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AGM 2014!

Put it in your diaries:

Saturday 8th November

The Immaculate Conception & St Norbert's
Roman Catholic Church

Community Centre

St Thomas's Road

Spalding

Lincolnshire

PE11 1TB

Building eco-latrines in Nicaragua

Matthew Cooke (19), son of our previous fieldworker, is currently working overseas in Nicaragua, building eco-latrines for indigenous people.

Matt went to Nicaragua in June, with the charities Progressio and ICS, for ten weeks. The main project that he is working on is building eco-latrines for families that do not have toilets, and have until now been using a hole in the ground. The eco-latrines work by decomposing the waste using ash (that the people add after they have used the latrine). They use one side of the latrine for about 6 months, then switch to the other side of the latrine, sealing up the used side. The used half is then left for about 6 months, and then emptied to find organic compost. There is no cost to the family, no use of water, and no contamination of nearby water sources. They are also designed to not produce a bad smell- this attracts less mosquitos, and in turn decreases the spread of disease.

As well as the latrines, Matt has also been involved in starting a recycling initiative in a local school, and has helped start projects to allow the children to recycle, and teach them about the importance of recycling. He has also been placed in the 'language role'- as well as translating at meetings for Progressio, he has also been teaching beginners' English to the Nicaraguans, and intermediate Spanish to the English volunteers!



One of the eco-latrines, almost completed, and Matt with children from a family that will be using the latrine

And between all these projects, he's still managed to find time to experience the local culture. In his blog (see link below), Matt talks about his favourite moment of the trip so far- a celebratory Mass at the Santa Magdalena church, to celebrate the feast of The Most Pure Virgin Mary.



The Mass was led by the cardinal of Nicaragua. Matt describes the Mass as 'electric', with incense; music at every possible response; explosives being let off; a party atmosphere and crowds of 600-700 people. He concludes that the experience made him feel closer to home, knowing that we were at Mass

too, and celebrating the same thing even though he was so far away.

To read more about Matt's adventures in Nicaragua, check out his blog that he is frequently updating with stories and pictures:

<http://fromnottstonica.wordpress.com/>

Special thanks to friends and family of Matt who donated to fund him getting to Nicaragua, including the parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Bulwell) and Infant of Prague (Bestwood), the Parish council at St Wilfrid of York (Coalville) and a donation from the Catenians.

Matt with the children he lives with—
Rey and Alex



Chapel at the top of the statue of
Christ in San Juan Del Sur





Would you like to become an Emmanuel House Faith Community Link?

You can find out more at the first Faith Community Network meeting on **Wednesday 17th September at 7.00pm.**

Emmanuel House was founded in 1976 by Catholic Priest Fr Roger Killeen and from that time, has always welcomed people of all faiths and none. We provide a range of services that meet basic needs and empower individuals to make positive changes in their lives including:

- ✦ Hot meals / Showers / Laundry
- ✦ Tailored programmes for individuals

Advice and information / Personal Development / Health & Wellbeing / Social Inclusion Activities

Our relationships with faith communities are very important both historically and today. We want to strengthen our relationships, developing personal links with each faith community. To that end we are developing a network of community faith links.

The faith community faith link role includes:

Visiting Emmanuel House to hear first hand what developments are taking place to meet our service users, staff, volunteers and other Faith Community Link coordinators.

Learn about homelessness, its causes and share this understanding in your community at appropriate times

Receive display material and other information about our work to share with your local community.



If you would like to know more about how to become the link in your local faith community or you would like to attend the first faith community link meeting please contact:

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NEW COURSES STARTING SOON!

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (BCC)

Are you working as a Parish Catechist? Would you like to learn more about being a Catechist? Do you work with children, teen or adult enquirers? If so, the Bishop's Certificate is for you!

The BCC is a foundational course of 12 sessions (each 2 hours long) covering the basics of faith and the practical skills needed for catechesis. They are on a Tuesday in Shepshed (beginning 23rd September), a Monday in Nottingham (beg. 29th Sept.) and a Wednesday in Mansfield (beg. 8th Oct.), ending with a retreat day and commissioning Mass.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

This is a 2-year course exploring questions of faith and ministry from an adult perspective. The course is for all adults interested in exploring their faith, from all backgrounds, and for those involved in areas of ministry such as teaching and the various ministries involved in Parish life today (eg. Catechists, Eucharistic ministers, parish pastoral council, **justice and peace** etc.

The next course begins on Saturday October 4th at Our Lady and St Patrick's Church Hall, Launder Street, The Meadows, Nottingham, NG2 1JQ.

To obtain information or an application form for either of these courses, visit www.nottingham-diocese.org.uk/formation.html, email formation@nrcdt.org.uk or telephone 0115 9539841.

More events

Make sure you check out our calendar for more events happening in the next couple of months!

Question and Answer Session

Café at the crossroads, United Reform Church, Bulwell, Saturday
20th September, 5-7pm

Presentation and answer session on Matt's time in Nicaragua, and
about the work of Progressio and ICS. (see pages 2 and 3)

Matt will also be talking during Mass on Sunday 21st September at
Our Lady's Church in Bulwell, and available with photos to answer
your questions in the hall after Mass.

Campaigning with CAFOD

A day to learn about CAFOD's campaign work

All welcome

Launch of new CAFOD campaign: *One Climate, One World*

Saturday 20th September

10am-4pm

St Wilfrid of York, Church Hall, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3JB

Guest speakers:

- Sarah Haggart-Holt, CAFOD campaigns team
- Leon Spence, County Councillor for Whitwick and Thingstone

Shared lunch— please bring a contribution

Contact Marie Molloy or Maria Lee at the CAFOD Nottingham office
for more information!

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