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Ordination of Father James Benfield

On Saturday 20th July, a large congregation with major contingents from St Bernadette's Parish, Middlesbrough and Scarborough gathered for the priestly ordination of James Benfield. Diocesan priests were joined by a large group of James' classmates and staff from St Mary's College, Oscott where he completed his studies after initial years at Ushaw College.

In his opening remarks, Bishop Draine thanked James' parents for the gift of their son as a priest and welcomed visitors from across the Diocese and in particular James' fellow students and Oscott College staff. Phil Cunnah, a Diocesan seminarian and colleague of James at Oscott, read the first reading. In the Rite of Ordination, Father David Oakley, Rector of Oscott College, presented James to the Bishop and on behalf of the Church formally requesting that James be ordained priest. In his homily, the Bishop came and, facing James, directed the key messages of the homily to him and to the assembled priests of the congregation. He emphasised the challenges James would face and the essential characteristics needed for a priest in this modern age. He told him there would be trials and tribulations but with prayer they could be overcome. He emphasised also some of Pope Francis' recent messages to the Church and in particular to priests.

As the ceremony moved to the central and most solemn part of the Ordination Rite, the Litany of the Saints was intoned and James lay prostrate on the Cathedral floor. The intercession included not only international saints but local saints as well and this was followed by the laying on of hands and the Prayer of Consecration.

Monsignor Hogan, parish priest of St Bernadette's, vested James with stole and chasuble after which the Bishop anointed James' hands with the oil of chrism. His parents brought forward the paten and chalice to the Bishop who accepted them and then passed them to James. James then joined the Diocesan priests on the sanctuary as a priest of the Diocese.

The enthusiastic singing of the final hymn 'Hail Queen of Heaven', written by eminent scholar and professor at Ushaw College, John Lingard, reflected the joy of the congregation. The Bishop thanked everyone once again for their commitment and presence and invited all to the plentiful post ordination meal at Trinity College to conclude the happy occasion.

Doctor Jim Whiston



Bishop Terry with newly ordained Father James Benfield and his parents Paul and Anthea Benfield

More photos of the Ordination of Father James Benfield, pages 2, 3, 4 and 5

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Bishop's Column

For the Bishop's Column this month, we are printing the homily he preached at the Ordination of James Benfield to the priesthood in July.

Here is my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved, the favourite of my soul. I will endow him with my spirit and he will proclaim the true faith to the nations...He will not break the crushed reed, nor put out the smouldering wick...

There is a phrase that anyone who has spent time in a seminary discerning their vocation will recognise straight away - *Alter Christus, Another Christ* - those called to the priestly office have not only to bring Christ to those they meet, they are to **be** other Christs for them. Not only do they preach the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus, they are to **be** Good News to all they meet. Not only are they to anoint with blessed oil, they are themselves to **be** a blessed anointing to all those to whom they minister.

The passage that I have just quoted from St Matthew's Gospel, originally comes from Isaiah 42:1-4. It referred to the Messiah, the One that God would send to save his people and we believe that it has been fulfilled in Jesus. But, if you are to be another Christ, James, then it also can be referred to you, and especially on this day; for you are indeed the well beloved and favoured servant whom the Lord is about to endow with his spirit. You will indeed be commissioned to preach

the true faith to the nations, and you will be instructed to compassionately, lovingly, and humbly serve God's people so that no crushed reed is broken and no smouldering wick put out.

I hope you understand this, James, because I am going to question you very solemnly in a moment or two before your family and friends, before the assembled community representing the whole People of God. And when you have publicly stated your intentions I am going to lead everyone in prayer for you. Among other things I will ask you:

Are you resolved to consecrate your life to God for the salvation of his people, and to unite yourself more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a perfect sacrifice?

And then I will pray:

May he be faithful in working with the order of bishops, so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God's one, holy people.

And then after the laying on of hands and the prayer of Consecration, you will be anointed: *The Father anointed Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God.*

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his sermon to priests at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday had

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Bishop's Column

something to say about the priestly anointing, its implications for the priest and for the people he serves. I think it is very worthwhile repeating it on this wonderful occasion. I am sure you have read it, James, but let me as your bishop direct it especially to you, and to me and to all the priests present here today.

A good priest can be recognized by the way his people are anointed.... When our people are anointed with the oil of gladness, it is obvious: for example, when they leave Mass looking as if they have heard good news...they like it when the Gospel we preach touches their daily lives...People thank us because they feel that we have prayed over the realities of their everyday lives, their troubles, their joys, their burdens and their hopes.

In this way the Holy Father helps us to translate the solemn and weighty ordination promises into practical, genuine service of God's Holy People. Not only must we preach the Good News, but we must become Good News so that others may hear and be transformed. Not only are we anointed so that we can anoint others, we should become the very unction of Christ and his Gospel for others in the way we live and minister.

The Holy Father continues: *...the power of grace (which) comes alive and flourishes to the extent that we, in faith, go out and give ourselves and the Gospel to others, giving what little ointment we have to those who have nothing, nothing at all.*

There was a student for the priesthood who had a rather dour Scottish temperament. Whenever I'd say, "God's good!" He would immediately retort "Ay, but the world's a terrible place!" And James, there is truth in what he said. There is no doubt that the world in which you will work will do you no favours. There will be many moments when you will ask yourself why you are doing all this, and there will be times, when, like the apostles, you will turn to the Lord in desperation and say, "Lord save me or I drown!" I would be less than honest with you if I were to tell you there will be no difficulties, no problems, no doubts, no anxiety. There will be plenty of all these, as there is in everyone's life. But go back to the first reading; despite the odds stacked against them, despite their long exile, the People of Israel trusted in God and he caused them to pass-over from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the Promised Land. *They had been driven out of Egypt with no time for dallying. The night when the Lord had kept vigil to bring them out of the land of Egypt must be kept as a vigil in honour of the Lord for all their generations.* They trusted in the Lord their God and he delivered them and so they were able to sing:

Great is his love, love without end: He remembered us in our distress; He snatched us away from our foes; He made Israel pass through their midst. Great is his love, love without end!

And by God's grace and through your trust and perseverance you too will be able to make that song the theme of your priestly ministry - *Great is his love, love without end!*

Let me finish, James, with a final quote from the Holy Father's sermon at the Christ Mass last Holy Thursday. And again, it is especially for you, for me, and all the priests present:

This I ask you: be shepherds, with the "odour of the sheep", make it real, as shepherds among your flock, fishers of men...It is not a bad thing that reality itself forces us to "put out into the deep", where what we are by grace is clearly seen as pure grace, out into the deep of the contemporary world, where the only thing that counts is "unction" - not function - and the nets which overflow with fish are those cast solely in the name of the One in whom we have put our trust: Jesus.

