



**You are invited to a Unity Service - St Mary's Cathedral -
Sunday 19th January, 3.00 pm (gathering from 2.00 pm)**



Bishop's Column

Jesus said: *May they all be one. Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me.* (John 17:20-21)

The call to pray for unity goes back to Jesus' very own words spoken at the last supper. His words show us the unity and love between Jesus and his Father. They help us to share Jesus' life with his Father. They also tell us that without unity we cannot share the Gospel in the world.

During the last 50 years much has been achieved thus we must celebrate the unity that we already share in Christ, give thanks for it and pray that it may be continually deepened. Yes, we have travelled a long way down the road together, in the last couple of generations. But, there is a long history of division, arrogance, ignorance, apathy and sin going before, and progress will only be made with openness to the Spirit of Jesus, patience and perseverance.

The end of the first millennium brought with it the painful split between the Eastern and Western Churches. During the course of the second millennium the Reformation fragmented the Church in Europe and then beyond and the rise of colonialism has impacted the divisions. As we move into the third millennium there is a feeling that there has been little progress made in any of these difficulties.

However, we must remember that the road back to unity will be long and difficult and we have hardly begun the journey. Still the divided Churches are not agreed on how unity is going to come about. Hence it is important to set down the various ways in which the different Churches understand visible unity, to set out where their views converge and diverge. As Churches we are also challenged to seek renewal from God, for unity cannot come without renewal.

If the Churches are to be more faithful and effective ambassadors of reconciliation, we cannot ignore our inherited divisions, but must face them, so that renewed together, we may present a common witness to the world united to Jesus who prayed, and is praying that all may be one so that the world may believe.

Attend with favour to the prayers of your people, we ask, O Lord, and grant that the hearts of believers may be united in your praise and in repentance together, so that with divisions among Christians overcome, we may hasten with joy to your eternal kingdom in the perfect communion of the Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Roman Missal)



MYMission Team members Louise Williams, Annie Hunter and Dominique Finn taking part in the Big Tees Sleep Out

The Big Tees Sleep Out

There are many initiatives that help to support the needy and poor around Christmas and as a Catholic Community, we are very generous but something about the Big Tees Sleep Out grabbed the attention of the MYMission Team. At the end of November, we joined around 90 other people who all met together for the night and slept rough on the street, just outside Middlesbrough College. Together, we all raised around £17,000. The generosity of the local Catholic family meant that the Mission Team raised around £3,500 of that total sum. However, the night ended up being about so much more than the money.

The first thing to highlight is that the night was organised at pretty short notice in response to many requests from homeless shelters and foodbanks in the Teesside area who were concerned that they did not have enough resources to meet the demands the Christmas period would place upon them. What kind of communities are we growing that we need these places? And if that's not worrying enough, how is it that they themselves are having to make emergency appeals?

Secondly, the sleep out was undertaken by a group of people so diverse, the only thing we had in common was that we were all sleeping outside for the night. Young and old, male and female, there was a real sense of community and levelling. We were all in the same boat together for the same reason. We wanted to try to help. The third point we would make is that our experience was not an experience of homelessness. We all had many layers and good sleeping bags. We all had some food and access to a hot drink and a toilet. We all knew that once we got through the night, we could all head home for a hot bath and a couple of hours sleep to catch up on what was lost the night before.

But what we did get was a bit of an insight. It was cold, really cold, and once we were there and had unrolled our mats, that was it. Of course we could talk to each other, but there was no TV, no books, no place to charge our phones and not a lot to do. It may sound silly, but it really mattered. All of a sudden, all of the things that surround us on a daily basis were gone. Either left at home, run out of charge, or not essential

enough for us to have during a night on the streets. That was the real impact of the night for us - realising that when you do not know where you are going to sleep from night to night then so many other things that are part of daily life are lost too. As we all pulled ourselves together very early in the morning once we had done the sleep out, the only word everyone had in common was "humbling". And the experience was certainly that.

Pope Francis has constantly been asking for a poor Church for the poor. We only spent one night in a sleeping bag but it has got us reflecting upon the level of our outreach work. As a local Church, perhaps we need to think about how comfortable we are and how uncomfortable we are prepared to become in aid of our brothers and sisters in need. There is another sleep out planned for the first weekend in April. If anyone is interested in taking part, please e-mail the Team - domfinn@mymission.org.uk We will certainly be playing a part and would love to help you do the same.

Father Paul Farrer

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Bishops’ Statement on Poverty

During their Autumn Meeting, the Bishops of England and Wales issued a ‘Statement on Poverty’ which we are reproducing below. By coincidence, this January edition of *Catholic Voice* contains a much larger section on the work of ‘Christian Discipleship’ in our Diocese than the other areas of life, worship and work usually featured. Christian Discipleship is the heading under which in the Diocese of Middlesbrough we gather our Catholic Social Action or Caritas activities and what this means in practice is illustrated by the wide range of social action articles in this edition of our Diocesan paper. During 2014 it is hoped that we will begin to develop a ‘Caritas Network’, which is referred to in the Bishops’ Statement, for the Diocese of Middlesbrough to enable us to be more effective in the ‘Witness to Charity’ that we give. Again by happy coincidence, January sees the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Diocese will be welcoming Archbishop John Sentamu of York to our Cathedral. Social action for the relief of poverty and its consequences is an area where Christians of all denominations already work effectively together for the Common Good and more is developing all the time.

