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**Bishop's
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I could call the month of October this year a "month of pilgrimage". Over the weekend of October 11 and 12, I will be leading the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Although there are many shrines to Our Blessed Lady throughout our land, Walsingham holds the title of the "National Shrine". The Diocese of Middlesbrough featured prominently in the re-establishment of the Shrine earlier last century, and, of course, with the Marist Fathers taking the role of Director of the Shrine for many years now, this has drawn our Diocese even closer to Walsingham. The origins of the Shrine go back long before the Reformation; it has always been a focus for England's great devotion to the Mother of God, earning it the well-loved title of "Dowry of Mary". I personally look forward to this pilgrimage every year and encourage as many of you as possible to join us, at least spiritually, as we give honour to Our Lady and remember there all the needs of our Diocese.

Our Lady of Walsingham
Pray for us

I am sure that many of you will have heard that we have been entrusted with some further relics of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and Blessed Thomas Thwing – also a priest and martyr of our area, from Heworth Hall, Heworth, York. The Archbishop of Birmingham responded positively to my request that the relics, for many years in the custody of St Mary's College, Oscott, should be loaned to our Diocese. The relics are in a sealed cabinet and will begin a round of the Diocese this month. Each parish will have the relics for a few weeks throughout the next two years. It is my hope that as a result of this, even greater devotion to Blessed Nicholas Postgate will grow and develop in our parishes. If you have a special intention, then ask the Lord to grant it through the intercession of Blessed Nicholas. Especially if there is someone close to you who is sick or in real need, then turn to the intercession of Blessed Nicholas. He was a priest and pastor of this area. He cared for the needs of our forefathers, never sparing himself. Surely he will intercede for their sons and daughters in this generation. Do not be afraid to ask the Lord for a miracle as a sign that our priest and martyr, Nicholas Postgate, is to be numbered among the saints of God.

Blessed Nicholas Postgate
Pray for us

Make A Place For Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day is on Friday (October 3) and this year the Catholic aid agency is focusing on sharing what we have with others.

Traditionally, harvest is a time of celebrating the abundance that nature provides. This harvest, CAFOD would like to introduce you to someone your donations to CAFOD has helped. Her name is Yehwah, she is 37 years old and lives in Kenema, eastern Sierra Leone.

Her name means "Great Mother", which is appropriate as she regularly shares her food with other people and children. Even when it isn't harvest time, Yehwah is able to make room at her table for young and old alike. Every day she cooks for 29 students at her husband's small school, runs a business selling chillies and vegetables and works on the family farm.

Although three out of every five women and men in the district live on less than a dollar a day, the community is thriving. They suffered considerably during the country's brutal 10-year civil war and recovery is a slow process.

Yehwah says: "We had a lot of difficulty finding food after the war. The rebels burned bananas and rice. They torched homes and destroyed farms."

She lost her father in the war but she survived by fleeing to another village where the chief's wife took her in.

"From an early age I was exposed to very hard labour," she says. "I was accepted because I was used to a hard life. That is why I am not



Your donations have helped Yehwah and others rebuild their lives after the war in Sierra Leone. Photo by CAFOD, Simon Rawles

a weaking now."

Like any mother, she wants her children to enjoy a good life. For her husband's students, she does it because they need food to continue learning. She also wants to provide her children and others like them with the chance of the security that was denied to her.

"When I went back home after the war, I could see the ruins of our house that my father had started building. The rebels burned it to the ground. It offended me to see his hard work destroyed."

Caritas Kenema, CAFOD's local Church partner, has worked with Yehwah and her community to help them rebuild their lives. This meant long-term projects they could run and own themselves, including a community savings and loans scheme.

It has helped many people with low-cost loans to help them through the long rainy season, when food is scarce. Thank you for all the support you give – it is greatly appreciated.

Carol Cross

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Christian Discipleship



Former Boro footballer Kei Kamara, who hails from Kenema, alongside Patrick Jamiru during his visit to our Diocese. Photo by CAFOD, Louise Norton

Call For Prayers Over Ebola Crisis

Caritas Kenema director Patrick Jamiru, who visited our Diocese in February, says aid work is continuing unabated despite the risks presented by the Ebola crisis currently affecting the area in which they work.

This deadly virus is causing death and misery in the West African countries of Guinea, Liberia and Nigeria, as well as Sierra Leone.

"The Ebola situation is quite serious in Kenema and Kailahun districts, which constitute Caritas Kenema's operational areas," reports Patrick.

