
El Corazón

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Hello and welcome once again to the August edition of El Corazón.

As the weather really starts to warm up, we hope you enjoy this edition of El Corazon.

Inside this edition:

- [Fr Louis](#) talks about changes for both him and St Georges
- [Michael](#) continues to look at military personnel who are buried in the War Grave section of the English Cemetery, an airman and an Australian. Flying Officer John McGregor Maughan Patterson, RAAF.
- [Colin](#) talks about Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus
- Details of the support being given to St Georges to begin working to achieve the goals generated from the Holy Cow report.
- As ever, there are full details of all the upcoming services and events.

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Mike and Jo Eaton



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Fr. Louis Darrant, Chaplain

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A Word in Season

Fr. Louis Darrant



I'm writing this contribution to the newsletter having finally moved to my new home in Calle Frailes following the sale of Paseo Reding 21. I'm settling into the new place very quickly and feel very blessed that I'm still walking distance to St George's.

I notice how moving to a different neighbourhood in the city has caused me to look at life here from a different perspective. The most poignant moment of the move was the celebration of the Eucharist in the apartment the week of the exchange. Thank you to everyone who came who shared in the evening. It was important to give thanks sacramentally for the gift of the apartment some forty odd years ago and to ask God's blessing on the process we have begun to enable a growing investment to support the ministry of the chaplaincy.

The next step is for the Council to agree the plan for the endowment fund prepared by our treasurer, Tristram. We owe a debt of gratitude for the time Tris has spent on the accounts and preparing the detail of the plan.

Shortly after moving we received the news of the successful bid for money from the Diocesan Mission Opportunities Fund which you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter. This is a significant project, which alongside the oversight of the church restoration project, which will require much time and energy to bring to fruition. There is no time to delay as in a few months time we will be required to report to the Diocese on how the grant money is being used if further funds as to be released.

I want to remind you that everything being undertaken by the Chaplaincy now is in response to the results of the Holy Cow congregational survey undertaken last October. The priorities discerned from the responses gave us five priorities as a church:

- Preparing People for Ministry
- Christian Education
- Worship and Music
- Mission focussed on families & children
- Communications

It's natural to be apprehensive at times about changes which have taken place and changes on the horizon. A priest isn't immune from the dynamics of change. There is no guarantee that things will work out entirely as you envisage and yet collectively and prayerfully decisions are taken which you believe serve the best interests of the church.

It is, as St Benedict describes it in his Rule, learning how to listen with ‘the ear of the heart’. There is much work unseen, yet vital to the work of the chaplaincy, if we are to settle our attention on those areas the Spirit is calling us to something new.

I cannot underestimate how much the work of daily prayer contributes to the success of our endeavours. I recognise that there will be times when you won’t agree with something I say or do, or maybe something I have omitted to say or do. That also is reasonable. I’m always ready to meet with someone who wants to talk something through and if talking with Caroline or Jerry, our Churchwardens, feels helpful then that too is an option.

The bottom line is that I try to listen as carefully as I can, say my prayers and act as carefully as I can, but priests like all of us have feet of clay, and God in his mercy will in some way make good of the situation.

As I contemplate the changes that have taken place and those yet to come I am aware that I have peace in my heart, not just for the life of our church, but on wide horizons too in both the church and our world. In every circumstance I find my centre in the stability of God’s love, already there and always available. Thank you for travelling with us and for the contribution you make to our common life. Whatever circumstance you are currently experiencing I hope that you too will be able to find your centre in God and know yourself held by love.

Diocese provides support to achieve objectives from HolyCow report

Last autumn members of our congregations – here in Malaga and at our satellite congregation in Salinas – responded to an attitude survey prepared for us by US consultancy, HolyCow Consulting. The survey focussed on satisfaction with different aspects of the Chaplaincy’s life and the areas in which we would like to put more energy in the future.

The results were pretty clear. The 5 areas in which people wanted more focus were:

- Preparing People for Ministry
- Christian Education
- Worship and Music
- Mission focussed on families & children
- Communications

The clarity and consistency of the findings help us to identify next steps. But taking those steps and delivering on people’s ambitions for the church requires resource.

And that was where the Diocese has stepped in. The Diocese has agreed a Mission Opportunities Fund project to establish a Children’s Choir at St George’s. The project will have 3 key objectives, which align with much of the findings of the attitude survey above, namely:

- To appoint a Director of Music and establish a children’s choir to uplift and enhance our worship

- To introduce a new generation of families to St George's church and help young people find and grow in their Christian faith
- To set up a Sunday School for young people coming to church and an After-School facility, and include, within the current restoration of our church building, provision for appropriate meeting and storage facilities

Fr Louis was delighted with the Diocese's support: "Good music lifts the heart, cheers the soul and helps us to worship God with all our of senses. It brings people together, sharpens discipline and skill, and creates community. Over the past few years we have welcomed a number of local choirs to enhance our worship and enrich our programme of concerts. We have established positive working relationships with a number of local musicians including our own very committed team of organists. Now we have the opportunity to take this further.

