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I write this as the government has announced it will cut greenhouse emissions to "net zero" by 2050. Many applaud, many say "too little, too late". Allow me to let you in on a discussion that the Bishops of England and Wales had recently at their bi-annual conference.

"Looking at the bigger world picture it is obvious that the climate is already changing. Amongst its clear effects are the loss of 200 species per day, with one million species under threat; cyclone flooding on an unprecedented scale, an increase in wildfires and unpredictable seasonal changes disrupting agriculture. The ice caps are melting at an alarming rate and sea levels are rising, already submerging some Pacific islands and endangering coastlands where cities have become home to 40% of the world's population. Experts in a wide range of scientific disciplines (over 95%) agree that we have about 12 years before we arrive at a point where there will be irreparable damage done.

Whilst it is important that governments act, and for industries to regulate their emissions and fossil fuel consumption, everyone must be involved. Pope Francis insists that no one can excuse themselves. All must change their living routines and begin to understand these issues more clearly, creating a greater awareness and sense of urgency, which in turn will force governments and industries to take more stringent action.

It is imperative that we recognise that each of us has a role in caring for our common home. As bishop, I would want to encourage all local initiatives concerning re-cycling, energy economy, simpler living, reduced meat consumption and food waste, and bring public awareness to pressurise governments to

However, there is also an opportunity. In the West it is generally true that we have lost many young people from the practice of their Faith. Yet these young people are the ones most seriously engaged in understanding Climate Change and its threats. The Youth Synod, last October, invited young people to show us the way. Is this the moment when we show the young that we recognise their insights and we will learn from them? Might this cause young people to re-engage with Faith?

Pope Francis says that we must have hope that we can act in time. Will children, now in our primary schools, grow old experiencing humanitarian disasters that we did nothing to avoid, and learning only in history books about God's creatures which suffered and became extinct on our watch? Will they rightly blame our generation for failing to be worthy stewards of the gift of creation? Did we fail to identify our neighbour and, like the priest and the Levite, see their brother injured on the road and just walk by on the other side?"

As ever, in blessed hope,



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# **Prayers And Camaraderie** At Lourdes 66

Around 800 pilgrims including more than 100 sick, disabled and elderly people joined Bishop Terry for our 66th annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The pilgrims included seven doctors, 13 nurses, a pharmacist, a record 126 handmaids, 71 brancardiers and 150 young people from all parts of the diocese for what was a very special week of prayer and

The main party flew in two specially chartered 189-seat Boeing 737-800s from Durham Tees Valley, with more making their way by coach, car, train and other flights.

Around half the supported pilgrims were looked after in the Accueil Notre Dame Hospital, with the others staying in the many hotels around the town.

The doctors include two who recently completed their training, Daniel Doherty, from Normanby, and Joseph Duffield, from Coulby Newham. Like all the volunteers, who include many non-Catholics, the doctors pay their own travel and accommodation costs.

Pilgrimage director Keith Tillotson praised Durham Tees Valley airport for once again working hard to ensure everything went

"We worked with the same manager and groundstaff as we have for several years," he said. "They are very good for us, allowing us to take our equipment down the night before the flights and doing everything they possibly can to help.

"It always amazes us that we take people from all different walks of life and put them together in teams for an emotional, highly charged week and yet it works so well. Physical miracles are few and far between, but people experience their own personal



Friendship - Photo by Naomi Bedworth

miracles every day in Lourdes."

This year's pilgrimage theme was taken from St Luke's Gospel, "Blessed are the poor for the kingdom of God is theirs.'

We were delighted to welcome back Canon Dan Spaight, who has now retired to Ireland but was a key organiser of our pilgrimage

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and is a Canon of the Sanctuary in Lourdes. Canon Spaight, who spent much of his priesthood serving in Thornaby, celebrates the diamond jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood this year.

Next year's pilgrimage takes place from Friday May 22 to Friday May 29 2020.



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# Storey Lecture's Focus On War Prevention

Professor Paul Rogers confronted the issue of global security in a fascinating and thought-provoking Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture.

He said global security is not an isolated topic but is closely involved with economics and the environment, demanding new understanding and a more joined-up approach to any solutions.

Professor Rogers described the three "core drivers" as environmental limits, especially climate breakdown, a failing neoliberal economic system and an entrenched security paradigm.

Early concerns about climate change in the 1970s and 80s were largely discounted, as neoliberal "trickle-down" economics grew in dominance, with their emphasis on the free market.

But by the 1990s the scientific evidence was becoming overwhelming, although key states and the fossil carbon industry ignored it, making it difficult to mobilise public opinion.

In recent years there have been many welcome improvements – including progress towards the UN Millennium Development Goals – but the global south has also seen many small financial elites getting richer.

Professor Rogers said the neoliberal economic system is becoming unfit for purpose and politics and societies are changing rapidly, if not in a progressive direction.

He argued that anger and resentment from the widening wealth gap have helped fuel populist movements in many western states, where fear of migrants often looms large and extreme movements in parts of the global south motivated by religion, nationalism and race.

These are huge global issues in themselves, but their full significance becomes clear only when they are seen combined with the potential for climate breakdown in an era of security rooted in the control paradigm.

Professor Rogers believes neoliberalism hinders efforts to prevent climate breakdown through its concern with reducing the power of the state and said far more radical and rapid decarbonisation of economies is required by 2030, substantially exceeding all current plans.

He praised the increasing recognition of the problem and campaigns by groups including Extinction Rebellion and said political parties are at last responding with greater commitment.

There have also been developments in

renewable energy technologies such as wind and solar power, increasing the possibility of rapid decarbonisation.

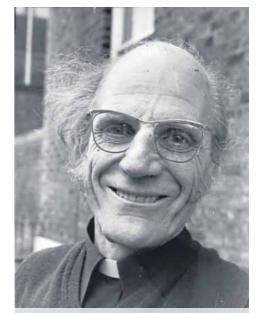
Neither, though, is enough to bring the changes we need as fast as we need them strong political leadership backed by even stronger public determination is also essential. Nor will it happen without seriously new thinking on security.

The dominant approach of keeping control through force – especially since the 9/11 attacks – gives little weight to understanding and responding to the causes of conflict, which lie in the marginalisation of most people in a society, made worse by climate breakdown. Force exacerbates serious instability and violence.

Professor Rogers stressed the need for a human-rights dimension to security, emphasising the common right to freedom from fear and want.

Though the problems may seem insurmountable at times, recognising the connections between climate change, economics and security make us realise that any action on these individual challenges is part of the response needed and hopefully something we can all be part of.

Professor Rogers is a columnist for opendemocracy.net, where a longer version

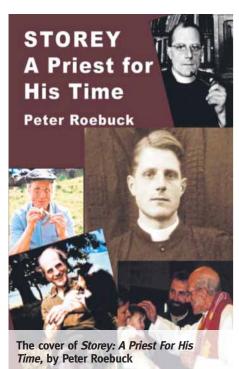


**Father Tony Storey** 

of this lecture can be found. He also recommended reading Casino Capitalism by Susan Strange.

