



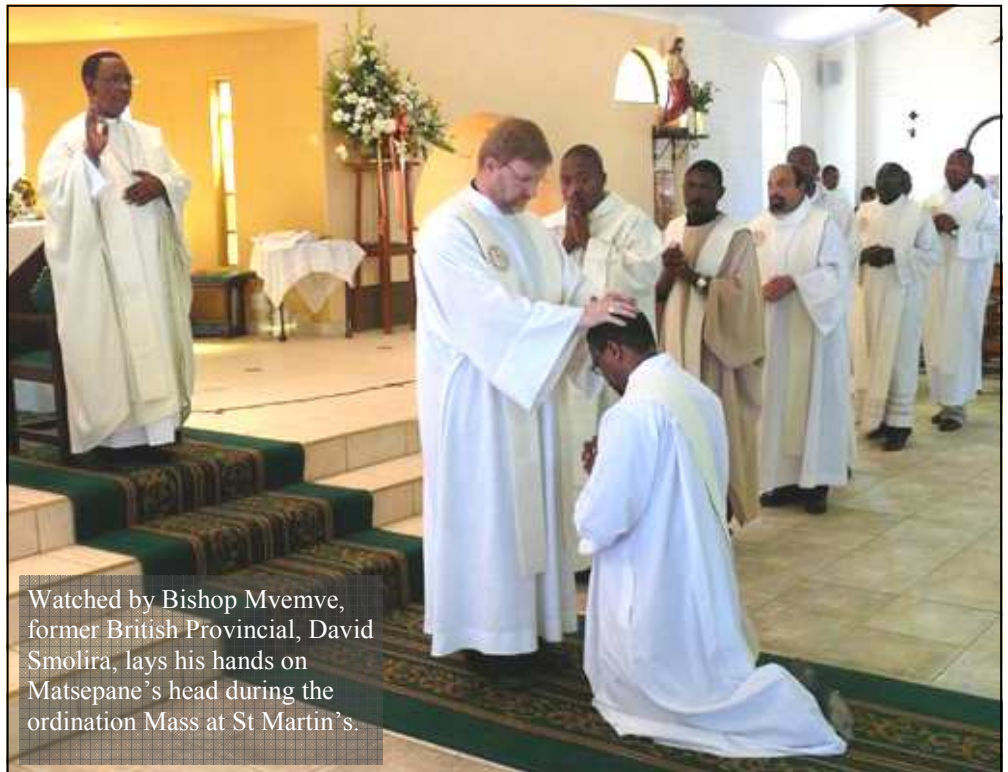
## A POWERFUL MEANS OF GRACE

**Thomas Plastow, parish priest at St Martin de Porres, looks back on the ordinations in Soweto.**

The liturgy on 1 September was supposed to take two and a half hours, but ran to three in the end, partly due to Bishop Mvemve's impromptu explanations of the various parts of the Rite which our parishioners found very helpful. There is no doubt that, when done well, the Rites are a powerful means of grace. The people of St Martin's, many of whom had never seen an ordination before, were very moved by the liturgy and were still glowing at Sunday Mass the next day. Matsepane's mother and sister, and Rampe's father were moved to tears at times - a very Ignatian gift.

What will be my abiding memories of the day? Well, firstly the seriousness with which Matsepane and Rampe prepared for the day, and the solemn looks on their faces during the Mass. Secondly, the kindness of people who pitched in to help before, during, and after the festivities. And thirdly, the beauty of the church once we had repaired cracked plaster, painted, cleaned, and decked it with roses, lilies and irises - all of which are usually beyond our budget.

All in all, I think we have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit here at St Martin's during these days and I trust that this realization will boost the ordinands, the Region and this parish for a long time to come.



Watched by Bishop Mvemve, former British Provincial, David Smolira, lays his hands on Matsepane's head during the ordination Mass at St Martin's.