"One of the gifts of the Anglican tradition is the glory of its music. This is why the appointment of a Director of Music with the brief to develop a comprehensive ministry of music will serve St George's well. It is a direct result of the congregational survey we conducted last October. A project steering group will be formed to oversee the appointment process to ensure a responsible use of the funds given to us by the Diocese. Now we need to pray, for wisdom and all things necessary to bring this project to fruition and especially for the appointment of the right person", he said.

The project, which lasts for three years, will begin this August, and it is hoped the choir will be in place in time to contribute in some small way to our Christmas celebrations. We also aim to test out the possibility of starting an adult choir to complement the children's choir.

Do you know someone who would like to put their name down for the choir? Contact Fr Louis by email or WhatsApp.

SO NOW YOU KNOW



HISTORICAL JOTTINGS usually relating to St. George's Church, Malaga.

The 46th in a series prepared for your interest and enjoyment by
Michael Edwards



The flag of the Royal Australian Air Force.

In my historical jotting last month I commenced taking a brief look at the life and times of the four military men who fell in World War II and who are all interred in the War Graves Section of the English Cemetery in Malaga. If you read it, you will recall it featured the Naval Officer Wallace Douglas Stranack RN who saw service over many years in the Royal Navy in both World Wars.

This month I am going to see what I can about another man. This time a Flying Officer from Australia, Flying Officer **John McGregor Maughan Patterson** of the Royal Australian Air Force (Service No. 400630).



Flying Officer Patterson was born in the Town of Gawler, in South Australia State on the 11th March, 1916. Gawler established in 1839, is the oldest country Town in the State of South Australia and named after the Second Governor, George Gawler the British Vice-Regal representative. The town lies about 26 miles from the state capital Adelaide and boasts grand Victorian architecture.



The town of Gawler in the early twenties

Officer Patterson was the son of John R. Patterson and his wife Hilda Gorton Patterson who moved later to the suburb of Ivanhoe, which is to be found just North East of Melbourne, Victoria. John Patterson enlisted in the RAAF during the early part of the Second World War at the age of 24 years on the 18th September, 1940 at Melbourne.



He served with the Ferry Flight Unit which had its headquarters at RAF Hendon near London. Ferry Flight was set up in 1941 as part of Coastal Command, whose function was to fly heavy bombers from Canada.



A Vickers Lancaster Bomber with an all Australian crew.

We now move forward to the 9th of January, 1942 when we find Flying Officer John Patterson flying as Second Pilot in a Vickers Wellington Heavy Bomber Z9101 out of Gibraltar to Malta. 15 minutes after take-off the aircraft crashed into the sea approximately 1000 yards from Europa Point at 23.26 hours as a result of mechanical failure.

The aircraft set on fire and sank very quickly and all crew members, except Sergeant Harrison, the Australian Rear Gunner, were trapped in the front portion of the aircraft and killed instantly.

The aircraft was on a ferry flight out of RAF Station Portreath which is located on the Cornish coast in the UK via Gibraltar and on to Malta. Sergeant Harrison the sole survivor, although injured, managed to get clear of the fuselage, surfaced from the cold winter sea and in due course was picked from the water by the crew of the Destroyer HMS Westcott who at the time was stationed in Gibraltar on anti-submarine and rescue duties.



RAF Station Portreath, Cornwall



HMS Westcott (D47), an Admiralty W-class destroyer

The crew also picked up the body of Sergeant William Atherton, the Australian Observer, who was buried at sea and our Flying Officer John Patterson.

It is recorded that Flying Officer Patterson's apparent cause of death was a bullet wound received in action.



The Military Airfield in Gibraltar.

For the record I list below the members of the 6 man crew of the Aircraft Z9101 who flew out of Gibraltar on that fateful night of 9th January, 1942 :

Sergeant William Samuel Charles ATHERTON, Royal Australian Air Force (404322), Observer.

Sergeant Keith Herbert Jack HARRISON, Royal Australian Air Force (408018), Rear Gunner.

Sergeant Edward Gordon Travers HALL, Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve (1182276), Wireless Air Gunner).

Flying Officer Thomas George MOLONEY, Royal Australian Air Force, (400626), Pilot.

Sergeant Alun MORRIS, Royal Air Force Voluntary Reserve, (1160218), Front Gunner .

Flying Officer John McGregor Maughan PATTERSON , Royal Australian Air Force, (400630), Second Pilot.



Flying Officer John Patterson 's burial in the English Cemetery is recorded in the Burial Register as the 12th April, 1942 within grave No. 499F. RIP. The epitaph on his gravestone reads " FIDELIS USQUE AD MORTEM " (Faithfull until Death) ".

Finally, I can inform my readers that the sole survivor from this Wellington crash, the Australian Rear Gunner, Sergeant Keith Harrison , who came from Dysart, Tasmania, was discharged from the Royal Australian Air Force after the end of the Second World War on the 30th September, 1946 after illustrious service.

