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"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
Saint Maximilian Kolbe



Army Roman Catholic Newsletter



Welcome

From

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Welcome to Issue 13 of the Army Roman Catholic Newsletter, we hope you enjoy the articles.

May has been an exciting month with a successful trip to Lourdes for the 62nd International Military Pilgrimage. It has been a wonderful opportunity for unity, prayer, reflection and fostering new relationships with like minded people from all over the globe as well as rekindling old associations. All of this is contained within Our Lady's messages of when she urges all people, regardless of culture or beliefs to open their hearts and minds to God.

During this month especially, I encourage you to pray the rosary and contemplate how we can better serve God by following our Lady's example. Praying the rosary will give you that time and space to find calm and connect with Jesus and the loving care of Our Mother Mary.

May, the Month of Mary

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of their homes, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the [Month of May](#), no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianise the secular feasts which were accustomed to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.



The practice was granted a partial indulgence by Pius VII in 1815 and a plenary indulgence by Pius IX in 1859. With the complete revision of indulgences in 1966 and the decreased emphasis on specific indulgences, it no longer carries an indulgence; however it certainly falls within the category of the First General Grant of Indulgences. (A *partial indulgence* is granted to the faithful who, in the performance of their duties and in bearing the trials of life, raise their mind with humble confidence to God, adding — even if only mentally — some pious invocation).

Excerpted from: *Enchiridion of Indulgences*.

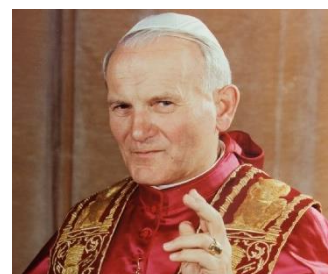
The Month of Mary and The Popes:

The pious practice of honouring Mary during the month of May has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pius XII made frequent reference to it and in his great Encyclical on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*) characterised it as one of "other exercises of piety which although not strictly belonging to the Sacred Liturgy, are nevertheless of special import and dignity, and may be considered in a certain way to be an addition to the liturgical cult: they have been approved and praised over and over again by the Apostolic See and by the Bishops" (no. 182).



Paul VI wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the [Month of Mary](#) devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. He urged the faithful to make use of this practice which is "gladdening and consoling" and by which the Blessed Virgin Mary is honored and the Christian people are enriched with spiritual gifts".

In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!"



Devotion to Mary:



The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, as Pope Leo XIII reminded us, is the soul of the Church: All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life. So He was for the Blessed Mother; so also He is for the least of us; so also He is for

the rest of the Church, even for those who are its unconscious but conscientious members. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith as the Scriptures remind us....

If, then, piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life, to God, to our parents, to the Church, to Christ, certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary — or our acceptance of Christ and of the mystery of our kinship with Him is imperfect, partial, and unfulfilled. *Cardinal John*

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Mary and our Spiritual Life:

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year which largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter. Our pious exercises could emphasise Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in Pentecost with which the Church begins. The pious exercises connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.



The following practices which are recommended by the Magisterium are offered as suggestions for honouring Our Lady during Her month.



The Regina Coeli

The ecclesial community addresses this antiphon to Mary for the Resurrection of her Son. It adverts to, and depends on, the invitation to joy addressed by Gabriel to the Lord's humble servant who was called to become the Mother of the saving Messiah.



The Rosary

Also called the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, "the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ's life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother."



Litanies of the Blessed Virgin Mary

These consist of a long series of invocations to Our Lady, which follow in a uniform rhythm, thereby creating a stream of prayer characterised by insistent praise and supplication.



Consecration and Entrustment to Mary

The Roman Pontiffs have frequently expressed appreciation for the pious practice of "consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary" and the formulas publicly used by them are well known. Louis Grignon de Montfort is one of the great masters of the spirituality underlying the act of "consecration to Mary". He "proposed to the faithful consecration to Jesus through Mary, as an effective way of living out their baptismal commitment."



The Brown Scapular and other Scapulars

The scapular is an external sign of the familial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.