"Kono district is also under threat. The Sierra Leone government is doing very well but requires the assistance of others to fight the epidemic. The crisis has not stopped our work, as we still go to the communities affected by the Livelihoods project implementation.

"It is a risk to go to the communities at this time, but we do not have a choice, as the interests of our poor, disadvantaged rural community are our prime concern. Please continue to keep us in your prayers."

Kenema, Kailahun and Kono districts are among the poorest and hardest places to reach in Sierra Leone, as roads are nothing more than dirt tracks that become impassable during the rainy season from May to September. This will hamper the response to the Ebola crisis.

More than 2,000 people have died in West Africa, predominantly in Sierra Leone and Liberia, but also in Guinea and Nigeria.

Government Health Ministries are working closely with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to contain the crisis, but cases are still being reported and in new locations, with the WHO now calling this an "international emergency". We ask for your prayers that the brave people who are treating those affected with the virus will get the help they need to bring it under control.

A Harvest Festival For The World

CAFOD has been working with contacts in Hull to prepare a Harvest Service as part of Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) in the Diocese. One of the group has written about their plans...

Our CAFOD Harvest Service is focusing on climate change and energy and food poverty at home and overseas.

The local CAFOD group is inviting all the parishes in the region to attend the service and to participate by collecting non-perishable food, which will be distributed through churches and organisations that run foodbanks and similar projects in the city.

Bishop Terry will preside at the service and the Lord Mayor of Hull has accepted an invitation to attend.

Norah Hanson, of the Hull CAFOD group, said: "Our focus this year will not only be on the plight of people in the developing world. We have decided to hold a Harvest Service to also focus on growing concerns around the need for foodbanks and the plight of people affected by poverty in Hull.

"In this sense we are seeking to bring together the issues of poverty overseas and at home."

At the start of the service, candles will be lit on the Chanukah, which is loaned to CAFOD each year by the Jewish community. This candelabrum was brought out of a synagogue in Berlin at the start of the Second World War.

Focussing on our Christian responsibility to respond to the cry of the poor, there will be readings from the Gospels and the book of Genesis, as well as from Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Evangelii*

Gaudium, in which he says: "In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor."

He quotes the Bishops of Brazil speaking out against the injustice facing the poor in their own country: "We are scandalised because we know that there is enough food for everyone and that hunger is the result of a poor distribution of goods and income."

The Harvest Service is on Sunday October 5 at 3pm in St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street. CAFOD has asked that those bringing food please deliver it to the church for 1pm. All are welcome.

CAFOD diary dates

Sunday October 12 – Yorkshire Marathon: CAFOD will have a cheering point if you would like to come along and support young runners Luke Moore and Nick Webster. Read more about Luke and Nick on our blog <http://cafodmiddlesbrough.wordpress.com>

Thursday October 16 – CAFOD's new campaign launch *One World, One Climate* at York Council for Voluntary Services, Priory Street Centre, Priory Street, York from 7pm. Two of our partners from Peru will be joining us for the launch. Adan Samuel Pajuelo Bula is a farmer and community leader from Cruz de Mayo (Cross of May) in the Peruvian Andes. His community is at risk of losing their access to water because of glacial melt. Jessy Romero, co-ordinator for CAFOD's long-standing partner CEAS (Peruvian Bishops' Social Action Commission), supports his community. All are welcome.

Sunday November 16 – Our Memorial Mass this year will be at St Bernadette's Church, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough at 10.30am.

Richmond 16 Remembered



Remembering the Richmond 16 in a special service in Richmond Castle's Cockpit Garden

A group of North East men who took a courageous stand against war because of their religious beliefs have been remembered in a service at Richmond Castle.

The Richmond 16 refused to fight when conscription was introduced in 1916 at the height of the First World War.

Detained in the cells at Richmond Castle, they believed they were going to be executed but this did not deter them from a deeply held belief that killing their fellow men was in opposition to the teachings of Christ by which they lived.

They paved the way for a new public attitude to conscientious objection. Britain was one of the first countries to enact any kind of legal provision for conscientious objectors.

Sentenced to death when they were sent to



France, this was commuted to 10 years' penal servitude, which for most of them became many years of public hostility and rejection.

We gathered in the garden where there are 16 topiaries grown to commemorate them. We placed a wreath of red poppies to remember so many who had died in the First World War, before naming each of the 16 and placing a white poppy alongside their name, circling the wreath.

An excerpt from an article by one of the 16, Clifford Cartwright, states: "The attitude of those who decided that war was contrary to the teachings of the great Law-giver, has left its mark on the pages of history and, although small in number, the history of the conscientious objector will live whilst the story of the world war is told."

