



Bishop's Column

October is normally a month for celebrations, but this year it is so more than ever. It is also a month of pilgrimage. On Tuesday October 8 at St Charles Borromeo in Hull we will celebrate a Mass for the Apostleship of the Sea. We will remember the great work that they do in all our ports, but especially on the Humber and Teesside. They care for seafarers, helping them to get in touch with their families. The fact of the matter is that many seafarers are away from their families for months on end and the members of the Apostleship of the Sea help to connect them digitally, at least, when they are in port. They are spiritually supported as well. It is a wonderful apostolate, one which all of us should support as best we can.

On Sunday October 13, Cardinal John Henry Newman will be proclaimed a saint of the Universal Church by Pope Francis. He is the only Englishman born after the Reformation so far to be canonised. His theological thought has influenced the Church across the continents, and his humble pastoral approach has inspired many. May he intercede for us all that our hearts will be set on fire anew as we reclaim our country as Mary's Dowry.

Pope Francis has proclaimed the month of October this year as the Extraordinary Month of Mission. I hope that having introduced you to some of my spiritual "friends" over the last few months, you will hold this intention in your prayers. Pope Benedict XV in November 1919 wrote to the Universal Church, in the wake of the global conflict of the First World War, in order to give new impetus and an evangelical approach to missionary work in the world. He wanted to free it from colonialism and nationalistic overtones.

In promulgating this Extraordinary Missionary Month, Pope Francis said: "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."

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Joy And Blessings After The 'Whirlwind'



Father Peter Taylor's ordination at St Mary's Cathedral – Photo by Chris Booth

It feels not that long ago I was writing in the Voice after my diaconate ordination about that great day in January, writes FATHER PETER TAYLOR.

Since then it's been a whirlwind of events – World Youth Day, the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, Faith Summertime and conference

all the while preparing for my ordination to the priesthood.

Throughout July and August, as the day drew near, it has to be said that I experienced some anxiety and a little stress trying to pull everything together, culminating in making my Oath of Fidelity before my home parish of

St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick, and a meal and time of prayer with young Catholics in Middlesbrough on the eve of the ordination.

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Diocese of Middlesbrough Financial Accountant

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Due to an impending retirement and a restructuring of the Finance Department, the Bishop of Middlesbrough wishes to appoint a Financial Accountant to assist the Financial Secretary in the financial management of the diocese.

The primary responsibilities of the role include: develop improvements in month-end procedures and processes, assist in the preparation of the annual Budget, assist in the preparation of monthly management accounts and variance reports and support budget-holders and assist in the preparation of the annual report, lead schedules and financial statements in line with the SORP.

Applicants, ideally qualified accountants, must have a full driving licence as the role will involve occasional travel to parishes in the diocese.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Middlesbrough covers a geographical area from Teesside to Humberside, consisting of Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees (south of the River Tees), the cities of Kingston upon Hull and York, East Yorkshire and most of North Yorkshire.

How to apply

Application is by way of application form, CV and a Supporting Statement

Please telephone the Bishop's Secretary, Sarah Holmes, on 01642 850505 extension 257 for an application pack, job description and person specification. Closing date for applications: Thursday 10 October 2019.

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Of the ordination itself, alas, I can remember very little – you very easily get caught up in everything that is going on. However, a few moments did strike me: one such significant moment was processing into the cathedral and seeing so many from across the diocese and beyond who had travelled to be there.

It was a particular delight to welcome staff and students from the Venerable English College, Rome, where I trained, and, from the Royal English College in Valladolid where I began my formation, the Rector, Canon Paul Farrer, a priest of our own diocese.

The second moment that sticks in my mind is the laying on of hands and the kiss of peace of the priests. It is during these moments that you get a sense of the great fraternity among the priests of our diocese and, indeed, of all priests. It is very much a brotherhood, something I began to appreciate in a whole new way in those moments.

It hardly felt that my feet had touched the ground before I was preparing to celebrate my first Mass at St Thérèse. If anything, the whole experience filled me with more trepidation than the ordination. After all, at the ordination I had Father Phillip Cunnah, the diocese’s Master of Ceremonies, to look after everything.

Suddenly finding yourself in charge was a whole other experience. That said, it was a great joy and blessing to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in my home parish surrounded by family, friends and parishioners who I had grown up with – even if I had to keep looking round for the priest to speak, only to realise it was me!

Even after a few days the whole experience doesn’t feel real and I’m sure it will take some time to get used to being called “Father” and celebrating the Mass, but the joy that comes from following this vocation that the Lord has called me to is beyond words.

As Bishop Terry said in his homily, “Despite our weakness, if we are willing to work for and with the Lord, no matter how inadequate and confused we might be, the Lord will work with us, in us and through us.”

Even in our weakness, the Lord calls us to a singular vocation that he gives no one else. It is our chosen calling that has been given to us from all eternity and it is in following it that we become truly alive and full of the joy of the Gospel.

Our Lady, Queen of Priests, pray for us.



Father Richard Marsden laying hands on Father Peter



Father Peter with his parents

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Indeed, “today missionary activity still represents the greatest challenge for the Church” and “the missionary task must remain foremost.” We will celebrate a special Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday October 17 at 7pm. It would be good to see as many of the diocese there as possible, especially those who are in any way connected to Missio and the “little red boxes”.

Finally, on the last weekend of October 26 and 27, there will be the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. It is said: “When England returns to Walsingham, Our Lady will return to England.” We are the Dowry of Mary; we have been given to Our Blessed Lady as a gift. Many of us have forgotten about this, even the most zealous of us. We are Mary’s Dowry, a gift to her, we belong to her. Let’s remember this when we go on pilgrimage and those of you who cannot come, perhaps you will pray for us who are there and we will remember you in our prayers too.

Yours in Blessed Hope

+ Long



Bishop Terry anoints Father Peter's hands

All Invited To World Day Of The Poor Celebration

All are warmly invited to a major event at St Mary's Cathedral next month to highlight and celebrate the good work carried out in our diocese by Church organisations and individual Catholics and other Christians, inspired by the Gospel message that places the poor, the marginalised and the forgotten at the heart of our faith.

The event, on Saturday November 16 from 11am to 3pm, marks the third annual World Day of the Poor, which Pope Francis asks the Church to set aside for communities to "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel."

This day of prayer, music and drama is an opportunity to hear about the work of different groups involved in social outreach and to celebrate the ways the good news is being put into practice in service of those whose lives are blighted by poverty or exclusion.

"We will be celebrating 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," said Canon John Lumley, Episcopal Vicar for Christian Discipleship.

It is hoped that every single parish will send representatives to this day of celebration. Amid all the bad news surrounding the Church, this is an opportunity to celebrate the day-to-day good news that so many people bring into the lives of some of the most forgotten in our society.

There will be stalls set up by the various organisations working in the diocese including CAFOD, the SVP, those working with dementia, those working with migrants and refugees and Justice and Peace groups.

This will give us all an opportunity to learn about the multifaceted work carried out – often unsung and unknown – throughout the year. It is hoped that those who attend will be able to return home with new ideas about how we can put the social dimension of the Gospel into action in our own parish communities.

"We hope every parish will be represented so that we can deepen our understanding that a commitment to serving the poor is not an optional extra but is at the heart of our Catholic faith, both for our parishes and for each individual Catholic," Canon John said.

The keynote speaker is Middlesbrough-born Sister Lynda Dearlove MBE, founder of the Women at the Well service at Kings Cross, London, who has spent much of her life working supporting women whose lives have been affected by prostitution.

Sister Lynda is a prominent advocate at Church level, nationally and at the United Nations, speaking up for vulnerable women who are caught up in cycles of abuse and social exclusion. She will also be the preacher at the liturgy that concludes the event.

The theme for this year's World Day of the Poor, set by the Holy Father, is: "The hope of the poor shall not perish forever." (Ps 9:19)

In his letter, 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.

"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 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."

• Visit middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk to download a resource pack that includes materials and ideas to help you and your parish or group prepare for this important event.

It also features ideas for how parishes can prepare by inviting those living in poverty in our communities to join them for a parish meal, advocating on behalf of people who are hungry or living in poverty, raising

money for the poorest and most vulnerable people worldwide and praying for global solidarity.

What: Diocesan World Day of the Poor Event

Where: St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough

When: Saturday November 16, 11am onwards, to conclude with a Liturgy starting at 2pm

Who: All are welcome.

Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee provided.



'Buddy Benches' Donated To Schools And Churches

York Knights of St Columba have donated "buddy benches" to most of the Catholic schools in York and Malton and four of our churches.