# JUBILATION IN SOWETO

There was a double celebration at the Soweto parish of St Martin de Porres in Orlando West on 1 September, as Bishop Patrick Mvemve of Klerksdorp ordained Matsepane Morare to the priesthood and Rampeoane Hlobo to the diaconate. He was joined by 30 concelebrants—Jesuits and diocesan priests—among them visitors from England, Rome, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

In his homily, the bishop repeated several times how people today are 'hungry', and stressed how the priest must be the shepherd who feeds his flock, and a teacher—particularly of

the Sacraments. He said he was delighted to see the work that had started at the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Thokoza—where he was parish priest and Matsepane was an altar server—bearing fruit.

Matsepane gained a BSc degree at Aberdeen University before entering the Society of Jesus in 1994. He celebrated his First Mass at his home parish the day after his ordination, escorted into the church by a 500-meter-long procession. He will shortly be taking on duties in the South Africa Region. Meanwhile, Rampe will be returning to Britain to resume his studies at Heythrop College.

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# EAST MEETS WEST AT FARM STREET

Ukrainian Orthodox congregation welcomed after Cathedral ceiling disaster



*LEFT: Bishop Chomnycky blesses the Ukrainian congregation during the service at Farm Street Church, Mayfair.*

*BELOW: Rubble covers the nave of the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile after the ceiling collapsed.*

**B**ishop Paul Chomnycky OSBM (Order of St Basil the Great) of the Diocese of Stamford, Connecticut, USA, led the Divine Liturgy on 26 August, as the congregation of the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in central London began worshipping temporarily at nearby Farm Street Church. The former Exarch (Bishop) of the Ukrainian Catholics in Britain flew in specially after the Jesuits of Farm Street offered the Ukrainians the use of the church, following the collapse of their Cathedral's ceiling earlier in the month.

No one was hurt, but it is estimated that repairs could take around 40 weeks and cost hundreds of thousands of pounds. The congregation hopes to be able to move back in once the building has been secured—perhaps as soon as the end of September. Until then, the Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom, which dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century, will be celebrated at 1.45pm each Sunday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street.

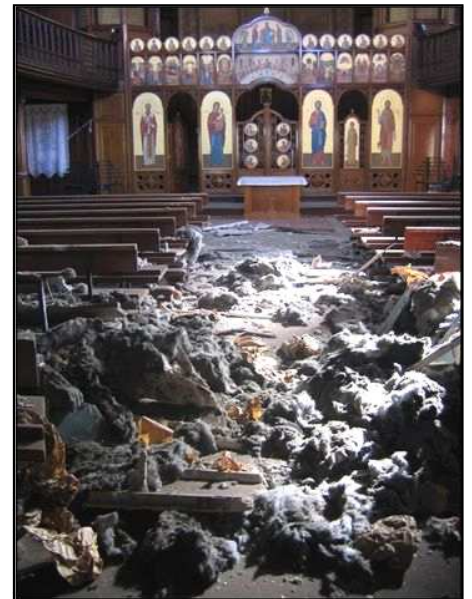
Up to 1000 people worship at the Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile on Duke Street on any given Sunday, although their numbers on the first weekend at Farm Street were probably

closer to 400. They had brought icons for the sanctuary, and the celebrants wore richly decorated vestments of gold. The main feature of the service was the music provided by an impressive choir located in the heart of the congregation

In his homily, Bishop Chomnycky expressed his gratitude to the clergy and people of Farm Street Church for showing them such hospitality during their time of difficulty.

The Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Family in Exile in Duke Street was originally a Congregational chapel,

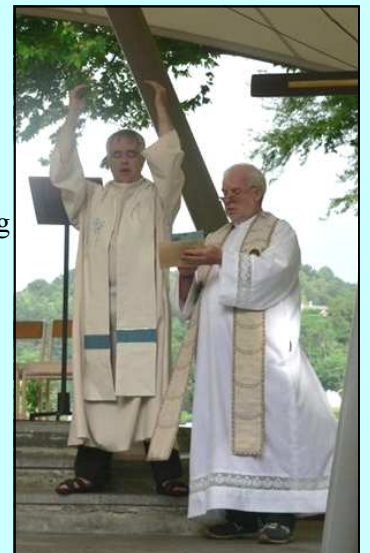
designed by Alfred Waterhouse and built in 1891. In 1967, it was acquired by the Catholic Church and converted into the Cathedral for the Ukrainian Catholic community. It contains a wealth of interior features such as a circular auditorium with a dome covered in stars and a beautiful icon screen created by the Ukrainian monk, Juvenalij Mokrytsky. The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is a Church of the Byzantine rite and is the largest of the Eastern Catholic Churches. It is a full member of the Catholic Church and acknowledges the authority of the Pope of Rome.



## SIGNING FOR THE PILGRIMS

Fr Paul Fletcher SJ, the Superior of the Stamford Hill Jesuit Community, was among 1200 pilgrims from the Diocese of Westminster who travelled to Lourdes in July. It was the largest ever Pilgrimage from the diocese, with around 500 pilgrims making the journey for the first time. As well as Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, it included all four auxiliary bishops and over 50 priests.

Paul provides a special ministry for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. He is pictured here signing the Mass for the dozen deaf pilgrims from Westminster at Lourdes, plus others from the Diocese of Brentwood.



# CHAPLAIN CHALLENGES BOYS TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL

The end-of-year Mass at St Ignatius, Enfield was a special occasion indeed, and one which demonstrated a great sense of Jesuit continuity at the College.

It was the final celebration of Fr John Moffatt's time as school Chaplain, and he was joined by Fr Jim Conway (Assistant Chaplain), Fr David Stewart (a previous Chaplain) and as principal celebrant, the recently-ordained Fr Tim Byron who will be joining the College in September.

After a typically dramatic and stirring interpretation of the first reading, Fr John's last homily to the boys challenged them to have the courage to answer God's call. At the end of Mass he was visibly moved by a spontaneous standing ovation.

The seamless transition was completed when Fr Tim, Fr John and



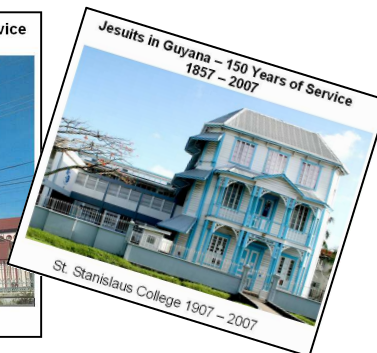
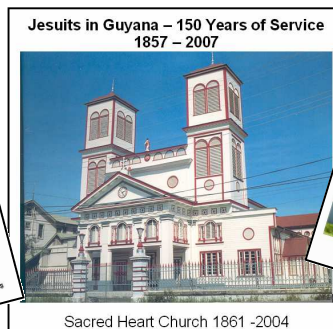
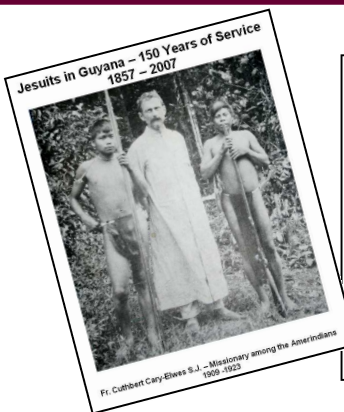
Chaplains past, present and future—from left to right, Dave Stewart, John Moffatt, Tim Byron and Jim Conway. The banners behind them show Thomas Garnet, David Lewis, Francis Page, Robert Southwell. On the right, Edmund Campion and Edmund Arrowsmith are commemorated.

