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## Bishop's Column

I write this column in the middle of August, and the media is full of terrifying reports and images of the "Islamic State" jihadists in their barbaric attempt to restore the "Caliphate", which was abolished in 1923 by Kamal Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey. The Vatican has been swift in its condemnation of the atrocities and encouragement for continued dialogue. *"The dramatic plight of Christians, Yezidis and other religious communities and ethnic minorities in Iraq requires a clear and courageous stance on the part of religious leaders, especially Muslims, as well as those engaged in interreligious dialogue and all people of goodwill. All must be unanimous in condemning unequivocally these crimes and in denouncing the use of religion to justify them."*

Listening to the radio the other day I heard that before the Allied invasion of Iraq there were over 60,000 Christians in Mosul. Immediately following the invasion there were some 30,000. Last month it was down to 20 families and last weekend there were just five Christian families left there, the rest had fled in fear and terror. I have looked on various websites to try and understand and see what is happening in this part of the world and I can assure you that I have never seen such graphically barbaric material in my life. The letter from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, from which I quoted above, goes on to name and unambiguously denounce and condemn some of the practices which bring shame on humanity:

- The massacre of people on the sole basis of their religious affiliation
- The despicable practice of beheading, crucifying and hanging bodies in public places
- The choice imposed on Christians and Yezidis between conversion to Islam, payment of a tax (jizya) or forced exile
- The forced expulsion of tens of thousands of people, including children, elderly, pregnant women and the sick
- The abduction of girls and women belonging to the Yezidi and Christian communities as spoils of war (sabaya)
- The imposition of the barbaric practice of infibulation
- The destruction of places of worship and Christian and Muslim burial places
- The forced occupation or desecration of churches and monasteries
- The removal of crucifixes and other Christian religious symbols as well as those of other religious communities
- The destruction of a priceless Christian religious and cultural heritage
- Indiscriminate violence aimed at terrorizing people to force them to surrender or flee

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# Get Ready For Lourdes 2015!

**It hardly seems five minutes since the Diocese returned after a spiritually uplifting Lourdes Pilgrimage, but here we are starting plans for our next journey.**



In this edition of *Catholic Voice* we encourage readers to begin their personal preparations for the next pilgrimage, which takes place from Friday May 22 to Friday May 29 2015...

## New Pilgrims Wanted

If you would like to travel to Lourdes in 2015 with the Diocese and have never been before or it is many years since you last took part, please contact Canon Derek Turnham, who has recently been appointed Pilgrimage Director, to ask for your name to be added to the list of people who are sent booking forms.

These forms are usually distributed before Christmas. If you would like any information about the pilgrimage or have any questions, please contact Canon Turnham by telephone on (01642) 292552 or by email at [derekturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:derekturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

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# Spirituality and Worship

## Bishop’s Column

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Let us therefore unite our voices with that of Pope Francis: “May the God of peace stir up in each one of us a genuine desire for dialogue and reconciliation. Violence is never defeated by violence. Violence is defeated by peace.”  
Yours in blessed hope

## Huge Turnout For Funeral Of Lourdes Legend



Looking around St Anthony’s Church in Hull at the funeral of Malcolm Campbell, it was obvious to everyone just how many lives he had touched. People had gathered to pay their respects to Malcolm because of his long-standing association and devotion to Lourdes and there was standing room only. At least 500 people from all over the Diocese came to say goodbye to a much-loved and respected individual. Father Pat Day, who was joined by a large number of priests, led the congregation as they remembered Malcolm through lots of tears and much laughter.

Malcolm first travelled to Lourdes as a scout from Holy Name Parish in 1954 and thus the seed was planted. Those who knew Malcolm well will even know his email address was a nod to his devotion to the pilgrimage. From 1979 to 1981, he travelled on working parties to Chalet Across with the Jumbulance and was involved with local fundraising for the Across Trust.

In 1987, he started organising and travelling with the St Stephen’s Youth Group, first of all with Father Tom O’Neill and then the following 10 years with Hull Youth and Father Pat. I first attended Lourdes with Malcolm and his wife Jean in 1988. Many have told me recently how Malcolm and Jean were like a Dad and Mum to them and I, like many others, returned to Lourdes a number of times. Without doubt, this was due to the care and commitment of Malcolm (even if we did have to arrive at the ferry terminal long before we were booked on the ferry – Malcolm always insisted on getting there early!).

Lourdes played an important role in many young people’s faith development but Malcolm always ensured it was fun too. His devotion was commendable.

Those who have contributed to this article are too numerous to name individually but you all know who you are – thank you.

Angela

## Supported Pilgrims

Our supported pilgrims, who we used to call “sick pilgrims” but now refer to by this broader and more inclusive term, are always very much at the heart of the pilgrimage. Now is the time to indicate if you would like to be considered for a place as a supported pilgrim. If you do, please complete this form and post it to The Secretary, Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 4 Cromore Close, Thornaby-on-Tees, Stockton, TS17 0HW.

## What Happens Next?

When we receive your form, we will send you further details, with an application pack. Please remember that you will need a current passport and EHIC card, so if you don’t have these at the moment, you should make arrangements to get these sooner rather than later.

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## Appeal For Wheelchairs

The wheelchairs we use in Lourdes for helping our supported pilgrims get out and about and visit the Grotto and the many services are drawn from an increasingly ageing stock and a few are now past their best. We periodically update with new wheelchairs as best we can, some from very kind donations and some from fundraising within the Lourdes family.

Ahead of this year’s pilgrimage, four new chairs were obtained in remembrance of some very special people with long-standing affiliations to the Diocese and the Pilgrimage. Along with a chair in memory of Brian Dowd, there were another three in remembrance of:

- **Tom Waterson**, our longest serving Lourdes brancardier with an incredible and possibly never-to-be-beaten 51 years’ service to our Diocesan Pilgrimage.
- **Nick Whitfield**, who first visited Lourdes as a sick child with his parents. He later returned and served as a brancardier before he passed away at a very young age. His father, Tony, has served as a brancardier for many years.
- **Malcolm Campbell**, who served our Diocese in so many ways from his Hull base, including tremendous support for the Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage. Many will not know of Malcolm, such was his unassuming manner, but to those who did know him and his efforts, his light shines bright.

Since this year’s pilgrimage, we have received an amazingly generous donation of 15 brand new wheelchairs from a local business who want no publicity for this act. Therefore their name remains confidential, but nevertheless we are extremely grateful for this act of kindness. This donation has greatly boosted our numbers of good quality wheelchairs, but we are always looking to increase our stock so we can look after our supported pilgrims as best as we can during



our time in Lourdes, hence this appeal.

If you have any wheelchairs you no longer have the need for, they can be put to extremely good use in Lourdes. As long as they are in reasonable condition, we will be able to give them the once-over, repair any minor damage, and give them a new lease of life at Lourdes. If you have any chairs that may be suitable, please contact me on headbranc@middlesbroughlourdes.co.uk or by telephone on 07779 457729 and collection will be arranged. Many thanks for your continued support to the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Tony Kirk, Head Brancardier

## In Loving Memory Of Brian

The name of a faithful servant of the Diocese of Middlesbrough will be remembered forever, thanks to the donation of a wheelchair to the Lourdes Pilgrimage. Brian Dowd, the long-term Editor of the Catholic Voice and the man who created and managed the Diocesan website, was struck down with Motor Neurone Disease at the age of 55 and died on Friday August 2 2013. He was a long-term parishioner of St Clare’s, Brookfield, devoting much of his time to the church.

The money for the wheelchair was raised by the brancardiers of the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and the Knights of St Columba, who wanted to help remember Brian after he attended Lourdes as a supported pilgrim in 2013.

Brancardier Paul Griffiths said: “When Brian came to Lourdes as a VIP last year, he carried his illness so magnanimously and humbly that it was a pleasure to look after him.”

The brancs decided to raise the money for the wheelchair when the subject was discussed at their organising meeting shortly before this year’s Lourdes Pilgrimage departed and they all agreed to help raise the money. Paul added: “The word was put out and the donations flooded in. People gave so generously and the money needed was raised in just three days, a testament to just how highly regarded Brian was.”

The wheelchair was purchased in time for this year’s Lourdes Pilgrimage and a plaque was added that reads: “Brian Dowd – a committed servant of the Middlesbrough Diocese. Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.”





# A Taste Of Lourdes

Here we publish some appreciative comments received after the 2014 pilgrimage...

**A letter to the headteacher of St Peter's Catholic College in South Bank, Middlesbrough**

I just wanted to tell you how impressed and proud I was of the St Peter's students while on pilgrimage in Lourdes. When on duty in the accueil, I had the pleasure of working alongside the St Peter's group. They were noticeably smiley, enthusiastic, gentle, polite and generally pleasant company. They were approachable and responded well to instruction. It was clear that the whole group were delighted to be there and getting so much from the pilgrimage.

When I saw them around the town, they were the same: behaving in an exemplary manner, happy and chatty. But none of this prepared me for what was to come. In the final Thanksgiving Service, I was delighted to hear the witness account from Hannah Conway, representing Sacred Heart School, an ex-St Margaret's pupil. When I realised that this was to be followed by the whole St Peter's group, I waited with baited breath; would they speak up? Would they mumble? Would they do the touchy feely stuff in front of all of those 1,000-plus people?

The tears start as I just think about what followed. With complete credit to (teacher) Amy for recording the words of the students from throughout the week, what can I say? I think, 'Wow!' does it. From the hilarity of polar bears and the Pyrenees-Himalayas mix-up, to the contrast of the worst ever coach trip to best ever school trip, to Jacob Foster's inability to get his words out for laughing (along with the whole congregation), to the girls who wish to be baptised (heavens, can I be their godmother?) – from start to finish, they all had us on the edge of our seats. Their words were heartfelt, funny, honest and full of faith.

Those kids put South Bank on the map. I was – I am – so proud! As an ex-teacher of theirs. As a teacher of St Oswald's. As a Catholic. As

a Teessider. And do you know what? I'm not the only one. Every one in that room was proud of them. And most of them won't know where St Peter's is and what it's come through in the last few years. The congregation's applause was rapturous, the tears were flowing, all who could stand were on their feet – and I was the first to leap up, I can tell you. Even now, my heart bursts thinking of it.

So, well done. What is being done in your beautiful, family environment is so evident. Thank you for sharing your fantastic students. I'm so proud to say that, as part of St Oswald's, I'm part of it too. Keep doing what you're doing – believe me, it is not going unnoticed.

