

# Northampton Notre Dame Association

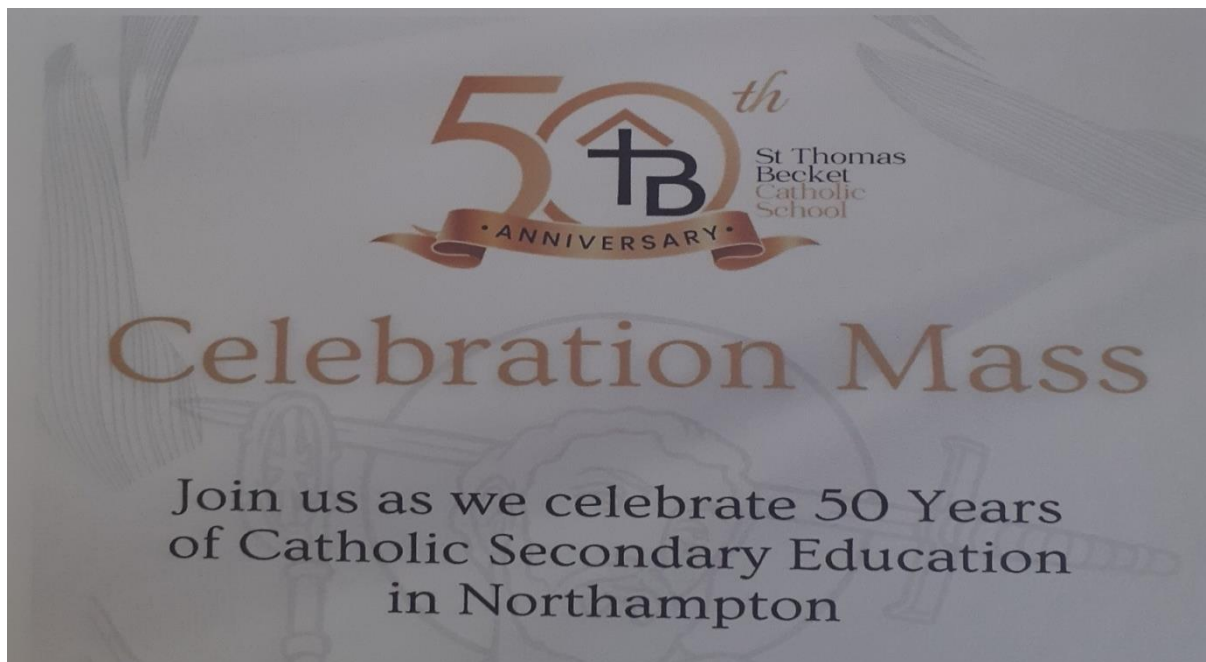


Welcome to our Summer Newsletter with a refreshingly cold glass of water as we all try to find ways to stay cool in the day and sleep at night.



This is an appeal to all you lovely ladies who joined Notre Dame after 1965. Some members of the committee will be looking to step down so we need two or three people to step up and learn the ropes. We are a friendly bunch and meet about six times a year in the Upper Room at the Cathedral Café for an hour and a half. Our main role is to organise the AGM & Luncheon which, although not arduous, does need a team of six or seven people to ensure it's a special occasion for everyone.

Please consider joining us, you'd be very welcome, just ask one of the present committee members and they'll be happy to fill you in.



On 2<sup>nd</sup> July pupils and staff of St Thomas Becket Catholic School met at the Cathedral and had a service of celebration to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As you can imagine the music and singing were superb just like they were last year when they helped us to commemorate the closing of Notre Dame High School. At the end of the service as the celebrants were leaving the altar drums started to beat and everyone started to clap their hands and we found ourselves joining in with singing of the school song – definitely not what it was like in our day!

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The following was recently spotted on Facebook

An old view of Abington Street in the 19th century



The house with the turret plus its garden were demolished in late 1880s to build the large left hand extension to Notre Dame Convent. The section in yellow is where this house and garden had stood until around 1889.

The main part of the school to the right had been built in the 1870s.

This old house is described as “the old family mansion of the Markhams”. They were a family of local lawyers and this was the home of one of them. It was said that stone turret at the front door may have been built from stone from the castle.



# Another Coffee Morning

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am

at

The Freemasons Lodge

Sheaf Close, Harlestone Road, Northampton NN5 7UL

£5.00 per person – pay on the day – bring some friends too

This will be coffee & cake & chat only!

No sandwiches, no wraps, no sausage rolls, no crisps, no dips

Just a drink and a cake and a chance to chat

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Twenty of us met at Moulton Community Centre in July. It was a hot, sunny day and the air conditioning in the middle of the room was quite powerful so we ended up with ten ladies sitting on one side of the room and ten sitting on the other side. Although we had requested nibbles and cakes we were served with quite an impressive lunch! Unfortunately none of us remembered to take photos so we can't show you just how much there was to eat. Luckily there were plenty of doggy bags to hand so nothing was wasted!



# Farewell & Rest In Peace

Elizabeth 'Polly' Perkins

Elizabeth joined the school in 1958.

After qualifying as an SRN at  
Northampton General Hospital,  
her career took her to a  
wide variety of places.



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Hazel Zaman nee Slaughter

Hazel, who joined the school in 1946,  
was a loyal member of the Association  
and regularly attended the AGM.

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Pauline 'Pip' Jones nee Clay

Pauline, who joined the school in  
1943, was from Hardingstone. She  
was a long standing member of the  
Association.

The family asked for donations to  
Northampton Notre Dame  
Association instead of flowers

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With best regards  
From your Committee

Cathy, Kathleen, Hilary, MariAn, Pam, Celine and Marie