One hundred years later, there is an overwhelming need for peacemaking. Our service of remembrance – organised by the Justice and Peace Commission – concluded by praying for peace and singing what had become the favourite hymn of the 16 – *Nearer My God to Thee*.

In a symbolic "coincidence", there were 16 of us taking part in the commemoration.

Barbara Hungin

Asylum seekers who live in the Middlesbrough area were treated to a day out at the seaside in Whitby



A Warm Welcome By The Sea

Generous parishioners from St Hilda's and English Martyrs churches in Whitby offered a warm welcome when they treated 21 asylum seekers from the Middlesbrough area to a day out at the seaside.

A mixed group of young families, teenagers and young men, they have arrived on Teesside over many years from Angola, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

They aren't allowed to work or to attend college in this country unless they pay, but many still manage to remain cheerful.

Father Pat Keogh greeted the group and told them how pleased we were to see them and that he hoped they felt the warmth of our welcome.

Tables in the parish hall groaned with food donated by parishioners, who sat with the visitors to share a meal and hear their stories.

The children were then taken onto the beach for paddling and sandcastle building, while older visitors were taken around the town to experience the sights, including the 199 steps.

Contributions of clothes and toys were also gratefully received.

We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way and express special thanks to the asylum seekers for sharing their stories and their warm smiles.

Liz Atkinson

Christians Focus On Asylum Seekers

Christians from across the Tees Valley are invited to a one-day conference where they can learn, share and pray together for the many asylum seekers and refugees living in our communities.

The media is full of news about war and human suffering in so many parts of our world, with thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ, as well as people of other faiths, being killed and others fleeing persecution.

It feels very timely that as Christians we have this opportunity to come together to pray and consider our response to people arriving in our communities who have suffered so much.

During the day, there will be an opportunity to learn more about the asylum system, to hear first-hand from people who have sought asylum and, through a series of practical workshops, be better equipped to support and welcome people in our churches who are seeking asylum.

The event, on Saturday October 11, is free but booking is essential for catering purposes. Donations to be given on the day for the food and to support local asylum seeker projects.

Please book via Eventbrite 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, call (01642) 812622 or email office@st-barnabas.net

Heather Black

A Feast Of Bible Stories



Libby Redman with Mary Callan beside their poster in Edinburgh's Princes Street

A show that impressed audiences at this year's Edinburgh Fringe Festival is now available for viewing closer to home.

The 50-minute production, *King David's Wives*, is the latest from York-based Mary Callan's Blazing Grannies. Based on Bible stories, the show features Mary playing ten different characters, including queens, kings and courtiers.

She is joined by Libby Redman, a jazz singer, piano player and youth leader, whose father is pastor of a church in York.

"The Fringe is very exciting but hard work," said Mary. "Libby was a huge support and made me notice how much our audience loved the show."

To book *King David's Wives* or find a performance, contact Mary on 07596 714382 or email blazinggrannies@gmail.com

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Evangelisation

An Email From America

Although August is usually a “down month” in Youth Ministry, this year it provided a huge surprise for the MYMission Team. We were contacted by Father Andrew Small OMI, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in North America.

He had seen the work of the Mission Team on the internet and was particularly impressed with our use of social media, including Facebook and Twitter. Father Andrew issued an invite to a meeting in New York to plan for a more imaginative and cohesive use of the internet in the future.

Father Paul pulled rank and found himself on a plane to New York in the middle of August. The week-long trip centred around a series of day-long meetings with around 20 experts in their field.

Software guys were joined by Father Dave Dwyer, the Paulist Father responsible for the impressive youth website and radio show, *Busted Halo*. Julie Enzenberger, a consecrated virgin of the Diocese of Peoria, in Illinois, was also there. Julie is the web and social networking administrator for her Diocese and is also the promoter for the campaign to canonise Archbishop Fulton J Sheen. MYMission was in heady company indeed!

We need not have worried, our input was not technical but more to do with the New Evangelisation – how can we use this new technology to extend our ministry?