A "buddy bench" is a special bench for a student or anyone else to sit, think or pray through a problem or situation.

It's best use in the school environment could be to help older students look after the younger ones, avoiding peer pressure and bullying. As the old advert used to say, "It's good to talk!"

These benches are all inscribed "Donated by York KSC to sit and listen."

We do hope the idea catches on. We all need a little quiet time in our busy lives to sit, listen and pray.

Mike McAndrew



Our picture shows children on the buddy bench at St George's Primary School in York

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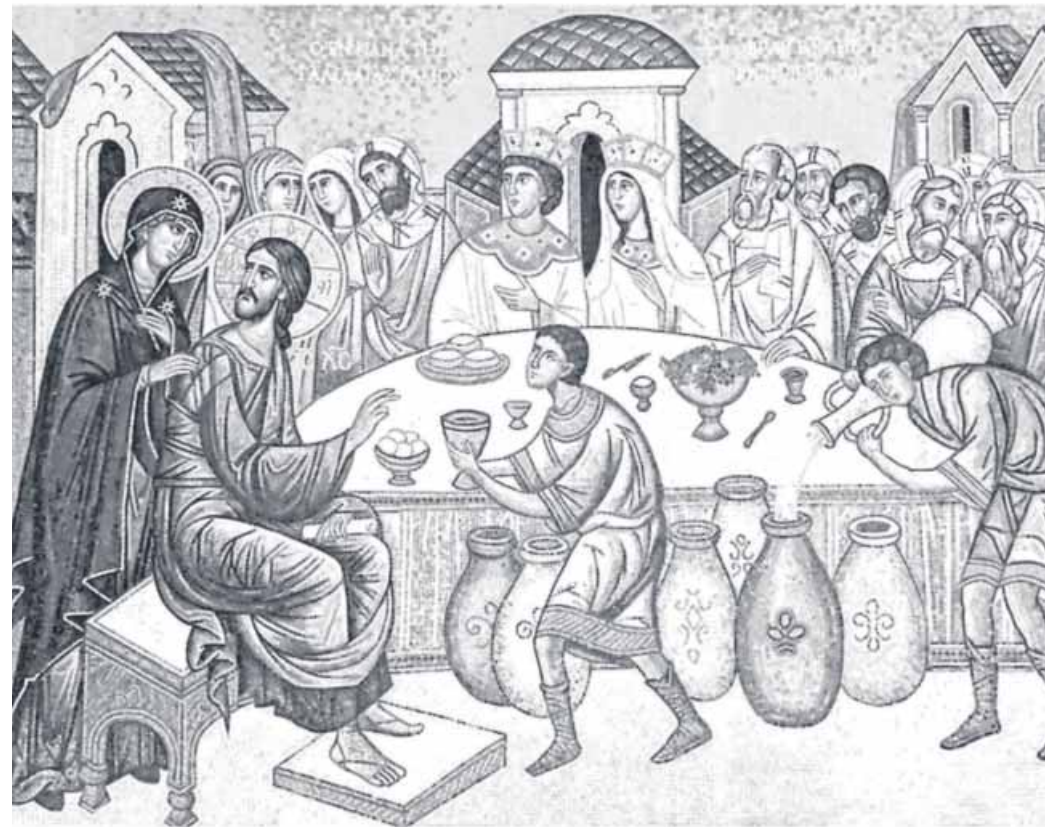
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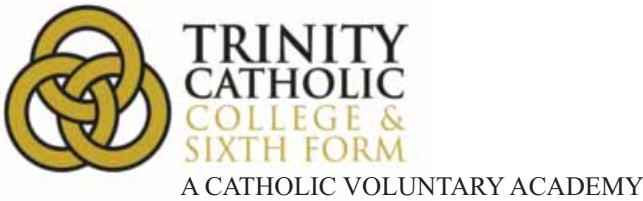
Jesus and his mother and the disciples were invited to a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. Mary noticed that they had run out of wine, which would have been embarrassing for the bride and groom. She told Jesus, but he answered: “My time has not yet come!” Our Lady trusted him, and she said to the servants: “Do whatever he tells you.” Jesus instructed the servants to fill up the water jars with water, and take some to the steward. He tasted it and the water had turned into the finest of wines. This was the first of Jesus’ miracles. His disciples saw, and believed in him.

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Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 8th October 6-8pm

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the headteacher of Trinity Catholic College. Trinity Catholic College has a strong Catholic ethos and the staff have a driving ambition for every child to excel. Exam success is not sufficient; as a school community, every teacher educates your child to live out Jesus’ teachings. As headteacher, I lead the school through the eyes of a parent and I am clear in my philosophy: if it is not good enough for my own child then it is not good enough for yours. My expectations are very clear and I have a strong focus on getting the basics right - attending every day and on time, wearing the correct uniform, being ready to learn and behaving well. Pope Francis said, “Only by changing education can we change the world.” Together as the *Trinity Family*, we are beginning a new journey and a new era for our students. By working in close partnership as a family, we can together, shape a bright future for our students enriched with strong Catholic values.

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Major Changes To Catholic Education In The Diocese

The Bishop currently provides 54 Catholic schools across the diocese to help him as first educator spread the good news to children and young people.

With more than 18,000 children and young people attending a diocesan school each day, the work they do is central to the wider mission of the Catholic Church in forming and educating future generations to make the world a safer, more loving, tolerant and respectful place to live in.

Due to major changes and a retraction in local government services available to our schools, in 2017 the Bishop commissioned the Diocesan Schools Service to look to create new structures and arrangements that will ensure all diocesan schools can still be supported and challenged in these difficult times for schools nationally.

Any new arrangements had to ensure we still provided the best Catholic education possible while remaining steadfast in our mission as Catholic schools and being at service to our parishes and wider communities.

The arrangement the Bishop has chosen is to seek to place all 54 schools into one of three large Catholic Academy Trusts to serve the northern, central and southern areas of the diocese.

All three Catholic Academy Trusts have been formed with **Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy Trust** being home to diocesan schools in Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees, **St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Academy Trust** serving our schools in North Yorkshire, the East Riding and York (see the article on page 5) and **St Cuthbert’s Catholic Academy Trust** overseeing Catholic education in Hull.



Diocesan Director of Schools Kevin Duffy

The three trusts will provide services to their schools to support the development and vision for Catholic life, Religious Education and collective worship alongside wider school improvement, governance, finance, human resources and estates management responsibilities. This will ensure the resources, skills and experience available are directed and deployed effectively so that the standards and quality of all our schools rise to meet those of the best.

These are challenging times for education but the Bishop has provided the structures and arrangements that best place our schools to positively meet these challenges and seize the opportunities available, securing the future of Catholic education not just for today, but for those that will follow us in the years ahead.

Our new Diocesan Catholic Academy Trusts represent the future of Catholic education in the Diocese of Middlesbrough and I ask that you keep them and the work they do in your prayers.

Kevin Duffy, Diocesan Director of Schools

New Start For St Margaret Clitherow Schools

The last of the three new schools trusts within our diocese has been launched with "huge ambitions" for the Catholic children of the city of York, North Yorkshire and East Riding of Yorkshire.

Named after York's great martyr, St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Multi-Academy Trust (SMCCAT) sprang into life on September 1, just before children returned to lessons at its three secondary schools and 15 primaries.

Chief executive officer Amy Rice brings a wealth of experience that includes senior positions in the Ministry of Justice, running a major government project and operating in a senior policymaking role.

Jo Lynch has been appointed chief operating officer, having held a similar position at a successful multi-academy trust in West

Yorkshire.

Chair of the trust's board Dominic Paisley is an accountant by profession and has many years' experience as chair of governors at Outstanding-rated St Wilfrid's Primary School.

"We're a brand-new trust with huge ambitions for all of our children," said Ms Rice. "We've had a very positive response from our headteachers and there's a shared determination to work together to make Catholic education even better across our trust."

"Of course, our focus is on academic outcomes, but we also care about the children and want them all to flourish and to have rounded lives and we want to ensure the staff who work here are professionally fulfilled."

"Catholic values are at the core of everything we do and we take a real interest in children as individuals and each of them to be able to achieve their ambitions. We want to give them the best opportunities and get the best out of them so that when they leave us they can contribute to society and be fulfilled as well."

During the school summer holidays, Ms Rice met the trust's four newly appointed School Standards Officers (SSOs), who form its Standards and Improvements Team, so they could plan their work over the coming months.

