



Newsletter

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Parish Project News



The first parish to have completed part of their overall project is Holy Family, Slough who had their **TiF** funded Stations of the Cross installed in time for Easter. Congratulations to Canon Kevin O'Driscoll and his team! To get the full experience why not log onto the Holy Family website and follow the 'virtual stations' link? www.holyfamily.co.uk

So far 8 Parishes have exceeded their initial goal, so you can expect further news on Parish projects in the coming months.

A number of parishes have planned for their **TiF** funds to go towards reducing their parish debt and we expect £84,764 to be paid off in the next quarter.

Canon O'Driscoll pictured with Stephen Foster who was commissioned to create the new Stations of the Cross

Priestly Formation Update

We are delighted to share the news that Fr. Paul Inman was ordained on the 10th June at St. Edward's, Kettering, following his studies at Oscott College. This is our first Diocesan priestly ordination for three years and was an occasion of great joy.



Ordination of Fr. Paul Inman



We look forward to the ordination of Michael Patey this coming September; whose final year in the seminary was funded by **Together in Faith**. Michael studied at the English College in Rome, following in the footsteps of our Vicar General, Mgr. Sean Healy and the former Bishop of Northampton, Archbishop Kevin McDonald.

Two further seminarians, Wayne Coughlin and Christopher Perry, currently studying at Oscott College, will be ordained to the Priesthood in January 2013. You may recognise our former Cathedral Dean Canon John Udris who is now Spiritual Director at Oscott.

TiF funds are playing a crucial role in funding the training of our future Priests.



Canon John Udris
Wayne Coughlin Christopher Perry

Lay Formation

Good progress continues with the various strands of the programme for lay formation. It is hoped that the first modules of the Foundation Course will be ready in September.



Participants at the recent Walking Humbly event

An exciting development is the joint venture between NORES and Turvey Abbey to host a series of high profile speakers to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Vatican II and the Year of Faith. This will be the first of many **TiF** fund supported lay formation projects.

Don't forget that Stream 2 of the "Walking Humbly" process is one of the main contributors to the Lay Formation development plan. Details of all the Walking Humbly activities can be found on the Diocesan website.

Sick & Retired Clergy

Together in Faith is currently supporting 25 Priests in their retirement. We were delighted to be joined by one of our retirees, Fr. Tony Harris, during our first ever Retirement information day held recently for active priests approaching retirement.

Fr. Tony shared his experience of retirement with the group, which also heard from speakers on health, welfare and finance. The event, opened and attended by Bishop Peter Doyle, was well received by the participants.



Bishop Peter Doyle with retired Priest Canon Anthony Griffiths celebrating his Diamond Jubilee on the 3rd of June. Since his retirement in 2002 Canon Griffiths continues to play an active part in South Buckinghamshire Parishes.

Finance and Administration

What you have contributed so far.....

Gifts	Gift Aid	Total
£2,502,492	£454,630	£2,957,122



On-going Campaign

We have recently written to all Parishes to inform them of their current anticipated share of **Together in Faith** funds. On average, across all Parishes, we are hopeful that 95% of pledges made will be received over the 5 year period, but in some Parishes, for various reasons, this will be lower. It is important that this is communicated to help manage expectations while parish projects are planned, and also to be open and transparent with our donors about expected and actual income.

Below you can see how we are doing, taking into account pledges which we know will not be realised, and how the money received to date has been distributed across the causes. We have also shown what has been spent so far.

	Retired Clergy	Seminarians	Lay Formation	Parish Projects	Religious Orders*	Total
Total Initial Goal	£3,500,000	£1,000,000	£500,000	£1,000,000	-	£6,000,000
Total Pledged	£3,576,984	£1,021,710	£510,855	£4,817,616	£482,137	£10,409,301
Total 'active' Pledges (excludes cancelled pledges)	£3,502,369	£1,000,391	£500,196	£4,433,523	£479,587	£9,916,066
Income (donations + Gift Aid Claimed) to date	£1,667,725	£476,207	£238,104	£410,257	£164,829	£2,957,122
Total expenditure to date	£184,617	£192,932	£0	£15,000	£0	£392,548

* For the 8 Parishes which are run by a religious order it was agreed that a portion of the funds received for those Parishes would go to the religious order to support their seminarians and retired clergy. This does not affect the amount allocated for the Parish projects.

Stewardship Committee Update

The Stewardship Committee continues to review all aspects of the **TIF** process for collection, investment and expenditure of the money donated. We are delighted to announce that Bernard Waddingham, from Holy Cross Parish in Bedford, will be joining us in July. Bernard brings a wealth of experience in finance, including 32 years with Exel plc, retiring as Controller, Treasury and Head Office, in addition to his current commitments as Treasurer of The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre in England and Wales and Treasurer at Holy Cross Parish in Bedford. Please join us in offering a warm welcome to Bernard.

Campaign Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God. Through your goodness, the Church in the Diocese of Northampton has flourished for 160 years. We have endeavoured by your grace, to contribute our time, talents and treasure in building a community of believers in our parishes, with the Lord Jesus Christ as our foundation.

As we work **Together in Faith**, we ask for the grace of your Holy Spirit.

So that we might know your will, and be strengthened in our work, we ask for your blessings and for the patronage of Blessed Mary Immaculate and of St Thomas of Canterbury.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever,

Amen

Here to Help.....

We hope this newsletter is useful to you. However, we do understand from time to time you may have questions; or a need to speak to somebody about your individual pledge. Our Together in Faith Administration team will be more than happy to help and can be reached on the contact details below:

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