Chris Hunt (the College's Head of Geography) went to Tanzania at the end of July to do a feasibility study into a proposed link with St Ignatius School in Dodoma.

tapestry banners designed and made by Mr David Peglar in Liverpool. The banners are dedicated to the Jesuit martyrs whose names are borne by the school's classes.

The four priests are pictured above in the College Chapel beneath the new

Paul Adams



**NEXT MONTH**  
**A full report on the Jubilee celebrations in Guyana**

TO CELEBRATE what it calls the Jesuits' "150 years of service", the Post Office in Guyana is issuing three commemorative stamps. They show (from left to right) Fr Cuthbert Carey-Elwes who worked among the Amerindians in the first quarter of the 20th century, Sacred Heart Church in Georgetown which burned to the ground on Christmas Day 2004, and St Stanislaus College, which is celebrating its own centenary this year.



# PAUL VI INSPIRES SUMMER SCHOOL

Dominic Robinson reflects on the Living Theology Residential Summer School at Ushaw College, Durham

A group of 106 people from all points of the UK and abroad came together for this year's Ushaw Summer School, dedicated in this 40th anniversary year of *Populorum Progressio*, to Catholic Social Teaching.

Participants were treated to a series of incredibly rich and stimulating keynote addresses, introduced by Francis Campbell, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Holy See, who, in speaking to the theme of 'Catholic Social Teaching and International Diplomacy', challenged us to see the vast influence the Church has on world affairs through her global network and impact of her social doctrine. Francis Davis, of the Von Hügel Institute, Cambridge, then grounded this in the reality of the British situation vis-à-vis the phenomenon of migration, drawing on his extensive field research which led to the recent London dioceses' Ground of Justice report. John Joseet, Policy Advisor on Refugees and Asylum Seekers to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, devoted his lecture to examining the issue of migration from the global perspective, drawing on his own experience in both Asia and now in Britain. In addition, Susy Brouard of



Francis Campbell

CAFOD gave us a supplementary workshop, situating our conference in the CAFOD-led *livesimply* campaign.

In addition to those present for the full week, a handful of people attended the lectures from the surrounding area, and joined

us for Mass, including Bishop Kevin Dunn of Hexham and Newcastle who presided and preached on the Feast of the Martyrs of Northumberland and Durham, plus members of the Diocesan Adult Education Team, and Mgr Terry Draine, President of Ushaw.



John Joseet with Dominic Robinson

The core of the Ushaw summer school, however, is the course programme, and this year we were blessed with a diverse choice of topics - some expanding themes in Catholic Social Teaching - in all the main areas of theology. These were taught by some old hands and some new, including a US Jesuit, an Indian Salesian, a layman working for Justice and Peace in Scotland, a US Mercy sister, and a Shrewsbury seminarian, a mix of styles and approaches which augurs well for the future. Sr Mary Ann Clarahan, Director of Music at the American Parish in Rome, led the liturgy with a group of four assistants, with great skill and sensitivity. We were also most grateful to Daniel Greef, Maurice King and Wouter Blesgraaf, the Birmingham novices, for sterling work as administrative assistants, and for their generosity and approachability with the group in general.

One initiative which really took off this year at Ushaw has been accreditation for courses. It is now possible for participants to be assessed and receive credit towards the CCRS (Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies) for each Living Theology course at Ushaw. This has been made possible by our ongoing collaboration with Ushaw Education Outreach, under the direction of Ros Stuart-Buttle, who was also teaching for us this year in addition to co-ordinating some half a dozen CCRS students and responding to considerable interest from a group of about a dozen more who may take this further. This is good news for our future development, and hopefully,

with some hard work and prayers, may also attract a younger generation to enjoy a week of the year which is always so energising and enjoyable.

**MEANWHILE, IN LIVERPOOL,** Living Theology had a good pace about it this year. With two morning classes, a longish lunch break, the main speaker and liturgy, participants had more time to meet and talk.

