

Obituary of: Msgr Denis Chitete, Vicar General of the Diocese of Karonga.

Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church. Tonbridge, England.

2001 it was decided to aid an overseer's country; we already had contact with Malawi, via Fr. Nazario who acted as supply priest to allow our parish priest's a summer holiday.

So in August 2001 Corpus Christi Malawi-Twin was born, we began by aiding Fr. Nazario at Nsanje parish, our Malawi-Twin was extremely successful, which allowed us to extend our aid in Malawi.

In 2003 we became involved with Fr. Denis, who at that time was the Rector of Kachebere Major seminary, our twinning project was able to assist Fr. Denis's work at the seminary, giving financial assistance for the workshops and expanding the farming and fishery projects at the seminary. This gave much needed employment and training in Kachebere parish, in turn this gave much needed income, to support the work of the seminary. Fr. Denis planned many of these projects and managed them very successfully. This was witnessed by our parish visit in 2008.

Fr. Denis kept our Twinning project fully updated with comprehensive reports and some photographs, this greatly encouraged our parishioners to continue to support the Malawi twinning project.

Fr. Denis's first visit to Corpus Christi was in August 2009, which allowed our parish priest to have a summer holiday, since then have been delighted to welcome Fr. Denis every year since, with the exception of 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. During that time Fr. Denis had been a wonderful ambassador for Malawi, during the ten years here at Tonbridge, he gave lots of talks, with so much information which assisted us to continue expanding our Malawi-Twinning project.

Also in 2009 our Malawi-twin expanded our project by sending lots of items to Malawi via container, Fr. Denis acted as our co-ordinator in Malawi, which we shall always be very grateful for. Since 2009 we have sent twelve containers, our last one arrived during late November this year. We have sent almost two hundred desktop computers and over a hundred laptop computers, with many of these placed in your schools, with many other items for your schools & parishes. Again Fr. Denis has helped so much during his visits to Corpus Christi, he had given many talks and reports explaining how much this help so many people in Malawi, who have now become our friends, Fr. Denis has been such a wonderful ambassador for Malawi.

Then in 2010 we followed Fr. Denis on his mission to help establish a new diocese in Karonga, in the northern region of Malawi. Our twinning project has been delighted to assist Fr. Denis with his work in Karonga, with training & apprentice programs, micro loan schemes, farming projects, group baking training and projects, sponsorship program to name just a few. Over the years we have been delighted to assist Fr. Denis in his ministry work in Malawi.

Malawi-Twin celebrates our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary next August; we were so looking forward to Fr. Denis being our guest of honor.

I am sure Fr. Denis we be sadly missed in Karonga and Malawi as a whole, but I know just how much Fr. Denis will be sadly missed here in Corpus Christi Tonbridge.

We have prayed for Fr. Denis at all of our Christmas masses, may his soul rest in peace.

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On behalf of Corpus Christi Malawi-Twin (Dated 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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