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## Bishop's Column

*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

What do I want out of life? What do I really want? This is a question that has occupied me, and I am pretty certain it has occupied you as well on and on throughout our lives. It is a fundamental question that all of us ask. We find it fades a little when things are going well, but when frustration comes along or problems, sickness or tragedy of any kind, we ask ourselves what will make us happy, what do we really want. This is exactly what is at the heart of Jesus' teaching today in our Gospel:

*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

If you want to know what you really want, look at what you gather around you, what you collect, what engages your mind, your time, your energies. Those are the things that you really want; those are the things that you desire. Father Pedro Arrupe, the Superior General of the Jesuits from 1965 to 1983 wrote these few lines.

Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

Father Michael Lambe was born in Liverpool in 1922 to Peter and Bridget Lambe and was one of five children, the first child died as a baby. Rosemary and Father Tom predeceased him and Sister Anne is the remaining member of the family. Like his brother, Father Michael joined the Montfort Missionary Fathers and was ordained on 4th March 1950. He began working in the Middlesbrough Diocese in 1959, acting as an assistant priest in St Hilda's, Whitby. Father Michael remained as a curate in Whitby until 1968 when he was incardinated into the Diocese and appointed to St Gabriel's, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. At that point, the Mass and Sacraments were celebrated in various places until the parish hall was built, and in 1974-75, he saw the opening of the present church. Over the following years, along with a number of assistants, Michael continued to build up the Faith community

# 'Come in Procession'



'Come in Procession' - two Middlesbrough Diocese Lourdes Pilgrims assist each other in preparing for the Torchlight Procession in Lourdes. Turn to page 7 for more photographs of the 2014 Pilgrimage

Pilgrims to Lourdes respond to Our Lady's request to St Bernadette that we should 'come in procession' to the Shrine that has become the most prominent place of pilgrimage in our age. The processions are central to the worship in Lourdes but in a very real sense the great 'procession' is the journey we make together when we go on Pilgrimage. In this edition of *Catholic Voice*, while we will give a great deal of space to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, we will begin on this page with a different experience of Lourdes enabled by the York HCPT Group and on the next page, we will publish details of forthcoming opportunities for 'go in procession' to Walsingham and Rome led by Bishop Terry.

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# Spirituality and Worship

## 'Come in Procession'

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Declan's First Holy Communion

### Declan's Pilgrimage

Declan Carney-Anderson from Scarborough, North Yorkshire, a boy with severe learning disabilities, has recently come back from an adventure of a lifetime. He was taken to Lourdes for seven days with a group of other children by an amazing charity in York called HCPT Group 122. The group raise money throughout the year to enable them to take children with disabilities on an Easter pilgrimage. Declan was nominated in October 2013, by a friend we hadn't seen in many years, we were so overwhelmed when he was chosen to go this year.

Declan who has a unique chromosome disorder, an Unbalanced Translocation on Chromosomes 13 & 14, has struggled over the years with various complex health needs. When he was born, he was diagnosed within a week of having a possible chromosome disorder and spent the first five and a half years in and out of hospital every couple of weeks with severe chest infections and was a very poorly child. He had a feeding tube fitted called a gastrostomy tube at the age of one years of age, due to feeding difficulties, at age two years, he had major surgery called a Nissen's Fundoplication, which is where his stomach tubes were tied together to prevent him refluxing into his lungs, to try to prevent severe chest infections. He also had several other operations, including major surgery on both feet to straighten out severe talipes (deformed feet) to help with his walking.

Declan has struggled with many issues over the years and has worked hard on trying to walk which he does using a walking frame and can walk with support. Declan's chances of surviving beyond infancy were not very high, due to how severely poorly he was, but over the years he became stronger and stronger and fought off every illness and obstacle that stood in his way of being the amazing boy he is today. He has always been given the same opportunities in life despite his disabilities and lives his life to the full.

Going to Lourdes with HCPT Group 122 was a chance of a lifetime we couldn't let him miss out on and

although we were very nervous about him going on his own without us, we knew we needed to let him go and we are so pleased now we made that decision. While he was in Lourdes, he made his First Holy Communion at Hosanna House, the Communion Mass was especially for Declan and it was their First Holy Communion Service they had ever done for any child. This couldn't of been more special for Declan, for us and his Nana and Grandad and the group of volunteers from HCPT Group 122.

We always wanted Declan to be able to make his First Holy Communion, but because he attends a special needs school it wasn't something that ever became an option and we did feel he had always missed his chance of ever being able to do it, but when the Group Leader, Claire Shanks, asked if we would like Declan to be able to make it when he went to Lourdes, we were absolutely elated. Lots of phone calls to family followed this, as Declan comes from a strong Catholic family and they were as pleased about it as us.

The First Holy Communion Mass was beautiful and we were sent lots of photos and a video they had recorded of his special day and it was said, there wasn't a dry eye in the house and the light streamed through the windows and shone brightly on his face as he made his Communion.

The day after he came back from Lourdes, he walked up the aisle of St Peter's Church in Scarborough holding my hand and took communion in front of a church full of people, people that knew Declan and had prayed for him and had held many masses for him during his time of ill health. There were a few tears shed this day too, to see the little boy out of his wheelchair taking communion, it's a cherished moment as a family we'll never forget.

Two miracles happened in our eyes, the miracle of him being able to make this magical journey of a lifetime and to be able to make his communion, which has encouraged us to attend Mass more frequently. Things so special don't happen often in a lifetime, but we believe he was chosen to go for a reason.

Sarah Carney-Anderson

## Bishop's Column

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in Ormesby and its environs. In 1981, he took up a new appointment at St Mary & St Joseph, Bedale, which was to last six years. In 1987, Father Michael moved to St Bede's, Hull as parish priest, but in this post his health began to fail and he decided to retire from active ministry at the age of 69. His priest brother, Tom, had already stepped down from active ministry in Liverpool Archdiocese and Michael joined him in the family home in the city. Along with Tom, both exercised fruitful priestly service in and around Liverpool, and on the death of Tom and sister Rosemary, Michael took up residence in Christopher Grange where up until recently, he celebrated daily Mass with the Sisters and residents.

What did Father Michael Lambe want? Well, I was not privy to his deep spiritual desires or innermost thoughts. But just looking at his life, he was happy being a servant of the Gospel, serving his brothers and sisters right to the end by offering them the fruits of his priestly ministry. That is the greatest tribute I can pay to him, and I think any of us could pay to him. He literally never took his hand off the plough, but was a priest through and through right to the end. I think he fell in love, with Christ, the Church, his people and his priesthood.

*Go now to whom I send you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to protect you.*

In the light of our first reading, we know that Father

Michael went where the Lord sent him, to the people he entrusted to him; and we know that as the Lord promised Jeremiah to give him all he needed to fulfil his mission, so he protected Father Michael throughout his priestly life and we have no reason to think that this protection will not continue into eternal life.

Like Our Blessed Lady, in her wonderful prayer the Magnificat, we know that the Lord can do marvels for each of us, even in our lowly state. Knowing that his mercy is from age to age for those who fear, we commend our brother, Father Michael to the loving mercy of God our Father. May he look on his servant his lowliness and cause him to be blessed for all ages.