**Rochelle Nestor**

## Letter from a supported pilgrim

To all concerned with our Lourdes Pilgrimage, a million thanks to each and every one for the wonderful care and kindness shown to us. We were treated like royalty. From Bishop Terry, clergy, altar servers, choir and orchestra, doctors, nurses, brancardiers, handmaids – and our pushers, what would we do without them?

The trip to the lake was great. The party night was wonderful – what more can we say? The tears said it all, I was full of emotion.

Congratulations to Audrey, Chris and Keith in your new appointments. Thanks for the care and kindness and love.

**Margaret and Sid Henderson**



## Lourdes Ball

For a number of years the Middlesbrough Lourdes Hospitalité, which has the task of keeping the Lourdes Pilgrimage in our minds throughout the whole of the year, has organised a very successful Lourdes Ball. This year's details are...

Lourdes Ball 2014  
Friday September 12  
The Legends Lounge, Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough  
7pm till late  
Tickets are priced £35  
Contact: Audrey Kirby, telephone 07791 071159 or email at a.kirby356@gmail.com



A visitor to the chapel looks at the altar surrounded by sculptures made by Ampleforth College art master, John Bunting.

## 'Hidden' Chapel Draws Crowds

**Dozens of walkers trekked for 45 minutes up a rough track to a rarely-opened chapel near Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire.**

It was built by sculptor John Bunting, who taught art at the Abbey's College, and pays tribute to former pupils who fought in World War II. The sculptor's son, Bernard Bunting, was present and spoke to many of the visitors.

The next open day at the chapel will be Saturday September 13 from noon to 4pm.

Parking is available at the Sutton Bank National Park Centre on the Thirsk-Scarborough road, some one-and-a-half miles from the site. It can be contacted on (01845) 597426.

The site is at Scotch Corner, near the village of Oldstead, which was formerly called Scots Corner because the Scots defeated the English at the Battle of Byland in 1322. Two Bronze Age burial sites lie nearby.

**Michael Morrissey**

## Donations Flood In

As most people are aware, there were devastating floods in Lourdes last year, leading to an enormous amount of damage to buildings and, of course, resulting in the loss of much equipment. The Lourdes authorities launched an appeal for funds to replace and repair the damaged articles and this has been extremely well supported. In the same flooding, our Diocesan Pilgrimage lost 90% of the equipment we store in Lourdes. This included items from as small as tea cups and kettles to such things as wheelchair covers and hoists. As a result of this loss, we had to replace what equipment we could prior to our pilgrimage this year, so we launched a Lourdes Equipment Fund appeal. To date a fantastic amount of £4,600 has been raised from all parts of our Diocese thanks to coffee mornings, raffles, cake stalls and donations. Can I say a huge thank you to all of those who contributed in any way to the appeal. The money raised was used to buy the replacement essential equipment for our pilgrimage. Well done to one and all, I thank you and look forward to your continued support.

**Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid**

# Join Bishop Terry In Rome

**Applications are invited to join Bishop Terry on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Rome from October 5 to 9 2015.**

The party will fly directly from Leeds Bradford Airport to Rome and the price includes four nights' accommodation at a four-star hotel in shared twin or double rooms with private facilities, plus four continental breakfasts and four lunches or dinners.

There will be two half-day guided tours with English speaking guides (headphones included) and three half-day coach tours, plus an evening out in Trastevere with Evening Prayer followed by dinner.

Visits will include...

- St Peter's Basilica, where Mass will be celebrated
- The Papal Audience (providing Pope Francis is in Rome)
- All the major basilicas – St John Lateran, St Mary Major and St Paul Outside the Walls, hopefully celebrating Mass in each
- The Catacombs of San Sebastian (entrance fee included)

There will be the opportunity to see some of the city's historic sites, including the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, Castel Saint Angelo, Trevi Fountain and 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 10kg hand luggage, hotel accommodation (with a single supplement for those not sharing) and meals as detailed above. Transfers to and from Leeds Bradford Airport will be extra.

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# For The Love Of Our Lady

If you were to go to the Lady Chapel above Mount Grace Priory in North Yorkshire to pray with a group of friends, the last thing you would expect to happen would be the arrival of a court official with orders to arrest you, take you to York and imprison you. Yet this is exactly what happened to a group of people who had assembled there on September 7 1614, 400 years ago.

Despite the fundamental changes which had taken place in England since the reign of Henry VIII, in the remote and scattered communities around the North York moors a great many people had quietly ignored the legislations and directives of the Established Church and continued with the devotions and traditions of their forefathers: after all, monarchs came and went, and between Henry's break with Rome and Elizabeth's reintroduction of Protestantism, the country had once more returned to Catholicism under Mary, and a change in London which would take England back to conformity with the majority of the European community was not inconceivable.

There had been hopes that the son of Mary, Queen of Scots would take a more tolerant view of his Catholic subjects, but the catastrophic events of the Guy Fawkes plot had hardened official views on conformity. In the decade after his accession, James I was to take decisive steps to counter opposition to the Established Church, whether from Dissenters or Catholics – his lasting memorial being the Authorised Version of the Bible, the King James Bible as it is popularly known, written in English, not Latin as was customary in the western Catholic Church.

It was in this climate that the Commission for Ecclesiastical Causes within the Province of York determined to act against the “diverse and sundrie superstitious and popish affected persons” who continued to “frequent (in manner of pilgrimage), to repara unto a certaine chapel or hermitage, near unto the late dissolved monasterie of Mount Grace, in Cleveland, of the diocese of York, especiaillie upon the Ladies and other saints eves..and tymes the saide persons flocking together, doe observe and practice diverse superstitions and popish ceremonies”. The Commissioners ordered “all Justices of the Peace, mayors, and others within the province of York to arrest all persons frequenting the said pilgrimage, and take them before the Commissioners, or else to have them bound to sureties of £50 apiece to appear before them”.

The order was signed by the Archbishop of York and the Commissioners, and issued on September 5. The unsuspecting group who assembled at the Chapel two days later were, as the record in the High Commission Act Book tells us, “brought in by the pursuivant Blanchard,” who had arrested the party, and brought as evidence “certain popishe bokes and other superstitious

things”. Marmaduke Lodge of Appleton Wiske is named as the leader of the group, but the rest of the group of pilgrims were women and children – 16 in total. Their homes were in Little Smeaton, Osmotherley, Hutton Bonville, Ellerbeck, Harlsey Grange, Yafforth and Northallerton, and a glance at the map will remind us of their commitment given that the journey would be on foot in most cases.


It is no accident that this is an overwhelmingly female group, with their attendant children. The financial penalties of non-attendance at the Established place of worship fell heavily in the men, and occasional conformity could well be expected to avoid the attrition of family resources. It can be argued that the women, lacking personal wealth, could be much freer in their observance of the traditional religion and in transmitting it to the next generation. It may, of course, be simply that the women were more pious and firmer in their devotion. In any event, in a world where education and formation were essentially domestic, it was the women who had the central role in faith formation and allegiance.

The arrest was followed swiftly by the order that they were to appear in the market place at Northallerton “upon Weddensdaie next in the fullness of the market there, in whose presence and hearing Mr Kay the minister there...shall with a lowd and Audible voice reed and publishe as hereafter contained”. The declaration is to announce that these persons “did supstitioslie assemble together in companies...demeaning themselves contrarie to the orders of the Church of England, to the offence of the godlie and evill example of others...pretending onlie ignorance of the Lawe in that behalf”.

They failed to appear, and for the next year they were to be repeatedly summoned, to no obvious effect. It is worth noting that this was clearly a public demonstration of the power of the regime. Two days between the proclamation and the arrest left no time for people to be aware of the tightening of the law, although whether prior knowledge would have deterred them, we will never know: as an article in volume 43 of the Yorkshire Archaeological Journal states: “The custom of making pilgrimages to this place remained in vogue during all that century” and goes on to quote an early 18th Century report that “speaks of the Lady's Chapel and well, near Mount Grace, famous for the resort of Romish pilgrims”. In 1808, Graves wrote that “Numerous miracles are reported to have been performed at this chapel by Our Lady's help”. The actual location of the well is noted to be on the South side of the Chapel, “but nearly drained away”.

The Chapel, now re-roofed and once more a place of pilgrimage and worship, is a tranquil place, set aside and above the Vale. Many

THE LADY CHAPEL  
MOUNT GRACE



Annual Rosary Pilgrimage

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will know it through the annual pilgrimage from the Diocese of Middlesbrough, or attendance at Mass on Saturday afternoons, but it is still regularly visited by individuals and groups who make the prayerful journey up the lane to spend time away from the engaging and disrupting distractions of daily life, and to there open mind and heart to the loving care of God, especially evident in the life of Mary the Mother of Jesus, the first to say “Yes” to God's invitation to life in Christ – not an easy life by any standard.

When we go there, we are in no danger of arrest, but would the likelihood of being arrested make us more or less likely to go with our friends? How deep is our commitment to prayer, and how tolerant are we of people who take a different route to the same destination? It is a salutary thought that once citizenship is bound up with religion, conflict and persecution will follow, and in the years following the arrest of the pilgrims at the Lady Chapel, Europe was ravaged by warring states, each demanding allegiance to its form of Christianity.

I had the privilege of escorting members of the Middlesbrough Islamic community to the Chapel recently, and learned to my surprise how great is their reverence for Mary the

Mother of Jesus. As we now move together in prayer, service and worship – Churches Together – we must remember the other People of the Book in the Middle East, who are experiencing the same kind of bloody internecine conflicts that our ancestors endured, and work with them for a tolerant world, rooted in the Honour and Glory of God our Father.

To make a pilgrimage to the Chapel on September 7 this year would be a fitting reminder of the courage and commitment of individuals down the ages who have unflinchingly upheld their beliefs in the face of persecution and hardship, and there to ask for the intercession of all of them that we might have peace in our time.

• To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the above events, an all-night vigil will be held at the Lady Chapel on Sunday September 7. This will commence with first vespers of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place through the night, culminating in Holy Mass at dawn (6am). A thanksgiving breakfast will take place afterwards. Contact [www.ladychapel.org.uk](http://www.ladychapel.org.uk) for more information.

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## Sun Shines On Pilgrims

This party enjoyed a perfect day for their annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, on Saturday July 12. The pilgrimage was organised by Marie Bedingfield of Norton.

John O'Neill



# It's A Monk's Life!

A fascinating glimpse into the life of a Carthusian monk in the heyday of Mount Grace Priory was obtained by members of York Newman Circle on a visit to the ancient site.