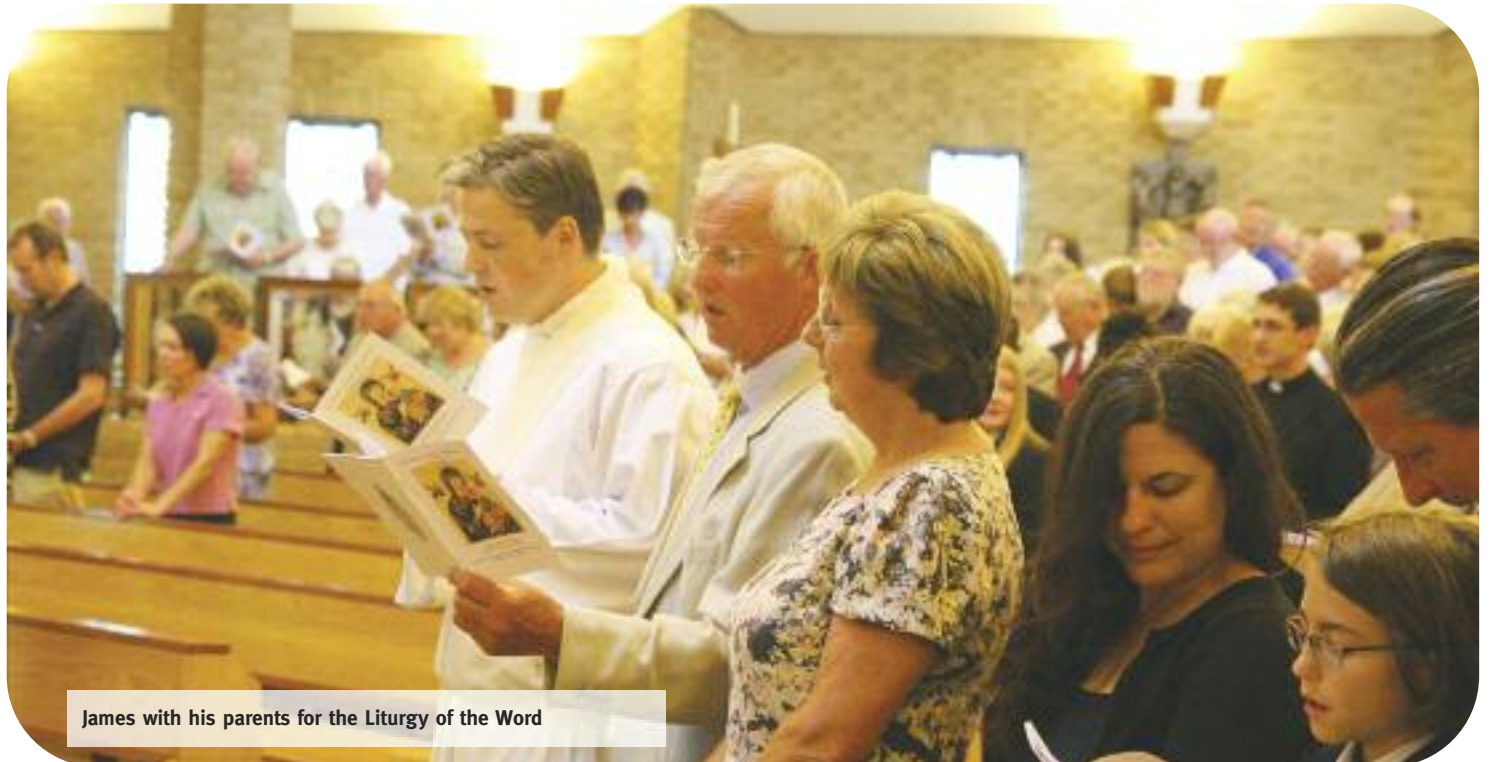
To him be glory and praise for ever and ever. Amen



The Entrance Procession assembles



Monsignors Ricardo Morgan and David Hogan in the Entrance Procession



James with his parents for the Liturgy of the Word



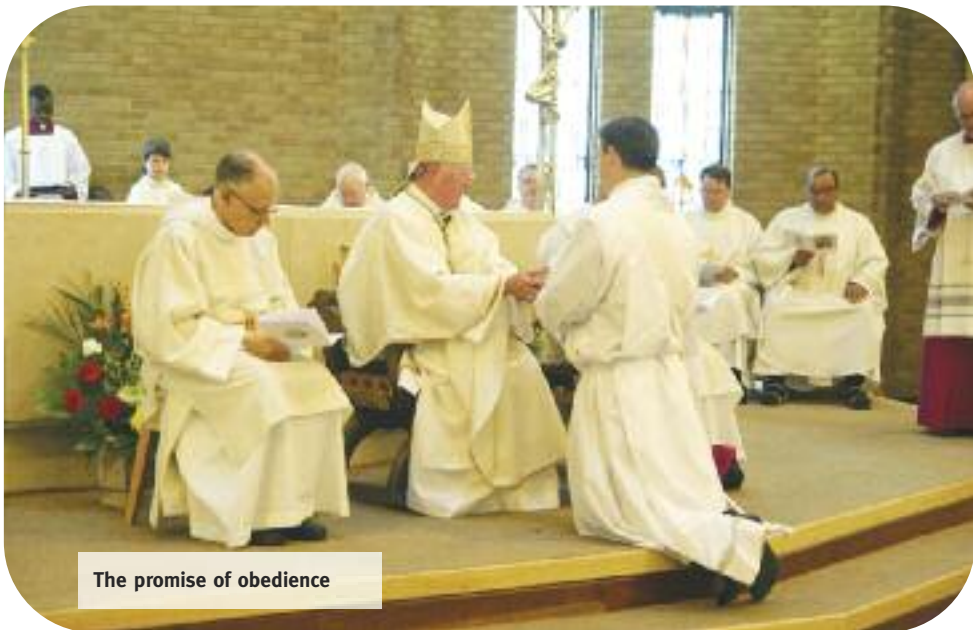
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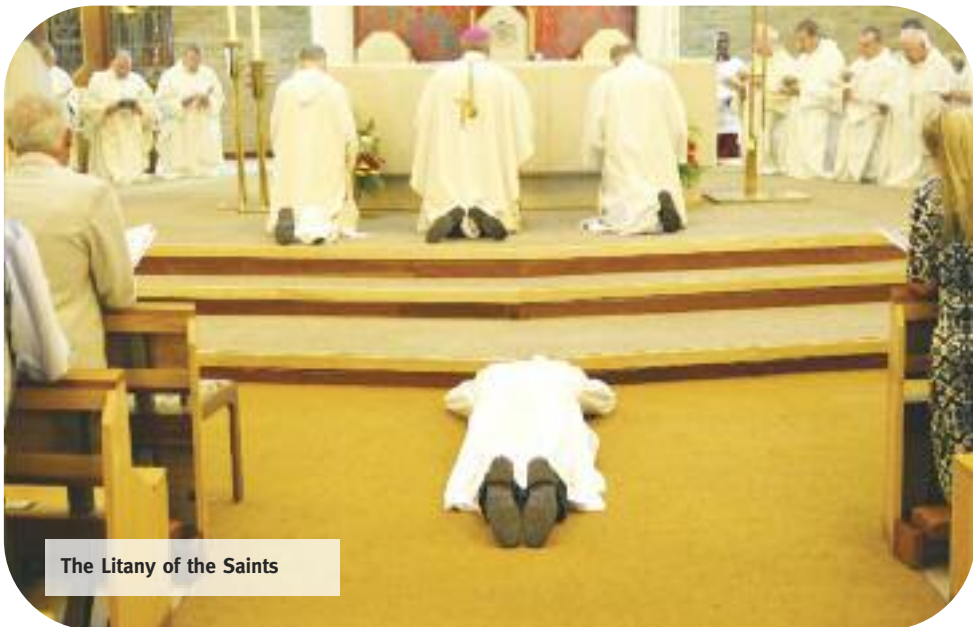
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Bishop Terry preaches the Homily



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James is vested by Monsignor David Hogan



Anointing with the Oil of Chrism



James' parents bring a Chalice and Paten to be presented to James



After Mass, the new priest gives first blessings beginning with Bishop Terry



Presentation of the Chalice and Paten



Father James with members of his family



The First Blessings continued for a very long time



Spirituality and Worship

Father Nicholas Postgate - Part 5

For nearly twenty years Nicholas managed to live an unobtrusive life, devoting himself to his people and ministering to their spiritual needs. His success in evading capture was due to his popularity. Everybody knew who he was, but they loved and respected him, and so long as he maintained a low profile they were not prepared to betray him to the authorities.

