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Bishop's Column

During Eastertime, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here and there all over the Diocese. It is really a wonderful privilege to witness the enthusiasm and seriousness with which so many of our young people prepare themselves for the reception of this Sacrament. As Bishop, I always enjoy listening to the reasons that the candidates give for choosing their particular saint's name. It may be a family connection, the inspiration of the saint's life or the prompting of a friend. I never cease to be amazed at the rich variety of examples we have of holiness of life in the Communion of Saints and especially in our many local saints.

Post Easter is also the time of ordinations and anniversaries of ordinations. We have quite a few of the latter coming up in the next couple of months. Monsignor Anthony Bickerstaffe will be celebrating his Diamond Jubilee on 11th July. The following will be celebrating their Ruby Jubilee as priests:

Father Tim Bywater on 8th June
Canon Jerry Twomey on 22nd June
Monsignor David Hogan on 23rd June
Father Vincent Docherty also on 23rd June
Father James O'Brien will celebrate his Silver Jubilee on 21st June

Please also keep in your prayers Philip Cunnah who will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at St Mary's College, Oscott on 28th June. While praying for all their intentions and congratulating each and every one of them, I would also like to commend to your prayers and to congratulate Archbishop Malcolm McMahon installed in Liverpool as our Metropolitan on 1st May; also Bishop-elect Robert Byrne of the Oratorians who will be consecrated Auxiliary Bishop in Birmingham on 13th May; and Monsignor Nicholas Hudson who will be consecrated Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster on 4th June.

Still in the month of May, Our Lady's special month, we will be blessing a Memorial to mark the Hermitage of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, near Ugthorpe, on Sunday 11th May at 2 o'clock. Towards the end of this month, some of us will be setting off to Lourdes on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please keep the intentions of all the pilgrims, especially our VIPs in your prayers, and be assured that everyone in the Diocese and their intentions will be remembered at the Shrine of Our Lady during the course of our time there.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth, and bless sweetest lady the land of our birth.

*Our Lady of Lourdes.
Saint Bernadette.*

*Pray for us.
Pray for us.*

Blessed Nicholas Postgate. Pray for us.

Youth Congress a Success!!



Lunch break during the Youth Congress



Around 200 people gathered together from all over the Diocese to celebrate youth ministry of all kinds in the Catholic Church on Saturday 29th March.

Priests and people, young and not so young, joined together at Trinity Catholic College to examine what is currently happening and how the terrain upon which youth ministry takes place is changing under the feet of those engaged in this vital work of the Church. Canon John Loughlin said "It was the best Diocesan day I can remember. The atmosphere was great and everyone seemed focused on the theme together."

Amy Glanville of St Peter's Catholic College said "Speaking as an RE teacher, the day was the best professional development we have been offered in a really long time. It was the perfect balance of inspirational material and practical advice. My friend and I were both in tears during the keynote speech and liturgies (for all the right reasons) and we both loved the workshops."

Father Dermott Donnelly, Chair of CYMFed, the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation, spoke powerfully about 'Called to a Noble Adventure', a national document which outlines these goals for youth ministry. He reminded us of the words of Einstein, "Logic will get us from A to B. Imagination will get you everywhere." And challenged us all in the Church to be people who dream dreams and think big. To be people of outrageous hope and ridiculous optimism.

Bishop Terry, who also joined us for the day, said "The noble adventure is our life in Christ. The Church has always placed great importance on nurturing the future. We call it youth ministry. Even before the Catholic Church in this country built places of worship, it built schools and colleges. It is now up to us to provide places where young people can encounter Christ and learn about their faith." The day saw a great deal of network building and the chance to explore new resources. Doctor Anthony Towey, Dean of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham spoke on the Holy Spirit and Andy Preston introduced the work of the Middlesbrough & Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Father Paul Farrer, Diocesan Youth Chaplain, said "We are genuinely delighted with the day. Many people engaged in youth ministry feel isolated and unsure or even if anyone notices what they do. We are lucky in Middlesbrough Diocese, we know young people are one of Bishop Terry's key priorities. Today we have been surrounded with people who share his vision and passion and actively want to drive it forward. I sincerely believe it will be a day which bears much fruit."

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Evangelisation

Called to a Noble Adventure looking to the future with hope

“There is so much going on here - it's incredible!”

This was the conclusion of Clare Oliver from Liverpool, who was visiting the first Diocesan Youth Congress led by Father Paul Farrer, Diocesan Youth Chaplain and leader of MYMission. It was certainly a day to showcase the variety of activities taking place in the Diocese. Set in the splendid surroundings of Trinity College, Middlesbrough, at the heart of the day were people active in a variety of ministries for the young. Father Paul expressed his delight at the fact that the day was oversubscribed. The keynote speaker was Father Dermott Donnelly, Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle and Chair of CYMFed, the federation created to form and serve youth ministry in England and Wales. Father Dermott was joined by Bishop Terry, who welcomed delegates and prayed for the success of the day, which served to underline the importance of youth ministry on a Diocesan level.

Father Dermott exhorted the faithful gathered to recognise the importance of developing an effective, engaging and relevant programme in youth ministry. His starting point was the call of Matthew, as interpreted by Caravaggio in his painting *The Calling of St Matthew*. As the Christ figure is seen to markedly point towards a startled Matthew, so Father Dermott noted that all those gathered have been specifically chosen by Jesus to minister to young people. Expertly unpacking the 2012 document *Called to a Noble Adventure: A Vision for Catholic Youth Ministry in England and Wales*, using references as diverse as *Father Ted*, Caravaggio, Daniel O'Leary, George Bernard Shaw and Pope Francis, Father Dermott encouraged those gathered to cherish the young people they serve, and to be open and blessed by their “outrageous hope” and “ridiculous optimism”. Father Dermott's message was powerful and engaging, offering a clear framework for those engaged in youth ministry. He pinpointed four goals of the document, and highlighted the notion of “encounter” as an essential aspect of youth

ministry, pointing to the encounter between Jesus and the adulterous woman in John's Gospel, in which Jesus lifts the broken woman out of the dust.

The day contained gatherings and smaller workshops. Annie Whistow from Sacred Heart Parish, Redcar noted that “I hope that this day will give me some fresh new ideas” and there was much information on offer, both through the workshops and the market place stalls set out in the foyer. Thrive, the Teesside group for Church Action on Poverty were represented, as was the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Various helpful resources were distributed, including copies of *Called to a Noble Adventure*. Anthony Towey from St Mary's University, London gave a fresh input on the significance of Jesus' temptations in the desert, revealing him to be a servant-leader, as well as offering an inspirational and practical workshop on a new resource for young people, *Life in Christ*. This new resource enables them to reflect and share on the scriptures in small groups.

Doctor Towey also stressed the importance of “transformative experiences” in Lourdes Pilgrimages, World Youth Days and personal faith encounters as keys to helping young people grow in faith. Amongst the other workshops on offer, Mary Hughes from the Youth Ministry Team in Hexham and Newcastle spoke eloquently of the links between schools and parishes, whilst Father Gerard Walsh from York University shared passionately about the Samuel project and its dramatic impact on several university students as a discernment tool (more information at <http://www.ukvocation.org/samuel>).

One pleasing aspect of the day was the number of visitors from beyond the Diocese, with visitors from Liverpool, Sheffield and Newcastle coming to discover good practice and share ideas on youth ministry. Clearly the Diocese of Middlesbrough is fast becoming one of the forerunners in Catholic youth ministry in England. Louise Williams, 25, from the MYMission Team was certainly encouraged: “It's great that so many young people have gathered here”, she said, “to be united, to share ideas and to know that



Father Dermott Donnelly

Jesus loves them through all their relationships.” During the opening liturgy, Bishop Terry referred to Jesus' invitation to “Come and see” where Jesus lives. Throughout the day, delegates were given a “tour” of the places where Jesus is at home and working throughout the Diocese of Middlesbrough and beyond, such as the Faith Movement, Godly Play and MYMission Team. Heather Black, National Trainer in Godly Play UK (www.godlyplay.org.uk), based in North Ormesby, spoke of how Godly Play is an effective way of relating the Gospel stories to our own lives in creative and imaginative ways and how it leads young people on a “journey of discovering God's place in their lives”. This is a real sign of hope, an example of the process of transformation spoken of by Father Dermott in his keynote speech.

So what next for youth ministry in the Diocese? The “Come and see” invitation issued by Bishop Terry seems to be pointing towards sharing faith with those in need. Andy Preston of Middlesbrough & Teesside Philanthropic Foundation shared passionately how he is putting his faith into action through sponsored sleep outs in the cold in the fight against poverty and homelessness across local towns to improve conditions for people in Teesside. Flame 2, the follow up to

the first Flame event in 2012, takes place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 7th March 2015, gathering young people from across the nation to share their faith in Christ together. Finally, Father Paul committed the Mission Team to even greater endeavours in the future, to be more visible in the secondary schools of the Diocese and to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ.

There are exciting days ahead for this Diocese in youth ministry. Father Paul is inspired by the young people he works with and wishes to see more events like this. The day ended as it had begun, in prayer. Delegates were invited to express their wishes for young people, as the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel were proclaimed by Trinity Chaplain, Father Andrew Bunce. Father Paul expressed the need to be an evangelising church, otherwise “there is no point in the Church existing”. Challenging words indeed. His closing words were yet more challenging. Addressing young people who feel the Church needs to do more for them, he stated “What are *you* going to do about it?” He is calling them to get involved, to roll up their sleeves and join in the “noble adventure” Father Dermott spoke of. This memorable day offered a myriad of ways to do so. Could this be addressed to you?

Andy Drozdzik



Father Michael Keogh in front of one of the many stalls at the Youth Congress

Mission Round-Up

Over the past few weeks, MYMission have been busy covering vast ground through missions within schools and organising other events within the Diocese.

