

THE UNIVERSE GUIDE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND RECRUITMENT

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# Stoke City has good ground for worship

By Sean Price

THE Britannia Stadium in Stoke was transformed into a latterday cathedral recently when 1,100 students from St Joseph's College celebrated Mass at the home of Stoke City.

The Mass was held to mark school's new academy status and commemorate St Joseph's feast day.

Headteacher of the Trent Vale school, Roisin Maguire, said a further 500 guests from the community had taken part in the service.

Ms Maguire, one of the country's new National Leaders in Education, said: "St Joseph's is a school that is going places and Stoke City is a club that is going places, namely Wembley for the FA Cup semi-final and hopefully the final. I believe people in the city will be proud of both institutions, which say so much about us our the strength, vigour and vibrancy of the local community community.

"It was fantastic to be in the Britannia Stadium celebrating the success of the school and the annual feast day. The stadium is a magnificent setting to celebrate with the local community, and our students were very excited to be taking part."

The Mass was celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham David McGough who is a former pupil of St Joseph's Preparatory School. Students in the Seddon Stand sung hymns before the service and many gave readings.

Bishop McGough, who was born in Tunstall and now lives in Tean, said: "It's a great day for the school, as they're celebrating a very special day in their calendar. "I wish the school all the best."



Mass attendance: The service and inset, Stoke City's John Rudge, headteacher Roisin Maguire and chairman of governors David O'Neill

The school, which is a specialist science college, gained academy status in February – a turnaround considering that three years ago, it faced closure under Stoke-on-Trent City Council's controversial secondary reorganisation programme.

St Joseph's prides itself in being Stoke's only Ofsted-rated 'outstanding' secondary school.

Among the guests, was one of the school's original students, Patrick Brian Wright.

The 89-year-old, who now lives in Alsager, attended the school from 1932 to 1939.

He said: "It's great to be here, and certainly a different way of

celebrating Mass to how we did almost 80 years ago. It was fantastic school back in the 30s with strong but fair discipline and I very much believe that everything I learned at St Joseph's helped me throughout my career as an accountant."

Also at the Mass was John Rudge, Stoke City's director of football, who said it had been "fantastic" to have the school with the club, as it showed Stoke City's strong connection with the community.

"Whether they sang as loud as our fans I don't know, but I'm sure they did their best," he said.

"There was certainly a similar sense of belief and hope."

# Ratcliffe College students make a sound investment on the virtual stock market

STUDENTS at Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire have taken part in a national competition which offers students the chance to trade on a virtual stock market.

The IFS Proshare Challenge was offered to Years 12 and 13 at the school.

Students had to enter in teams of four with each team given a 'virtual' £100,000 to invest.

More than 7,500 teams took part nationally and the winning team at the Catholic college this year polled in at within the top six per cent of all the national teams, making a capital gain of nearly £8,463. They were also only £2,000 off gaining a place in the national finals.

The second team were close on their heels, with a return of £8,455.



The winning team: From left to right; Sven Moss, Kaz Bhojani, tutor Tiffany Spencer, Alice McKenna and Tom Mulligan investment

# Site of new school blessed by clergy

CATHOLIC clergy donned their hard hats to consecrate the site of a school in Cheshire which is now under construction.

School chaplain Fr Jonathan Mitchell blessed the ground on which the new St Ambrose Catholic Grammar School in Hale Barns will stand. The service took place at the centre of the new £22.5m pathfinder building and involved the blessing and burial of a Celtic cross.

The school will be built in the shape of such a cross and headmaster Michael Thompson said: "We felt it would be apt to have a Celtic cross underneath our feet and for the site of this fabulous new project to stand on Holy ground."

Ground works have already started on land adjacent to main Hale Road, with the new school expected to be ready for September 2012. The main body of the Celtic cross will feature four houses, on two levels, with eight distinct learning faculties for mathematics, English, science, languages, humanities, technology, religious studies and sport.

On the ground level will be an open plan social area with a chapel at the heart of the school, an auditorium for 1,000 people, which can be converted into a theatre and a canteen.

The vertical line of the cross will be a state-of-the-art sports centre with a competition-sized swimming pool, four badminton courts, a fitness centre, dance studio and sports science laboratory.

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## HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TLR 1

The Governors wish to appoint a Head of Religious Education for September 2011. The person appointed will be expected to build on the strengths of this department (rated as outstanding by the Archdiocese of Liverpool).

Religious Education is a high profile and respected subject throughout the school. All pupils study the subject to G.C.S.E. and it is a popular A level subject. In addition all Sixth Form pupils follow an accredited course (NOCN) which is available up to Level 3 standard.

The person will be required to work within the guidelines of the CES (an Agency of the Bishops' Conference).

It is a genuine occupational requirement that the person appointed to this post will be a practising Catholic.

Bellerive is a popular, successful and over-subscribed Catholic College for girls aged 11-18 with a mixed Sixth Form. It works in partnership with 4 other schools at Post 16.

'Bellerive FCJ is an outstanding college. This is a college where every child matters and it is highly successful in its aims to enable students to achieve their best'. OFSTED inspection, November 2007.