The SSOs are Mark Taylor for the three secondary schools and Jane Conway, Andrew Krlic and Angela Spencer for the primary schools. All four are existing headteachers in

SMCCAT schools.

Each school has been allocated a lead SSO, able to draw upon trust and wider resources to provide tailored support for each school's needs.

"I'm delighted we've been able to appoint four talented and energetic leaders to the team," said Ms Rice. "They have the experience and drive to make a difference and we're all determined to give our headteachers the best support possible to continuously improve the education of all of our children across the trust."

"Bishop Terry is passionate about maintaining Catholic education and although there are challenges in setting up any new organisation in a tight financial climate, we're

confident that within the new trust format we will be able to support our schools.

"We will also be able to make efficiency savings that will enable schools to perform better than they would if they were not part of the trust."

The trust's central office is at St Aelred's School in Tang Hall.

• **SMCCAT is looking for members of the local Catholic community with IT or marketing skills, possibly retired people or those who have some time to spare, who would be prepared to volunteer to help the trust on an ad hoc basis. They would also welcome donations towards their work. To donate, please contact donations@smccat.org.uk.**



St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Multi-Academy Trust chief executive officer Amy Rice



The three School Standards Officers for the new St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Multi-Academy Trust's 15 primaries, Jane Conway, Andrew Krlic and Angela Spencer



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A Letter From
Madonna House
Parrhesia!

A couple of months ago, we put a tiny plea at the end of our regular column in the *Voice*, asking for help in finding a fridge-freezer for our kitchen. Ours had died, and with constant retreatants and guests, it needed to be replaced – and soon! A couple of phone calls later, a new unit was in our kitchen, thanks to generous benefactors. On hearing this, another caller offered to buy us a small vacuum cleaner instead. Ours had just given out. Yet another person contributed towards the purchase of a hedge clipper so we wouldn't have to keep borrowing from our neighbours. All that from a tiny request!



I couldn't help but remember a word Bishop Terry gave us a few years ago when we were low on funds: parrhesia, or bold speech. He urged us to exercise parrhesia in boldly asking for financial aid. I followed his advice, and we pulled out of the hole. And now parrhesia brought us a fridge, vacuum cleaner and hedge clipper – all within a couple of weeks!

“Well,” you may say, “I don't live by begging, so that doesn't apply to me.” But it does! God desires us to exercise parrhesia in all our needs: *Lord, I know I'm always asking for your help in this addiction, and I've always reverted to my old ways, but I plead again... Lord, for the millionth time I ask forgiveness for my envy or lust or temper... Lord, yet again I've wandered far from you and need you to bring me back... Lord, I need a job! I need discernment! We need healing in our marriage!*

Why do we hold back from boldly begging God for what we need? Search your heart: Is there some place where you've given up on God coming through for you? Or some doubt that he really does see and care? Or some fear that your sins are now too great for his mercy? Are you too tired, afraid or doubtful to take the risk and ask him for help? Are you waiting to have perfect faith or perfect behaviour first? Take heart from the Parable of the Publican and the Pharisee. It was the sinner who received the mercy he sought. Exercise parrhesia and ask!

I've always loved St Thomas, whose moniker, *Doubting Thomas*, seems so unfair to me. Thomas loved Jesus with passion, and so his anguish at his friend's death was overwhelming. His hopes had already been dashed with Jesus' death and he could not afford to be crushed again, if the rumours of his resurrection were untrue. So in all honesty and boldness, he demanded to see the holes in Jesus' hands and side, so that he could truly know that Jesus was alive. Rather than just pretending to believe, or succumbing to despairing disbelief, he cried out for proof.

And Jesus freely gave that proof, evoking one of the most beautiful and passionate confessions of faith ever given: *My Lord and my God!* I propose we take Thomas as our model, calling him *Thomas of Parrhesia* or *Thomas the Bold!*

Cheryl Ann Smith



Priests and people came from all over the diocese for the annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Our pictures, taken by Johan Bergström-Allen, show Bishop Terry blessing a young pilgrim and the altar seen from the Lady Chapel.



St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
Sunday October 27
3pm

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Your Mission – Should You Choose To Accept It!

Middlesbrough Youth Mission (MYMission) is entering its next stage of development with Rebecca Coyne taking up the new role of MYMission parish development officer.

MYMission began life in 2010 and was inspired by the writings of Blessed (soon to be St) John Henry Newman. It seeks to help young people discover "God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me, which he has not committed to another. I have MYMission."

Rebecca, who is working with Father Philip Cunah, the diocesan youth chaplain, will be building upon this foundation by creating parish-based opportunities for young people in the diocese.

"I am looking for young people who want to see their communities of faith grow and who want to get involved in that," she said.

"The Youth Council, a forum for young people to voice their thoughts and ideas, to offer their gifts and energies and in that way sharing and assisting in the provision of youth ministry in the diocese, will be starting in the New Year. We have the T-shirts – we just need the right people to fill them!

"I'm also looking for volunteers, those who have a heart for youth ministry and young people. We will be providing parish-based training for those who can give of their time to help the communities grow.

"As Blessed John Henry Newman said, 'I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.' Our parish communities are places where these connections can be made."

This is an exciting time for youth ministry. The Bishops' Synod on Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment has taken place, Christus Vivit (Christ is alive), the post-Synodal Exhortation (urgent call) to young people and the entire people of God has been published and World Youth Day (WYD) took place in Panama in January.

"Some of the young people from this diocese who were at WYD in Panama spoke about the awe-inspiring silence of hundreds of thousands of youths during Benediction and that memory has stayed with them many months later," said Rebecca.

"The next WYD is happening in Lisbon, Portugal in 2022, a lot closer to home, so we hope as many young people as possible from the diocese will come on that pilgrimage and experience it for themselves.

"Going on pilgrimage to Lourdes is another event young people can be part of and experience living their faith in a very real way by supporting less able pilgrims. Two young people who were there shared how they were impressed by their experience of going to the International Mass and the Torchlight Procession."

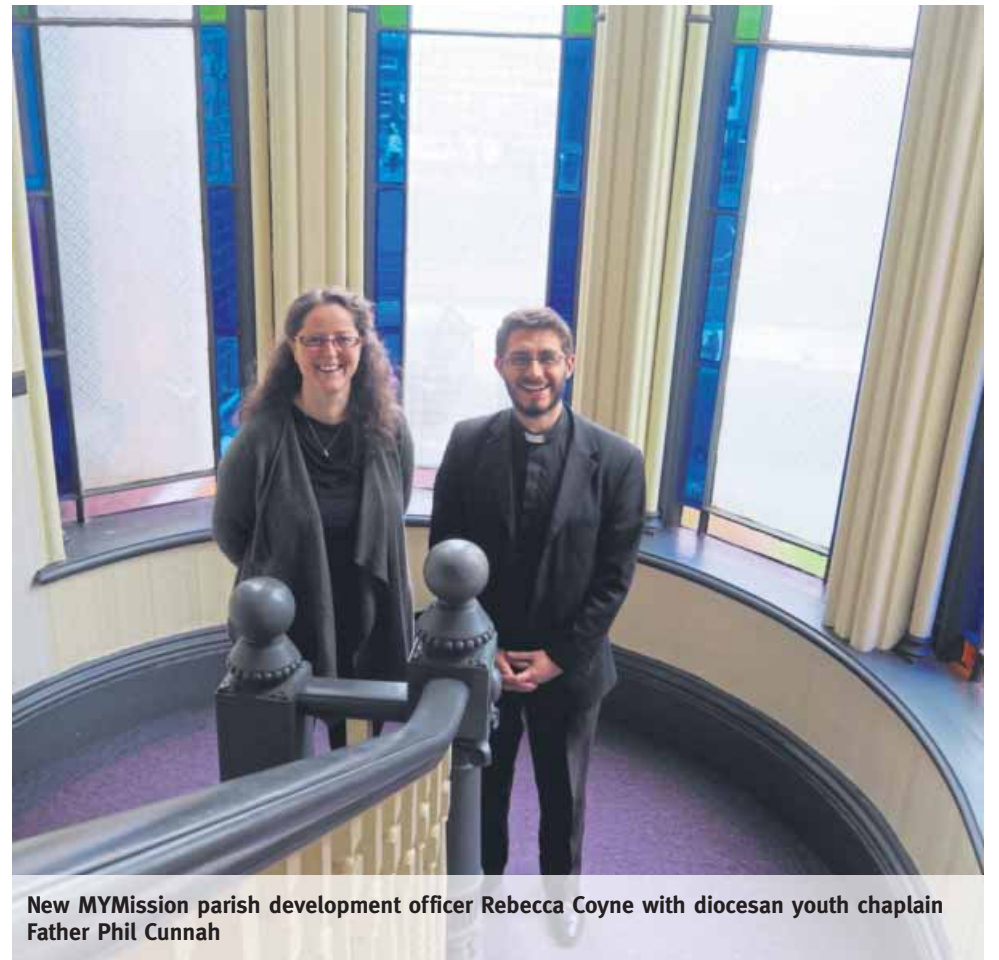
The MYMission.org.uk website and the social

media accounts on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook are currently being updated so they can be used to keep the young people of the diocese informed about youth events.