This past half term has been very busy, however we have managed to still have fun and cram as much stuff in as we could for the young people of the Diocese. March saw the Team at St Gabriel's Primary School in Ormesby. We explored the theme 'Shine Like Stars' which was a fabulous way to start Lent!

We then shared the same mission at St John of Beverley Primary School the following week, and what a success it was again. The children seemed to have as good a week as the Team did. We also led a Year 9 Retreat Day at Sacred Heart School in Redcar. This was especially exciting for me as it was the school I went to and where I did my training to be a Teaching Assistant. It was lovely to see lots of familiar faces. We talked about how we are called to be saints and all of the small acts of kindness we can do to live our lives in a saintly manner and to make the world a better place.

Most recently, we led a Year 6 Retreat Day in Sheffield where three schools came together to prepare for starting secondary school in September. Each class had a secret mission in the form of a task of presenting a news report and interview, dramas or a product that made you a more caring person. This was done in a 'Dragon's Den' style bid to win one of the dragons over which was really fun. Next up, we are going back to Hull to Endsleigh Holy Child RC School to do a three day mission to discuss the theme of love and how there is no greater love than God's love as well as exploring the Easter story as a reflective way to the mission and the school term.

Charlotte Peters, MYMission



The 'Storyteller'
Canon Michael Ryan

St Patrick's Day at St George's School

One hundred and thirty children from St George's RC Primary School in York marked St Patrick's feast day by presenting their understanding of his life and legacy through music, drama, story and song. Canon Michael Ryan took the part of the storyteller and evoked for the audience an earlier time when communities gathered to share their stories. The children performed at the National Centre for Early Music, in the Walmgate area of the city, where many Irish migrants settled when they arrived in York during the Potato Famine. The children traced Patrick's life and his importance to us today and celebrated in the evening with a ceillidh.



St George's pupils dressed for the part

Three Girls

Three girls at St Mary and St Joseph's in Pocklington run a lunchtime gym club in the summer months but during winter, they decided to write, publish and sell a magazine called 'Gym Star', with all profits going to CAFOD. The magazine, which is very popular, contains information about gymnastics, quizzes and a monthly competition, with prizes for the winners. So far, the girls have raised over £40.00 for CAFOD. We all think they are doing a great job, entertaining us and helping those less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs Jayne Wilson, Headteacher



'The Three Girls'

One Head better than two!

Parents asking to see the Head at two Ryedale primary schools in different towns could be forgiven for doing a double take.

David Harrison has been appointed Executive Head of St Joseph's RC Primary School, Pickering on top of his existing role, which he has had for some time, in charge of St Mary's RC Primary School, Malton, which has 107 children. He became Acting Head of the Pickering school, which has 108 children, last year.

Discussions took place involving the Diocese, North Yorkshire County Council and the Governors of both schools. "I was Acting Head at St Joseph's while various leadership models were looked at in consultation with the different parties" said Mr Harrison. "It was decided that the Executive Headship role for both schools was the preferred route and we are now in the process of appointing a Deputy Head at each of the schools. It works extremely well because we can link with the children at both schools doing various activities together and the staff can also support each other."

As local Catholic schools, they have had close links but the new arrangement means they can work together even more. "It not only gives us an opportunity to work even more closely together but also to share training" said Mr Harrison. But, he stressed "Each school wants to keep its own identity and we are determined to do that. I am loving it and it is an exciting challenge." As with all schools, budgets are having to be tighter than they were but, as Mr Harrison explained "This situation gives us the opportunity to look at ways of spending our resources in different ways and it also helps to develop the leadership structure."

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York Catholic History Day

The York Catholic History Day will take place at the Bar Convent on Saturday 7th June.

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Local author John Rayne-Davis will begin the day with a talk on *The Catholic Heritage of York*, in which Mary Ward and her community at the Bar Convent play major roles. This will be followed by a talk on *Hidden Gems: the Object Collections at Ushaw College* by Claire Marsland, Heritage Collections, Durham University. After the lunch break, during which people will have the opportunity to visit the Bar Convent Museum, Roger Thompson, a local research student who has recently completed an MA in

World War One studies, specialising in war and religion, will speak on *Religion as a Motivational Force and Aspects of Yorkshire Catholicism in the Great War*. Roger will draw together several strands of local and national history and bring our reflections up-to-date as we commemorate the outbreak of the First World War.

The final open session is an opportunity for participants to advertise forthcoming events, ask for information concerning their own research and offer suggestions of speakers and themes for future History Days. A lot of topics have been covered since the first History Day in 1996 and we are looking for ideas to celebrate the 20th York Catholic History Day in 2015. The day will be of interest to anyone who is involved in local, Catholic or family history, or any combination of those topics and everyone is very welcome.

Coffee will be available from 10.00 am at the Bar Convent and the first talk will begin at 10.30 am. The day will end with Mass in the Convent Chapel. The cost will be £15.00 (students £7.50) which includes admission to the museum and coffee and tea but not lunch. Meals and snacks are available at the Bar Convent café. For further information, please contact Judith Smeaton, tel (01904) 704525 or e-mail judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

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A Northern Beacon for English Catholics

'A Northern Beacon for English Catholics' is how Professor Paul Murray describes the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University. Speaking to the Cleveland Newman Circle, Professor Murray, now Dean of the Centre, reminded his audience of some of the challenges of our age. Many people see only decline and closure, but he believes that faith cannot be communicated using "ever dwindling scraps from previous feasts". In his lively talk, he proposed that the Church should be spotting opportunities to plant fresh institutions to carry Catholic tradition forwards: we should be following the same approach as Aidan, Cuthbert, Hilda, Benedict Biscop and Bede. Part of this response is the setting up of the Centre: the first permanent centre, in a mainstream UK university, for research and teaching in Catholic theology.

Professor Murray explained that ideas about setting up university-based, lay-led centres for Catholic theology go back to a 1964 Downside Symposium. In the following years, Catholic Studies within universities were championed by such individuals as Hugh Swanson, Herbert McCabe, Edward Yarnold, Nicholas Lash, Ursula King, Fergus Kerr and Eamon Duffy. At the start of this century, there was a lay initiative within Durham's strong Department of Theology and Religion to create the Centre for Catholic Studies. Founded in 2007, the Centre is generously supported by the University, by Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, and by certain religious orders and organisations (including the Newman Association). Its prime objectives are research and teaching in a Catholic context, but there are many ecumenical opportunities and also interactions with historians, social scientists, etc. The Centre plays a significant role in adult formation (the recent Study Day on Prayer, held at Ushaw College, attracted more than 60 participants).

Professor Murray also discussed ongoing issues concerning Ushaw College. The last seminarians moved out in 2011, but the Centre is a key player in proposals to preserve a Catholic presence at Ushaw. When Douai College returned to England and finally settled at Ushaw (in 1808), it amassed an extremely fine library (the equal of any Oxbridge college library); it now seems to make sense to bring this library under the management of Durham University. Explorations are in their final stages to see if a partnership will work: the University to establish and directly manage a full College of the University at Ushaw, while the College and its holdings are retained permanently in Catholic ownership and trusteeship. The 'heritage' of Ushaw - including the wonderful chapel - will remain Catholic.

Terry Egerton



Professor Paul Murray

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Durham University

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Weds 28 May

Prof Stephen Taylor

Durham University

'Catholics and State Prayers'

Weds 18 June

Dr Carmen Mangion

Birkbeck, University of London

'Vatican II, women's religious life and generational differences'

The Ushaw Lecture Series has been organized with the aim of promoting the archival material and heritage items held at the site. They will act also as a lead in to the publication of the Treasures of Ushaw College volume. As such, the lectures will explore different aspects of the College's history and that of the English Catholic community more widely, with expert contributors drawn from within and outside the University.

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Celebrate, Celebrare, Ceiliúramis!

The Sacred Heart Church, Redcar will celebrate its centenary on Wednesday 18th June and the parishioners are pleased to announce details of events which have been planned so far for the celebrations in the Sacred Heart Church in June and extend an open invitation to all in the local area and beyond to join them in celebrating this significant milestone.

Parishioners of The Sacred Heart, including former parishioners of St Alban's, Redcar and St William's, Dormanstown who have made Sacred Heart their spiritual home since the closure of their churches, are dedicating these celebrations to the memory of Father Dermot Nunan, their much loved parish priest, who died 30th December 2013, after 18 years of loving and loyal service to the parish.

Centenary Programme details so far:

Wednesday 18th June, 6.45 pm	Mass in the Extra-ordinary Form (Latin) celebrated by Monsignor John Heslin
Friday 20th June, 7.30 pm	Concert by the Apollo Male Voice Choir
Sunday 22nd June, 5.00 pm	Parish Celebration Mass followed by a BBQ
Tuesday 24th June, 3.00 pm	Mass for the Housebound followed by a cream tea
Friday 27th June to Sunday 29th June	Flower Festival including an exhibition of vestments. Church open 10.00 am - 4.00 pm each day

The Flower Festival is a first for The Sacred Heart and was a particular wish of Father Nunan's so it will be dedicated to his memory. The Sacred Heart Church has received enormous help from flower arrangers belonging to other churches within the Diocese as well as other denominational churches within Redcar and it is hoped you will join them in celebrating their centenary.

Friday 27th June, 7.00 pm	Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart celebrated by Bishop Terry and priests who have served the parish in the past
Sunday 29th June, 5.00 pm	Songs of Praise of parishioners' favourite hymns

Please put the dates in your diary, come and visit and bring family and friends - refreshments will be available. Further details and confirmation of dates and times will appear in the June issue.