Barbara Hungin

# **Book Celebrates Life Of Father Tony**



The life of a Middlesbrough diocesan priest who had an extraordinary impact on the people he served is celebrated in a new biography.

Father Tony Storey – known to many simply as "Storey" – was a gifted writer and preacher whose intellect, inspirational style and lifelong commitment to the poor and oppressed won him an army of admirers.

Storey: A Priest For His Time is the work of historian Peter Roebuck CBE, who was an undergraduate and PhD student during Father Tony's time as University of Hull chaplain.

"Like many others who knew Storey well, I regard him as the finest priest and among the most remarkable human beings I ever encountered," Peter said. "Storey lived for 88 years and was extraordinarily active for all but the last few weeks of his long life. "Ordained in 1943, aged 24, he spent his whole career as a priest in the Diocese of Middlesbrough, witnessing profound changes in virtually every facet of human life, not least in Catholicism.

"He was fiercely loyal to the Church, but also

a well-educated and highly intelligent man of a distinctly questing cast of mind who believed there were faults overdue for repair and avenues still unexplored.

"While not always easy to reconcile, these characteristics were fertile ground for the growth of an inspired ministry, which, in turbulent times, was deeply appreciated.

"He was a committed environmentalist, a talented preacher and broadcaster and a skilled and experienced counsellor. Ultimately, he said, there were only two imperatives – to love one another and to plant trees."

Father Tony was instantly recognisable at over six feet tall with a narrow bone structure, a prominent Roman nose and large, piercing eyes.

The younger brother of fellow diocesan priest Monsignor Peter Storey, he was born on the Warter Priory estate near Pocklington, where his father was chief agent.

He studied at Stonyhurst and trained for the priesthood at the English College in Rome until it was evacuated in 1940 with war raging across Europe. He completed his

studies at St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst, and was ordained in 1943.

After further studies at Christ's College, Cambridge, he served as a curate in Middlesbrough and Saltburn, where his experience of working-class people confirmed him as "a liberal on the left".

In 1955 he moved to St Charles in Hull and as well as spending a decade as university chaplain, he also served in Stokesley, Brough Park, Bedale and Holy Cross, Cottingham.

The book traces the origins and nature of the many strands of Father Tony's complex personality, attitudes and outlook and charts the key influences that combined to inform and enrich a remarkable ministry and profound personal wisdom.

Peter Roebuck is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Ulster and lives in Cumbria with his wife, Fiona.

Storey: A Priest For His Time (pp xii+258, 30 illustrations) is priced £15 plus £4 P&P and is only available from the publisher Bookcase, 19 Castle Street, Carlisle CA3 8SY, bookcasecarlisle@aol.com, 01228 544560.

# Mass Celebrates Foundation Of World War I Memorial



Monsignor David Hogan, on the left of our picture, with Bishop of the Forces, Paul Mason – Photos courtesy of Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

Monsignor David Hogan represented Bishop Terry at a Mass to celebrate 90 years since the foundation of St Joan of Arc Catholic Memorial Church at Catterick Garrison.

The church was intended to be a single, national, memorial to all Catholics of the Army and RAF who fell in World War Land was

World War I and was completed in 1930.

The architect was George Drysdale FRIBA, former head of the Birmingham School of Architecture and the external statue of St Joan was by George Walker Milburn.

The service incorporated the rededication of a memorial altar to the Sacred Heart and All Souls and the blessing of a new oil painting of St Joan.

Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of the Forces, Paul Mason, and also present were Father James Blenkinsopp, Father Dan O'Neill, Deacon Paul Hagg and members of the Diocesan Historic Churches Committee, of which Monsignor Hogan is chairman and convenor, along with the Roman Catholic chaplain at Catterick Garrison, Father Alex Strachan.



The new painting of St Joan of Arc

# Pope's Vision Of A **Missionary Church**

On a very wet Saturday in June, Bishop Terry called together clergy and representatives from every church in the diocese to ask them to reflect upon how they can take ownership of the life of their parishes and work to enable them to grow.

More than 200 priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful answered this call and came together at the Lakeside Conference Centre, on the outskirts of York.

A group of young worshippers opened the day with prayers before the Bishop gave a warm welcome and reiterated the message he stated in his Voice column earlier this year about how we seem to have forgotten how to be a Missionary Church.

Father Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp then led three inspirational sessions over the course of the day. His first session focused on the history

and meaning of mission and he referenced the theological concept of Missio Dei, as well as showing how the Trinity is where mission begins.

He asked the group to consider what is a disciple and who is a disciple, before moving on to provoke thoughts on how they could move forward and take their message further. In case anybody was in any doubt, he drove home the message that God loves each and every one of us, unconditionally and forever.

After lunch, Father Eamonn reflected upon the Pope's messages within the apostolic exhortation Evangelii Gaudium. He pointed out that mission is no longer about going overseas but is on our doorsteps - crossing boundaries and borders, not oceans and continents. He concluded by motivating everybody to take the initiative, to go out and take the first step and be involved.



Bishop Terry and Father Eamonn with two of the young Catholics who opened the day with prayers, Michael Kendall and Liz Sanders, and Father Phil Cunnah - Photo by Dom Finn

The Bishop rounded off the day by quoting from the hymn Chris Is Alive and asked everybody to go and share what they had heard. Even with the prospect of being sent away with homework, there was a buzz of excitement and enthusiasm as people left which couldn't be dampened by the rain.

Our homework is to take action in our parishes in response to the challenge from Father Eamonn to be missionary disciples in

missionary parishes in a missionary church. What will you do in your parish to fulfil Pope Francis' vision? We will be carrying a number of features in future editions in which we will focus on some of the responses. Please send details of what's happening in your parish, together with any photographs, to catholicvoice@rcdmidd.org.uk.

Sarah Holmes

# Bishop Terry's study day message...

"Going forward, every parishioner will need, more and more, to take ownership of the life of their parish and work to enable it to function efficiently and so grow and flourish as a Christ-centred community. We each need to ask ourselves, 'What can I do?' or - in the words given to us in the First Letter of St

Peter – we need to be more active at putting the special graces we have received at the service of others.

"Today I am asking you to reflect upon this question and then return to your parishes and encourage your fellow parishioners to do likewise. I am also asking you to offer the new Coordinator of Adult Formation some ideas of the types of formation all parishioners will need in order to become leaders of Pastoral Care, Administration and Evangelisation in their parishes.

"I hope that the process will help you to become more closely involved in the life of your parish, 'so that in everything God may receive the glory, through Jesus Christ, since to him alone belong all glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."

# Congratulations, Father Francis!

Congratulations to Father Francis Sutcliffe, who was ordained to the priesthood at Saint John of Beverley Church on Saturday May 11. Father Francis is a former Anglican vicar and is married to Barbara.

Our pictures show Bishop Terry laying on hands and requesting and conferring the grace of priestly ordination.