The Statement:

Many families and individuals in our society face a continuing struggle with real poverty and the challenge this brings of living with human dignity. Pope Francis has consistently emphasised that the care of the poor, and serving those in need are fundamental to the life of the Church, and that “among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor”. He challenges the whole of society to remember the poor; to recognise the dignity and gifts of each person; to resist stigmatising the poor; to persevere in creating the common good by actively engaging in our local communities to alleviate poverty and address social injustices. Jesus tells us in St Matthew’s Gospel that in serving the poor we are serving Him: “Insofar as you did this to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me”. (Matt 25:40)

The divisive nature of poverty threatens the fabric of our society. Widening economic inequality corrodes the common good and further steps are needed both to curb unjustifiably high pay, and to promote a living wage for all in work.

Inspired by the love of Christ, we reaffirm our commitment to find ways appropriate to local situations whereby dioceses can give greater support and coherence to Catholic social action through the establishment of diocesan ‘Caritas’ networks or structures.

We recognise with gratitude and appreciation the excellent work of Catholic charities and parishes, many of whom are members of the Caritas Social Action Network, who are at the forefront of the practical response to domestic poverty. Their work includes running community day centres, breakfast programmes in schools, emergency accommodation through night shelters, and professional welfare advice services. Many charities are expanding and diversifying their services in response to the increased need, with several launching new initiatives such as support to those affected by restrictions to their benefits, provision of household essentials through foodbanks, and access to ICT and skills training.

As we come to the end of the Year of Faith we renew our commitment to do all we can in service to those in need remembering that “faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead”. (James 2:17)

The Work and Role of Credit Unions

The Archbishop of Canterbury has expressed serious concerns about the practice of payday lending. In doing so, he has given voice to a growing belief, within the Church and wider society, that there is a need for a more ethical and just financial system, and that more should be done to develop alternatives to high-interest lending. Credit Unions represent a more ethical, community-based approach and for that reason, there is a call for churches and church members to support credit unions in their local area.

What are Credit Unions?

Credit Unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives that are owned and controlled by their members. They are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and all savings are protected up to a total of £85,000 per member. All members are required to share a ‘common bond’, for example, the Pioneer Credit Union in Middlesbrough has a live/work common bond. This means that membership is available to anyone who lives or works within the boundary of Middlesbrough. These common bonds help to ensure that Credit Unions take a relational approach, since their members have an interest in pursuing practices that are good for the community as a whole.

Credit Unions offer a range of services all designed to support local people in good money management.

- **Saving.** You can save as little or as much as you like. Money worries are one of the biggest causes of stress, depression and anxiety and often this can be the result of an unexpected change in your circumstances or an unforeseen event. Savings can help to protect you and your family from some of the worry, if your situation takes a turn for the worst.
- **Low cost loans.** Credit Unions expect their members to save regularly for approximately 13 weeks before applying for a loan. The amount you will be able to get depends on how much you need, what you can afford to pay back, and the Credit Union’s loan policies.
- **Christmas Saving Clubs.** Members can put money into a Christmas account at any time throughout the year but you are not able to withdraw your savings until November, so everything you have saved will be ready for your Christmas shopping.
- **Special offers and deals** eg Credit Unions in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland are working closely with Co-op Electrical, to allow Credit Union members to buy electrical goods of all descriptions at the lowest possible prices.

The story of a young mum

A lady contacted the Redcar & Cleveland Credit Union, she had small children

and her washer had broken down. We had a small pot of money and were able to get a washer for her from our Co-op Electrical goods scheme through a loan. She has paid this back, saved at the same time and is now obtaining loyalty loans through the Credit Union. She knew nothing about us before she got the goods, but is now telling everyone that she knows that the Credit Union is the ‘best thing that could have happened to her’. She has just been in for her Christmas loan and was surprised at the amount that she could obtain and her words were to her partner “We will have the best Christmas ever, be able to buy ourselves presents as well as the kids, but more importantly, be able to afford to pay it back!!”

How can you get involved?

Here are some suggestions of how you and/or your church can support Credit Unions.

- **Find your local Credit Union.** Over 90% of the British population is able to join a Credit Union because of where they live. Credit Unions in the Middlesbrough Diocese include:
Middlesbrough Pioneer - www.pioneercu.org.uk
Redcar and Cleveland Money Tree - www.rcmoneytreecu.co.uk
Hull and East Yorkshire - www.hullandeycu.co.uk and
South Yorkshire in York and Scarborough - www.sycu.co.uk
- **Join your local Credit Union.** Why not start a savings or Christmas account? Everyone can benefit from Credit Union membership. For those on middle or higher incomes, the local and ethical focus makes sense for at least part of your savings.
- **Spread the word.** Play your part in spreading the word about Credit Unions in your church and local community.
- **Offer your time and skills.** Credit Unions need local people with a variety of experience and skills to help; you can volunteer from as little as two hours per week.

Heather Black
Together Middlesbrough

Editor’s Note: The Bishops of England and Wales through their agency Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are supporting and encouraging the initiative of the Archbishop of Canterbury and at various levels in the Catholic Church, steps are being taken to rediscover and renew support for the work of Credit Unions. *Catholic Voice* is very grateful to Heather Black and Together Middlesbrough for the article above which may introduce some of us to the work of Credit Unions for the first time.

