



About the Pastoral Care Project

The **Pastoral Care Project** was founded in 1995 by Frances Molloy, now Project Manager who became aware of the unmet spiritual needs of the frail elderly. Frances is experienced in giving retreats, prayer guidance and training in pastoral care and care of the dying often at national level.

The Pastoral Care Project is a charity, working mainly in the Birmingham Diocese.

Our Mission:

To raise awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly — enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life.

At the Pastoral Care Project we have a variety of resources available which are developed from sharing with individuals in their journey through dementia. Their awareness of God is always so evident and inspiration to us.

A few examples of our resources:

Instructions for my Funeral Mass and Care of the Dying

Spiritual Care in Confusion –DVD

SINGING Café and VOICE Café

Pastoral Visiting Training

Pastoral Care in Care Settings

Quiet Days for Carers and Helpers

Day of Prayer for Dementia 19th March©



Parishes

The annual Day of Prayer for Dementia has been created by the Pastoral Care Project. It is celebrated on or near to the 19th March - the feast of St Joseph.

The Project prepares Bidding Prayers which are promoted by the Birmingham Diocese and read at the weekend masses near to the 19th March.

There were 869 website visits in the first month to the Resources and the 'In Memory of' page.

Suggestions to take part in the Day of Prayer for Dementia in 2011

- Prayer
- Wearing something YELLOW (this is an opportunity to engage with others and understand more about dementia and how you can help)
- Donate - you will be helping people with dementia through the Pastoral Care Projects charitable work
- Join a Parish Pastoral Group
- Support for Care Homes and Carers (Care Homes would value visits from schools in a pastoral capacity)

[www.dayofprayerfordementia.org.uk/
resources/prayers/schools](http://www.dayofprayerfordementia.org.uk/resources/prayers/schools)

Wear **YELLOW** and **DONATE**



Schools

2009

St Joseph's Junior School Nuneaton was the first school to pilot this Day. The Project team led an assembly and the pupils and staff raised **£150.00** for the Project.

2010

Church of England Primary School, Coleshill Presentation with Years 5 and 6

Our Lady's Primary School

Princethorpe, June 2010

Project Team led an assembly and was presented with a cheque for **£141.10**.

The school has adopted the Project as one of their charities for 2010-11

Current Resource Developments: March 19th 2011

We value the support of the Birmingham Schools Commission for supporting this Day.

The Project is also working with the RE Dept to raise awareness of dementia. The Project will be preparing age relevant PowerPoint presentations for use in assemblies. These will be approved by the RE Department and then made available on their website in time for 19th March.

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What is happening in the Nuneaton Teachers' Forum.

Helen Hawley is RE Co-ordinator at Our Lady of the Angels School and is also a Trustee of the Pastoral Care Project.

Helen brought up the idea of raising awareness of the spiritual needs of people with dementia with the Teachers' Forum. She received overwhelming support. This has resulted in the creation of a small group of children doing an exchange visit among their school group with a teacher, for half a day. The purpose of this is to give them the experience of being out of their comfort zone. They will relate their experience back to their school to enable the whole school to gain an understanding of what it might be like for someone with dementia and the loss of their independency, home and friends.

Helen has been asked to book the Project Team to give an assembly to the schools involved and also to the feeder school, St Thomas Moore, Nuneaton.

The emphasis is not just about dementia but about the uniqueness of each individual as a special child of God.

The Project is willing to visit schools within a reasonable distance to the office base. this could be anytime throughout the year. It is hoped that schools might get involved to help us produce a short DVD whereby all schools can benefit. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Get involved! WEAR YELLOW

So we invite your school to come up with initiatives which include:

Prayer - Music. Art. Pottery. Reflection

Fasting - Meaning of my life what I have

Almsgiving - Action/Helping and Donating

Tell us what you will do to be help us raise awareness?

We will post it on the Website.

Then send pictures of your celebration and your stories and we will upload them for you, or let us have your link to your website.

You can read how this piece of music came about by visiting the website resources.

I HAVE LOVED YOU

Chorus

The image shows musical notation for the chorus of the song 'I Have Loved You'. It is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'I have loved - you, loved - you, as the Fa --- ther loves me,--'. The word 'Fa' is written below a dotted quarter note, and 'me,--' is written below a dotted half note.

Glenys Roberson, Pastoral Care Project©

Would your school like to write verses to this refrain ?

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Schools Initiative

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"I am very pleased to commend the Day of Prayer for Dementia on 19th March. It is a way of highlighting the daily struggle that many people experience just to keep going on life's path and it is a good opportunity for us to ask Our Lord to strengthen them on their pilgrimage of faith. It is also a way of encouraging each of us to be a support and understanding friend to those who experience dementia and those who take care of them."

Archbishop Bernard Longley, March 2009

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