



Bishop's Column

Let me introduce you to another of my blessed friends, as we prepare to celebrate the Extraordinary Month of Mission in October – **Vivian Uchechi Ogu** (1995-2009).

The striking heroism in the story of Vivian is in the remarkable way in which she expressed her Christian faith, having extraordinary influence on the lives of others from the tender age of nine and the courage with which she put into practice what she had been preaching when the opportunity came at the age of 14, opting to be killed rather than to be defiled.

Vivian Uchechi Ogu was born in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, on April 1 1995, the second of four children of Mr and Mrs Peter Ogu. Vivian was baptised at St Paul's Catholic Church, Benin City, on July 1 1995, and she received her First Holy Communion at the same parish on March 21 2005. She was in the preparatory class for the sacrament of confirmation at the time of her death.

In secondary school she dreamed and worked towards becoming a lawyer so she could fight the cause of the poor and downtrodden, especially widows and orphans or, as she told one of her teachers, an aeronautic engineer, so she could prove to the world that it was not just a profession exclusive to the male population.

Her spiritual journey received new energy thanks to the Charismatic Catholic Renewal in which she began to participate with her parents. She took part in all special events in the Church, such as the yearly Children's Day celebration, the annual Children's Mission Day and the Christmas carol service. With her deep conviction and love for God and her companions, Vivian proposed the idea of periodic sacrifice. She encouraged the children to engage in various acts of mortification for salvation, for their personal conversion and for the material and spiritual needs of the poorest children in the parish and the world. It is therefore not surprising that when the Pontifical Association of the Holy Childhood was inaugurated in the parish of St Paul in 2006, Vivian was unanimously elected as the first president.

During her tenure, she worked tirelessly to make the parish's chapter second to none in the archdiocese in terms of carrying out works and prayers. Among the projects that she coordinated there was, on the occasion of Children's Day in 2008, the collection of funds to cover the medical expenses of some disabled children at the Central Hospital of Benin City, and also to meet the needs of some children from the orphanages in Benin City.

On Sunday November 15 2009, while she was at home in the evening, armed thieves came and robbed her family and then took Vivian and her sister out of town to a rural area. The thieves tried to rape her, but when she vigorously refused, they shot and killed her.

On November 27 2009, after the Mass of Christian Burial in St Paul's Church, her body was transported to her hometown of Aboh Mbaise for burial. The cause to recognise her as an example of Christian Martyrdom has now begun.

Vivian Uchechi Ogu, servant of God, pray for us!

Yours in blessed hope,

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Deacon David Appointed To New Formation Role

Deacon David Cross has been appointed to the role of coordinator of adult formation after the recent departure of Deacon Vince Purcell.

The job will involve coordinating the delivery of formation opportunities to equip the lay faithful to accept greater responsibility for evangelisation, pastoral care and administration in their parishes.

David, who is married to Carol with five grown-up children, has a wealth of experience of working within the Church and is currently with CAFOD in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

His new tasks will include helping the diocese adapt to its future in the light of a renewed emphasis on adult formation within the wider Church.

"It's about trying to equip laypeople to take on a more proactive role in helping keep our parishes functioning and providing sacramental services in the longer term," said Deacon David.

"That's an important challenge both for laypeople and for our priests and deacons and there's a lot to think about in terms of how we can equip parishioners in what is a challenging time for our Catholic community with the skills they will need.

"For many of us, the starting point may be to ask ourselves the question of why we are here as a parish? Is it just about existing inside the church walls or are we here for the wider community?"

"If everyone on our parish registers came to our Masses we couldn't fit them all in. Where are all these people? There's a job to be done in not necessarily going out to convert new Catholics but in bringing back the ones we have already. How can we reach and open our church doors once again to those

people who no longer feel part of the parish community?

"Our vocation is to take the love of God to those in our community. Through our lives, nourished by the Eucharist, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit and each other, to become

images of the God who loves us unconditionally and constantly invites us into

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Deacon David Cross

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a deeper relationship. This is the Good News for every person.”

David said we will face many challenges as together we get to grips with the task of shaping the Church of the future, but they are challenges that we should look forward to with great hope.

“The diocese is coming to the point where when a priest retires, the Bishop isn’t able to replace them because we haven’t got any more,” he said.

“But he’s clear that he doesn’t want to close parishes, he wants to help parishioners find ways of keeping the parish going when there isn’t a permanent priest.

“My role is to prepare both clergy and laypeople in our parishes before that starts to kick in and happen on a big scale.”

“Hopefully, over time, I’ll be going and meeting with parishes, listening to peoples’ ideas, their hopes and fears for the future and working closely with them to find solutions to the challenges we will be facing and exploring what it’s going to be like to be Church.

“I will also be organising training and seminars and encouraging parishioners to participate in them as much as possible.”

David will begin his new role on October 1.

Prayers And Fun At Family Day



Father Phil leads Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – photo by Bernard Wilkins

Families of children at four Catholic schools joined Scarborough parishioners for a day of prayer and fun.

Around 400 people took part in the event at St Augustine’s School, which began with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament led by Father Phil Cunnah.

He spoke about the story of the Road to Emmaus, reminding us that through the Eucharist, Jesus is present with us just as he was with the disciples.

There was then Benediction and the Blessed Sacrament was reserved in the school prayer room for people to visit during the day.

Afterwards, there was fun and games for all in the school grounds.

The event brought together the whole parish, both those who attend regularly and those who don’t, and placed them in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Booklets on the Mass and prayer cards were handed out as people left. The team of volunteers were tired but happy at the end of the day, knowing they had helped busy families sit quietly in the presence of Jesus as they heard the words of the disciples from long ago, “Stay with us, Lord.”

Katherine Griffin

Pope Reveals World Day Of The Poor Message



Pope Francis has revealed the World Day of the Poor theme

The theme for this year’s World Day of the Poor, on Sunday November 17, has been revealed as: “The hope of the poor shall not perish forever” (Ps 9:19)

In his letter announcing the theme, Pope Francis writes that these words, “express a profound truth that faith impresses above all on the hearts of the poor, restoring lost hope in the face of injustice, sufferings and the uncertainties of life.

“How can we fail to note that the Beatitudes with which Jesus began his preaching of the kingdom of God open with the words: ‘Blessed are you who are poor’ (Lk 6:20)? The meaning of this paradoxical message is that the kingdom of God belongs to the poor because they are in a position to receive it.

“How many poor people do we encounter each day! It seems that the passage of time and the advances of civilisation increase their numbers rather than diminishing them.

“Centuries go by and the Beatitude appears even more paradoxical: the poor are always poorer, and today they are poorer than ever.

“The situation of the poor obliges us not to keep our distance from the body of the Lord, who suffers in them. Instead, we are called to touch his flesh and to be personally committed in offering a service that is an authentic form of evangelisation.

“Commitment to the promotion of the poor, including their social promotion, is not foreign to the proclamation of the

Gospel. On the contrary, it manifests the realism of Christian faith and its historical validity.

“God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. The poor save us because they enable us to encounter the face of Jesus Christ.”

He concludes by saying: “If the disciples of the Lord Jesus wish to be genuine evangelisers, they must sow tangible seeds of hope.”

He then asks all Christian communities, and all those who feel impelled to offer hope, love and consolation to the poor, “To help ensure that this World Day of the Poor will encourage more and more people to cooperate effectively, so that no one will feel deprived of closeness and solidarity.”