God, our Master, in your Kingdom neither moth nor decay destroys nor thieves break in and steal your treasure. In your Kingdom all is filled with light. Through the teaching of Jesus guide us to store up heavenly treasure. Help us to love and serve you and bring our brother Father Michael to his longed for home with our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

(Homily preached at the Funeral Mass of Father Michael Lambe when the Readings for the Mass were Jeremiah 1:4-9, Psalm: Magnificat, Luke 1:46-55 and Matthew 6:19-23).

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# 'Prayer in a busy life' with Father Jim Clarke

On the evening of Monday 12th May, we were blessed to have Father Jim Clarke from California come to our Cathedral to talk about 'Prayer in a busy life'. The talk was well represented by people from all over our Diocese.

When Father Jim started to talk, he had the full attention of everyone in the room. Father Jim emphasised how your prayer life and how you live your life go hand in hand.

- You, Receive Life - in Baptism an act of faith
- You, Experience Life - how you live your life as it is
- You, Share Life - how you communicate with others

In these three statements you can see true Evangelisation if you change the word Life and replace it with Jesus.

Father Jim shared some personal experiences and how different prayer styles have helped him in his life, some of the situations mentioned people could relate to or have experienced. Father Michael Keogh asked the question about prayer and pilgrimage as the Diocese prepared to go to Lourdes. Father Jim said that on pilgrimage, prayer takes many forms, personal, in groups and as a Diocese in the Mass.

Father Jim gave four experiences of prayer styles: Kenosis - letting go the emptying of one's self, Abundance - a place of blessedness, Singleness - a focus on living everything belongs, Transformation - proclamation the cross sets people free. Everyone in the hall was given plenty to think about. I hope to apply some of what I heard to my own life.

Geraldine Hart



Father Jim Clarke pictured with Canon John Lumley when he delivered a similar presentation to Clergy and Teachers at Burn Hall

# Bishop's visit to St Vincent's, Hull

We couldn't have asked for a better day on Sunday 18th May for the Bishop's visit and the sun shone down as he greeted visitors after both Masses. Some had to rush off but many stayed for a cup of tea and a cake in the school dining hall. There was an added treat on the way to the dining hall as Francis McDonnell had opened up the new foundation stage area so that parishioners could see it for themselves, and many ex St Vincent's boys and girls, some in their seventies and eighties, were able to wallow in nostalgia as they passed through the corridor. The new area certainly provides a lot of natural light and opens up a very pleasant environment to the youngest of our children.

E Brady



Bishop Terry meeting parishioners at St Vincent's, Hull

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- Two half day guided tours with English Speaking guides (headphones included)
- Three half day coach tours
- An evening out in Trastevere with Evening Prayer followed by dinner
- We will visit: St Peter's Basilica and celebrate Mass, the Papal Audience (providing Pope Francis is in Rome, all the major basilicas - St John Lateran, St Mary Major, St Paul Outside the Walls where we will hopefully celebrate Mass in each, the Catacombs of San Sebastian (entrance fee included), and see some of the historic sites on our travels - Roman Forum, the Colosseum, Castel Saint Angelo, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps
- You will have free time to explore the city at your leisure
- The cost is £710 for the first 60 applicants (after that we would need to negotiate more flights) and includes return flights with 10 kg hand luggage; hotel accommodation (there is a single supplement for those who share); food as stated above. Transfers in and from Leeds Bradford Airport will be extra.
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# St Anthony's and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull - Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations



Former students from Endsleigh Teacher Training College

On 4th May 1964, Bishop George Brunner laid the foundation stone in the Chapel of Endsleigh Teacher Training College on Beverley Road, Hull. In 1974, changes in the Government Policy on Education caused the merger of the College with five other Humberside colleges. In 1976, the Sisters of Mercy very generously donated the Chapel to the Diocese of

Middlesbrough and it became the parish church of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy.

On Sunday 4th May 2014, the parishioners of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy celebrated the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone and were joined by five Sisters of Mercy from St Catherine's Convent. The celebration cake,

made by Evelyn Hutton, was cut by Sister Nora, who for many years had led the church choir before moving to Howden. The parish was also delighted to welcome Sister Mary Gabriel, who until her recent move to St Catherine's, had been an active parishioner.

On Sunday 11th May 2014, a group of 25 former students of Endsleigh Teacher



Sister Nora cutting the celebration cake

Training College from 1961 to 1964 held a reunion to celebrate their 50th anniversary of qualifying as teachers. It had been organised by Trina Hagerty and the ladies travelled from various parts of England, Italy and Canada. They took an active part in the Mass by reading the scriptures, composing and reading the bidding prayers and taking up the offertory gifts. Parishioners warmly welcomed them with wine, cake and nibbles, and there were many nostalgic conversations.

Bernard Swift

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## View from a Seminarian

As my first year at the English College, Rome comes to an end, I have spent a bit of time reflecting on my experiences in the Eternal City. It is safe to say there have been some difficult moments; moving to a new country, learning the language. But, equally there have been some tremendous moments; being in Rome for the Consistory, singing for the Holy Father and the pilgrims gathered for Easter Sunday Mass, all the seminarians in Rome having a private audience with the Holy Father, meeting new friends and having new experiences. But, what stands out the most from this year was the Canonisation of St John XXIII and St John Paul II.

Richard Marsden, myself and a few other brave students set out from the college at 2.30 am on the morning of the Mass, determined to get as close as we could, to be there on that momentous day. As we neared the Vatican, it became apparent that we were not the only ones with this idea and we found ourselves in a crowd of pilgrims already numbering in the thousands. As we stood there for the first few hours, we began to lose heart in staying, it already looked as if we weren't going to get close and that we would be so crammed in that it did not seem worth it. Although a few left, three of us decided to remain and see what happened. One thing that really surprised me was the atmosphere of pilgrims; everyone was so happy, even at 4.00 am, there was singing and dancing and people talking in lots of different languages all around. As they let pilgrims into the square, the chaos I have begun to expect from these events ensued but as we drew nearer to the Mass, the mood of the crowd shifted again, from happy and chaotic to quiet and prayerful. Throughout the Mass, there were none of the expected tourists talking loudly to each other, but instead prayer and reflection. We were all tired but none of that mattered as all of the thousands gathered prayed together to thank God for these great men.

That great historic day when two Popes were at the Canonisation of two Popes is a day that will stay with me long after my time in Rome is over, not because of

the importance of those events but because of the faith and joy among those pilgrims. To see the Church so alive! To see the Church so alive in each one of those pilgrims coming from the four corners of the planet. To know the Church is alive in the many thousands who watched around the world and in our Diocese. To know the Church is alive as long as we gather together to give praise to God; for his mercy, for his love, for his many gifts - including two, now, saint Popes. St John XXII and St John Paul II... Pray for us.

Peter Taylor

### Father Clement Pattison, RIP

The Very Rev Canon Provost Michael Bayldon, who was joined by 26 priests of the Diocese, was the Principal Concelebrant at St Andrew's, Teesville on Wednesday 7th May for Father Clem Pattison's Funeral Mass. Father Pattison had died suddenly on Saturday 26th April after 45 years' service as a priest. In his initial greeting, Canon Bayldon offered the sympathy and assurance of prayers for his soul to the family on behalf of Bishop Terry (who was away from the Diocese at a Bishops' Conference meeting), the priests, religious and people of the Diocese. Tony Murphy, a close friend of Father Pattison's since College days, read the lesson and his nieces the bidding prayers.