'Bellerive FCJ is an outstanding Catholic School.' Archdiocesan inspection, November 2007.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to complete an enhanced CRB check.

**The closing date for applications is Monday 23 March 2009**

Application forms are available for download on the Catholic Education Service (CES) website [www.cesew.org.uk](http://www.cesew.org.uk). Please use the search option.

# Inspirational words from a top consultant

**LEADING** performance consultant Humphrey Walters, who worked with England's 2003 Rugby World Cup winning side, proved to be an inspiration for pupils at a lecture held at a Derbyshire Catholic school recently.

Sixth form students at Mount St Mary's College were treated to a talk held by the businessman as part of the Teaching and Learning programme, aimed to provide pupils with engaging and inspiring role models.

Humphrey, who also works with Chelsea Football Club, used his own personal experiences to illustrate to the students how to focus on success, in particular, throughout the rest of their time at the Mount and onwards.

Speaking after the lecture, he said: "I wanted the students to understand the importance of being part of a team and the key elements of success, not only by working together but also as an individual.

"The main point of my talk was that winners don't do different things, they just do things differently. By discussing my experiences I hope they recognise what it takes to go from average to outstanding, and how with simple behaviours you can be special in whatever field you chose."



**Words of wisdom: Humphrey Walters addressed the Sixth Form**

In 1996, Humphrey completed the BT Global Challenge which has been branded the world's toughest round the world yacht race, in order to understand leadership in extreme circumstances. He had never sailed

before in his life.

Ten years later, he joined the JCB team which beat the land speed record for a diesel car in the United States. He also works with Sandhurst Military Academy, helping officers improve their team leading skills.

Toby Leadbetter, director of the Teaching and Learning programme, said: "Both students and parents all thoroughly enjoyed listening to the talk, commenting that they felt truly motivated and uplifted by his inspiring experiences both in business and personally.

## Ambition

"The talk is one of a series we have put on this term as part of our new Teaching and Learning Enrichment programme, which has the aim of raising the students' ambition and awareness of their potential, while challenging themselves with new experiences in order to be ambitious and creative whatever path they choose in life."

After the lecture, Humphrey joined students and teachers at a dinner celebrating sporting success and achievements amongst the sixth form sports teams.

## PRIMARY EDUCATION



## St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

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## Head Teacher

L22-28 (£69,897 - £79,835 PA). Pupil role 210

This post would be ideal for an existing Headteacher or outstanding Deputy Headteacher.

Required for September 2011/January 2012

Due to the retirement of our long serving and highly respected head teacher, the Governors of this oversubscribed group 2 Catholic School seek to appoint another inspirational Head Teacher who :

- is a practising Catholic, committed to the vision and ethos of Catholic education
- has successful teaching experience in primary education
- has high expectations of pupil behaviour and achievement
- has excellent interpersonal and communication skills

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School is a good school. The Catholic ethos is integrated into the whole life of the school. This underpins the outstanding pastoral support and the pupils' excellent personal development. The parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the school. Pupils enjoy school and are excellent ambassadors for it. (OFSTED, March 2008)

The School is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the CRB

Application packs are available from the SAO, Ms Zarah Persaud, by phone or email [recruit@st-marymagdalens.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:recruit@st-marymagdalens.lewisham.sch.uk)

**All applications must be received by 12 noon on Tuesday 3rd May 2011**

**Shortlisting is on 10th May 2011 – Interviews are on 24th and 25th May 2011**

**Visits to the school are welcome please call the office to arrange.**

Completed applications should be sent to [recruit@st-marymagdalens.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:recruit@st-marymagdalens.lewisham.sch.uk)

## St Bede's take Gaelic athletics trophy



**Winning team: (Back row) Max Eddleston, Andrew Brennan, Callan Kinsella, Patrick Tierney Lever, Mr Niall O'Hagan, (Front row) Edward Hatch, Liam Nolan, Niall Fallon, Paul Greaves, Edward Brett**

A MANCHESTER Catholic college has won this year's Year 7 division two Lancashire Gaelic Athletics Association Tournament.

St Bede's College, based in south Manchester, beat Broadoak School in the final.

The tournament, which has become an annual event, was hosted by St

Bede's. The division one trophy was won by Blessed Thomas Holford School in Altrincham.

St Bede's physics teacher Niall O'Hagan, who helped coach the winning side, said: "It was great to see so many schools involved in the tournament, coming from places as far away as Wigan to compete in the

prestigious competition.

"We nearly won the double with our division one side, but there is always next year. The tournament is a great way of introducing the sport to the students, some play for their own GAA clubs outside of college, but other students have never played the game before."

Team captain Niall Fal-

lon said: "The team played really well and we were delighted to win the trophy for the college."

The college has a large number of students with Irish roots and three have recently helped win the Under 17 GAA All Britain Title and a trip to America in the summer for an international tournament.

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## St Benedict's pupils foil the competition as they keep fencing cup for further year

A TEAM from St Benedict's School in Ealing has retained the under-11 girls champions title in this year's British School Team Fencing Championships.

