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## Evangelisation National Tour Begins in York

The parish of English Martyrs in York saw the first stop of a national tour called 'Crossing the Threshold' on Saturday 12th November. The purpose of these events is to support churchgoing Catholics in reaching out and ministering to baptised Catholics who rarely, or never, attend Mass and an estimated 140 people from across the area came together for a time of prayer, fellowship and discussion. After Morning Prayer, the meeting began with a talk from Clare Ward who works for the Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis of Bishops' Conference and after a break for lunch there were opportunities to take part in more practically focussed workshops.

Bishop Terence Drainey attended the day and said "The 'Crossing the Threshold' Regional Evangelisation Day was exciting. It was good to see so many there, far more than were expected. It was also good to see people from different parts of our region. At the end of every Mass, we are told to go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. All of us who have been baptized and confirmed have been given a share in the mission of spreading the Word and building up the Body of the Church. In essence, the content of the resource day showed us that the mission is on our doorsteps and we can bring the Gospel into our lives and the lives of those we meet

through simple gestures. One of the most important ways is by inviting people to come and see, to come and meet the Lord and also by accompanying them in friendship. It was good to be in York and to be sent out to continue the great work of sharing the Good News with those who are open to and seeking their way to the Lord."

Bishop John Rawsthorne of the Diocese of Hallam also attended the day and presided at Mass. In his homily he said "It is important that we strive to do our best to respond to the call to reach out to non-churchgoers, mindful that they and all our efforts are in God's hands. It is His work and our task is to prayerfully listen to his prompting and direction." Sheilagh Preston, a

### Bishop Terry Writes.....

Already 'Auld Lang Syne' is a distant muffled echo in our ears. By now we should have recovered from our New Year's revels, and most of us will have started the first working week of 2012. Does it feel any different to you? I have always been disappointed with New Year. There is such a build-up to it - reviews of the Old Year, moments of 2011 to be remembered, predictions of what 2012 will bring - and then the day dawns and not much has changed. Of course, for some of us things can be made much worse by feeling slightly delicate from the partying the night before!

And what about all those resolutions? Do *you* make them? Are you still keeping them, any of them? Why do we do it every New Year? What is the reasoning behind it?

Perhaps it is something to do with trying to make the future better than the present and the past. Perhaps it is to bring some discipline into our lives which might seem to have got a little out of control over the festive period and the build-up thereto?

Deep down inside the human spirit there is a flame of hope. Sometimes that hope can be expressed crudely in wanton restlessness or it can be enshrined in persevering heroic trust against the odds.

It is not optimism like Mr Micawber but genuine hope based on personal experi-

ence of God's continual and providential care for us. God has walked at my side through thick and thin, he has been with me in all the ups and downs and I trust, I hope that he will continue to do the same in the future.



As we are still launching ourselves into this New Year of 2012, I ask for each of us, I pray, I genuinely hope for each of us the gifts of happiness, peace of mind, and health in body and spirit. And because I ask the Lord, I know we shall receive. Because I pray, I believe we already possess them, and because I hope, I trust that these gifts will be poured into our lives.

So, Happy 2012. Forget the resolutions, at least for the moment - we'll leave those until Lent. Go beyond optimism; rather be a beacon of hope and trust in our world desperate for that warmth, light and purpose that true hope always brings, hope in our all-loving, our ever-generous God and Father.

*Deliver us, Lord we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*+ Terence Patrick*

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parishioner from Mother of God, Sheffield (Hallam Diocese) attended the day representing the National Board of Catholic Women. She said "It was an exceptional day for all. I went away elated. I felt we were on the move in responding practically to the needs of those we love and are concerned about. Listening to people's stories was emphasised repeatedly on the day and I think this is essential."

There are to be four more tour days in 2012 covering Birmingham (4th February), Crawley (3rd March), Westminster (28th April) and Cardiff (23rd June.) It is good to know that - thanks to the goodwill and the hard work of so many people in our own Diocese - the tour has got off to such an encouraging start.



Reverend Deacon Vince Purcell, who is currently acting Adult Formation Advisor in the Diocese, at 'Crossing the Threshold'.



Claire Ward, Home Mission Advisor to the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, speaking at 'Crossing the Threshold'.

**Catechumenate**

On Saturday 19th November, at English Martyrs in York, RCIA team members from parishes across the Diocese met for a Study Day on the 'Catechumenate' - which is the main period of formation for people wanting to become Catholic Christians. The day, planned by the RCIA Network (North) - www.rcia.org.uk - was led by the Diocesan RCIA Co-ordinators, Father Michael Keogh and Caroline Dollard, with Catherine Davis from the Salford Diocese. Our own Diocesan RCIA Working Group provided warm hospitality for the event. During the day, participants had the opportunity to look at a DVD on the Seasons of the Liturgical year, and explore liturgical catechesis using the Lectionary. Catherine Davies led a workshop on Roles in the Catechumenate, and Caroline led one on the Liturgies of this period as 'food for the journey', with celebrations of the Word, prayers of healing, blessing and anointing, all helping towards preparing candidates and catechumens for Sacraments. One parishioner said "Wow, this was hard work! But we covered all aspects of the journey in faith!" Another commented "I learnt a great deal and it's given me a real booster to continue." As always on



Father Michael Keogh at the RCIA Study Day.



Study Day participants.

these days, the most important part was sharing one another's experiences, and encouraging one another in this vital role of accompanying others on the journey in faith. If any parish would like

support, or a fresh start with RCIA, please get in touch with Father Michael Keogh on (01642) 674140.

**A Crisis in Headship in Catholic Schools**

At the moment, all our Catholic schools in the Diocese have good heads in place but it is becoming increasingly difficult to replace headteachers when they leave. This problem is not unique to Catholic schools - all schools are experiencing the same issue - but the obvious requirement that headteachers of Catholic schools must be practising Catholics narrows the recruitment field enormously. The problem is caused by demographics: nationally, 55% of heads will retire in the next three years and this pattern is reflected locally. Sixty per cent of advertisements for Catholic heads are unsuccessful the first time: the post has to be re-advertised. In a small number of schools, it has proved impossible to recruit a head from a national advert.

So what can we do? We have to think imaginatively about bringing schools together, about using one head for more than one school, about planning very carefully for the replacement of heads - at school and Diocesan level. The topic is so important that we are running training for Governors. Two have already taken place - in Hull and Scarborough. But there are courses in Middlesbrough and York still to run in January:

Middlesbrough: 19th January 2012  
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm at the Curial Office.

York 26th January 2012  
4.30 pm - 6.00 pm at St Wilfrid's Primary School near Monk Bar.

If you are a Governor of one of our schools and you want to attend, please contact the Schools Service - tel (01642) 850515 or e-mail educationadmin@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

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**Richard Geoghegan, Diocesan Advisor for Education Standards**

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Wednesday 25th January 2012  
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# Outrage that pupils may be denied Catholic education

**Sacred Heart Secondary School in Redcar provides an "outstanding" Catholic education, as evidenced by the recent OFSTED inspection, for pupils not only in Redcar but the whole of East Cleveland, including, Guisborough, Marske, Saltburn, Skelton, Brotton, Loftus, Easington and as far as Liverton Mines.**

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council proposes to "withdraw or phase out free transport for pupils between home and school where this is provided on religious/faith grounds". This proposal will have a dramatic impact on the current pupils who may have to change schools; it removes the option for parents who desire their children to be educated in a Catholic school, where the spiritual development of each individual is paramount.