Eileen Cunningham for the Centenary Organising Group
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Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough

A year ago this month, the Diocese of Middlesbrough hosted a CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) Roadshow in All Saints School, York. The Roadshow was one in an ongoing series being held in the dioceses of England and Wales as part of a long term project to raise the profile of Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Social Action and encourage the development of a network of individuals, parishes, dioceses, and charities small and large. That network will contribute to greater co-operation and increased effectiveness on the part of Catholics in responding to people at the margins of society and in the deepest poverty.

The article below is a reflection by Deacon David Cross of what has been taking place quietly in the Diocese during the last year towards the creation of a 'Caritas Middlesbrough' network.

Dave and Carol Cross are Diocesan CAFOD managers and so Dave's piece reflects in part on how Caritas and CAFOD relate to one another. Following Dave's article you will find reproduced the CSAN Annual Review for 2013 which will provide you with a detailed snapshot of the work of CSAN which the Diocese of Middlesbrough as 'Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough' has now formally been signed up to by Bishop Terry.

Following on from the CSAN Review, you will find many reports that are typical of the 'Christian Discipleship' section of the paper and all of which in a variety of ways relate to the work that can be included under the heading of 'Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough'.

Breathing with both lungs

For around 12 months, CAFOD Middlesbrough has been playing its part, exploring ways in which the Diocese might develop a Caritas Middlesbrough Network. You may recall that this began with the Caritas Roadshow at All Saints School, York last May.

Why has CAFOD got involved? Many of you will know that CAFOD is a member of Caritas Internationalis (the Catholic Church's global network of Catholic international aid and development agencies). CAFOD is its overseas arm. Whilst our work is focused overseas and you will be aware that CAFOD works in over 30 developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is the England and Wales branch of the Bishops' Conference here at home. It focuses on issues relating to poverty and injustice in our own backyard. The establishment of a Caritas network in our Diocese at long last provides us with the opportunity to work in a more concerted way on poverty issues here at home. One of the reasons that CAFOD has become involved is that very often the causes of poverty overseas and at home are the same, particularly when it is rooted in unjust and unfair economic and political structures, it is largely by degree that the impacts differ. With this in mind, it seemed that the obvious thing to do was to try to find ways of supporting together, responses to poverty at home and overseas. Now that we have CAFOD and Caritas, the Catholic Church's response to poverty is breathing with both lungs!

Establishing a Caritas network is not an attempt to "muscle in" on the work of groups such as Justice and Peace, SVP or the many other groups and organisations that work so hard to help our sisters and brothers in our Diocese whose lives are blighted by poverty and exclusion but by seeking to develop a network of agencies, we may be able to support each other and engage with decision-makers and power holders in a more effective way, so that the voice and needs of those affected by poverty can be heard and acted upon.

A number of people have been quietly carrying the work forward and Carol and I have been trying to give support in practical ways: sharing ideas, listening to others, offering administrative assistance and offering our meeting room to host meetings. It's a real opportunity to link the local and the global in a most practical manner. Following two exploratory meetings with a number of key partners from around the Diocese, a number of people were asked if they would commit themselves to forming a Caritas Middlesbrough Network. The group includes representatives from Justice and Peace, Thrive (Teesside), Open Doors (Hull), The Diocesan Women's Commission, SVP, Diocesan Representatives for Refugees and Migrants and CAFOD.

At our last meeting, with the help of Helen O'Brien (CEO of CSAN), we began to explore how Caritas Middlesbrough might begin to take shape. We came up with the following:

- Equality between little and larger organisations or groups.
- To be a catalyst for social action.
- To be a listening group.
- A bridge between the rich and poor.
- To build a community for social action and social justice.
- To make a difference in the long term.
- To raise awareness in our communities of the reality of poverty.
- To facilitate dialogue.
- To be a resource of information and knowledge - mapping, recording and disseminating information.
- Never do alone what we can do together - work in partnership across faiths.
- To introduce people to Catholic Social Teaching.
- To be a vehicle for enabling hopeful change through practical action.

We are not seeking to set up a bureaucratic structure that interferes with what is already going on around the Diocese but something which seeks to enable groups and agencies to work effectively together, sharing good practice and information. We are open to other suggestions as to how Caritas can take shape, so if you have any ideas, please do get in touch. If you would like to become involved in the development of Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough, we would also like to hear from you.

At this early stage, we are also investigating a few avenues that could help those in difficulties in our Diocese:

- We are exploring with credit unions the possibility of them being able to help those in dire financial need.
- We are supporting a conference by the Women's Commission on Trafficking.

- We are planning to hold a Poverty Hearing (an event which gives people experiencing poverty the opportunity to speak to us and those in power) in Middlesbrough in collaboration with Middlesbrough Together and Thrive (Teesside).
- We will try to establish CAFOD/Caritas volunteers throughout the Diocese.

CAFOD is seeking people to become parish volunteers to help us with our Lent/Harvest Fast Days, Emergencies and work in schools but we're also looking for people to help us promote Caritas Middlesbrough. There are many Justice and Peace or Third World groups around the Diocese doing the work of Caritas and CAFOD has around 40 parish volunteers. If you haven't got a parish volunteer or group, perhaps you could contact us and offer some time.

This might all seem confusing and people may be asking questions like "Why do we need such a network?" Maybe the answer lays somewhere in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, when he says:

"Today and always, the poor are the privileged recipients of the Gospel and the fact that it is freely preached to them is a sign of the kingdom that Jesus came to establish. We have to state, without mincing our words, that there is an inseparable bond between our faith and the poor. May we never abandon them... I prefer a Church that is bruised, hurt and dirty because it has been on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security." (Para 48 and 49)

Caritas Middlesbrough can help us set out on a wonderful journey - bringing the hope of Christ to our sisters and brothers through our concern and action. We don't have all the answers but we've got a starting point.

Deacon David Cross
Diocesan Manager, CAFOD Middlesbrough



Competition!

We need a logo for Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough! Could you have a go at designing one for us? On the top left hand corner of the article 'Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough', you will see displayed the 'Caritas Cross' which is the symbol of Caritas Internationalis and throughout the CSAN Review of 2013, you will see displayed the logo of Caritas Social Action Network. These two logos will give you a starting point for creating a suitable symbol or logo for 'Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough'. If you are a teacher, what about involving young people in your class or school in creating a design that reflects the Church's call to care for the people at the margins of life? Please send your suggestions to: Catholic Voice, Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT or e-mail to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk



CSAN

Review of the year: 2013



"CSAN through listening to agencies and thorough research has become a courageously out-spoken voice for the Church on matters of public policy, monitoring and critically commenting on proposed legislation and budgets, a good example of the Church's light shining brighter than it has in the past in terms of the public debates."
Rt Hon John Battle KC*SG
 October 2013

Policy and Advocacy

"We have ways of acting: one is through the voice of CSAN which has regular contacts with MPs and key Ministers – that is a pathway that we use all the time."
Archbishop Vincent Nichols, November 2013

A strong Catholic voice on UK poverty

Our policy and advocacy work in 2013 was once again dominated by the soaring levels of domestic poverty that are facing our member charities every day. Throughout the year we have drawn together their experiences in order to inform decision makers in Westminster and Whitehall about the human impact of changes to the welfare system and to address legislation that risks making life harder for the UK's poorest people.

In addition to ensuring that the voices of Catholic charities and their service users were consistently raised in Parliamentary debates, we provided the opportunity for those working supporting families affected by in-work poverty to directly raise their concerns with both the Minister of State for Employment and Shadow Minister of State for Employment at our national conference *The Catholic Response to the Poverty Crisis*.

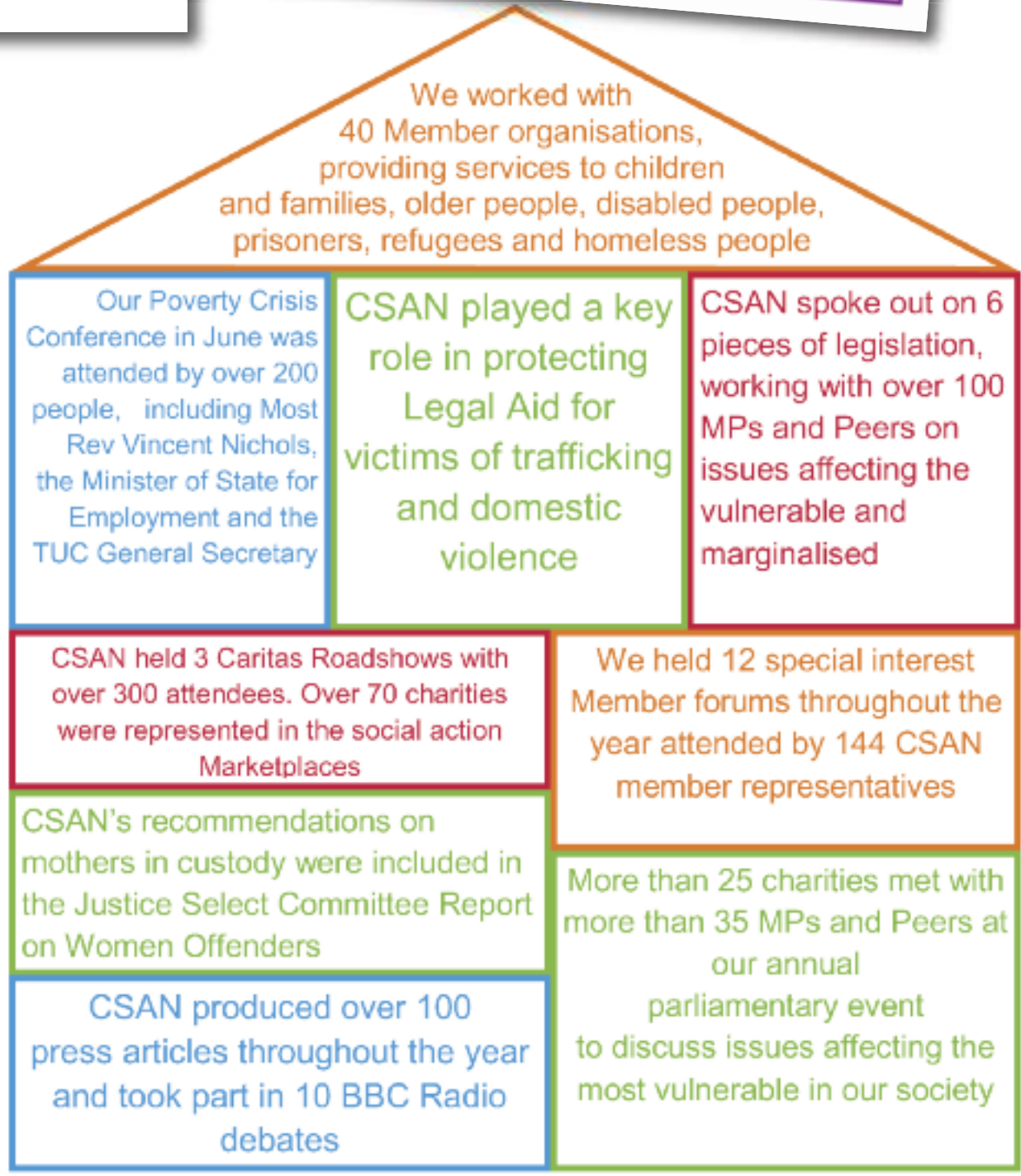
"In an open letter this morning, the chief executives of Catholic charities in Liverpool, Manchester and London warned of the threat the Bill poses to the fundamental well-being of disabled, unemployed and low paid people, as well as their families who are already buckling under the weight of recent changes to the welfare system."
Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP Shadow Minister of State for Employment House of Commons January 2013