The competition was held in the impressive athletics stadium at Brunel University and more than 400 fencers from across the country took part over two days.

Alexandra Thomas, Maddie Harris and Camena Foote won both their matches easily, beating L' Ecole de Battersea 45-11 and Ipswich High School 45-13.

Only three teams competed this year. Ipswich had provided the sternest test in last year's competition and the Ealing girls were determined there would be no repeat.

"We knew what to expect of ourselves and were quietly confident," said Camena.

Fencing in the junior school is an extra sporting activity and the girls train twice a week outside of normal games and PE lessons.

St Benedict's School entered 13 teams into the championships. The under-18 boys Hussain Sadiq, Max Mathias and Rupert Belsham



En garde! Maddie Harris, Camena Foote and Alexandra Thomas

finished third in foil and fifth in epee.

The under-15 boys' teams finished fourth and fifth in foil.

Fencing coach Matthew Gale said: "I was very proud indeed of

all our fencers' efforts.

"This was a particularly tough two-day event against the best opposition in the country, which tested their fitness, endurance and commitment."

## Loreto girls prove that they are athletics aces

ATHLETES from a Cheshire school have triumphed in the individual and team events in the Independent Schools Association's Athletics Championships.

At the head of the pack for Loreto Preparatory School in Altrincham was fleet-footed, national champion Claudia Cowan, 11, who first won the ISA North cross country event,

before beating the cream of the country's top runners in the national final at Rugby.

All round athlete Claudia, who has previously won two national track titles has now joined Trafford Athletics Club and has her sights firmly set on the running in the Olympics in either 2020 or 2024.

Claudia, also a top swimmer with Stockport Metro,

said: "I don't know which event I like the most. I want to run either 1,500 metres or cross country at the Olympics, but I'd also like to pursue my swimming."

Claudia was part of the Loreto Preparatory School team, which won the under-11 title at the Northern ISA championships, but was running in Rugby when her teammates lifted the Trafford Catholic Schools'

title at both under-nine and under-11 level.

Rosemary Hedger, headmistress at Loreto Preparatory School, said: "Claudia is clearly an exceptional athlete and we all hope to watch her career develop over the coming years, but we also have tremendous strength in depth as her fellow friends demonstrated in the team championships."



Talented: 11 year-old Claudia Cowan leads the athletics medal haul for the successful school

## PRIMARY EDUCATION



Diocese of Northampton  
Holy Family Catholic Primary School

## DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Required for September 2011

Salary Range: L 7 – L11, depending on experience

Group 3 - NOR: 482 inclusive of Nursery

The Governors of our successful, over-subscribed school invite applications for the post of Deputy Headteacher to share in its leadership and management.

**We are looking for a Deputy Headteacher who:**

- is a committed, practising Catholic
- will be dedicated to supporting the vision and ethos of our school
- has very high expectations of themselves, pupils and staff
- is passionate in their belief that every child can and should achieve success
- is an excellent and creative classroom practitioner, with evidence of high achievement and expertise, particularly in Key Stage 2
- can offer expertise in one or more curriculum areas
- is highly motivated and hard working
- is a strong team leader and team player, with good interpersonal and communication skills
- has an overriding desire to pursue excellence in every aspect of the school's performance
- has a sense of humour and a sense of fun

**We are offering:**

- a happy, friendly, welcoming community with a strong Catholic ethos
- children who are polite, keen, eager to learn and achieve success
- very supportive parents, staff and Governing Body
- a commitment to high quality professional development and future aspirations

Visits to the school are recommended and warmly welcomed. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Burton on 01753 541442 to arrange a visit. Further details and an application pack are available from the school by post or email:

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Holy Family School is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced CRB check is required for the successful candidate, and all qualifications will be verified.

**Closing date: applications by the end of Tuesday 26th April 2011**

**Interview date: Wednesday 4th May 2011**



Diocese of Northampton  
Holy Family Catholic Primary School

## ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

Required for September 2011

Salary: Leadership Scale L3-5

Group 3 - NOR: 482 inclusive of Nursery

The Governors of our successful, over-subscribed school invite applications for the post of Deputy Headteacher to share in its leadership and management.

**We are looking for a candidate who:**

- is a practising Catholic who will support the strong Catholic ethos of the school and have a secure understanding of its distinctive nature
- has very high expectations of themselves, pupils and staff
- is an experienced classroom teacher committed to raising standards, particularly in Key Stage 2
- is a team player with good interpersonal skills
- is an outstanding practitioner who can support and promote the vision and ethos of our school, who has high expectations of pupil achievement and behaviour
- is able to lead and manage a staff team within the school

**We can offer:**

- a caring and inclusive school with supportive, enthusiastic and dedicated colleagues, governors and parents
- children who are polite, keen, eager to learn and achieve success
- very supportive parents, staff and Governing Body
- a commitment to high quality professional development and future aspirations
- an attractive, welcoming and well-resourced environment

Visits to Holy Family are recommended and warmly welcomed. Application forms and an information pack are available from Mrs Sharon Burton by post or email:

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**Closing date: applications by the end of Tuesday 26th April 2011**

**Interview date: Monday 9th May 2011**