You can read the full text here: zenit.org/articles/popes-message-for-3rd-world-day-of-the-poor-full-text/

• To mark World Day of the Poor, we will be holding a major event for the whole of our diocese in St Mary’s Cathedral, Middlesbrough, on Saturday November 16 to celebrate all the good work being carried out by the Church and by individual Catholics throughout our diocese, as well as hearing stories and experiences of those affected by poverty in all its various forms.

All are welcome and it’s hoped that every parish in the diocese will be represented at this celebration. We’ll have more details in next month’s *Catholic Voice*.



Musical pupils from St Augustine’s School in Scarborough enjoyed a memorable trip to Lake Garda in Italy that included the chance to perform in front of more than 300 people. A total of 131 pupils took part and head of music Oliver Barron said: “They were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school and the trip was our best yet.”

Inspirational Harri Makes Magical Memories

Inspirational Hull teenager Harri Torr has been busy making magical memories for his family and friends as he ticks off wishes from a remarkable bucket list.

St Mary's College pupil Harri, 15, touched the hearts of everyone he met when he travelled to Lourdes as a supported pilgrim just weeks after completing treatment for cancer that included the amputation of his left leg from the knee down.

He was able to carry our Lourdes banner during the Torchlight Marian Procession and made many friends, impressing everyone with his positive personality and cheerful smile.

Soon after he returned home, however, doctors gave Harri the heart-breaking news that his cancer has returned and he only has between three and 12 months to live.

But Harri refuses to be downbeat and is determined to live every minute he has left well, making happy memories for his mum, Erica, and the rest of the family.

Father Dominique Minskip, who was the family's parish priest when they were welcomed into the Catholic Church, Father Phil Cunnah, Sister Maria Robb and several brancardiers and handmaids all took part in a paintball challenge and members of our Lourdes family have been helping him achieve some of his remaining ambitions. "Harri has an unbelievable bucket list and some of the experiences he's already achieved include feeding animals at the zoo, going to Wimbledon, go-karting, flying in a German biplane and working with an animation company to tell his story," says head handmaid Chris Tillotson.

"There are loads more on the list still to do, including milking a goat and a cow, a ghost walk, wrecking a room, dining in a Michelin star restaurant and even sky diving! I don't know how he finds the energy and his family are just incredible."

Harri's illness was first diagnosed when he went for a scan on what he thought was a broken ankle in April 2018, but doctors

instead found a cancerous tumour called an osteosarcoma in his leg bone. Two weeks later scans revealed he had tumours on his lungs.

To stop the cancer spreading, Harri had his left leg amputated below the knee and underwent a ten-hour operation to remove tumours from his lungs. He then had intensive chemotherapy and learned how to walk again. But despite all these challenges he kept smiling and remained positive.

"Although understandably upset about his diagnosis, wondering if he would ever walk again, Harri quickly came to terms with it and adapted, knowing that there were people worse off than him," said Chris.

"Initially he struggled with a prosthetic leg but just two weeks before going to Lourdes Harri got his 'blade' and there was no stopping him.

"After we arrived in Lourdes, I wasn't sure whether his first night might have been his last in the Accueil, as it reminded him of his stays in hospital. We all know the Accueil looks like a hospital, but Harri very quickly realised that it was anything but!

"Credit must go to his wonderful and wise mum, who persuaded him to stay the night and to see how he felt in the morning.

"Harri and Erica brought so much to our pilgrimage week with their humour, laughter and friendship and how proud we all felt to see him serving on the altar at the International Mass."

Harri went into St Mary's College before the end of term to tell his fellow students of his diagnosis and then to the Hull housebound lunch to give the news to some of his Lourdes friends, who he wanted to hear it from him.

"Harri and his mum are both amazing, it's hard to believe their courage, but I believe it comes from their love of each other and their faith in God," said Chris. "Please keep them and their family in your prayers. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them. St Bernadette, pray for them."



Harri in Lourdes with brancardier Victor Dowd – Photo by Naomi Bedworth



Harri, near the centre in the cap, with friends

'Outstanding' Report For Hull School

St Thomas More VC Academy in Hull was judged to be "Outstanding" in all areas in its Diocese of Middlesbrough inspection.


The inspection team admired the work the staff, children and the wider community do to promote the Catholic life of the school.

They noted that "leaders, at every level, rigorously monitor their school and as a result they know their school well and drive positive change" and said it has a clear vision for teaching and learning and what it wants for its pupils.

"Pupils are rightly proud of their school and the sense of unity and shared vision is tangible at every level of this school community," they added.

St Thomas More caters for children aged from three to 11 years in the west of Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.

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But Jesus told him he wanted to set a good example, so John agreed. As Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit appeared like a dove and rested above his head. Then a voice from heaven said to Jesus: “You are my beloved son!”



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Mini Vinnies Attend Westminster Mass

Mini Vinnies from St Mary's, Grangetown, were invited to a Mass at Westminster Cathedral to thank them for all they do to help the poor.

More than 800 Mini Vinnies from all over the country took part and principal celebrant Bishop Paul McAleenan found the time to thank the pupils for travelling such a long distance.

In addition to attending the Mass, staff and governors ensured the children were able to visit many of London's famous sights.

Headteacher Chris Ruddy said: “The children were a credit to the school and their families and it was a privilege to travel with them.”

Deputy headteacher Anna McClurey added: “We would also like to give thanks for the very generous private donations from governors and friends of the school, which ensured all our Mini Vinnies had the opportunity to attend such an uplifting and inspiring occasion.”



The St Mary's, Grangetown, party at Westminster Cathedral

Doves Released As Peace Garden Opens



Stanley Metcalf's parents Jenny and Andy release six doves to mark the six years of his life

St Mary Queen of Martyrs School was granted funds to create a peace garden when Hull was the UK City of Culture in 2017 as part of the Creative Communities Programme.

It took some time to develop a starting point, but when much loved pupil Stanley Metcalf tragically died on July 26 2018, it brought to light the garden's purpose – to remember the loved ones closely connected to our school.

Stanley will always be remembered as a fun-loving little boy who made everyone smile and his parents, Jenny and Andy, released six doves to mark the six years of his life.

Everyone received a dove pin badge to commemorate this special day for our school and community.

The garden was blessed by Father Peter Mullholland and officially opened by Karen Siedle, chief executive officer of Primary St Cuthbert's Trust, and Chris Cuthill, director of the St Cuthbert's Trust.

The hebe flowers in the garden are dedicated to Graham Paterson, a long-serving friend and governor of St Mary's. Children created artwork for the garden and each pupil painted a stone, which were placed around the pathway.

Anne McIntosh

Pupils Win Award For Peace Work

Two pupils from St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy in Hull have won a major award for their work promoting solidarity and peace throughout the world.

Lewis Mitchell and Amelia Prajsnar, both 11, won the Jimmy Mizen Award at the Million Minutes Celebrating Young People awards in London. Lewis and Amelia are members of Hull's International Pupil Council and work to create projects linking to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Alongside pupils at their partner school in Freetown, Sierra Leone, they are currently focused on promoting peace and solidarity, especially in gender equality. Cardinal Vincent Nichols was the guest of honour at the celebration, which Lewis and Amelia attended with their families and teacher Josh Guthrie.



