



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

AUGUST 2020

# e Columba

**Mission Statement** — *As Brothers of the Knights of St. Columba we are resolved through our own efforts, prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to increase the Membership of our Order so that we can more effectively work for Christ's Kingdom.*



During this COVID-19 pandemic I have both seen and heard of all the great work in local communities that is happening. In built up areas, where people tend not to call on their neighbours or indeed know them, we now see whole streets coming together to help each other.

**Is this not Fraternity?**

### **Faith**

So let us again look to the future with a positive thought in the words used in the Easter message of Pope Francis:

“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith”? Faith begins when we realise we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we flounder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the Disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies”.

### **Family**

Of course times are hard on families, with some unable to meet due to distance. Here again technology has taken over, but we still yearn for that closeness. We will find a way forward as soon as lockdown releases us, but certainly we will not be going back to the way we were in early March 2020. Any changes must be embraced by the Order but we will still continue with the motto . . . .

***Faith—Family—Fraternity.***

Fraternal regards,

***Bertie M Grogan***

Supreme Knight.

## **A Spiritual Retreat**

Council 327 Orpington—  
Province 12 – is holding a Spiritual Retreat under the guidance of their Chaplain, Deacon Duncan, in the Upper Room at St Joseph's, 1 Plaistow Lane, Bromley, BR1 2PR, on Saturday 3rd October 2020 from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

There is plenty of free parking at the rear of the Church, entrance via Orchard Road. The invitation is open to all Brothers. As the maximum number is set at 40 people please advise Br. Flavio (07854) 932595 or e-mail to: [flavio.iorio@intesasanpaolo.com](mailto:flavio.iorio@intesasanpaolo.com) if you intend to participate.

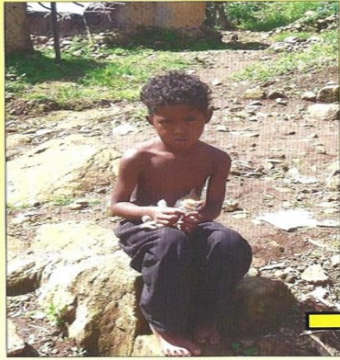
The Agenda for the day will be as follows:-

- ◆ 10.00am Mass in Church.
- ◆ 10.30am Adoration and Benediction in the Church.
- ◆ 11.00.am Tea break.
- ◆ 11.30am. The 1st Session in the Upper Room
- ◆ 12.45am. Lunch break.
- ◆ 1.30pm. The 2nd Session.
- ◆ 3.00pm. Tea break.
- ◆ 3.20pm. The 3rd Session.
- ◆ 4.30pm. Feedback.
- ◆ 5.00pm end of Retreat.



**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

*SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS*



**NATIONAL ACTION PROJECT  
2019 - 2021**

# THE JOHN FOSTER MEMORIAL HOME

**Kamanur Village, Mangalamcombu  
in the Palani Hills of Southern India**

## The Knights of St Columba

are fundraising to help in the development of a  
**NEW ACCOMMODATION BUILDING.**

“Columba House” is to replace a fire damaged building to accommodate 40 boys, to purchase a new Jeep for transportation and the supply of food and to purchase IT Equipment bringing the boys education into the 21st century.

**Target £60,000.00.**

Check-out the Website at:-

**[www.jfct.org.uk](http://www.jfct.org.uk)**

*(Due to the pandemic the project has been extended for another year)*

## DONATIONS

**Cheques should be made payable to:-  
KSC (NAP)**

**and posted to:-**

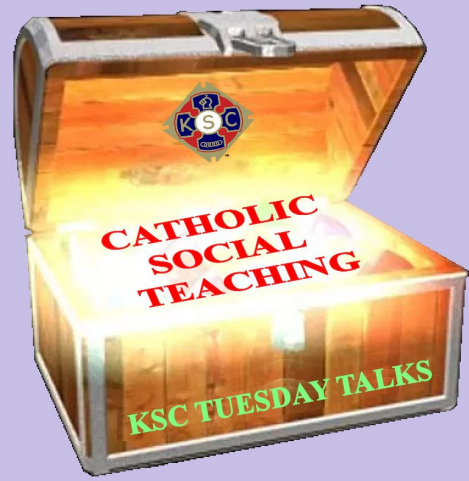
**KSC Head Office, 75 Hillington Road South, Glasgow G52 2AE**

**Bank Transfers and Standing Orders to:-**

**KSC National Action Project  
RBS Group**

**Sort Code 83-21-06 Account No. 00188958**

**Please mark all cheques / Standing Orders - KSC (NAP)**



## KNIGHTS NEWS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRESENT A SERIES OF TALKS

The National Apostolate Committee are hosting a series of talks looking at Catholic Social Teaching and its role in how we should live our lives in today's world.

It is a subject that has been at the heart of the mission of the Knights of St Columba since their inception in 1919 and is still so relevant today.

The sessions which will be followed by a Q & A will be hosted on Zoom and streamed on Facebook and codes to take part in the initial Talk are available on request by email from [headoffice@ksc.org.uk](mailto:headoffice@ksc.org.uk).

They will be taking place each week from Monday 10th August until 1st September.

The first talk The Origins of Catholic Social Teaching is by Tony Britten KC\*HS, KSG and is on Monday 10th August at 7.00pm.

Tony is a retired Head Teacher from Leeds and has served on the Board of Governors of a number of schools. He is also a Past Supreme Knight of the Knights of St Columba.

*The talks will continue as follows:-*

### *Tuesday 18th August*

The Morals Of Catholic Social Teachings  
Led by Fr Emmet O'Dowd Diocese of Aberdeen

### *Tuesday 25th August*

The Effect on Mental Health during Lockdown  
Led by Deacon Brother K Millage Province 18

### *Tuesday 1st September*

The Effect of Unemployment at this time.  
Led by Fr Ryan Black Diocese of Paisley

### *Tuesday 8th September*

The Effect on the Environment  
Led by Deacon Brother Joe Gallagher Province 16



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The Foundation for our Future*



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