In his homily, Canon Bayldon reminded us that two of the Pattison brothers, Clem and Chris, had served as priests in the Diocese and it was a great tribute to the family that they produced not one priest, but two priests to serve us. He highlighted Father Clem's service in the various parishes and that he had to retire early due to ill health. Sadly, in his last year, he had suffered from dementia. He related the Gospel message to Father Clem's service as a priest. After the commendation, he was buried at Eston cemetery alongside other members of the family.

Doctor Jim Whiston

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Father James Blenkinsopp making the presentation to Deacon John and Margaret Steel.

## Golden Wedding Celebrations, All Saints, Thirsk

The Celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Deacon John Steel and his wife Margaret. Following Mass on Sunday 25th May, Father James Blenkinsopp presented Deacon John and Margaret with a bouquet of flowers and a framed Papal Blessing Parchment on behalf of all the parishioners of All Saints Church, Thirsk. This was followed by a Buffet in the Parish Hall.

Mary Ireland

## Sister Angela Mary Conway

22nd February 1927 - 4th June 2014

There was standing room only at English Martyrs' Church, Sleights for Sister Angela Mary's Funeral Mass held on Friday 13th June. The Principal Concelebrant was Father Peter Ryan who for many years was parish priest at South Bank, St Peter's, where Sister Angela had been brought up. He was joined by 12 Diocesan priests and Monsignor Gerard Dasey, Vicar General, represented Bishop Draine who was unable to attend due to a prior engagement. As well as Sister Angela's family, there was a major contingent from the various houses of the Sisters of Mercy.

In his homily, Father Ryan drew out two significant qualities in Sister Angela Mary's life. The first was her commitment to her family, whom she had 'mothered' for so many years and secondly her contribution to the Sisters of Mercy where she had unique administrative qualities which she used for the total benefit of the Mercy Sisters. He highlighted the many administrative roles she had undertaken in the Order and how she served diligently to the end.

Her nieces and great nieces read the bidding prayers and Sister Agnes gave a brief summary of Sister Angela's various roles in the Mercy Order.

Monsignor Dasey led the commendation and expressed Bishop Draine's sympathy to both the family and the Sisters of Mercy. He highlighted Sister Angela's contribution as a Trustee of the Diocese, and particularly her work in support of young people.

After the prayers of commendation, Sister Angela was buried at Whitby Cemetery, as she had requested.

Doctor Jim Whiston

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**Sister Angela Mary Conway was born in 1927, in South Bank, Middlesbrough. She was the eldest of four children, Catherine, Bernard and Margaret. Her schooling was with the Sisters of Mercy in St Peter's, South Bank and then at a Secretarial College where she soon gained her Commercial Diploma and was able to obtain a secretarial job in a local firm.**

She entered Endsleigh Convent, Hull in 1946 together with Sisters Imelda Dent and Hilda Mary Monks and they were all professed together in 1949.

Sister Angela Mary was employed in the Teacher Training College and after being

awarded her Institutional Management Qualification, she became Catering Officer. She was renowned for her excellent menus and was particularly kind to the Student Sisters. When Endsleigh College merged with the other five Hull colleges in 1976, she remained on the staff for a further six years before being made General Bursar in Endsleigh Convent.

In 1984, when the Mercy Institute was formed, Sister Angela Mary was one of the four original pioneers chosen to set up the Palazolla Convent near Rome. However, after a year she was recalled, having been elected on to the Provincial Council in Crossbeck where she served for six years before a further election put her on the General Council or Leadership Team in Yeadon.

Her next appointment was as Local Superior in Horsforth where she remained for six years, following which she moved to Southcoates Lane, Hull. About this time, Sister Angela Mary also became a Trustee of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. After three years in Southcoates Lane, Angela's next move was to Bridlington. She always had difficulty with her legs so despite enjoying the sea breezes, the distance from the church and the stairs in the house forced



Sister Angela Mary Conway

her to ask, in 2009, to go to Whitby.

There she was overwhelmed by the kindness and care of the Sisters and staff, especially during her last illness.

Angela will always be remembered for her friendliness and generosity. Her apostolate was so wide and she came in touch with so many people that she will be sorely missed. We know that the Lord will reward her for her lifetime of service. May she rest in peace.

Sister Agnes Prior

## Blessing of Postgate Memorial Stone



The Blessed Nicholas Postgate Memorial Stone

Sometime in the 1660s, Nicholas Postgate returned to the area of North Yorkshire where he was born, and took up residence near Ugthorpe. Thomas Ward, a contemporary of Father Postgate, describes his dwelling thus:

A thatched cottage was his cell,  
Where this contemplative did dwell;  
Two miles from Mulgrave Castle't stood,  
Sheltered by snowdrifts, not by wood.

Bede Camm, in his book *Forgotten Shrines*, writes that "Here he lived as poor among the poor, conforming himself in dress, diet and lodging to the flock which he zealously tended". On Sunday 11th May, Bishop Terry blessed a memorial stone that marks the site of Father Postgate's cottage, close to the present day farm called 'The Hermitage' near Ugthorpe. The stone, a large slab of Caithness granite, was designed and sculpted by the artist Emily Hoffnung. It was generously commissioned by Lady Normanby.

We also owe a debt to the late Hedda Watson of Lealholm who composed the prayer to Father Postgate which is inscribed on the front of the stone. This ends:

You died that we might  
keep the faith you taught.  
Do not desert us  
for once again  
our world is awry  
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# Christian Discipleship

## Preparing for the great adventure of marriage

Engaged couples from the Parish of St Patrick and Christ the King, Thornaby came together for a day of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage and their married life. The day began with Mass with the community, where the couples were introduced and prayed for, helping them to know that through their lives together, they will, day after day, month after month, be discovering what self-giving love really means. Father Michael Keogh spoke of their love bringing them, and through them, the whole community, closer to God, who is Love. The vows that they make to each other on their wedding day - to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death parts us - can be a guide for their lives together.

The rest of the day, called *Saying and Living 'I Do'*, was spent exploring what makes a good marriage, what are the partners in a "growing" marriage trying to do, in order to sustain and heal each other, and help each other develop fully as a loving human being - with good communication, leading to understanding; handling disagreements and conflict well; listening with the heart; and moving into understanding of intimacy and trust; being parents and the holiness of everyday family life, in going the extra mile in loving and caring in the ups and downs that come along. The final session looked at the wedding rite itself, and how the words and gestures, prayers and blessings in the rite can and do support the journey of a married couple throughout their lives, long after you've forgotten all the

other preparations for flowers and photos, and cars and receptions!

We ask for God's blessing on all those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, and for their future together. May they grow in understanding of the gift and call of married life, in sharing, caring for one another, giving and forgiving, loving and being loved, walking hand in hand, talking heart to heart. May God give them His light to guide them, His strength to support them, and His love to unite them, now and forever.