Lewis Mitchell and Amelia Prajsnar with the Jimmy Mizen Award

Anne McIntosh



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LOURDES

A Letter From Madonna House

Bleeding With Them

The wounded look of betrayal was more than I could bear. My sister and I had just broken the terrible news to my father that we'd have to move him into a long-term care facility.



He had suffered a stroke and could no longer care for himself. Nor could my frail 90-year-old mother. Although the necessity was obvious to everyone else, it blindsided my father.

I could see the anguish and doubt in his eyes: he had spent his life providing for his family, and now everything was to be taken from him. Through the course of a nightmarish week, my sister and I had assessments done, paperwork filled out, visits to several care homes and painful conversations with my father.

The need was such that my father received a bed almost immediately. That's pretty much unheard of. My mother was also swiftly given a place. So, in the space of one month, my parents went from getting by in their own flat to living apart in tiny rooms. From days spent largely in quiet privacy and with choices, to being "led where they'd rather not go."

Both my parents suffer from dementia, so they were disoriented and grieving their enormous losses. And I had used up all my holidays and had to leave them in this devastation. It's a tragic scenario that many of us have to face, usually with guilt and unbearable sadness.

"All you can do is bleed with them." Those words from a friend consoled me. And it's true: I can't say or do anything that will restore what they've lost, but I can allow my own agony to be a prayer for their peace – and for so many others facing a similar stripping.

As my father cried out that his life was over, of no value now, I wanted to urge him to offer this anguish as transforming prayer. His value has never been in what he's accomplished, impressive as that is. His value has always been as a beloved son of the Father. Isn't it odd that the hardest work we do in life is coming to God in our utter poverty, knowing that we cannot earn or win his love? Our work is to accept his wholly gratuitous love.

I wanted to convince my father that he's no less beloved and valued by his family. I wanted to show him that he always has so much to give others: if he can no longer walk, he can listen to someone; if he can no longer find words because of dementia, he can smile; if he can't make sense of anything, he can pray and suffer at the foot of the Cross with Jesus. Sadly, he doesn't understand these words. Perhaps I can live them for him. Perhaps I can bleed for him.

When we dismantled my parents' flat, I took only one thing: an old ring of my father's with his initial embossed on red glass. As I finger it, I pray for my parents, and allow the colour to remind me that bleeding with them is a powerful prayer.

Cheryl-Ann Smith

Canon Alan Leads Italian Pilgrimage

Nineteen pilgrims from St George's Parish, York, were joined by 20 people from other parts of the diocese and beyond as they travelled to Rome, Assisi and the summer residence of the Venerable English College (VEC), Palazzola.

We prayed hard for everyone we knew, including the diocese, beginning at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of the diocese, in the church of St Alphonsus in Rome. We consecrated our pilgrimage to her prayers and motherly help. This was followed by a visit to the Basilica of St Mary Major.

The next day we visited St Paul's Outside the Walls and celebrated Mass in my *alma mater*, the VEC.

Wednesday saw Mass in the Crypt of St Peter's – a major highlight.

On to Assisi, and the Basilica of St Clare, followed by Mass in San Damiano. The next day came another major highlight, Mass at the tomb of St Francis, which was so intimate.

Palazzola was less frenetic but there was time to take in what we'd seen and heard. Not that the pilgrimage stopped there – we went on to the Sacro Speco, St Benedict's Cave in Subiaco, which was beautiful.

A personal highlight was a visit to the Apostolic Palace and Gardens in Castel Gandolfo. For the first time ever, Pope



Canon Alan preaching at the tomb of St Francis

Francis has opened them to the public, but as our guide said, "If a new pope wants his summer residence back, it will be closed again. You may be one of the few to see it."

It was a pilgrimage full of spiritual and friendship highs, including Sister Ann Parker,

a Corpus Christi Carmelite from York, who was given the gift of the pilgrimage by St George's Parish for her Diamond Jubilee, celebrating her birthday while at Palazzola.

Canon Alan Sheridan

Top Brass Backing For Polish Party



The visiting brass band entertain young members of York's Polish Catholic community – photo by Lukasz Druzic

The Polish Catholic community in the York area took advantage of good weather to celebrate Mass and social time outdoors in honour of their patron saint, Zygmunt Gorzdzowski.

St Zygmunt (1845-1920) was a Polish priest who established homes for orphans and single mothers, as well as hospices for the sick and dying.

Music for the Mass and the party afterwards was provided by a brass band visiting from the Polish town of Rogoźno.

The celebration was held at Our Lady's Church in Acomb, where the community now meets for Sunday Mass.

In The Footsteps Of St Francis

PAUL REVILL, a parishioner of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull, tells us about his 550-km walk from Florence to the Vatican in the footsteps of St Francis to raise money for two special causes...

I walked the Via di Francesco, the Way of St Francis, with my friend Zbigniew Kuczkowski who was a great support – especially helpful when I was parted from my wallet!

The route is split into four parts and follows places St Francis visited on his journey. The first section is to Sanctuary Della Verna, where he received the Stigmata.

From there we walked to Assisi, passing through Gubbio, where St Francis is thought to have tamed a wolf, on to Rieti, and then to the Vatican. We also visited the Faggio San Francesco, where St Francis sheltered from a storm.

We were expecting good weather but experienced torrential rain on most days and even some snow! The terrain was tough going, with some steep mountains, but the scenery was stunning.

After arriving in Rome we were able to attend the Pentecost Mass and were close to the Holy Father when he was driven round St Peter's Square.

Teresa Dean, from the Medaille Trust, has visited our parish to talk about the charity, which supports victims of human trafficking and modern slavery.

Moved by her visit, I decided to share sponsorship between the Medaille Trust and St Anthony's Maintenance Fund and I'm most grateful to parishioners and friends who helped me raise £1,500.



Zbigniew and Paul in St Peter's Square

Key Messages For The Month Of Mission

MISSIO



The Extraordinary Month of Mission is almost upon us, taking place throughout October.

Pope Francis wants us to make this a special month of prayer and action to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's apostolic letter on overseas mission.

As a way of increasing our understanding of mission to the nations, and our commitment to it, we offer these short key messages about Mission, taken from Church documents.

WHO?

We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about sharing the Gospel with those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. All of them have the right to receive the Gospel.

One hundred years ago, Pope Benedict XV wrote, "There still remain in the world immense multitudes of people who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Today, the Church, sent by Christ to reveal and to communicate the love of God to all nations, is aware that there remains an enormous task for her to accomplish.

WHAT?

Mission is to bear witness to the Risen Jesus and his Gospel. There can be no true evangelisation without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord.

God became one of us and knows our joys and sorrows. He calls us to love with all our hearts: to act with humility and respect for the dignity of each person, to be at the service of the poor and the marginalised, to forgive and let go, to be responsible stewards of creation, and to build a world of peace and justice. God calls us into communities of faith and action.

WHY?

At baptism we receive our mission to evangelise to the ends of the earth.



Pope Francis

Everyone has a right to hear the Gospel: the good news that God loves them and that love is stronger than death.

There must be no lessening of the impetus to preach the Gospel to those who are far from Christ, because this is the first task of the Church.

One of the worst discriminations the poor can suffer is lack of spiritual care. We must not fail to offer them God's friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith. Our preferential option for the poor must translate into a privileged and preferential religious care.

The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves and to share with others the blessings we have received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered as a private privilege but must be seen as a gift to be shared with those who have not yet received it.