"It's been an encouraging first few weeks in the job, meeting some of the priests of the diocese and the young adults' group based

in Middlesbrough that meets monthly, followed by the ordination of now Father Peter Taylor, who is based in Hull.

"I think I'll leave the last word to St Thérèse of Lisieux – 'I feel my mission is about to begin, my mission to make God loved as I love him.'"



New MYMission parish development officer Rebecca Coyne with diocesan youth chaplain Father Phil Cunah

Measles Casts Its Deadly Shadow

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

A dark spectre has cast its long shadow over the country: first in other parts, so we thought we'd be safe, then the shadow fell over the town of Basankusu, where I work. The spectre is measles. Around 8,000 children have died in the Congo in the last year from the current epidemic – by comparison, the Ebola virus has killed 2,000 in the past two years.

Vaccinations take place throughout Congo in a massive internationally funded programme – and it's free. Even so, many children miss out for various reasons, especially in the outlying villages where they're beyond healthcare.

A growing concern is the number of pseudo-Christian sects, do-it-yourself churches that discourage modern medicine. Measles is a high-risk illness to begin with, but for children who are already underweight it can be deadly.

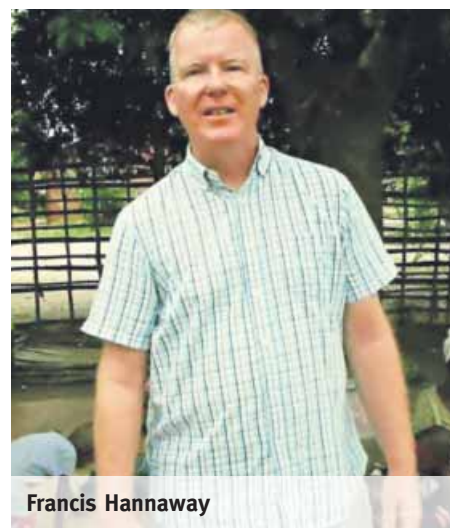
The illness itself usually causes diarrhoea, which then causes rapid weight loss and the loss of essential nutrients so that the body becomes dehydrated.

Our main fear is, of course, that a child might introduce measles into my malnutrition centre where it would spread quickly, with devastating consequences. We work closely with our local Catholic hospital, who have so far arranged separate rooms for any of our children suspected of having measles. Eventually, they'll run out of space!

We presently have 70 children registered at our centre and at least ten in that group have recently had measles.

"Don't worry, Francis," reassured Germain, one of the nurses at the hospital. "Once measles has finished in someone, they can't pass it on to anyone else." I was relieved to hear it.

"Actually," he continued, "it would be good if you could open more centres for malnutrition in the villages outside Basankusu where the need is great. I



Francis Hannaway

notice that a lot of the children at your centre have been carried great distances on their parents' backs. It would be good if they had somewhere near to where they live."

Of course, I agreed with him.

"The only problem is paying for it all. People in Middlesbrough Diocese have been very kind so far, but we are still battling against the tide. Without more donations, even the work we are doing in Basankusu will have to be reduced."

Germain looked puzzled for a moment. As he looked around the bare concrete floor of the hospital ward, with four rusty metal-framed beds in it, he was probably thinking that people from England could never run out of money.

"Tell them that I sent you," he smiled.

"I will indeed," I smiled back.

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NEWS

Warm Tributes Paid To ‘Delightful’ Monsignor Tony

Emeritus Bishop of Middlesbrough John Crowley has led the tributes to Monsignor Tony Bickerstaffe, who died in Hull on September 6, four days before his 95th birthday.

Monsignor Bickerstaffe served in parishes throughout the diocese and also in key roles including bishop’s secretary from 1957 to 1970 and chancellor from 1963 to 1981.

Bishop John, who is now retired and living in the south of England, described Monsignor Bickerstaffe as a “gentle, kindly and courteous man, with a ready, captivating and slightly mischievous smile.”

“Over his long-distance haul as a priest he saw many changes in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council,” he added.

“He will be remembered for the way he touched the lives of so many in a very quiet, simple and unobtrusive way. Simply put, Tony was a lovely human being and therefore an outstanding priest.”

Canon David Grant, Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy, knew Monsignor Bickerstaffe all his life and said he was a “delightful man.”

“I’ve never heard anyone, clerical or lay, say a wrong word about him,” he said. “He was a most gentle, delightful character with a good sense of humour, but also an excellent pastoral priest.”

The youngest of six siblings, Monsignor Bickerstaffe was born in east Hull on September 10 1924. His father was a docker and his mother died when he was nine years old. After leaving school he worked at Needlers Sweets, where Canon Grant understands he designed a sweet that was quite successful.

He served in the Royal Navy towards the latter part of World War II and had a brother who was sadly killed on active service in the Marines.

He attended seminary at Mount Melleray in County Waterford, Ireland, before completing his studies at the Venerable English College in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on July 11 1954, the Marian Year, and continued his studies for a further year at the English College for his Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL).

An elder brother, Father Joseph Bickerstaffe, was also

ordained for this diocese and later worked in the Wrexham Diocese.

Monsignor Bickerstaffe’s first appointment was as assistant priest at Our Lady & St Peter in Bridlington in 1955. In 1957 he was appointed bishop’s secretary and chaplain to Bishop Brunner, based at Nazareth House, Middlesbrough.

Bishop Brunner gave him the title of Monsignor in 1967 and he continued as bishop’s secretary under Bishop McClean until 1970, when he was appointed parish priest at St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, serving there until 1984.

Between 1984 and 1989 he was parish priest at St Anthony’s, Brotton, and from 1989 to 1994 he was parish priest of St Patrick’s, Whitby. He then returned to St Charles in Hull, working alongside the Auxiliary Bishop Kevin O’Brien until 1998 and assisting in the parish while in semi-retirement.

“He was a wonderful companion to Bishop O’Brien during their years together at St Charles and Kevin appreciated enormously having Tony alongside him in his lovably eccentric way,” said Bishop John.

In 1998 Monsignor Bickerstaffe retired to live with Canon Grant at Hornsea and in 2007 moved back to his home city of Hull, where he has been resident at Holy Name Care Home for some years. He was a regular on our annual Lourdes pilgrimage until recent years, along with his late sister, Rita.

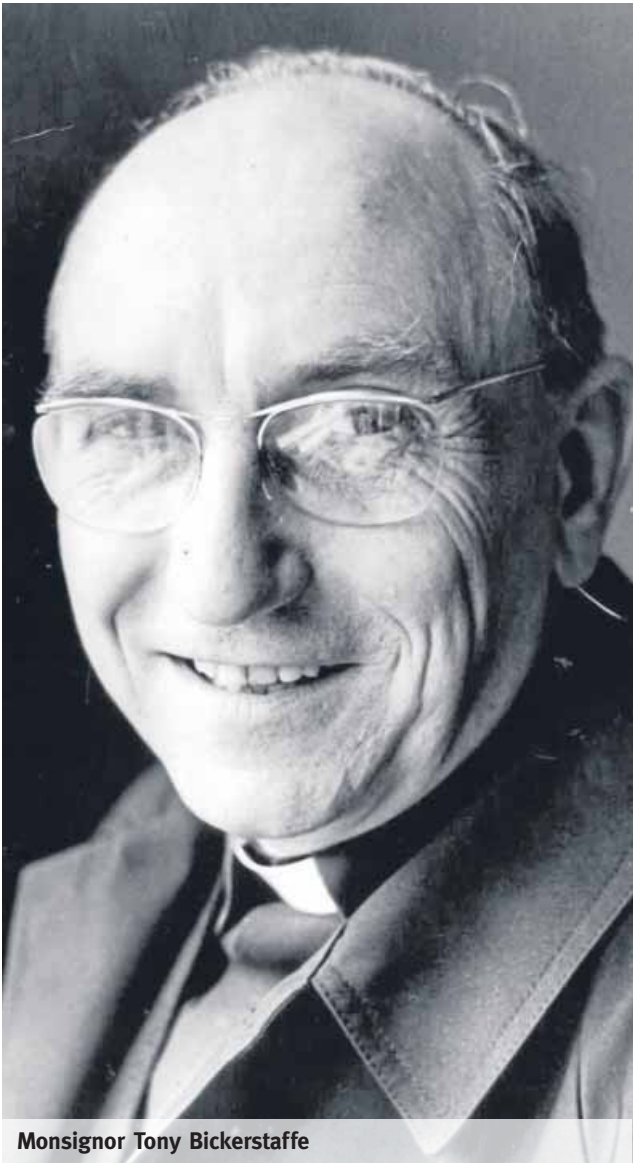
“In his later years his memory began to fade a little but he was always a priest who was positive and who enjoyed his priesthood,” said Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson.