We have also highlighted the economic costs of poverty in an appeal to the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee which involved more than thirteen Catholic charities and received national media coverage. Other key areas of work have included a detailed response to the government's proposals for changing child poverty measures and joint campaigning with other charities and faith groups around the availability of Free School Meals.

As a practical action to tackle in-work poverty we have been supporting the roll-out of the Living Wage within the Church. The Bishops' Conference Sectorial and key agencies have now been accredited as Living Wage employers and work is well underway to support other Church employers in doing so.

"Reforms to the benefits system will increase rather than cut welfare costs, a group of 13 leading Catholic charities has told the Commons Public Accounts Committee."
The Times, August 2013

In 2013 CSAN achieved the following in working to create a society where everyone is valuable and valued ...



A strong Catholic voice on migration, asylum and trafficking

One of our most prominent successes in 2013 involved a high-profile campaign to protect legal aid for victims of human trafficking and migrants experiencing domestic abuse. CSAN played a key role in securing significant concessions from the Ministry of Justice, exempting victims from a new residency test which would have deprived them of access to free legal advice and representation.

We have also undertaken significant work around the Immigration Bill, highlighting the potential harm that new restrictions on housing and NHS healthcare may cause to some of the most vulnerable people including those who have been victims of violence, trafficking or Female Genital Mutilation.

"I met yesterday with representatives of Caritas Social Action Network...they have genuine concerns that trafficked women and children...will be difficult to identify in practice."

Helen Jones MP
Shadow Minister of State for Home Affairs
House of Commons
November 2013

"Commenting on the proposals, a spokesman for the social arm of the church, Caritas Social Action Network, said in a Statement: 'withdrawing legal aid in such cases would amount to a denial of access to justice for those in greatest need of legal support.'"

Channel 4 News
May 2013

Other parliamentary activities included work with Peers in the House of Lords to raise the issue of excessive employment restrictions on asylum seekers and the detrimental effect on integration. All of our advocacy in this area includes close co-operation with the Bishop for Migration and the Catholic Bishops' Conference Office of Migration Policy as well as our member charities working in the field.

Looking ahead to 2014 we have begun laying the groundwork for the Church's input into the Modern Slavery Bill, to strengthen provisions for tackling human trafficking.

A strong Catholic voice on criminal justice

Alongside the development of CSAN's new Criminal Justice Forum we have carried out extensive advocacy around the rights of victims, prisoners, ex-offenders, and their families.

Our submission to the Justice Select Committee inquiry into arrangements for women offenders focussed on the unsuitability of the custodial estate for mothers and was widely referenced in the committee's final report. Other work on prisons involved a public campaign opposing restrictions to legal aid for treatment cases and panel debates on the issue of prisoner voting involving the Shadow Minister of State for Justice and the former Minister of State for Prisons.

We have also supported amendments to the Crime and Courts Bill -concerning the impact of fines on struggling families, and the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill -concerning identification and support for dependents of people sent to prison.

"Regimes can also interfere with family relationships...for women whose children are involved with social services, they need to make contact in normal working hours rather than during evening association [See Evidence from Caritas Social Action Network]"

House of Commons Justice Select Committee Report on Women Offenders, July 2013

Supporting our Catholic charities

"I am proud to support CSAN in their fantastic work. There have been a great range of charities here today who provide crucial services ranging from employment support and welfare advice to protection for refugees and victims of human trafficking. The advice and support which they offer are more important than ever in the current climate, when Government cuts are leaving more and more people struggling to get by."

Events like today's enable Parliamentarians to build vital links with the people who are out on the coal face experiencing the impact of the legislation we make here. These people are an invaluable source of experience and expertise and we can learn so much from them."

Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP
Host of the 2013 CSAN Parliamentary Reception

A central part of our work is the provision of political information, analysis and support to Catholic charities working on the front-line. Throughout the year we have regularly given briefings – both digitally and in person – to Chief Executives, staff, trustees and funders of the charities in our network. In this way we help to ensure that organisations involved in Catholic social action are both aware of legislative changes that will affect their service users and are actively involved in formulating our response.

We have also given our members opportunities to share their experiences and views directly with decision makers. At this year's CSAN Parliamentary Reception representatives of 26 Catholic charities met with more than 35 Ministers, MPs and Peers. Throughout the afternoon a range of productive discussions took place and as in previous years members were able to organise useful follow-up initiatives including parliamentary visits to their projects.

More broadly we worked during the year to raise the profile of Catholic social action at the heart of UK politics, holding events at all three major party conferences, addressing the Catholic Legislators Network, and hosting prominent politicians at our forums and conferences.

Summary

Throughout 2013 the CSAN Advocacy Team has worked on six bills and draft bills; made submissions to three government consultations; worked with MPs and Peers on two topical parliamentary debates; made submissions to two parliamentary select committees; and given detailed responses to major government announcements including the Chancellor's Budget Statement and Autumn Statement.

Working with the CSAN Communications and Media Team we have hosted six advocacy-based events for our member charities and other Catholics involved in social action; and have undertaken substantive media work on key issues, including ten live BBC Radio debates about the impact of changes to the benefit system on those living in poverty.

As circumstances have become harder for the poorest and most vulnerable people we have provided a consistently strong and influential Catholic response informed by both the Church's social teaching and the experience of its charities.

"Catholic Social Teaching has also been manifested in a strong Church voice – through public advocacy; through the bishops; and through the work of CSAN. Because you are at the cutting edge and what you have to say is rooted in day to day practical experience."

Lord Alton
Keynote speaker at the 2013 CSAN conference: 'The Catholic Response to the Poverty Crisis'

Communications & Media

"Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor" - Pope Francis, June 2013

Communications

During 2013, CSAN worked to enhance the communications capacity of the network. This included greater engagement with national and specialist publications, establishing a weekly column in the Catholic Press, and forging greater links with diocesan and member communication officers.

Throughout 2013, CSAN has secured high profile coverage in The Guardian, Channel 4 News, The Times, The Independent and on BBC Radio in support of CSAN's network and advocacy work. Through press releases, articles, press letters and greater contact with journalists, CSAN aims to raise the profile of the work of Catholic Charities, to highlight issues of structural injustice and poverty and to give a voice to people who are vulnerable and marginalised in England and Wales.

Supporting Policy & Advocacy

CSAN's Communications and Policy Team have worked to ensure that CSAN has a strong voice on issues and policies that directly affect the lives of those we serve. Campaigning on the living wage, prisoner voting and the retention of legal aid for victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse has been at the forefront of our efforts over the past year.

Building on the concerns and experience of our members and the testimony of those who use their services, CSAN successfully called for victims of human trafficking and domestic abuse to be exempted from changes to legal aid for people who did not meet the Government's new residency criteria. CSAN's Policy and Communications team combined parliamentary questions and a formal letter to the Secretary of State with a national press strategy that secured coverage on Channel 4, The Guardian and in the Huffington Post.

"Our concern about the cap is that it is completely arbitrary. It takes no account whatsoever of family size"

CSAN's Policy Officer speaking about the Household Benefit Cap on BBC's Sunday Programme

CSAN has also monitored and scrutinised the changes to the welfare system and raised the experiences of our members through our communications work. Through articles in The Independent, The Sunday Times, The Times, 10 BBC Radio interviews and coverage in Catholic and Christian Press, CSAN has sought to raise awareness about the impact of these vast changes upon the lives of the people our charities work with.

Communications in 2013

CSAN produced over 100 press articles throughout the year and took part in 10 BBC Radio debates

"CSAN through listening to agencies and thorough research has become a courageously outspoken voice for the Church"

John Bettle, The Universe, Sunday 27 October 2013

Supporting the Network

CSAN's Communication and Media Strategy in 2013 has been focused on building the profile of Catholic Charities and giving a voice to the people that they work with. Through securing a weekly column in the Catholic Press, CSAN hope to raise greater awareness of the scale and diversity of the work that is being undertaken by Catholic charities, dioceses and communities across England and Wales.