As a member of The Redcar and Marske Specialist Schools Trust, Sacred Heart provides exciting educational opportunities for many young people in the Borough. If the proposal is accepted, this will affect 32% of the student population,

potentially damaging the Catholic nature of this "Outstanding" school.

The Council will be depriving pupils of a high quality education at a time when, to quote its own Corporate Plan, it is essential "to inspire our young people to do their best in school so that they achieve their potential, both educationally and personally".

All Catholics in Redcar and Cleveland are urged to object to the proposed withdrawal online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RCBC> EducationTransportConsultation, or send an e-mail to [consultation@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk) and by contacting your local Councillor.

The consultation period ends on 16 January 2012.

**Pat Hibbert, Headteacher**

## CCRS

**Last September saw a very successful re-launch of the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) in the Diocese with almost 50 new learners enrolling at Centres in Middlesbrough, York and Hull. The CCRS will be very familiar to many teachers who work in our Catholic schools. For many years, it has helped them to develop a deeper understanding of the faith that guides our approach to education. It is still an important option for any teacher who is looking to develop their career within the Catholic education sector.**

Recently, though, CCRS has also become very popular with parishioners who wish to know more about their own faith - in fact, people who are following the course for personal fulfilment now outnumber those studying for professional development. Sue Paterson and Sharron Driver are both new CCRS students. They work at the Curial Office in Middlesbrough but joined the course after hearing about it in their local parishes.

Sharron explained that she was a "cradle Catholic" yet there were still many aspects of the faith that she felt drawn to explore at greater depth. She feels that

the CCRS programme is helping her to do this and she really appreciates the clear teaching offered by Carmel Goodchild, who is one of the Middlesbrough tutors. Sue was quick to agree - like Sharron, she is doing CCRS because of a desire to develop a better understanding of her faith. Sue thought that each of the modules looked fascinating and has thoroughly enjoyed taking part. She added that the programme has an extra benefit as well - she is now able to have a more meaningful conversation with her daughter about her studies in Theology!

The structure of the CCRS programme is designed to be as flexible as possible. It is divided into a number of different "modules" such as the Old and the New Testament, The Church and The Sacraments. The teaching for each module is spread over two Saturdays and it is possible to study a single module just for personal interest - and without having to write an essay! The cost of each module is £50.00 or £40.00 if you are not receiving a wage. However, you can choose to follow the whole programme of eight modules by spreading your study over two years or more. If you choose to do this (and if you complete the essay that goes with

**Sue Paterson, Curial Office Receptionist, and Sharron Driver, Secretary to Financial Secretary Doctor Jim Whiston, who are participating in the CCRS Course.**



each module) then you could be awarded a Certificate from the Board of Studies of the Bishops' Conference. The cost for each module is the same as above but there would also be a one off charge of £20.00 to register with the Board.

So if one of your New Year resolutions is to learn more about your faith then the CCRS might be just right for you! The modules on offer over the next two terms

include Christology (that is, learning more about the person and mission of Jesus himself), World Religions, Catholic Education since 1948 and An Introduction to Parish Catechesis. If you would like to learn more about the CCRS then please contact Reverend Vincent Purcell (Acting Advisor on Adult Formation) on (01642) 850505 ext 260 or e-mail [adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

## Love Letters & Children's Drawings

Norah Hanson, a parishioner of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull, started writing poetry in 1994. Her poetry has been published in numerous magazines and anthologies but this year has been published in a single volume, *Love Letters & Children's Drawings*. The book proved so popular when it was launched in early November that it was sold out and there has had to be a second print run.

Norah says that it is people who inspire her to write. Even when she is writing about the outdoors, she finds people pop up and inhabit the verse. The poetry is a selection of themes and topics and is published by Valley Press - to find out more about Norah, or to purchase a book, use [www.valleypressuk.com/authors/norahhanson](http://www.valleypressuk.com/authors/norahhanson) The book is also available from bookshops.



**Norah Hanson.**

It is amazing that Norah has any time to write poetry because she is involved with so many Catholic activities, both locally and nationally. She is very much involved with the work of CAFOD and is the chief organiser of the annual Hull CAFOD Advent Service, which Bishop Draine and the Anglican Bishop of Hull, Richard Frith, always attend together with the leaders of other denominations. She also plays an active part in the Hull Interfaith and Justice and Peace groups. Norah was the Chair of a Committee which resulted in the formation of a Hull Charity called *Danny's Dream*, which provides personal assistance and family support care to enable young adults with severe physical and/or learning difficulties to be as active as possible in the local community. She also has many family commitments, having six children, 17 grandchildren and four great grandchildren, some of whom live in Australia.

**Bernard Swift**

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The photograph shows Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey and the members of the Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes gathered on the steps of York Minster.

## Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes Reunion

Members of the Association of British Members of the Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes held their annual reunion in York over the weekend of 11th-13th November 2011 hosted by the Lourdes Hospitalité from the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

The highlight of the weekend was the Mass celebrated in York Minster by Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey of Middlesbrough. Concelebrating with the Bishop were four priest members of the Hospitalité and three priests from the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Bishop Drainey welcomed the members of the Association to York and the Diocese of Middlesbrough and thanked them for their work in accompanying and welcoming pilgrims, especially the sick and disabled.

The Association used their 2011 reunion to launch a new initiative 'Come Follow Me' to encourage more people to join existing members of the Association in volunteering to work for the Hospitalité in Lourdes. 'Come Follow Me' was launched as a local initiative in the Middlesbrough Diocese at a seminar on the Friday evening when members described their work for the Hospitalité for a group of Lourdes helpers from the Diocese. Keith Tillotson, the President of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Hospitalité, said "The seminar was very interesting and a superb opportunity for the Lourdes helpers from Middlesbrough to learn more about the work of the Hospitalité in Lourdes. We are hoping that there will be a group of helpers from Middlesbrough to take up the challenge to Come and Follow me."

At the Association's AGM on the Saturday afternoon, the meeting approved a national roll out of the 'Come Follow Me' initiative. Plans are now being developed to have leaflets, posters and a new website in place by 11th February 2012, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mick Davison, the President of the Association, said "We are very grateful to our hosts in the Middlesbrough Diocese for organising such a wonderful weekend, especially the Mass in York Minster. We are also very grateful to Bishop Drainey and Keith Tillotson, their commitment to encouraging more people from the Middlesbrough Diocese to work for the Hospitalité in Lourdes was the inspiration for the 'Come Follow Me' campaign."

## Sung Benediction and Solemn Vespers

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## Taizé Service for Candlemas

Sunday 5th February 2012

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# Music Ministry

Tim Harrison, Diocesan Director of Music, looks forward to developments in the New Year

## Calling all Singers Diocesan Choir 2012

Do you love singing? Yes? Then the Diocesan Choir needs you! The Diocesan Choir extends a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us. There is no audition process - just turn up and join in the singing. The Choir is conducted by the Diocesan Director of Music, Tim Harrison and sings at all major Diocesan events including Chrism Mass and the BBC Tees Carol Service (broadcast on Christmas Day).