York Youth Hungry for Change

CAFOD’s Hungry for Change campaign opens our eyes to a harrowing truth: “We live in a world where 870 million people go hungry yet we actually produce enough to feed everyone. The way we share food just isn’t working”. On the



evening of 27th November 2013 at St George’s Church, York, a team of young people from local churches came together to produce what was a truly inspiring Advent Service and added their voices to the campaign against the state of the worldwide food system.

Running up to the CAFOD Advent Service, the youth from St Aelred’s, St George’s and English Martyrs churches had been learning about the way food is produced, distributed and wasted across the world. As many others have found, when discovering the way in which we live in comparison to others, something is not right, something needs to be done and something *can* be done. The team of young people set out to tell

others what they had learnt, and encouraged the congregation to pass on the message given that evening. People had come from parishes all across the city and after hearing the story of the feeding of the 5,000, each of these people was given the opportunity to sign campaign cards - to encourage the support and influence of the Prime Minister for a fairer food system worldwide.

Not only did the young manage to inspire many hearts that evening but nearly £200.00 was raised for CAFOD. Thank you to all who were involved, as you discovered, we really do have the power to make a difference.

Ruth Eaves



York young people



On Family Fast Day, Christ the King RC Primary School, Thornaby had a 'Big Share' in school - children dressed in their own clothes, brought in £1.00 for CAFOD and all brought in fruit to have a big share in each class. The Teachers wore school uniform!

What are Mini Vinnies?

A special Commissioning Liturgy and a Mini Vinnie Presentation was held at Christ the King School, Teddar Avenue, Thornaby on Tuesday 26th November 2013 at 2.00 pm. A special candle was lit, followed by a reading about the Good Samaritan. Children made their Mini Vinnie pledge, said the prayer and sang the Mini Vinnie song. Children received their badges and certificates and the Mini Vinnie Resource Pack was presented to the school by Kathy Warrick (Middlesbrough Central Council President SVP) on behalf of Yarm/Ingleby Barwick SVP Conference. Joan Hughes (Treasurer of Yarm/Ingleby Barwick SVP) presented a cheque for £120.00 for the Mini Vinnie Resource Pack.

Mini Vinnies is a group of primary school young people who get together to help those in need within their school and local community. Mini Vinnies introduces children to social justice issues and to living faith through action as part of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Mini Vinnies is about praying and doing good works in the community, but it is also about young people meeting to talk, to share ideas and concerns, to have fun and to support each other. The Mini Vinnies model of 'See, Think, Do' is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality. By connecting their beliefs and values with service activities and issues in their community, they can help to make their faith real, meaningful and relevant. Remember: Setting up a Mini Vinnies group doesn't mean extra work. A Mini Vinnies group can build on the good work already being done in schools. Importantly, a Mini Vinnies group can bring a focus, a spiritual dimension and a sense of service to good works already being undertaken in schools.

Kathy Warrick
SVP Middlesbrough Central Council President



Mrs M Metcalfe (Headteacher), Bill Lawson (SVP Tyne Central Council President) and Bill Willcock (Tyne Mini Vinnies Co-ordinator), Joan Hughes (Treasurer of Yarm SVP), Kathy Warrick (SVP Middlesbrough Central Council President), Father Michael Keogh (Parish Priest of Christ the King and St Patrick's parishes, Thornaby), teachers, staff, children and parents of Christ the King School, Thornaby

One World Night

One World Night was once again celebrated on 15th November 2013 in the St Aelred's Community Centre, York. Prior to the meal and enjoying an introductory glass of wine or soft drink, everyone took part in a quiz prepared by Bob Graves, which was suitable for all ages. Some of the organisations who are involved in international issues had prepared stalls and displays for people to visit prior to supper; these included the UCM, SVP, Third World and Survive-Miva. A feast of international cuisine had been prepared by parishioners and Father Bill Serplus. These included paella, tagine, tagliatelle, pizza, shepherd's pie and the speciality of the evening from the Caribbean, 'goat curry', all the dishes being accompanied by the appropriate side dishes and breads, all served by a group of volunteers. Following this, a wonderful display of sumptuous desserts had

been prepared and certainly thoroughly enjoyed by all. After supper, everyone watched the CAFOD DVD 'Hungry for Change'; having just had such an excellent meal, it must have made everyone aware of people who are involved in difficult situations in other parts of the world.

Father Bill thanked everyone who had helped to make the evening another truly memorable evening, especially Chris and Frank Kelly for all the time and effort they had given and by their encouragement of others to be enthusiastic in this project. The evening was rounded up with musical entertainment by three parishioners who led everyone into singing some well-known tunes from around the world.

Kath Stubbs



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Mary Callan and Sarah Sheils

Unluckiest Prophets

Fresh from the 2013 Edinburgh Fringe, F Mary Callan brought ‘Blazing Grannies’, her ‘inside reports’ of familiar Bible stories, to St Aelred’s UCM on 19th November 2013. Mary writes and presents as one-woman performances, her dramatizations of stories from both the Old and New Testaments. These dramatizations fill out the familiar characters with human emotions and perspectives, which allows greater insight and understanding of these characters which we normally encounter in more formal settings. They put the story into the language of real people and introduce God’s input.