SO NOW YOU KNOW MICHAEL EDWARDS.

AUGUST NOTABLES

John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, Cardinal, Doctor of the Church

1801 – 1890.



Born in London in 1801, the son of a banker, Newman experienced an evangelical conversion at the age of 15. He went up to Trinity College, Oxford in 1817 but after graduation his association was with Oriel, first as a fellow then as a tutor.

Under the influence of Richard Whately and Edward Hawkins in the Oriel common room, Newman's spiritual quest began to move away from evangelical Anglicanism to a more High Church understanding of the Christian faith.

Ordained in 1826, two years later he became Vicar of St Mary's, Oxford.

His friendship with Hurrell Froude and the fallout from John Keble's 1833 Assize sermon, together with Newman's own studies in the Fathers, led him towards an explicitly Catholic understanding of Anglicanism as the via media between Rome and Protestantism. As the Oxford Movement took off it was Newman's incisive mind and pen that provided much of the momentum. It was he who pioneered the Tracts for the Times, personally writing three of the first four. Exalting the Fathers to a level with Scripture. Newman weighed the Church of England in the balance of antiquity and found it wanting.

Having come from an evangelical background, Newman came to reject its emphases, regarding its understanding of the Church as inadequate and insistence on the sole authority of Scripture as excessive. He sought to redress the balance.

Surely the sacred volume was never intended and is not adapted to teach us as our creed; however certain it is that we can prove our creed from it...From the very first the rule has been...for the Church to teach the truth and then appeal to Scripture in vindication of its own teaching.

Whereas fellow Tractarians, John Keble and Edward Bouverie Pusey, never lost faith with the Anglican Church and strove throughout their lives to help it live up to its catholic and apostolic heritage. Newman was more easily discouraged by the controversies that assailed the Tractarians in the late 1830s. For him the crunch came perhaps with the furore following the publication of Tract 90 in 1841, in which he argued that the Thirty-Nine Articles could be interpreted in a 'catholic' sense since they were aimed primarily at the abuses and not the doctrines of Roman Catholicism. For most contemporary Anglicans Newman's agile mind was perceived to be performing mental gymnastics and no further tracts were written.

In 1842 Newman retired from Oxford to the nearby village of Littlemore. He resigned as Vicar of St Mary's in 1843 and in 1845 was received into the Roman Catholic Church. One of the most brilliant theological minds of the nineteenth century was lost to the Church of England.

A year later he went to Rome and was ordained a Roman Catholic priest and entered the Congregation of the Oratory. Though the Roman Catholic Church was his chosen spiritual home, he experienced suspicion from those, such as Cardinal Manning, who resented his greater ability and it was not until 1877 that Pope Leo XIII made him a cardinal. He died on August 11th 1890.

*(Adapted from "Saints on Earth" a biographical companion to Common Worship – Darch & Burns
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John Henry Newman is commemorated in the CofE Common Worship lectionary on August 11th.

Major Feasts this month:

August 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord, (also Hiroshima Day);
August 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary (the Assumption)
August 24th St. Bartholomew, Apostle



Colin Somerville



August 2026

WHAT'S ON AT ST GEORGE'S





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JOHN PIENAAR

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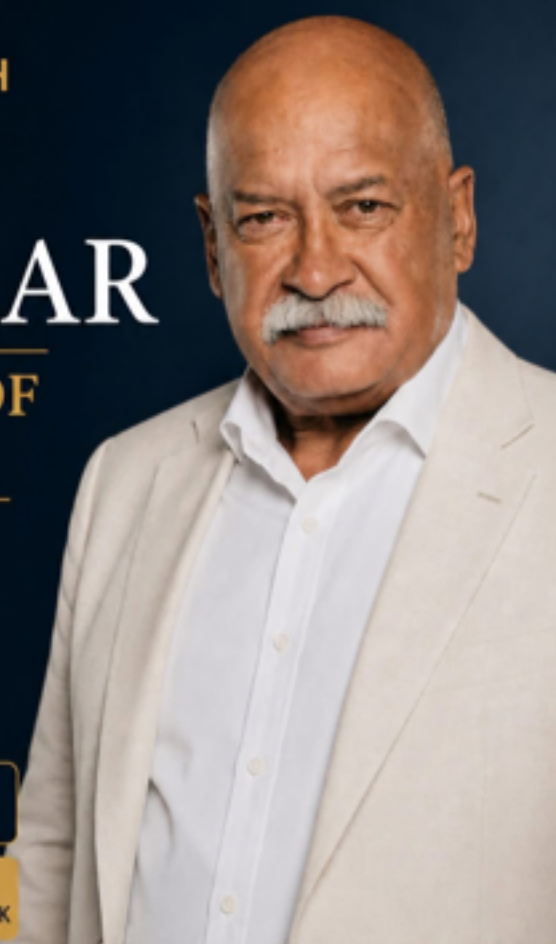
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