Guide and site administrator Barbara Owen demonstrated her in-depth knowledge of all aspects of the Priory, from the history of its foundation to the intricacies of its plumbing arrangements.

The visit took place during what she said was the first wedding to take place in the truly magnificent setting of Mount Grace.

Like most monks at this period, the Carthusians were drawn from the literate, upper levels of society. The first Carthusians to be established in England came from the Grande Chartreuse at the invitation of Henry II in 1178-79, who had agreed to found new monasteries as a penance for his part in the murder of Thomas Becket.

Mount Grace itself was founded by Thomas de Holand, nephew of Richard II, in 1398. Kings Henry V and VI were involved with Mount Grace at various times, as of course was Henry VIII, whose role consisted of winding it up.

We might think of monks' lives as essentially communal – singing in choir, eating and working together and sleeping in dormitories.

But the inspiration for St Bruno and the first Carthusians was the desire to return to the early ideals of the Eastern Church, practising the solitary life of hermits and living in community simply for security and economic reasons.

So each monk had his own more or less private accommodation, ate alone and prayed most of the Offices of the Church on his own.

By withdrawing from the world and living an austere, frugal and essentially solitary life, they were able to concentrate on prayer and contemplation to the exclusion of all else.

It was a hard life – the Priory included a



Mount Grace Priory – Photo by Rosemary Phizackerley

prison for monks who absconded or otherwise misbehaved!

Each monk had his own living quarters and one of these has been reconstructed. He would enter his cell by a door from the cloister alley, where one can see the hatch in which the food was left by one of the lay brothers, without disturbing the monk's solitude.

The cell itself is far from being cramped and tiny. It is hardly much smaller than a small modern house, with two reasonable-sized ground floor rooms and a large studio/workshop area covering the whole of the upper floor.

Each had its own garden, access to fresh water and a passageway leading to a latrine flushed by running water, so although the monks led frugal, disciplined and prayerful lives, their accommodation was moderately spacious and comfortable.

• For further information about York Newman Circle, contact Judith Smeaton on (01904) 704525 or email [judith.smeaton@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.smeaton@btinternet.com)

Bob Smeaton

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# It's Not So Little Now!



The Little BIG Assembly 2014 was the most successful yet. We saw the largest number of young people who told us they had the best time in the event's four-year history.

I am really proud that this year the whole thing was delivered by a Team made up entirely of young people from our own Diocese, although we did have a little help from returning Nottingham seminarian Lim Gamsi – who really is one of the family.

Pope Francis is using the next three World Youth Days (2014 to 2016) to highlight the Beatitudes, that part of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus lets us know that our happiness hinges on our relationship with God the Father and our ability to put the needs of others before our own.

The LBA 2014 therefore had as its theme 'The Pursuit of Happiness' and we were delighted that Joe Hammill of local band Cattle and Cane and Father Damian Cassidy OCarm, the Prior of Aylesford Priory, joined us for the week to tell their stories. They gave great witness to the young people and had a deep impression on them.

I am very grateful to everyone who makes up the MYMission Team for their dedication to such a big project. It will be back in 2015 and before the end of the year we will hold a similar event for the older young people in our education system.

The Little BIG Assembly is not so little, either in its ambitions or its effects! Of course, we cannot do this without the support we get from the Diocesan Schools Service and the schools themselves, who find time to attend and host each of the events. We thank them too.

Father Paul Farrer

# Healing Mass Brings Comfort And Strength

There was an atmosphere of prayerfulness, trust and joy when Father Michael Keogh celebrated a healing Mass at English Martyrs Church in Sleights.

Many came seeking healing, including people from local nursing homes and people who needed the help of others to get there. The SVP arranged lifts for some and others were brought by parishioners.

Those who came found comfort and strength in receiving both the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion.

Father Michael was assisted by Father Roger Guiver, Father Reuben Ezebuofor and Father Pat Keogh.

After the Mass, refreshments were served in the hall and the healing continued as some who are normally housebound or isolated were able to catch up with friends they hadn't seen for a long time.



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# Making Middlesbrough A Traffick-Free Zone

**Bishop Terry will open a major event examining the issue of human trafficking being held in partnership between the Diocese of Middlesbrough and anti-slavery charity UNCHOSEN.**

Human Trafficking is one of the most appalling crimes of modern times and occurs all over the world. It can take place between or within countries and victims may be men, women, girls or boys.

People are trafficked for reasons including domestic labour, agriculture, restaurant work, food processing, prostitution, among many others.

Victims may be trafficked into the UK country and British nationals have also been trafficked out of this country. The UK Human Trafficking Centre recognised 2,255 potential victims in 2012, including 549 children.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has made raising awareness about trafficking one of its priorities and Bishop Terry asked the Diocesan Women's Commis-

sion to undertake the task.

This event will show three UNCHOSEN short films on the subjects of domestic labour, prostitution and a victim who was forced to look after a cannabis farm. The stories are based on true events, portrayed by actors.

The films will be followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel consisting of Superintendent Rob Donaghy of Cleveland Police, Jane Harmer, service director of A Way Out, Stockton-on-Tees, and Doctor Anqi Shen, senior lecturer in Policing at Teesside University.

The panel will be chaired by Middlesbrough MP Andy McDonald and Chief Constable Jacqui Cheer will give an overview.

Exhibitors, whose work is connected to this topic, include HARBOUR, The Medaille Trust, The Methodist Asylum Seekers Project, Justice First, Middlesbrough Diocesan Justice and Peace Group, CAFOD, A Way Out and Victim Support.

The UNCHOSEN Roadshow will be held on

Tuesday September 30 at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, TS3 6LD between 7pm and 9pm. Doors open at 6.30pm.

UNCHOSEN's goal is to "empower people to make social change".

Advance booking is preferred. To book, visit <https://middlesbroughtraffickfree.eventbrite.co.uk> or write, giving your name and address, to Anti-trafficking Event, Curial Offices, 50a The

Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT.

The Diocese of Middlesbrough is working with and supported by Middlesbrough Council, Cleveland Police and Crime Commission, Together Middlesbrough, Teesside University, The Catenians and The Knights of St Columba.

Catherine Rowland

Timetable	
Doors open – view stalls	6.30pm
Opening words – Bishop Draine	7pm
Chief Constable Jacqui Cheer QPM (overview)	7.05pm
Introduction to films	7.15pm
Screening of films	7.20pm
Question-and-answer panel	8pm
Thanks/departures	8.45pm

## A Credit To Everyone

**Voice readers will be aware of a renewed emphasis among Christian denominations in the UK on the positive role Credit Unions play in addressing issues of poverty.**

This is very much a result of the Archbishop of Canterbury's initiative aimed at raising the profile of Credit Unions as a positive alternative to payday lenders and other organisations who loan money at high rates of interest.

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), on behalf of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has played a part in supporting this initiative and encouraging parishes and Catholic organisations to offer encouragement to Credit Unions.

Credit Unions themselves would not claim they can offer an immediate solution to poverty but by encouraging the practice of regular saving and by making moderate loans available to their members at sensible rates of interest, they provide support to many families who struggle financially.

In due course more information will become available on how parishes can support their local Credit Unions, but in Middlesbrough there is an immediate contribution that local parishioners can make.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Community Shop at 22-24 Rothbury Road, Park End, is entering into an exciting partnership with the Pioneer Credit Union and volunteers are needed to run the new part-time Credit Union Collection Point being established in the Berwick Hills area.

## A Volunteer's View

Volunteering with the Credit Union offers you an opportunity to be part of a unique service in your community. Credit Union membership is open to everyone who lives or works within Middlesbrough and members come from all walks of life, as do the volunteers who run them.

As a volunteer you will actually see the difference you make to your community. Members will tell you how their lives changed when they joined. Some people had never had a holiday, others have never been able to afford new furniture and many have had to take on debt to cope with Christmas.

Now, as members of the Credit Union, they have learned how to save and how to borrow responsibly. This has all been achieved by the volunteers who run the organisation. By giving as little as one hour per week, you too can help to improve people's lives.

You will also have the comfort of knowing that everyone working alongside you is also a volunteer. There are no "fat cats" in the Credit Union. The organisation is led by a Board of Directors (also all volunteers) who genuinely care for the local communities – because that's where they live too!

Volunteers need no formal qualification. They come from all social, educational, ethnic and financial backgrounds. All we ask is that they can speak reasonable English and have common sense.

**Full training will be available. Please contact Diocesan SVP President Kathy Warrick for more information by emailing [kwarrick39@hotmail.com](mailto:kwarrick39@hotmail.com)**

## Helping Christians Welcome Asylum Seekers

**Christians in the Teesside area are invited to a one-day conference to help enable them to offer greater support to the many asylum seekers and refugees living in our communities.**

Churches in urban areas often have asylum seekers and refugees in their congregations but may not know why they are here or what they are going through.

This conference, which takes place on Saturday October 11 from 9.30am to 4pm at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD, is designed to help worshippers and churches offer welcome and support.

The programme will include a time of worship, an address from the Bishop of Whitby, The Right Reverend Paul Ferguson, personal stories, understanding the asylum system, the theology of the stranger and practical workshops.

This event is free but booking is essential for catering purposes as lunch and refreshments included.

Home-cooked Eritrean and Iranian food will be provided

and delegates are asked to state if they have any special dietary requirements or would prefer traditional buffet food.

Those attending are asked to choose any two workshops from "Church Support for Asylum Seekers: An Overview of Existing Teesside Projects", "Being Church: Making Those from Other Cultures Welcome", "How Can Churches Appropriately Help Christian Converts With Their Cases?" and "They Think It's All Over: The Challenges and Pitfalls after Being Granted Refugee Status".

If you are interested in attending, please provide the organisers with your name, church or organisation, contact details, two workshop preferences and any dietary requirements.