“We would like to give many thanks to those in the care home over the years who have looked after and supported Monsignor Bickerstaffe and to all the parishes he served in.

“His niece, Anne Marie Buchan, has been a great support and help to him and she and the other members of Monsignor Bickerstaffe’s family are all in our prayers at this time.”

Many former parishioners paid their own tributes to Monsignor Bickerstaffe on the Diocese of Middlesbrough’s Facebook page.

Monsignor Bickerstaffe’s body was received into St Charles Church in Hull on Wednesday September 25 and his requiem funeral Mass took place on Thursday September 26, followed by burial at Eastern Cemetery.



Monsignor Tony Bickerstaffe

Asylum Talk Asks, ‘Who Is My Neighbour?’

Justice worker Pete Widlinski inspired Ryedale Christian Council when he addressed their meeting in Helmsley about his work with asylum seekers.

Pete, of Justice First, the Mary Thompson Foundation and Tees Valley of Sanctuary, said the answer to who is our neighbour lies in rejecting what he described as the "hostile environment" approach to refugees and asylum seekers by instead embracing those cast out and rejected.

"They must never succeed in turning us into them," has been Pete’s watchword. He gave a mixture of facts and anecdotes about the treatment of those seeking asylum, amassed over many years.

Most asylum seekers are fleeing unimaginable horrors at home and the 21.3m refugees worldwide in 2015-16 resulted in only 39,000 frightened people claiming asylum in the UK, 653,000 settling in the rest of Europe.

These souls know they are unwelcome. The UK’s hostile environment reflects populist trends in Europe, where there is more concern for their borders than for human lives.

Those seeking sanctuary in the UK are dispersed throughout the country but inevitably are concentrated in those areas where housing is cheapest, such as Teesside, where the private agencies to which the government contracts out its problem can afford to buy up low-cost housing.

Pete said the distinction between so-called economic migrants and refugees is often simplistic and false and described an asylum process that includes no-choice dispersal and no right to work for 12 months.

When appeals fail, strict criteria are imposed for support, usually involving relocation ready for deportation, regardless of lives established sometimes over many years. No cash support is available.

The effects of this system can include a deterioration in mental and physical health, vulnerability to exploitation and abuse, criminality and illegal working.

Organisations such as those Pete works for, as well as concerned individuals and activists, do their best to address the wrongs of this system and draw attention to the realities rather than the myths of migration, but he said more must be done.

Despite propaganda from anti-migrant groups, the facts are that more than 65m people like us have been forced to flee their homes and at least 5,000 people have drowned in the Mediterranean Sea. Developing countries host 86% of refugees and just 0.32% of the UK population are refugees.

Pete left his listeners profoundly moved and determined to take action.

David Cragg-James



Catholic Archivists Visit Ireland

A group of Catholic archivists including our own diocesan archivist, David Smallwood, and his wife Bernadette, recently enjoyed a five-day visit to Dublin.

They were based at Maynooth College and travelled into the city each day to visit archives including the Irish National Archives, Dublin Diocesan Archives and the Archives of the Sisters of Mercy and of the Dominican nuns. At each venue they were given a generous welcome and offered privileged access to significant documents.

“There were too many memorable moments to mention them all here but, at this critical time during Brexit negotiations, it was especially moving to view the Good Friday Agreement,” said David.

“We also saw the document that established Irish independence in 1922, which includes Michael Collins as one of the Irish signees and Lloyd George and Winston Churchill as two of the British signees.”

David and Bernadette are on the extreme left in the photograph. Second on the right is Judith Smeaton, who helps organise the annual Catholic History Day at York’s Bar Convent and is currently chair of the Catholic Archives Society of the UK and Ireland. For more information on the CAS visit catholicarchivesociety.org.

Be Generous This Harvest Family Fast Day

This year's Harvest Family Fast Day focuses on the life of 14-year-old Fabiano, who lives in the isolated and drought-prone area of Karamoja region of north-east Uganda.

Six out of ten people live in abject poverty, being without many of the basics needed for survival. During times of drought, people have about five litres of water a day for everything.

Uganda is slightly smaller than the UK with a population of 35 million people, around half the UK population. Globally, 780 million people don't have access to clean drinking water. An early riser, Fabiano gets up before sunrise each morning and walks three miles to fetch water for the family.

"We didn't have a tap near our home and the pump was over an hour away," he says. "I'd walk through the bush, which is a scary place in the dark. You don't know what's out there. There could be wild animals or snakes. I was a little boy, so I was scared of witches and wizards."

"I left early so I could get to the pump to queue for water with everyone else, crank the pump handle, fill our jerrycans, hurry back home, give the water to Mum, have a drink, have some food if there was any, wash myself if there was enough water, change into cleaner clothes if we were able to clean them, then hurry to school. School is everything. Everything!"

It was during one of these dark mornings that a man attacked Fabiano as he made his way home with his water.

"One morning, as I was coming back, I met a man on the road. He told me he was thirsty and asked if he could have some of my water. When I gave him the jerrycan I was carrying, he beat me and poured our water away. He really hurt me, so I ran home. I don't blame the man for what happened, I blame the water problems we had."

Pope Francis tells us, "Our world has a social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. This debt can be paid partly by an increase in funding to provide clean water and sanitary services among the poor." (*Laudato Si'*).

With your help and support this harvest, we can help people such as Fabiano to have access to clean, safe and sustainable water supplies near to their homes.

Please be generous with your time, prayers and donations. Why not have a simple soup supper on Family Fast Day, Friday October 4,



Your donations to CAFOD can help people such as Fabiano get access to clean drinking water

and donate what you save to CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day? Visit the CAFOD website to find out more about Uganda and our work around the world.

Diary Dates

Friday October 4: Harvest Family Fast Day

Saturday November 2: CAFOD Faith in Action Day, Our Lady's, York YO24 3DX

Sunday November 3: CAFOD Memorial Mass, 10.30am, St Joseph's, Tanton Road, Stokesley TS9 5HN

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Brother Guy Consolmagno, director of the Vatican Observatory and president of the Vatican Observatory Foundation, entertained guests when he spoke on the subject of Astronomy, God and the Search for Elegance as part of this year's Ebor Lectures – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

NEWS

Diocese Prepares For Mission Month Celebration

This year's World Mission Sunday (October 20) – the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together in support of mission – is running alongside another exciting global event.

His Holiness, Pope Francis, declared this month to be a special one of prayer and action, to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church.

The Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019) marks the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV's Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, which Pope Francis describes as "a milestone in the evolution of the Church's missionary work."

A century later, the call is as urgent as ever. This is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on and pray for the Church's mission and for the whole Church to fully realise that in our

rapidly changing world, the Gospel is needed now more than ever.

Here in our diocese we are celebrating with a Mass to which all are invited. As the Pope's official charity for world mission, Missio enables Catholics in England and Wales to live out the call received at Baptism: to share in the Church's universal mission.

Missio's national director Father Anthony Chantry says: "All of us who believe in Jesus Christ as Son of God and Saviour received our faith from God through those missionaries, who long ago left their homes and families to share their faith with those in foreign lands.

"Their sharing usually took place in the context of serving those in need, especially the poor and oppressed, thus demonstrating the character and power of God's love in our


world.

"I've seen the fruit of that work in many countries in Africa and Asia, where there is a host of young and dynamic Catholic communities committed to following Jesus Christ. Yet we must not make the mistake of assuming that mission abroad has no place in our modern world."

"The Holy Father challenges us to be in a permanent state of mission, for 'each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love' (Message for World Mission Sunday, 2019).


"I hope this month will help us all to look back in thanksgiving for all that has been achieved by the missionary work of the Church and look forward with hope to a future when all peoples will know the saving and liberating love of Jesus Christ."