Medals

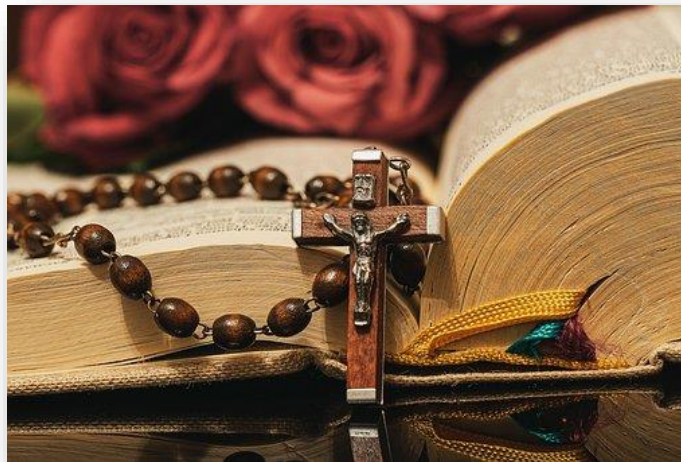
These are witnesses of faith and a sign of veneration of the Holy Mother of God, as well as of trust in her maternal protection. The Church blesses such objects of Marian devotion in the belief that "they help to remind the faithful of the love of God, and to increase trust in the Blessed Virgin Mary."



The "Akathistos" Hymn

In the Byzantine tradition, one of the oldest and most revered expressions of Marian devotion is the hymn of the "Akathistos" — meaning the hymn sung while standing. It is a literary and theological masterpiece, encapsulating in the form of a prayer, the universally held Marian belief of the primitive Church.

Excepted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy* & Catholicculture.org accessed 22 May 2022.



Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

Pentecost



Have you ever wondered, what is the real meaning of Pentecost? Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fifty (Pentekostos), referring to the 50th day after Passover. The apostles were celebrating the Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot when the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus.

Following the descent of the Holy Spirit the apostles began to speak in foreign languages confusing the massed bystanders. St Peter explained that the disciples were inspired by the Holy Spirit and preached the first Christian homily, prompting the conversion and baptism of 3,000 people. The first



Pentecost denoted the start of the Christian church as an official movement and hence the celebration is considered the birth day of Christianity. Whilst Pentecost is widely used in the UK, traditionally it was also referred to as Whitsun or Whit Sunday. It is believed that Whitsun is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'wit' meaning 'understanding', to celebrate the disciples being filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

The bible tells us: *"When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim"* (Acts 2:1).

The Holy Spirit did not just make a spectacular entrance, he also brought with him 7 gifts. These 7 gifts which personified Jesus are what we can hope to achieve with the help of the Holy Spirit.

- ❖ Wisdom
- ❖ Understanding
- ❖ Counsel
- ❖ Fortitude
- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Piety
- ❖ Fear of God



They are bestowed upon us during our baptism and perfected through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

62nd International Military Pilgrimage

Lourdes 12 – 16 May 2022



Many of us know the history of Lourdes, that in 1858 the Virgin Mary appeared, several times, to a 14 year old girl named Bernadette Soubirous, introducing herself as 'the Immaculate Conception'. Pope Pius IX declared these visions as authentic in 1862. The underground spring that was revealed to Bernadette was proclaimed to have miraculous qualities and so Lourdes became a major pilgrimage centre. Each year Lourdes attracts approximately 6 Million pilgrims.

The history of the International Military Pilgrimage (IMP) started in 1945, when a gathering of wounded military personnel took place in Lourdes at the request of the Archbishop of Toulouse. Two years later it had become a national pilgrimage. In 1956 associations between the French and German chaplaincies developed further and the armies that had, only a few years previously, been fighting were now forming friendships during the pilgrimage.

In 1958, chaplains from Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Portugal, the US and France, decided on the modalities of participation and the first IMP took place in June that year. The first IMP saw more than 40,000 pilgrims from 11 countries attend. In recent years the IMP has grown larger with over 40 countries being represented, accounting for more than 20,000 military pilgrims and has become an international pilgrimage of prayer for peace and reconciliation.