Please book at <https://church-asylumseekers.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact "Asylum Conference" c/o Barbara Edwards, St Barnabas Parish Church, 1A St Barnabas Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JR. Telephone (01642) 812622 or email [office@st-barnabas.net](mailto:office@st-barnabas.net)

## Catholic Women's League Luncheon



Members and friends of the Catholic Women's League's Cottingham Section are pictured at a luncheon they held to raise funds for the Middlesbrough branch – Anne Brittain, Cottingham Section Secretary



# Short Walks: Around Glaisdale In Paddy’s Footsteps

Glaisdale is one of those beautiful North Yorkshire villages from which you can head in any direction and have a good day’s walk. This four-and-a-half mile hike samples the variety of the area. First the route heads up along ‘The Rigg’, with great views of the dale’s farmland and patchwork field system, then dropping through an overgrown old quarried area to leave the footpath and cut through the Methodist Chapel grounds (I hope they don’t mind!). Note the inscription above door. After turning into the lane, notice the stone walls, troughs, gateposts and worn paved trods and other reminders of days gone by. Later observe the mill, an excellent example of the area’s water-driven industry, which long ago crushed corn, treated wool and even produced card for export. Last but certainly not least, Paddy Waddell’s Rail Bridge, the only bridge left over a railway planned in the late 18th Century to join the line at Glaisdale with the mineral line at Lingdale some 10 miles away, but for some reason it was never completed. I suppose stuck with a name like Paddy Waddell, the poor old engineer had to take the blame. Don’t miss “the end of the line” memorial stone, which has been erected near the bridge by Paul Harrison of Rake Farm.

1. Start from Glaisdale Green (OS Map Ref NZ 774 058) by heading south-west along Hall Lane. A quarter-mile after leaving the village where the metalled lane ends, pass through a gate and join the Rigg track leading into open moorland. Continue for about 400 yards to take a (single bar gated) bridleway left shortly after passing a pond.
2. Continue down in the same direction passing a large old stone walled sheepfold on the right (note the memorial stone), then keeping to the main path an arrow post directs down to where another arrow guides you to cross a track and continue by a stone wall on the left down a rough path. Pass by a couple of old wooden storage buildings to take a metal gate left and enter a small cemetery, where a path leads past the Methodist Chapel to join the road.
3. Turn left along this quiet road to pass by Postgate Farm, ignore a right fork over a cattle-grid and continue for about a mile to bear left at a Y-junction, keeping left of the village church and graveyard to a crossroads. Here cross to walk down the lane opposite, after just 200 metres at a sharp right bend and having passed a bench seat, turn left into an easily-missed gated signed driveway which displays the discouraging notice ‘PRIVATE PROPERTY – right of way only’.
4. Proceed down the gravelled drive to a beautiful old mill to turn right behind the buildings then left to walk carefully along the river to cross two stiles. Carry on across a field leaving the river as it turns under a rail bridge, with the railway to the right head for the stile into the next field then skirt around the rise into a corner to cross the railway using two large stiles.
5. There it is, ‘Paddy Waddell’s Bridge’. Head towards the side of the bridge passing Paddy’s Railway memorial stone to climb steps towards a stile, turn left over the bridge then over the railway and on to a junction, where a left turn will lead past Thorneywaite cottages then a half-mile stroll up the lane leads back to The Green.

**Start:**  
The Green, Glaisdale  
(OS Map Ref NZ 774 058)

**OS Map:**  
North York Moors (Eastern) OL27

**Distance:**  
4.5 miles

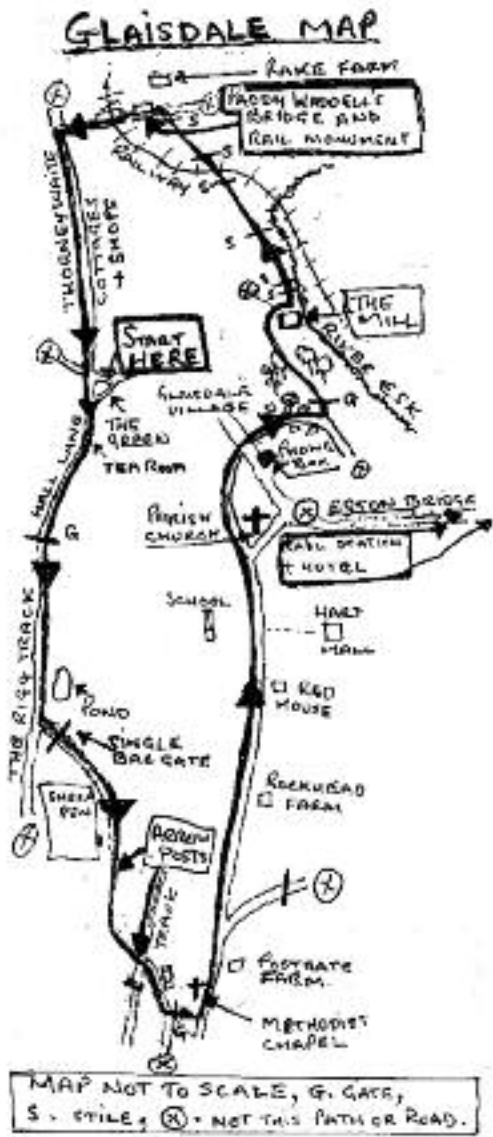
**Ascent:**  
650 feet

**Eateries:**  
Pub grub at The Aden Arms near the rail station  
Tearoom in Hall Lane near start of walk

**Buggies:**  
This walk is not suitable for buggies

**Footwear:**  
Boots or tough trainers

**Facilities:**  
Only in Hotel and Tearoom



The New Pilgrim

## Parishioners Highlight Abortion Issue

Members of LIFE from parishes in Hull highlighted the issue of abortion with a peaceful demonstration on one of the city’s major thoroughfares.

The group displayed placards spelling out statistics including the number of abortions performed in the UK, which were held aloft to attract the attention of people travelling along the route.

Deacon Brian Morgan



## Promoting Chaplaincy In The Workplace

Ecumenical group Tees Valley Ministry has issued an invitation to an interactive workshop in Stockton to promote the benefits of chaplaincy in the workplace.

Whether you’re an employer, a member of a faith community, a chaplain or just someone with an interest in the wellbeing of people in workplaces across Tees Valley, they’d be delighted to welcome you.

The event is a response to requests from businesses, churches and faith communities to hear more about chaplaincy and its benefits.

Representatives from NECAT (North East Churches Acting Together), the business sector and chaplaincy will outline ways chaplains can help to meet the challenges facing people, commerce and industry today.

If you’re prepared to give up some of your valuable time, not only will you get a free lunch, you’ll also have the chance to...

- Hear from Tees Valley Ministry about what we’re up to
  - Find out about the bigger picture from NECAT
  - Offer your own perspectives on workplace chaplaincy and its future
  - Network and make some new contacts
- Speakers will include Ruth Gee, chair of



Darlington Methodist District and NECAT Trustee, Derek Rosamond, community priest in Stockton, and a representative from the business community.

This event marks a new phase of chaplaincy for Tees Valley Ministry, celebrating over 50 years of involvement and collaboration. The event is free and a buffet lunch will be provided.

It takes place on Tuesday September 16 from noon to 2pm at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle, The Square, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TE.

For more details please contact Jim Rogers, TVM Chaplains’ Co-ordinator, telephone (01642) 317078 or email jim@teesvalleyministry.org.uk by Friday September 5.

For more information about Tees Valley Ministry and our work, please visit [www.teesvalleyministry.org.uk](http://www.teesvalleyministry.org.uk)

[www.catholicdirectory.org](http://www.catholicdirectory.org)

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# Called To Work For Justice

The call for everyone to be priests, prophets and kings was reflected throughout the National Justice and Peace Network Conference, which took place recently.

Keynote speakers were theologian Doctor Gemma Simmonds CJ, Catholic MP Sarah Teather, broadcaster and film-maker Mary Colwell and CAFOD's Claire Dixon.

The theme of the conference was 'Called to life in all its fullness: Accepting the responsibility of our baptism', with each speaker offering a different focus.

Gemma Simmonds talked about the priesthood of all the baptised, focusing on the layperson as bridge-builder, healer and consecrator of ordinary acts that through their service are transformed into effective signs of grace.

She emphasised that theology must be grounded in day to day living or it is disembodied, adding: "The sacred is everywhere in everyday life."

Sarah Teather, who stands down from the Brent Central constituency at the next General Election, presented a fascinating picture of life as an MP and the personal stresses it brings.

She said: "I was baptised with water but my constituents baptised me with fire," explaining how her first surgery brought the transformational experience of hearing stories of people who were struggling for justice.

The plight of three women refugees from Bosnia who had been raped during conflict there struck her particularly forcibly. She has admired the "quiet dignity" of refugees and asylum seekers she has met since that time.

The chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees, she was open in her criticism of the Government's asylum

policy, intimating that much of it came from fear of public opinion.

She advised Justice and Peace campaigners to take the view that politicians too can hear God's voice and with positive support "they are more likely to take the courage to lead".

Claire Dixon, head of CAFOD'S Latin America Desk, spoke about prophetic witness in Latin America, highlighting well-known "prophets" such as Dom Helder Camara of Brazil and Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who found themselves ostracised because of their strong belief in "the preferential option for the poor". She saw them also as inspiration for Pope Francis.

Mary Colwell called for concern for the common good to include God's creation. She quoted eco-theologian Thomas Berry, who said that humanity has broken "the great conversation with Earth" and urged that "we must start talking again, and listening".

"It is being true to our baptism to care for the life and landscapes that make up planet Earth," she said.

She urged us all to remain activists, saying: "Keep talking about the Earth, work for it, love it, enthuse people about it, write letters of complaint when things are wrong, write letters of praise when organisation or governments or church leaders act."

As always, the conference was a source of joy, of energy and inspiration. We left with a powerful message of the effects of working collaboratively and fruitfully to promote the common good and respect for every human person and Earth as our home.

The conference was chaired by the Reverend Ruth Gee,



Middlesbrough Diocesan delegates to the National Justice and Peace Network Conference: Sister Josie Bulger, Emma Russell, Barbara Hungin, Tom Robinson, Moira Bridge (who ran the Fair Trade stall), Nan Saeki and Anne Tracy

former Chair of the Methodist Conference, who led a beautiful contemplative service on Sunday morning.

• The Diocese of Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Commission now has a new website: [www.middlesbroughjpc.org](http://www.middlesbroughjpc.org) It will be used to post articles and events, share news of local groups and campaigns and to promote peace and justice issues with the aim of encouraging people to become involved.

Barbara Hungin



## Talented Pupils Impress Artist

Children from St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School in Richmond impressed famous Mackenzie Thorpe with their talent when they visited his Arthaus Gallery in the town.

The year three pupils had produced their own version of his 'Over Hill and Dale' picture, basing it on the topic of The Tour de France and each reproducing a section of the painting in pastels.

The children were delighted to be invited to the Arthaus Gallery to view their own work with Middlesbrough-born Mackenzie.

"The artwork makes it look like the cyclist himself is moving," he said. "This piece of

work will inspire children in other parts of the world who are preparing for cycling events to go on to create their own artwork."