The performance we were treated to was entitled ‘Unluckiest Prophets’ which began with dramatizations of excerpts from the Old Testament, Genesis to Jeremiah and finished with excerpts from the New Testament, Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. To set the scene, Mary donned a different length of fabric from an array set out behind her, which was sufficient to bring the character to life. Mary also performs inside stories from St John’s Gospel, ‘Hands-On Messiah’, and a wide range set of stories which illustrate aspects of families in crisis which are found in both Old and New Testaments.

Mary told us that the more she reads the Bible, the more she finds within its pages, concerning the developing relationship between God and Man in the bringing about God’s plan. While we cannot say that this is what was said at the time, through our common humanity and understanding there appears to be a truth about the stories she tells which enriches the familiar and humanises the characters, bringing them closer to us. Mary has a premiere of her new show entitled ‘King David’s Wives’ at St Paul’s Church, Holgate Road, York on 11th March at 7.00 pm.

Christine Kelly
Secretary, St Aelred’s UCM

Diocesan Women’s Commission

The Commission is having an open meeting in York at St Bede’s on Saturday 8th February between 10.00 am and 12 noon to look at future plans and involvement. Anyone interested is invited to come and share their views. Remember, it is open to all women of the Diocese and other denominations. Men are always invited to attend the events with speakers.

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Union of Catholic Mothers Diocesan Study Day

St Aelred’s, York Foundation hosted the Diocesan Study Day on Saturday 23rd November 2013 with the theme ‘Who Cares for the Carers?’ At a time when the benefits regime is becoming ever more stringent and the population as a whole is ageing, it is very important that the voluntary sector promotes awareness of the roles of unpaid carers and the stresses they undergo. Our Study Day opened with a welcome from our Diocesan President, Hilda Carney. Addresses were given by Edna Hunneysett and Kath Stubbs (UCM Diocesan Media Officer) on their roles as carers. Edna made a most eloquent plea for more understanding and support for those caring for people with mental illness and Kath gave a wonderfully measured account of living with an Alzheimer’s sufferer. No one could fail to be moved by their experiences. Catherine McGlinchey then chaired a discussion session before we broke for lunch. During the discussion, many issues were raised about caring in a variety of settings, including our Catholic schools, care homes and hospitals as well as in the domestic setting and useful information was exchanged.

After lunch, we were addressed by Sarah Fittell of York Carers’ Centre. This is a voluntary organisation working in partnership with the City of York Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Although specific to York, Sarah reminded us that all local authorities at present have a similar arrangement. The York Carers’ Centre can supply information on a host of carer related questions and their emphasis is on the carer, not on the

person/people being cared for. They can provide free legal advice, help with the benefit system, support for young carers, and act as an umbrella organisation for many other agencies. They also run a programme of leisure activities for carers. Sarah gave a good, clear talk on what they do and an excellent question and answer session ensued.

The afternoon finished with tea and cake and a chance to chat to old friends and we were able to thank all our speakers for a most stimulating day. If there were any regrets, they were that the nature of caring is such that it can be very difficult for carers to get out to a day of this sort, and we resolved to take what we had learned out into our community and to spread the word. We were delighted that our parish priest, Father Bill Serplus, was able to attend for most of the sessions.

UCM members are at the heart of many parish activities and can be a very important pressure group on social issues. We also play an important role in providing a happy and stimulating environment for our members and friends. If you are not a member already, think about joining your local Foundation. For example, if you are recently retired or have a little time to spare, you could find a whole new group of friends and fresh ways of using your talents!

Sarah Sheils
UCM Diocesan Study Day Officer



Father Bill Serplus, Edna Hunneysett and Sarah Sheils

The Legacy of Doctor John O’Neill

Benjamin Franklin famously said on creating a legacy that one needed to “either write something worth reading or do something worth writing”. Now, I’m not sure John O’Neill would have described himself as a literary great; however, his actions certainly merit writing about. Doctor John O’Neill with the help of the Ethiopian Medical Fund (EMF) played a crucial role in establishing and providing a steady stream of support to two Ethiopian medical clinics, the facilities have since provided critical support to those in desperate need.

As reported in the December Voice, sadly John died in October 2013. He gave so much to the Diocese and beyond. However, given that he did so much to warrant writing about, it would seem only natural then, to do all we can to ensure a unique legacy continues and thrives. It was with this in mind that when a request for both medical and material help for the over 80,000 Eritrean refugees currently in Ethiopia was received, we took the initiative to organise a meeting with the Ethiopian Ambassador to the UK, His Excellency Ambassador Berhanu Kebede.

The two of us attended the meeting which took place on Thursday 28th November 2013 at the Ethiopian Embassy in London. Bini Araia is known to many in the Diocese for his outstanding work for the North of England Refugee Service. In general terms, the purpose of the meeting was to discover how the Ethiopian authorities could provide some concrete help if the EMF, with additional support, agreed to open its door for Eritrean refugees with serious medical need.

Patrick made a presentation to the Ambassador and Hirut Zemene (the Head of Tourism, Investment and Trade at the Embassy) about the medical fund’s background and the impact it is making to local communities in Ethiopia. Bini then followed the discussion by providing some detail on the sufferings of the Eritrean refugees and presenting a proposal for some long term collaboration. The Ambassador reassured us despite the political tensions with the Eritrean authorities, it is his country’s desire and strategic plan to form people to people relationships between the communities of both countries and thus was keen to support any initiative that would alleviate the sufferings of Eritrean refugees in the country.