In 1664 Father Postgate wrote a letter to Doctor George Leyburn, President of the English College at Douai from 1652-1670, in which he describes his work. At this time he had been working in Yorkshire for thirty-four years and he reported that he had performed 226 marriages, baptised 593 infants, buried 719 dead, and brought 2,400 persons into the Catholic Church.

The penal laws against priests were not always rigorously enforced and persecution tended to come in waves whenever rumours swept the country. One such scare was frightening everyone in 1679. Called the Titus Oates Plot, it was alleged that there was a Catholic conspiracy to assassinate King Charles II and restore Catholicism to England. Despite the Privy Council's dismissal of the allegations, and being caught out in obvious lies, in September of 1678 Titus Oates, Israel Tonge and others made the same claims before Sir Edmundbury Godfrey (1621-1678) a much respected Protestant Justice of the Peace at Westminster. On the 17th of October of that year Godfrey was found dead, pierced by his own sword, and, because he was a zealous Protestant, Catholics were suspected. Three Catholic men named Green, Berry and Hill, who claimed they were innocent, were

executed at Tyburn for the crime on 1st of February 1679. Many did not believe that they were guilty, and thought that it was criminals belonging to the underworld in London who had killed Godfrey. Unfortunately this caused another wave of hatred against Catholics to sweep the country, and it seems to have persuaded John Reeves, a manservant to Sir Godfrey, to set out on a personal campaign for vengeance. It is a mystery why he came to Whitby, but he became an exciseman and may have been suspicious that the port was a secluded landing-place for priests from the Continent.


It was a lovely frosty day, the 8th of December, when Father Postgate set off from his home to walk to Littlebeck to visit some of his flock. Matthew and Mary Lyth of Redbarn farm were well known to him, and he had promised to come as soon as he could and baptise their new baby son. They were both known to be secret Catholics and had been reported by the vicar of Eskdaleside just four years before, in 1674, for not attending the Parish Church. Unknown to Matthew, John Reeves had become an Excise Collector in Whitby, and he had recently overheard Matthew comment that the authorities should stop blaming Catholics for every wrongdoing in the land. This made Reeves very suspicious and he decided to organise a search of Matthew's house in the hope of finding arms in connection with the Titus Oates Plot. Unfortunately he chose the same day as Nicholas Postgate made his visit.

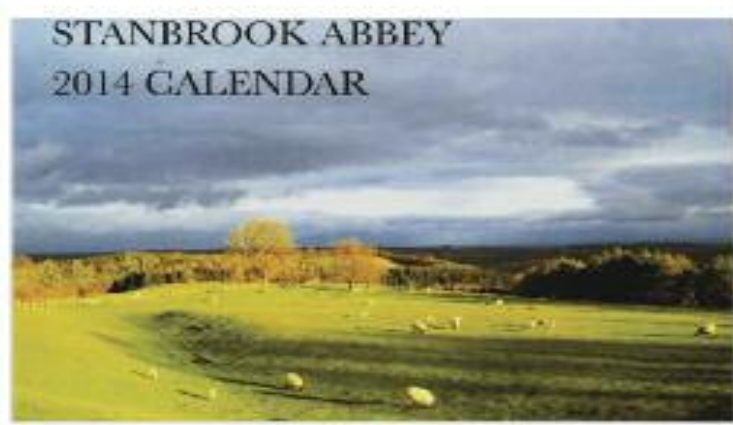
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Safeguarding



Mr Mick Walker, who was recently appointed as Safeguarding Co-ordinator for the Diocese in succession to Deacon John Steel, reflects below on the Annual Report of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission which has just been published.

In today's world it seems that hardly a week goes by where some scandal has hit the news, especially after the revelations unveiled by the enquiry into the activities of Jimmy Savile. This quite naturally is worrying as it can often seem that abuse against children and vulnerable adults is spiralling out of control. However, the recently published National Catholic Safeguarding Commission Annual Report paints a more encouraging picture.

Mick Walker

Reported abuse within the Catholic Church is noted and nationally there have been fifty-nine cases of abuse reported which relate to sixty victims who have come forward during 2012. Approximately 40% of the abuse reported relates to incidents which occurred between the 1930s and the 1970s which is consistent with reporting in previous years. Thirteen allegations relate to incidents occurring in 2012, five of which relate to viewing abusive child images on a computer. Forty-nine victims allege sexual abuse, three physical abuse and three emotional abuse. Of the fifty-nine alleged abusers, fifty are clergy or religious, four are volunteers, three are employees and two are parishioners. Of course, one case of abuse is one too many but the national and local picture indicates that relatively speaking the Church is a very safe place.

The report also highlights what the Catholic Church has been doing in the last year to promote safeguarding in line with the 'One Church' approach as set out in the Cumberlege Report of 2007. Progress has been made encouraging people who have been hurt by abuse to report it; and once reported, the report demonstrates how the Church is striving to support those victims of abuse throughout the following process and beyond. There has also been an information pack developed which is available to anyone who is the subject of an allegation, clearly setting out the process followed by the Church.

If you have the use of a computer, the full report can be read at www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk and then clicking on the documents button.

As always it is important to pay tribute to the Safeguarding Representatives appointed in all of our parishes for their hard work in promoting the culture of safeguarding in each parish which plays such an important part in ensuring that the Diocese of Middlesbrough is a safe place for children and all who are vulnerable in any way.

Mick Walker

More Safeguarding news

Mrs Dianne Swiers, who is the Chair of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Safeguarding Commission, has been appointed a member of the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission. We all wish her well in this new appointment.



Dianne Swiers



Christian Discipleship

'Breaking Open the Word'

Four people from the Middlesbrough Diocese joined around 300 Justice and Peace activists from 20 dioceses of England and Wales alongside representatives of Catholic agencies and religious orders, who gathered for a weekend focusing on integrating faith with action for justice and peace at the National Justice and Peace Conference: 19th-21st July.

John Battle, who chaired the conference, maintained that "people truly responding to the Gospels can change the world." Throughout the weekend we were invited to return to the scriptural roots for work for peace and social justice and to use every creative means to communicate this message in a time of 'austerity of vision'. Keynote speaker was Megan McKenna, theologian, author, Pax Christi ambassador and above all, storyteller. Her style is to take a fresh look at the Gospels in contemporary church life and to dramatise the gospel stories in a way that makes them a living reality. A selection of phrases she gave us which were particularly challenging included: "The Spirit abhors a vacuum"; "Does everything we do bring life to the world?" "Do we truly hunger and thirst for justice?" "Justice is what love looks like in public"; "We are to be as generous with others as God has been to us." She felt that many Christians have "spiritualised Jesus" and lost his radical call for justice, which, she felt, is quite distinct from charitable outreach.

A richness of the conference is always the choice of workshops. Amongst the many on offer - Pax Christi explored a different language of security that doesn't depend on war and violence; Housing Justice outlined action to assist those affected by benefit changes; Church Action on Poverty focused on their work to highlight the unfair prices demanded from those who are worst off, for daily essentials; The Columban Missionaries looked at the impact of rising sea levels on (in particular) island communities and John Battle looked at the importance of using allies in our local communities in work for Peace and Justice.



(L to r) Nan Saeki, Barbara Hungin, Sister Josie Bulger and Anne Tracy

It is often the memorable conversations at meal times or in the bar that can re-energise and offer mutual support. There was also the wonderful Eritrean Coffee Ceremony when people were treated to a stately dance, accompanied by drumming as well as the coffee and delicious bread. Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, sent greetings to

the conference calling on participants "to enrich the world with their own testimony of a faith that promotes the true common good as well as the respect for the dignity of every human person." As Megan pointed out in one of her presentations, "Each one of us is a unique word of God".