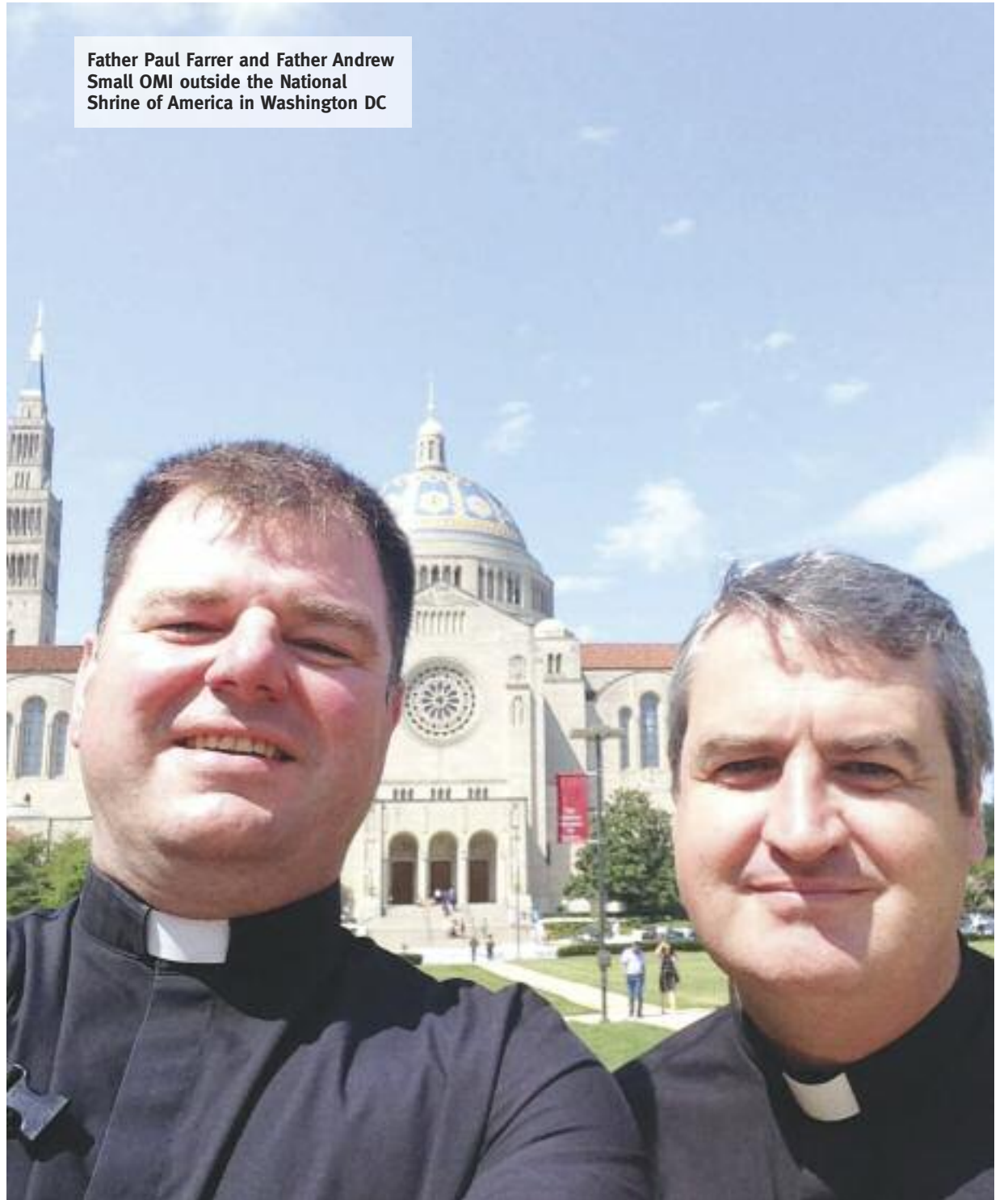
It may seem to many within the Church that a website, Facebook and Twitter are a luxury, something to pursue if we have time, but the reality is these tools are often the first point of contact for many when they seek us out. It is how they get their news and how they exchange information.

We relegate this technology to the “we’ll do it if we have time” bracket at our peril. Now, don’t tell anyone in America, but we at MYMission have to admit that our web content is all done in the “we’ll do it if we have time” bracket! But a week spent in discussion of the ecclesiological possibilities rather than the technological ones opened our eyes.

During the week, Father Paul contributed heartily to the Pontifical Mission Societies’ upcoming project and gained much in return. Friendship and mutual respect for each other’s ministries led to an appearance, along with Father Andrew, on Father Dave Dwyer’s radio show, which is broadcast nightly across the whole of the USA.

An unexpected invite led to MYMission helping others much further afield and we gained so much in return. We now have partners in ministry in America as well as our colleagues in this country. We support each other and help each other develop our ministries, and often simply because of what we do online.

