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Dear Brothers, We have turned the corner, we have started a New Year 2021/22, but sadly Covid -19 is still with us and we must continue to follow the Government Guide lines, but there is a LIGHT at the end of our tunnel. I can see us returning to face-to-face meetings by July of this year if the Bishops and the government permits us.

It was with great sadness, that we said farewell to our Brother, Michael Bagness, one of our leaders who will be sorely missed. May the Lord bless him and keep him, may the Lord make his face shine upon him and give him peace.

Brother Michael was a remarkable person who got involved in many things. He made Posters and demonstrations for recruitment drives, He was the author for the Provincial Roundabout Magazine, he also found time to be co-author to Head Office eColumba pamphlet; he founded and managed the Provincial 100 Club fund raiser, and he was our full-time Provincial Secretary. Coordinating and distributing information around the Province; Yes, he will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace, Amen.

We are looking forward to an exciting year, a few things will change in the next few months, our three Westminster Provinces (11, 29 & 30) will be overseen by the new Reginal Director, IPPGK Bro. Rosario Fichardo from P 30, and we will also have a new Supreme Knight (to be elected in October at Supreme Council) We may also get a new Ecclesiastical Advisor to replace Archbishop Philip Tartaglia who died suddenly in January 2021, may he

Here in Province 30, there will also be a few changes because of a change-over of Grand Knights who have stepped down, to be replaced by their Deputies. My grateful thanks to those standing down for their past services and Congratulations to those being promoted.

We are advertising for Provincial Officers; we have vacancies for a Provincial Secretary and Provincial Membership & Development Officers. Applications are invited from past Grand Knights and any brothers in the Knighthood Degree.

We have had a mixed year of events; Council 982 Wembley, managed to increase their numbers by one, and some Councils are tottering on the brink of collapse and some others are just managing to stay afloat. We will continue to meet via zoom conference until further notice. However, we are looking forward to elevating three brothers to Full Knighthood in April.

Covid-19 is decreasing, thanks to the various vaccines on the market. Most of our elderly brothers have had their first injection and some have had both. We are looking forward to the end of this era. However, we still have to follow the Guidelines as this, is not over yet; I cannot wait to return to normal face-to-face meetings. God's blessing on you and keep safe.

Eric Joseph  
Provincial Grand Knight



# FAREWELL...Bro Michael

## Eulogy to Mike Bagness - funeral 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

He was a dedicated member of the Knights Of Saint Columba for 46 years, holding many offices locally in Council 243 and in Province 30, as well as a few roles offered by HQ, all of which he accepted willingly and did to the best of his ability. The KSC has provided Dad and Carmel with great friendships over the years and has been a very large and important part of their lives. They met some wonderful people and it has been a loving community, especially in time of need. Dad was always very proud to be part of the Order.

Faith, friends and family were at the centre of Dad's life. He had a strong work ethic. When we were kids he worked every hour he could to keep a roof over our heads and meet our demands for the latest computer console, Cup final tickets, CB radios...or whatever the latest fad happened to be. We never went without, in fact we were spoilt. A 2 week summer holiday was always guaranteed. Butlins in Bognor, or Minehead, it didn't matter where, as long as it was a Butlins we were happy. Successes of other holidays, usually trips to Wales, were judged by miles driven. "How was the holiday Mike?" people would ask "Excellent, we did 350 miles", would be the reply.

Friday nights were spent in St Clarets Club, the adults played bingo and danced, while the kids were sat down with a bottle of coke, a bag of Taytos and 50p for the fruit machine. He loved the church community, Hayes, and the company of friends. He also loved his job working at Silverdale Press, up the road here, off Pump Lane. We used to visit him there on a Saturday morning staring at the piles of fancy Concorde menus they used to print wondering what a *fillet mignon* and *creme brûlée* were. His dedication led him to be offered a managerial position, but he turned it down, preferring the camaraderie of the factory floor. They made him foreman instead which was great, but it meant he was also responsible for security which came with a package of 2am emergency alarm calls. NOT so great. After 30 years he left print behind. Most people would have retired, but not one to put his feet up he instead gained an NVQ in Admin & IT, he was then employed by the school to teach IT to others. Moving on again, he became Parish Administrator in Botwell for 20 years at the request of his long time friend Father Michael Fewell.