Barbara Hungin

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Next meeting of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Women's Commission

To celebrate 50 years since Vatican II, the Women's Commission decided that during 2013 they would study documents issued by the Council. The next meeting will be on Saturday 12th October at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York, 10.00 am for 10.30 am - 1.00 pm. Caroline Dollard will speak on *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*. Caroline will explore various aspects of the documents including "What is the relationship of Liturgy to daily life?" "What role does it play in our lives?" "How is Liturgy related to our response to the needs of the world?" Sue Black (a musician with a wealth of experience in Parish Liturgy) will also explore the importance of music in Liturgy. The meeting will be followed by the Women's Commission Annual General Meeting at 2.00 pm. All welcome.

Catherine Rowland

Feeding The Homeless in York



St Wilfrid's Staff and Students with donated food

St Wilfrid's Primary School Council have embarked on a project to help provide breakfast for the homeless in York. The School Council visited the Central Methodist Church in York where breakfast is served six days a week, to learn how the centre is run and find out the current needs of the clients. On returning to school, the children gave a powerpoint presentation to the whole school and appealed to parents for the non perishable items needed to provide a nourishing breakfast. Nicky Gladstone, Carecent Administrator who showed the children around the centre, was invited to the school at the end of term and presented with food items that had been kindly donated. September will see a new School Council appointed who will hopefully continue to support the centre and possibly provide some winter clothing as well as the food items needed.

Kath Campbell

Brian Dowd RIP

St Clare's Church, Middlesbrough was packed to overflowing for Brian Dowd's Requiem Mass there on 13th August since, in addition to his many outside interests across the Diocese, Brian was a devoted parishioner of St Clare's.

The principal celebrant was Father Paul Farrer, whose Mass vestment was made by Brian's mother Maureen, and the principal chalice of the Mass was one donated to the parish by the Dowd family. Brian's family read the lessons and led the Eucharistic prayer and his mam Maureen brought the offertory gifts up to Father Paul.

It was a joyful celebration for the life of a man who suffered ill health for a number of years; most recently he had been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Illness did not put Brian off and over the years he edited the *Catholic Voice*, organised the Diocesan website and led training sessions in the early 2000s for Curial Office staff as technology was introduced into the office. I don't think we ever saw Brian downhearted, even when he brought the news of his Motor Neurone Disease diagnosis. We shall certainly miss him and all our sympathy and prayers go to Maureen and all the family.

Doctor Jim Whiston
Financial Secretary

Brian Dowd, who died on Friday 2nd August as a result of developing Motor Neurone Disease, served the Diocese of Middlesbrough for many years as Editor of this paper and Webmaster for the Diocesan website which he built, maintained for over a decade and then totally refurbished and rebuilt during the last two years, often at great personal cost as the disease made it progressively more difficult for him to move and communicate. The Diocesan Communications Team would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude for Brian's invaluable contribution to their work in so many ways and as a tribute, to publish below the homily preached by Father Paul Farrer at Brian's Funeral Mass.

Many of you in Church today will know that, for better or worse, I am not often stuck for words. But I have to tell you that on St Valentine's Day two years ago I found myself in a situation where I really didn't know what to say. Brian had become worried enough about his health to end up with an appointment at the hospital, and fearing the worst he told me that he would come to see me afterwards before he headed home. I'm sure I'm not the only one here to experience that feeling of utter helplessness and impotence when you sit with a loved friend or relative who tells you they are going to die.

Today, that encounter in my front room over a cup of coffee is large in my heart and I want to cry out in solidarity with Martha, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died!" Where is our Lord and Saviour in the middle of all we have had to watch Brian go through in the past two years?

I often tell people that the first person I met when I came to live in Middlesbrough was the late, great Brian McGowran. And that is true. But one year earlier I had spent the summer as a Deacon on placement here at St Clare's with Father Tony Barry. The first night I was here Father Barry arranged for another Brian, Brian Dowd, to take me for a pint. There was no question of either of us being stuck for words that night and a strong friendship which has been very important to me over the years was born. No question of a taxi or a bus from Brookfield. As we walked to the town we chatted and got to know each other but every so often the walk and the chat would stop and I would be told about where we were on Acklam Road, its place in local history and which wild flowers could be found here and nowhere else.

In town, first stop was the mysterious yet inviting Knights Club followed by the Tap and Barrel where I was introduced to the equally mysterious Ged Askins and then on to the Lord Raglan where we met Paul Healey. Everywhere we went people were pleased to meet me - not because they knew me at all - but because I was with Brian and they were genuinely pleased to meet him. He seemed to know everyone, and I don't just mean knowing



Brian with good friends Dan and Sue Woodhouse

names, he knew them and was keenly interested in their lives. When Brian asked "How are you?" he really did want to know.

I am sure those of you who knew Brian during his teaching years will agree that his deep care for each individual he met drove the very best of his efforts. He cared for people greatly and always made sure his care was active and practical. That's why, just a couple of Christmases ago, Maureen and the clan had to quickly arrange another two chairs at the table for Christmas Dinner - where else would you find two Congolese refugees on Christmas Day in Middlesbrough?

Brian was one of the first people I met that could actually make computers work. He didn't just play games or use software that other people had put together, he could do all of that himself. Any visit to Brian's den would have you all in awe at the amount of kit. Computers and monitors, printers for this, that and the other and cables very neatly and precisely going all over the place, but Brian wasn't a typical gadget man. He didn't see an advert for a new machine with flashing lights which made a pleasing sound and think "I have to have one of those." Quite the opposite, Brian understood that the important part of all of the technical knowledge and expertise he had was how might it best help and serve the people he knew and the causes he cared about.

To those who knew Brian from afar he may well have looked like he spent days locked away working on this, that or the other and you're right, he did. But that's only half the story, he spent an equal if not greater amount of time with people first, getting to know how he could use his talents to best serve them. You will not be surprised to hear that Brian put his talents to work at the service of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, but other work included Churches Together, support for those working with Asylum Seekers and Refugees, local Credit Unions, the Justice and Peace network, local Biodiversity projects, the Diocesan Youth Service and of course, the Mary Thompson Fund. All of this points me towards one very simple conclusion. Brian was truly Catholic. He had a universal outlook. An outlook which recognized the beauty and diversity which the natural world had to offer and took seriously humanity's role as custodians of all that God created. He wasn't just a keen and knowledgeable natural historian. He loved it. It was an outlook which saw him give complete respect and Christian love to all he met. Even those with whom he disagreed would hardly ever

have known no matter how much we tested Brian's patience. He didn't just politely tolerate us - he loved us.

I'm sure Brian is cringing slightly now, listening to all of this and I don't wish you to think that, in my grief, I am trying to make Brian some kind of saint - he certainly wasn't that! But in an age when there are those who would tell us that science and the gathering of knowledge are replacements for faith it would seem that for Brian exactly the opposite was true. All he knew, in every field, added depth to his understanding of God and strengthened his faith. He was convinced that, in the person of Jesus Christ we have seen the very face of God. All we are to be, the way we are to live and love is to be found in Him. For Brian, that tied everything together. He would always respond

to any need in the best way he could, putting his time and talents to work for the good of others, for the good of the Church, for the good of friends, so that justice and peace might flourish and that the world might be a little better for his passing through it.