• **Missio invites everyone to get involved in EMM2019, joining our sisters and brothers around the world in faith and renewal. Find out more about EMM2019 at missio.org.uk/emm and see how you can get involved – personally and as a community – in this special celebration of mission. Our diocesan EMM2019 celebration is at St Mary's Cathedral on Thursday October 17 at 7pm.**



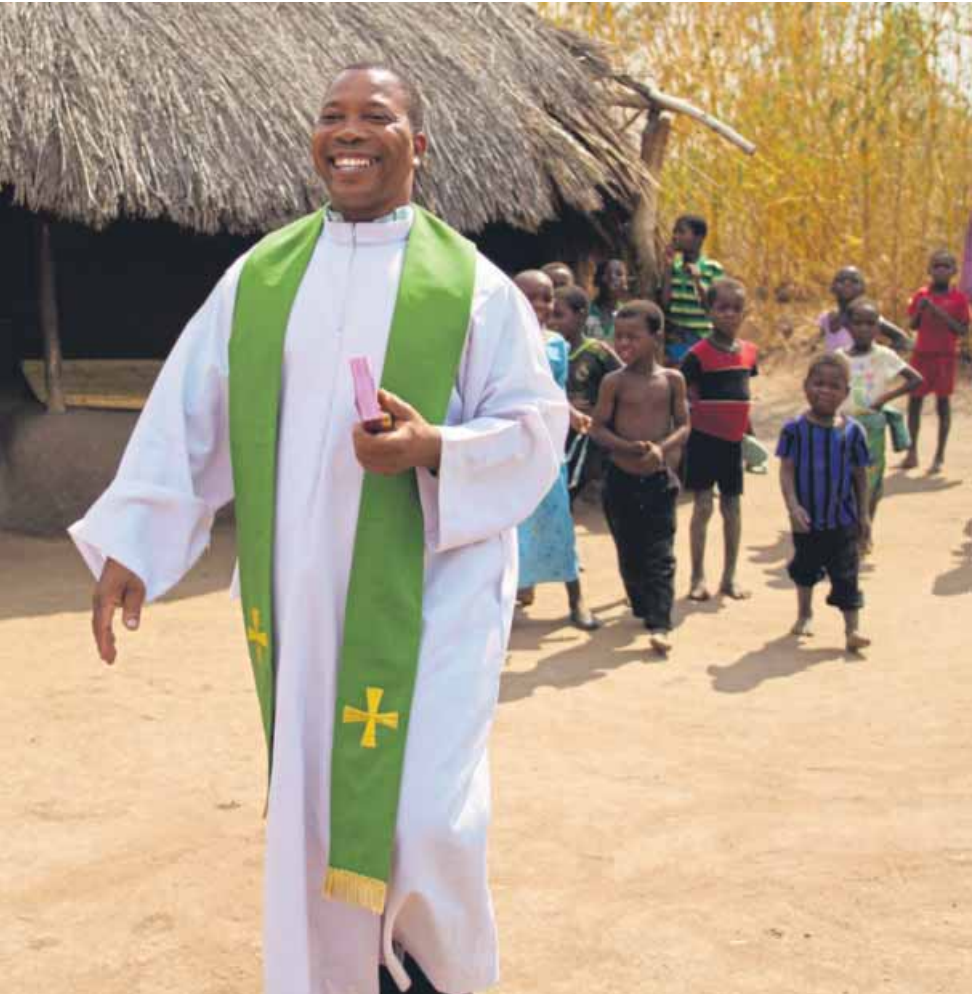
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Father Henry, a priest in Malawi



Terry Graham, left, with the St Thomas More litter pickers

From the Archives



50 Years Ago

(Part of a letter from the Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Bridlington, to Bishop McClean, October 1 1969)

"I have been advised on good authority that the roof of the presbytery needs retiling. In fact, I have been warned that it would be risky to put this off for any considerable time. In the event of a bad winter there is the possibility of rain coming through causing damage to ceilings etc. I therefore beg your Lordship's permission for leave to go ahead with the project."

Bishop McClean replied via the diocesan treasurer, on October 7 1969:

"The roof on my presbytery was only a temporary one, asbestos, with a life of ten years. It has been on forty years and is causing a great deal of trouble. The estimate for reroofing was £2,300. I have had it covered with a priming solution, hessian, and two coats of a rubberised solution called 'Evide', cost £280. The Bishop thinks that this may solve your problem and save a great deal of money."

100 Years Ago

(From the Log Book of St Gregory's School, Scott Street, Hull)

The Rev. Canon Hall accompanied by Commander M. A. Regan and P Dawson Esq., managers, visited the school on the morning of 9th October, 1919, on the occasion of the Distribution of the Books in memory of the "Signing of the Peace". The children sang a suitable song, and the Rev. Manager addressed a few words to the children. The school was closed on the afternoon for a holiday in Honour of Peace and the Hull Fair.

David Smallwood

Cleaning Up For Creation

A group of parishioners from St Thomas More's, Middlesbrough, took part in a litter pick around the local area as a practical way of marking the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated annually on September 1.

The litter pick, which will hopefully become a monthly event, is one of the first in a series of projects the parish hopes to undertake during the next year as it works towards achieving CAFOD's Livesimply Award.

The award is granted to parishes that can demonstrate how, as a community, they have been living simply, in solidarity with the poor and sustainably with creation. Other ideas in the pipeline include a community vegetable patch, a book club and study group to reflect together on how to live simply and intentionally as Christian disciples and becoming a Fairtrade parish.

Parishioners have also recently begun collecting foodstuffs for local food banks and together with the Middlesbrough branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, they have also been building up supplies of baby clothes and equipment to assist women in crisis pregnancies.

Terry Graham

NEWS

Hull Catenians' Gifts To Charities

Hull Circle of the Catenians heard about hopes for a breakthrough in the treatment of dementia when a representative from the Alzheimer's Society attended a meeting for a cheque presentation.

John Fleming helped raise £955 for his chosen charity during his year as the circle's president after several people close to him faced the illness. The Alzheimer's Society's Sally Backhouse thanked the Catenians and said the money would be used to give support, help and advice and help fund research on the disease.

In the next decade it is thought that there will be 150 million people suffering from dementia, with 40% of them being under 65, she said. One approach taken in research is to focus on drug repurposing, where drugs already being used to treat other conditions are being tested as a potential treatment for dementia.

It is hoped that a new treatment may be available within five-to-ten years. Also, a new blood test has been developed that is 94% accurate in detecting dementia 20 years before memory loss and confusion develops.

"I was delighted to be able to hand over the cheque in person and extremely happy knowing that it would be spent helping sufferers of the disease and funding research," said John. "It was good to show those who had contributed how their very generous donation will be used."

Another past Hull Catenians' president, Peter Wright, showed his support for Guide Dogs for the Blind by presenting a cheque for £1,370 to the national charity's engagement officer, Paul Bush.

Paul, who is blind, gave a presentation to the circle at the beginning of Peter's year in office, telling them how much he depended on his dog and how it has transformed his life.

The charity, founded in 1931, has helped thousands of people living with sight loss. Every hour another person in the UK goes blind and guide dogs enable many of them to lead full, independent lives.

Paul thanked the Catenians for their donation and said the money will be used to train dogs, support the charity's breeding programme and interview and counsel blind people so they can be matched with the right dog. "Guide Dogs for the Blind was an easy choice for me," explained Peter. "One of my cousins has worked for the charity as a fundraiser for more than ten years and I felt it would be a popular choice with brothers and their families."



