTIONS  
KSC HOME PRAYER GROUP  
Monday - Friday at 1.30pm  
30 Minutes of praying the Rosary  
As requested by Our Lady  
ZOOM ID & PASSWORD BELOW  
MON 9th - 13th March 2026  
ZOOM ID : 841 9098 9130  
PASSWORD : rosary



Sponsored by the KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA Province 41 WESTMINSTER  
London North - Hanwell - Edmonton - Palmers Green - Sudbury - Harrow - St Albans -  
Uxbridge - Cockfosters - Hemel Hempstead - Enfield - Stevenage - Hoxton Square -  
Yeading Whittton - Wembley - Ascot - Bracknell

ZOOM DETAILS ALSO AVAILABLE ON  
[www.council984.co.uk](http://www.council984.co.uk) & <https://catholicwindsorandascot.org/>  
[catholicwindsorandascoty.org/newsletter](http://catholicwindsorandascoty.org/newsletter) [www.council984.co.uk](http://www.council984.co.uk)

# Co984 Bracknell Youth



Co984 Thames Valley spans across four different dioceses. This time Portsmouth Diocese Bishop Phillip Egan was welcomed by Fr Danny at St Joseph Bracknell parish which also includes community of past St Catherine Clitherow church.

The parish community in Bracknell welcomed Bishop Philip with warmth and gratitude during his recent pastoral visit, marking the beginning of an important season for our young people preparing for Confirmation.

His presence offered encouragement and renewed purpose as parishes and Pastoral Areas continue their work with candidates ahead of the Eastertide celebrations.

During his visit, the Bishop reflected on the heart of Confirmation preparation. He reminded us that the Sacrament is not primarily about how much candidates know, but how deeply they grow in love for Christ.

The goal is a transforming encounter with the Lord Jesus, opening each young person to the life and gifts of the Holy Spirit. He reaffirmed the diocesan vision of a two year journey: one year leading to the Sacrament itself, followed by a year of friendship, and simple acts of service such as visiting care homes.

As Bracknell prepares its candidates for the coming months, the Bishop's visit has left a renewed sense of hope and purpose. May the Holy Spirit work something new in our midst and draw many more hearts closer to Jesus Christ through His Church. ©

# Provincial Nativity Competition winners



Co984 4\_7 1st place



Co970 8\_11yrs 1st



Co970 4\_7 1st place



Co984 8\_11yrs 2st



Co295 4\_7 3rd place



Co295 8\_11yrs 3rd

# 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 2nd Tuesday 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 St Bernadette Hillingdon 160 Long Lane Hillingdon UB10 0EH 3rd Sunday 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.  
Logon Online Zoom meetings code details nearer the dates.**

**Provincial Officers' Meeting 22nd April 8.00pm ONLINE ZOOM SESSION**

**Combined Provincial Committee Meetings - Online**

**FINANCE & ADMIN - ACTION & YOUTH : TUESDAY 12th May 2026 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00 PM**

**SPIRITUALITY & WELFARE - MEMBERSHIP & DEV : WEDNESDAY 13th May 2026 ZOOM ONLINE 8:00PM**

**Provincial Council Meeting on SATURDAY 14th March 2026 - Online at 10.00 am**

Representation is required by every council for Provincial Meetings.

The Grand Knight and/or one of the council officers or a delegate is duty bound to attend.

Co970 Whitton continue to support Marys Meals through they council events and after mass tea/coffee after mass each. They run a well organised rota of participation so that most brother take their turn setting up and clearing and washing up., together with parish quiz nights and raffle Their efforts have paid well as they can be seen here handing over a cheque of £1108 to Marys Meals representative Gerrard McMahon last December. In the picture are Bros Sachin Parmesh, Martin Blomley, Tom Blake Grand Knight and Mike Waters. The motto Action is the Engine of the Council applies well at Whitton. Well Done.



KSC Collar purses— A new source has been established in Jerusalem at the Palestine Conflict Transformation Centre. Its another way of helping out in the suffering people are going through with the conflict in Gaza and the West Bank. Purses are now available from Co.344 Bro Alex Rugg for £25 plus £1.00 p/p. **Contact : <a href="mailto:alexrugg@msn.com">alexrugg@msn.com**



**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.**

**Co163 Hanwell** - We request prayers for the following Brothers and their families - Brothers Denis Barry, Bro John Boniface, Bro Finbar and Peggy Pierre, Jason Richardo and Joe Lamm Duffy.

**Co984 Thames Valley incl Co422 High Wycombe** — Bro Brian Lynch, housebound and unwell. Bro Percy Borg who passed away Mid February. Pray for his wife also unwell in a care home. Pray for Tagbo Cyprian Uzokwelu (RIP) brother of Bro Chigbo. Pray for Bro Michael Umoetuk who is suffering spine injury problems. Bro Geoff Pilkington (RIP) who passed away last month, Mrs Francilla Edwards (RIP) widow of Bro Chris Edwards - Anniversaries (Jan) Bro B Jemmett, Bro F Toole & (Feb) Bro C Fecher and Bro Oliver Byrne. Prayers for Bro Geoff Pilkington RIP who passed away late December. Prayers for Fr Danny McAvoy PP St Joseph Bracknell who is unwell.

**Co295 Harrow** - Pray for Bro John O'Brien receiving hospital treatment ; Pray for repose of Bro Michael Ohio-Ezomo's Jnr young son who tragically passed away recently.

**Co261 Palmers Green** - Pray for Bro Sean Cuttle is receiving chemo treatment.

**Co616 Stevenage** - Pray for GK Robert Dove, Daughter Cate and family. Bro Robert recovering from stroke.

**Co982 Wembley** - Bro Godwin request prayers for his deceased wife, and prayers for the special intentions of all his family.

**Co 320 St Albans** - Prayers asked for Lorraine Ahern, Fiona Rafferty, Tina Everest, Margaret Cantuy, Jeannette Smyth, Neil McNulty.

**Co500 Cockfosters** -- Bros Peter Mitchell, Geoffrey Pearson, Ron Woolner [RIP- Recently deceased] and Joe O'Connor (house and care home bound), Eugene Mgbemere and Mrs Linda Quilter (chronic neurological problems), our former Provincial Treasurer, Bro Des O'Reilly, Martin, the son of our widow, Mrs Eileen Sherlock, who has a chronic disorder.

#### ZOOM FATIMA DEVOTION - PRAYER GROUP

Council 984 Thames Valley run a Fatima Devotion prayer group that prays the Rosary every week day at 1.30pm. A flyer for each week showing the ZOOM ID & PASSWORD. Is available at [www.council984.co.uk](http://www.council984.co.uk) select the week's flyer and the access code - come and see, or Email [council984@hotmail.com](mailto:council984@hotmail.com) to be added to the weekly zoom detail flyer.



An Invite...EVERYONE WELCOME  
Every Monday to Friday  
3.00pm  
ZOOM LOGON  
ID 694 932 5530  
Passcode 2BKjRr  
SPONSORED BY  
Co982 Wembley  
Prov30 Westminster Western



#### Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights. This issue has been forwarded direct to all the officers in the Provincial Good Standing order listing and others on external distribution list. 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, Tony Berkeley – Editor

The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue of Roundabout which should reach him by Thursday 15th April 2026

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

Editor: - Tony Berkeley, 81 Ranelagh Crescent, Ascot, Berkshire, SL5 8LQ Tel 07377 168 356

Mob: 07377 168 356

e-mail : [furtunato101@gmail.com](mailto:furtunato101@gmail.com)

[www.province41.co.uk](http://www.province41.co.uk)