To put it another way, Brian understood that we are all adopted sons and daughters of God and he took seriously his part in building God's Kingdom here on earth. At the same time, Brian's humility allowed him to see all that was good in other faiths and he was wonderful at being able to celebrate along with them too. And of course, being truly Catholic like this, Brian was a true Christian. This is nothing to do with bearing witness to the faith or being proud of what he believed. No, something much more profound was at work here. Brian did not act this way or that because he believed it to be the right thing to do. The same goes for the causes and people he befriended. He did all in a way that allowed the very presence of God to shine out of every word and action. He was not simply learning a pattern of behaviour, he had put on Christ. This is really very important for us today as we celebrate Brian's life and mourn his death. We all know him in so many different ways. Friend, Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Teacher, Colleague, Rugby Coach, Botanist, Gardener, Geologist, Photographer, Webmaster, Artist, Pilgrim and - of course, Son. However we knew him, Brian has been a blessing in our lives, he is one of those people that allows us to experience God.

So please let me turn back to the Gospel today. I want to cry out in solidarity with Martha "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died!" Where is our Lord and Saviour in the middle

of all we have had to watch Brian go through in the past two years? I suspect all you had to do to know the answer to that was visit Brian during his last few months here among us. I find it hard to put into words what it was like, but despite what many would consider to be a loss of dignity Brian remained peaceful and whole in spirit. He could not have done that alone. For sure, his family will know that there is nothing romantic about what I am saying. Brian suffered greatly and they have walked much of that path with him. Yet, even at his most tired and painful Brian had time for others and remained concerned for them and their welfare. He was Christ-like.

Although Brian's suffering may have made me wonder where God was in the middle of it all, Brian's faith prevailed not because he suddenly clung to God in a moment of deep crisis, but because every day over the past two years was just like any other for Brian - whatever the day threw at him he knew he was not alone. Whilst we may say "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died" Brian, in every circumstance of his life always had faith in the words, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies yet will he live."

Earlier this year, Brian made a pilgrimage to Lourdes. There, again, he made a

deep impression on those who spent time with him. As I watched my friend from afar that week, clearly towards the end of his earthly pilgrimage, I recalled Brian telling me of the time his father, Dan, died. "The house was full of priests," he said, "Monsignor Morgan, Father Barry, Father Gubbins." And he went on to outline how they were all doing what priests do on days like that. "And then," continued Brian, "the front room door burst open and Monsignor Peter Storey arrived. The room fell silent, like the bar in a western when the gunslinger walks in. He looked around and then at Maureen and said 'Congratulations! Dan has gone home!'"

That's a heck of a way to preach our faith in the resurrection and life everlasting. I have often wondered if I would ever have the courage to do that. Well, today seems like as good a day as any. "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Brian, thank you, and congratulations, you have gone home to that place of light, happiness and peace.

May you rest in peace. AMEN

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies yet will he live."

CAFOD NEWS

Our Marathon Running Priest - Help him to raise £1,000 for CAFOD!



Father Paul Dowling

Father Paul Dowling, the parish priest at St Mary's, Market Weighton, will run two marathons in eight days to raise funds for CAFOD. On 20th October, he will run in the Yorkshire Marathon and then follow this by running in another marathon at Ljubljana in Slovenia on 27th October. Father Paul is no novice to the marathon running scene. He has previously run in marathons in Copenhagen 2005, Jersey 2008, Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon 2009, Connemara 2010, White Peak 2011 and Belfast 2012.

Earlier this year, Father Paul ran in the London Marathon, finishing in four hours and forty-two minutes and followed this with running the Milton Keynes Marathon in four hours and twenty-six minutes. So far, Father Paul has raised an amazing £1,300 for CAFOD through the generosity of parishioners at Market Weighton and Holme-upon-Spalding-Moor. Father Paul said "Parishioners seem to be impressed by their marathon running priest and really get behind me in terms of their support. I am running to raise funds for CAFOD because I know it will make a great difference to lives of our sisters and brothers struggling with poverty around the world. It's a scandal that even today, there are many people around the world who still do not have enough food, so running for CAFOD is my small contribution to raising awareness about this."

Father Paul is local to the area, growing up in Hornsea. He studied for the priesthood at Ushaw College and was ordained in 2005. Please consider sponsoring him. Go to: JustGiving.com/Paul-Dowling2 or text CAF099, followed by the amount to 70070.



Young People in Malton

Connect2 El Salvador is going strong in Malton

Young people from Ss Leonard and Mary's parish Confirmation Group in Malton raised £192.00 by selling tea, coffee and cakes following Mass. The money raised is going to CAFOD's Connect2 El Salvador project. Well done to them!

Efrain's story - School or Work?

Efrain, like most Guatemalan boys his age, loves football. He is also very popular and is the head boy at his school. Three years ago, Efrain's life was very different. His family fled his violent father in the middle of the night and went to live with a relative. They had no way of supporting themselves and there were days when they had to eat rotten avocados to stay alive. With little food, no money coming into the family and no home to call his own, Efrain dropped out of school to earn money for his family.

Efrain desperately wanted to go to school. He went to the capital, Guatemala City, cleaning shoes to earn money. He sent half his wages back to his mum and kept half to support himself and save to go to school. After a year, he had enough to send himself to school. His story is seen in households throughout Guatemala. The school enrolment rate in rural areas like Efrain's is low - just 35%. Many young people have to leave school to earn money to support their family. Being able to learn always takes a back seat if going to work



Efrain

means your family can have food.

The school Efrain chose is supported by CAFOD. Efrain learns how to grow vegetables, look after animals and sell crops. Whatever young people grow at school, they eat. So every day, Efrain sits down to a breakfast, lunch and dinner that is not only nutritious, but that he's grown himself. "The school is like heaven" says Efrain. "I get to eat good food and I can learn how to grow it. I know that if I don't get a job when I leave school, I can still support my family by growing food."

Dates for your diary

Friday 4th October, CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day - Please be as generous as you can.

Saturday 28th September, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm - Seeds of Hope. CAFOD Day of Reflection - facilitated by Deacon Vincent Purcell (Middlesbrough Diocese Adult Formation Advisor). Come and join us in the beautiful setting of Thicket Priory, Thorganby near York. Come and share your good news stories and discover the signs of hope amid the many challenges and difficulties that surround us. The event is free, you only need to bring yourself and a friend if you wish together with your lunch.

To book your place, contact David or Carol on (01904) 671767 or e-mail middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk

David Cross
CAFOD Diocesan Manager



Father White and the Ladies who attended the Cottingham Lunch. This year, the Catholic Women's League Lunch was organised by Caroline, one of Cottingham's new members

Paul Haley RIP



Paul Haley, who worked for nine years in the Diocesan Property Department, died on 21st July after a heroic struggle with cancer. His Requiem Mass was celebrated by Canon Gubbins at St Andrew's Church, Teesville on 26th July. Paul was a 'South Banker' by birth and a dedicated Middlesbrough supporter. He was a committed member of St Andrew's parish and this was reflected in the full church at his Funeral Mass. In his years working in the Curial Office, Paul was a dedicated member of staff, working closely with the Property Manager and her assistant. No task was too big or small for him and certainly we shall miss him.

Doctor Jim Whiston
Financial Secretary

Knights of St Columba Fraternal Cross

Some years ago, the Knights of St Columba decided to from time to time to share an act of devotion that would unite all councils and provinces in prayer. This was achieved by the inauguration of the Fraternal Cross which travels between provinces in the United Kingdom and subsequently, between councils within a province. It was decided that to mark the Year of Faith, this would be a practical demonstration of uniting our Fraternity in a common cause. The journey of the Cross commenced in November 2012 in Glasgow and will finish in Glasgow in November 2013.

In early July, the Cross arrived in Province 5 which is made up of councils in Hallam and Leeds Dioceses and includes Hull and York Councils in the Diocese of Middlesbrough. They then passed the Cross onto Province 4 Northumbria, which is made up of councils in Newcastle and Hexham Diocese and Council 29 Middlesbrough. The Cross was received from John Smith, the Provincial Grand Knight of Province 5, by George Metcalfe, Provincial Grand Knight of Province 4, at a Mass celebrated by Father Dominique Minskip in St Charles Borromeo Church, Hull. During the Mass, which was well attended by many Knights from Hull and other councils, nine new Knights were admitted to the Order.