The Ambassador advised us to write a detailed proposal on how we plan to support Eritrean refugees and he will then contact the immigration authorities in his country to facilitate its implementation. He commented that a credible partner in the local area such as Ethiopian Medical Fund can only strengthen our application to deliver projects in Ethiopia. John has provided the roots for us to nourish and develop. With further community support, we aim to provide continued help to the Ethiopian clinics and to broaden the scope of this initiative to enable Eritreans access to sorely needed assistance. This would also sustain and develop John O’Neill’s legacy. Now, would that not be something to write about? We will keep Voice readers informed about progress in 2014.

Patrick Hinman and Bini Araia

Thank You

The family of the late Doctor John O’Neill would like to express via the Catholic Voice their thanks for the many messages and cards of condolence as well as Mass offerings and prayers they have received from so many people. It has been a great source of consolation and much appreciated. Many thanks also to everybody who helped to make his Requiem Mass such a special celebration. We would also like to express our gratitude for the very generous donations in the retiring collection, which will be shared between the Lourdes Sick Fund and the Ethiopia Medical Fund.



True Brits!

True Brits!

Wednesday 11th September 2013 was a very special day for Josef and Marianna Jaskowiec as it marked the day that they became British Citizens.

At a very special British Citizenship Ceremony, held at Stockton Town Hall, Josef and Marianna pledged their allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors and then proudly pledged as follows: *"I will give my loyalty to the United Kingdom and respect its rights and freedoms. I will uphold its democratic values. I will observe its laws faithfully and fulfil my duties and obligations as a British citizen."* After standing for the National Anthem, Josef and Marianna received their certificates of naturalization and posed happily for photographs with the Mayor of Stockton, Councillor Kathryn Nelson. They were accompanied by their children, and also two members of St Patrick's, Thornaby Church Choir for whom it was truly a privilege to attend and witness such a special occasion.

Josef, Marianna and their children came to England from Poland in 2005. Josef made the journey first and was joined some months later

by the rest of his family. They very quickly settled in to St Patrick's, Thornaby parish community and became loyal members of the Patrick's choir. They celebrated their first Christmas in Thornaby by singing Silent Night in Polish, along with other members of the Polish community, at the Christmas Vigil Mass and now are faithful attendees each Sunday morning when they are often joined by two of their children, Lucasz and Maria. Both Josef and Marianna love to sing and Josef has sung at the Cathedral and has also appeared in a Gilbert and Sullivan Opera. Josef is also a keen photographer and has recorded many happy parish events over the past years.

The diversity of cultures at St Patrick's helps to make it a special community and Josef and Marianna and their family are a very special part of our community. Once, when asked whether they were going 'home' for a holiday, they said "but we are already at home". They have embraced our community and we, in turn, are lucky to have them. As we have told them - roast beef and Yorkshire puddings now every Sunday! Our love and congratulations to them both.

National Conference for Rural Catholics

"Over the last ten years flooding has been a problem in many parishes. I am glad that the 2014 Conference for Rural Catholics is grasping the issue and looking at a pastoral response. I encourage Catholics from parishes across the country to attend the conference" says The Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle, who speaks on Rural Issues for the Bishops' Conference.

Who can forget the stirring pictures of flooding at Boscastle in Devon, of Tewkesbury Abbey surrounded by flood water, or a dozen other places over the last decade? Flooding has touched many parishes throughout the country and seems to be threatening many more. The Bishop of East Anglia, together with clergy and laity from parishes in several dioceses, have already booked to hear the current picture when Phil Rothwell, Head of Flood and Coastal Risk at the Department of the Environment, speaks about the situation nationally. A further session will look at 'Responding Pastorally to Flooding'.

Other issues on the conference programme include a Church presence at the local show, and the increasing number of village pub closures. There will also be a visit to the company which handles most of East Anglia's grain. The 2014 National Conference for Rural Catholics takes place at Whittlesford Bridge near Cambridge over 10th-12th February. Further details can be obtained from Father Robert Miller on (01747) 870228 or by visiting <http://www.catholicandrural.org.uk/index.html>

Justice and Peace in York

We are delighted to welcome the National Justice and Peace Network to York on Saturday 15th February. The National Network visits different parts of the country on a regular basis. The speaker for the meeting is Tricia Griffin who has spent three months living in the West Bank, volunteering as a human rights observer with EAPPI - <http://www.eappi.org/> and <http://blog.eappi.org/> During this time, she lived in Bethlehem within sight of the Separation Wall and learned about its effects on the lives of Palestinian people. Tricia witnessed many shocking things and at the same time met some wonderful and inspirational people, Palestinians and Israelis, who are campaigning to end the occupation and working for a just and sustainable peace.

Tricia will talk about 'Life under occupation' and share her experience of people and projects that inspired her. Tricia works in professional development as a facilitator and trainer and also as an adult education tutor in health studies. In 1971, she lived and worked for six months on a kibbutz in Israel and in 2010, she went to the West Bank to help with the olive harvest. She lives in Leeds with her husband, Keith and daughter, Megan and attends Carlton Hill Quaker meeting.