Bishop Terry is then pictured with Father Francis with Canon David Grant, parish priest of Beverley and Hornsea, Deacon Chris Larwood and Deacon Peter Taylor, who is to be ordained to the priesthood on September 7.

**Doug Dean** 







# **New Date For Assumption Pilgrimage**

This year's Assumption Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace will now take place on Sunday August 18. It had previously been planned to hold the celebration a week earlier. We'll have more details in next month's Voice. Our picture was taken by John Buckton at last year's pilgrimage.



# **SCHOOLS**

# The Fourth Glorious Mystery of the Rosary The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven



In this mystery we remember how very special Our Blessed Lady is. From the moment she was given life, there was never the tiniest sin in her. She had the great privilege of being chosen by God to be the mother of His son. Without her, there would be no Christmas. We know that for these reasons, when her life on earth came to an end, she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.

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# **Hull Schools Care For Our Common Home**



Primary schools in St Cuthbert's Academy Trust, Hull, have been learning how they can care for our common home in response to Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si'*.

Each school took part in a mission day, learning about their impact on the planet and how they can become more environmentally aware.

The Mini Vinnies at St Thomas More VA Academy learned how to make eco bricks, plastic bottles filled with single-use plastics that are then used to build furniture, houses and even playgrounds.

The Mini Vinnies organised an assembly and sent out letters to all students asking them to bring in any single-use plastic they were throwing away.

They then cut it into strips and filled their eco bricks.

# **SCHOOLS**

# **Sleepover Boosts Homeless Charity**



Thirty-nine St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, year five and six children came to school in their pyjamas before taking part in a sleepover to raise funds for young homeless charity DePaul UK. School councillors organised the event in the school hall to coincide with initiatives as part of the Year of Serving. The evening included outside activities, a liturgy remembering the homeless, prayer cards, supper and a film. The children paid a £10 "hostel fee" and many brought in additional sponsor money. A cake sale further contributed to the fundraising initiative.



# St Aelred's Children Are Fantastic **Fundraisers!**

St Aelred's RC Primary school community has been working hard to raise money for CAFOD. They were led by the school's enthusiastic band of Mini Vinnies, who volunteered at a soup lunch in the Parish Community Centre every Friday during Lent, helping raise £500.

Supported by their newly appointed leader, Catherine Norman, the Mini Vinnies also organised a cake sale, making posters and collecting cakes, to raise £105. After a skipping workshop, staff and pupils then held a sponsored skipathon, raising almost £600.

Headteacher Suzanne Ulyett said: "This is a fantastic amount of money for a school our size to have raised for charity. I am astounded by the generosity of families at St Aelred's."





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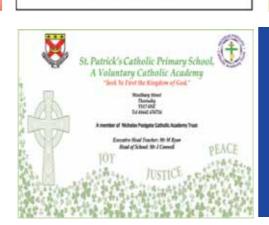


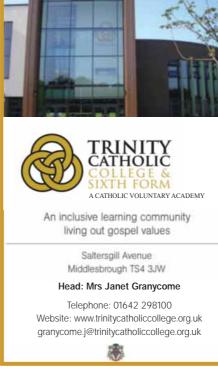
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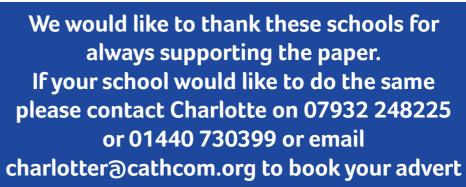
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Education Sunday will take place on Sunday 8th September 2019. It is a day of Celebration for all those involved in Education. It is an opportunity for Schools and Parishes to come together to celebrate and give thanks for all the students, staff and parents who work so hard in and for Catholic Schools. With this in mind we will be celebrating Education Sunday in the Schools section of the September edition of the paper. To book an advert please contact Charlotte on 07932 248225 or 01440 730399 charlotter@cathcom.org







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# A Letter From Madonna House

# Simplistic?

It was the last day of an international symposium on the world's problems. Politicians, philosophers, activists, members of the entertainment world (notably Meryl Streep) were pondering



possible solutions to the world's agonies of political strife, ecological disasters, genocide, human trafficking.

On the last afternoon, word went out that a treasure had been discovered that offered a solution to these global crises. With quiet excitement, the participants gathered in a great hall, while the king of the host country stood beside an enormous gold safe. With great ceremony, he turned the dial on the safe and the door slowly opened.

I was on the far left of the room and couldn't see what was inside, but as the delegates glimpsed the contents, they streamed out of the room in disappointment. Finally, the door swung completely open, and the treasure began to emerge from the safe. It was an enormous gold monstrance, and the majesty of the Lord filled the room. I fell on my face in adoration.

This was, of course, a dream. The gold safe was a tabernacle, the treasure is Christ and the answer to our world's plight is adoration.

Simplistic, you say? Let's look deeper — what is at the root of our political, economic and ecological tangles? The human heart, with its storehouse of greed, ambition, violence, lust for power and control.

These forces are all in my own heart, inflicting harm in all kinds of ways. If I put Jesus at the centre of my heart and allow him to radiate my being with his love, order and beauty, then those death-dealing forces are conquered in one tiny corner of the world. If we all fell before the Lord of the Universe and allowed his kingdom to reign, then the world, with its chaos and destruction, would indeed be transformed by love.

Simplistic? That's what Naaman thought as well, when the prophet Elisha sent word for him to bathe seven times in the Jordan River, to be healed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5). Naaman was insulted that Elisha didn't speak to him personally and sent such a naïve "solution". However, when his servant urged him to try it since he was desperate, he stepped out in faith – and was healed and converted.

Simplistic? No – a pathway to hope. When I was a young director in Madonna House, I hurt one of the women in our house. I tried to make up, but she was having none of it. Unable to redeem my mistake, I begged God to step in. In the end, love was deepened through reconciliation. It is vital that we labour to address the wrongs in our world, but redemption can only be given in Christ. We must plead for him to move; we must trust him, adore him, and truly surrender to his ways.

Will we be like the bigwigs in my dream, looking for sophisticated answers, or will we allow ourselves to be humbled, falling before the one who alone can save us? Let us follow Naaman's example.

# CathCom would like to issue the following apology:

The June edition of the newspaper included a leaflet referring to Gender Theory. Due to an administrative error, this leaflet was accepted by CathCom and not by the diocese. CathCom accepted the booking of the leaflet without seeing it. The leaflet was sent by an external organisation directly to the printers to be included in the paper. Therefore, we were not aware of its contents until after the paper went to parishes. We wholeheartedly apologise that the diocese was not given the opportunity to see the leaflet, or even be aware of its existence, prior to publication. We also apologise for the lack of clarity surrounding the origin and source of the leaflet. It was not approved by the diocese in any way and therefore cannot be deemed to be representing the teaching of the Church regardless of the message, the content or the way it was presented. Our apologies to the diocese for any misrepresentation and we will ensure that all leaflets will be passed to the diocese before future editions go to print.