Later Canon Gerard Robinson, Chaplain for Council 29, celebrated Mass in St Mary's Cathedral in the presence of Knights from all councils of Province 4. The Cross remained on display in the Cathedral for the remainder of the week. The Cross was then handed over to Province 3 St Andrew's and Edinburgh.

George Metcalfe



Father Dominique Minskip with Knights of St Columba gathered in St Charles Borromeo, Hull

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Evangelisation

Year of Faith - Second Pilgrimage Walk



The Pilgrims pause at John Bunting's Chapel

I walked the second Year of Faith Pilgrimage from Sutton Bank to Ampleforth on 21st July with about 30 others. I met some of those from the first walk plus a few new faces. People had travelled from all parts of the Diocese including Beverley, Whitby, Thornaby and Middlesbrough. Could it compete with the first walk which had been great? Well the weather was good, warm but overcast. Father Andrew Burns (CSsR) started the pilgrimage with an opening prayer. Along the Sutton Bank Escarpment we were reminded William the Conqueror had taken advantage of this high 14 mile stretch of Hambleton road during the Harrying of the North in 1069 which saw a huge number of the inhabitants of the area (a good part of our present Diocese) slaughtered, and the land left bare and towns deserted for years.

We were told that monks of the Savigniac Order (later to join the Cistercians) were granted land at Hoods Hill about 70 years later. From the same point on the escarpment, we got a real insight of the journey the monks took (after a short stay at Hoods Hill) to Old Bylands followed by a move to Oldstead because of a dispute with Rievaulx, before settling at Bylands where the Abbey was completed around 1195. It then appears there was a period of relative peace.

We moved on to Shaw's Moor, and you may have guessed a tale of more trouble, it's the site of the Battle of Bylands, when Edward II's poorly led and equipped army was massacred by Robert de Bruce's Scottish Army in 1322. The next stop was Scotch Corner, the end of Hambleton Road. It may have been named to commemorate the Battle of Bylands or because for centuries it was the final corral, alehouse, bunkhouse and overnight stop for the Scottish cattle drovers before descending from the escarpment on their way to London. In the 1950s, John Bunting, the master stone and wood artist, also a tutor at Ampleforth College, built the memorial chapel to ex-students of the college killed in WWII on the site of the old farmhouse. His daughter, Madeleine Bunting, has written an intriguing book, 'The Plot - A Biography of an English Acre', that recalls the history of Scotch Corner and an account of its influence on the surrounding area.

We descended the steep path from the chapel to Oldstead, then along past The Grange and through farmland that was drained, moulded and cultivated by the Byland's monks centuries ago. The ruins of Bylands Abbey then appeared on the skyline, it's magnificent now but how striking did it appear in the thirteenth century? We remained in Bylands for our lunch break, after which we continued through the wonderful countryside to Ampleforth Village then took the 'Back Lane' to Ampleforth Abbey, another beautiful place to visit, where we were greeted by the sound of a choir's final rehearsal for the Ryedale Festival which was taking place that evening.

The Pilgrimage Mass was celebrated in a crypt chapel by Father Andrew and attended by all who had taken part in the walk and I'm sure the choristers above in the Abbey were truly impressed by the celestial harmonic rumination from below!!! Yes, it was another wonderful Year of Faith day. Most of us accepted a lift back to Sutton Bank in an Ampleforth minibus to collect our vehicles, whilst some well organised groups remained in the grounds and enjoyed another picnic feast in the evening sunshine. I would like to thank the organisers of the walk, Father Andrew Burns, the Ampleforth monks and the other pilgrims who made it such a fulfilling day.

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In more recent years, though, the CCRS has also become very popular with parishioners who simply wish to understand their own faith a little better. As we draw near to the close of the Year of Faith, following the CCRS could be a very good choice for those who want to answer the call to grow in love and knowledge of the faith we profess.

The course takes place in both Hull and Middlesbrough and is designed to be as flexible as possible. It is divided into six 'Core Modules' - the Old and the New Testament, Christology, The Church, The Sacraments and Christian Morality. These are complemented by a choice of two further 'Specialist Modules' drawn from Catholic education or parish life.

The teaching for each module takes ten hours spread over two consecutive Saturdays. 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 each module) then you could be awarded a Certificate from the Board of Studies of the Bishops' Conference. The cost of each module is £50.00 (or £40.00 if you are not receiving a wage) and there is also a one-off charge of £20.00 to register with the Board.

However, it is also possible to study a single module just for personal interest - and without having to write the essay! The cost for each



module would be the same as above but in this case there would be no £20.00 registration fee.

If you would like to learn more about the CCRS - without committing yourself in any way - please contact Deacon Vincent Purcell on the number below for an informal discussion.

You would also be very welcome to come along to an open evening (between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm) on either Tuesday 10th September at the Curial Office in Middlesbrough or Thursday 12th September at Our Lady and St Peter Chanel in Hull.

Please telephone (01642) 850505 or e-mail reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk to let us know that you are coming to the open evening or to request a leaflet and an application form.

Deacon Vincent Purcell

An Inspirational Event

After days of intense heat, Sunday 21st July was a day of mixed weather. Cloud, sun and a cool breeze provided the perfect setting for the annual gathering of recently received Catholics and their family and friends at Ampleforth Abbey. The afternoon began with refreshments and a warm welcome from Father Christopher, and from Caroline Dollard. We enjoyed our picnics and the opportunity to meet and chat with friends old and new. The discussion which followed was an exchange of experiences. Caroline asked those recently received to share their reasons for deciding to embark on their Faith Journeys.

Their answers were uplifting but humbling because each person was inspired by the good example, support and encouragement of family and friends and the warm welcome of their parish community, to commit themselves to the Catholic Faith. This was followed by time to enjoy the beauty of Ampleforth - the Visitor Centre, Abbey, Bookshop, Coffee Shop and grounds. The afternoon ended with a short liturgy. This was led by Father Terence, Prior of Ampleforth, who in his homily reminded us of the day's gospel about Martha and Mary; Martha who invited Jesus into her home and then busied herself preparing a meal; Mary who remained with Jesus much to Martha's disapproval!! The lesson from this passage is, as Father emphasised with great clarity, to set aside time in our busy lives to be with the Lord.

True to the tradition of RCIA, hospitality is always present and welcome refreshments were provided before we left. Our thanks to Caroline and her team for organising a well paced, gentle and inspiring afternoon which afforded us time for conversation, prayer and relaxation, and especially to Ampleforth for their hospitality. We look forward to the next gathering in 2014.

Mary Lavin



RCIA Back to Basics: a reminder that the third and final meeting convened to take a fresh look at the 'what, why and how' of RCIA and how we resource the journey for people who want to become Catholic Christians in our parish communities will be held on Saturday 21st September at St Stephen's, 96 Annandale Road, Hull, HU9 4LA between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. For further information, please contact Caroline Dollard, RCIA Co-ordinator, on (01439) 788264 or e-mail caro@ccrcharity.org.uk



This is a photograph from St Peter's RC School, Scarborough. The school held a fundraising day for Rainbows on 4th July. It also raised the children's awareness about Rainbows. Rainbows is a programme to help children and young people deal with loss. This may be from bereavement, divorce or anything that causes a change in the family. Rainbows gives even very young children a chance to share their feelings with their peers, whilst being supported by a trained, compassionate adult. The 12 week programme will start at St Peter's in September

Praying with Pictures in the Year of Faith - Sadness

In this series of reflections during the Year of Faith, we are using pictures and photographs to recognise the presence of God in our lives. God calls to each of us to holiness and to discern the authentic signs of God's ongoing presence in our personal lives and history. The photographs in our albums can help us do this.