WHERE?

In response to the Great Commission of Our Lord Jesus Christ to "Go make disciples of all nations," we bear witness to Jesus Christ, especially in situations of poverty, persecution and marginalisation throughout the world.

The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.

HOW?

In continuity with the mission of Jesus, we are open to the joy of the Gospel, and with courage beckon the Holy Spirit to create

newness in the ways we bear witness to the nations.

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Missio's goals consist of informing and forming the people of God to share in the Church's universal mission, promoting vocations and encouraging cooperation in the work of evangelisation with a truly universal spirit. This universal spirit expresses in concrete ways the Holy Father's concern for all the churches.

• **A Mass for the Extraordinary Month Of Mission will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday October 17 at 7pm. All are very welcome to attend.**

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Jubilee Celebrations For Canon Paul

Canon Paul Farrer was back in Middlesbrough for a Mass to celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

Hull-born Canon Paul has spent most of his time as a priest serving in Middlesbrough but is currently rector of the Royal English College of St Alban in Valladolid, Spain.

Bishop Terry and around 20 priests from throughout the diocese attended the Mass at St Bernadette's in Nunthorpe.

Father William Massie celebrated his silver jubilee the day after Canon Paul, the two having been ordained on consecutive days in 1994.



Canon Paul giving the homily at his celebration Mass



The parish of Our Lady's in Acomb, York, enjoyed a wonderful celebration as three children were baptised, 33 made their First Holy Communion and three young adults were confirmed. Another adult, whose children were being baptised, was received into full communion with the Catholic Church - Photos by Johan Bergström-Allen



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Mass For Seafarers In Hull

Bishop Terry will be the main celebrant of a Mass in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea on Tuesday October 8.

The Mass is organised by Catholic charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) and will be held at St Charles Borromeo Church, Hull, at 7pm.

Apostleship of the Sea is part of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales and provides spiritual and practical support to seafarers calling at ports in the diocese and throughout Great Britain

Recent events involving the capture and detention of a vessel in the Middle East has increased stress and anxiety on seafarers who are just going about their jobs. Such incidents not only affect the seafarers but also their families back home, who will be worried about the safety and wellbeing of their loved ones at sea.

Apostleship of the Sea's port chaplains and ship visitors board ships to meet seafarers at their place of work and offer assistance, including organising Mass, providing counselling, bringing seafarers Bibles and rosaries and helping them keep in contact with their families back home.

"It is vital that we continue to pray for seafarers and their families and that we ask for the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Stella Maris, for them and the work of Apostleship of the Sea," says Anne McLaren, senior regional port chaplain for the North East of England and the North Bank of the Humber.

Next year the charity celebrates its centenary.



Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) senior regional port chaplain Anne McLaren

Suicide Prevention Day Service In York

It seems that pretty much everything has a "day" dedicated to it, but I believe that World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday September 10 is especially important.

Since the death of a friend who took his own life in 2016 I have been increasingly involved in this area. That suicide is a killer is an obvious statement. Many people, however, don't know that it is the biggest single killer of young people, and of men under the age of 45 – bigger than cancer, road accidents or any other single cause.

Part of the reason why so few people are aware is that the subject is taboo, something people simply don't talk about or are afraid to. It is surrounded by myths and untruths such as: "If you mention it, someone is more likely to take their own life" or "Once someone has made up their mind, there is nothing you can do to stop them."

For the past few years, York has organised a Suicide Prevention Conference as it works towards Suicide Safe City status. I sit on the Suicide Safer Community Delivery Group of the City Council, which brings together professionals and other experienced people from a whole range of backgrounds.

The city also organises an annual service, which this year will take place on Saturday September 7 at 1pm at Central Methodist

Church. The service is open to people of all faiths and none and is a chance to reflect and remember loved ones who may have been lost to suicide.

As in previous years, the service will include personal lived experience testimonies, a reading, prayers and the laying of flowers to remember those who have died by suicide. People attending are welcome to bring photographs of those they have lost.

It's also an opportunity to talk or just listen to others. Simply sharing a space and some time with others with similar experiences can help.

Hopefully, our parishes are already places where this open and non-judgemental welcome exists and where these conversations can take place.

It is important to talk about suicide in informed, helpful and non-judgemental ways and for people who are bereaved to perhaps realise that the feelings they may have are not unique or unusual. It is important to talk about suicide and to name the reality – to hide the name is to hide the help!

For more information visit iasp.info/wspd2019.

Father Tony Lester



The walking group from St Gabriel's Church in Ormesby are pictured during a day out at Bolton Abbey. The group have been walking together every week for almost 25 years, gaining new friends as well as losing members through illness and bereavement. Here's to many more happy walks!

Lesley Wilson

Country Trip For York Parishioners

Parishioners from St Aelred's, York, were joined by parishioners from Our Lady Immaculate, Pateley Bridge, in the Diocese of Leeds, for their annual outdoor Mass in the fields of Upper Nidderdale.

The group enjoyed refreshments at How Stean Gorge and then travelled on to the fields of St Aelred's Grange, where we were welcomed by our host, Professor Dianna Bowles.

Mass was concelebrated by Father Bill Serplus, Father Tony Lester and Father Kevin Melody, chaplain at York University.

In these wonderful surroundings, we remembered friends who are no longer with us. We were fortunate to have time after Mass to enjoy this spectacular area as the forecast rains stayed away until later in the day.

Kath Stubbs



Father Bill Serplus, Father Tony Lester and Father Kevin Melody concelebrate Mass in fields at Upper Nidderdale



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CAFOD

Why Amazonian Synod Matters To Us All

FRANCIS STEWART, of CAFOD's Theology team, explains the importance of the forthcoming synod called by Pope Francis...

A Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will take place from October 6 to 27 on the theme of "Amazonia, new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology". It is an opportunity for the Church to listen to the people of the Amazon and respond with them to the devastation facing them and their environment.

Why does it matter to all of us?

In *Laudato Si'* (#38), Pope Francis stressed the ecological importance of the Amazon and Congo basins "for the entire earth and for the future of humanity". One-fifth of all the air we breathe and the fresh water we drink comes from the Amazon.

The Vatican document setting out the synod themes describes the Amazon in all its biodiversity and cultural richness as "a mirror of all humanity". To defend it, we must all make changes – to ourselves, to our nations, to the Church.

What is a synod and who comes to it?

A synod is a gathering of bishops to discuss specific concerns to help guide the Church. It is helpful to think of the original meaning of the word: "Travelling on a journey together".

There is a permanent Synod of Bishops in Rome, but periodically the Pope calls a synodal assembly on a special theme. Recent themes include youth (2018), the family (2015) and evangelisation (2012).

Besides bishops, other guests attend, including experts, auditors and fraternal delegates, from Churches and ecclesial communities not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church. There may also be special guests.

All the bishops of Amazonia are coming along with their auxiliaries, including a strong contingent of indigenous people. Other bishops from around the world will also be there.

This synod will be led by Cardinal Claudio Hummes, a Brazilian defender of social justice and president of the pan-Amazonian Church network, the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM).

What is the Amazon Synod about?

Under discussion will be many issues of importance to CAFOD's work in the region, including the rights and culture of indigenous people, poverty, the impact of climate change and the role of the Church.

The preparatory document, or *lineamenta*, came out last June and is used for consulting the faithful before the synod. It has three parts: See, Discern, Act.