Year three class teacher Miss Poulter said: "I am really proud of the way the children have worked collaboratively to produce such a dynamic masterpiece."

Parents were delighted to see their children's work exhibited alongside the professional artist.

One commented: "I can't usually get my child to visit an art gallery but this has really inspired them to look at art in a different light."

## A Helping Hand For Married Couples

In the July issue of *Voice*, Kit and Caroline Dollard asked the question "In our parishes, how can we continue to support married couples?"

Two ideas that came forward are to encourage more people to become involved with Worldwide Marriage Encounter and to join Teams of Our Lady. Here we find out more about both...

### Nourished By Prayer

As priest of the National Team of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, I would encourage couples to experience the Marriage Encounter Weekend. Both Teams and Marriage Encounter stress the primacy of the couple relationship and provide tools to enhance it.

The Marriage Encounter Weekend provides couples with the time and space to look at their relationship and to realise that enduring love requires that we first know ourselves before we can really know our spouse.

We have to listen to each other with our hearts as well as our ears and we have to keep making a decision to love that will take us out of our disillusionment to find peace and joy with each other.

We might then discover that our deepest longing is really what God wants for us: *This is why a man leaves his father and mother and becomes attached to his wife and they become one flesh.* (Genesis 2:24)

At the heart of every successful marriage is the mutual love of husband and wife. But such love has to be nourished by intimate communication, tenderness and a reliance on the help of God through prayer.

Such is the pressure of the world's attitude to marriage, however, that our hopes and dreams can soon dissipate. Couples need the support of couples like themselves so that together they can continue to strive for deeper and richer relationships.

Couples who commit themselves to working on their relationship in marriage are often the very ones who are willing to commit themselves to service of the parish community in a variety of roles. The most important of these roles, of course, is the witness of their love: *It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples.* (John 13:35)

Father Andrew Burns

## The Value Of Teamwork

In response to the *Voice* article regarding something else for married couples to be involved in after they have finished their pre-marriage course and are now married, may I recommend Teams of Our Lady?

Most Teams meet once a month and each Team usually has four-to-six couples and a chaplain, also known as a spiritual counsellor.

He takes a full part in the Team as a member, not a leader. The meeting is structured and consists of five parts, beginning with a shared meal, during which each person relates their highs and lows of the previous month.

What is shared – and even if you share – depends entirely on each individual. There is then time to complete any

admin, followed by prayer. Again if the Team wishes, there is a format for the prayer. These sections are followed by Endeavours and Discussion, but I'll leave that for you to discover.

Each Team goes through a guided period where an experienced couple from another Team attends meetings and guides, helps and supports, as well as taking a full part in the meeting.

Teams go on retreat together once a year. Because the focus of the Team meeting is to strengthen bonds and support our spiritual growth, the retreat allows us some time to let our hair down together.

My Team recently went to Holy Island for a couple of nights. This was enjoyed by everybody, especially as we didn't have to cook! On many previous retreats, we have gone self-catering.

It's up to each Team where they go and there are plenty of places that don't cost an arm and a leg. Because there are links throughout the movement, information is easily come by if it is needed.

As you imagine, over time we all get to know each other very well and lifelong friendships are forged. Not everyone stays in the same place all their married lives these days, so it can happen that couples can come and go.

Because it is an international movement, you can usually find a Team near you wherever you go. My husband and I even went to a Team meeting in Australia when we were on a visit to relatives there!

As the meeting structure is universal, we felt right at home. Sadly, my husband died at the beginning of this year, but I am still welcomed at the Team meeting.

Wendy Dunnett

• To find out more about Teams of Our Lady or Marriage Encounter, please visit the relevant website: [www.teamsgb.org.uk](http://www.teamsgb.org.uk) or [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact Father Andrew Burns CSsR at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough, TS1 5AU or telephone (01642) 247831.





# Evangelisation

## Home Mission Sunday

This year's *Home Mission Sunday* takes place on September 21, with the theme: 'Evangelisation in the heart of the family'.

### Urgency of the Task

"Many children and young people today will never see their parents receive the sacraments," we are reminded in the preparatory document for the forthcoming Synod on the Family. I'm sure, like me, you have repeatedly observed this to be the case, with research suggesting that an estimated 80% of Catholics in England and Wales rarely or never attend Mass.

### A Call to Mission

On September 21 the Bishops of England and Wales invite parishes to celebrate *Home Mission Sunday* to encourage every Mass-going Catholic to respond urgently to the call to evangelise. With most Mass-going Catholics feeling the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all you are already doing in this regard.

### Parish Resources in Print and Online

Free promotional cards about *Home Mission Sunday* have been sent to your parish for distribution and are accompanied by additional materials available online. The free materials include homily notes, bidding prayers, a newsletter notice, testimonies and video materials. Please do use the Sunday to encourage, as Pope Francis has urged, the beginning of a "new chapter of evangelisation", through inviting prayer for evangelisation and encouraging the involvement of parishioners in local and national outreach.

### We Need Your Support

The Bishops ask that *Home Mission Sunday* is promoted within every parish. Your parish's generosity has already helped us, with partners, to take significant steps in support of this

area of ministry and outreach – for an overview of the extensive work being done, please visit the web address – but there is so much more we could do if we had the financial backing. More people would return to the practice of their faith if we had additional resources to reach out to them.

With thanks and God bless you

**Bishop Kieran Conry**

**Chair, Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis**



## Our Call To Evangelise

Over the past few years I've heard quite a few expressions used to describe the shrinking congregations in our parish churches.

I've heard about "lapsed" Catholics, "non-Mass-going" Catholics and Catholics who are not "Gospel greedy". I've even heard myself talking about "resting" Catholics.

My much-loved and lately-departed parish priest could always turn a colourful phrase – "A nice lad," he would say of a young parishioner, "but he's never going to wear the church bench out!"

All of these expressions illustrate the hard fact that at least two-thirds of baptised Catholics rarely or never come to Sunday Mass. Many of us, of course, are all too aware of that – after all, quite a few of those "resting Catholics" belong to our own families.

I'm sure that many of us will be able to make a mental list of family, friends, neighbours and colleagues in the time it takes to read this article. I'm also sure that their absence saddens us – perhaps it even discourages us and leads us to question why we ourselves should persevere in the practice of our faith.

Pope Francis has recognised how easy it is for us to be discouraged in this way. That's why – in *The Joy of the Gospel* – he urges us to be open to a daily encounter with the Lord. Later on in that document, he stresses the utter importance of such direct, personal experience. Knowing Jesus, he says, is the one thing that can make a fundamental difference to our lives:

*"It is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to*

*worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to."*

Pope Francis writes about the joy of living a life in Christ and adds:

*"We know well that with Jesus life becomes richer and that with him it is easier to find meaning in everything. This is why we evangelise."*

The call to evangelise is one we all need to act upon if we are ever going to reverse the decline in those attending Sunday Mass. This year, the Bishops of England and Wales have chosen September 21 as the day to celebrate *Home Mission Sunday* and so encourage all of us to respond to that call.

Perhaps there is a sense in which we've all been "resting Catholics" for too long. Perhaps we all need to be more courageous in reaching out – with love, respect and joy – to our absent brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, friends and neighbours.

The weeks leading up to *Home Mission Sunday* could be the time for us to reflect upon the difference knowing Jesus makes to our lives. We might also pray for the courage to speak more openly about that difference to other people, so that they too will come to realise that – in the words of Pope Francis:

*"We have a treasure of life and love which cannot deceive, and a message which cannot mislead or disappoint... It is a truth which is never out of date because it reaches that part of us which nothing else can reach."*

**Deacon Vincent Purcell, Diocesan Advisor for Adult Formation and Evangelisation**

• On *Home Mission Sunday* there will be free information and resources available in our parishes to support us in responding to the Holy Father's call to spread the joy of the Gospel. For more information, please go to [www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/hms14) or contact the Department for Evangelisation and Adult Formation on (01642) 850505.

## Following Graceful Footsteps



**The pilgrims rest near Nunburnholme Priory site**

A group from the Hull and York Newman Circles delved into history as they traced the footsteps of the Pilgrimage of Grace rebels through East Yorkshire.

The Pilgrimage of Grace Heritage Trail covers some eight-and-a-half miles from Warter to Pocklington through the countryside of the Yorkshire Wolds.

The phrase "Pilgrimage of Grace" was apparently originally coined in our own part of the world by Robert Aske, one of the leaders of that religious rebellion, at a gathering on Market Weighton Hill, where Aske's Host and Stapleton's Host came together to create an army of 10,000 men on October 12 1536.

They then marched on, recruiting as they went, to York and Doncaster, where they accepted the truce offered by Henry VIII. Henry, however, later went back on his word and using a further uprising the following year as a pretext, arrested and had executed some 200 of the rebel leaders.

The walk began at the site of Warter Priory, which dominated life here for 400 years, from 1132 to 1536, before being suppressed by Henry VIII. *En route* we also passed the site of Nunburnholme Priory, an impoverished house which was also one of the earliest to be dissolved by Henry's henchmen.

Tales of scandal surround the priories – an abbot of Warter was accused of arranging the murder of local landowners in order to extend his estates. However, there were unlikely to have been any neutral commentators during this period and there was probably encouragement of rumours that could help justify seizing the goods of religious houses. Two monks of Warter were subsequently among the 200 executed in 1537 following the rebellion.

On a baking hot day, the modern day pilgrims appreciated pausing at beautiful churches with Saxon or Norman origins along the way – St James at Nunburnholme, which houses part of an Anglo Saxon cross, and St Helen's at Kilnwick Percy, no longer in regular use (and which in the 1700s was served by the Reverend Laurence Sterne, author of *Tristram Shandy*).

After lunch, the group continued to Our Lady and St Joseph in Pocklington, where we paused for reflection and to give thanks at the end of our pilgrimage.

**Isabel Carrick**





# Rainbows Share Bereavement Lessons

Ten schools were represented at the third annual conference of Rainbows Middlesbrough, which supports children who have suffered a bereavement.

The keynote speakers were Mark Clayton and Mary Newbiggin from St Martin's House Hospice in Boston Spa. They described their work in supporting children with life-limiting illnesses and how this support is extended to their families.

Rainbows Middlesbrough helps communities, especially schools, to review and develop their own bereavement policies and fosters emotional healing among children, young people and adults.

Some of the schools at the conference, at St Bede's Pastoral Centre in York, shared existing practices, while others are at the initial stages of establishing Rainbows in school.