After mum died, Dad's future could have been bleak, but good fortune and with some intervention from Auntie May he was introduced to a young lady named Carmel. He was quickly won over by her sharp intellect and big heart. He was always an excellent judge of character and proposed just six weeks later. We had a new, ever expanding family in the Byrne's, and with the frequent first communions, confirmations, weddings and Christmases in Kilkenny, Dad was in his element.

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He quickly formed a bond with Seamus, they became best buddies, two gentlemen sharing glasses of Paddy's, as well as having similar outlooks on life. Dad swapped Butlins for trips to Canada, Peru, Japan, Australia, African safari's, Rome and many more places, including numerous trips to Ireland. The globe was well and truly covered and he always said "do it while you can", and he certainly did.

An Englishman's home is his castle, and Dad put his heart and soul into the family home all his life. With his green fingers, weekends were spent cultivating the flower beds in an eternal quest to create the perfect garden. With the lawn manicured and the tools put away in his shed, he and Carmel would sit and watch the parakeets swoop down to the bird feeder. A peaceful pastime for a peaceful man.

Dad and Carmel made for a winning team and were devoted to each other for 35 years. It was because he had Carmel by his side that he was able to lead such a full life. He would have liked another 10 years, his mind was still sharp, but he had no complaints and packed everything he could into his 82 years.

Carmel cared for Dad in his final days with the same devotion she showed him for the whole of their marriage. He departed this life as he had wished, at home with Carmel holding his hand and his boys by his side.

In an age when children look to celebrities for role models, we only had to travel to Hayes to find ours.

Rest in Peace Mike Bagness, it was a good life well lived.

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# THE JAM JARS AND THE BACKPACKS

**Empathy** and feeling sorry for those less fortunate than us is **NOT ENOUGH**.

When at Mass we confess “For what I have done” we also need to remember the next few words.....”**FOR WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO**”.

When we look at our screens, see the street, suffering and abandoned children in Malawi, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Syria, Aden and several other countries, feeling sorry for them is NOT ENOUGH. One cannot claim to be human and not want to do something to help.

We cannot all be missionaries, but we all know what their ministry is all about, we all read how many make it their lifetime aim to help those less fortunate than us, in what one calls ‘the developing nations’.

Well if **we know, we see, we hear**, about what our Lord calls THY NEIGHBOUR, one has to do something. Another set of words that ring in my ear ..Matthew 25: 35-40 .... “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me.’ I ask, are these not biblical hints about what we should NOT FAIL TO DO ?



In the coming seven or so months, through the Provincial Projects – Street children Ethiopia and W.O.R.K Project in Kenya, we are being presented with an opportunity. We can of course put our hands in our pocket and shell out a few coins, but we are being asked to **FUND RAISE** for these projects. Of course, some tend to start listing the problems with fundraising in the Covid19 age. There are loads of ways one can raise funds if we really want to try to. The trick is to **find something which requires minimum effort to maximum gain**. As most of us are getting on, energy is not in great abundance, but most of us can claim to have studied at the university of life and can use their initiative to find ways of raising money for these projects.

Council 984 Thames Valley packed over 750 backpacks for Malawi's Mary's Meals children. The UGANDA Street children appeal was launched at St Francis in Ascot on behalf of the Comboni Missions. The Ethiopia project was launched at the request of the Sacred Heart parish in Sunningdale, one of our seven parishes within our boundaries. We've replaced MISSIO project small cardboard collection boxes with JAM JARS, 200 washed, cleaned, labelled and with the Parish Priest cooperation, distributed to the congregation.



Parish priests can quite rightly, be a little touchy about collections at church, so this way, we are not really fundraising in church. Also people are not pressurised on the spot, they donate according to their circumstances in their own time, with a published end-of-project date for them to plan to.

The Missio project raised around £3000, the follow up project raised £4733 for the street children for Uganda. By this time the jam jars were cleaned and relabelled for the Ethiopia project at a different parish, launched between the lockdowns the project to date over £4900. All this proves that the hardest point of fundraising is the courage and conviction to **start doing something** ..... rather than thinking about all difficulties one can come up against. Remember Fundraising is NOT about money, but its about helping those less fortunate than us.

Tony Berkeley – Action & Youth Province 30.

## PROVINCIAL 100 CLUB

### CASH PRIZES EVERY MONTH

1ST Prize - £50.00 2nd Prize - £25.00  
(Three extra prizes at Christmas)

<b>JANUARY</b> 2021	1st	No 106	P Quinton Co 948
	2nd	No 122	Council Entry Council 163
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	1st	No	Bro Rosario Co.163
	2nd	No	Bro Berkeley Co.984
<b>MARCH</b>	1st	No	Bro Waddington Co.267
	2nd	No	Bro McGhee Co.970

# EDMUND CAMPION PILGRIMAGE

The St Edmund Campion Pilgrimage which normally takes place over a seven week period in June / July is being rescheduled this year due to the Covid lockdown.