2012 Rehearsals at Our Lady, Acomb  
SUNDAY 15th January, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm  
SUNDAY 12th February, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm  
SUNDAY 11th March, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Do come and join us for the start of our 2012 season. For further information, e-mail [kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk) or tel (01642) 850505 ext 258. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians

Do you want to develop your work as a minister of music? New from January 2012: an exciting opportunity for all parish musicians to meet with others to discover how. Come and join us at the new Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians.

In an ongoing series of termly meetings in each deanery, guided by leading musicians from our own Diocese and beyond, this programme of formation aims to bring together all parish musicians in your region to explore ways to ensure the healthy future of music in the liturgies at your church. If you are in any way involved in leading the music in your church, we want your input.

### Central Deanery - Our Lady, Acomb

Saturday 21st January, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon  
(Group Leaders - Sue and Patrick Black)

### Coastal Deanery - St Joseph's, Green Lane, Newby, Scarborough

Wednesday 25th January, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm  
(Group Leader - Martin Richardson)

### Northern Deanery - St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

Saturday 28th January, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon  
(Group Leaders - Tim Harrison and Dr Graeme Drewery)

### Southern Deanery - St Anthony's, Beverley Road, Hull

Saturday 28th January, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
(Group Leader - Gabrielle Awre)

Designed to address the needs of ALL parish musicians - instrumentalists, organists, singers and choirs - these meetings are for you.

Whether your church is struggling to get going musically, or has a well-established and rich tradition of liturgical music, these sessions are not to be missed. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Get in the Loop

Without doubt, one of the greatest challenges I have encountered in my time as Director of Music is that of getting information out to people about the many events we have in the Diocese. So many people tell me that they would have loved to have come to this or that event, but they didn't know it was on. Information and posters, etc just sometimes seem to disappear in cyber space!

Please help me to keep you in the picture! Register your contact details with the Liturgy Office via e-mail to [kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk) or by telephone on (01642) 850505 ext 258.

Let me know what instrument you play or if you are a singer.

There is such a lot going on - we want you to know about it. Get in the loop!

## Ryedale Walsingham Association News

The youngest of the Diocese's three Walsingham Associations is approaching its tenth birthday, and thriving. The latest news is that one of our founding members, Barbara Knight, has become National Vice President of the Walsingham Association. All in the Ryedale WA are pleased and proud that we can support the Shrine and its work in this special way.

Each year, the Ryedale Walsingham Association meets at least six times, for Mass on Marian feast days, for social occasions and for two pilgrimages. The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham gathers a group of about 40 people, and usually includes friends from Middlesbrough. Our aim is to take several new pilgrims each year.

There is also a second, mini pilgrimage to a place of interest closer to home. One year, the pilgrimage was no distance at all. We walked to the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul and studied the medieval wall paintings in the Anglican Church in Pickering. Another year, we travelled to the Cathedral of St Anne in Leeds to see the restored church and share in Mass. In 2012, we will be visiting the Shrine of Our Lady of Guisborough.

New members are always welcomed. If you live in the Ryedale area and want to come to meetings and events, please contact Father Bill East on (01751) 472727 or our Secretary, Barbara Ingamells, on (01751) 477759.



Barbara leading Ryedale pilgrims on the way to the Slipper Chapel.

Betty East

# Making a Difference

## One World Week

St Aelred's Church, York celebrated with a One World Night, a feast of international cuisine, music and poetry topped off with a quiz for all ages. The planning began in July with a small group of volunteers led by Christine Kelly and culminated in a feast of hot and cold foods, a little wine to help wash it down and then desserts to die for. These were consumed in a wonderful atmosphere. Priest and parishioners prepared a diverse range of foods; these included Hungarian, Indian, Italian, Nigerian, North African, Polish and Spanish, not to mention British and Yorkshire delicacies.

Parishioners tackled a quiz during supper, which necessitated visiting the various stalls organised by the groups in the parish who are involved in international issues. Teams were identified with names of tribes from around the world. The entrants from both the under and over 11s proved to be too good in their quizzes and all won a prize. The team named Viking won the adult quiz. After supper, Jack Mapangi, the international poet, spoke movingly of the story of his imprisonment in Malawi in 1987. He was to stay in prison for three years, seven months and sixteen days, without charge or trial. His moving story about how he and his family finally came to York, the problems that they first incurred and then the welcome that was extended from the late Father Austin O'Neill and the parishioners of St Aelred's.

Jack's poetry is tied to his experiences and he used it to highlight key moments of his life's journey. Finally, our music group *Celtic Blend* rounded off the evening with some rousing Irish ballads. The event was certainly pronounced a great success by all. Roll on next year.



Christine Kelly and Jack Mapangi.

Christine Kelly

## Climate Change

Ecumenical Christian Census on Climate Change: The Need for a Practical and Far Reaching Response: How you can make a difference in 2012. Parish communities are being asked to help with a major event at York Minster on 21st April 2012. We need individual representatives in all our parishes or to act as a representative for a group of parishes to co-ordinate the circulation and collection of a census in the New Year in advance of the event at York Minster.

### Overall Aims

The global economic crisis is of major concern to us all. Yet, we cannot underestimate the need to tackle what should be the number one political issue: Climate Change. The term "making a difference" can be over used but it is everyone's responsibility to face up to the challenge of climate change. We want to encourage an effective Christian response in the North and to support Christians who wish to play their part. The census is intended to allow Christians to voice their opinions in a manner to produce both maximum impact and enduring data for discussion. From a Christian viewpoint, do people think climate change is of little importance and untouchable, or is it something that needs to be tackled from both a scientific and moral perspective? We believe that the views of several thousand parishioners will provide results shocking enough to initiate change and allow empowerment of political leaders.

### Census and Culmination Service

The census questions will be circulated among congregations and collected over the winter of 2011/12. It can also be downloaded at [www.cconcc.wikispaces.com](http://www.cconcc.wikispaces.com) The deadline for completing the census is the end of March 2012. Data from the census will be released at a major event in York Minster on Saturday 21st April 2012, 10.00 am to 11.30 am. The first half will be a service led by Archbishop John Sentamu, Bishop Terence Drainey and leadership from other Christian denominations in the North of England. Secular responses to the census data will be given in the second half of the event by Government and non-Government organisations. This important ecumenical event has been initiated by Justice and Peace and a number of ecumenical laity groups. We need your help and the task is not onerous. For paper copies of the census, or if you want to participate in the event in York Minster, please contact Emma Casson, Administrator for the Christian Census on Climate Change, tel 07879372999, e-mail [CConclimatechange@gmail.com](mailto:CConclimatechange@gmail.com) We also look forward to seeing you in York on the 21st April. More information will follow in later editions of the Voice.

John Hinman

Chair of Ecumenical Working Party

## 'Good News in Action in Our Communities'

The next meeting of the Justice and Peace Commission will be on Saturday 18th February at 10.00 am for 10.30 am at St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Acklam, Middlesbrough, TS5 4RL. Following an inspiring meeting with John Battle in November, this meeting will focus on community action on Teesside - with input from Thrive - a Community Organising Project working in partnership with Church Action on Poverty, and with witness from members of DASUK - Denied Asylum Seekers UK - who are working to improve conditions in the provision of their accommodation. 'Community Organising' is both a witness to the gospel and an effective structure for action. Everyone very welcome. We will finish with a shared lunch.