**Question:** In our parishes, how can we continue to support married couples?

Kit and Caroline Dollard

## The Future of Marriage Preparation



Kit and Caroline Dollard, on the right of the picture with Father Michael Keogh, and the couples they helped prepare for marriage

An opportunity has arisen to review current marriage preparation throughout the Diocese and explore how it might be developed in a positive and sustainable way for the future. If you have experience of marriage preparation or an interest in developing it for the future and would like to be part of a group who will be gathered together to explore the future provision, please make contact with Canon Derek Turnham on (01642) 292552 or by e-mail at derekturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

## Catenian Gifts to Hull Charities

One of the most pleasant tasks of being a Circle President is being able to make donations to charities at the end of one's Presidential Year. Brother Brian Salmon chose to support local charities and so he gave £300.00 to Hull Churches Home from Hospital Service (HCHF), £300.00 to St Charles' Drop-in Centre and £50.00 to the Endsleigh Centre to help in the production of a publicity leaflet.

The HCHF Service provides a range of services for families, elderly, disabled and housebound people returning home from hospital when they are particularly vulnerable. Trained volunteers help with shopping, give mobility support, change compression stockings, give carers of dependants who have life-limiting illnesses a short break and emotional support and perhaps most of all give friendship.

The St Charles' Drop-in Centre is open two mornings per week to provide support for the homeless with a soup kitchen and cups of tea or coffee and biscuits. They are given a warm welcome by volunteers with friendship and practical help in the form of warm clothes. Most mornings as many as 70 people make use of the services available.

The Endsleigh Centre is a very well used Pastoral, Retreat and Conference Centre with a spiritually enriching programme of Prayer, Days of Recollection and Residential Retreats. It is an ideal venue for Conferences and In-Service Days and is used by many local groups for regular evening sessions. Day bookings include Weddings, Family Celebrations and Funerals.



Sheila Swift, volunteer at HCHF, Brian Salmon, President of Hull Catenians and Sister Catherine, Head of the Endsleigh Centre



Father Peter Keeling, Paul Vallely, Barbara Hungin and Nan Saeki

## Storey Memorial Lecture - 'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope'

When Paul Vallely was in Rome covering the Papal election for 'The Independent', he had just 30 minutes to put together an article to convey something of the history and personality of the newly elected Pope Francis. Such was the success of his article that he was commissioned to write what became an all-encompassing journey through the life and priesthood of Jorge Mario Bergoglio.

In his lecture entitled 'Pope Francis, Justice and Peace Pope', Paul reflected on what was essentially a life of two very different halves. As a Jesuit in Argentina, Bergoglio had lived through what is described as 'a virtual civil war' on the streets of Buenos Aires in the early 1970s followed by the military dictatorship that followed the coup in 1976. He became Provincial Superior of the Jesuits in Argentina while still in his 30s. A charismatic leader, who always lived an austere life, he was Provincial at a time of strong conflict between 'left and right'. At that time he appeared cautious and conservative. He admits to being pushed into leadership roles too early and to have made 'hundreds of errors'. Paul described him as a not having the maturity to cope with the competing pressures of the Jesuit Curia in Rome, the Vatican and a ruthless military dictatorship.

However, experiences both global and personal have formed the man who has brought new energy, new hope and a new focus for the Church. Paul described a key part of Bergoglio's growth to be the

development of an understanding that what the poor need is not charity but justice. His time as Archbishop of Buenos Aires was characterised by a new understanding of the theology of liberation and a willingness to learn - particularly from the poor with whom he had regular contact. He has declared that extreme poverty and unjust economic structures are 'violations of human rights' which call for solutions of justice not just philanthropy.

Interestingly, Paul also described Pope Francis as essentially a pragmatist. His focus on trusting in the mercy of God is a deeply personal one. He continually asks for forgiveness for the sins and offences that he did indeed commit. He has experienced the love and mercy of God. His humility is a mode of behaviour which he chose to adopt after prayerful reflection that this was what God required of him. His humility is also an intellectual stance and a religious decision. An eighteenth-century painting - *Mary Untier of Knots* - has been a constant source of inspiration for him. Contemplation of the painting has helped him to unravel the knots of his own life and now to underpin his desired transformation of the Church into 'a poor Church for poor people'.

Paul's lecture - in memory of Father Tony Storey - was attended by 140 people - after which there were opportunities to purchase his book - 'Pope Francis, Untying the Knots'. It is an extremely good read.

Barbara Hungin



# Lourdes 2014

What were you doing during the last week in May? While you were pursuing the activities of your workaday life and perhaps enjoying the Bank Holiday, around 600 of your fellow members of the Diocese of Middlesbrough were led by Bishop Terry on Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The key group of pilgrims is always our supported pilgrims or, as we affectionately know them, our 'VIPs' and this year we accommodated 58 of them in the Accueil Notre Dame while a smaller number were accommodated in hotels. During the Thanksgiving Service at the end of the Pilgrimage, Bishop Terry paid tribute to all the people who year by year undergo significant training and retraining and then offer a whole week in service of the pilgrims. This group, which includes Doctors and Nurses and male and female Helpers, Teachers and Youth and Musicians, numbers over 160. At the heart of the Pilgrimage are the young people who travel to Lourdes to play a very important part in caring for the supported pilgrims while at the same time enjoying the experience of a lifetime so we will leave the rest of the introduction to this section of *Catholic Voice* to the MYMission Team.

## Young People at the Heart of our Pilgrimage

During May half term, 170 young people and youth group leaders took part in our 61st Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is always a highlight of the year for the Mission Team and Youth Service. It's a chance to see the Church in action through our young people. The theme for this year's Pilgrimage was 'The Joy of Conversion'. The theme gave us much to think about during the week. During Youth led Evening Prayers, we heard moving stories from young people on how Lourdes had changed their lives. A highlight for many pilgrims was hearing St Peter's College's moving and amusing reflection on their Lourdes conversion experience during the week. Sadly, this year the number of young people was down by around 30% from two years ago. The

reasons for this varies from school to school but we are hopeful that next year the numbers will increase again. Thankfully, the Lourdes Pilgrimage has the full support from the Headteachers and Governors of our secondary schools and colleges. We are extremely grateful to all the staff and governors of our schools who have supported Lourdes over the years in whatever way. We are especially grateful to the teachers and staff members who give up their half term to ensure the young people of their schools can experience the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Above all, it's visible proof of their commitment to Catholic education and the young people who benefit from it.

The young people, along with our supported pilgrims, continue to be the heart and soul of the Pilgrimage. Their enthusiasm, care, hard work, prayerfulness and pure joy makes our Pilgrimage what it is. The Youth of the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage have an excellent reputation in both Lourdes and back in England. More frankly, without our young people, we could not take as many supported pilgrims which as a result would change the nature and a lot of the focus of our Pilgrimage. There is a large proportion of practicing young people who do not attend Catholic schools or colleges and, therefore, don't have the opportunity to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. However, there are other ways around this. Some schools have offered to take past pupils and young people in their parishes as part of their own groups. The Mission Team is also exploring the idea of leading a young adult group by coach or train.

If you can offer any help, as a youth group leader or have any ideas, or if you are a young person who would like to go to Lourdes, please get in touch with the Youth Service Co-ordinator, Dom Finn, on (01642) 529102 or domfinn@mymission.org.uk The Diocesan Pilgrimage remains as a priority for the Mission Team and we'd like to do all we can to allow young people to experience Lourdes.