With lockdown currently planned to end on 21st June it will take a few weeks for the churches to return to normal and for parishioners to gain the necessary confidence to attend any gatherings. Accordingly, we are going to run the Pilgrimage in the September / October timeframe if everything goes according to plan.

I will publish a provisional schedule for planning purposes but am aware that there are likely to be a number of changes because of conflict with other events - holidays etc.

As the timescale is very much related to the HMG guidelines we will keep the programme under review and will keep you informed of further changes. We hope to produce the Pilgrimage Booklets in early August when progress should be clearer and dates of individual church visits of the relic have been confirmed." Brothers this is a Province 30 Pilgrimage, keep a watchout for pilgrimage flyers.

John Lynn  
Pilgrimage Coordinator.

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Please **ENSURE** you have the right link or ID and Passcode.

Please **DO NOT** log-on earlier than 15-minutes before start of meeting.

Please **BE READY** to be admitted to the meeting 5-minutes before the start of meeting.

Please **ENSURE** you got the right lighting and you feature in the middle of your screen,

Please **DO NOT** speak when someone else is speaking.

Please **DO** mute yourself if you are not planning to speak.

*A twitter quote that supports our  
Provincial Project 2021*

**Pope Francis**

@Pontifex 29 Mar 2021



During these days, the Church enters into the great meditation of the Lord's Passion. The suffering Christ is present in the person of the poor, the excluded, the sick, the hungry, those who bear the mystery of the cross with Him.

[#HolyWeek](#)

## From around the Councils.....

### COUNCIL 399 Uxbridge (based in Hillingdon)

As the world entered uncharted territories in 2020 with the big hit of covid-19, many of us in the council were affected in some form or another (either had covid-19, know of someone who had covid-19, related to someone who had covid-19 or passed away from covid-19), lets keep praying for all those affected and those recovering from the virus.

The lockdown was a big challenge to all of us, for the first time in many of us during our lifetime we were unable to have any easter celebrations. We are thankful things have started looking brighter for 2021, and we pray it gets better.

The knights have been very active since the resumption of mass at St. Bernadette Hillingdon, we have been involved in carrying out covid protocol duties to enable our parish open and help our parishioners follow the rules whilst at mass. The knights and family members also help with cleaning and sanitizing the church after the 11am mass. A big thank you goes out to Bro Edwin Carlos and his wife Percinette and their children for all the help. I must also say a big thank you to Deacon Reg Abrahams and his wife Bella who are part of the engine room of our parish.

The Knights lead a weekly rosary prayer on every Friday and changed to the stations of the cross for the period of lent (via zoom), this is opened to all parishioners and guest.

The council continues to hold meetings via zoom and will continue to do so till such time as life permits us to return to normal. Having said that, some of our brothers are fortunate to see each other during when assisting at Sunday mass, but with social distancing.

The knights are also involved with the confirmation formation classes and helping out during the first holy communion masses.

The parish Holy week plan is out and the parish priest has once again called upon the services of the knights to help ensure we have a good easter celebrations.

During 2020 our council lost a gentle giant Brother Joseph Pender, we were able to show our respect to our late brother within laid down covid restrictions/rules.

With the role out of the vaccine, we are hopeful that life will return to normal and allow us to interact again. >>>>

## Re-allocation of Council meetings in Province 30 via Zoom.

### Provincial meetings.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Provincial Council 8.00pm  
 July 18<sup>th</sup> Provincial Committees 8.00pm\*  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> Provincial Officers 8.00pm

*NB \*Committee meetings will be on different evenings*

Council	Current meeting day/ time	Proposed meeting date
163 Hanwell	4th Wednesday 8.00pm	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
243 Hayes	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday – 8.00pm	10 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 14 <sup>th</sup> June
267 Sudbury	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7.00pm	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 8 <sup>th</sup> June
295 Harrow & D	4th. Monday – 8.00pm	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 28 <sup>th</sup> June
399 Uxbridge	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday – 13.00pm	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 20 <sup>th</sup> June
422 High Wycombe	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday – 8.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021 7 <sup>th</sup> June
514 Cranford & Feltham	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 8 <sup>th</sup> June
948 N Harrow	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday – 8.00pm	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 8 <sup>th</sup> June
963 Yeading	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 15 <sup>th</sup> June
970 Whitton	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday – 8.00pm	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
982 Wembley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday – 3.00pm	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 13 <sup>th</sup> June
984 Thames Valley	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday – 12 noon	3 <sup>rd</sup> MAY 2021 7 <sup>th</sup> June

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Our parish Priest Fr. Matthew Heslin has on many occasions shown appreciation from the pulpit for the services of the Knights.