The meeting is at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York at 10.30 am on Saturday 15th February. Tricia will speak in the morning and in the afternoon there will be a chance to hear from different agencies about their work. Everyone is very welcome to come for all or part of the day.

Barbara Hungin



On Thursday 7th November 2013, a group of choristers from St Martin's Ampleforth went to Castle Howard to sing at the Christmas Fair in aid of the NSPCC which raises in excess of £30,000 each year



As part of their commitment to social justice, the children of St Joseph's, Loftus have been collecting their pocket and sweet money and have managed to fill a map of Africa with coins. Over £122.53 was collected. This money was sent to CAFOD to support this year's Harvest 'Big Share' campaign

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It's about time that we all got together and took the young people of our Diocese seriously. There are many young people in our area who are hungry and thirsty and the only thing that will satisfy is a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. So, in March we invite you to join us for a day of Youth Congress. No matter what you think about youth ministry, no matter how you do it, be you young, old, happy or sad, we really want you to come.

Pope Francis said in *Evangelii Gaudium*, "How many wars take place within the people of God and in our different communities! Who are we going to evangelise if this is how we act?" Perhaps "war" is a strong word. The fact remains that we are better, stronger together. The Youth Congress will celebrate that fact.

We are delighted that Father Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Services in Hexham and Newcastle, will be our keynote speaker for the day. The day will also have a small market place and include the first meeting of our Diocesan Youth Council - a new consultative council of the Bishop, just like any other he may have.

This day is for you if you are a young person, priest, deacon, catechist, teacher, governor or simply a concerned parent. For more details, look to your parish notice board over the next couple of weeks or e-mail domfinn@mymission.org.uk

Dominique Finn



Archbishop Sentamu

We are ONE family

At the request of Bishop Terry, MYMission will be working with the schools of the Diocese to play a major part in the service to be held on Sunday 19th January for the Week of Christian Unity. Archbishop John Sentamu will preach that day, taking as his cue the theme for Christian Unity Week, 'Is Christ Divided?'


The service begins at 3.00 pm but before that, the young people of the Diocese will lead a simple period of thought, prayer and reflection as people gather in the Cathedral. 'We Are One Family' will be an act of gathering and worship which will help people centre themselves on the message of Christian Unity Week 2014.

Schools from all over the Diocese have worked hard during the month of December to put together a meaningful and appropriate set of resources which will breathe life into the Cathedral on that Sunday afternoon. The MYMission Team is delighted to have been asked to facilitate this collaboration and we are looking forward to seeing both Bishop Terry and Archbishop Sentamu with the young people of our Diocese.

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Pupil curiosity

CCRS

It's always good to celebrate achievement, especially when it brightens up a dark November evening! It was a real pleasure, therefore, to host a gathering for those members of our Diocesan family who recently completed the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS). We met at Our Lady's, Acomb, hoping that this would be a convenient mid-point for the groups who have been studying in Hull and Middlesbrough for the past two years. We were given a warm welcome by members of the parish and by Canon John Lumley, Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and newly appointed parish priest. Canon John offered Mass for us and we were then treated to a buffet prepared by some of his new parishioners.

The CCRS was re-launched in two Diocesan centres in the autumn of 2011 as a way to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about the teachings of the Church. In the past, most CCRS students were teachers in our Catholic schools but now the course is available for anyone who wishes to study at some depth. Our recent 'graduates' are quite evenly divided between teachers, parish catechists and those pursuing the course for their own interest. The CCRS programme is divided into eight separate 'modules' that can be studied over a minimum of two years and a maximum of five. Anyone is welcome to take individual modules without the need to study for the full qualification - some enrol to learn more about Scripture, for instance, or about The Church and The Sacraments.

If you would like to know more about the CCRS and what it might lead on to, you would be very welcome to contact the Adult Formation Department. In a couple of years, it might be your achievement that we're celebrating!

Deacon Vince Purcell



Mr Kevin Ryan

Indulgences and Martin Luther

Indulgences and Martin Luther was the challenging title of November's talk to the Cleveland Newman Circle - their last of this calendar year. The speaker was a Circle member, Mr Kevin Ryan, whose interests include the history of indulgences and their practice in modern Christian life.

Since earliest times there has been agreement about the value of offering one's sufferings - alongside those of the Lord - for the good of others. There has also been a tradition of praying for the souls of the dead in purgatory. In the sixth century Celtic Church specific 'tariff penances' were allocated for serious sins in confession: for example the penance for fornication with a married woman should last four years, theft carried a seven year penance, homosexual acts a ten year penance and a repentant heretic a twelve year penance. The aim was that *all* penances should be completed before the person died but, if not, then *the living could undertake the penances for the dead*.

From about 1000AD, the Church started to relax the burdens of penances by allowing 'indulgences' which remitted the physical punishments due to sin. Instead the penitent, having been forgiven in confession, offered prayers or good works or gave money to charity. Someone whose 'good work' was to go on a crusade gained an indulgence, as did someone who paid for another person to go on a crusade, or who gave property to a monastery, or donated money towards building St Peter's in Rome. This system became very open to abuse, as Martin Luther proclaimed in his '95 Theses' in 1517. Luther was openly critical about many church matters and in 1520 he was excommunicated. However we note that, just fifty years later, Pope St Pius V abolished all indulgences involving financial transactions.