Father Paul Farrer and Father Andrew Small OMI outside the National Shrine of America in Washington DC



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Father Dave Dwyer and Father Paul broadcast the Busted Halo Radio Show across the United States

Send Me The Right Way

Thornaby band Cattle and Cane is a bit of a family affair and a bit of a Catholic affair too. Three brothers, a sister and Tom, they are about to release their first album and things are looking really good for them.

Always close to their roots, they have recently released a charity single all about Teesside called *Infant Hercules* and they have been helping out the MYMission Team, too. We really are grateful to them.

Early this year Joe, the tall one, wrote a song that featured in the Little Big Assembly called *Send Me The Right Way*. We love it at MYMission and we are not alone.

One of the many emails we received after the LBA said: "Just wanted to say how much the children, teachers and I enjoyed the Little Big Assembly on Friday at Trinity Catholic College.

"The whole morning was wonderful from

listening to Joe and Johnny playing great music, Father Damien, the young people from the Mission Team, their words and drama, to my favourite piece of scripture, The Beatitudes, which was read so beautifully by a young man from your group.

"You have all worked so hard and it showed. I think you enjoyed it as much as we did. Our coach was buzzing on the way home and the children sang Joe's song all the way back to school. We certainly had found happiness at the Little Big Assembly."

And that's not all – the song has been heard in America and is set to feature on an album of contemporary Christian music to be released later this year by the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The full album listing is:

1. Go (CeCe Ballestero)
2. Ignite (Ally Rincon)



Thornaby group Cattle and Cane

3. Send Me the Right Way (Cattle and Cane)
4. Shine Through Us (Danielle Rose)
5. People Rise Up (Jacob and Matthew)
6. I Send You Out (John Angotti)
7. Go Make a Difference (Steve Angrisano)
8. We are Yours (Josh Blakesley)
9. Hallelujah is our Song (Sarah Kroger)

10. I give to you a Future (Jesse Manibusan)
11. Ha Llegado el Tiempo (Jorge Rivera)

Check out Cattle and Cane on iTunes and if you'd like a copy of the American CD email frpaul@mymission.org.uk

How Happy Are You?

National Youth Sunday on November 23 will take as its inspiration The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on The Mount. Focusing on the challenge to be blessed even when hardship comes our way, the theme asks young people, "How happy are you?"

The materials provided to schools and parishes are produced by the National Office for Vocation, which is an office of the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales.

This year, the MYMission Team has had a big hand in producing the materials needed. We are delighted to have been instrumental in helping select and present the theme, as well as assisting to edit and present the video content to be used online nationally.

A key part of the resources will be eight short videos that will be posted online and sent out to schools and parishes. Filmed all over England and Wales and edited by the MYMission Team, the films each show a young adult speaking about one of The Beatitudes, or The Be Attitudes, as we've called them.

The resources even feature a young man from the Diocese, Joe Hammill, of Christ the King Parish, Thornaby, who helped put together one of the videos. Joe speaks about his own faith, his love of music and how both help him live a full life.

All the materials and resources will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, the MYMission website and will be mailed out to parishes over the next weeks. But for now, here's a sneak peak at The eight Be Attitudes...



Musician Joe Hammill, who is featured in the National Youth Sunday resources

The Be Attitudes

Be humble – let God work through you

Be gentle – it will get you further than you think

Be sorrowful – grieving is okay, it shows your love

Be merciful – we all need forgiveness

Be just – the truth sets people free

Be peaceful – everybody is a child of God

Be pure – open your heart and you will see God

Be courageous – dare to do good so God can work through you

The question, as you read these, is "How happy are you?"

Celebrate Youth Sunday With Us

We are marking this special Sunday for young people in the Church with two celebrations.

On Friday November 21, there will be a special afternoon event called #HOWHAPPY, aimed at Year 10-to-13 students from schools in the north of the Diocese and taking place at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough.

Working together with the Diocesan Schools Service, MYMission will produce an event we hope will become a permanent fixture on the calendar and will eventually embrace every secondary school in the Diocese.

National Youth Sunday will also see MYMission re-establish the Diocesan Mass for Young People on that day. A time and venue will be announced shortly.

Please keep your eye on <http://mymission.org.uk> and follow us on Facebook and Twitter – oh, and read all about it in the next edition of *Catholic Voice!*

The National Faith In Action Award

MYMission and a small group of school chaplains and teachers have been working for over a year on a project to produce a faith-based award scheme for use in our schools and parishes.

The National Faith in Action Award is the result of our work. Together with colleagues from the dioceses of Hallam and Nottingham, we will pilot the scheme in some of our schools this year.

