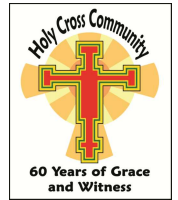




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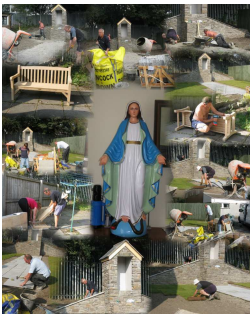
Holy Cross Jubilee News

Edition 2

Sixty Years of Grace and Witness

Sunday 14th September Parish Feast Day Blessing of the Jubilee Memorial Garden of Our Lady

After an heroic effort by Nigel Davies, assisted by our two priests and a number of parishioners, the Jubilee Garden began to take shape and was near to completion in the days leading up to the Parish Feast Day celebration.



Meanwhile Jubilee Magazines and Orders of Service were coming hot off the press in the presbytery,



As the day for celebration drew near, the church was decorated, work on the hall and grounds began and the musicians applied themselves to liturgy preparation. The plans for the day were ambitious. It takes a

lot of people working together, each giving their time and skills, to make it all happen. The Holy Cross Community stepped up to the challenge with enthusiasm!

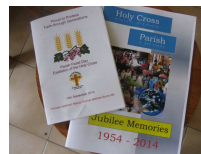
There was much activity to be seen - and much that was not seen. In home kitchens around the parish, food was being prepared and cooked ready for the 'International lunch'. Parishioners worked hard to produce their native cuisine - Indian, Polish, Filipino, African, Italian and British. It would be a 'feast' day indeed!



The celebrant for the Saturday evening Mass was Canon Flook, who reminded parishioners about the beginnings of the 'new' church, twenty five years ago. He mentioned those who had worked hard in the past to make the vision a reality and have since passed to their eternal reward.



Sunday morning dawned, bright and sunny. This was the day that all the hard work, preparation and prayer had been leading up to, when the parish community gathered to celebrate with liturgy, symbol, fellowship and a shared meal.



The First Communion children welcomed Bishop Tom, Father Cyril and the parish community, showering rose petals. Bishop Tom reminded us of the theme of our Mass—'Proud to Profess Faith Through Generations'.

The Word of God was proclaimed by the Confirmation children three of whom also sang the Psalm. Bishop Tom, in his homily, reminded us of our mission to receive Jesus in our hearts and then communicate him to others that they may experience him as we have experienced him.

Glory, we glory in the cross of Christ.

The confirmation children led us in the Bidding Prayers, raising the cross at each petition.

A very joyful offertory procession was celebrated with African dance. The young people of the parish brought the gifts to the altar. Together with all the wonderful young musicians, the youth showed us that our parish community has a bright future. *Continued p 2*



Running for Smiles—David and Tom Crudge run a sponsored half marathon for the Parish Jubilee Charity



Supporting this charity in our Jubilee Year is an expression of our gratitude for the blessings and gift of our community. 'Give a Child a Smile'.

A significant number of children in India are born with a cleft lip and palate deformity. Too poor to access medical help, many are left unable to eat or speak properly. By addressing the defect causing these problems, children can be given the chance of a brighter future.

Northern Cleft Foundation provides free corrective surgery to children in India.

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Blessing of the Jubilee Memorial Garden of Our Lady

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The Memorial Acclamation was sung in Malayalam by three Indian ladies bearing flower posies at the centres of which were incense, a candle and a flower.



'We proclaim and worship the Eucharistic Lord in Spirit and Truth with the symbols of flowers, light and incense. We acknowledge you Lord as the Lord of creation, the eternal light of the universe and let our humble worship rise up to heaven, your Divine Majesty, like this incense.'

At the conclusion of the Mass the parish community processed from the church to the Jubilee Memorial Grotto of Our Lady, accompanied by our outdoor "Youth Orchestra".



As we gathered around, Bishop Tom blessed the grotto and dedicated it to Our Lady.



Lord God, we acknowledge your infinite glory and the abundance of your gifts. Before the foundation of the world you appointed Christ, the beginning and end of all things. You chose the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother and companion of Your Son; the image and model of your

the mother and advocate of us all. She is the new Eve, through whom you restored what the first Eve had lost. She is the daughter of Zion, who echoed in her heart the longings of patriarchs and Of Israel. She was the poor and lowly servant who trusted solely in the Lord. In the fullness of time, she was delivered of the Sun of Justice, the destiny from on high, Your Son Jesus Christ. In her flesh she was his mother, in her person his disciple, in her love his servant.

Father, may your children who have provided this statue of Mary our Mother know her protection and place on their hearts the pattern of her holiness. Bless them with faith and hope, love and humility. Bless them with strength and self respect in, bless them with patience in adversity and kindness in times of plenty. May they search for peace and strive for justice and realise your love as they pursue their journey through life towards where the Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes as mother and reigns as Queen.

With this in mind, we ask you, Father, your holy blessings upon this statue of our Blessed Mother. Make it a holy object and this a holy place. Bless us through her presence, may she always lead us to your Divine Son, he who will lead us in turn to You, our Heavenly Father, to enjoy for ever the promises of salvation. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

"With veneration and care, together let us show our esteem for Our Blessed Mother. Let us trust in her and call upon her constant intercession as we pray 'Hail Mary, full of grace.....'"

"May God 's blessing remain upon us and upon this garden of prayer as we thank Mary for her contribution to the world by bringing forth her son our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever"

Dedication of the Sacramental Life of our Parish to the Intercession of Our Blessed Mother



Father Cyril invited parish members, a school representative and the ordained clergy to carry to the grotto a lighted candle to represent each of the Sacraments. For Baptism; Maria Morgan, Eucharist; Gwyneth Dowling, Reconciliation; Head Teacher of St Joseph's School, Confirmation; Anne Hacche, Marriage; David & Jayne Crudge, Anointing of the Sick; Father Saji, Holy Orders; Bishop Tom on behalf of all the priests of the Diocese. This was followed by the Vocations Prayer.

Celebrating with Food and Fellowship

Thanks to the incredible effort by all those involved in preparing, cooking and serving food and drinks, the entire parish community enjoyed a magnificent 'international lunch' outside in the sunshine.

We celebrated the diversity of our parish community—different cultures, nationalities and age groups. All contributed with great generosity and all enjoyed the fruits of each other's labour. It was a great day!

Of course, at the end of it all there has to be the 'big clean up'. Our young people are to be commended. Their enthusiasm and commitment did not waver. They were to be seen, at the end of a long day, washing up, cleaning and clearing tables and chairs alongside everybody else. WELL DONE!



The good Lord blessed us with sunshine as we gathered outside to enjoy food and fellowship

"I slept and I dreamed that life was all joy. I woke and I found that life was all service. I served and I found that service was joy!"