

FR. KEVIN WRITES:

How would you describe the Mass if asked by a non-Catholic friend? Well...you would have to use your own words but...

The Mass/Eucharist is the ultimate prayer of thanksgiving, praise and blessing addressed to the Father, through the Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

Yes... a simple descriptive sentence which can form the basis for thousands of hours of meditative prayer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY: Father John has temporarily commissioned three new Eucharistic Ministers to help take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. Jackie Cecil, Deborah Laugesen and Helen Wilson will all start this important ministry, before doing their formal training later this year; please keep them in your prayers

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS RENEWAL DAY – 19TH MAY This will take place at 09.30-1500hours at St. Anne's Buxton

FATHER STAPPARD will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination on June 22nd with a 2.00pm mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Sutton in Ashfield NG17 1DA which will be celebrated by the Bishop and followed by a reception at Our Lady Help of Christians, Social Club Kirby in Ashfield. NG17 7BT He is hoping sufficient numbers from NM, MB and Chapel would like to attend, that a coach might be organised. **Fr Stappard is anxious to have numbers as soon as possible and names of those who would like to attend as he wishes to send out personal invitations.** Please contact Pat Atkinson (07824099542 or via the parish office) . Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE FROM FATIMA TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA:

Update 9th May. David, Mary and Joe arrived in Fatima Wednesday 2nd May, delivered everyone's petitions and prayed for all our Parishioners, especially Fr's John and Kevin. Then we walked across the hills to Tomar, joining up with the Camino proper. So far the Lord has sustained our journey – we thank you all for your prayers. Joe and Mary have so far walked about 120 Kms to Coimbra, where they have Ascension day 'off'!! David has some time constraints and so has gone ahead and is now at Porrino, within 100kms of Santiago...Please keep up your prayers..

TAIZE:- On a theme of Reverence.

This Friday evening at 7pm in Chapel. Please come along and bring your non-Catholic friends for a short period of relaxing and contemplative prayer.

THE SOUND OF SILENCE – Quiet Day at the Ridge Methodist Church, Marple. Saturday 19th May 10.00-12.00 (Refreshments 9.30) Guided reflection and free quiet time

NOTTINGHAM CATHEDRAL MUSIC FESTIVAL 7TH – 10TH JUNE.

Inspired this year by the Centenary of the end of the First World War, and the passing of the Representation of the Peoples Act, giving women over 30 the right to vote. Further details www.nottinghamcathedralmusic.com/festival

NORTHERN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 22ND, 23RD, 24TH JUNE- LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY:

"I am with you always YES to the end of time" (Matt 28:20)... Speakers: Fr. Pat Deegan, Michelle Moran, Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy & Gary Stephens. See poster for details or contact www.northerncatholic.co.uk

"ADOREMUS"– Liverpool 7-9 September

There are still some opportunities to become a delegate from the parish for one or more days of the Congress? Have a word with Joe Hennigan (01663 747998) or Mary Robinson (01663 745989).