There were three classes before coffee: John Twist on Right and Wrong; Sister Kate Stogdon RC on Ignatian Spirituality and Daily Life; and Ian Tomlinson on Stories from Saint Luke. After coffee Gerry J Hughes spoke on Fidelity without Fundamentalism; Nick Baty (composer and music leader in a local church) on Liturgy and Life; and Michael Smith on Saint John's Gospel. Mike had organised the first Liverpool Living Theology seven years ago.

Michael Paul Gallagher entertained and enlightened his audience, equally at home talking about the giants of theology or cultural change on Dublin housing estates. "His presentation offered hope and encouraged us to use our imaginations," said Ian Tomlinson afterwards.

Up to 70 people attended the week, and Ian says that over the week, he became conscious of the great thirst people have to learn about their faith. "A surprise this year in Liverpool was the distance people travelled. Most came from Merseyside, Lancashire or Cheshire; but one person came from a Greek island, another from Belgium. Five or six came from the south of England, simply finding their own accommodation. Clearly there is a thirst and need for such courses," Ian concluded.

**In October's SJ:  
Living Theology in  
Edinburgh and  
London**

# ST ANNE'S CARE HOME IS BACK



Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor leads the prayers at Stoke Newington

Until a few years ago, the Little Sisters of the Poor had a Care Home in Stoke Newington, North London, where their work was very well known. Quite a few Jesuits – as well as their relatives – spent the last months or years of their lives there.

The Foundation Stone of this Care Home was blessed and laid on Holy Saturday, 20 April 1868, by the second Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Henry Edward Manning. A parchment was placed inside the stone which included the words: 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in ... I tell you, whatever you do to the least of my brethren you do unto me.' (Matthew 24) And so the Sisters' work continued – until July 2002, when they were faced with a big problem. New government regulations for Care Homes were introduced, which would be expensive to meet. In addition, part of the building in Stoke Newington required costly repairs. So the Sisters made a brave decision: to demolish the old building and build a new one.

They engaged an architect, but it was some time before the local council approved their plans. There will be 50 en suite rooms in the new Care Home—the same as the old Home; but when it re-opens next year, it will also include sheltered accommodation. The project was financed partly from the Sisters' own resources and partly from a widespread and well-managed appeal in which the Sisters took part personally. Among the many contributors were all the local churches and the British Province of the Society of Jesus.

On 20 July 2007, the Foundation Stone was placed in position by Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, during a short service of prayers, readings and music which began with an address by the Cardinal. The term

'foundation stone' in this context refers to information about the building; it does not hold the building up! So inside this stone were placed a parchment with details of the occasion, signed by the Cardinal and Bishop Bernard Longley who was also there; relics connected with Blessed Jeanne Jugan (the Founder of the Little Sisters); medals and relics from the old Foundation Stone; an electronic version of the plan of the new Care Home; a newspaper of the day; coins from 1876 which were in the original Foundation Stone; and coins from 2000-2007.

I was privileged to be at the Foundation Stone ceremony over the summer, along with the Mother Provincial, the architect, contractors and others. In his address, Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor praised and thanked the Sisters heartily for their generous decision to return to Stoke Newington, adding that he was sure everyone would agree with him. Construction of the new St Anne's Care Home is making good progress, and it is hoped the first admissions will take place about March 2008.

**Bernard Parkin**



The Foundation Stone is placed in the new Care Home

*Annemarie Paulin-Campbell of the Jesuit Institute—South Africa reports on the conference of directors of Jesuit Retreat Houses and Spirituality Centres in Africa, which took place over the summer.*

# THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN AN AFRICAN CONTEXT

We met at the Galilee Centre, a Jesuit Retreat House situated in Debre Zeit, Ethiopia, a beautiful area filled with lakes which were once volcanic craters. Sixteen different countries in Africa were represented. Directors of Ignatian Centres in Africa were invited to attend by Fr Eddie Mercieca SJ of the Secretariat for Ignatian Spirituality based at the Society of Jesus Curia in Rome. Most of the 20 participants were Jesuits but there were also two lay people among the group, a layman from Christian Life Community in Yaounde and myself. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a network among the different centres so as to facilitate the sharing of experience and resources, as well as to look to developing a more formal structure for Ignatian Spirituality within the African Assistancy (group of Provinces). There was a wonderful atmosphere at the meeting with participants taking full advantage of every opportunity to learn from what had worked well in other countries.