The work of this little group has caught the eye of both CAFOD and the Catholic Education Service and after this year-long pilot, we hope they will become the national award for England and Wales.

The scheme aims to celebrate the part young people play in the life of the Church, enabling them to put what they have learned about faith into action and continue to play an increasingly active part in the life of the Church.

We have already selected those institutions that will help us with the pilot scheme in our Diocese.

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Lourdes Corner

Help Us Answer Our Lady's Call!

Each year, our Diocese is challenged to ensure that every pilgrim, and especially the "supported pilgrims", can fully experience Lourdes and participate in all the services and processions that make up our week.

To do this, we rely on men and women of all ages and backgrounds coming to Lourdes as volunteer helpers in response to Our Lady's call.

Do you think you can help? Give Lourdes a try and share some of the experiences you can read about on the next page.

Our volunteer helpers, who are pilgrims themselves, strive to encounter Jesus in each pilgrim, caring for their physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. They include doctors, nurses, and non-medical helpers – *brancardiers* (male), handmaids (female), musicians and youth.

The purpose of pilgrimage is to grow in faith while visiting a place made holy by a sacred event that took place there. It is often as pilgrims, away from our everyday life and routine, that we experience a deepening relationship with God.

Being a volunteer at Lourdes is both a profound experience and an extraordinary privilege that we all share. As a volunteer, or helper, you are first and foremost an "active" pilgrim at the service of others.

Just as Bernadette was welcomed and accompanied at all times, we in turn should know how to welcome and accompany pilgrims, especially those who are sick or disabled and accommodated in the hospital or in hotels.

Healthcare Professionals

All healthcare professionals, for example doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and emergency care practitioners, are welcome.

Our nursing team consists of qualified nurses in current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council and retired nurses with valuable experience, along with healthcare assistants.

Currently registered nurses will be responsible for duties such as the administration of medicines and assessing and planning care for our supported pilgrims.

Nursing students can also work as volunteers in Lourdes and a reflection of this unique experience of holistic care can be included in their portfolios.

Brancardiers

Male helpers (or *brancardiers*, which is an old French term for stretcher-bearer) are involved in a range of duties and are primarily called on to support the pilgrimage with practical action.



Liz Summers and friends having fun on a day out during the Pilgrimage

Duties often include the more physical or active tasks, but there is also an important social aspect to our care, and often it can make a real difference to one of our VIP's lives by simply sitting down and talking to them. Whatever your level of physical ability, there is a role for all.

Handmaids

The handmaid's role is multifunctional and covers many areas. You may not wish to take on all the duties and it's absolutely fine to take on only those you feel comfortable and competent with. During our week on pilgrimage, handmaids will work on a duty rota within a team working alongside other *Hospitalité* members. Their primary role is to look after the wellbeing of the supported sick pilgrims and to ensure that they are treated with respect and consideration. They help with all aspects of our supported pilgrims' social care needs, assist with the washing and dressing of our supported pilgrims where necessary, spend time listening and talking to them (not a duty but a privilege), lay tables and serve meals in the restaurant

for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Spiritual needs are, of course, of primary importance to our supported pilgrims and they may wish you to accompany them to the Grotto or Stations of the Cross.

Most of our helpers work primarily with supported pilgrims from our own Diocese who stay in the hospital or *Accueil*, which means "place of welcome" and is a purpose-built modern building opened in 1997.

All volunteers are required to undertake a mandatory training session every year and will require a DBS certificate. They all travel and stay at their own expense.

During our week in Lourdes, friendships are made in a moment and last a lifetime. It's a call to service, friendship, celebration and commitment.

Please consider becoming part of it. Volunteers are always welcome. I'd be very happy to answer any questions you may have. Telephone (01642) 324043 or email keith_tillotson@hotmail.com

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Lourdes Chinese Night

Middlesbrough Lourdes *Hospitalité* is holding a repeat of its highly enjoyable Chinese Night in the Hopewell Chinese Restaurant in Guisborough on Friday October 17, meeting at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets are £15 and must be ordered by Friday October 10. Please contact Maureen McLean on (01287) 637335 or by email at maureen_mclean@hotmail.com

Hospitalité Christmas Celebration

Plans are underway for *Hospitalité* Christmas Celebrations in Middlesbrough and Hull to help us take the Lourdes spirit into the festive season.

These are free social events, full of Christmas cheer for all our VIPs and *Hospitalité* members.