We are fully aware that this is a very sensitive subject on a very personal level for many people. We would like to reiterate that CathCom shares the view outlined in the statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales in 2018 that "there is a place of welcome for everyone in the Catholic Church" and our hope is that all of our publications work to strengthen that sense of welcome and belonging for all.

<sup>1</sup> A Statement on Gender from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales – 20/04/2018

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# 'Gender Theory' Inserts

# A Statement From The Diocese of Middlesbrough

Last month's edition of the *Catholic Voice* included an inserted advertisement for a book called "Gender Theory: Diversity or 21st Century Totalitarianism?"

The advertisement was inserted without the knowledge of the diocese by our publishers, Cathcom, who have issued an apology which you can read on this page.

We recognise the very real hurt this leaflet has caused and would like to give our assurances of our ongoing commitment as a diocese to serving the pastoral needs of all Catholics, in all our diversity.

The diocese has a specific policy of welcome and acceptance for all God's people, as exemplified by our monthly LGBT+ Mass and outreach ministry.

Father Tony Lester, the coordinator of the ministry, said the insert caused considerable distress to people who have often previously gone through negative experiences within the Church.

"The social time after our monthly Masses has been one of sharing of stories, and these have often been marked by the pain of rejection by family, by their priests and local parish communities," he said.

"Our diocesan ministry welcomes, also, the parents and families of LGBT+ children who themselves have sometimes experienced rejection in their own parishes.



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"Our whole community is ministering to each other – offering friendship, support and encouragement in their lives as Catholics.

"No matter who we are or in what circumstances we find ourselves, we need to be ready to hear God's word and be open to the challenge that it brings us, but always with the support of our brothers and sisters in the wider Church."

The outreach began in December 2017 with the blessing of Bishop Terry, who celebrated Mass to mark its first anniversary.

Masses take place in the historic "hidden

chapel" at the Bar Convent in York at 3pm on the second Sunday of every month. Afterwards, there is an opportunity for relaxing conversations and social time in the beautiful Georgian atrium of the convent.

Our picture shows members of the outreach at the Pride event in York, which they attended for the second year running, talking to those taking part and giving out prayer cards.

For more details of the outreach, or if you wish to be involved or help, please email frtony@lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk or visit lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk

# Miracles Exhibition Comes To Scarborough

Scarborough Parishes will host an exhibition of Vaticanapproved Eucharistic Miracles of the World during July, the month of the Most Precious Blood.

The exhibition was part of the *Adoremus* Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool last September. This is a wonderful opportunity, which is hoped will bring about a renewal in Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and faith in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and bear fruit in the lives of the faithful, both in Scarborough and across the diocese.

The exhibition will open at St Peter's Church on Sunday July 7 and close on Sunday July 28. The main body of the exhibition will be spread across the three Scarborough churches of St Peter, St Joseph and St Edward the Confessor, with smaller displays at St George's, Eastfield and St Mary's, Filev.

There will be an extended programme of Adoration and extra opportunities for confession, Eucharistic procession, talks, DVD presentations and prayer.

During the second weekend (July 11-15) there will be a parish

visit by Anna Johnstone, facilitator of the exhibition, who will give a talk and DVD presentation and lead prayer and devotions.

Anna is an expert on the life of Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), a devout young Italian who fell in love with Jesus and Mary at a very young age, and who created this exhibition while still in his teens, after discovering that scant information was available on the approved Eucharistic Miracles.

Carlo set about cataloguing the miracles and putting them onto a website he created. Shortly after completion, he contracted leukaemia and died. The exhibition includes more detailed information about Carlo. A cause for his sainthood was formally instigated in May 2013 when he became titled Servant of God, and last year Pope Francis confirmed his life of heroic virtue and named him Venerable.

Anna was for three years governess in Assisi to Carlo Acutis' twin brother and sister, who were born after his death. She has been facilitating the hosting of this exhibition in England since 2017, as well as giving presentations on Carlo's life and

spirituality.

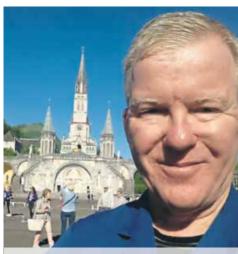
It is hoped that parishioners and groups from across the diocese will take the opportunity to visit. The exhibition will be open every day at St Peter's Church from 10am to 5pm (01723 360358), 11am to noon on Sundays and 10am to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Joseph's Church (01723 31183 or 360358), and 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Edward's Church. It can also be viewed by arrangement.

Viewing at St George's Church, Eastfield and St Mary's Church, Filey, are by arrangement by phoning 01723 639580. Information will also be made available soon on the Scarborough Parishes website at

scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk. For more information, phone St Peter's Church, Scarborough on 01723 360358 or email scarboroughcatholicparishes@gmail.com.

**Elizabeth White** 

# Feeding Centres Left In Safe Hands



Francis in Lourdes

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"Who will look after your clinic while you're away, Francis?" I was getting off Monsignor Morgan's coach in Lourdes for the Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage. I looked up to see who was asking me and saw that it was Marie Potter, a friend of mine of many years.

We were both there as helpers, me as a brancardier and Marie as a handmaid. To answer her question, my mind ran through the way I'd set things up to keep the two centres running while I took a break.

"Don't worry, Marie," I said, "I have 12 very capable volunteers cooking the food each day, and Judith will be in charge of them." Judith and I set up the malnutrition treatment centres in Basankusu together. Marie seemed satisfied with my answer, but the subject played on my mind. I'd decided to take a holiday during May and June, when the number of malnourished children rises noticeably.

I would be back for the busiest period, the "Hungry Months" of July and August – and perhaps be able to raise some more money from the good people of Middlesbrough Diocese to pay for sacks of beans, rice, sugar, milk and so on, in the meantime. Children can suffer from malnutrition for various reasons. Often it follows illness: the child loses weight when they're sick and, with the local diet, just can't seem to put it back on again. Others come from poorly organised families or are casualties of family problems. Poverty features in all cases.

We see a rise in malnutrition every year around the same time. The mothers often rely on small fish they can easily catch in the forest streams.

These fish swim further afield when the rains come, leaving very little protein in the children's diet. Protein-rich, edible caterpillars appear at the end of July and malnutrition subsides again.

Towards the end of my week in Lourdes, I met Marie again.

"I've been thinking about your question," I

said. "Let's phone Judith at the centre in the Congo and ask her how things are going."

I tapped out Judith's number and she answered straight away. I told her that there was someone who wanted to say hello and passed the phone to Marie.

"Hello, Judith," Marie started, a big smile lighting up her face as she spoke. "I'm here with Francis, who's been telling me about your lovely work. I want you to know that we're all very proud of you and think you're doing a fantastic job out there. Please keep up the good work!"

Then she asked how many children were at the centre. "Quarante," came the reply – there are 40 children presently being treated at the centre.

I've now arrived back in Kinshasa. I'll spend a few weeks here, buying supplies, and then make the journey into the interior, to Basankusu, where I will expect to see 70 children by that time.

•Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook. Donate via PayPal (type PayPal.me/FHannaway into your browser), or internet banking: Pay: St Joseph's Society for FM, Ref: F Hannaway Congo, sort code: 16-00-15, account: 23114537. Cheques to: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX. Pay: "Mill Hill Missionaries" (enclose a note to say it's for F Hannaway).



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# **LOURDES**

# Thanks For Everything!

Organisers have thanked the teams of volunteer doctors, nurses, handmaids, brancardiers, youth leaders and musicians for their hard work and dedication in Lourdes.

Pilgrimage director Keith Tillotson said: "Your help, support, commitment, teamwork and friendship played a big part in making this year's pilgrimage another big success.

"We certainly showed that pilgrimage doesn't mean you have to wear sackcloth and ashes – it's about joy and celebration as well. You can't separate those elements because our whole week in Lourdes is a prayer."

Head handmaid Chris Tillotson said: "Your work, commitment, love and support given to our Supported Pilgrims in both the Accueil and hotels was amazing.

"It is such a privilege to serve our sick, but also to work beside the wonderful men and women in our teams of doctors, nurses and brancardiers, not forgetting the youth, whose arrival is like a light being switched on.

"They give such a lot, pushing the chairs, their smiles, chat and tears shared with us, the wonderful night prayers they prepared each night for the pilgrims in the Accueil, supported by Father Pat Keogh and their own youth leaders.

"Thanks also to our Supported Pilgrims for allowing us to care for them, which I'm sure at times can be quite difficult, and to those who provided the music during our services and the volunteers who looked after our Permanence. Mass will be offered for your intentions."

Head brancardier Tony Kirk said: "Everywhere I went I saw all the brancardiers getting stuck in, working hand-in-hand with the handmaids, doctors, nurses and clergy to give our Supported Pilgrim the best possible time.

"The spirit and atmosphere of the whole week was amazing, and everyone helped with a smile on their face and the light of God shining forth.

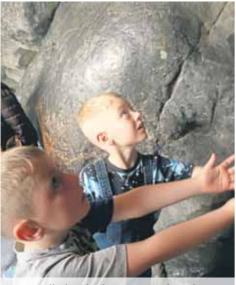
"It was great to see how the new brancs slotted straight in and were warmly welcomed, guided and encouraged by their more experienced teammates."

Head nurse Audrey Kirby said: "While few in

numbers, our team of nurses worked tirelessly and gave their all, not only for the week in Lourdes but also in the run-up to the pilgrimage, ensuring that our Supported Pilgrims has a safe and wonderful week. It's a privilege and a pleasure to be part of the pilgrimage."

Head of Hospitalité John Brown added: "I would like to echo my heartfelt thanks to you all for your dedication, professionalism, support and for the love and care shown to all our Supported Pilgrims on our pilgrimage."

Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen and Middlesbrough Mayor Andy Preston came along to the airport on departure day to chat to organisers and pilgrims.



Young pilgrims in the Grotto - Photo by Lyndsey McGeary



Veronica Hollis, Joyce Smith, Anne Hodgson and Father Brian Nicholson at our tea party – Photo by Michael McGeary



The Stations of the Cross - Photo by Paul Atkinson



Pals Paul Taylor and Michael McMahon – Photo by Michael McGeary



Some of our walkers with their banners – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Shanessa Connors and Beth Wallace - Photo by Michael McGeary



Harri Torr, from Hull, who came to Lourdes with mum, Erica, and brancardier Victor Dowd – Photo by Naomi Bedworth



Our record 126-strong team of handmaids – Photo by Paul Atkinson



Matty Carpenter, Martin Thorpe, Kieran McIntyre and Ashley Cassidy carrying the statue of Our Lady in the Torchlight Marian Procession – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Nurse Dan O'Neill with Sonny - Photo by Michael McGeary

# **LOURDES**



Mass in the Rosary Basilica - Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Friends from the Grangetown/South Bank area, Bella Gollogly and Patsy Barningham - Photo by Michael McGeary



Canon Dan Spaight and former handmaid Pat McGeary renew their friendship – Photo by Michael McGeary



Bishop Terry anoints Gordon Mills and members of his family — Photo by Paul Atkinson



Colin Grant, Amy Neale, Erica Torr, Barbara Grant and Michelle Neale enjoy a drink at the Lac de Lourdes – Photo by Michael McGeary



Lydia Coyle, third from left, with young handmaids from St Mary's College, Hull – Photo by Naomi Bedworth



Elaine Wright with students from All Saints, York - Photo by Michael McGeary



Bishop Terry with students from the Sacred Heart, Redcar - Photo by Paul **Atkinson** 



Helpers and Supported Pilgrims at our tea party – Photo by Michael McGeary



Deacon Peter Taylor reading the Gospel at the Grotto Mass – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Aimee Carpenter, Pat Ford and Grace Kirk - Photo by Michael McGeary



# **Friendships Forged At Knock**

Many new friendships were made as pilgrims from Scarborough, Middlesbrough, Whitby and Redcar travelled to Knock for the 140th anniversary of the Apparition of the Virgin Mary.

We arrived very tired at our hotel in Kiltimagh, ten minutes from Knock, on Monday evening, having set off by coach at 1am. Four more pilgrims joined us by air. The next two days were spent exploring the shrine and the many beautiful areas that make up this large site.

The new Basilica that can hold 10,000 people is the central feature of the shrine and contains a 1.5m-piece mosaic of the apparition scene, which is a truly awesome sight to behold.

Stations of the Cross in a special outside

garden area were led by our spiritual director Canon Eddie, who later concelebrated Mass in the parish church with priests from the shrine.

The original parish church gable wall, where the apparition took place in 1879, is now a separate chapel that is open for Mass and private devotion and where Canon Eddie was also able to celebrate Mass during our pilgrimage.

The group enjoyed a trip to Westport and Galway to see this very scenic part of Co Mayo before we travelled home via Belfast to Stranraer ferry. Our thanks go to Canon Eddie and organiser Rory Connelly for enabling this pilgrimage to be so successful and rewarding in many ways.

**Bernard Wilkins** 



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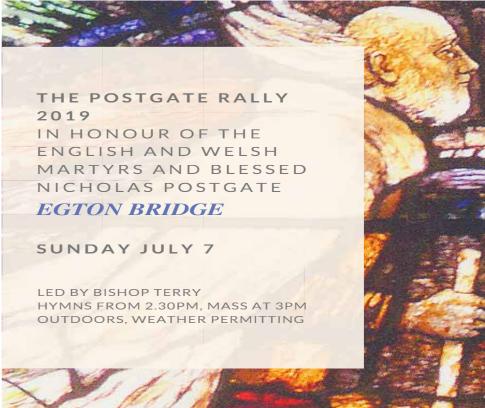


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# **From the Archives**



## 50 Years Ago

(From The Hull Daily Mail, July 4 1969)

Roman Catholics who for the past 12 years have been meeting in Appleton Road School, Hull, are to have a home of their own. Plans for the proposed church, hall and presbytery of St Peter & Paul, Bricknell Avenue, have been passed by Hull Corporation and work on the £25,000 project is expected to start soon.