The first two days were spent sharing the different realities of the various countries and the work of the different centres. Most of the centres work largely with religious sisters of which there are large numbers in formation in most of the countries. One of the most pressing concerns for almost all the countries represented was how to share Ignatian Spirituality with lay people. This was an area which has been strongly developed in South Africa, and so we were able to offer suggestions regarding ways of offering retreats in daily life for laity. Countries such as Sudan and Zimbabwe shared the difficulty of working with severely traumatized people who needed trauma counselling before they could be helped with the Exercises. Common



*The directors of Spirituality Centres gather at the Galilee Centre, with Annemarie standing fourth from the left*

challenges included trying to reach diocesan clergy more effectively; finding the necessary finances to keep the centres going; and the need for a more developed code of ethics for spiritual direction in our African context.

During the formation days we discussed the Spiritual Exercises in relation to African spirituality and culture. Fr Javier Melloni, an Ignatian scholar based in Manresa, gave insights into the text and process of the Spiritual Exercises, while Fr Isaac Kiyaka, the novice master in Tanzania, complemented this by looking at each aspect from an African perspective. Then the discussion was taken up by the group. Many of those present had considerable experience in giving the Exercises in an African context, which meant that the discussions were extremely rich. We looked for example at the Exercises as an initiating process and saw points of commonality between aspects of the Exercises and African rites of initiation and transformation. We also reflected on the use of inculturating tools such as story, proverbs and dreams in giving the Exercises, and on the role of the

spiritual director in the African context. Part of the experience also involved getting to know a little of the Ethiopian context. It was fascinating to discover that they still follow the Julian Calendar and will only celebrate the millennium this month (September). Ethiopia is a country steeped in religious experience and the country is full of Orthodox churches and an increasing number now of Mosques. During the Sunday of the meeting we experienced the liturgy using the Ethiopian rite which is used there alongside the Latin rite. One of the most striking aspects which comes through strongly in the prayers of the Ethiopian rite is the strong emphasis on the reverence and dispositions appropriate for receiving the Eucharist.

The meeting was felt to have been extremely helpful. Participants left inspired by the spirit of the meeting, taking with them concrete ideas to adapt to their own context. It was unanimously agreed that we would have a similar meeting every two years. The provisional title for the next meeting is The Spiritual Exercises as an Instrument for Evangelisation in Africa today.



# ST IGNATIUS DAY REFLECTIONS

Jesuits worldwide celebrated the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola on 31 July. In Johannesburg, Dr James Harvey was the guest preacher, while Fr Gero McLoughlin addressed Jesuit alumni/ae in Preston. The congregation filled Farm Street Church to capacity, many of them former pupils of Jesuit schools and colleges, others friends and family of Paul O'Reilly who made his Final Vows during the Mass. Paul is a doctor and practices at the Cardinal Hume Centre for the Homeless in Central London. Below is an extract from Father Provincial's homily during the Mass.

It is surely the case that if anything binds together the former students of Jesuit colleges, from Seattle to Sydney, from Buenos Aires to Berlin, and even from Liverpool to London, it is a common and equal familiarity with that unmistakable series of four letters, the motto of St Ignatius and of the Society he founded, "AMDG", *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*, "for the greater glory of God". But what is this "greater glory of God"?