The Middlesbrough event will begin with Mass in St Mary's Cathedral at 6.30pm on Saturday December 6, followed by an Open Mic Night and fish and chip supper in the church hall.

The date and venue for the Hull event are to be confirmed.

Please RSVP for the Middlesbrough event by Friday November 28 to allow catering arrangements to be made.

Contact Anne-Marie Stephenson on 07885 771258 or by email on mrsastephenson@gmail.com

Your Lourdes Stories...

Lourdes has had a profound impact on thousands of lives since the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage began in 1952. This month we begin a regular series in which some of those people tell their often deeply moving stories.

Some of them will make you smile and others might make you cry. All reflect some aspect of what our Pilgrimage means and reveal how it has the power to transform lives. They were first heard at the Taizé service that has become part of our pilgrimage in recent years.

The stories are all collected in a book, where more can be added. If you have your own Lourdes story you'd like others to share, please email Mary Lombard at thelombards@hotmail.com

A Family's Story



Much-missed Lourdes music director David Boyes (left) with group members Pat and the late Peter McGeary

Way back in the 1950s, the then Head Brancardier of the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage, Leo McLoughlin, told my husband, Peter, that they needed strong young men like him to go to Lourdes as brancs.

In those days, the pilgrimage went overland by train, and cost £26, which was a lot of money. With a young family, money was tight, and there was no way we could afford it.

Leo said there was a fund for just such cases, but Peter was too proud to accept help, so I said we'd just have to pray about it.

Shortly afterwards, a customer of Peter's gave him a tip for a horse called Merriman, and so he decided to back it.

The horse won, and the winnings came to exactly £26. It was clear to us that Our Lady agreed with Leo.

In the following years, Peter made sure he got to Lourdes by saving a small amount each week with Jack Wilson, who ran a savings club in the 'Lourdes Corner' at the Knights Club.

He recruited me as a handmaid, and as our children grew up, they became brancs and handmaids.

In 1995, we returned from the pilgrimage on the Friday, full of that Lourdes joy. Then on the Monday, Peter suffered a heart attack and died, but it was a great comfort to him – and to me – that he had so recently received the sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation in Lourdes.

And he has left a wonderful legacy. We are still very much a Lourdes family. This year, he could look down on four generations of his family in Lourdes, and we are all very grateful to Peter, and to Leo and even to Merriman, but most of all to Our Lady, for the gift of Lourdes in our lives.

A Pilgrim's Story

Lourdes unlocked my dormant faith, brought it to life and just set it on fire! It introduced me to real Christian action and prayer life within a deeply rooted faith community.

It has changed my life, quickened my faith and made it possible for me to hear God's personal message to me and for me to respond to Him.

It has become a necessary annual recharging of my spiritual batteries to help me from one year to the next.

Thank God for my Middlesbrough faith family and the personal annual miracle of Lourdes, which has so changed and enriched my life.

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.

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Spirituality and Worship

Prayers As New School Year Begins

Parishioners of the Sacred Heart and St Augustine's in Redcar took up an invitation to join more than 700 students as they began their new school year with Mass.

Canon Derek Turnham led the celebration alongside Deacon Len Collings as the Sacred Heart School asked for God's blessings for the new term.

Friends greeted each other after the summer break and staff members were greeted warmly by the students. In his homily, Canon Derek complimented the hard work and dedication of the staff in adapting to the constant changes to their workload.

He said it was important for everyone to accept this new beginning, take the chance to forget any past failings and greet the new year with optimism.

"A spirit of community and gladness filled the room," said one parishioner afterwards. "We were here for something special and it felt like it. We have so much to be proud of in our Catholic schools and we need to

get to know them better."

Another added: "Having reminded everyone that celebrating Mass was always the greatest privilege and primary joy, Canon Derek went on to dispel any holiday blues or new school jitters with some well-chosen words of support and encouragement for the whole school community. Thank you to everyone for a special morning."

Headteacher Mrs Hibbert said: "It was a pleasure to welcome the parishioners to our first school Mass of the year.

"We hope they will be able to come again in the future. As a school we value the connection we have with the parishes and believe this supports our students in recognising their role within our Catholic community."

Judged to be outstanding by both Ofsted and the Diocese of Middlesbrough, the Sacred Heart is a Specialist Science College.



Canon Derek with two Sacred Heart pupils at the Mass to mark the start of the school year

Crowds Gather For Assumption Pilgrimage

Bishop Terry was the principal celebrant at the annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace to mark the Feast of the Assumption.