Mr W.H. Wood, a schoolteacher and member of the congregation said that 12 years ago the site had been earmarked near Hull Grammar School playing fields and that he thought the new church would be open by next Easter. He added that the congregation came from various parishes but this would be the first church to serve that particular

## 100 Years Ago

(From The North-Eastern Daily Gazette, July 5 1919)

Mr A.G. Wilson, writing from 7, Dacre Street, Middlesbrough says:

"As I go about the town and the outskirts day by day I often see a number of young Irishmen looking for work. The unemployed ranks appear to be receiving a number of these weekly. Now, although I hold no brief for these men that were imported into this country in hundreds to suit the employers of labour owing to there being a shortage of men, isn't it only right and just that the men having served the employers turn, they should at least be returned, or aided to return, to their own homes again."

David Smallwood

# Blessed John Henry Newman: 'A Voice For Today's Church'

Father Andrew Downie's recent talk to the Cleveland Newman Circle was especially welcome as it comes ahead of Cardinal John Henry Newman's canonisation in Rome this autumn.

Father Andrew, the Catholic chaplain at Durham University, spoke about "Cardinal Newman: His theory of doctrinal development and his influence on Vatican II", focusing on Newman's approach to theological thinking and doctrine and his subsequent influence on today's Church.

While he was still an Anglican, Newman felt there was too much doctrinal development in the Roman Church and was critical that ideas such as purgatory, devotion to Our Lady and the saints and the nature of the papacy could not be found in scripture nor in the writings of the Church.

His view then was that Anglicanism provided a middle way between "corrupt" Romanism and "narrow, biblical" Protestantism. But his interest in Church history, particularly the fourth century Arians, led him to see that authentic developments in doctrine do occur, and this work helped clear his mind for his conversion in 1845, when he was 44.

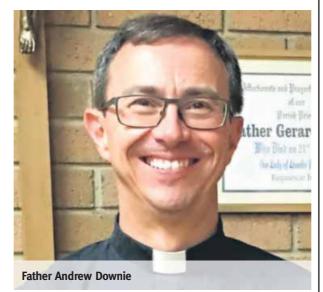
Father Andrew reminded us that the Church is a living, historical reality and since Vatican II it has not been seen as controversial for developments in doctrine to occur. However, the 19th century "neo-scholastic" view was that through Christ, the Church had already received the fullness of revelation and there was no room for growth.

Newman recognised several kinds of development of Christian ideas which are justifiable in a living church and identified seven "tests" to differentiate between true and false developments.

By the time of Vatican II (1963-65) the Church had absorbed many of Newman's ideas. There was a more dynamic understanding of tradition: "[The] tradition which comes from the Apostles develops in the Church with the help of the Holy Spirit" (Dei Verbum 8).

Newman was ahead of his time in realising that every generation must interpret doctrine for its own age and this development is inevitable. But the Church has security here, as Newman said: "If Christianity is...intended for all ages it must – humanly speaking – have an infallible expounder."

Father Andrew's talk generated lively discussion,



including consideration of development versus progress, the direction of development, authentic discernment and Newman's championing of the laity.

Cleveland Newman Circle holds six talks a year, usually on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham, TS8 oTW. For further information, email sandamerckx@btinternet.com or call 01642 316493.

Patricia Egerton

# **Hear Church's Teaching On Sanctity Of Life**

The Middlesbrough branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children will host a talk entitled "Abortion – the Catholic Teaching" on Thursday July 11 at 7.3 opm at St Thomas More's Church, Beechwood. The speaker is Father Richard Marsden and the talk will be followed by Q&A. Come along and learn more about the Church's teaching on the sanctity of life. All are also welcome to a Holy Hour for the sanctity of life at St Thomas More's from 7pm on Thursday July 25.

# This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

Please pray for the following priests of our diocese whose anniversaries are during the month of July...

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1	1967	Very Rev Canon Michael Deehan	Grangetown
1	1984	Rev Geoffrey Cooper	Middlesbrough
2	1928	Very Rev Canon Thomas O'Connell	Scarborough
2	2004	Very Rev Canon Garvan O'Hara	Whitby
3	1958	Rev Christopher McCormack	Filey
3	1986	Rev Patrick O'Hara	Pocklington
5	1927	Rev Henry O'Rourke	South Bank
5	1953	Rev Arthur Mercer	Scorton
6	2001	Rev Christopher Keating	Redcar
6	2006	Rev Edward Scales	Middlesbrough
7	1885	Very Rev Canon Joseph Molloy	Whitby
9	1898	Rev Francis Nelson	Brough Park
12	1880	Rev Thomas Middleshurst	Malton
14	2005	Rev Tom Hunter	Middlesbrough
16	2000	Rev Philip Keily	Co Tipperary
21	1900	Rev Lawrence McGonnell	Thirsk
21	1925	Rev Patrick McKernan	Malton
21	1999	Rev Gerard Smyth	Middlesbrough
21	2004	Very Rev Canon Joseph O'Mahony	Scarborough
22	1967	Rev James Cormack	Middlesbrough
23	1934	Very Rev Canon Albert Gryspeert	Redcar
27	2001	Rev Michael Boyd	Newry
28	1935	Rev Prosper Coppin	Hull
29	2014	Rev Thomas O'Connell	Scarborough
30	1979	Rt Rev Mgr John O'Mahoney CBE	Scarborough
31	1940	Rev Robert Currie	Brough Park



Canon Garvan O'Hara is pictured second from the left on the back row along with his parents and eight brothers, who all entered the priesthood

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# Out & About around the Diocese

### **BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY 2019**

- In Valladolid with St Alban's Society
- Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am Meeting with Fr Nicolis and Fr Duffield, Oratorians, at Bishop's House 3.00pm
- Celebrates Mass at Our Lady & St Peter for their 40th Anniversary 11.00am
- **Celebrates Brother Henry's Ordination** to Diaconate at St Wilfrid's, York
- Attends annual Postgate Rally at Egton Bridge 3.oopm
- **Celebrates Mass and visit to Stanbrook** Abbey, Wass 11.30am
- School visit to St Therese Primary, 10 **Ingleby Barwick 9.30am**
- **Attends New Build Opening Celebration** & Mass at St Mary's, Malton 2.00pm
- **Attends Madonna House Trustee Board** 18
  - Meeting, Robin Hood's Bay 4.oopm

10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Free of charge. Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

7pm Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral chapel.

7-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terry doyle@live.co.uk

## 3 Wed

**12 noon** Midday prayer/prayer intention for July - 'for the protection of unborn life', Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village, DL6 3BB) followed by refreshments

6pm Solemn Vespers (choral) with Benediction

**6.30pm** The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

Events and articles for inclusion in the August Voice must be received by today.