CSAN has led on a number of joint press initiatives with our member charities including a letter signed by 20 Catholic Charities on the Anti-Social Behaviour Bill, a letter signed by 15 Catholic Charities on the economic impact of rising levels of poverty to the Public Accounts Committee and a letter signed by 4 charities to the Secretary of State for Justice on legal aid reform.

Social Media

CSAN is developing our social media presence on social networking sites such as twitter and facebook. Throughout 2013 we have witnessed an increase in visitors to our website, supporters of our facebook page and our followers on twitter.

The use of social media has been particularly effective in developing dialogue with national journalists and ensuring coverage of network stories and our policy work. Prominent retweets include retweets by various MPs as well as George Monbiot and David Cameron's official account

CSAN has made extensive use of twitter to highlight the work of our network with campaigns such as "Support Catholic Charities this Christmas", which detailed the work that all 41 of CSAN's charities were doing over Christmas and profiled our charities on CSAN's blog and twitter.

Events

2013 was a busy year for CSAN with over eight events including CSAN's biennial conference, three social action roadshows, a parliamentary reception, two party conference fringe debates and the launch of our new Criminal Justice Forum.

CSAN Conference

CSAN held its biennial conference: 'The Catholic Response to the Poverty Crisis' on 12 and 13 June 2013 at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Over 120 people attended the conference, which was a thoughtful and informed discussion about rising levels of domestic poverty in the UK and sought to develop and shape the Church's response.

"You give practical expression to the Church's core mission so powerfully expressed by Pope Francis – to be a Church that is poor; and for the poor"

Address by Most Rev Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, at CSAN Conference 2013 to CSAN



As well as exploring the topic from an economic, political, theological and social perspective, the CSAN Conference also looked at detailed practical responses church communities and parishes could develop. CSAN secured prominent speakers including Lord David Alton; Archbishop Vincent Nichols; Chris Barn, Director of CAFOD; Mark Hoban MP; Rob Ffello MP; Rt Hon Stephen Timmins MP; Dr Patrick Riordan SJ; Tom Sefton, Economic Adviser to the Church of England; Colin Bloom, Executive Director of the Conservative Christian Fellowship; Dr James Mumford, Researcher for the Centre of Social Justice; Elizabeth Oldfield, Director of Theos; David Barclay, Faith in Public Life Officer at the Contextual Theology Centre; Kevin Flanagan, Director of St Anthony's Centre for Church and Industry and Frances O'Grady, TUC General Secretary.



"We should judge the success of our society and our civilised living on measuring how well we help those most in need, the most vulnerable in society...poverty is a challenge to the whole sense of justice, to the very fabric of our society"

Rt Rev John Arnold addressing delegates at CSAN's 2013 Parliamentary Reception

Parliamentary Reception

CSAN hosted its third annual parliamentary reception on 20 November 2013. The reception was kindly hosted by Rt Hon Paul Murphy MP and the keynote speech was delivered by Rt Rev John Arnold, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. More than 35 parliamentarians and representatives from 26 leading Catholic Charities were among the 200 attendees, who gathered in the Houses of Parliament to meet to discuss areas of current policy which directly impact on those who CSAN serve.

Party Conference Fringes

CSAN hosted two successful and lively fringe debates at the Labour and Conservative Party Conferences on the issue of prisoner voting. The debates, 'Citizens Before Bars: is it time to give prisoners the vote?' explored the Catholic Church's opposition to the blanket ban on prisoner voting and came topically as the Draft Voting Eligibility (Prisoners) Bill Committee issued their report.



The debates were chaired by Elizabeth Oldfield, Director of Theos and panellists included Crispin Blunt MP, former Prisons Minister and Member of the Draft Voting Eligibility (Prisoners) Bill Committee; Juliet Lyon CBE, Director of the Prison Reform Trust; Dr Charles Tennock MEP; Wayne David MP, Shadow Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform.

The fringe debates served to outline the excellent work CSAN's member charities do in the Criminal Justice system as well as highlight the position of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales on the blanket ban.

The CSAN Forums: Fostering Solidarity and Collaborative Action

Throughout 2013 CSAN has continued to run, support and develop the four established special interest forums, as well as launching a new forum for Criminal Justice in September. The forums have continued to foster solidarity between members, enhance strategic and operational capacity, and as seen in the Older People's Services Forum, increasingly to develop collaborative work.

The Older People's Services Forum has set a three year operational plan and is working towards developing a joint project to tackle the issue of loneliness and isolation experienced by many older people. This will be developed together with a practical toolkit to assist grassroots level volunteer groups in parishes and communities to set up projects to support older people. The action plan of the Forum clearly links to the wider strategic aim of CSAN to deepen and strengthen social action in the Catholic community and to share the expertise and professionalism of the Network with grassroots volunteer groups.

The CSAN Forums

- Directors' Forum
- Fundraising & Marketing Forum
- Older People's Services Forum
- Schools' Services Forum
- Criminal Justice Forum

The Criminal Justice Forum Launch on 10 September at Argo Hall in Southwark was attended by more than 30 people and 16 CSAN members and related criminal justice organisations were represented. Bishop Richard Mohr hosted the event and reflected on the Church's role in the criminal justice system. There was also a series of inspiring inputs from representatives of CSAN member charities working in the field of criminal justice and highlighting the great work being undertaken by the Network. A service user from Pact gave a moving reflection on how he has been helped to turn his life around on leaving prison. Going forward, plans for the forum are extremely positive. Fr Roger Reader, CBCEW advisor on prisons and head of prison chaplaincy, is keen to work closer with CSAN and its members, especially around policy and advocacy. We will be hosting a roundtable discussion of the Forum members in February in preparation for writing a response to the upcoming Justice Select Committee inquiry into Prison Planning and Policies. This is another example of the CSAN Forums providing a much needed space for members to collaborate, network and work together effectively.



The CSAN Network

"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."

Archbishop Vincent Nichols, November 2013

Bringing Catholic social action together

During 2013 CSAN has continued to work towards developing social action at a local and diocesan level through mutually supportive relationships, key to which have been the Caritas roadshows. We held three highly successful diocesan roadshows throughout the year, beginning with Middlesbrough in May.

The atmosphere and response from delegates was hugely positive and there was an eagerness to link up and bring coherence to the social action across the Diocese. We are delighted that Middlesbrough Diocese have taken the decision to set up a Caritas organisation and Fr Derek Tunham attended his first Directors' forum in September.

"I found the Market Place inspirational in identifying all the good work being done in the Diocese. During that time I established links with other groups, exchanged details and recognised that we can support one another. I think that these links between various action groups and communication between them - maybe in some sort of formal way - would be most valuable."

Delegate, Middlesbrough Caritas Roadshow, May 2013

"Excellent day and a wonderful opportunity to share, listen and learn - I am now more aware of what Caritas is and about the importance of developing this for the future. A spiritually uplifting day - thank you!"

"Very inspirational day, it was a gift to be involved."

"It is wonderful to see the extent of social action already being done; a network could ensure that duplication of effort is limited and the key actions are maximised and synergised!"

Comments from delegates, Birmingham North roadshow, June 2013

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Caritas developments are flourishing. In conjunction with Father Hudson's Society, CSAN held two roadshows, one in the North of the archdiocese in June, and a second in the South in October. A follow-up consultation will be taking place early in the new year with developments looking extremely positive for the establishment of a Caritas Archdiocese of Birmingham organisation in 2014.

CSAN is also currently working with members of the Dioceses of Southwark and Cardiff on plans for roadshows in 2014.

Promoting the Caritas Spirit of the Network

Plans for developing a Catholic Social Teaching resource for the Network and diocesan partners have been ongoing and we are hoping to produce the first module of a formation training programme in the new year. CSAN has been working with members including Anchor House, Caritas Salford and Caritas Westminster and they will be involved in the initial piloting of the resource with parish groups in their dioceses. It is hoped that the resource will form the foundation for growth of Caritas Caring Parishes where groups are assisted to gain a deeper understanding of CST, encouraged to identify local needs and issues in their communities, and then equipped through member toolkits and resources to set up new social action projects.



Summary from the CEO, Helen O'Brien

In summary, CSAN has had a successful year of consistent growth in both the support offered to an increasing number of CSAN members, and also the profile and influence of the network in the public sphere.



Today, Pope Francis is energizing anew Catholics, and indeed many others of goodwill, to consider more clearly the societal values and personal virtues needed for each person to live in dignity, and for the promotion of the common good. We are to be a Church of the poor and for the poor.

The issues of poverty in the UK in its various aspects: in-work poverty, housing insecurity and child poverty; are the issues which we must face in our objective to achieve human flourishing for all - each person valued and valuable in his or her community.

Middlesbrough Diocesan Women's Commission

A Date for your Diary: Anti-Trafficking Event in Middlesbrough (North Ormesby)

Tuesday 30th September, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

As this edition of the *Catholic Voice* was being prepared, the second international conference on human trafficking was taking place in Rome from Wednesday 9th - Thursday 10th April. Titled 'Church and Law Enforcement in Partnership', the conference had four aims: Prevention, Pastoral Care, Re-integration and Developing an International Network of Bishops' Conferences and Law Enforcement agencies. The conference was chaired by the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and joining him from the UK were the Home Secretary, Theresa May and Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe.

One of the most horrendous stories in the history of mankind is the story of slavery. Those of you who have seen *12 Years a Slave* will have been appalled at how one human being could treat another. But slavery is not just part of history, it is happening now. Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium* wrote: "Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Where is the brother and sister whom you are killing each day in clandestine warehouses, in rings of prostitution, in children used for begging, in exploiting undocumented labour? Let us not look the other way." The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has made raising awareness of trafficking one of its priorities since 2011. Accordingly, Bishop Terry asked the Women's Commission in the Diocese to consider ways that this issue could be brought to the attention not only of the Catholic community but to the wider community.