Former Hull Catenians president John Fleming with Sally Backhouse of the Alzheimer's Society



Paul Bush, from Guide Dogs for the Blind, with Peter Wright – Photos by Bernard Swift

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

2	1935	Very Rev Canon Sidney Calvert	Leyburn
4	1986	Rev Edward Taylor MCCJ	Leeds
6	1937	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Francis Hall	Hull
9	1930	Rev John Murphy	Market Weighton
9	2012	Rev Keith Hutchinson	Ampleforth
11	1998	Rev Maurice Hardy	Hornsea
12	1941	Rev Peter Kennedy	Whitby
14	1996	Rev Adrian Poole	Pocklington
14	2013	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Kevin Coughlan	Hessle
15	1921	Rev John McCabe	Pocklington
16	1881	Rev Jeremiah Murphy	Middlesbrough
16	1971	Rev Fredrick Bird	York
16	1986	Rev Patrick Fitzgerald	Middlesbrough
17	1969	Rt Rev Mgr James McMullan	Scorton
17	1977	Very Rev Canon Austin Wood	York
19	1937	Rev William McGlone	Loftus
20	1957	Rev Thomas McEntegart	Cottingham
20	1935	Rev John Cronin	Bedale
21	1919	Rev Jeremiah O'Leary	Brough Park
21	2017	Rev Patrick Cope	Hull
25	2008	Rev Michael O'Connor	Hedon
27	1951	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Nathaniel Dune VG	Middlesbrough
27	1958	Rev Maurice O'Regan	Driffild
27	1969	Very Rev Canon Stephen O'Brien	Beverley
27	1993	Rev Stephen Kitchen	Lealholm
27	2017	Rev Michael White	Cappawhite
31	1978	Very Rev Canon Gerald Quirk	Scorton



Father Pat Cope, whose second anniversary is this month

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ENGAGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2019

- 1 Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall, Leeds 10.3 am
- 2-6 Leads Diocesan Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo and Assisi
- 8 Celebrates Mass for the Apostleship of the Sea at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 7.00pm
- 9 School Visit: St Bede's Primary, Marske 9.00am
- 10 Attends meeting of the Northern Province at Bishop's House, Leeds 10.30am
- 11-14 Attends the Canonisation of John Henry Newman in Rome
- 15 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 16 School Visit: St Alphonsus Primary, Middlesbrough 9.00am
- 17 Attends annual meeting of Diocesan Prison Chaplains at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 10.30am
- 18 Celebrates Mass for the Extraordinary Month of Mission at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm
- 18 Attends Annual Education Study Day at York All Day
- 23 School Visit: Christ the King, Thornaby 9.00am
- 24 Celebrates Education Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 7.00pm
- 24 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30am
- 26-27 Attends Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham All weekend
- 28-31 Attends Conference "Supporting Clergy Leadership" at Hothorpe Hall
- Attends Rector's Meeting at Oscott College

1 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

2 Wed
12 noon Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB, midday prayer/prayer intention for October – that we remember the global mission of the church. 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.

4 Fri
Events and articles for inclusion in the November Voice must be received by today.

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

6 Sun
11am 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

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Thomas More's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact 01642 818203 for details
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

7 Mon
10.15am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (10am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
1.30pm-4pm Rosary pilgrimage, Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace (Mass at 3pm)

8 Tues
12.45pm 'Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meets at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull. Tania Wilson 'History of Dove House Hospice.'
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
7pm St Charles Borromeo Church, Hull, Stella Maris Mass in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea.
7pm-8.15pm 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
7.30pm York Newman Circle, Bar Convent, York 'Pax Christi and our struggle together to be peacemakers.' Further details from judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

9 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 October – that we remember the global mission of the church. Followed by refreshments.
2-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind', St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, particularly 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.

11 Fri
10am-4pm Flower Festival at St Joseph's Stokesley, TS9 5HN in continued celebration of the recent re-furbishment of St Joseph's. All welcome to this ecumenical and community event.
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

7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.

12 Sat
10am-4pm Flower Festival at St Joseph's Stokesley in continued celebration of the recent re-furbishment of St Joseph's. Refreshments available during the afternoon. All welcome to this ecumenical and community event.

13 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
12 noon-5pm Flower Festival at St Joseph's Stokesley in continued celebration of the recent re-furbishment of St Joseph's. Closing with benediction. All welcome to this ecumenical and community event.
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.
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at the university chaplaincy, 115 Cottingham Road, Hull HU5 2DH

17 Thurs
1pm-5pm National Board of Catholic Women event: 'Shifting the burden – accompanying women involved in prostitution to exit the sex trade.' St Bede's Pastoral centre, York YO24 1AQ. E-mail nbcwpres@gmail.com for details
7pm Mass for the Extraordinary Month of Mission, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

18 Fri
7.30pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

19 Sat
11.30am Centering (contemplative) Prayer Group, St Gabriel's Church,

Advance Notices

Saturday 23 November: 2019 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Middlesbrough Union of Catholic Mothers, Mass celebrated by Bishop Draine at 12 noon, St Aelred's Church, York YO31 0PN followed by a celebratory lunch in the parish centre.

NEWS

Sister Lynda Returns For Talk

Sister Lynda Dearlove MBE will talk about her experiences supporting women whose lives have been affected by prostitution as the keynote speaker in an event organised by the National Board of Catholic Women (NBCW).

The talk, at St Bede's Pastoral Centre in York, takes place on Thursday October 17, the eve of European Anti-Trafficking Day.

NBCW was founded in 1939 for Catholic women to share their views and concerns at diocesan and national level. It is a consultative body to the Bishops' Conference

of England and Wales and has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Sister Lynda, who is originally from Middlesbrough, will talk on "Shifting the burden – accompanying women involved in prostitution to exit the sex trade."

The event is from 1pm to 5pm and refreshments will be available. The event is free, with donations welcome. Please book early, as places are limited. Contact Margaret Clark on 07710 280652 or email Margaretclark123@gmail.com.

Laity And Ministry In Focus

Classicist Teresa Saunders will speak about "Laity and Ministry: Women, Men and Ministry in historical perspective" at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting. Teresa, who counsels, supervises and trains for Marriage Care, will address the development of ministry from the early church to the present day, giving an overview of how the practice of ministry has changed throughout history. The meeting takes place on Wednesday October 23 at St Mary's Cathedral Hall from 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.

Ormesby, Middlesbrough. Contact: jl@rcdmidd.org.uk

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

20 Sun

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, Holy Name Church, The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT

4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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7.30pm York Newman Circle, Bar Convent, York; Canon Christopher Collingwood, York Minster will speak on Zen and Christianity. Further details from judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

22 Tues

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23 Wed

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7.30pm for 7.45pm Cleveland Newman Association, 'Laity and Ministry: Women, Men and Ministry in historical perspective.' Talk by Teresa Saunders about the development of ministry, not just that of priests, from the early church through the Middle Ages and Reformation to the present day. St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

24 Thurs

7pm Holy hour for the sanctity of life and in thanksgiving for God's gift of creation; St Thomas More's Church, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE

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.

25 Fri

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

7pm for 7.30pm Lourdes Hospitalite Ball; at Teesside University Hub. Tickets £35, contact john.brown160@ntlworld.com or call 07871958412 for details.

27 Sun

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Dementia Friendly Service led by Mgr G Robinson at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough followed by tea/coffee and cake. All faiths are very welcome.
4pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
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30 Wed

12.45pm-3pm Ascent Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10pm Mass.
12 noon Our Lady of Mount Grace, 18 North End, Osmotherley Village DL6 3BB, midday prayer/prayer intention for October – that we remember the global mission of the church. Followed by refreshments.

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NEWS

A Reflection On The Practice Of Ministry

I was asked to give a short reflection on the Practice of Ministry during a summer school with the Society of Saint Gregory, which exists to promote music and liturgy in the Catholic Church.

Others were asked to reflect on the Call to Ministry, Formation for Ministry and Passing On Ministry. My reflection was given after a reading of Romans 12:4-13, which speaks of the variety of gifts we are given to build up the Body of Christ.

Being called to ministry is both a privilege and a responsibility. I was first asked to become a Minister of the Word. Our diocese gives a good formation for liturgical ministry and I remember we were told: "In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talks with them." (*Dei Verbum* 21)

So I did all the preparation as suggested, but I felt nervous at the thought of standing up in front of the whole congregation to read. Then I reminded myself that it's not about me. I am only the channel for God to speak to God's people. I must allow God to speak through me.

Later, I was asked to become an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and to help to distribute Communion in church. Again, I felt nervous about making sure I did the right thing at the right time, but again I was serving God by allowing God's people to receive Christ.

I was reminded of this when I saw a sculpture called "Field", by Antony Gormley. It is viewed through a doorway and you look into a large space, the floor of which is completely covered by small clay figures,

about ten inches high, each with a rudimentary face turned to the viewer. As I looked it was as though each of these figures was looking expectantly at me for me to give them Communion.

Another aspect of this ministry is taking Holy Communion to people at home or in hospital who are sick and sometimes dying. This can be a daunting task and I often feel inadequate, not knowing quite what I will find. I ask the Holy Spirit to work through me, giving me the wisdom and the grace I need to minister to the sick person.

I later did our diocesan Catechists' Course, led by Kit and Caroline Dollard. We learned many useful and interesting things, but the most important one was the model they gave of how to be a facilitator to a group. I became involved in leading RCIA and

Confirmation groups. Again, I was often nervous, but I found that one learns in the doing. Confidence grows in the process of doing the job.