It's a matter of being so attracted to Jesus, so much in love with him who is for us the way and the truth and the life, that he is our everything. It is wanting to be so identified with this one who has chosen us for his friends and companions, that we want to be like him, not only on the outside, in what we do, but on the inside, in who we are. It's a matter of wanting to share his heart, so that through us he might become present to our world today. It is most of all about being so much in love with him that we long to be still closer to him, "fools for Christ's sake", right up alongside him, carrying his cross with him.

Now such love doesn't come about through argument or from reading books; it comes about through a personal and unforgettable encounter with that living Lord Jesus.

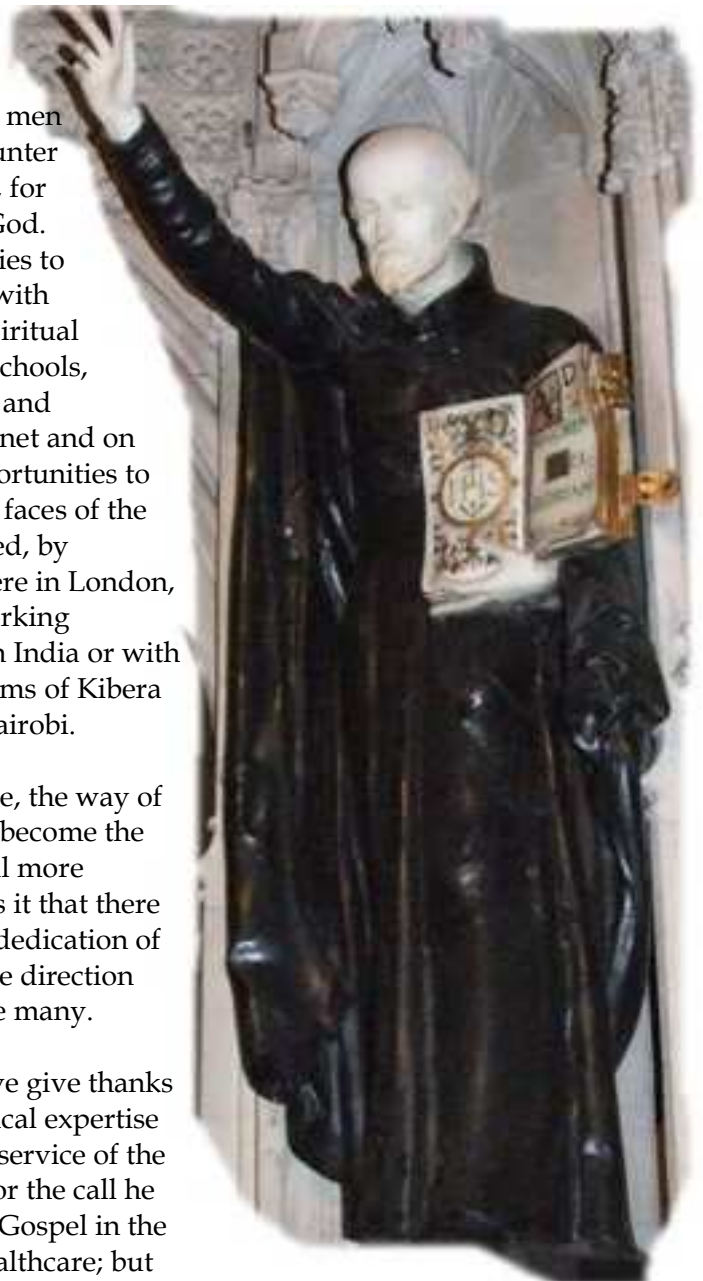
As I look around at the work we and those who work with us do in Britain, in South Africa, in Guyana and the Caribbean, what makes me proud are the numerous new

opportunities that are being provided for men and women, most of all for young men and women, to encounter the living Lord Jesus, for the greater glory of God. There are opportunities to meet him in prayer, with adaptations of the Spiritual Exercises offered in schools, colleges, universities and parishes, on the internet and on ipods. There are opportunities to encounter him in the faces of the poor and marginalised, by volunteering right here in London, by spending time working alongside the *dalits* in India or with the poorest in the slums of Kibera on the outskirts of Nairobi.