We have included some photographs of this year's International Military Pilgrimage for your interest, we hope you enjoy them.







Chaplain Fr. Kevin Dow takes pilgrims from his unit, 30th Signal Regiment stationed at Bramcote.



Reflections on Lourdes by Army Cadets At Newman Roman Catholic College, Oldham



A contingent of students who belong to the Army Cadet Force at Newman RC College in Oldham, joined this year's IMP. Some of them have written down their thoughts about the pilgrimage and we hope you enjoy reading them.

"Before I came here, I was thinking it's just going to be boring with loads of masses and time is just going to feel like it's going to take forever. However, I think some of the services, especially the grotto mass, were quite a refreshing experience after not going to church for a while. One thing I have enjoyed the most is marching with actual soldiers because we wear their uniform and for us to march with them has been quite special for me. I feel from this experience I have gained the knowledge that I needed to tell me not all church services are boring. If I had the option to come again I definitely would as I have found every minute of this experience amazing and fun."

- Louis Fortune



"Lourdes has been an amazing experience for me and has taught me to truly appreciate my religion and my future career in the military. I had a blast seeing and speaking to different countries and swapping some badges for memories of this incredible event. Hopefully, coming here next year and enjoying all of this again and to be honest it wasn't what I expected, and I never would have thought I would meet face to face and shake hands and take a photo with a bishop as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am very thankful for this invitation I received to come here and all I want is to have the chance to come next year thank you."

- Ellis Tomlinson:



“Lourdes is a great experience and it is breathtaking, the pilgrimage is magnificent and the whole of Lourdes is an amazing experience. The people that live around Lourdes are so polite and so jovial and they uplift the air with joy, the sights in the 'pic de jour' are awesome and so beautiful. The pilgrimage teaches you the true meaning of religious faith and shows how important the Catholic Church is and how important its teachings are. The stations of the cross are a great way to show strong faith as it shows Jesus' journey from condemnation to death and it shows the courage and strength of religion. I enjoyed the experience of the masses because it shows the true meaning of faith and Catholicism and shows how much dedication the priests and bishops put into the masses and teachings and religion.” - Cole Roberts



“My time in Lourdes has been phenomenal. And, has put me back on the path to God. I didn't know what to expect and during my time here, I found a great and welcoming atmosphere and I got to meet loads of service personnel from different countries. I would definitely come again and am currently planning to in civilian time. I would like to say thanks to the Bishop and all the chaplains and padres and the event organisers. Also I would also like to extend my thanks to the cadet force adult volunteers of Newman RC College CCF and of the Army Cadet Force.” - Sebastian Michalski-Bradbury

*“My expectations for Lourdes were set high and they were met very easily. Although I thought we would be marching around all the time we were not. It was very fun to march around the streets and everyone was so friendly. On a religious side, it was still absolutely amazing. The churches and cathedrals were beautifully made and the masses were brilliant. Lourdes is an amazing place.”
- Samuel Fortune*



“From this trip I expected to meet new people, join in with the Armed Forces with marching and spend 5 days in a beautiful town. Also, spend time getting closer to God and learning about the story of St Bernadette and Mary and why Lourdes is such a sacred and holy place. This pilgrimage exceeded all of my expectations as the time we spent in the beautiful town was fun and religious and important to represent the forces and first cadets. I felt this helped me become closer to God, Mary and St Bernadette's story with help from the Masses, the candlelight procession and visits to the grotto to receive holy water.

'Around our Churches'

St Nicholas Church, Gamecock Barracks, Bramcote Station



Easter preparation at
St Nicholas's



"On a glorious Easter Sunday morning Fr Kevin Dow and members of 30 Signal Regiment gathered together to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Our Lord, in the Station Church of St Nicholas', Gamecock Barracks'.