Kevin Ryan quoted modern popes, particularly John Paul II, as urging us to value indulgences, by which God allows graces from 'the treasure chest of the church' to be applied to remit punishments due to (forgiven) sins. (Modern practice for gaining indulgences for one's self or for the dead involves *sacramental confession, Holy Communion, completing the 'action' designated and praying for the Pope's intention*.) Many in Kevin's audience felt uncomfortable with strict 'rules' being applied to circumstances which focus on Divine retribution rather than Divine Mercy. However all agreed that, being members of Christ's Body, we would wish to apply prayers and actions for the salvation of others.

The next Newman talk will be on 19th February when Reverend Vince Purcell will talk on '*Lumen Gentium*', a great grace and a sure compass. Talks are held in the Nevers Room at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, TS7 0EB and start at 7.45 pm (coffee from 7.30 pm). All are very welcome; for more details, contact Terry Egerton on (01642) 645732.

Patricia Egerton



Spirituality and Worship

Thank You

Many readers of *Catholic Voice* will recall the recent violent event abroad reported nationally which affected a family of our Diocese. Below Alex Bury takes an opportunity to say thank you for all the support he has received.

Over the past weeks, my family and I have been blessed by the generosity of so many people in our Diocese, in the form of: prayers and messages; physical gifts as well as people's own time in preparation for my Mother's funeral and hospital visits. I truly mean it when I say that without these, we as a family would not be where we are now. They have helped me maintain the emotional, physical and spiritual strength that has allowed me, thus far, to make the progress that I have done and will continue to do so with your help. It has been equally important to the internal healing of me, my Grandma and all of the family and carried by this help, we are determined to continue on the road to recovery. Truly we bear witness to a series of mini miracles that are acted through you. The many who have made up the one body of our own personal Jesus. God's miracles are most effective when they are the whispered words of support when you feel completely alone and at breaking point.

There are many parties, without naming anyone (exceptions may apply) individually lest I invariably miss anyone out, which I will; that I on behalf of the family would like to express thanks to. To the Lourdes family; sometimes used as a throw away phrase but it truly is a family as we have discovered. The nurses, the brancardiers, the handmaids, priests and MYMission. All of which, unknowingly, became our adopted brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews when I first donned the blue jacket for the first time. The Knights of St Columba (Council 29), my brothers in Christ who again I reiterate have been brothers, not just to me but to my family. The Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship for their continued care and support for us, in and out of hospital. All who helped at the funeral. Canon Gerard Robinson, the ladies of the Cathedral parish who provided such a wonderful spread; the flowers; a notable mention to the Lourdes Music Group and to everyone in attendance who brought the reverence and love to the service that was so appreciated by all the family. To all staff at the hospital, a special mention to the staff of wards 35 and 37, who cared for me so well. To all the strangers, the 'good Samaritans', who came to the aid of my family along this harrowing path. The kindness of the local Turkish people who when I had nothing to eat or drink, fed me and translated for me. To everyone who has come up to the family and asked how we have been, not a single one of these were wasted on us. Last, but not least, the family friends and extended family for being there no matter what. You know who you are and will be treasured by us always. Some say that tragedy makes or breaks our faith. I would beg to differ and say that it is faith, or lack of it, that makes or breaks us in times of tragedy. Thank you all for sharing your faith with us, to in turn allow us to let our faith help us make it through this time.



Alex as a Brancardier in Lourdes (photograph by Nicole Kelleher)

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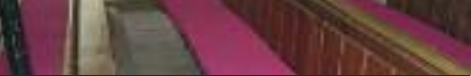
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16 Attends Bishop's Study for Clergy - Burn Hall Hotel, York 10m

18 Celebrates Mass for Congregation of Jesus Community - St Stephens, Hull 12.30pm

19 Celebrates Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Joined by Most Rev & Rt Hon Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York - St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.00pm

21 Attend Bishop's Council Meeting - Curial Office 11.00am

25/26 Parish Visitation to St Mary's, Filey All w/end

28 Attends the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Mark O'Toole as Bishop of Diocese of Plymouth 2.00pm

29 Education Department Meeting - Eccleston Square
Attends Vocation Fundraising Dinner - London

3 Friday
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the February 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

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

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
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5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

7 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

8 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

10 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 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

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: (01904) 795605 for further details

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6.00 pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details

13 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

14 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull for a Business Meeting

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York meet at Our Lady's Parish Centre

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

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

16 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

17 Friday
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.co.uk

18 Saturday
7.30 pm - 10.30 pm Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre,

Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

19 Sunday
3.00 pm Service of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough with Bishop Terry and Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, to be preceded at 2.00 pm by a period of prayerful animation led by the MYMission Team. All welcome

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20 Monday
7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Mr John Hinman, Chair of Catholic Constituency Group, Richmond, North Yorkshire at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith or Robert Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

21 Tuesday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'Mary Ward. Dangerous Visionary' with Sr Ann Stafford CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 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

25 Saturday
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. Please bring a packed lunch

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

29 Wednesday
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

30 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

31 Friday
9.45 am for 10.15 am - 3.15 pm 'Truth, Lies

and the Spirit Level; Poverty and Inequality in Britain Today' - Conference at Priory Street Centre, York. Chair: The Very Rev Vivienne Faull, Dean of York. Speakers include Jonathan Bradshaw, Paul Edmondson-Jones, Paul Morrison and Kate Pickett. Admission free - booking essential. Refreshments provided but please take own lunch. Register for the event at <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/event/8421566131> There is also a website with more information <http://www.comehear.org>