Once the way of some, the way of Ignatius has happily become the way of the many. Still more necessary therefore is it that there be some who by the dedication of their whole lives, give direction and inspiration to the many.

That's why tonight we give thanks for Paul: for his medical expertise which he puts at the service of the poorest in this city; for the call he has to witness to the Gospel in the complex world of healthcare; but above all for that desire which God has given him to hand over, tonight, his whole life, no matter where, no matter what, but always with Jesus, to the leading of that same Lord, at the service of his Church.

So let's pray for him that this Jesus, who has called Paul to be his



companion, may give him whatever it takes to be for us a living picture of what it means to live with Jesus as our everything, to say "you are the Christ" with our lives, and so to live "AMDG", *Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*, truly "for the greater glory of God".

Michael Holman SJ



## APPOINTMENTS

**Michael Edwards** has assumed his post as Director of Education and Provincial Assistant for Education, initially working alongside Alan Harrison. He is based in the Curia.

**Stephen Power** has also arrived at the Curia where he is working with Kevin Fox, prior to assuming the position of Province Treasurer.

At Mount St Mary's, **Lawrence McKell** has taken over as Headmaster from Philip McDonald. Lawrence's post as Deputy Head at Stonyhurst has been filled by **Andrew Gordon Brown** who arrives from a Housemaster position at Radley.

At St Aloysius Glasgow, **Dan Divers** has retired as Assistant Head after outstanding service over many years. He will continue as a part time teacher of Classics. **Phil Crampsey** has been appointed Assistant Head in his place. Also at St Aloysius **Aileen Brady** has taken over as Head of the Junior School.

Looking ahead, **John-Paul Morrison**, currently Deputy Head at St Thomas More, will replace **Paul Adams** as Head of St Ignatius Enfield from January 2008.

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AUTUMN LECTURE

# WHO IS JESUS?..... DOES IT MATTER?

**Gerald O'Collins SJ**

*Theologian & Former Dean of the Gregorian University, Rome*

10.30am

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### SEPTEMBER

8: Stefan Garcia (British Province) and Toon Cavens (Flemish Province) take their first vows, 12 noon Mass in the novitiate chapel in Harborne

14—16: Flower and Embroidery Festival to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the founding of Liverpool by King John, St Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool L3

15—20: Induction Week for Jesuits in Formation at Barmouth Villa

25: Parish priests meeting, 114 Mount Street, London W1

### OCTOBER

6 & 7: London Living Theology at Heythrop College— 'Freedom and Authority in the Church'. Speakers: Rev John Hemer MHM and Dr Gerry J. Hughes SJ

7: Father Provincial celebrates First Sunday Mass at Farm Street Church

### NOVEMBER

10: Celebrations at Sacred Heart, Wimbledon to mark the centenary of the birth of Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, Jesuit General 1965—83. Full details will be printed in October's *SJ*.

24: London Regional meeting with Father Provincial

### DECEMBER

10: Graduation ceremony, Heythrop College

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT

Frank Fitzsimmons and Franc Pregelj ; also Denis Blackledge's sister, Mary and Raymond Perrier's brother, Gordon.

## AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:

**Ann Brady**, aunt of Gerard Gallen SJ, **Mastasia Cifor**, mother of Calin Cifor SJ, and **Bishop Augustine (Gus) Harris**, an old boy of St Francis Xavier College, Liverpool, and Bishop Emeritus of Middlesbrough (*pictured here*).



May they rest in peace.

**This month's Jubilarians: 60 years in the Society of Jesus—Kieran Barry-Ryan (6 September) and Michael Bossy, John Grummitt and Francis Hull (7 September). 50 years in the Society (7 September), James Christie and Peter Willcocks. Ad multos annos!**