Easter Sunday Mass was made all the more special with the Baptism of three children of serving members of the regiment. A large gathering of family and friends of the Fijian community travelled to Bramcote for the occasion and helped to make the liturgy even more special with their singing and participation.



Many congratulations to Bernadette, John Paul and Cody Vincent on their Baptism.

HRH The Countess of Wessex opens the new Royal Army Chaplains' Museum at Shrivenham



Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex, whose great uncle won the Victoria Cross as a padre in World War One, today officially opened the new Royal Army Chaplains' Museum, at Shrivenham, Oxfordshire. During a tour of the museum, The Countess was shown an exhibit dedicated to her great uncle, Noel Mellish, who was awarded the VC for his actions in rescuing wounded soldiers from no-man's land in Belgium, in 1916. Three soldiers were killed while he treated their wounds but he saved more than 20 lives.



The Countess was welcomed to the museum by the Revd David Barrett, Deputy Chaplain General, with Air Marshal Ian Gale, Director General Joint Force Development & Defence Academy; Wing Commander Leonie Boyd, Shrivenham Station Commander; and Canon Professor Michael Snape, the official historian whose research is reflected in the exhibitions. The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Mrs Marjorie Glasgow, was among the visiting party.

Revd Andrew Totten, Project Leader Royal Army Chaplains' Museum, guided The Countess through the exhibits and displays of wartime religious artefacts, which show the work of chaplains in supporting the Armed Forces in conflicts across the centuries to the present day.

The Countess spoke with five serving chaplains representing three Christian denominations and the Sikh and Jewish faiths, and with the Museum's trustees and benefactors.

After unveiling a commemorative plaque in the museum, which is located next to the Shrivenham Station and the Defence Academy of the UK, The Countess was invited to plant a small tree outside the new building as part of [The Queen's Green Canopy](#) initiative. The small tree has been grown from a seed of a tree that was originally planted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother during a visit to the Defence Academy in June 1964.

Revd Barrett said: "I am delighted to see the opening of the Royal Army Chaplains' Museum. It tells a powerful and moving story about the value and place of faith in the military community, not only in the past but right up to the present day. I hope the museum will be widely visited by those who are serving today, as well as by veterans and the wider public."



Visitors to the museum will be able to:

- See how clergy have accompanied the Army in times of war and peace.
- Hear how padres have guided and cared for the troops.
- Explore how, during difficult times, soldiers have wrestled with religion and belief.
- Remember and reflect on the biggest issues of life in the military.

The museum seeks to promote public understanding of the place and value of religion and belief in the military and to play a full part in Shrivenham Station life by hosting visitors to both the Defence Academy and the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre. Although an Army museum, it portrays Faith in the Forces for all branches of the military.



The Royal Army Chaplains' Museum, Beckett Drive, Faringdon Road, Shrivenham SN6 8EU.

Entry free; open Monday to Friday 13.30-17.00 (closed between Christmas and New Year, Bank Holidays and early August)
Group bookings at other times are possible.

Shrivenham is the museum's third home. Her Majesty The Queen opened the first exhibition at Bagshot Park, near Windsor in 1968. The Queen's father, King George VI, granted Bagshot Park as a chaplaincy centre in recognition of the service of padres during the Second World War. The museum then moved with a new Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre to Amport House, near Andover. The Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre (AFCC) relocated to Shrivenham in November 2019 and is part of the Defence Academy of the United Kingdom.

Serving military and civilian chaplains from a range of world faiths have contributed to the museum's exhibitions.

The Defence Academy of the UK delivers world-class professional defence and security education to students from the Ministry of Defence, wider government, UK industry and overseas. For further information, visit www.da.mod.uk



Veterans Corner

Retired Army RC Chaplains

In Veteran's Corner, this issue, we are delighted that one of our former military chaplains has agreed to write an article about himself and what he is doing now.

Former Army Chaplain: Monsignor Stephen Alker MBE



I was a Coronation baby, born within a few weeks of the Queen's Coronation (1953) in Wigan. My mother told me she received various goodies that were then on ration to celebrate the occasion - that may have been an influence in making her a staunch Royalist!