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

31 - 2 Friday - Sunday
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FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY:

1 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

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5 Wednesday
10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Look at the Birds of the Air' with Olivia Lambert at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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

6 Thursday
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

7 Friday
Dates of events and articles for inclusion

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

8 Saturday
10.00 am - 12 noon The Diocesan Women's Commission hosts an open meeting at St Bede's in York to look at future plans and involvement. Anyone interested is invited to come and share their views

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

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Hildegard of Bingen' with Anthony Finnerty at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further 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

9 Sunday
5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

ADVANCE NOTICES:

10-12 February: Tenth National Conference for Rural Catholics, to be held at the Red Lion at Whittlesfordbridge, Station Road East, Whittlesford Bridge, Cambs. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228 or E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com for further details

15 February: 10.30 am, National Justice and Peace Network meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York. All welcome

15 February: 2.00 pm, Lourdes Hospitalité Handmaids - a Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough followed by a meeting for all handmaids past and present and for anyone interested in working as a handmaid. Light refreshments will also be provided in the hall. Contact: Chris Tillotson, Tel: (01642) 324043 or E-mail: chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk for further details

19 February: 7.45 pm, The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Rev Vincent Purcell entitled 'Lumen Gentium, a great grace and a sure compass' in the Nevers Room at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough. Coffee at 7.30 pm. Contact: Terry Egerton, Tel: (01642) 645732 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome

1 March: 7.30 pm, Pope Idol 2014 at Middlesbrough Theatre. For further

information or to book tickets, contact: Dom Finn, Tel: (01642) 529102 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk

22 March: 10.30 am - 4.00 pm, 'Solidarity with People Living in Poverty'. What can we do? The National Board of Catholic Women hosts a day exploring issues relating to poverty in this country at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Peter Chanel Parish Hall, Hull. Please bring lunch to share, tea and coffee will be provided

29 March: 10.00 am - 3.15 pm, Middlesbrough Diocesan Youth Congress 2014 at Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough. Keynote Speaker: Rev Dermott Donnelly. Contact: Dom Finn, E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

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The Chancey Brothers at Whitby Coliseum

On the evening of Friday 22nd November 2013, the Chancey Brothers were the main act in a relaxed, lively evening of laughter, music and song at Whitby Coliseum in a concert in aid of Madonna House. The compere for the evening was Canon Gerard Robinson and the concert was a wonderful, eclectic mix of music and song with a liberal sprinkling of hilarious comedy, much of it off the cuff.

The concert began with an introduction to the Madonna House Apostolate by Cheryl Ann Smith followed by a beautiful duet which Cheryl Ann sang with Michaela Weingarten. Local supporting acts included Tony Hodgson from Sleights, Val Farrow from Egton Bridge and Lina and Joly Cox. Songs ranged from classical to folk to blues to pop with memories of stars like Mary Hopkins, Elvis and George Formby, as people generously shared their talents with us. Lina and Joly were especially entertaining, for as well as Joly's expertise on the ukulele and their combined singing talent, they made us all laugh, as only brother and sister could, while they dealt with such things as mixing up their sheet music and rescuing it from the floor. Watch out Pope Idol! After the intermission, the bar and the last chance

to buy more raffle tickets, it was time for the appearance of the Chancey Brothers. The Chancey Brothers (Canon Eddie Gubbins, Father Pat Hartnett, Father Pat Keogh and Deacon Pat Thomas), wearing their trademark Aran sweaters, regaled us with folk music, stories and gentle humour in a unique Irish way. Canon Eddie Gubbins played the guitar and Father Pat Keogh the tambourine (though this took on a life of its own and travelled around to various people). The group benefitted from the addition of a 'new member', Katie Doherty, who sang and accompanied the Chanceys on the Bodhrán.

The evening ended with a beautiful rendering, in the original German, of Stille Nacht (Silent Night) by Michaela while the audience echoed each verse in English. Though well known in the Middlesbrough area, this was the first time the Chancey Brothers have appeared locally and certainly the first time St Hilda's parishioners have been entertained in such an enjoyable way by our parish priest. The show was an instant sell-out and as the Coliseum is not a large venue, many local people were disappointed as they were unable to get tickets but after such an open hearted response, we hope the Chancey Brothers may return before too long.



Chancey Brothers with Kate Doherty and Canon Gerard Robinson

Christian Unity Week

Throughout the world, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated from 18th to 25th January. As reported in last month's *Voice*, Bishop Terry has invited Archbishop John Sentamu to join our Diocesan Service of Unity to be held at the Cathedral on Sunday 19th January.

The celebration starts at 2.00 pm with a prayerful animation by the MYMission Team followed by the main service at 3.00 pm. Archbishop Sentamu is taking as his theme 'Is Christ Divided?' and we are sure it will be a sermon challenging all of us on the application of our beliefs.

Please do make every effort to join the Bishop and Diocese on this occasion and do tell your Christian friends and neighbours - everybody is welcome. We look forward to a large congregation.
Doctor Jim Whiston

Lourdes Hospitalité Handmaids

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