See: We must all be aware of the ecological and cultural crisis of the Amazon basin. The diversity of the people and their biome must be protected or human dignity will be lost and the environment further harmed.



Members of CAFOD partner organisation CPT (Pastoral Land Commission) in the Amazon rainforest, Brazil

Discern: As Christians, we have a spiritual and moral imperative to protect our brothers and sisters and to care for the Earth. God has trusted us with the stewardship of Creation.

Act: The Church needs an "Amazonian face". This means the Church must stand up against injustices including loss of territory, exploitation, threats to biodiversity and "the imposition of cultural and economic models which are alien to the lives of its peoples".

The working document or *instrumentum laboris* for the synod was published in June and adds results from consultations across the nine countries of Amazonia.

The *lineamenta* sets forth the process of listening required to become a Church with an Amazonian face and thus to witness to the rest of the world the challenges and hopes which relate to us all.

CAFOD supports REPAM, a key adviser for the synod. It is a Catholic Church network that promotes the rights and dignity of people in the Amazon region.

The Amazon rainforest includes territory spread across Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Suriname, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, Guyana and French Guiana and is the largest rainforest in the world, covering more than 2.1m sq miles.

REPAM has been tasked by Pope Francis with consulting the

peoples of the Amazon. In his words, "We need the native peoples to shape the culture of the local churches in the Amazon." So far 87,000 people have participated.

As Mauricio Lopez of REPAM says: "The Church has been called by indigenous communities to be with them. Indigenous communities trust the Church and we are standing alongside them to defend their territory, their identity and their culture. We cannot fail."

Father Augusto Zampini, of the Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development and formerly of CAFOD's Theology team, tells us: "What happens in the Amazon has global and economic implications. I urge you to help your bishops to implement *Laudato Si'* and concretely walk together these new paths for the Church and for Integral Ecology.

"The socio-environmental crisis we are experiencing is unique in the history of humanity. There is no possibility of responding to this 'cry of the earth' and 'cry of the poor' in isolation, or even as a Church. We have to do it among as many as we can. What we are experiencing is a personal crisis of relationships and a crisis of systems.

"*Laudato Si'* is forceful enough to initiate paths. The basis is that 'the cry of the earth' and 'the cry of the poor' are not two separate cries, it is a united cry, and what produces that cry, the cause, is the same.

"That cause must be addressed by all the spiritual motivation proposed by *Laudato Si'*. Don't forget that spiritual dimension the indigenous people have reminded us of."

• CAFOD have produced liturgy resources including a service for the Season of Creation, which begins on September 1, and a nine-day novena based on the Cantic of St Francis, which can be used in the run-up to the synod and starts on September 26. Both can be downloaded at cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources.

From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(Part of a letter from Sanderson Townend & Gilbert, chartered surveyors, to the diocesan treasurer, concerning parishes in Hull)

"Regarding the future of St Patrick's Parish and that of St Charles' in Jarratt Street, I had a long discussion with the Parish Priest of St Charles' from which it emerged that these two parishes should be merged since neither is really viable on its own. Some form of merger is becoming increasingly essential as successive Clearance Orders take their toll of the residential areas in the near vicinity. It appears that in future rebuilding, St Patrick's Church will still have a substantial nucleus on which to build a sound Parish, but St Charles' will be surrounded by commercial and light industrial development, thus making it, strictly speaking, unsuitable for use as a Parish Church. There would, understandably, be considerable objection to the closure of such an historic Church and the best solution seems to be to make it into a Town Centre establishment, operated from St Patrick's Presbytery."

100 Years Ago

(From the 24th Annual Report of the Association of Perpetual Adoration and work for Poor Churches)

A very successful Annual Meeting of the Association took place again at the Newlands Convent through the kindness of the Reverend Mother. The attendance of so many Members and Visitors showed the interest taken in the work. Though we have mentioned the great advance in the cost of materials the quality of the Vestments and Altar Linen showed no falling off, in fact some marvelled at how such beautiful silks had been obtained in these difficult times. The generosity of its Members enabled the Association to do this and while thanking them for what has been done; there still remain some requests which had to be deferred.

Hearing Stories From The Margins

The National Justice and Peace Network will hear from two projects working with those living on the margins of society when it meets in York.

It will follow the journeys of European Roma migrants, from a project in Sunderland, and consider the turbulent path of those seeking asylum, from Justice First in Stockton.

The meeting takes place at All Saints School from 10.30am on Saturday September 14, with time for discussion and networking in the afternoon.

All are very welcome, please bring a packed lunch. For more details contact Barbara Hungin at bhungin@yahoo.co.uk.

Clergy Moves Taking Place

A number of priests are on the move to new roles within our diocese.

Father James Benfield, as well as being parish priest of St Charles Hull, will be the administrator of SS Mary and Joseph, Hedon, and SS Peter and John Fisher, Withernsea, and will provide a weekly Mass for these two communities.

Father Mark Drew is leaving the diocese to go to the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Canon John Loughlin moves from Our Lady and St Peter, Bridlington, to South East Hull Parish and will give support to Father James Benfield in providing Mass for SS Mary and Joseph, Hedon, and SS Peter and John Fisher, Withernsea.

Father John Wood moves from South East Hull Parish to Our Lady and St Peter, Bridlington.

Canon Alan Sheridan moves from St George's, York, to St Thérèse, Ingleby Barwick.

Canon Jerry Twomey moves from All Saints, Thirsk, to St George, York.

Canon Pat Hartnett moves from St Thérèse, Ingleby Barwick, to All Saints, Thirsk.

Father Dan O'Neill is stepping down from pastoral ministry at SS Joseph and Francis Xavier, Richmond, and

St Mary, Wycliffe.

Canon Michael Loughlin moves from St Andrew's, Teesville, and takes over the parishes of SS Joseph and Francis Xavier Richmond, along with SS Peter and Paul Leyburn, St Mary, Wycliffe, and SS Simon and Jude, Ulshaw Bridge, assisted by Father Richard Marsden, who moves from the cathedral.

Father Michael Keogh takes over the pastoral care of SS Mary and Joseph, Bedale.

Father Albert Schembri moves from St Joseph, Scarborough, to St Mary's Cathedral, taking on duties at James Cook University Hospital, as well as parochial responsibilities.

Father Michael Sellers will move from SS Mary and Joseph, Pocklington to St Andrew's, Teesville, taking in St Peter's, South Bank and St Anne's, Eston

Father James Blenkinsopp will move from SS Peter and Paul, Leyburn, to SS Mary and Joseph, Pocklington.

For the time being **Father Paul Dowling** will be resident at English Martyrs in York and will offer sacramental support to St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby and St Paulinus, York, on behalf of Father Kevin Trehy.

Most of the changes will have taken place by the end of September.