## Mental Health

**What's life like if you or someone in your family has a mental health problem? And what can your parish family do to make a difference?**

January can be a 'sad' time - Christmas can make us all too aware of the difficulties people are facing, with unemployment, money problems, tensions in relationships, loneliness and stress. We want to help, but often we just don't know what to do or where to turn if we or someone in our family or a friend is on the edge of being well, slipping into mental ill-health. Depression, suicidal behaviour, addictions and psychotic illness can be 'labels', whispered about in hushed tones in coffee after Mass as something to be afraid of, rather than subjects we can and need to address openly. People are suffering! How can we in our parishes reach out and support them and their families?

This spring, following a Study Day for Clergy in early March, the Diocese, working with Telos Training (the group commissioned by the Bishops' Conference Mental Health Scheme), will be offering events in the deaneries. At these sessions, a new resource will be introduced '*Welcome me as I am*', to help increase knowledge and understanding of the range of mental health problems, so that we can increasingly become parishes where people feel welcome, accepted and supported.

With Bishop Terry's encouragement, Deacon Pat Thomas (Bishop's Healthcare Advisor for Hospitals) and Caroline Dollard (Celebrating Family Project) have been in consultation with Edna Hunneysett (*known well in our Diocese, author on mental health issues in family life*) and Ben Bano of Telos Training to plan these events. Information on dates and venues will be sent to all the parishes in February. Contact: Caroline Dollard, e-mail [carolinedollard@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:carolinedollard@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

Caroline Dollard



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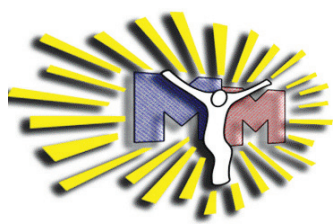
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# MYMission

## Pope Idol

Pope Idol, the Diocesan Youth Talent Show, returns to the stage of Middlesbrough Theatre on Saturday 3rd March 2012. We are searching for the star of 2012! Previous winners of the show include Jessica Robinson of BBC's *Over the Rainbow* and magician Stephen Knight who has gone on to perform for Ken Dodd. Tickets are priced at £7.50. This year, we have introduced a family ticket for two adults and two children aged under 16 priced at £24.00. All proceeds from the event will go towards the 2013 Rio World Youth Day fund. Tickets are available by calling the Theatre Box Office on (01642) 815181 or from Father Paul on (01642) 814564. The competition is open to all young people Y7-Y13. All secondary schools and parishes in the Diocese have been sent application packs. More details and downloadable application forms and posters are available at <http://mymission.org.uk>

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Sophie Fisk with Dom Boyes during the mission at St Francis Xavier joint Roman Catholic and Church of England Comprehensive School.

## Sophie's First Term

Sophie Fisk, 19, of St Patrick's Church, Thornaby joined the Mission Team in September. She tells us about her first term on the team.

I've been a member of the team for about three months now. After taking part in World Youth Day, Madrid, I decided that I wanted to know more about the Middlesbrough Youth Mission Team. I got in touch with Father Paul when I got back and he invited me round to talk about how I'd like to get involved with the team. I ended up spending the week in the Mission House soon after and loved it! We've done a couple of missions in various primary schools and we did our very first secondary school mission at the end of November. I'm still so nervous speaking in front of people, but I feel like I've achieved so much already. My confidence is continuing to improve every day. I've already met hundreds of fantastic people and I'm looking forward to meeting more. The team have been very welcoming and have made my first time living away from home much easier than I thought it would be. It's a fantastic, worthwhile opportunity and I'd recommend it to anyone!

## I Am Special - Year 8 Retreat Day for St Augustine's, Scarborough

On 16th November, MYMission led a Year 8 Retreat Day for St Augustine's, Scarborough. The day, entitled *You Are Very Special*, looked at the unique nature of every individual created by God. Richard McGuire of MYMission tells us more about the day.

One day is not a lot of time to explain to 100 Year 8s how special they actually are, especially when they don't know who you are or what you do. For this Mission, we started with an assembly before separating into groups to stage four workshops aimed at the theme 'You Are Very Special'. David explored how we use words carefully to express feelings about ourselves and others, whilst I asked the question 'What is your vocation?', the groups making videos in response. Deborah discussed the topic 'people aren't disposable' and Sophie held a session allowing each group to create a superhero based on their own individual qualities.

The young people were extremely receptive to everything we explored, and threw themselves into all the workshops with a wealth of enthusiasm. The day ended with the groups sharing their findings and creations from the workshops with each other, followed by a viewing of all the videos they had made. I personally felt only our second one day mission of the year was a tremendous success and brilliant achievement with all the young people leaving in the knowledge they had much more to offer than they ever believed.

## Scratch Band

Over the weekend of 18th and 19th November, The Scratch Band took to the stage to raise money for the Diocesan Lourdes Sick Fund and MYMission. The Scratch Band plus support performed their greatest hits at Marton Country Club, Middlesbrough and Sacred Heart Church Hall, Hull. Over £1,200 was raised across the two nights, to be shared between the two causes. Father Paul Farrer, Lourdes Pilgrimage Director and Youth Chaplain, said "I would like to thank all of the players who rehearsed and played with us and a big thanks to everyone who came along to see us. Great things happen when the Catholic community comes together in support of a common goal. We had a great time - here's to more good nights together!"

## Godly Play

The response to the two Godly Play courses MYMission are hosting has been fantastic, resulting in the teachers' course on Friday 20th January now being fully booked! There are still places available on the parish catechists' course on Saturday 21st January. Both days have exactly the same content. Any schools who still wish to take part in the course are welcome to book places on the Saturday course.

# Flame Congress

The Flame Congress takes place at Wembley Arena on 24th March 2012. The event highlights the links between the themes of the 2010 Papal Visit and the 2012 Olympics. Over 6,000 tickets have already been sold. So far, the line-up of speakers for the event includes Archbishop Nichols, Father Timothy Radcliffe OP, Monsignor John Armitage, Father Christopher Jamison OSB, Barry and Margaret Mizen and Paschal Uche.

MYMission have been busy working on their own preparation resources by interviewing local sporting personalities. The theme for the Flame Congress is centred around St Paul's second letter to Timothy where he tells us to fan into a flame the gifts God gave us. With this in mind, we asked the sports people how they achieved their sporting success and what their successes have taught them about life. It is as true as it ever was to say that there are many parallels between our sporting and spiritual lives.

Steve McClaren, former England and Middlesbrough Manager, gave an exclusive interview to MYMission during which he talked about respect, self-respect, determination and passion. He gave the example of when, as Manchester United Coach, they won the Treble in 1999 - without the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect, they wouldn't have achieved their success. Echoing the words of St Paul who urges us to run the race and fight the good fight to the very end, McClaren told us how important it was to "stay in the



game" until the final whistle.

As Craig Hignett, ex Middlesbrough, Leeds and Blackburn Rovers footballer, recalled cleaning the boots of his hero, Kenny Dalglish, as a young Liverpool apprentice, we couldn't help but think of Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Craig told us, "I knew I was never going to get into the team but I knew that the boots that I'd been doing would be on the pitch. If I could clean those boots the best I possibly could, I was doing

my little bit to help Kenny on the pitch. That was my little way of thinking I'm involved in some way on a Saturday."