## 6 Sat

11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

10am Solemn Mass (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

11am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village, DL6 3BB 12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF 3pm Postgate Rally, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge, YO21 1UU, Mass 3pm, hymns 2.3opm;

vocational walk from Ugthorpe 6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

**8-10 July** Catholicism, Literature and the Arts II: Legacies and Revivals hosted by Ushaw College and St Chad's College, Durham. Contact theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk or 0191 334 3952 for details.

10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Free of charge. Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Nan Saeki (01904) 783621 for further details

### 9 Tues

**12.10** 'Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club thanksgiving Mass for members past and present at St Charles

2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.

7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terrydoyle@live.co.uk

7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

### 10 Wed

10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after morning

10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets **12 noon** Midday prayer/prayer intention for July – 'for the protection of unborn life', Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village, DL6 3BB) followed by refreshments

2.30pm Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members

2-3.30pm Music for the Mind in St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, especially those suffering from dementia, their carers and friends. Contact 01642 710179 for details.

6pm Solemn Vespers with Benediction (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

7pm Hull Catenian Association meet at Lazaat Hotel, Woodhll Way, Cottingham, HU16 5SX. Contact Bernard Swift (01482) 347272 for further details

## 12 Fri

7pm-8.3opm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details. **7.30pm** Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough -Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

13 & 14 July Joint Newman/Living Theology Conference at the Bar Convent 'Children of Abraham: interfaith topics.' See www.jesuit. org.uk/living-theology-york-2019 for details and booking form

12 noon-4pm Open Garden and Strawberry Tea, St Wilfrid's Rectory, Petergate, York YO1 7EN. All welcome.

## 14 Sun

10am Solemn Mass (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF 3pm Diocese of Middlesbrough LGBT+

outreach and service; Mass giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. All are welcome.

4.15pm Solemn Vespers (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

5pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More Church, Beechwood, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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## 21 Sun

10am Solemn Mass (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO<sub>1</sub> 7EF 3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge YO21 1UU

**6pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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## 25 Thur

7.30pm-9pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact Margaret (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

## **Advance Notices**

**18 August** – Assumption Pilgrimage, the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley – note change of date, Rosary 2.3 opm, Mass 3pm

# Training Priests Throughout The World

In our latest look ahead to Extraordinary Mission Month October 2019, I would like to write more about the St Peter the Apostle Society, which is part of the work of Missio.

The SPA was founded by Jeanne Bigard in 1889. leanne had lived as a virtual recluse after her father committed suicide and her brother tragically burnt to death. She and her mother liked to make altar linen for the missions in Japan.

It was at the suggestion of the Bishop of

# **Adoration At** St Andrew's

St Andrew's Church in Teesville will be open each day from Thursday July 4 to Sunday July 7 for 40 hours' adoration.

Thursday: After 9.15am Mass until 10pm Friday: After 9.15 am Mass until 10pm Saturday: After morning Mass until 6.3opm Sunday: After 9.30 am Mass until conclusion with Holy Hour from 4pm.



Students studying for the priesthood Nagasaki that Jeanne and her mother might like to support Japanese boys to train for the

throughout the world. The Bigards donated the whole of their considerable fortune to the new society, which in 1922 was raised to the status of a Pontifical Mission Society. From such small beginnings and from an unlikely source, a great society was formed.

priesthood. Thus, was born the idea of a

general society to promote indigenous clergy

Over the last four years I have been supporting a seminarian in Sri Lanka and I am delighted to say that on Saturday June 1 he was ordained priest by Cardinal Ranjith,

Archbishop of Columbo, along with nine other deacons.

Father Aruna Clement should have been ordained on May 4, but the ordination had to be postponed due to the terrible terrorist atrocities on Easter Sunday in Sri Lanka. Father Aruna and the other ordinands will be ministering to a traumatised community and need the support of our prayers.

It is a privilege to support the work of Missio and the St Peter Apostle Society, which funds the training of priests. If you would like to know more about the work of Missio, visit missio.org.uk.

**Canon Michael Loughlin** 

# First Female National **Vocations Director Appointed**

Bishop Terry has spoken of his delight after Sister Elaine Penrice was named as the first religious sister to be director of the National Office of Vocation (NOV).

"I have worked with Sister Elaine in her role as acting director and as religious life promoter over the last few years and I am sure she will continue her innovative work into the future," Bishop Terry, who is chair of the NOV management board.

Sister Elaine, who was born in Motherwell,

studied Art and Design before entering the Daughters of St Paul, an international congregation of consecrated religious founded to evangelise using modern means of communication.

She currently works as productions coordinator at Pauline Books and Media and serves on the leadership team of the Daughters of St Paul, with responsibility for vocations ministry.

## 26 Fri

7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

## 28 Sun

10am Solemn Mass (choral), St Mary's Cathedral

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## 31 Wed

12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after 12.10pm Mass

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# **CAFOD**

# **Now It's Time For Emissions Target Action**

I was due to travel to London on June 26 to ask my MP what steps our government would be taking to meet the net zero emissions target by 2050 that was announced earlier in the month.

While this is great news, an announcement on net zero is one thing, the policies we need to get there are another. And the government needs to put those policies in place as soon as possible.

Although I am one of only seven people from our diocese, I will be taking a petition signed by people from three parishes served by Stockton South MP Dr Paul Williams and will join thousands of others doing the same.

Net zero means only putting the same amount of emissions into the atmosphere as we take out. For example, by protecting and planting more trees which take in carbon dioxide as they grow. This is based on the science behind keeping global temperature rise below 1.5C and what we believe is fair and equitable.

Several countries have already committed to reaching net zero emissions between 2030 and 2050 and it's great that the UK will join them. We need to show our politicians that they made the right choice, and we stand beside them as they start to make the hard choices necessary.

In 2015 in his letter to the world, Laudato Si', Pope Francis urged us to take care of our common home. He describes the climate as, "a common good, belonging to all and meant for all". He calls us to an "ecological conversion" and encourages us to make a fresh start.

I'm fortunate that I haven't had to face the devastating effects of climate change. My colleague Mark Chamberlain met Doko Molu in Bubisa, Kenya. She has lived there for two years since her home area ran out of clean drinking water.

During the worst weeks of a devastating drought, Doko was weak from hunger. She described it like so many other people who are close to starvation: "A gnawing pain that

makes you so weak you can barely move." Her family were suffering too. She was tired from not getting enough water. But she was alive.

Her animals, which were her livelihood, were slowly dying. She had to plan. Every day the terrible drought lasted she had to calculate how much water she needed to stay alive and how much to give to her animals to keep them alive and moving.

Her plan was to try to reach a water point so they didn't die of thirst. She said, "At one point, I gave up on life. My livestock were dying. The animals were lying on the ground like rocks. Dead."

Doko had 700 sheep and goats before the crisis. When the worst part of the drought had ended, she was left with 100. Isacko Jirma, a humanitarian aid expert who works with CAFOD in Kenya, said climate change was the reason there were so many more droughts than there were.