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

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| 1 | 1954 | Rev Francis X Lynch | Scorton |
| 4 | 1949 | Rev Edward O'Rourke | Bridlington |
| 5 | 1941 | Very Rev Canon James Nolan | South Bank |
| 6 | 1982 | Very Rev John Currie | Hull |
| 7 | 1886 | Rev Nicholas Rigby | Ugthorpe |
| 7 | 1931 | Very Rev Canon James Barry | Hull |
| 10 | 1981 | Very Rev Canon Thomas Slattery | Hornsea |
| 11 | 1934 | Very Rev Canon James Griffin | Hedon |
| 12 | 1916 | Very Rev Canon Silvester McMahon | Redcar |
| 12 | 1978 | Very Rev Canon Francis Connolly | Northallerton |
| 12 | 2013 | Rev Daniel McIver | Ballyhahill |
| 13 | 1960 | Rev Richard Fox | Hornsea |
| 15 | 1962 | Rev Francis Holland | Loftus |
| 16 | 1969 | Rev Arthur O'Connor | Holme-on-Spalding Moor |
| 19 | 1911 | Very Rev Canon James Brady | Holme-on-Spalding Moor |
| 19 | 1971 | Very Rev Canon Charles Clifford | Hull |
| 20 | 1958 | Very Rev Gabriel Redmond | Hull |
| 21 | 1975 | Rev David Quinlan | Hornsea |
| 23 | 1890 | Rev George Keasley | Yarm |
| 24 | 1951 | Very Rev Canon Cecil Farrar | Cheltenham |
| 26 | 1973 | Rev Gerard Croker | Pocklington |
| 27 | 2001 | Rev Charles Toner | Middlesbrough |
| 30 | 1917 | Rev Adrian Van Meerendonck | York |
| 30 | 1953 | Rev Michael Dillon | Driffield |
| 30 | 1978 | Rev Liam Noonan | Nunthorpe |

Raising Human Trafficking Awareness Among Nurses

The launch of a new programme aimed at raising awareness of human trafficking among nurses has been hailed as an important step forward.

The programme aims to raise awareness of human trafficking among the world's 20 million nurses. Research has found that many trafficked victims engage with healthcare services.

A booklet was unveiled at the International Council of Nurses' Congress (ICN) in Singapore, which was attended by more than 5,000 nurses representing national nursing bodies of more than 120 countries.

Kevin Hyland, senior adviser to the Santa Marta Group, which was launched by Pope Francis and includes law enforcement agencies, NCOs and the Catholic Church, welcomed the programme.

"To address this scourge, we need to move from words to action," he said. "Meetings and conferences are necessary, but more important is what they produce."

"Mobilising the 20 million members of the ICN, most of whom work on the front line, will offer an opportunity to significantly increase the numbers of children, women and men who are protected from this abhorrent abuse."

Crathorne Chapel Throws Open Its Doors

The fundraising group at St Mary's, Crathorne, is inviting visitors from Friday September 20 to Sunday September 22 as part of National Heritage Open Days.

The event will enable members of the public to see this grade 2* listed building.

"The intention is to bring our chapel to public notice and let people see how remarkable it is," said the group's Mike Toogood.

Entry is free and the church is open from 10.30am to 3.30pm each day, with refreshments on sale to boost chapel funds. For more information visit heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/st-marys-rc-chapel-crathorne.

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Attends meeting of CSAN Board in London 11.00am

4 Attends meeting of Friends of the Lady Chapel at the Lady Chapel, Mt Grace 11.00am
Attends St Margaret Clitherow book launch at St Thomas More, Middlesbrough 7.30pm

7 Celebrates the Ordination of to the Priesthood of Deacon Peter Taylor at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12.00noon

10 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am

11 Attends "Helping You with Health & Safety" Day for Clergy at Lakeside Conference Centre, York 11.00am

14 Attends Abbatial Blessing of Dame Anna Brennan at Stanbrook Abbey, Wass 10.00am

17 Attends meeting of Diocesan Board of Trustees at St Aelred's Hall, York 11.30am
Attends Education Mass for Central Deanery at St Wilfrid's, York 7.00pm

18 Attends Annual Lunch for Retired Priests at Mercure Hotel, York 11.00am

19 Attends CRC Meeting in Eccleston Square, London 10.30am

20-22 Attends Retreat for Diocesan Deacons at Hinsley Hall, Leeds All weekend

25 School Visit: St Benedict's, Redcar 9.00am
Attends Education Mass for Northern Deanery at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm

26 Attends Education Sub-Group meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.00am

27 Celebrates Vincentian Family Mass in Hull 12.10pm

30 Attends Hexham and Newcastle Cathedral celebration 12.00 noon

1 Sun
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 Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More Church Beechwood, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

3 Tues
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.
7pm-8.15pm Christian Meditation Group,

St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk

4 Wed
12 noon Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB, midday prayer/prayer intention for September – that 'laity and clergy go forward together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.' Followed by refreshments.
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

6 Fri
7pm-8.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact the John Paul Centre for details: 01642 247831
Events and articles for inclusion in the October Voice must be received by today.

7 Sat
11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk
1pm A Time to Reflect: a service to remember those who have been lost to suicide. Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York YO1 8NQ

8 Sun
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 welcome.
5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN (01482) 898338
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

9 Mon
10.15am-11am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
12 noon Birthday of Our Lady, Rosary only, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

10 Tues
12.45pm 'Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meets at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Terry Stockdale 'the Telegraph Boy.'
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb,

York in the Fr Kelly room.

7.15pm-8pm Christian Meditation Group, St Andrew's, Teesville. Contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

11 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets
12 noon Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB, midday prayer/prayer intention for September – that 'laity and clergy go forward together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.' Followed by refreshments.

2-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind', St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, particular those with dementia, their carers, families and friends.
7.30pm 'Hull Circle of the Catenian Association meet at Lazaat Hotel, Woodhill Way, Cottingham, HU16 5SX. Contact Bernard Swift (01482) 348272 for further details.

13 Fri
2-4pm Open Mass at Madonna House, Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay, YO22 4TQ celebrated by Fr William Massie. A cup of tea and talk on internationally known Catholic author and artist, Michael O'Brien will follow.
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.

14 Sat
10.30am National Justice & Peace Network, All Saints School, York. All welcome. Details from bhungin@yahoo.co.uk.

15 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
12.30pm-1pm BBQ with the 'The Barnstormers' Folk Group to be held at Crathorne House, Crathorne. Fundraiser for St Mary's Chapel, Crathorne. Call 01642 700895/01642 790632 for details.
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Augustine's, Warwick Road, Redcar TS10 2ER
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

16 Mon
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Advance Notices

6 October – Day of Prayer for the Sanctity of Life and pilgrimage to the Lady Chapel organised by Newcastle SPUC branch. Meet at 11am at Osmotherley Village Catholic Church. Includes Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Holy House, confessions. Mass at the Lady Chapel at 2.30pm celebrated by Fr Dominique Minskip.

7 October, 1.30pm-4pm (Mass at 3pm), Rosary Pilgrimage, Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

8 October, 7pm, St Charles Borromeo Church, Hull, Stella Maris Mass in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

17 October 2019, 7pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Mass for the Extraordinary Month of Mission.

26-27 October pilgrimage to Walsingham, 'England's Nazareth.' See poster on page 8 for details

NEWS

Live Broadcast For Holy Communion Service

The First Holy Communion service at Our Lady and St Edward's Church in Driffield was made available via the internet so that families far and wide could be involved in what was an international affair.

Igor Maczuga and Igor Niznik, who are originally from Poland, received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time and were resplendent in their traditional outfits.

They were joined by Eve Quigley, who comes from Driffield but lives in China, where her parents teach. Her grandparents Mary and John remain in the parish and were delighted when Eve decided to come home for this special occasion.