On Tuesday 30th September from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, the Women's Commission, working with the Diocese, Cleveland Police and Middlesbrough Council, will be holding an event at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby. Bishop Terry will open the event. Please put the date in your diary. We will show three short films from Unchosen - see www.unchosen.org.uk - and hold a question and answer panel. Panellists will include Andy McDonald MP, some-one from Cleveland Police, and others who work in this field.

Catherine Rowland



Some of the participants including Jim Norton, Patrick Doyle, Andy Dorton, Margaret Savage, Celia Capstick, Phoebe Jackson, Yogi Sutton, Freda Lambert, Alison Gelder and Diana Johnson (MP)

Solidarity with the Poor

On Saturday 22nd March, at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel in Hull, a day organised by the Social Responsibility Committee of the National Board of Catholic Women was held which explored the issues around the growing poverty in this country, particularly as it affects women. It involved national and local speakers. The group was joined for the morning by one of the local MPs, Diana Johnson.

The meeting, chaired by Yogi Sutton, a previous President of the National Board of Catholic Women, gave an overview of the Board and invited all women to be part of its aims. Celia Capstick, Chair of the Social Responsibility Committee, with Freda Lambert began with a presentation of Catholic Social Teaching and the Church's response to people living in poverty, in relation to the Gospels. She quoted Pope Francis' speech in Rio de Janeiro in 2013 urging those with greater resources to work for a more just world.

Phoebe Jackson from CSAN gave an excellent explanation of the benefits system, of the people it will affect and its impact on those already in poverty. Harrowing examples were given of the effects of the 'Bedroom Tax' on single people without accommodation. Alison Gelder from Housing Justice spoke about homelessness, soup kitchens and foodbanks and her work visiting these places nationally. Fathers O'Gara and Gallagher shared part of the day with the event.

These national speakers were joined after lunch by local people who lead the field in Hull in caring for the poor and vulnerable in the area. They included Patrick Doyle who spoke about how his faith influences his work in the city which involves working in the soup kitchen, with homeless people and the introduction of 'Emmaus' shortly into Hull. Bashir Siraj who together with his wife spoke about his responsibility for 'Open Doors', and his dealings with Asylum Seekers. Jim Norton, Chair of the SVP in Hull, explained the different types of poverty experienced in Hull and even included the Junior SVP from St Mary's College who help out in the soup kitchen. Anne Dannerolle continued the theme with her input from the 'Lighthouse Project' with which she has worked for the last 18 years, looking after vulnerable young women and their exploitation locally by men. Andy Dorton spoke of the housing situation in Hull and how it affects single people, the problem of homelessness and the housing policies at the moment. This was followed by an open discussion on faith and poverty. An open prayer session at the end was led by Alison Gelder for all who are victims of government policies and exploitation. The day was a huge success and very productive among those sharing not only lunch but also in exchanging information and faith.

Margaret Savage (Social Responsibility Committee)
Chris Clarke (Diocesan Link)

"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"
(a three-volume series)
by Fr. Neil McNicholas

When the Second Vatican Council called for priests to give homilies based on the scripture readings of the day rather than the more general traditional sermons, there was suddenly the free opportunity for priests to specifically address issues of topical or general need. These reflections, originally distributed with the parish newsletter, were written in order to provide *Scripture* services that might have been lost to the world.

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Thornaby School plays Hunger Games

Year 7 and 8 pupils from St Patrick's Catholic College, Thornaby have been learning about global hunger through activities based on 'The Hunger Games', the popular science fiction series.

School Librarian, Sue Bellwood, said "Our pupils are very enthusiastic about 'The Hunger Games' so we thought it would be a brilliant way to learn about the millions of people around the world who go hungry every day. Each tutor group was set a series of trials, like the characters in the book. We had 'penny wars' with all the classes trying to raise the largest amount of money. The winning jar had £27.00 worth of pennies. Other challenges included designing a 'Take Action' poster for CAFOD and a competition to write a grace before meals, giving thanks for the food we sometimes take for granted. In total, we raised £350.21 on one day - with money still coming in as we go through Lent."

The money raised by the school is going to CAFOD's 'Dig Deep' Lent Fast Day appeal, an annual fundraising event which this year will focus on Sierra Leone. The West African country emerged from a decade of brutal civil war in 2002, leaving 2.6 million people homeless - the equivalent of the entire population of the North East of England. Extreme poverty remains a major issue in Sierra Leone, especially during the annual 'hungry season'. With CAFOD's support, families are transforming the former diamond mines, which fuelled the conflict, into fertile land so they can grow crops all year round.

Mrs Bellwood explained how other year groups got involved in the fundraising, which was linked to World Book Day. Some of our Year 9 pupils acted as peace keepers in the penny wars and scavenger hunts. Miss Devlin, our Technology Technician, and Mrs Rees, our Chaplain, also organised a hunger soup lunch, inviting members of the local community, and raising £150.00. All of the pupils had a fantastic time."

CAFOD's Officer for the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Carol Cross, said "Lent is a time when we stop and reflect on our lives and relationships. Even though the world produces enough food for everyone, one in eight people worldwide go hungry each day - whether because of climate, conflict, or lack of training on effective farming techniques. By digging deep, the pupils from St Patrick's are making a difference. The money raised from their Hunger Games Day will help transform the lives of people living in poverty. CAFOD would like to thank them for all their support."

Tees Valley Ministry: Past, Present and Future

In the beginning

For more than 50 years there has been an industrial chaplaincy on Teesside. You might remember Bill Wright who helped to set up Teesside Industrial Mission (TIM) in 1961, targeting the traditional steel and chemical manufacturing industries. The approach relied on ordained clergy being accepted by management and unions alike. They provided solace when accidents at work caused fatalities. At other times they operated as trusted go-betweens during industrial disputes. Their remit was broad and they were there to respond flexibly to the needs that presented themselves day by day; and on special occasions such as Workers' Memorial Day - marked this year on Monday 28th April.

Constant Change

Of course, the business environment has changed enormously since then. Also, church resources have been focused more in parishes and in developing lay people to be active in their locality, rather than funding dedicated industrial chaplains. To address the impact of unemployment and loss of industry, the churches in the area set up *Respond!* in 1984 to work with government agencies and communities in developing local projects. In 2002 TIM and *Respond!* combined to form Tees Valley Ministry (TVM); and a new approach emerged, for the ordained and experienced chaplains to train lay volunteers as chaplains.

TVM today

Perhaps things have been a little quiet recently on the workplace chaplaincy front but Tees Valley Ministry is still alive and well and seeking to re-invigorate this important area of outreach activity. We have an active management group and, last year, appointed a part-time Chaplains' Co-ordinator. This has allowed us to take stock, get some of the basics back in place and start to plan for the future - a future that we hope people like you might get involved in as

voluntary chaplains. Newton Aycliffe town centre chaplain Pam Lovelass is one of the lay people who responded in this way to serve the community where she has lived for 50 years. She started by visiting an industrial estate with an experienced TVM chaplain to test her calling to the work. This was followed by training as a retail chaplain at the Metro Centre combined with part-time study. Following completion of her training, Pam set up the pioneering town centre ministry in Newton Aycliffe and, with the support of Churches Together Great Aycliffe, she maintains links with churches in the town. She has had a busy year with her weekly visits among over 70 town centre businesses. She comments *"Most are very welcoming, and I look forward weekly to meeting and chatting to them in their joys and also their sorrows."* In her five years as a chaplain, Pam has built up strong relationships, providing a listening ear and a helping hand during the regeneration of the shopping centre.

Looking to the Future

To enable Tees Valley Ministry to continue this work, we need people who are prepared to serve as voluntary workplace chaplains. Often, when the Lord is calling us to service, we are quite reluctant because we feel we don't have the necessary skills and experience. So, what skills are required and what does a typical chaplain look like? Well, you'd be pleased to know that there is no such thing as a typical chaplain. Many of them do have the sort of skills that you might already possess: the ability to listen to people; the capacity to show genuine concern for others; many of them have experience of the workplace; and, something of an understanding of life's ups and downs. Some may have experienced these ups and downs themselves and so can



empathise well with others. TVM still has connections with the traditional Teesside industries but chaplains also work with the service industries, the retail sector and voluntary organisations that play a significant part in today's economy. TVM offers training and support to ensure that volunteers feel comfortable in their developing role. If you would like to know more about TVM or to discuss how you can be involved in chaplaincy, take a look at our website at www.teesvalleyministry.org.uk or contact the Chaplains' Co-ordinator, Jim Rogers, e-mail jim@teesvalleyministry.org.uk or telephone (01642) 317078.

Information about Workers' Memorial Day can be found on the TUC website at <http://www.tuc.org.uk/workplace-issues/health-and-safety/workers-memorial-day-28-april-2014>

Jim Rogers
Chaplains' Co-ordinator
Tees Valley Ministry

Catholic Social Teaching

The St Hilda Chair in Catholic Social Thought and Practice has been established at Durham University

The Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) within Durham University's Department of Theology and Religion, in conjunction with the recently established UK Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice (CSTP) and Durham University Business School, is pleased to announce the establishment of the St Hilda Chair in Catholic Social Thought and Practice. Outstanding candidates are being sought for this endowed post - unique in the international secular academy and a fitting complement to the existing Bede Chair of Catholic Theology already within the CCS. The post has been founded in partnership with a group of committed, major benefactors from the UK, Europe and the US.

This enabling group includes major foundations, women's religious congregations and business executives who are each passionate about providing world-leading critical academic resource to contribute to the constructive development and imaginative practical application of the Catholic Social Teaching tradition and so aid its wider critical engagement and dissemination amongst both scholars and professionals alike. The timely dual aim is to create a first-rate academic hub for the production of vital fresh research and understanding and to help to put "the Church's best-kept secret" to work with effective impact in the public square.