Flame is aimed at young people Year 10+. At only £55.00 per head, we have worked hard to keep travel and event costs to a minimum. If your group has 10 or more young people, we may be able to offer free places for accompanying adults. All groups must be accompanied by the correct number of responsible adults - the Diocesan Youth

Service cannot act 'in loco parentis' for young people on this occasion. The event is ideally suited to parish confirmation groups as well as school groups. Dom Finn of the MYMission Team is co-ordinating this event for us. Please feel free to contact her for more information on (01642) 822056 or e-mail domfinn@mymission.org.uk For more information and to check out our video interviews and resources, go to <http://mymission.org.uk>

## Love it! Live it! Pass it on! St Francis Xavier School, Richmond

For a whole week, the MYMission Team lived alongside the young people of St Francis Xavier School in Richmond, North Yorkshire. The theme of the weeklong Mission allowed us all to consider what it meant to be someone who, having been baptized, was a bearer of the Good News for other people.

When it comes to thinking about carrying the Gospel message throughout the duration of our whole lives, it is hard not to think about the word 'vocation'. Our calling - the one thing God wants from us that he can't get from anyone else was, therefore, also the focus of much of our thought and prayer. Thanks to Mark at SFX, a huge cross was built and each member of the school community was able to add their name to it in a symbolic action which tied our service as Christians with the sacrifice of Christ. Well done to everyone in the school - and a special thanks to Grace of the Hallam InReality Team who helped us out!

David takes up the story, "The week was inspired by the life of St Francis Xavier, a great saint who travelled across the world telling people about Jesus, and we explored how we can pass on the message of the Gospel today. We spent a lot of time thinking about our gifts and talents, how we discern our vocation and how both of these help and affect other people. We explored all of that through art, prayer, drama, games, music and more games! And we had a brilliant time along the way. All of this was brought together in a celebration of SFX and the week. I think my highlight of the week had to be the creation of a huge cross, made up of all of our names painted on wood and it looked awesome! The people at SFX were absolutely brilliant, made us feel so welcome and really just were great to get to know - will miss you all!"

Clare Humble, Deputy Head at SFX, said "I've had the pleasure seeing what's been going on with the young people at SFX and there have been some pretty amazing things going on. One thing that really impressed me was the music. There was a group of Year 11s in form singing one of the hymns they learnt the day before. It was so lovely to hear young people singing and really enjoying it! Mission Week - Brilliant! Let's see more of it and hope the singing and everything else continues."

More pictures of the mission are available at <http://mymission.org.uk>



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# Bishop John's Jubilee

The Cathedral was full to overflowing, with all seats taken over three quarters of an hour before the concelebrated Mass to give thanks for Bishop John Crowley's 25 years as a Bishop took place on Saturday 3rd December. Parties came from across the Diocese; Hull, York, the coast and Teesside and this despite very wintry weather.

As the Cathedral bells rung out at noon, almost 60 concelebrants, including priests from all the religious orders working in the Diocese and Father John Butters, Episcopal Vicar within Hexham and Newcastle, processed into the Cathedral ahead of Abbot Cuthbert and Bishop Terry. Bishop Crowley's problem with his knee meant he joined them in the sanctuary and sat for most of the ceremony.

The first lesson was read by Sister Sheila McManus, who had been part of Bishop John's community in Bishop's House. The bidding prayers were read by his sister Mary and Sister Kitty

McManus, together with his brother-in-law and his nephew, brought the offertory gifts. The Bishop's homily is reported elsewhere in 'Voice.' As he finished, there was long, spontaneous applause from priests and people.

Just before the final blessing, Bishop Terry spoke very warmly of Bishop John's contribution in his years as Bishop of the Diocese. He said he recognised he was a frugal man but he had a few small presents for him. Firstly, he gave a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes which he brought from this year's pilgrimage to recognise Bishop John's commitment to Lourdes during his time in the Diocese. He then presented him with a lovely 'Mousey Thompson' table from Kilburn to remind him of all the work he had done in the central area of the Diocese. He said it would prove very useful for Bishop Crowley when he prepares his homilies for retreats and days of recollection. Thirdly, to recognise his commitment to CAFOD, a subscription had been given for one year for a



Bishop Terry and Bishop John.

mental health worker in Africa. Again, there was spontaneous applause. In a final comment, Bishop Crowley thanked Bishop Draine for his hospitality and generosity, Canon Robinson for his excellent organisation of the ceremony and Tim Harrison, Director of Music, for the outstanding music.

After Mass, Bishop Crowley sat near the centre of the altar whilst various people came to thank him for all he had done and wished him well for the future. There were plenty of refreshments in the hall and Bishop Crowley cut the celebration cake. A day not to be forgotten.

# Bishop John's Homily

Readings: (Mass of Thanksgiving)  
Col 3:12-17, Luke 17:11-19

I chose that Gospel of the ten lepers because it underlines powerfully the importance of saying *thank you*, which is our theme today around this Cathedral altar. Together with Peter Egan and Norman Jacobson - celebrating respectively 40 and 25 years of priesthood, and remembering fondly our absent brother, Hugh Currigan, celebrating 60 years of priesthood in rather different circumstances in his Co Donegal nursing home, I'm here to thank and praise God in particular today for my *first* 25 years as a bishop.

But when I began to reflect a bit more carefully about this Gospel of the lepers, it struck me quite forcibly that the *essential* difference between the one who said *'thank you'* and the other nine who didn't, was in what happened next. That heartfelt *'thank you Jesus'* was for one leper his gateway into life, into the beginnings of a real relationship. He had sought out Jesus the *healer*, he had found Jesus his friend and Saviour.

So, needing no further encouragement, let me now on this jubilee occasion sing my litany of praise and thanksgiving for 25 years as a bishop. And here in *this* place and in the midst of *this* company, let me especially sing those praises for the 15 years I spent as Bishop of this Diocese.

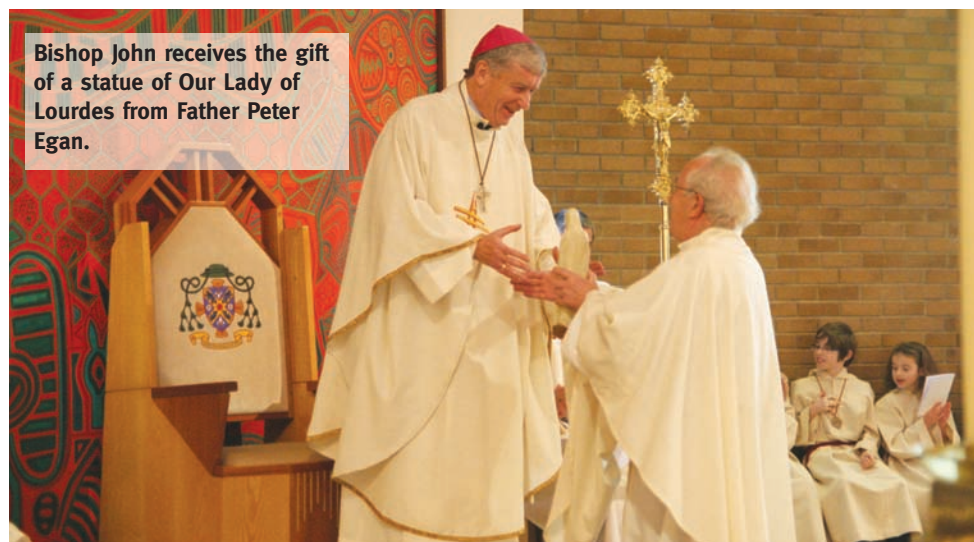
But first I have to begin right at the beginning. I want to thank God today for *life* itself. I love being alive, and that includes all the rough and tumble which belongs to any human life. And alongside the inestimable gift of life, I thank and praise God today for the gift of *faith*, a faith which was engendered by the sacrament of baptism, enriched in confirmation and, supremely, nourished by the Eucharist. Look around

you in this Cathedral. We, *all* of us, are **"a holy nation, a royal priesthood, a people set apart to sing the praise of the God who has called us out of the darkness into God's own wonderful light"**.