Often, God can be speaking to us most clearly at times of the greatest sadness in our lives, though we may only realise this after the event. Find a photograph which recalls a time of sadness in your life: perhaps a bereavement, or moving home, changing or losing a job, the diagnosis of an illness. Remember how it felt at the time: the feelings of sadness, helplessness,

confusion perhaps.

Looking back, even if at the time you felt totally abandoned, speak to God about the ways God was supporting, upholding and consoling you: through the encouragement of others, spoken and unspoken; through a helpful passage of Scripture, a hymn or other song; through an inexplicable inner conviction that, no matter how bad things get, somehow, all will be well. Tell God how you feel about the situation now, about how it has worked out, or how you hope it will work out. And thank God for His loving care.

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 18 Attends Safeguarding Commission meeting – Curial Office 11 am
 19-22 Attends the 1700th Anniversary of the Edict of Milan – Nis, Serbia
 25 Diocesan Trustee Board – York 10.30 am
 26 Celebrates Mass for 150th Anniversary of St Peter's School, Scarborough 11 am
 Celebrates Education Mass – St Wilfrid's, York 7 pm
 28 Celebrates Mass for SVP – St Aelred's, York 10 am
 30 Attends Education Study Day - York

6 Friday
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the October issue of Voice must be received by today
7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

6 - 8 Friday - Sunday
 'Art at Ampleforth' led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

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
7.30 pm Larkin Strings - students from Hull University, a new professional string ensemble made up of nine young musicians at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

8 Sunday
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4.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA
6.00 pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

9 Monday
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 - 12 Monday - Thursday
 'Where to go next with the Enneagram' led by Fr Christopher Gorst. 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 Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Rev P Cope will speak about 'Priest and Porridge'. Please note new venue
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady's Parish Centre

6.30 pm - 7.30 pm Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) open evening at the Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. Contact: Deacon Vincent Purcell, Tel: (01642) 850505 for further details
8.30 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
6.30 pm - 7.30 pm Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) open evening at Our Lady and St Peter Chanel, Hull. Contact: Deacon Vincent Purcell, Tel: (01642) 850505 for further details

13 Friday
2.00 pm 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 - 9.30 pm Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York looking at one complete set of Sunday readings (1st, 2nd and Gospel). Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: (01904) 795605 for further details

14 Saturday
10.00 am - 12 noon Voice trials for new choristers for the Cathedral Boys and Girls Choirs at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Contact: Tim Harrison, Director of Music, E-mail: timothyrcraig@gmail.com for further details

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'And God Created Woman' with John Dunne at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details. PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED
7.30 pm Gary & Vera Asprey, traditional and contemporary folk music at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £7.00/£8.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

15 Sunday
2.00 pm - 5.00 pm St Bede's Ceilidh and Social at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough
4.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

16 Monday
7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Fr Noel Wynn SM entitled 'Walsingham Today' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

17 Tuesday
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
 'Retreat for Mothers' led by Fr Matthew Burns. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

7.30 pm 'Eddie and the Gold Tops' by Bad Apple Theatre Company in the Hall at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £8.00, £10.00 or £25.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
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
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm 'Come to the well and drink' - a course for those of any Christian denomination, designed to help people to experience different ways of praying at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

7.00 pm - 9.30 pm Personal and Spiritual Development course "taster" evening at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York. Contact the Administrators, Tel: (01904) 464900 or E-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk if you intend to attend

20 Friday
7.30 pm Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details. Please note the change of date

7.30 pm Aquinas Reading Group at 6 Midway Avenue, Nether Poppleton, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>
7.30 pm 'The Trials and Tribulations of Mr Pickwick' - a play with questions and answers after the performance at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £10.00/£12.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

20 - 22 Friday - Sunday
 'A Christian reads the Old Testament' led by Fr Henry Wansbrough. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

21 Saturday
 St Mary's Convent School (FCJ), Middlesbrough 60th Birthday School Reunion. Contact: Frances Bell née Richardson, Tel: 07930 160930 or E-mail: frabell@gmail.com for further details

10.00 am - 1.00 pm RCIA 'Back to Basics' at St Stephen's, 96 Annandale Road, Hull, HU9 4LA. Contact: Caroline Dollard, RCIA Co-ordinator, Tel: (01439) 788264 or E-mail: caro@ccrcharity.org.uk for further details
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Irish Dance (Shillelagh Duo) at St Francis Club, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227
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
4.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
6.30 pm Mass for Deaf and Hard of Hearing at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough

23 - 26 Monday - Thursday
 'Masculine Spirituality' led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

25 Wednesday
10.30 am - 4.00 pm 'Pray and Love' with Philip Roderick at St Bede's Pastoral Centre,

Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 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
7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Sir Martin Narey, Government Advisor on children's social care, formerly CEO of Barnardo's, entitled 'Adoptions: why we must reverse the decline' in the Meeting Room at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough. Coffee from 7.30 pm. All are welcome

26 Thursday
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 Friday
7.00 pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Middlesbrough Diocesan Annual Lourdes Hospitalité Summer Ball in The Legends Lounge, Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough Football Club. Tickets £35.00. Contact: Audrey Kirby, Tel: 07791 071159 or E-mail: a.kirby1356@gmail.com for tickets and further details
7.30 pm 'Mandolin Virtuoso' - Simon Mayor and Hilary James at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £10.00/£12.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

28 Saturday
 St Peter's RC Primary School, Scarborough 150th Anniversary celebrations at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, to include a Ceilidh band and a buffet. Tickets £15.00 together with details of the timings for the celebrations available from the School, Tel: (01723) 372720
10.00 am SVP Middlesbrough Central Council Festival Mass and meeting to commemorate the Feast of St Vincent, celebrated by Bishop Terry Draine at St Aelred's Church, Fifth Avenue, York. Guest speaker: National President Adrian Abel. All members and friends welcome, bring own lunch

10.00 am - 3.00 pm 'Seeds of Hope' - CAFOD Day of Reflection facilitated by Deacon Vincent Purcell, Diocesan Adult Formation Advisor, at Thicket Priory, Thorganby nr York. Please bring own lunch and a friend. Contact: David or Carol Cross, Tel: (01904) 671767 or E-mail: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk for further details and to book a place

29 Sunday
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4.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

30 - 31 Monday - Thursday
 'The Year of Faith' led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER:

1 Tuesday
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

2 Wednesday
6.30 pm The Secular Franciscan Order meet every first Wednesday of the month at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, Tel: (01904) 470041 for further details

3 Thursday
9.30 am - 3.00 pm 'Bridges of Hope' Conference hosted by Together Middlesbrough at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD. Contact: Mrs Barbara Edwards, Conference Administrator, Tel: (01642) 812622 or E-mail: office@st-barnabas.net for further details and to book a place

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Ark, the Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details

6.30 pm for 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm 'Come to the well and drink' - a course for those of any Christian denomination, designed to help people to experience different ways of praying

at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

4 Friday
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the November issue of Voice must be received by today
7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

5 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 - 6 Saturday - Sunday
 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Contact: Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or E-mail: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details

5 - 12 Saturday - Saturday
 'Thinking Scripture: The Gospel of Mark' - Study week open to all at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. Contact: Sr Margaret Atkins, Tel: (01539) 532288 or E-mail: margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk for further details

6 Sunday
 Day for Life Pilgrimage at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley. Contact: Marileine Ollerenshaw, Tel: 0191 285 4395 for further details

4.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York, YO24 4DA

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prayer:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm for Adoration and Vespers or a Rosary for the priests of the Diocese.