I wanted to be a priest from about the age of seven as we had a wonderful Irish curate who had a great sense of humour and used to make me laugh when he came into the classroom. I eventually went to the Junior Seminary at Upholland College at the age of 13. I progressed through the School to the Upper House (philosophy and theology) and when the senior seminary closed in 1975 I attended Ushaw College, Durham, for my final three years of training.

I was ordained priest on my twenty fifth birthday on 1st July 1978 at my home parish of St Jude. My first assignment was to St Jospeh's, Leigh and then to the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. Whilst in Liverpool I was asked to join 208 (Merseyside) General Hospital RAMC(V) and spent two happy years as a TA chaplain. Father Gerry Willacy, returned to the Archdiocese from the Army on retirement, and I was asked to replace him. I joined the Regular Army in July 1983.





In total I spent twenty eight years as a Chaplain and thoroughly enjoyed the life. I was assigned to various Brigades and Divisions over the years with a myriad of Battalions and Regiments. I served in England, Northern Ireland (during the Troubles), Scotland and spent many years in Germany. I did a full tour in Cyprus and was lucky enough to go to Australia on Exercise Long Look (lasting four months). Operationally I went as part of the first British Contingent to the Balkans and much later visited subordinate chaplains and commanders in Iraq (twice) and Afghanistan - I went at Christmas time so that I could help the chaplains on the ground where they were not able to cover all locations simultaneously. I also thoroughly enjoyed exercises in Poland, the Czech Republic and Kenya.

Latterly I became the first RC Padre to be an Assistant Chaplain General as the former United and RC Branches merged in the Army. It was a difficult time during the negotiations. I was made the Principal Chaplain and Vicar General for the last three years of my service. I thoroughly enjoyed the representational side of the latter two jobs and I was so proud of many of the chaplains who gave great credit to the chaplaincy as they worked so bravely in operational hot spots.



I look back on my time of service and thank God for the great privilege of being able to work with such wonderful people who were in the Forces. It was humbling to experience the great wealth of talent and commitment amongst our troops. If I had my time over again I would not hesitate in doing the same vocational work.

After the Army I went to the North American College in Rome to do a three month sabbatical (the Institute for Continued Theological Education) - highly recommended. Then I was appointed parish priest of two large International English-speaking parishes in Frankfurt am Main where I spent seven very happy years. There were people from 70 different countries around the world. The parishes were vibrant and full of young people. I had just six funerals in seven years. After being away from my



diocese for 35 years I retired and spend my time helping out around the diocese and beyond. I have celebrated Masses in 46 churches in my diocese thus far. I am presently writing this whilst doing a ten day supply in Skipton, Yorkshire, for a friend of mine. Along with the supply work I am involved with various veterans military groups and act as chaplain to some: the Centurions of Merseyside, the Altcar Pals, the Alexandrians, the Thin Red Line and the North West RFCA. In August I will be leading a Pilgrimage to Bavaria and Oberammergau with the Scottish Lieutenancy of the Holy Sepulchre. So there is never a dull moment!

Catholic Military App is Live!



The [Apostolat Militaire International](#) and [Tweeting with GOD](#) have launched the FREE Catholic Military Connect App. See the launch video [here!](#) It's designed explicitly for military Catholics.

- ❖ It offers:
- ❖ Strong Catholic prayers, all downloaded so they can be accessed easily whilst on ship/ops/ex etc.
- ❖ Answers to 200+ questions about faith and the military.
- ❖ Prayers specifically for the military.
- ❖ Testimonies from serving Catholics.
- ❖ Inspiring military Saints and quotes.
- ❖ Guidance for preparing for Mass and Confession.
- ❖ Spiritual first aid.
- ❖ Contact details for the Military Chaplain and Association of whichever country the user is in.
- ❖ The facility to upload spiritual reading.

The CMC app is currently available in both the [Google Play](#) and [App stores](#), for smartphones and tablets, in 8 languages (English, Italian, French, Spanish, Croatian, German, Portuguese and Dutch). This is an excellent resource for your spiritual armoury.