And in my particular case, like Peter Egan and Norman Jacobson, and all the other ordained priests here today, I'm so grateful to God for calling me to the sacrament of priesthood, Holy Orders, 46 years ago. Be very sure that if I had my life all over again, and if Jesus issued the same thrilling invitation **'Come, follow me'**, I would jump at the chance. Speaking very personally, I believe there's no vocation like it, just as I hope happily married couples might want to say the same about their own life's vocation.

But now for a moment I must testify today in your presence to the extraordinary blessing of being called by the Church under God to be a bishop, a successor to the apostles. Twenty five years ago more or less to the day, Cardinal Hume ordained me bishop on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. And then for the following six years, I learnt my Episcopal trade under that truly wise and holy leader.

Fast forward to 18th January 1993, I was installed in this very Cathedral as only the sixth Bishop of this Diocese since its first beginnings in 1879. How can I do justice to the 15 years that followed in a sentence or two. But try I must. What a mixture those full and event filled years proved to be. On the one hand a lot of joy and fulfilment, an immensely satisfying ministry, which I relished to the full. On the other side I encountered - as everyone does - my fair share of knocks, mistakes, human frailty and, at times, some stress and strain during the rough patches. But in retrospect, the balance was most certainly towards joy



and fulfilment.

You know the rest of the story. Early in 2007, my health began to come fairly severely under stress and strain. It gradually came clear to me and to those close to me that it was time to say my *nunc dimittis* and move on; time to let other fresher hands pick up the reins of our Diocese. Since then, and with my health happily restored, I have found my home for the past four years in a parish of Brentwood Diocese in East London. There, I enjoy a mixture of some parish work and also a fair amount of retreat giving, especially for brother priests, and I relish that immensely. That's my story more or less up to date, my life history, my faith history. But for the record I want to add this. To have had the chance for all those years here as Bishop of this special Diocese, of working alongside so many others - generous gifted lay people, dedicated priests and deacons and fine religious - was immensely enriching, humanly speaking, spiritually speaking.

And, of course, in addition to all that and truly at the root of all that, I had the great blessing of a happy home life in the company of Sisters Kitty and Sheila. We're all delighted they're with us today, along with members of my own family.

A final word, and then a last bit of advice. If it's true, and be sure it is, that

I'm both delighted and honoured to have been invited back for this jubilee occasion, then it's also true that I have no wistful sense of trying to recapture something which has somehow been lost. Life for everyone has its times and seasons. From November 1992 when I was first appointed until my departure in June 2007, I gave to my ministry here what I was able to give, and for as long as I was able to give it. Now it's the turn of a different team led by Bishop Terry to make their own distinctive contribution to the work of the Gospel here in the North East. It's *their* moment now to utilise to the full their own gifts of grace and nature before they, in their turn, hand over the baton to others. The names change from time to time, but the work of the Gospel goes on.

And that last bit of advice? Not from me but from St Paul in the thrilling first reading which describes just perfectly what it means to live the Christ life in 21st century Britain.

**"Let the message of Christ in all its richness find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"** (Col 3:12-17).



# A message from Bishop John

A word of great appreciation to all involved for the wonderful celebration and generous gifts arranged by the Diocese to celebrate my Silver Jubilee as a Bishop.

First of all, I must thank Bishop Terence for inviting me and for his kind hospitality, both to me and to my family; Sisters Kitty and Sheila very much included. All the Cathedral team headed by Canon Gerard Robinson ensured that the Mass of Thanksgiving and the reception afterwards were occasions to remember. And in that connection, the Diocesan Choir headed by its Music Director, Tim Harrison, deserve particular mention. Finally, I want to thank Monsignor Ricardo and his parishioners for all their kindness surrounding the celebration of the Sunday Mass in Saltburn which concluded my visit back in this special part of the world. All in all, I carry away from my fleeting return to the Diocese such happy memories of a blessed and profoundly moving weekend. And a final thank you for all those beautiful cards and letters.

+ John

Bishop John receives the gift of a Mouseman Coffee Table from Father Norman Jacobson.



Among the people Bishop John spoke to after Mass was Helen Clarke, aged 100 years, who has met every one of the seven Bishops of Middlesbrough.

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**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JANUARY 2012**

10 Bishop's Council – Curial Office 11 am  
12 Parish Visitation – St Aelred's, York Diocesan Trustee Board 10.30 am  
13 Parish Visitation – St Aelred's, York Celebrates Vigil Mass 6 pm  
14 Celebrates Mass 9.30 am  
15 Attends Meeting of Ushaw Trustees 11 am  
18 Parish Visitation – SS Mary & Joseph, Hedon Celebrates Mass – Stanbrook Abbey 11 am  
21/22 Parish Visitation – SS Mary & Joseph, Hedon Celebrates Vigil Mass 6 pm  
22 Celebrates Mass 11 am  
24 Bishop's Council – Curial Office 11 am  
25 Attends Meeting of Ecumenical Church Leaders 10 am  
27-31 Attends 650th Anniversary at the Venerable English College, Rome  
30/31 Meets with Rectors of English Colleges - Rome

**7 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 1.00 pm** Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary's Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details  
**2.00 pm** Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture, and continue in prayer to the 3.30 pm Mass. All welcome. Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** First Saturday Rosary Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**8 Sunday**  
January issue of Catholic Voice available  
**6.00 pm** Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact: Fr Pat Keogh, Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details

**9 Monday**  
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the February issue of Voice must be received no later than today  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Relationships Human and Divine - Learning to Love' with Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**7.30 pm** Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Nan Saeki, Tel: (01904) 783621 for further details

**9 - 13 Monday - Friday**  
'Local "Soup & Prayer" Walks 1' led by Fr Bede Leach. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**10 Tuesday**  
**12.45 pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Portland Hotel, Paragon Street, Hull for a Business Meeting  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady's Parish Centre  
**6.45 pm - 9.00 pm** Introductory training course to Prayer Guiding at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Develop skills and gifts of prayer, open to any denomination, eight sessions in total, £30.00 donation. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**8.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

**11 Wednesday**  
**10.30 am** The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele meet after the Morning Mass  
**10.30 am** The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet  
**2.30 pm** Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

**12 Thursday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Becoming the Place we Pray in' with Julia Ling at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**13 Friday**  
**2.00 pm** St George's, Scarborough Medjugorje Prayer Group. Contact Joan Salt, Tel: (01723) 363321 for further details including venue  
**7.00 pm - 8.30 pm** Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in the small chapel at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details  
**7.30 pm** Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Mass, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

**14 Saturday**  
**10.00 am** '50 Years of CAFOD (Carol Cross)' - York Carmelite Spirituality Group at The Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters, 110 Lawrence Street, York. Eucharist (optional) at 9.30 am precedes the event which commences at 10.00 am and concludes at 1.00 pm with a bring and share lunch. Contact: Mr Johan Bergström-Allen, Tel: (01904) 411521 for further details