Within the past year, as the world continues to seek to navigate a way through the pressing challenges to the global economic system, leading voices from politics, civil society and from amongst leading executives of companies such as Unilever, Vodafone and McKinsey, have each been advocating the significant potential benefits that would flow from an engagement of Catholic Social Teaching with commercial, economic and political life. Similarly, Church leaders such as newly-elevated Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Justin Welby and Cardinal Peter Turkson (President of the Pontifical Council for the Justice and Peace) - each of whom wrote letters of support for this post's establishment - have joined Pope Francis in wanting to move the riches of Catholic Social Teaching beyond the Church and into society.

The response of Durham University's Department of Theology and Religion to this global re-awakening, through its Centre for Catholic Studies and in conjunction with partners, has been to seek the endowment necessary to create a stable, long-term platform, capable of serving this

developing international discourse and associated professional, charitable and academic communities, by providing world-recognised academic leadership and strategic thinking. The St Hilda Chair in Catholic Social Thought and Practice - named in honour of the great North East saint (614-680) and abbess of the joint monastery at Whitby, host to the Synod of Whitby that determined how the date of Easter would be calculated throughout the Western Church - builds upon significant existing expertise within both the Department of Theology and Religion and the Business School at Durham University. The establishment of the post also coincides with the anticipated arrival of Doctor Anna Rowlands, Inaugural Chair of the UK Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, as the incoming Deputy Director of the CCS (from September 2014).

Professor Paul D Murray, Dean and Director of the CCS, said "The CCS within the Department of Theology and Religion at Durham is delighted to be host to this significant new post dedicated to leading research and practical implementation in relation to Catholic Social Thought and Practice. This is a unique step for a secular university to take and one which opens great potential for the academic and Catholic communities alike." Doctor Anna Rowlands, Chair of the UK Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, said "The establishment of the St Hilda Chair in Catholic Social Thought and Practice is a superb example of what Pope Francis has been calling for in indicating the need for Catholic Social Teaching traditions to be developed in relation to specific geographical, cultural, and political contexts. The member organisations of the UK Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice are enthused about this development and look forward to working closely with the first post-holder."

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said "This development comes at a time of widespread interest in exploring what can be gained from Catholic Social Teaching in response to challenges facing our society. This clearly demonstrates the vital contribution we can make to the flourishing of society in pursuit of the common good." His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, said "Indeed the time has urgently come to educate and form men and women in Catholic Social

Thought and Practice. Their challenge is to integrate this discipline into their faith life, and through greater dialogue and principled leadership, to implement it in social and charitable efforts, in economic and commercial enterprises, and in communications, politics and culture. This challenge the new St Hilda Chair established at Durham University is amply endowed to help them take up."

Help for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust

On Wednesday 19th March, Redcar and Cleveland Catenian Circle President Bill Moloney presented a £850.00 cheque to Andrew Millward for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CFT) which is celebrating its half centenary and aims to find a cure for this debilitating condition. The impressive size of the sum was due in no small part to sponsorship money raised by Vice President Mark Fleming through the running of the Middlesbrough 10K on Sunday 8th September last year.

Following the presentation of the cheque, Andrew, himself a sufferer of cystic fibrosis and accompanied on the night by his mother Janice and father Terry, explained that he, along with all other sufferers, possesses one faulty gene which stops the body's cleaning system from operating efficiently, occasioning a build-up of mucus. It is the most commonly inherited disease in this country and he is one of 9,000 sufferers in the UK and 100,000 worldwide. He has to take up to 50 tablets a day and it can be most challenging keeping on top of such heavy dosages.

The ultimate goal of the CFT is to eliminate cystic fibrosis. All fundraising goes into research in order to achieve this. In addition, it is particularly hoped that younger sufferers will benefit from new advances and treatments. However, already thanks to regular check-ups, medication and current research, more and more sufferers like Andrew are living increasingly fulfilled lives. Andrew concluded his short but inspirational talk by warmly thanking the Circle for its donation. He left all in attendance in no doubt that he along with his most supportive parents are fine and worthy ambassadors for the CFT.



Bill Moloney and Andrew Millward



On Retreat

Women's League Retreat

In March, members of the Middlesbrough Branch of the Catholic Women's League went on retreat at the Sisters of Mercy Convent at Filey. It was a wonderful two days. The weather was glorious. Father David White, our Spiritual Director, gave us plenty to think and pray about with his talks on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The Sisters' hospitality was out of this world and I think we could say we all had a heavenly time.

Lilian M Finch
Middlesbrough Branch President
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The Four Leaf Clovers

Party at 'The Pat's'

For the parishioners of St Patrick's Parish in Thornaby, Monday 17th March could mean only one thing - St Patrick's Day, and oh how they celebrated.

As with all of the parish social events, there were queues outside the door half an hour before they even opened, and this was certainly no exception. It meant that shortly after opening at 7.00 pm, the hall was buzzing and full to capacity. Shamrocks adorned the walls, face painting was on the go, and even the mushy peas were green in tribute, thankfully!

A word of thanks to Dan, our Organist, who had planned the entertainment for the evening, which consisted of a first half of traditional Irish music (and some not so traditional) and a second half of tunes to dance to, and dance they did, particularly the line dancers! Also thanks to the rest of the 'Four Leaf Clovers', Graham, Roz and Brad, for the night's music. Song sheets were provided so it meant everybody could join in, led enthusiastically by Father Michael.

What would a social night be without a game of bingo, a raffle and a blind card? We had them all, and, along with pie and peas, it was a recipe for a great night. A true community event, it was not only people from St Patrick's and Christ the King who came, but people of other faiths and from outside the area turned up to what was one of our best party nights yet. Thanks to everyone involved, the hard work and preparation had truly paid off and helped to raise funds for the parish. Hail Glorious St Patrick, same time next year?



Mini Vinnies

A special event took place at St Clare's Primary School, Acklam on Tuesday 1st April. This event was a Commissioning Liturgy and a Mini Vinnie Presentation. 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 St Thomas More, Middlesbrough and St Joseph and St Francis Xavier, Richmond SVP Conferences in the Middlesbrough SVP District.

Middlesbrough Diocese now has four Mini Vinnie Groups: Christ the King Primary School, Thornaby, St Richard's Primary School, Hull, St Augustine's Primary School, Coulby Newham and St Clare's Primary School, Acklam. Many more primary schools plan to have Mini Vinnie groups. For more information, visit the website <http://www.minivinnies.org.uk>

Kathy Warrick
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Mini Vinnies at St Clare's

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1 Attends Installation of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon - Liverpool Cathedral All Day

5-8 Attends Bishops' Conference - Hinsley Hall All Day

10-11 Celebrates Mass & Confirmation - Ampleforth

11 Attends Blessing of the Monument at the Hermitage - Ugthorpe 2.00 pm

12 Attends Spirituality of a Busy Person - St Mary's Cathedral 7.00 pm

13 Attends Episcopal Ordination of Rt Rev Robert Byrne CongOrat - Birmingham All Day

14 Attends Bishop's Council - Curial Office 11.00 am

15 Attends Ushaw Trustees Meeting - Hinsley Hall 11.00 am

15 Celebrates Mass & Confirmation - St Francis Xavier, Richmond 7.00 pm

16 Attends Meeting of the Northern Province - Leeds 10.30 am

17-18 Parish Visitation - St Vincent's, Hull All Day

20 Attends Catholic Education Service Departmental Meeting - London 10.30 am

21 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board Meeting - Hull 10.30 am

23-30 Attends Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes All Week

1 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

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 'Big story, little story' with Rev Dr Sally Nelson at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

2 Friday
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the June issue of Voice must be received by today

7.00 pm Lourdes Hospitalité Race Night at St Thomas More Church Hall, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Price £5.00 including fish and chip supper. Tea and coffee provided but bring your own favourite tippie. Contact: Anne-Marie Stephenson, Tel: 07885 771258 or E-mail: mrsastephenon@gmail.com for further details and to book a place

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

3 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 resumes. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.00 pm. All welcome. Contact: Pat Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com 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

4 Sunday
1.00 pm 'Walk for Life Procession' in York. 1.00 pm: Prayers in St Wilfrid's Church, Petergate, York. 1.30 pm: Departure of Procession with white crosses, having assembled at West front precinct of York Minster. Process through pedestrian precinct to banks of the Ouse (site of Margaret Clitherow Martyrdom). Continue to Bar Convent for Prayers and Veneration of relic. Continue to Tyburn Shrine at Knavesmire. Concludes approximately 5.00 pm with Benediction and Consecration in the Church of the English Martyrs. Contact: Pat Sammon, Tel: 0113 258 2745 or 07747 698553 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for further details

5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe

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

6 Tuesday
10.30 am - 4.00 pm 'Being a Jew for a Year' with Rachel Montagu and Sr Patricia at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm 'When Somebody Dies' - an afternoon for all involved in our schools to help prepare to respond to the eventuality of a death of a member of the school community, to be held at the Park Inn, North Street, York. Contact: Andrea Brewster, E-mail: andrea.rainbowsm@btconnect.com for further details

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

6 - 9 Tuesday - Friday
'Creativity Through the Eye of the Heart' - a retreat led by Diane Miller. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

7 Wednesday
10.30 am - 3.30 pm A Day of Reflection organised by ASCENT in English Martyrs Parish Hall, Dalton Terrace, York, to be led by Canon Michael Ryan. A shared lunch. Suggested donation £6.00. All welcome

5.30 pm - 7.00 pm 'A Tolerant Region? Irish immigration and anti-Catholic Violence in the North East of England, 1845-70' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Dr Jonathan Bush, Durham University as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: Susan Royal, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: s.a.royal@durham.ac.uk 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