Father David White invited the children onto the altar to participate in the offertory, supported and encouraged by Deacon Bill Adlington. At the end of the service the children received their certificates, to the applause of the congregation.



First Holy Communicants Igor Maczuga, Igor Niznik and Eve Quigley

Julia Lidster

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

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7.30pm for 7.45pm start, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Coulby Newham. Cleveland Newman Circle: Very Rev Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB - Blood of Martyrs, Seed of Church Unity: Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and receptive ecumenism - significant progress?
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at the university chaplaincy, 115 Cottingham Road, Hull HU5 2DH

20 Fri 10.30am-3.30pm St Mary's Chapel, Crathorne TS15 oBB open as part of National Heritage Open Days (also 21 and 22 September).
7.30pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

21 Sat 10.30m-3.30pm St Mary's Chapel,

Crathorne TS15 oBB open as part of National Heritage Open Days (also 20 and 22 September).

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

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Sally Glennon), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie White on 01642 860227

22 Sun 10.30am-3.30pm St Mary's Chapel, Crathorne TS15 oBB open as part of National Heritage Open Days (also 19 and 20 September).

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midday prayer/prayer intention for September – that 'laity and clergy go forward together with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.' Followed by refreshments.

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

26 Thurs 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.

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

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NEWS

Fish Supper Seller Hits The Right Note

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

"Who will buy this wonderful morning? Such a sky you never did see!" go the words of the song from Oliver.

Each morning a succession of people passes by my house in Basankusu, deep in the Congolese rainforest.

They call out their wares, just like in the song – "Vegetables, green leafy vegetables!" "Sweeping brushes, brushes, brushes!" "Soap is passing, soap is passing!" "Oranges!" "Bread! Freshly baked bread!"

The massive sky, with its powerfully sculpted clouds, reflects the early rays of the sun, cutting through the morning's sticky cool, giving a hint at how hot it will become as the day progresses.

Schoolchildren, clutching their exercise books, walk purposefully in one direction, their heads down, still half asleep. Today is la rentrée scolaire – the return to school!

Many children at the malnutrition centre are too young to go to school. In the Congo, you have to pay to go to school. Some school-age children at the centre can't afford to go.

We convince parents that getting their children back on the road to health is more important for the moment. They'll stay with us for a couple of months.

After breakfast, Judith arrives, and we start to look for two passing bicycle-taxis – you sit on a cushioned luggage rack behind the rider. Then we're off across town on the bumpy dirt tracks to our main centre.

The taxi-bike drivers race against each other – one minute I'm in front and the next Judith's driver has overtaken me (it's quite rare to see a car in Basankusu).

We arrive at the centre to see around 60 children eating their special porridge. Mama José, our nurse, welcomes us.

"The mothers have been collecting edible caterpillars from the trees," she enthused. "They're full of protein, so we'll soon see the numbers going down."

Once the main meal has been served, we were able to call all the volunteers for our monthly meeting. At around one o'clock, Judith and I leave. We have more people to see. Some of the children are in hospital and we need to follow their progress.

Not far from the centre there's a man who became disabled after suffering from meningitis – we'll visit to make a video appeal to find funds for a wheelchair for him. It will be the 25th wheelchair we've had made.

After our visits, we headed back across town on foot. We instinctively opened our umbrellas as the midday sun started to bite.

Schoolchildren laughed and jostled each other along the road – the school day was over and they were now in high spirits. Another street-seller came into sight.

"Fresh fish is here! Straight from the river! Fresh fish!"

"I think we can buy your supper," smiled Judith. And that's what we did.

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A young girl selling cassava bread – which Francis says is nothing like bread!

Debut Novel Success For Hull Teenager

Julia Winiarczyk, a 15-year-old parishioner at St Anthony's and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull, has achieved something many famous writers have failed to do – had her debut novel accepted by the first publisher approached.

Julia came to England from Poland with her family before she was three years old and at 13 she began to write *Kadazar*, a mythical story about a young griffin and his adventures.

To recognise her success, Father Anthony Chundelikkat James presented Julia with a card and gift voucher from the parish, which was followed by a book-signing session.

Published by Austin Macauley, *Kadazar* is written under the pen name Julia Winson and



Father Anthony Chundelikkat James presents teenage author Julia Winiarczyk with a card and gift voucher

is available at Waterstones and Amazon priced £8.99. Julia has five more stories in progress, including a sequel to *Kadazar*.

Summer Days At 'Amazing' Ampleforth

"Creation is for Christ - and that includes us." For more than 20 years, this has been the theme tackled at the annual summer camp for young people now held at Ampleforth Abbey.

It is organised by priests and laypeople associated with the Faith Movement, one of the smaller "new movements" to emerge in recent years. Some of those who attended those first summer camps as children are now parents who are sending the next generation.

Some have become teachers in Catholic schools, others have even become priests. Here is how two of this year's participants, Kerry Chauke, from Hull, and Ben Broadbent, from Scarborough, describe the 2019 Faith Summertime in their prize-winning "press release"...

"Forty young Catholics from all over the diocese have just returned from the amazing Ampleforth Abbey. They made new friends, visited Flamingo Land theme park, used the abbey's heated swimming pool, played all sports all day long and got closer to Our Lord.

They had four inspirational talks on how, for us humans, our environment is God. All living things have an environment but animals are not like humans. They have no soul and so there is no God-shaped hole in

their hearts.

In the second talk, they heard how science shows that God is real because there is order and laws that must be followed for the universe to work. This means that there must be a mind behind this and that mind we call God.

In the third talk, the speaker talked about how Jesus is actually real and claimed to be God in several ways. He said, 'I am the true Vine.' He was saying that he is the main living being and without him we cannot live.

In the fourth talk, they heard about sin and the consequences of it. The young people learned about the original sin and how every person born has that sin. In the final talk they learned how we get to Jesus through the Church which we call his 'body.'

They also went on beautiful midnight walks across the valley and did a quiz based on the talks they had heard. There were short (20-minute) Masses and they listened to the monks sing their prayers in the breathtaking abbey church.

One young man, Julian, said it was the best trip he had ever been on. Overall, everyone said that Ampleforth Summertime is great. So, parents, send your children in July 2020. Don't forget!"

Father William Massie



This year's Faith Movement summer camp for young people

Environment Corner

This month we are considering our use of water. The water system is overstretched and we are facing shortages by 2050 unless we save water fast, according to the UK Environment Agency.

There are simple measures we can take to contribute to saving water.

- Save six litres of water a minute by turning off your tap while you brush your teeth.
- Save water, money and energy by only boiling as many cups of water as you need.
- Consider if you could spend less time in the shower. Every minute in a power shower uses up to 17 litres of water.
- Washing a full machine load of clothes uses less water and energy than two half-loads.
- Water outdoor plants in the early morning or at the end of the day to stop water immediately evaporating in sunlight and heat.
- If you use a dishwasher, fill it up completely each time you run it and you'll use less water than you would doing the dishes by hand.

The Friends of the Earth website is a useful source of further information for water-saving ideas. Visit friendsoftheearth.uk.



Water the garden in the early morning or at the end of the day

J&P Commission

Lourdes Volunteers Needed

Planning for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2020 is now well underway. As always, we expect a large number of pilgrims to join us, young and old, well and those with sickness and disabilities.

We have a dedicated team of volunteer health care professionals, handmaids and brancardiers. Each year they serve those pilgrims staying in the accueil and who need care, but we would value your help in recruiting new members to our team.