Dom Finn

## A Reflection by St Peter's Catholic College



The following are genuine quotes from the young pilgrims made at various times during their week in Lourdes and then shared as a reflection during the Youth Prayers one evening and the Thanksgiving Service at the end of the Pilgrimage.

**Megan H:** This is the worst journey I've ever been on in my life.

**Robyn:** I could have been in Benidorm this week. Can't believe I'm on this bus going to Lourdes instead.

**Aidan:** I'm so tired, I keep falling over.

**Jacob:** Miss, Aidan's tripped over again and he nearly landed in the goldfish bowl!

**Aidan:** Can I serve at Mass today?

**Luke:** I've only been an altar server for ten weeks...can't believe I just served at the International Mass!

**Megan H:** I haven't been to confession since I made my First Holy Communion. I'm scared.

**Emily:** I just told the priest something I've never told anyone else before.

**Sophie:** I thought my VIP was going to be dead grumpy but she's amazing! I love Joan. She used to go to our school you know.

**Megan P:** I felt so special doing that procession. My VIP Father Brian told me I'm a lovely girl and I cried.

**Callum:** My Mam doesn't know I can laugh this much!

**Megan H:** Cal, I love you. I'm going to sit with you at break times when we go back to school.

**Robyn:** Miss, we've just met this lovely lad from Scarborough called Tobias.

**Megan H:** Ere Miss, how nice is Tobias from Scarborough. He's perfection!

**Emily:** I did a really good job today...the Brancanarian told me.

**Robyn:** I'll do a reading...I'm so scared my legs are shaking.

**Megan P:** I want to get baptised when I get home because Father Brian has inspired me.

**Luke:** My VIP reminds me of my granddad...I miss him.

**Callum:** This is the most fun I've had in my whole life!

**Jacob:** Miss, who won the competition for asking the most stupid question?

**Robyn:** I think I want to get baptised when I get home as well.

**Megan H:** Can I be your Godmother?

**Callum:** My VIP Pat told me I made her day because I didn't get embarrassed when I got up on the altar.

**Jacob:** Is this the Himalayas? Will we see penguins up the mountain?

**Robyn:** What are mountains made of?

**Sophie:** Will we see polar bears?

**Megan H:** We should volunteer at the City of the Poor next year.

**Aidan:** My VIP is so lovely. I haven't got the heart to tell him my name is Aidan...he's called me Sean all week!

**All:** I want to come again!!!!





# Thank you

**On the last day of the Pilgrimage, Bishop Terry made a point of thanking everyone who had played a part in providing leadership and giving support during the week and ended with the following remarks:**

“One person I want to thank in particular is Father Paul Farrer ... after six years and seven pilgrimages, I have asked Father Paul to step down this year from his position of Director of the Pilgrimage and following the example of St Bernadette, I know that he always tries to say “yes”, putting the Church's and everyone else's needs before his own throughout the Pilgrimage and beyond.

Father Paul is a 'Lourdes Man'. He has a great devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. He first visited Lourdes in 1983 with St Mary's College, Hull. Since then Lourdes has been a great part of his life and priestly vocation making a pilgrimage here every year, sometimes even two or three times.

Since his appointment as Director of the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage, Father Paul has continued the great legacy of the Pilgrimage set by his predecessors and most recently, Father Brian Nicholson. Over that time, through his leadership, care, hard work and spirituality, Father Paul has guided our Pilgrimage through the many joys and challenges, ensuring firm foundations for his future successors to build on. He works tirelessly all year round so that as many people as possible can answer Mary's call to come to Lourdes and to ensure the success of the Pilgrimage.

Soon after he was appointed Director, his drive and passion led him also to be appointed the Secretary of the Association of Lourdes Pilgrimage Directors of Great Britain. Thanks to his ability, character and friendship, our Pilgrimage has built up strong links, positive working relationships and friendships with many other British pilgrimages, all to the benefit of our own Diocesan Pilgrimage.

As all great leaders do, he has encouraged others to grow and assert themselves, often by taking a back seat whilst offering reassurance and support. From organising the Pilgrimage photo with military precision, to whispering quiet words of encouragement, he is a true shepherd. He is especially passionate about sharing the story of Lourdes with young people so that they can grow into a deeper

relationship with God through Mary. He is extremely generous with both his time and resources. He supports both young and old and often seen buying ice-creams or drinks depending on age and inclination!

Father Paul has a great gift for spotting those in need in Lourdes. With the utmost care and direction, he has helped hundreds of people over the years through his gentle words of encouragement and love. Always trying to enhance pilgrims' spirituality, he has preached some memorable sermons and creative homilies. They are the result of his deep thought and prayer, so that we can understand the Gospel in a way that speaks to our lives. He challenges us when we are too comfortable, and he comforts us when we feel most challenged.

I want to thank you, Father Paul, for your wonderful and devoted Service, your unremitting commitment and dedication to the Pilgrimage and for your example and legacy. I know you will remain very much part of the Pilgrimage through your work in the MYMission Team and other functions. So Father Paul, thank you on behalf of us all here and all back in the Diocese.

In his place, I have asked Canon Derek Turnham to take over the Directorship of the Pilgrimage and I am sure you will keep him in your prayers as he moves forward working with the Lourdes Committee to maintain and develop the Pilgrimage into the future. So for all this we give thanks and praise to Almighty God for his goodness to us, for the gifts he has poured on us and for the gifts he will continue to pour on us always.”

## Stations of the Cross for Supported Pilgrims



## The Opening Mass

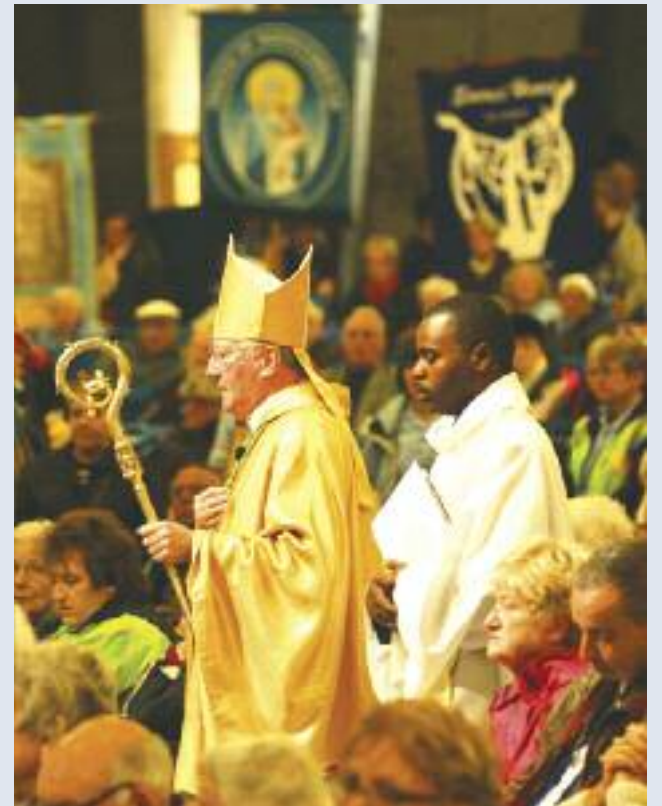




## The Youth Welcome



## Bishop Terry celebrates The International Mass



## Reconciliation Service





## Torchlight Procession



## Mass with other English Speaking Dioceses



## Pilgrims visit the Lac de Lourdes



## Mass for the Anointing of the Sick



## Entertainment and Party for the Supported Pilgrims



## Come and Join us.....!

If you have not taken part in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes yet or it is a number of years since you last took part, please give serious thought to coming in 2015. The dates of the 2015 Pilgrimage are Friday 22nd to Friday 29th May and Bishop Terry will lead us once again to that very special place accompanied by Bishop John, our Bishop Emeritus, who will be taking part in the Pilgrimage as he celebrates fifty years since his ordination as a priest. If you would like to speak to someone about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes or would like some general information about the booking process, please do not hesitate to contact Canon Derek Turnham on (01642) 292552 or e-mail [derektturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:derektturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)