Communities in the Pacific Islands are on the front lines of climate change. Many are being forced to adapt to ever-changing and dangerous weather conditions or flee their lands.

Joseph Moeono-Kolio, a climate activist in the Pacific, said: "Rising sea levels erode our coastlines and homes. Extreme weather keeps destroying our infrastructure. Rising acid levels in the ocean are ruining our coral and fish stocks — I could go on and on. Our most vulnerable communities feel these impacts the most."

Pacific Islanders are leading the call for global climate action.

Fact: The 423m people who are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change are already living in extreme poverty.

That's more than the combined populations of the USA and UK.

Around the world people are responding to the call and taking action on climate change. It seems like a lot to ask but as Catholics, we know we can turn the tide.

Our faith encourages us to work for fairness and to be responsible stewards of our earth.



CAFOD is working hard to fight against climate change, which is devastating lives of people around the world, including Doku in Kenya – Photo CAFOD/Mark Chamberlain

As Pope Francis says in Laudato Si': "Yet all is not lost. Human beings while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good

and making a new start."

Carol Cross, CAFOD Middlesbrough Community Participation Coordinator

# **Creation Theme At The Cathedral**

Sunday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral incorporated hymns and prayers that celebrated God's creation in response to CAFOD's Creation Celebration campaign.

Celebrant Father Richard Marsden reminded the congregation to keep the Care of Creation in their prayer intentions. In his homily, Deacon Ken Senior spoke of the "vastness of God's love".

"One of the ways God has shown his love for us all is by giving us a fantastic world in which to live," he said. "Sadly, partly through lack of knowledge, and partly through things out of our control, we have done many things to harm our world

"This is something Pope Francis has become acutely aware of and deeply concerned about, so much so that he has written an encyclical on the subject, his message being that we need to care for our planet and to do everything possible to reverse the damage we have done.

"So, as we think about how we love

those around us, we also need to think about our love for future generations and for the legacy we will leave them."

The children's liturgy group studied St Francis's Canticle of Creation and considered why God's creation is so special and what we can do to look after

The children read out the following prayer: "Dear Lord, help us to see your beauty and likeness in all created things, so that we may follow St Francis in showing care for creation. Amen."

Before the final blessing, parish CAFOD representative Don Lillistone spoke about the Creation Celebration campaign.

After Mass, CAFOD community participation coordinator for the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Carol Cross, helped chair of the Cathedral Justice and Peace group Teresa Lyth and other members deal with an enthusiastic response and answer parishioners' queries.

# **Environment Corner**

A recent communication from Ethical Consumer raised awareness of an area we had not previously considered and would like to share with you – namely, what to consider when buying paint to redecorate our homes.

## What to look for when buying paint:

- Is it made of natural ingredients? This is a failsafe way to avoid most of the artificial chemicals that are in so many products.
- Are you using recycled leftover paint? Organisations such as Community Re-Paint, Paint 360 and PaintCare reduce waste by redistributing and recycling leftover paint.
- $\bullet$  Is it vegan? Many paints use animal products in order to make paint dry quicker. Look for a vegan brand.

## What to avoid when buying paint:

- Does it contain toxins? The long and complex ingredient lists of paint products often include toxic chemicals. These are bad for the environment and for general health.
- Does it contain high VOC levels? Some paints carry a label to say that they contain Volatile Organic Compounds. Look for labels that express minimal or low levels.
- $\bullet$  Does it contain animal products? Many paints contain casein, which is derived from cow's milk. Some also contain beeswax and shellac.

ethicalconsumer.org is an excellent resource.

Justice & Peace Commission

What to look for and avoid when buying paint





St Mary's CAFOD representative Don Lillistone after the Creation Celebration Mass

# **Double Celebration** At St Vincent's

St Vincent de Paul's Parish in Hull have celebrated the presentation of the Benemerenti medal to two longstanding parishioners.

Adrian Crummay is possibly unique in that his late mother, Nan, also held the medal for her staunch service here at St Vincent's.

Adrian has served on the altar continually since early childhood and has undertaken an important role in organising the considerable maintenance of the church's structure.

More recently he has been involved with ensuring the requirements of Health and Safety and GDPR regulations have been met.

Ann Marson has always been a dedicated member of the choir and among many other roles was our sacristan, opening up and locking the church and ensuring that the ceremonial items and linen are ready for services.

Both presentations were made by our parish priest, Father Jim O'Brien. Please remember Adrian and Ann in your prayers.

**Eric Brady** 



Ann Marson receiving her medal from Father Jim



Adrian Crummay, whose mother, Nan, was also a Benemerenti medal recipient



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# **Nourishing The Faith Of Seafarers**

In the latest of our series focusing on some of the groups that form Caritas Middlesbrough and are engaged in social outreach, we look at the work of Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea, as we prepare to celebrate Sea Sunday on July 14...

As Catholics in England, we take it for granted that we can always get to Mass somewhere. If you're a Catholic working at sea, however, it can be months before you set foot inside a church.

Seafarers live an almost nomadic life, spending weeks or months at sea, away from their homeland and their families. And when they visit a port, because of the fast turnaround of ships as owners seek to maximise profits, they are often only there for a few hours.

Without seafarers, we wouldn't have the things many of us rely on in daily life — cars, computers, phones, fuel and food all arrive in the UK on ships.

Many of the world's 1.5m seafarers are Catholic, with a third of them coming from the Philippines, and many others from India's two most Catholic regions, Goa and Kerala.

Peter Barrigan, Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) port chaplain to Tees Port, knows how important it is to help them nourish their faith and feel that the Church has not forgotten them.

Peter responded to an urgent request from the captain for Mass on board the Echo Nemesis after one of its crew received tragic

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He phoned Father James Angus, of St Patrick's in Hartlepool, who agreed to celebrate Mass on board. The following morning, he accompanied Peter and volunteer ship visitors Hugh and Mary Ward to the ship.

After the Mass, the captain told Peter it was the first time in 20 years at sea that he had had Mass on board a ship and he later sent an email expressing his thanks.

He wrote: "On behalf of officers and crew of Eco Nemesis, we give thanks for your presence and kindness. We really appreciated your great effort and your boundless commitment to seafarers."

Twelve days later, the ship was back in North Tees, so Hugh and Mary visited the crew again and found the atmosphere on board was much brighter.

"We visited a very happy vessel and had a great hour with the crew," said Hugh. "The captain was pleased to see us. Eight crew members were in the mess room. The captain repeatedly thanked us for the Mass."

Seafarers are one of the marginalised groups Pope Francis has spoken about. On July 14 we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to support the vital and often unrecognised work AoS does in the maritime world.

Brian Denley, a former seafarer, and who has been an AoS ship visitor on the Tees for the last 30 years, said: "Faith sustains seafarers during long periods of separation

from their loved ones

"They often work long hours in arduous and dangerous conditions for poor wages in ships where the crew's welfare is well down on the ship owner's list of priorities. And sometimes just the presence of a port chaplain is a comfort to a lonely seafarer."





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