9 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

9 - 11 Friday - Sunday
8.00 pm on the 9th until 4.30 pm on the 11th Marriage Encounter Weekend at Minsteracres Retreat Centre, County Durham. Contact Tel: (01538) 385801 or visit www.wvme.org.uk for booking details

10 Saturday
10.00 am - 12 noon Parish Musicians' Forum York (Central) Deanery, Our Lady's Fr Kelly Room, Acomb, York. Contact: Sue Black, Tel: (01904) 760331 or E-mail: sue.black@btinternet.com for further details

10.30 am for 11.00 am 'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope' - Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture in the Staff House at the University of Hull, to be given by Paul Vallely

7.30 pm Jez Lowe at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £8.00/£10.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

11 Sunday
2.00 pm Blessing of a Memorial to mark the Hermitage of Blessed Nicholas Postgate near Ugthorpe

2.30 pm May Procession organised by the Parish of St Vincent, Queen's Road, Hull. A warm welcome is extended to adults and children

from outside the parish to join them. Contact: Catherine Holtby, Tel: (01482) 804532 for further details

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

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

12 Monday
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'Looking behind the popular images of Francis and Clare' with Rowan Williams at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.00 pm The Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Hospitality presents a Charity Screening at Cineworld, Middlesbrough of a MYMission Film 'Prayer, Service and Praise', The Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage at Sixty including film of the 1981 Pilgrimage by Train. Tickets: £5.00, proceeds to replace pilgrimage equipment lost in the recent floods. Contact Tel: (01642) 529100 for further details

7.30 pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Nan Saeki, Tel: (01904) 783621 for further details

13 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when they will hold their AGM

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York West meet at Our Lady's in the Fr Kelly Room

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

14 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

15 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

16 Friday
7.30 pm Aquinas Reading Group. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk for confirmation of venue. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

7.30 pm Quarto at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £6.00/£7.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

17 Saturday
Eighteenth Annual Catholic Primary Schools Cup at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough. Contact: Tony McAvoy, Tel: 0771 392 4504 for further details

7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Dermot Hegarty) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JB. 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

18 Sunday
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Patrick's, Thornaby

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

19 Monday
7.15 pm The York Newman Circle holds its AGM at 7.15 pm, followed by a Talk by Canon Michael Bayldon entitled 'The Trajectory of Catholic Education' 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

19 - 21 Monday - Wednesday

'Lights will Guide you Home' - a retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

20 Tuesday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Spiritual growth and the worshipping community' with Rev Diane Westmoreland 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

21 Wednesday

7.00 pm 'In it together or in it for the money?' - Ebor Lecture at York Minster, York, to be delivered by Mr Larry Elliott, Economics Editor, The Guardian. 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

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

22 Thursday

1.00 pm - 3.00 pm 'Blowing in the wind' with Rev Dr Sally Nelson at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

23 Friday

7.30 pm An Evening of Classical Guitar with Richard Silvester and Reggie Lawrence at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £7.00/£8.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

25 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

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

27 - 3 Tuesday - Tuesday

Summer Retreat at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull led by Fr Terence, Prior of Ampleforth. Both residential and day retreatants are very welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

28 Wednesday

12.45 pm - 3.00 pm ASCENT Group, York Central meets in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York after the 12.10 pm Mass

5.30 pm - 7.00 pm 'Catholics and State Prayers' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Prof Stephen Taylor, Durham University as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: Susan Royal, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: s.a.royal@durham.ac.uk 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

29 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

30 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

31 Saturday

1.30 pm The Visitation of Our Lady at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 1.30 pm: Rosary, 2.00 pm: Holy Mass. All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, Tel: (01642) 597750, Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or www.ladychapel.org.uk for further details

FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

1 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

3 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

4 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

7.00 pm 'The morality of the food parcel: Emergency food as a response to austerity' - Ebor Lecture at York St John University Temple

Hall, York, to be delivered by Dr Helen Cameron, Head of Public Affairs, The Salvation Army. 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

5 Thursday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'Walking with God through the Seasons, patterns and colours of Nature' with Jill Solich at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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 Friday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the July 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

7.30 pm 'Rhythm & Rhyme - With Time for a Song' - Mike Smith and Sue Wilsea at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 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

10.00 am for 10.30 am York Catholic History Day at the Bar Convent, York. The day will close with Mass in the Convent Chapel. Cost: £15.00 (students £7.50) to include admission to the museum and coffee/tea but not lunch. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

2.00 pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. All welcome. Contact: Pat Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com 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

8 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:

9 June: 10.00 am, Middlesbrough Diocesan Women's Commission Quiet Day at Thicket Priory near York. Contact: Chris Clarke, Tel: (01482) 844128 for further details

21 June: 12 noon, Union of Catholic Mothers Annual General Meeting at St Mary's, Filey commencing with Mass

5 July: Summer Choral Music Workshop at St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby, near York, led by Norman Harper. Contact: Tim Harrison, Director of Music, E-mail: timothyraigharrison@gmail.com for further details

12 July: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm, Summer Fair in aid of The Endsleigh Centre and HERIB at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Adults £1.00 donation, children free. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

30 September: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Middlesbrough Diocesan Women's Commission Anti-Trafficking Event at The

Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

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Mondays
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

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Mondays
7.30 pm City Prayer Group

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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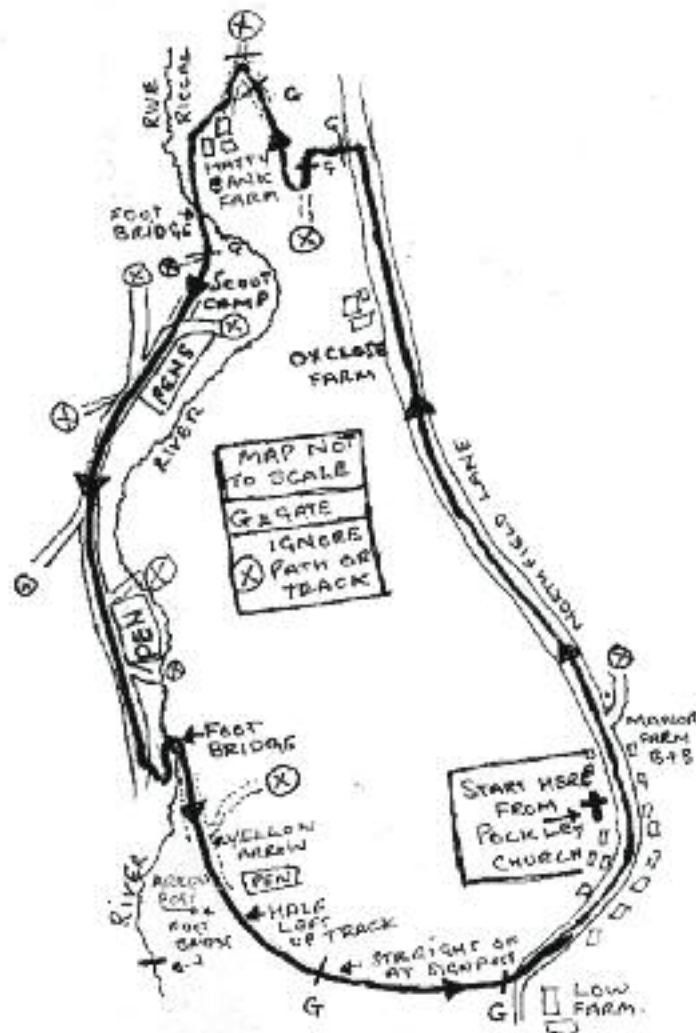
(Riccaldale from Pockley)

To find the start (OS Grid Ref SE 637 861), leave Helmsley along the A170 road heading towards Kirkbymoorside, after a mile turn left along a lane signposted Pockley 1 mile.

Pockley is a peaceful pretty village with a church and just a couple dozen cottages, many of which are thatched. The walk starts along a quiet lane where the landscape is of rolling fields and distant hills before dropping into the wooded dale where, in the month of May, the bluebells bloom in abundance. The ramble continues along tracks and paths by the meandering River Riccal before ascending to return to the village.

1. Start from Pockley Church by heading north along Northfield Lane passing Manor Farm B&B at the village end. Continue for a mile to pass Oxclose Farm. After another 300 yards, take a waysigned track left along the field edge to a gate in the left corner.
2. Turn through this gate and follow the path 100 yards to turn right (signed Hasty Bank Farm 1/2 mile) and head down a track through the first gate to bear left for 50 metres to another farm gate where an arrow sign guides you off the track by the side of the farmhouse to follow an indistinct path down and over a footbridge.
3. Turn immediate left along the path for 200 yards then using a walkers' gate follow the yellow arrow straight ahead. After passing through a scout camping area, a wide fenced path leads up to a forest track, turn right along the track soon to bear left with it keeping the pheasant pens to the left.
4. Continue up a steady ascent for about a 1/2 mile keeping left at track junction then ignore two tracks that ford the river to the left. The route then takes a short rise and 200 yards beyond the tip, take a very rough stepped (complete with dodgy handrail) track left that loops down to cross a footbridge and turn right along a green track now keeping the river to your right. Carry on along this track following a yellow arrow sign straight ahead past a small pheasant pen to another arrow post in a clearing, from here trek up a green track half left (ignoring the footbridge to the right).
5. Go through a farm gate near the bank top and continue straight ahead at the signpost along a wide grassy track then along a field edge soon to meet a lane where a left turn will lead through the village of thatched cottages and back to Pockley Church.

Distance: 5 miles
 Ascent: 600 feet
 Start: Pockley Church (OS Grid Ref SE 637 861)
 Facilities: None, nearest in Helmsley (two miles from start)
 Eateries: Hotels and teashops in Helmsley
 Buggies: The walk is unsuitable for any buggy
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