## Kitui - transforming land and lives

Parishioners around the Diocese of Middlesbrough are taking up the 'Hands on challenge', a new project being developed by CAFOD with our partners Caritas Kitui, Kenya. Over the next two years with your support, the people of Kitui will restore their water supply.

### The story so far

Ten years ago, the Diocese of Kitui in South Eastern Kenya was a green and fertile area. A great dam provided fresh water to over 600 families. But now the soil is bare and the dam has dried up. Local people like Stella must walk for miles to reach a river that often has unclean water. But the people of Kitui have a plan to restore their land and water supply in just two years. And they need you to join them!

### The bold two-year plan

By digging terracing, planting ten thousand trees and restoring their dam, they will lay the foundations of a better and greener future. A future in which they can grow enough food for their families. "What this project aims to do is heal the land, nurture it and connect people to the land" (Philip, Project Co-ordinator in Kitui). The community needs to get this urgent work started as soon as possible, but they need one more thing before they can get the work done.

### They need you to get hands on too - by making a regular donation to fund this life-changing work. Will you help us raise £206,517 to fund this work?

Because they will directly fund the work, your regular gifts are essential to make this project a success.

### What next?

As soon as you get hands on you'll receive a simple welcome folder with information about the people and the project. Philip will write to you to explain exactly what the project involves, and you'll meet Stella and the very people this project will do so much for. It's easy to set up a direct debit for an amount which you can afford. The few minutes it takes you to do this can have a long term effect beyond imagining.

You can find out more about 'Hands on Kitui' by visiting [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk)

### Dates for your diary

**A visitor from Kitui:** Antony Mbandi, Director of Caritas Kitui, will be visiting our Diocese on **Monday 7th July** to speak about the work being done in the area where they are tackling poverty and climate change. He will be accompanied by Maria Elena Arana, CAFOD's Campaigns Co-ordinator, who will speak about CAFOD's latest Climate Change and Energy Campaign. **Venue is the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York starting at 1.00 pm with a light lunch and concluding at 2.30 pm. Please book with us if you are coming. Tel (01904) 671767 or e-mail [middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk](mailto:middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk)**

**Saturday 5th July: The Legacy of Romero - CAFOD's Annual Pilgrimage to Holy Island.** Come and join us for what is always an inspiring event. The pilgrimage walk across the causeway begins at 12 noon. There will be a liturgy in St Aidan's Church at 12.30 pm for those not walking across the causeway. Mass will be celebrated at 2.30 pm by Bishop John Rawsthorne in the Priory Grounds near to St Aidan's statue. **There is a coach going to Holy Island with two pick-up points: Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York at 8.30 am and St Francis of Assisi, Levick Crescent, Middlesbrough at 9.30 am.** Cost £15.00 per person. Up to ten free child places for under 16s accompanied by an adult. **Book your seat by calling (01904) 671767 or e-mailing [middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk](mailto:middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk)**

**Saturday 20th September, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm CAFOD Day of Reflection at Thicket Priory.** Take some time out of your busy life! Come and join us for a day of gentle reflection at the lovely Thicket Priory, led by Father Michael Ryan, the previous parish priest at St Wilfrid's, York. He's a great supporter of CAFOD! The day is free. You only need to bring your lunch with you. Tea, coffee and fruit juice provided. **The day will conclude with Mass at 3.00 pm.** Please book with us if you are intending to come along. All are welcome. Why not bring family and friends. There's plenty of room.

**Many thanks for all you do to support our sisters and brothers overseas.**

**Deacon David Cross**  
CAFOD Middlesbrough, Diocesan Manager



From left to right: Rita Leadbitter, Sue Fox, Teresa Riley, Anthea McGee and Maureen O'Leary

## Cracking Gift for Zoë's Place

The Union of Catholic Mothers at St Thomas More's, Middlesbrough presented Sue Fox from Zoë's Place with a cheque for £520.00. This magnificent sum was generated from our very popular Easter Eggstravaganza! A fun afternoon with raffles, tombola and ending with an Easter bonnet parade. Sincere thanks to everyone that supported this event with gifts and donations enabling us to donate all the proceeds to such a worthy and deserving cause.

Terry Gallagher

## AoS Pilgrimage to Holy Island

**The 11th Annual Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) North East of England Regional Pilgrimage to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne was held on Saturday 7th June. The gathering was led by The Right Reverend John Crowley, Bishop Emeritus of Middlesbrough, who travelled up from his parish in Harpenden to join us in prayer, and reflection in this most holy of places.**

From the outset, there were concerns about the weather, but undaunted, around 200 pilgrims arriving from all parts of the North East, and beyond, assembled just opposite St Cuthbert's island at 1.00 pm, for the now traditional 'Celtic Prayer on the Beach'. This has become a very popular feature and sets the tone for the remainder of the day. Hymns, readings and prayer resonated in the air, whilst the gentle lapping of the sea on the shore provided a natural backing of sound. Monsignor Ronnie Brown led, with other readers taking turns, to say prayers for our Bishops, for seafarers, for those who suffer, for the dead, and for peace. These were interspersed with readings; 'Until the tide turns', 'the Gate of Glory'; 'I have seen the Lord', and others, all delivered in this truly wonderful setting.

Mass was scheduled for later in the afternoon at 4.00 pm and as usual was to be held outside to cater for the much larger number of pilgrims expected. However, with the forecast looking so bleak and the wind freshening by the minute, the decision was made to bring it forward to 3.00 pm. Work continued on the outside setting with gazebos, awnings, etc and PA system all being put in place, but unfortunately at around 2.30 pm, much earlier than expected, the rain came. The decision was then made to move into the church of St Mary the Virgin for the Mass of Pentecost.

So after some improvisation with equipment, etc, the Mass began with perhaps between 350 and 400 people in the church, including 40 children and staff from English Martyrs Primary School in Newcastle. The Principal Celebrant was Bishop John whilst Monsignor Ronnie Brown concelebrated, assisted by Deacons Peter Barrigan and Jude Newton. In his homily, Bishop John spoke of "the holy island of Lindisfarne, steeped as it is within its long Celtic tradition of saints and scholars", and, "how fitting it was that we should celebrate our pilgrimage on the eve of Pentecost".