Enquiries welcome to join us for a cup of tea, our monthly Mass or the monthly ecumenical prayer meeting for Christian unity.

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ST BEDE'S PASTORAL CENTRE
Mondays
 7.30 pm City Prayer Group
Tuesday
 7.30 pm - 8.45 pm Ignatian Prayer Group (17 Sept, 1 Oct)

Wednesdays
 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Christian Meditation
 The Pastoral Centre is in Blossom Street, York. Contact: Tel: (01904) 464900 or e-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

9 October: 7.00 pm, 'Jesus would cut the tax gap' - Ebor Lecture in Temple Hall, York St John University, York, to be delivered by Mr Richard Murphy, Tax researcher, chartered accountant and political economist. Visit www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator, Tel: (01904) 876474 or E-mail: eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk for further details

12 October: 10.00 am for 10.30 am - 1.00 pm, Middlesbrough Diocesan Women's Commission meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York when Caroline Dollard will speak on 'The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy' and Sue Black will explore the importance of music in Liturgy. Meeting to be followed by the Women's Commission Annual General Meeting at 2.00 pm. All welcome

12 October: 2.00 pm, Postgate Society meeting in St Anne's Parish Rooms, Ugthorpe
13 October: 2.00 pm, Rosary Pilgrimage at

the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley. 2.00 pm: Rosary, 3.00 pm: Mass. Contact: Flora James, Tel: (01609) 776044 for further details

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 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Yoga
 7.30 pm Kingston Swing/
 Lindyhop Dancing
Tuesdays
 1.30 pm Padre Pio Prayer Group
 7.30 pm 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.

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Bridges of Hope

A Conference hosted by Together Middlesbrough bringing Christians together to tackle poverty with Bishop Terry and Andy McDonald MP - Thursday 3rd October, 9.30 am - 3.00 pm - The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby TS3 6LD

"Poverty is not a lifestyle choice..."

Poverty can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or ethnicity. Those trapped in the 'web of poverty' are there for many reasons:

- Local jobs may be in short supply, often short term and low paid, creating a cycle of low-wage, no-wage.
- Low educational achievement and poor aspirations.
- A downward spiral of debt, with escape feeling impossible.
- Physical and mental health problems.
- A history of family breakdown, domestic violence and abuse.

The scale and spread of deprivation in Middlesbrough is amongst the worst in the country, 47% of the town is ranked in the bottom 10% poorest places to live. In these communities up to 59% of children are living in poverty, up to 53% of families are headed by lone parents and in some areas male life expectancy is as low as 68 years. Welfare reforms introduced in April and Universal Credit in October 2013, will affect approximately 10% of the local population.

Similar areas of deprivation exist close to Middlesbrough, only a few miles away from some of the most affluent communities in the country, where child poverty is as low as 3% and life expectancy is up to 13 years higher. Christ calls us to respond to the needs of our neighbours, to feed the hungry, to clothe the poor, to befriend the lonely, to visit the prisoner, to care for the sick: in serving others we are serving him.

Bridges of Hope

At a time when many people are struggling, Bridges of Hope will bring Christians from across the Middlesbrough area to learn, share and pray together about issues of poverty. The conference will be opened by Bishop Terry and will include:

- A research report, undertaken by Together Middlesbrough, highlighting the significant contribution that churches make to

communities in Middlesbrough.

- First hand stories of the positive difference being made to the lives of local people struggling in poverty.
- A market place of Christian projects tackling a wide range of issues will provide the opportunity to find out more.
- Discussion groups to share with others concerned about poverty.
- A panel discussion with Tim Bissett, CEO Church Urban Fund, Reverend Ruth Gee, President of Methodist Conference and conference contributors.
- Information available about resources and support for churches and Christian projects seeking to make a difference.
- Time and space to prayerfully consider our response to poverty.

Keynote speakers

Dr Paul Crawshaw

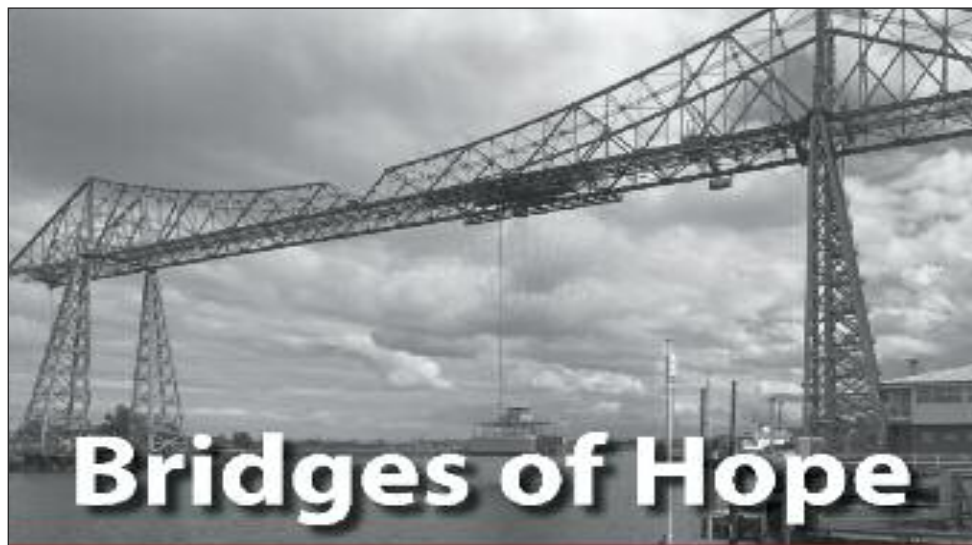
Paul is Director of the Social Futures Institute at Teesside University. He is an internationally recognised medical sociologist with particular interests in public health. Paul will give a presentation from local research by Teesside University about poverty in Middlesbrough.

Andy McDonald MP

Andy McDonald was elected as the Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough in Nov 2012, he also sits on the House of Commons Justice Select Committee. Andy was born in Middlesbrough and still lives in the town. Before his election to Parliament, Andy was a Serious Injury Solicitor. He was a governor of Abingdon Primary School, Middlesbrough for fifteen years and is currently a member of the Board of Governors of Middlesbrough College. He has also been chair of two local charities, The Davison Trust works with children with special needs and the Teesside Branch of Headway, which works with people with brain injuries. Andy McDonald MP will provide a political view from Westminster.

Rev Canon Dr Stephen Cherry

Stephen Cherry is Director of Ministerial Development and Parish Support in the Diocese of Durham, and a Residentary Canon of Durham Cathedral. He was a parish priest of a post-



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 The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby TS3 6LD

industrial and multi-faith parish for 12 years before coming to Durham 7 1/2 years ago. Among his publications are *Barefoot Disciple: Walking the Way of Passionate Humility*, *The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2011*, *Healing Agony: Reimagining Forgiveness*, and *Beyond Busyness: Time Wisdom for Ministry*. Stephen will provide a theological reflection on the Christian response to poverty.

Bridges of Hope

- This event is offered free of charge thanks to the support of the Church Urban Fund.
- Refreshments and a simple Fairtrade lunch will

be provided.

- The Trinity Centre is a wheelchair accessible building.
- Booking is essential; please book your place by Monday 23rd September 2013.

Conference Bookings

You can book a place via Eventbrite: <http://together-middlesbrough.eventbrite.co.uk>
 OR contact: Bridges of Hope c/o Mrs Barbara Edwards, St Barnabas Parish Office, 1A St Barnabas Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JR - Tel: (01642) 812622 - E-mail: office@st-barnabas.net

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