Do you know of any such people in your parish?

You may also be aware of parishioners with an illness or

disability who would welcome the opportunity of a pilgrimage to Lourdes under our care. We would be very pleased to consider their applications via the pilgrimage office.

Financial constraints can sometimes prevent potential pilgrims of all kinds from travelling with us. Would your parish be able to consider sponsoring a pilgrim or volunteer to visit Lourdes with the diocese?

See the right-hand side of this page for a special appeal for health care professionals.



Handmaid Sandra Beech caring for supported pilgrim Van Chester in Lourdes

Supported Pilgrims Invited To Register Interest

Anyone wishing to go to Lourdes as a supported pilgrim next year can now register their interest.

Please email secretary@rcdmidd.org.uk if you would like to join the pilgrimage under our medical supervision.

Next year's pilgrimage dates are Friday May 22 to Friday May 29 2020.

• The family of Gordon Mills would like everyone to know that the collection at his funeral amounted to £880. The money is being donated to the Lourdes fund specifically to help young handmaids and brancs go to Lourdes.

Newman Circle Programme Confirmed

The Cleveland Circle of the Newman Association has announced its 2019/20 programme of speakers and events.

Wednesday September 18: Very Rev Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB – Blood of Martyrs, Seed of Church Unity: Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and receptive ecumenism – significant progress?

Wednesday October 23: Teresa Saunders – Laity and Ministry: Women, Men and Ministry in historical perspective.

Wednesday November 27: Julian Filochowski OBE – He Talked the Talk and He Walked the Walk: St Oscar Romero, bishop and martyr.

Sunday January 19 2020: New Year lunch, Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe

Wednesday February 19 2020: Father Marc Lyden-

Smith (chaplain to the University of Sunderland) and Mary Palmer (assistant chaplain) – University Chaplaincy: Is it really necessary?

Wednesday March 18 2020: Father Pat Kilgariff – 'Your Word is a lamp for my steps and a light for my path' (Psalm 118, verse 105). God speaks to me in his Word. How can I turn my ear to the sound of his voice?

Wednesday April 29 2020: Professor Terry Wright – Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Surprisingly Catholic Protestant Martyr.

Wednesday May 20 2020: AGM

Saturday June 20 2020: Summer outing

All talks are held St Mary's Cathedral Hall, meeting at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

The Newman Association exists to promote open discussion and further understanding in today's Church.

Fun And Fundraising In Redcar

The parish community of Redcar and Marske gathered for a family garden party at St Augustine's Church.

Children played games and enjoyed a bouncy castle and there was a bake-off competition. The afternoon brought the community together and also raised £375.

This was followed by a coffee morning at the Sir William Turner's Almshouses in Kirkleatham in the latest fundraising event for Redcar Parish Building Project.

As well as delicious food there was also a raffle, tombola and guided tours of the chapel, helping raise £841.

To find out more about the building project visit [facebook.com/RedcarParishBuildingProject](https://www.facebook.com/RedcarParishBuildingProject) or @RedcarParish on Twitter.

Heather Gittins



The sun shines for a coffee morning at the Sir William Turner's Almshouses in Kirkleatham in aid of Redcar Parish Building Project

Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Pilgrimage

Appeal to all health care professionals in our diocese.

Could you spare one week of your annual holidays to come and work as a health care professional on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes?

For more than 66 years, volunteers from across the diocese have assisted our pilgrimage by working with us to look after our supported pilgrims. Every year, we accompany and support more than 100 pilgrims with a variety of illnesses and disabilities to Lourdes. As a team, we look after their medical and care needs.

We welcome all health care professionals to join us. Currently we have doctors, nurses, as well as physiotherapy, pharmacy and emergency health care professionals, but all disciplines are welcome, especially health care assistants. In addition, nursing students who work as volunteers in Lourdes can include a reflection on this unique experience of holistic care as part of their educational portfolio.

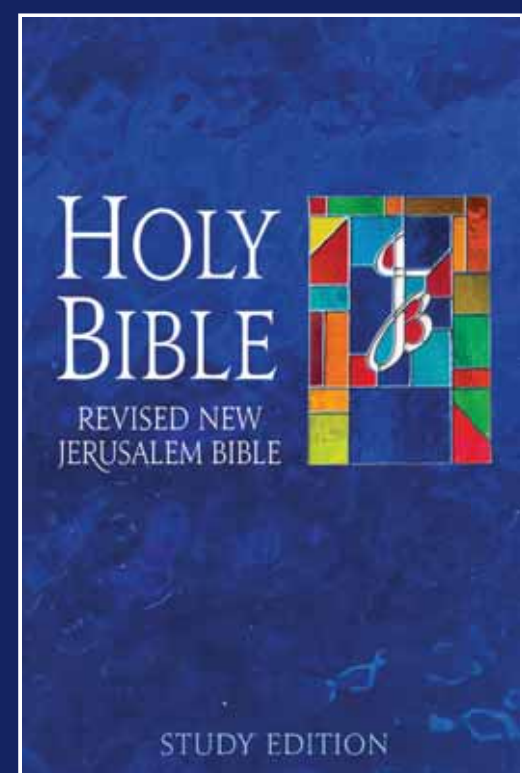
Volunteers with a current health care professional registration are also needed to help with the pre-pilgrimage care needs assessments. This role might be ideal for people who wish to help with the work of the pilgrimage but are unable to travel for the week in Lourdes, whatever the reason.

Our 2020 pilgrimage begins on May 22 and returns on May 29

All volunteers are required to attend a Formation Event each year, and need to have a Diocesan Lourdes DBS certificate. The diocesan DBS team will arrange this for you. All volunteers travel and stay in Lourdes at their own expense. During our week in Lourdes, friendships are made in a moment and last a lifetime – we invite you to become part of this unforgettable experience.

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NEWS

Nuns Celebrate Special Anniversary

Carmelite nuns at Thicket Priory near York celebrated their tenth anniversary with a Mass of thanksgiving in their purpose-built monastery.

The community was originally founded at Exmouth, Devon, in 1926 but in July 1955 relocated to a Victorian manor house built on the grounds of a medieval Cistercian convent.

In 2006 the Carmelites decided to sell the large house and build a smaller monastery within their own grounds, which would be more suitable for their needs, and they moved in May 2009.

Principal celebrant Father Tony Lester spoke of contemplation as a gift rooted in baptism, the fruits of which are shown most clearly in a welcoming heart. He said this is manifested in the diversity of people who feel at home at Thicket and have a deep sense of connection with the nuns.

More than 150 people were present, including clergy from the dioceses of Middlesbrough and Leeds, sisters of the Congregation of Jesus from the Bar Convent, Sisters of Mercy from Hull, members of the Carmelite family and representatives of York architects MacNeil, Beechey, who designed the new monastery.

Bishop John Thompson of Selby, who has encouraged many of his clergy to go to Thicket for quiet days, also attended along with members of the local Anglican communities.

Sisters from Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, including the new abbess, Sister Anna Brennan shared in the celebration, having also marked their tenth anniversary this year, after relocating on the same day as the Carmelites of Thicket.

After Mass, afternoon tea was served in a joyful atmosphere in the monastery and gardens.

Sister Thérèse Wilkinson



Carmelite nuns at Thicket Priory near York celebrated their tenth anniversary with a Mass of thanksgiving – photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

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