He went on to say of the Apostleship of the Sea, "we should rejoice afresh in the vision which drives your maritime work around the world. The AoS, like the Church of which she is a constituent member, has four essential marks, each of them necessary if we are to recognise that the Church is truly present within a particular situation. The Church of Christ is One, it is Holy, it is Catholic and Apostolic, just as our ministry to seafarers has four core principles, Mission, Solidarity, Welfare and Hospitality". He then went to explain each of these principles in greater detail.

After Mass, Eamonn Delaney, AoS Chair of Trustees, gave a short address, thanking the many pilgrims for joining us again, and for the ongoing support they give AoS. He then spoke of Monsignor Ronnie Brown, who has been an ever present at all of the pilgrimages over the years. Indeed, it is the format he devised that is still being used in the orders of service for the pilgrimage. He thanked Monsignor Ronnie too for the nine years he served as a Trustee of the AoS

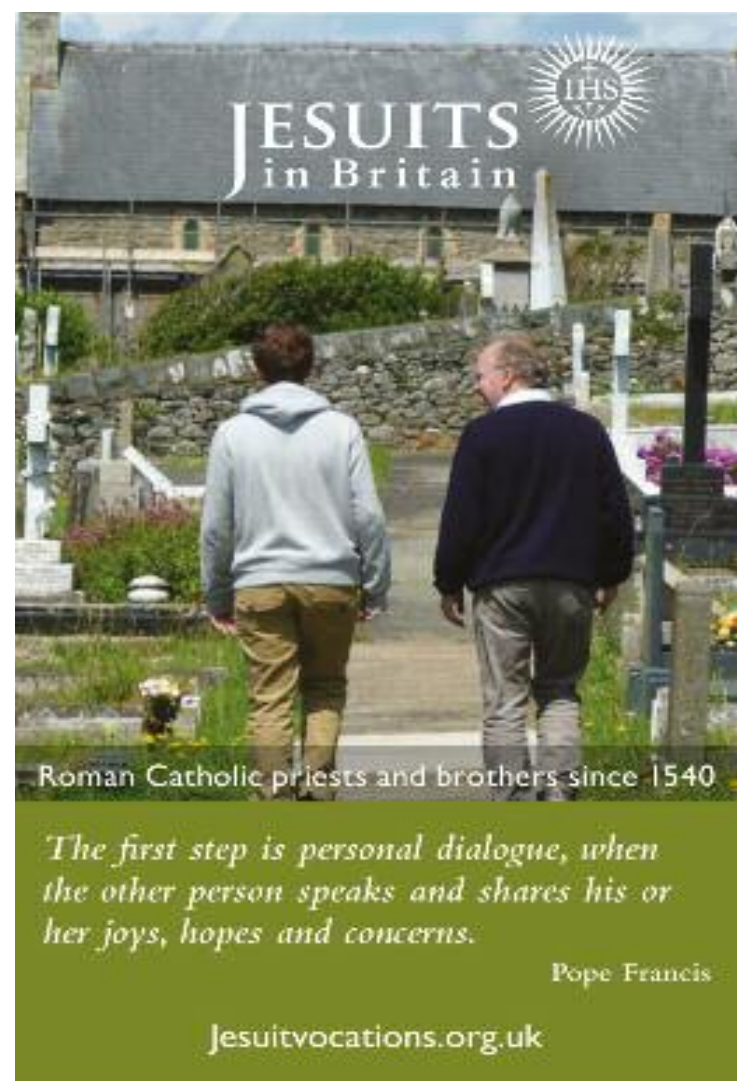


Bishop John surrounded by young pilgrims during Mass

and congratulated him in this his jubilee year when he is celebrating 50 years of ordination to the priesthood. To mark all these achievements, Bishop John presented Monsignor Ronnie with a crystal decanter and four crystal glasses on behalf of AoS.

After the final hymn, 'Eternal Father, strong to save', the congregation was treated to what has also now become something of a tradition with Piper Andrew Smith playing a number of Scottish melodies on the bagpipes. Despite the rearrangements and changes we had to make, it was, as pilgrims stated afterwards, another very special day.

**Tony McAvoy**  
Lay Port Chaplain, Tees & Hartlepool  
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# Evangelisation

## Catholic Primary Schools Cup



The tradition of moving this annual event to different venues in the Diocese is seen to be one of its strengths, and is apparently one of the reasons why our schools are so keen to participate year on year. After successful events at Thirsk (2012), following postponement at York because of the weather, and another great tournament at Hull (2013), we returned to the north of the Diocese this year. The venue was Trinity Catholic College and Sixth Form in Middlesbrough which provided wide open spaces and superb facilities for this, the 18th successive annual tournament.

We are grateful to Mr Peter Coady, the Headteacher and particularly to Simon Carey, both of whom were so receptive to us using the College facilities, and for being so supportive throughout the months of planning, and especially on the day itself. Our thanks also go to Site Management, catering staff, college students who acted as referees. We also thank the St John Ambulance personnel and owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bernard Swift who travelled up from Hull to be our official photographer on the day.

Pupils, teaching staff, parents and supporters from 36 of our primary schools, from Hull, Scarborough, York, Bridlington and Northallerton, travelled to the venue where over 600 children were provided with a day of sporting and social interaction. A total of 85 teams played in the separate boys and girls six-a-side competitions, initially in groups, on twelve specially marked pitches, with the teams with the highest number of points then progressing to the knock out stages. From a 10.00 am start, it took until the early afternoon before the 229 matches in the group stages were completed, and all this on the hottest day of the year so far!

The knock out stages then progressed with all the sporting endeavour you can imagine. The boy's final was played between Endsleigh Holy Child, Hull who overcame St Clare's, Middlesbrough to win the Cup for the first time. However St Clare's, girls went one better by beating St Benedict's, Redcar in their final. Winners and runners-up cups were awarded and players given medals. As is traditional, all of the 600 children who participated received a commemorative medal.

Away from the football, the Knights of St Columba Fair Play Salvors

Endsleigh boys cup winners including Headteacher Mr Matthew Harrington (on the left) and a member of staff, Mr Ian Grey, who coached the boys (on the right)

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The presentation of the Catena Shield to pupils in attendance and Mrs Steph Pratley and Mrs Angela Spencer from Our Lady and St Peter's School, Bridlington by Lynne McAvoy (second left) and Lynne Kemp (second right)

## Pope Francis Faith in Action Award

In September this year, the Diocese will pilot a scheme which will go on to form the basis for a national award.

The award will be open to young people in our schools and parishes. It asks them to put their faith and faith based learning into action, reflect upon it and see the difference faith makes to them and the society which they live in. For a little over a year, Dom Finn, Margaret Rees and Father Paul of the MYMission Team have been working with a group from the dioceses of Hallam and Nottingham on an award scheme for young people. Together with Amy Glanville of St Peter's College, South Bank and a number of our school chaplaincy co-ordinators, the group has worked to get to the stage where the award is good to go.