Another role I have is pastoral assistant in our small rural parish in North Yorkshire. I begin to see that I now have to draw other people into ministry, enabling them to use their gifts for the good of all. This will help to prepare the parish for a possible future without a resident priest, when laypeople will between them have to take on the various aspects of ministry, for the parish to survive and to flourish.

I was grateful to be asked to give this reflection, because it has reminded me how blessed I am to be called to allow Christ to work through me.

Sue Westmacott



Our Lady and St Edwards Church in Driffield enjoyed a visit from the Diocese of Arundel & Brighton's ecumenical walking pilgrimage. Led by Father Tony Milner, this group take on different pilgrimage walks each year, this time walking from Lincoln to Whitby. This is the 45th year of their pilgrimage, with some pilgrims completing the whole two weeks and some dipping in and out where they can. The group, which includes walkers from New Zealand, Poland and the USA, joined us for Mass and a welcome cup of tea before making their way towards Bridlington and finally on to Whitby. For more information on the pilgrimage visit thepilgrims.org.uk.

Hornsea Hall Benefits From A Little Co-operation



A Co-op representative hands over the cheque to parishioners from the Sacred Heart, Hornsea

A chance chat with the manager of a local Co-op branch led to a £250 boost for the hall appeal at the Sacred Heart in Hornsea.

Maureen Taylor popped in to ask for a donation of food for the parish barbecue and heard about the company's community grant scheme and was delighted when her application was accepted.

"Maureen regularly goes round the town chatting to as many businesses as possible to raise funds or scrounge items for tombola or for auctioning whenever we are fundraising and she is very successful," said her husband, Colin.

The church is the only one in the town with a carpark and has good access for wheelchairs and those who are unable to walk very far and so is used by the wider community, including other local churches.

Over the last year the hall has been brought up to date with a new kitchen, curtains, floor, fire alarm and rewiring and a disabled toilet has been installed. Tables have also been altered to allow wheelchairs to fit underneath. Fundraising ideas have included popular Italian- and French-themed nights, as well as the barbecue.

Churches Get Together In Acklam

St Mary's Cathedral, St Francis Church and St Clare's Church in Middlesbrough joined Friends from Church of England and the Salvation Army for a celebration that included a service and hymns led by the Rev Vivienne Hatton of St Margaret's, Brookfield, and Nick Ward of Acklam Salvation Army Community Church. Passers-by enjoyed the event and residents opened their windows to listen to the music. Charities helped by these churches include CAFOD, Apostleship of the Sea, Teesside Hospice, Zoe's Place, the Mary Thompson Fund and Traidcraft.

Environment Corner

Over the past weeks we have all seen pictures of vast swathes of the Amazon on fire. Farmers and ranchers want to replace much of the rainforest with soya and cattle farms. It is very appropriate that the Church is holding a Synod for the Amazon this month.

For this month's Environment Corner, we'd like to share with you the campaign run by Greenpeace to link us with the devastation and to encourage us to make our voices heard.

The link between the fires and people here in the UK is the diet of soya fed to chickens that end up in the fast-food meals of KFC, McDonald's and Burger King. Vast amounts of soya come from the forests of Brazil.

Big companies listen to their customers – and particularly children and young people who are often the leaders in environmental issues.

This could be a subject for a school assembly, with messages sent to KFC through social media asking them to speak up and take a stand.

They pride themselves that they have signed up to the Better Chicken Commitment and maintain they have a responsibility to support change. Let's encourage them to look responsibly at where they source their soya feed.

Justice & Peace Commission

John and Wendy Rayne-Davis are pictured with Bishop Terry after they gave a presentation about their new book, *St Margaret Clitherow*, at St Thomas More's in Middlesbrough. The book is available from the publisher at stairwellbooks.co.uk, priced £14 including postage – Photo by Ian Stubbs

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 lourdesecretary@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.

Tickets On Sale For Lourdes Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Lourdes Hospitalité Ball at Teesside University HUB on Friday October 25. Tickets are £35, which includes a three-course meal, live entertainment, disco, tombola, auction and raffle. To book tickets or for more information please contact john.brown160@ntlworld.com or call 07871958412. The organisers would also welcome donations of prizes for the bottle stall, tombola and raffle.

Formation Day Dates Announced

The dates for our Lourdes Pilgrimage formation day and evening have been confirmed. The formation day is on Saturday April 25 from 9am to around 4pm, followed by Mass celebrated with some of our Supported Pilgrims. The formation evening is on Wednesday May 13 from 6pm to around 10.30pm.

Both sessions will contain the same content and will be held at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough. Please note, these timings are provisional and will be confirmed nearer the events. As usual, attendance at one of these sessions is required to be able to work as a volunteer for our diocese in Lourdes.

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.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact pilgrimagedirector@rcdmidd.org.uk

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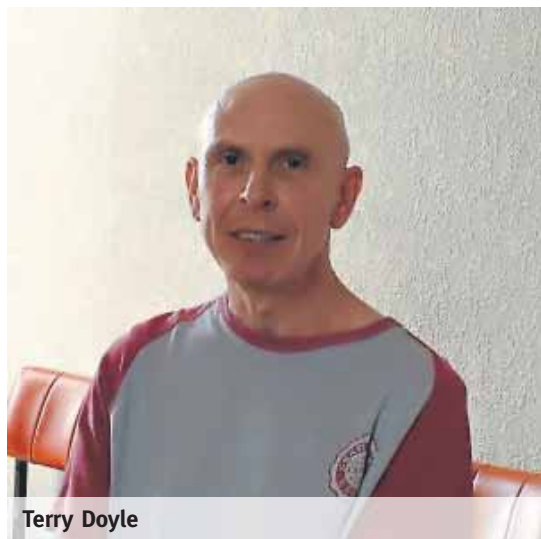
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NEWS

Sharing The Treasures Of Christian Meditation



Terry Doyle

TERRY DOYLE, a familiar face to anyone who uses the St John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough, tells us about a new partnership that has evolved between the diocese and Meditatio. This organisation is the outreach extension of the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) and has awarded funding to develop twice-weekly Christian meditation sessions for anyone to attend...

I have a passion for sharing the gift of our meditation practice with people who would never ordinarily be able to access its richness because of difficult life situations and thereby miss out on the many wonderful treasures it can bring.

I currently serve as special interest coordinator for the WCCM in the UK,

as well as sitting on Meditatio's international council with the same remit of helping share the gift of our meditation practice with people living on the margins of society.

The St John Paul Centre (JPC) has a long and proud history of serving the people of central Middlesbrough and has a very diverse clientele, with many visitors having complex needs such as homelessness, issues with mental health, addiction, poverty and, more recently, asylum seekers with no recourse to public funds.

Bishop Terry is very supportive of this partnership, as is Canon Stephen Maughan, who oversees the pastoral running of the centre and is particularly excited to see the start of such a positive venture to complement the other activities that make the JPC such a vibrant place for so many people.

The Bishop is also chair of the national Caritas Social Action Network and sees the JPC as a hub for Catholic social action for the diocese. He is seeing the JPC evolve into a flagship prayerful pastoral centre that serves the spiritual needs of the people who visit, as well as being a hive of activity for the various charities that work within it, serving many of the town's most vulnerable adults.

I serve the diocese by sitting on the Caritas Middlesbrough steering group as well as chairing the nearby Redcar & Cleveland Caritas Action Group.

Meditatio's vision, as depicted by its logo of two doves on the chalice, is to balance our inner life through prayer and meditation, enabling us to then go out into the world with compassion and professionalism to help develop a contemplative response to the social needs of our times.

Within the JPC there is an opportunity to serve the people who visit by developing a twice-

weekly meditation programme, while also helping to build a relational response to the people coming to the sessions, opening them to anyone and extending a warm hand of welcome and a non-judgemental attitude to participants.

The sessions will create a safe space for people to sit in silence and stillness, together, irrespective of background, creed or colour, which will go a long way to building a relational response to the problems and concerns, hopes and aspirations people will bring.

They will run every Monday and Thursday morning from 10.30am to 11.30pm, with the first session beginning on Thursday October 3. All are welcome.

• For more information, contact terry-doyle@live.co.uk



The World Community
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Stella Maris Mass In Hull

Bishop Terry will preside at Mass in honour of Our Lady Star of the Sea, patron of seafarers' charity Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), in Hull.

All are invited to come along to pray for seafarers who bring us much-needed goods and often work for long periods away from home.

Contact Anne McLaren for further information by emailing annemclaren@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or calling 07906 661 633.

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