**15 Sunday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** Diocesan Choir rehearsal at Our Lady, Acomb, York. New members welcome. Contact: Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or E-mail: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details  
**3.00 pm** Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

**16 Monday**  
**10.30 am** Scarborough ASCENT Group meet in St George's function room

**16 - 19 Monday - Thursday**  
'The Art of Prayer' led by Fr Matthew Burns. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**17 Tuesday**  
**6.45 pm - 9.00 pm** Introductory training course to Prayer Guiding at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Open to any denomination, £30.00 donation. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** HENS Hull and East Riding New Stitchers meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**18 Wednesday**  
**8.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's RC Church, West Hull

**19 Thursday**  
**9.00 am - 12 noon** Back Care Group - Line dancing - at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**1.45 pm - 4.15 pm** 'Journaling' with John Knowles at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**4.30 pm - 6.00 pm** Succession Planning training session for School Governors at the Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. Contact: the Schools Service, Tel: (01642) 850515 or E-mail: educationadmin@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details or to book a place

**20 Friday**  
**7.30 pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Church

Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Gus Bishop, Tel: (01904) 705766 for further details

**20 - 22 Friday - Sunday**  
'Literature & Spirituality' led by Fr Bede Leach. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**21 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 12 noon** Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians in the Central Deanery at Our Lady, Acomb, York. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details

**10.00 am - 3.00 pm** 'An Introduction to Godly Play' for Parish Catechists and Children's Liturgy Leaders at St Thomas More Church Hall, Middlesbrough. Restricted to 20 places, cost £25.00. Booking forms available in every parish or can be downloaded from <http://mymission.org.uk>

**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'The Gospel and Dementia' with Sr Siobhan O'Keefe at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**11.30 am** The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Branch Meeting will be held at Our Lady's, Acomb, York commencing with Mass at 11.30 am  
**7.30 pm - 10.30 pm** Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**22 Sunday**  
**6.30 pm** Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough

**24 Tuesday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Following Mary Ward Today' with Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**6.45 pm - 9.00 pm** Introductory training course to Prayer Guiding at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Open to any denomination, £30.00 donation. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**25 Wednesday**  
**7.00 pm** 'The Biblical Roots of Christian Unity' - Churches Together in York Christian Unity Week meeting at the Salvation Army Citadel, 73 Gillygate, York. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01904) 411521 or E-mail: ctyenquiries@gmail.com for further details

**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians in the Coastal Deanery at St Joseph's, Green Lane, Newby, Scarborough. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** ME and CFS Self-Help Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**26 Thursday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Art in Miniature - the World of the Medieval Illuminated Manuscript' with Sophie Weston at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**1.45 pm - 4.15 pm** 'Journaling' with John Knowles at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**4.30 pm - 6.00 pm** Succession Planning training session for School Governors at St Wilfrid's Primary School, near Monk Bar, York. Contact: the Schools Service, Tel: (01642) 850515 or E-mail: educationadmin@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details or to book a place

**7.30 pm - 9.00 pm** The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Margaret Jones, Tel: (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

**27 - 29 Friday - Sunday**  
'In Vino Veritas 1' led by Fr Jeremy Sierla. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**28 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 12 noon** Diocesan Forum for Church

Musicians in the Northern Deanery at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details

**10.30 am - 12.30 pm** Diocesan Forum for Church Musicians in the Southern Deanery at St Anthony's, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: Tim Harrison, Tel: (01642) 597750 for further details

**29 Sunday**  
February issue of Catholic Voice available

**30 Monday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Relationships Human and Divine - Bread and Butter Prayer' with Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**31 Tuesday**  
**6.45 pm - 9.00 pm** Introductory training course to Prayer Guiding at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Open to any denomination, £30.00 donation. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:**

**1 Wednesday**  
**10.00 am** for 10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'From Contemplation to Compassion' with Eley McAinsh and Jenny Sandler at St Bede's Pastoral

Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**6.30 pm** The Secular Order of St Francis meet every first Wednesday of the month at the Poor Clare Convent of St Lawrence, Lawrence Street, York. Contact: Mr J P Lafferty M SFO, Tel: (01904) 796799 for further details

**7.30 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at the Knights Club, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough

**2 Thursday**  
**1.00 pm - 2.30 pm** The Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details  
**1.45 pm - 4.15 pm** 'Journaling' with John Knowles at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**3 Friday**  
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the March issue of Voice must be received by today  
**12.10 pm** The ASCENT Group at The John Paul Centre, Grange Road, Middlesbrough meet after Mass at 1.15 pm, coffee bar available. New Members welcome. Contact: Clive Dean, Tel: (01642) 821421

**7.00 pm** First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further

details

**4 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 1.00 pm** Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary's Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details

**2.00 pm** Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture, and continue in prayer to the 3.30 pm Mass. All welcome. Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** First Saturday Rosary Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**5 Sunday**  
**11.15 am** Ampleforth Renewal Community: Postgate Room and Crypt, Ampleforth Abbey. Meet 1st Sunday of each month, except August. Start 11.15 am Praise and Worship, Breaking the Word, Lunch, Guest Speaker, Bookshop, Exposition, Reconciliation, Workshop, 3.10 pm Healing, 3.45 pm Mass, 5.00 pm Departure. All enquiries welcome. Contact: Paul McCraith, Tel: (01429) 272116  
**7.00 pm - 8.00 pm** Taizé Service for Candlemas at St Joseph's, Newby, Scarborough. All welcome

**Tuesdays**  
1.30 pm Swing/Lindyhop Dancing  
7.30 pm Padre Pio Prayer Group  
Ballroom Dancing Group  
**Wednesdays**  
2.00 pm Prayer for the City  
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Karate  
**Sundays**  
6.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Group  
The Pastoral Centre is in Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details.

**MADONNA HOUSE PASTORAL CENTRE**  
The Madonna House Community welcomes anyone to join us for the following hours of prayer:  
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Enquiries welcome to join us for a cup of tea, our monthly Mass or the monthly ecumenical prayer meeting for Christian unity.  
The Pastoral Centre is in Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire.  
Contact: Tel: (01947) 880169 for information, a visit or a cup of tea.

**ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE**  
**Mondays**  
7.30 pm City Prayer Group  
**Tuesday**  
10.30 am - 12.30 pm Meister Eckhart Reading Group  
Ignatian Prayer Group (10, 24 Jan)  
7.30 pm - 8.45 pm  
**Wednesdays**  
8.00 pm - 9.00 pm WCCM Christian Meditation (11, 25 Jan)

The Pastoral Centre is in Blossom Street, York. Contact: Tel: (01904) 464900 or e-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

**6-9 February:** 'Sacred Reading - Food for the Soul' led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**7 February:** 10.00 am - 3.30 pm, 'The Eyes have it - Meditating with Icons' with Kit Dollard at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**7, 14, 21 and 28 February:** 6.45 pm - 9.00 pm, Introductory training course to Prayer Guiding at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Open to any denomination, £30.00 donation. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**8 and 22 February, 7 and 21 March:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, 'Sword of Sorrow' with Sr Louise CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**9 and 23 February and 1 March:** 1.45 pm - 4.15 pm, 'Journaling' with John Knowles at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**11 February:** RCIA Retreat Day at All Saints Lower School, York  
**13-15 February:** Eighth National Conference for Rural Catholics, Garstang, near Preston, Lancashire. Contact Fr Harry Doyle, Tel: (01772) 782244 or Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228 for further details

**17-18 February:** Celebrate your marriage by refreshing your relationship and renewing your vows, led by Fr Bill Serplus at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Includes candlelit romantic meal, bed and breakfast, and lunch. Cost £120.00 per couple all inclusive. Contact: The Endsleigh Centre, Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details or to book a place

**18 February:** 10.00 am for 10.30 am, 'Good News in Action in Our Communities' - Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Commission meeting at St

Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Acklam, Middlesbrough with input from Thrive and witness from members of DASUK. Concludes with a shared lunch, everyone very welcome. Contact: Barbara Hungin, Tel: 07899 704978 for further details  
**20 February, 5 and 12 March:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, 'Relationships Human and Divine' with Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**26 February:** Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough  
**3 March:** 7.30 pm, Pope Idol 2012 at Middlesbrough Theatre. Tickets priced £7.50 per person, £24.00 Family available from the Theatre Box Office, Tel: (01642) 815181, Fr Paul Farrer, Tel: (01642) 814564 or the Mission House, Tel: (01642) 822056. Further details and application forms can be downloaded from the MYMission website: www.mymission.org.uk

**24 March:** 'Flame' - National Youth Congress 2012 at Wembley Arena, London. Cost £55.00. Contact Dom Finn of the MYMission Team, Tel: (01642) 822056 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

**21 April:** 10.00 am - 11.30 am, Ecumenical Christian Census on Climate Change Culmination Service at York Minster. Further details will be available in due course

**26 May:** 11.00 am - 5.30 pm, 'Open House' Celebration to mark the 25th Anniversary of St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York. Further details will be available in due course

**10-17 June:** 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012 in Dublin. Contact: Canon Michael Loughlin, Diocesan contact for the Eucharistic Congress, Tel: (01482) 329100 for further details


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## Children helping children

On Monday 17th November, I had great pleasure in meeting the staff and children from the nursery class of St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School, South Bank to thank them for their wonderful donation of £73.00 which I received from their APF red Mission boxes. Children bring money into school for the missionaries to help children in poorer countries. When their class teacher, Mrs Wilberforce, asked the children what happened to their money, they replied in their own words: "To help the poor and give children a breakfast, help buy them clothes and provide somewhere for them to live."

**Marian Serplus**  
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# Countdown to 50th International Eucharistic Congress 2012

The 50th International Eucharistic Congress (IEC2012) will be held in Dublin from 10th to 17th June 2012 on the theme 'The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another'. The Congress is an international gathering of people, every four years somewhere in the world, which aims to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church; help improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. These aims are achieved through a programme of pastoral preparation in the years leading up to the Congress and a programme of liturgical and cultural events, lectures and workshops during Congress week.



## Congress Programme information live on

[www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

The Congress will take place from Sunday 10th - Sunday 17th June 2012. Each day of the Congress will have a different theme: Monday is the Ecumenical Day, Tuesday is a day during which the focus will be on Marriage and Family, Thursday the focus will be on Reconciliation. On each day, there will be workshops, liturgies, exhibitions, cultural and arts events. A wide range of speakers from Ireland and overseas including Archbishop Hickey from Australia, Cardinal Rodriguez Maradiaga from South America, Archbishop Michael Jackson, the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin and Glendalough. Some elements of the Congress programme are as yet to be confirmed, but much of the programme is now available on the website: [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie)

In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress, people have been asked to think of the Congress as a journey rather than just an event. Some of those who came to the last Congress in Dublin in 1932 have spoken of their mammoth journeys on foot or on bicycles. For this Congress, IEC2012 are asking people to engage in an interior journey of renewal.

## Book now to attend the Congress

Bookings for the Congress are now being taken through the website. Single day registrations are now available, together with the three and seven day registrations. The organisers are making available

concession and family tickets as well. Check out the Registration Section <http://www.iec2012.ie/registration>

## Website resources

IEC2012 has made available text and multimedia resources on the website [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie) in seven languages. IEC2012 has also added some additional language resources including braille, Chinese and English sign language. See [www.iec2012.ie](http://www.iec2012.ie) for more information.

**For more information, please speak to Canon Michael Loughlin at St Charles Borromeo, Hull (01482 329100) who is the Diocesan contact for the Eucharistic Congress.**

## AMPLEFORTH ABBEY Pastoral Retreats 2012



### January

- Mon 9–Fri 13 Local "Soup and Prayer" Walks
- Mon 16–Thu 19 The Art of Prayer
- Fri 20–Sun 22 Literature And Spirituality
- Fri 27–Sun 29 In Vino Veritas

### February

- Mon 6–Thu 9 Sacred Reading–Food For The Soul
- Mon 13–Fri 17 Benedict and Morrisons Plc
- Fri 17–Sun 19 Tai Chi Movement and Christian Meditation
- Mon 20–Thu 23 Be Faithful To The Gospel – A Lenten Retreat

### March

- Mon 12–Thu 15 Getting in Touch with God
- Fri 23 Tai Chi and Christian Meditation Day
- Fri 30–Sun 1 April John at Easter

### April

- Thu 5–Mon 9 Easter Triduum Retreat
- Wed 11–Sun 15 Beach Prayer Walks
- Mon 23–Thu 26 The Paschal Banquet

### May

- Fri 4–Sun 6 Creativity Through the Eye of the Heart
- Mon 14–Thu 17 Loving Myself and Others and God
- Fri 18–Sun 20 Christian Meditation
- Mon 21–Mon 28 Retreat for Religious Sisters
- Mon 28–Thu 31 The Use Of The Enneagram

### June

- Fri 15–Sun 17 Fr. Stephen's Renewal Retreat
- Fri 22–Sun 24 New Great Themes of Scripture 2

### July

- Mon 2–Thu 5 Tai Chi Movement and Christian Meditation
- Fri 13 – Sun 15 Art and Spirituality
- Mon 16–Thu 19 Beach Prayer Walks
- Fri 20–Sun 22 The Tender Compassion of our God
- Mon 23–Fri 27 Local Moors' Walks

### August

- Fri 3–Sun 5 Homeward Bound
- Thu 23–Wed 29 Pilgrimage Of Grace

### September

- Mon 3–Fri 7 Beach Prayer Walks
- Fri 7–Sun 9 In Vino Veritas
- Fri 14–Sun 16 Through His Wounds
- Mon 17–Thu 20 Getting in Touch with God
- Fri 21–Sun 23 The Attentive Life
- Fri 21–Sun 23 The Gospel Of Luke
- Mon 24–Thu 27 Spirituality For Men

### October

- Fri 12 Tai Chi Movement and Christian Meditation
- Mon 22–Mon 29 Pilgrimage to Iona
- Mon 29–Fri 2 Nov Saints & Sinners

### November

- Fri 2–Sun 4 Benedictine Peace
- Mon 5–Thu 8 Benedict For Beginners
- Mon 12–Wed 14 A Retreat with Fr. Dominic
- Fri 16–Sun 18 Local Moors' Walks
- Mon 19–Sun 21 A Retreat led by Fr. Edward Corbould

### December

- Fri 7–Sun 9 Lord, Do Not Delay – An Advent Retreat

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