The Holy See endorses CMC App



The Vatican's Secretary of State, Cardinal Parolin, sent a message for the launch of the CMC App to the International Military Pilgrimage to Lourdes. In his words: "I believe that the app will be immensely helpful to all military personnel, and in a particular way to young men and women who, in this important sector of civil service, seek to grow in personal friendship with Jesus Christ." See the video [here!](#)



Quiz about The Blessed Virgin Mary



1. Who are Mary's parents?
2. Where was Mary born according to old traditions?
3. What date is Assumption day?
4. During the 20th Century, how many cases of Marian apparitions have there been?
5. What did Mary identify herself as to Bernadette Soubirous?
6. What year did Mary first appear in Medjugorje?
7. Who are the 3 Mary's mentioned in the bible?
8. Approximately, how old was Mary when Jesus was born?
9. Who told Mary she was to have a son, whom she was to name Jesus?
10. Who did Jesus tell from the cross to care for Mary?
11. Where in the bible does it state: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women"?
12. What date do we celebrate Mary's birthday?

Answers to Newsletter Issue 13 will be published in Issue 14 or email Karen at: ArmyRCPAA21@gmail.com

Answers to Newsletter Issue 12: 1. Thomas, 2. Psalm 22:1, 3. Joseph of Arimathea, 4. An Angel, 5. The Gardener, 6. Peace be with you, 7. Letter to Philippians 3:10, 8. Peter, 9. John, 10. Peter, 11. Sunday, 12. Tiberias (John 21:1)

Camino de Santiago

The Camino de Santiago, known in English as the Way of St. James, is a network of pilgrims' ways or pilgrimages leading to the shrine of the apostle Saint James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition holds that the remains of the apostle are buried.

RC Bishopric of the Forces

Camino de Santiago Pilgrimage

15 - 22 September 2022



For more information or to request an application form please contact
Padre Neil Galloway.

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Bishopric of The Forces Retreats

Are you in need of stillness and sanctuary? Scripture gives us many examples of our Lord Jesus withdrawing from noise and bustle to pray and to gain respite (Mark 3:7, Luke 5:16). Subject to Government restrictions, there is the opportunity to find that same peace at one of the Bishopric of the Forces Retreats planned for 2022:

To express an interest or to receive an application form, contact:

rafprccpastoralassistant457@outlook.com

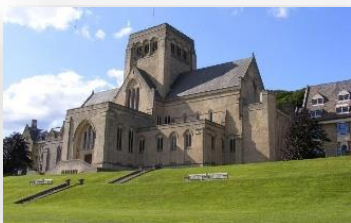
For further information see: DIN 2022DIN01-013



Douai Abbey, Berkshire 7 - 10 Jun 22



Worth Abbey, West Sussex 3 - 6 Oct 22



Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire 14 - 17 Nov 22

Key Dates in May & June



7th Sunday of Easter – 29th May

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Feast*) –
31st May

Pentecost Sunday – 5th June

The Most Holy Trinity – 12th June (*Solemnity*)

The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord (*Corpus Christi*) – 19th June

The Nativity of John the Baptist (*Solemnity*) – 23rd
June

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Solemnity*) – 24th June

Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles (*Solemnity*) – 29th June

An excellent website with weekly reflections on all the upcoming Sunday readings can be found at:
<https://www.tarsus.ie/>

CATHOLIC MILITARY ASSOCIATION the official network for Defence Catholics



We exist to support Catholics in the UK Armed Forces.

We are a lay association of the faithful whose members cooperate to support Catholicism in the UK Armed Forces. We strive to inspire one-another in the Faith, to grow through prayer and the sacraments, and to offer up our sufferings, persevering together in the universal call to holiness.

We are the official Defence Catholic Association, formally approved by the Right Reverend Paul Mason, Bishop of the Forces. We are a member of the Defence Christian Network.

We are serving personnel, helping others. Find us at: <https://www.catholicmilitaryassociation.org.uk/>

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