



NEWSLETTER March 2020

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
(Margaret Mead)



Lent derives from the Old English word 'Lencten', which means the season of spring. In the Northern hemisphere Lent is that time of year when snows melt, days lengthen and new foliage begins to bloom. Nature is alive again! The winter sleep is ended. Just as nature awakens to growth and new life, each Lent issues a renewed invitation to us believers to awaken to the Paschal Mystery which brings hope to the world. The Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection for us will bring springtime to our weary spirits.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT



Special thanks to the children's choir 'Little 2 Big Voices' who gave a Christmas concert to raise money for our African Sisters.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the many groups and individuals who have been fundraising for our Sisters in Africa. The Christmas appeal at the Blessed Sacrament Church raised funds to buy blankets and sleeping bags for the Sisters working with the migrants in Dunkirk. Money from the parish quiz night and Lent Lunches will support healthcare in the new Priory in Kindu DR Congo.



"Your fast would be rejected if you were immoderately severe toward your servant. Will it be approved if you fail to recognize your brother or sister? I am not asking what food you abstain from, but what you love. Do you love Justice? Well, let your love be seen!"

St AUGUSTINE

FROM OUR ARCHIVES



EXPLORING THE POTENTIAL OF OUR ARCHIVE

In January, S. Teresa, S. Moira and Pauline McAloone attended a workshop at Durham University to explore the significance of our archive and book collection which the Community gifted to the University in 2018. We were also delighted to visit the archive and library in its new home in the University's Special Collections strongrooms.

To read more

<https://canonesses.co.uk/visiting-our-archive-in-durham/>

DURHAM UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ITEM OF THE MONTH

It is great to see that our collection is being publicised by the University. The library collection was promoted as 'Item of the Month' for February on the DU Library webpage

<https://www.dur.ac.uk/palace.green/whatshere/iotm/archive/2020/02/>.

We hope that in time this will lead to readers consulting the collection. Meanwhile our new researcher Dr Cormac Begadon is setting up a Twitter page which he promises will be interesting and engaging!



In February, Dr James Kelly and Dr Cormac Begadon gave an interesting talk to the Community on the significance of our Archives and were pleased to meet up with S. Mary Magdalene who was able to fill in some interesting gaps for them.

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Community, Companions and friends together watched the Oscar-winning documentary about the environment featuring former presidential candidate Al Gore who explains how humans have endangered our planet. Gore issues an urgent warning on what must be done, and done quickly, to save the earth. We recommend this as good background to the current topic and also the follow-on 'An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power'.



The next session we had together was led by the 'Tearfund' Campaigner Jack Wakefield who gave us a biblical background to the topic as well as very practical suggestions of how to make significant adjustments to our lifestyle.

Please join us on Friday 15th May at New Hall at 6pm to hear Vicky Ford MP speak of her national and international experience of leading on this topic at governmental level. Full details will be on our website shortly.



Adults and children alike have continued to enjoy the wonderful new cookery facilities at Langton Hall with regular sessions both in term time and the holidays.



COOKERY



ACROSS THE GENERATIONS



Two local Primary Schools in Melbourne have sent a class of children to spend the morning with the Wisdom Group. This picture features children from St Pius X School who firstly sang for the group and then shared their work in small groups. This focused on understanding volcanos and recreating the story of the Titanic.

OUR NEW WEBSITE

Please visit our new website and give us any feedback. There are new features including 'Talking Points' and 'Climate Change'. We are trying to keep the site alive and updated. www.canonesses.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Wednesday morning in term time S. Angela leads Bible Study in Priory Street, Colchester and every Thursday morning at St John Payne in Greenstead.

Sunday 22nd March: 7pm Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, CM1 2DU a Taizé evening using reflections from Pope Francis.

Saturday 28th March: S. Margaret and S. Moira lead a day of reflection on the themes of Holy Week at St Theresa of Lisieux, Stansted, CM24 8LQ.

Saturday 11th April: Blessed Sacrament Church, CM1 2DU at 11.30am Reflection for Holy Saturday.

Tuesday 5th May: S. Angela is leading a Quiet Day at Clare Priory on the Religious poetry of the American poet Mary Oliver.

Friday 15th May: Vicky Ford MP leads a session on the national and international challenges of Climate Change at New Hall, 5pm Evening Prayer, 6pm her talk.

All welcome to any of the above - for details and booking please contact crssuk@canonesses.co.uk or phone 01206 867296

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