Bishop Terry is the Patron of Rainbows Middlesbrough.

For further information, contact [lizcarew42@gmail.com](mailto:lizcarew42@gmail.com)

**Liz Huntley, Rainbows Middlesbrough**

# Trophy Honours School Governor Paul

A much-loved school governor's name will live on in a new trophy to be presented annually at St Margaret Clitherow's Primary School in South Bank, Middlesbrough.

The Paul Haley Trophy will be given to a St Margaret's pupil for being "The Best That You Can Be".

The school invited Paul's wife, Sue Haley, to their end of school year Mass to present the trophy for the first time.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Pat Day, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, and was attended by members of Paul's family, friends and colleagues from the Curial Office, where Paul worked.

Headteacher Mrs Niki Jamalizadeh recalled after the Mass that Paul had sat on the panel at her interview and after she was appointed he told her: "All that is asked of you is that you do the very best that you can."

"I have always remembered those words," she said.

This year, the trophy was presented by Sue to year six pupil Aidan Welch.

Paul, a parishioner of St Andrew's Parish, Teesville, died of cancer on Sunday July 21 2013. As well as serving as a foundation governor, he was an active member of the SVP and a Minister of Holy Communion.



Paul's wife, Sue Haley, presents the Paul Haley Trophy to year six pupil Aidan Welch for "being the best that he can be"

Paul Terry



Paul Haley's family and friends after the Mass and presentation of the trophy, front row from left: Linda Butcher, Paul's wife Sue Haley and Sharon Westcough. Back row from left: Beth Haley, Anthony Haley, Linda Breckon, Laurie Haley, Iris Beck, Glen Parker, Father Pat Day and Niki Jamalizadeh



Retiring headteacher Terry Starr helped children from All Saints Roman Catholic Primary School in Thirsk plant a tree in the school's wildlife garden to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Mr Starr, who has given 21 years' service to the school, joined year six children for the special event.

# Formation Course For Parish Catechists

Last month's edition of the *Voice* featured the commissioning by Bishop Terry of 36 new Parish Catechists for the Northern Deanery.

The next Formation Course will be for parishioners in the Central Deanery and will be held at Our Lady's Parish in Acomb, York.

The course will begin on Thursday October 23 at 7pm and there will be 14 evening sessions in total. A full list of the dates and topics are available from Deacon Vince Purcell at the Curial Office.

If you are thinking about applying for the course or would like more information about it, please contact Vince on (01642) 850505 ext 241 or by email at [adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk)

• Please get in touch by September 15 if you would like to join the Wellsprings course in October.

# You Did It Norma!

A delighted parishioner from St Andrew's Parish, Teesville, has been received into full communion with the Catholic Church after 18 years of attending Mass with her family.

Norma Terry was received into the Church and confirmed by Bishop Terry, who was on a parish visit to St Andrew's.

Norma has been regularly attending Mass with her husband Paul, son Stephen and daughter Hannah and has hovered on the edge of the faith, joining the procession at communion time and receiving a blessing from the celebrant or minister.

But on Sunday July 20, Norma was able to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time at the 9.30am Mass.

Norma admitted being a little nervous and very emotional during Mass and she shed a tear or two after being confirmed and even more after receiving Communion.

When asked why now, she said: "I went to Walsingham last October with the Diocese and had such a wonderful, spiritual time. It was something I really wanted to do and I knew now was the right time."

"It's been a very emotional journey, especially over the last few weeks, and Maria and Kath have been with me every step of the way. But I did it in my own time and now



Norma with Bishop Terry, St Andrew's Parish Priest, Father Gubbins, sponsors Kath Kelly (front left) and Maria Trainor (back right) and husband Paul, Stephen and Hannah after the 9.30am Mass – Photo by Kerri Dowling

I feel very calm and peaceful."

Earlier she had received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Norma's sponsors were Paul and her very good friends, Maria Trainor and Kath Kelly. She took the Confirmation name of Mary.

Norma has been heavily involved in the life of the parish for a number of years, helping out with the Youth Group and the Children's Liturgy. She attended World Youth Day in Madrid with the Parish Youth Group in 2011 and has just completed the Wellsprings course for new Diocesan Catechists.

After Mass, Norma celebrated with family, sponsors and friends with Sunday lunch at a restaurant in Guisborough.

# Politics Talk For Newman Circle

Former government minister Lord Tom McNally will be the guest speaker when Cleveland Newman Circle meets on Wednesday September 24.

Lord McNally, who was a coalition government Minister of State for Justice, will speak on the subject of 'Politics in a multi-faith society'.

The meeting takes place in the group's new regular venue, St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough, TS8 0TW. Coffee will be served from 7.30pm with a 7.45pm start for the meeting.

All are welcome. For more details, call (01642) 645732 or email [tpj.egerton@virgin.net](mailto:tpj.egerton@virgin.net)





# Vocations

## Farewell Father Tom O'Connell, RIP

**This was the Homily preached by Bishop Terry at the Funeral Mass of Father Tom O'Connell...**

*Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.*

This quotation comes from our first reading at Mass today. It is St Paul's description of his own preaching mission. As preachers of God's Word, any of us, bishop, priest or deacon, would aspire to this ideal and would want to believe that this too is a missionary statement of intent regarding our preaching and teaching. Certainly most of us would be able to identify with the "fear and trembling" part of Paul's statement!

Our Gospel comes from the chapter in St Luke where Jesus begins his journey towards Jerusalem to complete his earthly task; he goes there to "suffer grievously, to be rejected, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day". (Luke 9:22) However, the disciples do not really understand what he is saying and their thoughts are still focused on earthly glory, preferment and power; who is going to be the greatest among them? So Jesus begins to spell out to them in no uncertain terms what the qualities and conditions of following him imply. He is so intent on helping them to understand that, perhaps, to our modern-day ears, his words sound rather harsh and cruel. He makes three statements to his would-be followers:

*Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*

*Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.*

*Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.*

If we are saying to the Lord that we will follow him wherever he goes, then he warns us that he will take us at our word. There will be no security, affluence or comfort. The animals of this world have a better chance of that than true disciples. The Son of Man has

nowhere to lay his head, neither will his followers in this world. The Kingdom must come first.

Once you become a disciple then your family obligations are to those to whom you are sent – "those who hear the word of God and keep it are now your mother and brother". (Matt 12:49-50) Nothing and no-one else can come between the disciple and this obligation of spreading the good news of the Kingdom of God.

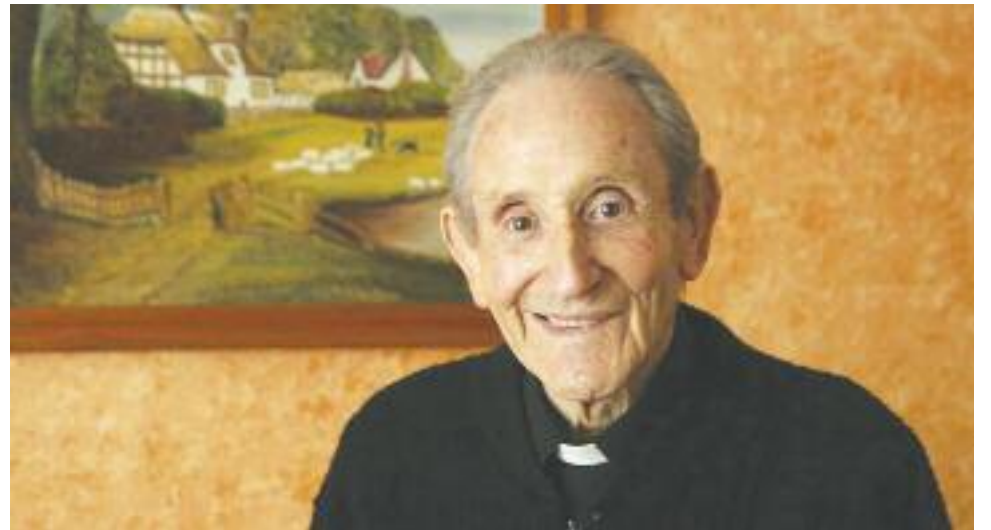
For the true disciple there is no turning back. Having heard and accepted the call, as painful, as inconvenient, as difficult as it might be, for the real follower of Jesus there is no turning.

Yes, Jesus clearly spells out the unconditional and severe demands of what it means to be one of his followers. He also hints and, later on in this same chapter says clearly what awaits the disciples. It is the same fate as the Lord himself – to suffer grievously, to be rejected, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day.

We are here today to pray for the repose of the soul of Father Tom O'Connell, a disciple of the Lord and our priest and brother. He spent his life trying to be a true follower of the Lord and live out the Lord's calling with all that it implies. We commend him to the mercy of God our Father and we give thanks to the Lord for his life and ministry. Tom was born on February 18 1928 in Caherconlish, Co Limerick. His parents, John and Kathleen, had four sons – Tom, Martin, Tony and John.

John followed his brother into the priesthood and exercised his ministry in Ireland. Tom studied at All Hallows, Dublin, and in 1953 was ordained for the Diocese of Middlesbrough. He undertook his first curacy after ordination at Sacred Heart, Redcar. His second curacy came seven years later at St Pius X, Middlesbrough, which lasted four years. This led to another four-year curacy at St Vincent's, Hull, and was followed by a final curacy at St Aelred's, York. Having completed 17 years as an assistant priest, Tom was installed as Parish Priest at St Peter and St Paul, Leyburn and having completed nine years there, he followed Canon Pat Harney at St George's, Eastfield, Scarborough in 1979. Tom was to remain 35 years in Scarborough – the final nine years were as priest in residence, having laid aside his formal pastoral responsibilities, although for much of that time he assisted the priests of the area.

A strong characteristic of Father Tom's ministry was his readiness to encourage members of his parish to be trained and commissioned as ministers and catechists through Diocesan programmes to develop a parish faith community. He was not slow to establish a Rite of Christian Initiation group in St George's. For many years, Father Tom was the Diocesan Liaison for Marriage Encounter and gave a great deal of time to its promotion.



In expressing our prayerful sympathy to his family and friends, we acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of the O'Connell family in providing us with, and supporting Father Tom. I would also like to recognise the Daughters of Mary and Joseph who over many years in Scarborough were supportive of him in his ministry. There are many others, too numerous to mention, on whom Father Tom counted for support.

