



**BROMLEY
CIRCLE
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A great day for Brother Joe's President's Sunday blessed with good weather, the sun shone all day long and everyone enjoyed Maurg's wonderful and delicious meals. What more can you ask for Bromley Circle's event of the year. Grateful thanks to Joe.



There are very few occasions in the Circle calendar when we can get together and enjoy a day of real camaraderie with our families.

Prayers for Catenians and families:

We remember Brother **Brian** recovering from an operation on his knee, and **Chris** who with **Mary**, was able to join President's Sunday and is recovering well. We remember **Aidan** who is unwell and **Jaydev**, as well at this sad time.

We also remember Brother **Ubbo Bakker** (ex Medway Towns) who is seriously ill and awaiting a bed in Stoke Mandeville hospital; please remember Shelia and his family who must be desperately worried and needs our prayers now. Blackheath circle has suffered an extraordinary number of very tragic deaths during this year. May they rest in peace. **DA**



Name these ladies!! Men in Black eat your heart out!!!



The lesser seen Finbar Kelleher!! The only way I am going to get a photograph of Finbar for the centenary book!! Also in the photo Margaret Kelleher with Jim McGowan and Graham Pollard. What not drinking Jim??



I was in the doghouse last weekend as it was my birthday weekend, but I had booked into the National Justice & Peace Conference at Alfreton, in Derbyshire and not with my family!! It was of course very pertinent to attend such a weekend Conference considering the tragic events across the planet! I often listen to Fr Richard Rhor's podcasts, [https://www.youtube.com/watchFr. Richard Rohr, OFM presents "Christianity and the Re-Emergence of the Non-Dual Mind"](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) and I recommend you do the same. He explains we all have a dual mind and thinking; you see, it is all to do with the left side of our brain! The left brain dominates our mind and thinking; if I say something is black more than 50% of the people will say it is white? And so, it is with Climate Change; too many people think this is a conspiracy theory by the Governments and other authorities who wish to deceive the population!! Sadly, we see the evidence and the tragic consequences of our style of living and the grave impact on the lives of people who have lost everything. Strange how the Press talk about holiday-makers fleeing but nothing of the those who reside in flames and have suffered the loss of their homes, livelihood and some who have lost their lives. We are immune to tragedy, and our Government have lost their way and their souls and sold out to the lowest common denominator in their latest Act to punish Refugees and Asylum seekers. Teresa May made a very strong statement in Parliament recently and the purpose of the Conference was to ensure that the Catholic voice was heard, it was about Advocacy and ensuring that the truth is heard. We as Catholics must have our voice heard and I attended a focus group presented by the SVP (ie the St Vincent de Paul Society) which. We have a genuine opportunity to send our message to those who want our Vote next year, and now is the time to register our concerns and demands so that the Manifestos of all the parties will be decided this autumn and NOW is the time we make our Voice heard. The SVP have an Advocacy team which make all the arrangements to meet with MPs and Peers and their work is non-partisan, they don't focus on political parties but on policies.

It occurs to me that we as Catenians should take this offer to discuss our concerns on a range of issues and furthermore SVP also encourages young people to visit Parliament and meet MPs to have their voices heard. At my parish in Greenwich I hope to arrange for this year's Confirmation group to visit Parliament and meet MPs and Peers both in the Commons and House of Lords to discuss their own concerns about issues which they feel should be discussed. If you feel you wish to be part of a group either adult or young and feel committed to meeting face to face the decision-makers and policy-makers either about local issues or more, wider social issues I would be very pleased to put you in touch with the SVP Advocacy team. Now is the time we should make our voice heard, because by next year the Manifestos would have been printed and we would have lost the opportunity to make our voices heard. Duncan