Partners in the scheme include all of the Yorkshire dioceses as well as the Diocese of Nottingham, the Knights of St Columba, CAFOD, the Catholic Education Service and CSAN. Great success of other such schemes has spurred on the work of this group. The John Paul II award is well established in Ireland and the Pope Benedict XVI award is in Scotland. It looks like Pope Francis' award in heading to England! We are very excited about the possibilities the award will present to our young people to be actively involved in the wider life of the Church. It really will be a way for them to put their faith into action and broaden their experience of the Church.





St Clare's, Middlesbrough - Girls winners

were won by Sacred Heart, Northallerton (boys) and St Mary and St Joseph, Pocklington (girls). The Bishop O'Brien Best Banner Award went to St Thomas More, Middlesbrough, and the Catena Shield for the most original pennant was won by Our Lady and St Peter, Bridlington for the second year running. The Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup (for excellence) was won by St Wilfrid's, York who will retain the trophy for a year but who receive a

smaller version to keep forever. Twelve spot prizes were also won by children from all parts of the Diocese. Members of the organising team wish to express sincere thanks to everybody who played a part in bringing Tournament 2014 to a successful conclusion. It is hard to believe, but it is with some degree of pride that we have now held 18 such events. However, as a small organising team, we have realised that the task

is becoming more demanding each year, and that it is time to hand it on to a new team, with schools perhaps taking ownership of the Tournament. We are hopeful that this can be achieved in the coming months and that the 'Catholic Cup' as it is known affectionately by our schools, will continue well into the future, long after our involvement.

**Tony McAvoy**  
Tournament Co-ordinator



St Benedict's, Redcar - Girls runners-up



St Clare's, Middlesbrough - Boys runners-up

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  - 2 Attends Meeting of CSAN, Romero House, London 12 noon
  - 2 Attends Election Working Party meeting, Eccleston Square, London 4.00 pm
  - 3 Attends Installation of Bishop of Whitby - York Minister 11.00 am
  - 3 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations, Pickering 7.00 pm
  - 5 Attends Invocation National Discernment Festival, Oscott College All day
  - 6 Event for New Catholics, Ampleforth
  - 8 Attends Bishop's Council meeting, Curial Office 11.00 am
  - 8 Attends NFL Mass, Our Lady, Acomb 4.00 pm
  - 8 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle 7.00 pm
  - 9 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board meeting 10.30 am
  - 9 Attends St Pauls Bookshop, York for Blessing 6.15 pm
  - 10 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations, Scarborough 7.00 pm
  - 11 Attends Installation of Bishop Hesketh as Bishop of Hallam, St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield 11.00 am
  - 13 Attends Annual Postgate Rally, St Anne's, Ugthorpe 2.30 pm
  - 15 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations, St Francis of Assisi & St Clare of Assisi Parishes 7.00 pm
  - 16 Celebrates Confirmations, Christ the King, Thornaby 7.00 pm
  - 17 Attends Madonna House Annual General Meeting at Robin Hood's Bay 4.00 pm
  - 18 Celebrates Mass and Talk on St Teresa of Avila at Thicket Priory 10.00 am
  - 19-20 Parish Visitations, St Andrew's, Teesville All day
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## MYMission Round-Up

July will see the end of the fourth year of work for the MYMission Team. It is hard to imagine where the time has gone and yet, at the same time, it is difficult for us to recall a time when the Team wasn't a part of the life of the Diocese. Now well established, the Team has enjoyed another successful year, working to great effect with very many young people and even some adult groups.

This year, we are grateful to Sam(antha) Haley, Annie Hunter and Charlotte Peters, all of whom volunteered with the Team. They all brought their gifts and talents to us and gave generously to the young people they met. Sam quickly moved on to full-time employment while Annie and Charlotte have been much more of a fixture! Dom Finn is now well established as the Youth Service Co-ordinator, a role which sees her taking ever greater responsibility in the hectic life of the Youth Service and Mission Team. She is the point of intersection between Youth Service administration and organisation, the outreach work of the MYMission Team and the first port of call for all of the school chaplains who work with Margaret Rees. Louise Williams, the Mission Team Pastoral Leader, is also establishing herself in the role of creating content and delivering missions. Both have done great work in learning their roles this year and coping with the ever changing demands of keeping up with my mad plans and half-cocked ideas! Dom Boyes has also continued to play an invaluable part as a member of the Mission Team, joining us more often than not and bringing both skill and enthusiasm to our efforts.

An interesting development this year has seen both Rosalyn Boyes and Nicki Lawrie join forces and offer some schools support and training in Godly Play which has been very well received. As our work continues to grow, take shape and develop, we hope to be able to facilitate as much work which empowers others as possible. January saw the Team welcome Limnyuy Gamsi, a student for the priesthood at Valladolid. Although a student for the Nottingham Diocese, he joined us to get a sample of community living, contemporary youth ministry and a feel for the young Catholics of this country. Lim was a great boon to us and joined together with the InReality Team from Hallam in helping us deliver a successful full school mission at St Mary's College in Hull.

All of our work in underpinned by fantastic support from Bishop Terry and our Development Group headed up by Barney Ord. Without them we would be floundering and we are delighted to receive direction, vision and support from them. This year also saw the MYMission Team receive the results of an external review carried out at the request of Bishop Terry. This was a very positive experience which celebrated the great strides we have taken in developing a vision for youth ministry within the Diocese and also set us new challenges for the years ahead. We look forward to the next academic year with renewed vigour as we take up those challenges, recognising that all we do is done joyfully at the service of the Gospel.

Father Paul Farrer

## Street Evangelisation

Street Evangelisation used to be something of a common feature in our major cities but we do not hear or read of it so much in these present times.

Making a welcome comeback to this aspect of delivering the Christian Catholic message in the public square is a group of parishioners in Kingston-upon-Hull who it is believed are the first United Kingdom Chapter of The St Paul's Street Evangelisation, which has its origins in the USA. A Hull parishioner, Frances Redmore of St Charles Borromeo Church, learnt about the USA initiative which like many such things has grown from small beginnings and is now evident in many cities of North America and Canada. It featured on EWTN and this prompted her to form a group in Hull to take up the idea which involves just a few people coming together, about five in number, who place themselves in a busy thoroughfare in the Centre of a town or city and give out free rosaries and immaculate medals. They are also prepared to talk about Jesus to anyone enquiring or to pray with people who request it.

The process is conducted in a manner that the group are approached by passers-by and not the other way round so that everything is conducted in a friendly way and no-one is spoken to or approached who has not requested it. The Hull evangelisation has been going on for several months and involves the group coming together just one Saturday each month to meet up at Monument Bridge in the centre of Hull that is located outside a major shopping complex. The group say they have had a good response especially among young people in the sixteen to 'early twenties' group and have had very little adverse reaction.

Quite a few people have asked for prayers and are quite content to be prayed with whilst stood in the street. At the first of the Hull Street Evangelisation meetings, the group had thirty rosaries, all of which were handed out on request. Vital to the work of this team is that at the same time as they are in the city centre, there is also a group meeting at the Hull Endsleigh Pastoral Centre supporting them with prayer. The evangelisation team also receive 1,000 free rosaries for distribution. Further information can be obtained from the website [www.streetevangelization.com](http://www.streetevangelization.com) and locally from Judith Miller on (01482) 374888.

Deacon Brian Morgan



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