Each day of our lives, as disciples, we face, in some form or other, the suffering, rejection and death that Jesus spoke about as part of our calling. Some elements of this are obvious and can be recognised by all; other aspects will only be known by a few or by the individual alone. Certainly, Father Tom went through a period of painful purification in these latter years and months. I was able to be with him the week before he died, and despite his weakness and fading health, he

was cheerful, outgoing and full of joy and peace in the Lord, trusting in his mercy and love. We prayed together and then said our goodbyes. I came away having been strengthened in my faith by the demonstration of the power of the Spirit shown in the life and final days before death of Father Tom O'Connell. And so for Father Tom, and for all of us who are trying to live out our disciple's calling, I pray:

*God of suffering, death and resurrection, through Jesus you issued a call and demonstrated a way of life for all of us to follow. We place our brother and priest, Father Tom O'Connell into your hands, trusting in your mercy. Guide us, who remain, in our life's journey. Form us into disciple intent on proclaiming the Kingdom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. (Day by Ordinary Day with Matthew, Mark Boyer – adapted)*

## Three Golden Jubilees

Sisters of Mercy from throughout the Middlesbrough Diocese and beyond as well as relatives and friends helped celebrate three Golden Jubilees in Whitby. Sisters Eileen Burns, Teresa Carabine and Monica Grainger were joined by guests from as far afield as Ireland for an enjoyable and beautiful occasion.

The chief celebrant at the Mass at Raithwaite Hall was Father Peter Ryan, who was assisted by nine other priests. Monsignor Gerry Dasey represented Bishop Terry.



Left to right: Sister Teresa Carabine, Sister Monica Grainger and Sister Eileen Burns

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## A Father To Us All

It was telling that so many of his former parishioners attended to pay their respects to this well-loved priest and many uplifting stories were exchanged. Father Hynes arrived in Guisborough in 1984 but his reputation arrived before him. He had been Parish Priest of St Pius X for many years and was loved and respected by the parishioners there and I know he was sad to leave them. But he soon put the vibrancy of his priesthood to work in Guisborough.

St Paulinus was a new school. Before it was built, many of the children of Guisborough attended non-Catholic schools in the town and parents were reluctant to interrupt their children's education in mid-stream to send them to the newly-built Catholic school. There was much work to be done.

Father Hynes took a great interest in the school from the very first week of his appointment. He was delighted to hear that one of our aims was to develop a Home-School Parish Partnership. He used to attend school functions so that he could meet parents, teachers and children and get to know them on a personal level.

"Father", as we called him, was indeed a father to children, parents, staff, dinner ladies, cleaners and ground staff. He always had time to listen. The children loved him and this was a great tribute to him because children are very discerning. The men of the parish rolled up their sleeves and helped Father in every way they could.

After a settling in period, Father decided to start RCIA in the parish. Very few people had heard of this but they soon found out that they were setting out on a shared "Journey of Faith" and it was amazing to see and hear the people of St Paulinus sharing their faith stories.

After a while, the bush telegraph began to work and non-Catholic friends were invited to come along on a Tuesday evening. We learned from them and I hope they learned from us. Many people converted to our faith because of RCIA, and many of these people attended Father's funeral.

The next big venture was the programme of preparation for the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This took the shape of weekly meetings with parents to inform them of the themes we would be teaching so that we could enlist their support and help.

Father was totally involved in these weekly meetings, the highlight of which was night prayers, led by him, which he linked to the theme we had been discussing and I often saw silent tears being shed because this moment was so spiritual.

I read an article in the *Evening Gazette* which was headed 'Popular Priest Dies'. Popular priest does not come close to describing Father Hynes. He was a good priest first and foremost, faithful to the vows he took at his ordination. He had a profound effect on the parishioners of Guisborough whom he served with such devotion. Rest in Peace Father. Your work is done but your legacy lives on.

**Rita Proudler, first headteacher of St Paulinus School, Guisborough**

## A Very Pastoral Priest

More than 30 Diocesan priests joined Bishop Terry in the Cathedral when he celebrated the Funeral Mass for Father David Hynes, who died on Thursday June 26. Father David, who was born in Grange Road, Middlesbrough, was ordained in June 1960 and served across the Diocese in eight parishes, five as a curate and three as parish priest, before retiring as Parish Priest of Driffield in 2008 when his health was deteriorating very quickly. David had been cared for in nursing homes since his retirement. There was a large congregation in the Cathedral, with representatives from the parishes in which Father David had served, including a large deputation from Driffield coming by coach.

At the start of the Mass, Bishop Terry expressed his sympathy to the family on their sad loss and thanked them for their gift of a priest

to the Diocese. He also expressed his thanks to the staff who cared so carefully for David in his retirement. Drawing on the Gospel in his homily, the Bishop reminded the congregation that David had been a very pastoral priest, caring for his congregations wherever he had been in the Diocese.

He reminded us all, from the Gospel, that it is deeds not words on which we should focus. David's nephews, nieces and great nieces read the lessons and led the bidding prayers. One of the deacons at the Mass was Reverend Philip Cunnah, ordained to the Diaconate two weeks previously. Phil is studying for the priesthood at Oscott and, God willing, will be ordained priest for the Diocese in the summer of 2015.

After Mass, Father David's mortal remains were buried at Thorntree cemetery, where Monsignor David Hogan, Dean of Middlesbrough, officiated.

**Doctor Jim Whiston**

## Young People Attend Vocations Festival

**Young people from our Diocese attended the National Vocations Festival *Invocation 2014* at St Mary's College, Oscott.**

The group stayed in tents but enjoying great food provided by the seminary and beautiful liturgies led by the seminarians.

Bishop Terry, chair of the National Office for Vocation on behalf of the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales, was the homilist at one of the Masses.

The Lord called his first priests from among his disciples and so the theme for the conference was 'Discipleship'.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Prefect of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation in Rome, was among the keynote speakers. He reminded those attending that the fundamental human vocation is love, and that the first initiative is with God. We have to respond.

He made much of the example of St Peter, "a man of great love and betrayal". It took him a lifetime to be able to say to Jesus, "*I love*



*you, as you love me*". He threw out the challenge for young people to invest totally in God who is totally invested in us.

Another speaker was Curtis Martin, who works for FOCUS, a University Campus Ministry in America. He drew attention to the Lord's call to "*Go make disciples of all nations*", following the example of St John Paul II.

**Father William Massie**

## Fundraising Friars Step Out

Many people walk Alfred Wainwright's famous 190-mile Coast to Coast walk – but not many do it in medieval friars' habits!

Four friars – men belonging to the Dominican Religious Order – walked from St Bees Head in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay during the



summer to fundraise following a rise in vocations which has left them short of funds for training their recruits.

Two of these new friars, Brother Sam and Brother Toby, were among the walkers. The ultimate aim is to raise £1m.

New friars undergo seven years of thorough training to prepare them for ministry. The friars serve parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons, university chaplaincies and academic institutions. They are based in eight UK cities, including Newcastle and Durham.

Along the trek, the friars returned to their roots as wandering preachers by speaking in parishes along the way and celebrating a beautifully-sung morning prayer and Mass with the parishioners of St Hilda's, Whitby.

The main celebrant at the Mass was Father Richard Finn OP, who is the Novice Master at Blackfriars, with Father Benedict Jonak OP and Parish Priest, Father Pat Keogh, concelebrating.

Donations can be made online – follow the links at [www.friarswalk.wordpress.com](http://www.friarswalk.wordpress.com)

The Dominicans, also known as the Order of Preachers, engage in many kinds of activities to promote and spread our faith. Further information can be found at [www.english.op.org](http://www.english.op.org)

**Richard Brown, development director**

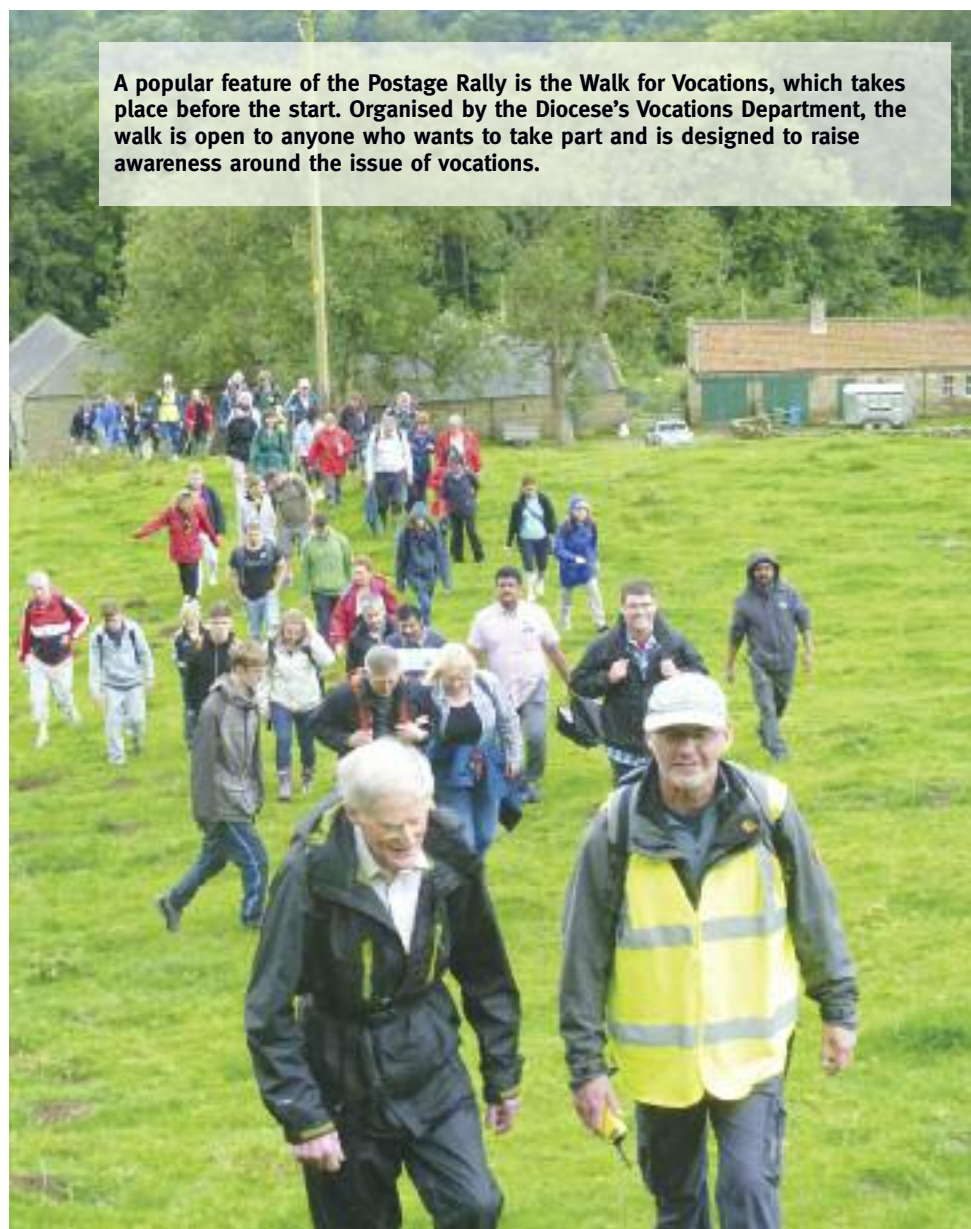




## Honouring Father Postgate



Pilgrims from all over the Diocese gathered in a field in Ugthorpe, North Yorkshire, to honour the memory of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and all the English martyrs and to pray for the cause of his canonisation. This year's Postgate Rally was particularly significant because Nicholas Postgate's relics were brought from the seminary at Oscott College, Birmingham, where they are usually kept. They are on loan to the Diocese for the next three years and will be visiting the parishes.