Let us continue to pray for all our brothers and family members who are working in some form to help to look after the nation during this pandemic.

Kind Regards

Noel Verissimo  
 Past Grand-Knight  
 2012 to 2015

# *An INSPIRATION & A ROLE MODEL*

**In the 1990s** Michael was the Provincial Quiz Master – many an interesting evening Quizzing to find the Province 30 representatives for the National Competition, which they have been know to bring home from time to time. He founded (with Bro Jim Keating) this local provincial newsletter and has been its long time editor since 1994. This newsletter, published every two months since then, has travelled across the UK and to distant lands of USA, Spain, South Africa and Australia, keeping up with news and events from around the Province.

In 2000, with the dawn of the new millennium, came his 25th year and a Silver Jubilee Medal for his efforts. - In 2001 and 2008 he received Special Merit Certificates from the Supreme Knight of the time, for Dedicated Service.

Before that having served his local council well, in many roles, including Secretary (a role he carried on until he died) Training Officer (circa late 1990s), Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight, he moved up to Province, where he has recorded minutes and fulfilled the other roles demanded of a Provincial Secretary with due care and attention for many years. He was also a District Deputy and Deputy PGK before becoming Province 30's Provincial Grand Knight for 3 years from 2009-2012, returning in 2013-14 for a further term of office.

He has been the keeper and organiser of The 100 club for many years, which has yielded income for the province and provided many a happy winner with an unexpected 'cheque in the post'.

One of his enduring passions has been for the Roundabout – Province 30 Newsletter.

In Charity, comes Unity and Fraternity to raise funds for deserving causes. He provided support for the local parish, dioceses and cathedrals and pilgrimage sites across the UK. These are among some of the great works carried out over the years.

Having proved his success at producing Roundabout for over 20 years he was asked by HQ to edit the eColumba online publication.

Activities to raise funds have included Sponsored Walks, Race nights, Dogs at Wembley, and many more.

Key dates in the calendar :- Fish and Chip suppers ; Dinner Dances ; Chaplains Dinner ; and more... no ending list..... A Provincial Secretary? .. I would say he could well be called THE ACTION convenor. - An inspiration to all.



## Provincial Council Minutes

Minutes of the last Provincial Council meeting and other Council & Provincial information can be viewed on the Provincial website by using the hyperlink on page one of Roundabout.

## Roundabout Distribution

A reminder to Grand Knights.

Please forward Roundabout to all Brothers of your Council who are 'online' and any other persons who may be interested.

During this period of isolation, when normal Council meetings are not being held, printed copies of Roundabout are not being produced.

Tony Berkeley – Editor

The Editor welcomes contributions for the next issue of Roundabout which should reach him by Tuesday 22 JUNE 2021.

Opinions expressed in articles and letters are those of the authors only.

## THE PROVINCIAL WEBSITE

[www.province30.co.uk](http://www.province30.co.uk)

When was the last time you looked at the website ? We are currently updating the contents and adding bits and pieces, photos and other information. You can get access to the Provincial minutes there, and also you can click on the Rosary Prayer group link from the front page. If you have a minute, check the website out. The webmaster welcomes any comments, corrections or ideas you may wish to see.



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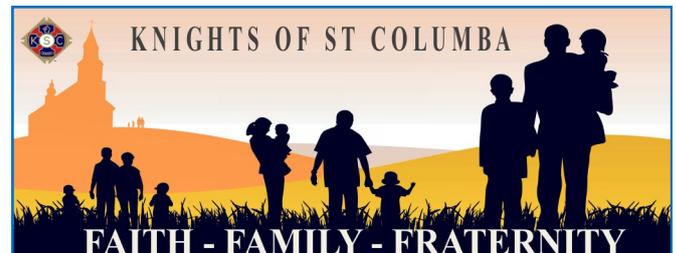
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## ZOOM FATIMA DEVOTION

### PRAYER GROUP



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