A popular feature of the Postgate Rally is the Walk for Vocations, which takes place before the start. Organised by the Diocese's Vocations Department, the walk is open to anyone who wants to take part and is designed to raise awareness around the issue of vocations.

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Attending meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall, Leeds

11.00 am

Celebrating Education Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Hull

7.00 pm

22

Hosting lunch for Durham University and Ushaw Trustees at Cambridge Road

12 noon

23

Meeting with representative from St Vincent de Paul regarding their annual report

10.00 am

Attending Safeguarding Commission meeting at Curial Office

11.00 am

25

Attending Diocesan Trustee Board meeting at York

10.30 am

Celebrating Education Mass at St Wilfrid's, York

7.00 pm

27/28

Parish visitations at St Hilda's, Whitby

All day

30

Attending Retired Priests Annual Reunion at York

12 noon

Attending Anti-Trafficking Event at the Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough

7.00 pm

**2 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

**3 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

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

**6 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  
**11.00 am** 'Pilgrimage Walk' from Richmond Castle to Easby Abbey in memory of the Richmond 16. Commences with a short liturgy in the Garden where there are 16 topiary pieces made up of green and golden yew trees, followed by a walk along the banks of the river (approx one mile), concluding with a picnic lunch. All welcome but notification of attendance must be given to the organisers in advance for a group booking for the Castle. Contact: Barbara Hungin, E-mail: bhungin@yahoo.co.uk or Margaret Blatchford, E-mail: marg@blatchford.name for further information and to book a place  
**2.00 pm** Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.00 pm. All welcome. Contact: Patricia 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

**7 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  
**6.00 pm** All-night Vigil at the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley commencing with first vespers of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 6.00 pm on the 7th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place through the night, culminating in Holy Mass at dawn (6.00 am) followed by a thanksgiving breakfast.

Contact: www.ladychapel.org.uk for further details

**8 Monday**  
**1.30 pm** The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary 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  
**7.30 pm** Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Nan Saeki, Tel: (01904) 783621 for further details

**9 Tuesday**  
**12.45 pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Dr N Hart will speak about 'Work overseas in Plastic Surgery'  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York West meets at Our Lady's, Acomb, York 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

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

**12 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  
**7.00 pm until late** Middlesbrough Lourdes Hospitalité Annual Lourdes Ball in The Legends Lounge, Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough Football Club. Tickets £35.00. Contact: Audrey Kirby, Tel: 07791 071159 or E-mail: a.kirby1356@gmail.com for tickets and further details  
**7.30 pm - 9.30 pm** Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York. Contact: Marek Lichtarowicz, Tel: (01904) 795605 for further details

**12 - 14 Friday - Sunday**  
'The Attentive Life' - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**14 Sunday**  
**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

**15 Monday**  
**7.30 pm** The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Mgr Donal Lucey entitled 'The Theology of the Handicapped' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. £1.00 members, £2.00 non-members. All welcome. Contact: Brenda Fazikas, E mail: fazikasbrenda@btinternet.com for further details (September meeting only). Meetings will also take place at The Bar Convent on 20 October and 17 November. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

**16 Tuesday**  
**12 noon - 2.00 pm** 'Promoting Chaplaincy in the Workplace' Interactive Workshop at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle, The Square, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1TE, organised by Tees Valley Ministry. Contact: Jim Rogers, Tees Valley Ministry Chaplains' Co-ordinator, Tel: (01642) 317078 or E-mail jim@teesvalleyministry.org.uk for further details or to book a place. Closing date for bookings is 5 September  
**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

**17 Wednesday**  
**6.30 pm** 'Dignity In and Out of Work - Where do you stand?' Poverty Hearing. Come and hear the experiences of people from our area living on low

incomes and the impact this is having on them and their families at an event at the Middlesbrough Community Church, Clifton Street, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 614126 ext 210 or E-mail: mail@thrive-teesside.org.uk for further details or to book a place at this event  
**7.00 pm** 'What counts as an educated person in this day and age?' - Ebor Lecture in Temple Hall, York St John University, York, to be delivered by Professor Richard Pring, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Education, University of Oxford. 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

**18 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  
**10.30 am - 4.00 pm** 'Creative Journaling Day' led by Christine Dodd at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**19 Friday**  
**7.30 pm** Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details  
**7.30 pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact: Steve Evans, Tel: 07800 697975 or E-mail: steve\_evans21@tiscali.co.uk Further details at http://readingthesumma.blogspot.co.uk

**19 - 21 Friday - Sunday**  
'Saint Paul' - a retreat led by Fr Henry Wansbrough. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**20 Saturday**  
**10.30 am - 3.30 pm** Day of Reflection for CAFOD volunteers and supporters at Thicket Priory, Thorganby, near York, led by Canon Michael Ryan. The day is free, tea, coffee and fruit juice provided but please take own lunch. Concludes with Mass. Contact the CAFOD Middlesbrough Office, Tel: (01904) 671767 or E-mail: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk to book a place  
**7.30 pm** Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Michael Coyne) 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

**21 Sunday**  
**3.00 pm** Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Augustine's, Redcar  
**3.00 pm - 4.00 pm** Peace Prayer Vigil at St Martin, Coney Street, York. St Martin has a special dedication to peace and reconciliation and is a partner in the Community of the Cross of Nails. All welcome to join them for this vigil. Contact: Rev Canon Derek Earis, Tel: 07984 655662, E-mail: derekearis@hotmail.com or visit www.stmartinsyork.org.uk 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** Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

**22 - 25 Monday - Thursday**  
'Listen to Saint Bede' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**23 Tuesday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Pastoral Care in Bereavement' led by Rev Dr Keith Albans at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**24 Wednesday**  
**12.45 pm - 3.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10 pm Mass  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** ME and CFS Self-Help Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull.



Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**7.30 pm for 7.45 pm** The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Lord Tom McNally entitled ‘Politics in a multi-faith society’ in the Cathedral Hall, St Mary’s Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Coffee at 7.30 pm. Contact: Terry Egerton, Tel: (01642) 645732 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome. Please note the new regular venue

**25 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

**26 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

**28 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

**30 Tuesday**  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ‘Slate Gowns and Hoods: the Bar Convent Story’ with Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede’s Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**6.30 pm for 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** ‘Making Middlesbrough a Traffick-Free Zone’: Diocese of Middlesbrough/UNCHOSEN Roadshow at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD. Doors open: 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm start. Advance booking preferred - visit <https://middlesbroughtraffickfree.eventbrite.co.uk> or write, giving your name and address, to Anti-trafficking Event, Curial Offices, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. Contact for faith groups: Cath Rowland, Tel: (01642) 813522 or E-mail: cath.rowland@ntlworld.com

**FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER:**

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

**3 Friday**  
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the November issue of Voice must be received by today  
**7.00 pm** First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at The

Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull.  
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**4 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 1.00 pm** Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary’s Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details  
**2.00 pm** Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00 pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4.00 pm. All welcome. Contact: Patricia 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

**5 Sunday**  
**3.00 pm** CAFOD Harvest Service at St Charles Borromeo, Hull. Bishop Terry Drainey will preside accompanied by Bishop Richard Frith, the Anglican Bishop of Hull  
**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

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**ADVANCE NOTICES:**

**6 October:** 11.00 am, Day for Life Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley (meet in the village)

**7 October:** 12.45 pm, Annual Rosary Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. The day begins with The Mysteries of the Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and The Sacrament of Reconciliation. 2.30 pm: Mass, Celebrant: Fr James Benfield. Contact: Flora James, Tel: (01609) 776044 or 07738 472779 for further details

**11 October:** 9.30 am - 4.00 pm, ‘How can you and I welcome Asylum Seekers in our Church?’ Conference at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, TS3 6LD. To book, visit <https://church-asylumseekers.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact “Asylum Conference” c/o Barbara Edwards, St Barnabas Parish Church, 1A St Barnabas Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JR, Tel: (01642) 812622 or E-mail: office@st-barnabas.net

**11 October:** 11.30 am, The Catholic Women’s League Diocesan Branch Meeting will be held at St John the Evangelist, Easingwold commencing with Mass

**11-12 October:** Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cost £75.00 per person. Contact: Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or E-mail: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details and an application form (also downloadable from [www.middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk](http://www.middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk)

**11-12 October:** ‘Unity in Diversity’ Conference & Pilgrimage marking the 1,350th anniversary of the Synod of Whitby and the death of St Cedd at Lastingham. Conference on 11 October, 11.00 am - 4.00 pm, at Clements Hall, York. Cost: £20.00 (£10.00 for those in full-time education) including lunch, coffee and tea. Pilgrimage on 12 October to Whitby and Lastingham. Contact: Rev Bill Snelson, E-mail: development@anglicancentre.it or visit [www.anglicancentreinrome.org/york](http://www.anglicancentreinrome.org/york) for further details

**16 October:** ‘One Climate One World’ Campaign Launch - venue to be confirmed

**16 November:** 10.30 am, CAFOD Memorial Mass at St Bernadette’s Church, Gypsy Lane, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough

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	7.30 pm	Ballroom Dancing Group
<b>Wednesdays</b>	2.00 pm	Prayer for the City
	7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	Karate
<b>Sundays</b>	6.00 pm	St Vincent de Paul Group
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<b>Wednesdays</b>	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm	Christian Meditation

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