Our pictures show Bishop Terry being assisted by Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson, priests distributing Holy Communion to the congregation and flowers around the statue of the Virgin Mary.



To Knock In Bernie's Memory



Canon Dan Spaight joined St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, parishioners and eight family members of the late Bernie O'Donnell for a pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock, County Mayo, in her memory.
A group from St Andrew's, Teesville, also travelled to Ireland for the four-day pilgrimage.

Canon Dan, who has retired and lives in Ireland, celebrated Mass for the pilgrims' intentions and for Bernie – a founder member of St Bernadette's Parish – at the Shrine's Gable End Chapel on the feast of Our Lady of Knock.
Bernie's husband, Neil, was on holiday in Mayo and became the group's unofficial tour guide.

Kath Oldroyd

Postgate Room Is Blessed And Dedicated

A new conference facility at the Curial Office in Middlesbrough has been dedicated to Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Priest of the Moors, who spent much of his life in poverty, serving the people in his native North Yorkshire.

Father Postgate travelled the length and breadth of the moors as far as Whitby and Pickering in all weathers, secretly celebrating Mass, baptising, marrying couples, burying the dead and meeting the needs of the local Catholic population at a time of brutal persecution.

The new conference room, to be known as *The Nicholas Postgate Room*, was formally dedicated and blessed at a short service led by Monsignor Gerard Robinson, Vicar General.

Members of the Curial Office staff and clergy attended. Afterwards, cake and a cuppa were the order of the day, courtesy of Monsignor Gerard.



Staff and clergy at the blessing and dedication of The Nicholas Postgate Room at the Curial Office

Calling All Singers!

Singers are invited to get involved in two Come and Sing events, in York and Norton on Derwent.

This first is Duruflé's *Requiem* at St Clements Church, Scarcroft Road, York, on Saturday October 18, hosted by The South Bank Singers under the direction of Toby Wardman.

It begins at 10am with refreshments, copies of the music and welcome, before singing from 10.30am.

There will be a break for lunch at around 12.30pm. Singers are asked to bring their own food and hot and cold drinks will be provided.

The day ends with a performance of the *Requiem*, which friends and family can attend free of charge.

The cost for singers is £15, which includes the use of a score and light refreshments, and is payable on the door.

To book, call John Guest at South Bank Singers on (01904) 795595 or email green.lane@phonecoop.coop

The Chanticleer Singers host a second Come and Sing day, Karl Jenkins' *Armed Man* Mass, on Saturday November 1 from 9.30am to 4.30pm at St Peter's Church, Norton on Derwent.

The day is led by Jane Sturmheit and will end with a performance at 4pm, audience welcome. For more information, see www.chanticleersingers.org.uk or telephone (01759) 388145.

Both events, which follow the successful Come and Sing of Fauré's *Requiem* at Haxby in the summer, are open to singers of all abilities.

Tim Harrison

A Tudor Talk

An insight into England in Tudor times will be given at this month's meeting of the Cleveland Newman Circle.

Monsignor Antony Conlon, chaplain to The Oratory School, in Reading, will speak on Mary Tudor and England's counter-reformation 1553-58 in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough.

The meeting takes place on Wednesday October 22 with coffee at 7.30pm and a 7.45pm start.

All are welcome. Please note the Circle's new regular venue.

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Nations United In Christ

Flags from 25 nations formed a procession when an International Mass celebrated the origins of worshippers at the Sacred Heart Church in Middlesbrough.

Music was provided in some of the different languages spoken by our community. We celebrated our rich diversity as well as our unity around the altar of the Lord to the sound of the refrain of our opening hymn – *All Are Welcome!*

Father Stephen Maughan

Donor Doubles Fête Fund

An anonymous donor generously doubled the £1,500 raised for St Hilda's and English Martyrs Parish funds at their annual garden fête.

The event, which takes place in parishioner Donald Foster's beautiful garden in Sleights, had been postponed for a week due to torrential rain.

The hard work of all those who prepared the fête was rewarded with good weather, allowing them to enjoy the garden's unique water features and plum and apple orchards.

The churches of St Hilda, in Whitby, and English Martyrs, in Sleights, are served by Father Pat Keogh.

Bishop Opens Celebrations

Bishop Terry will begin the 40th birthday celebrations of St Thomas More's, Beechwood, Middlesbrough, with Mass on Sunday November 2 at 9am.

Everyone is invited to attend this service and meet up with friends afterwards in the hall, where refreshments will be available.

Children Visit Newby Hall

To get term off to an exciting start, years one and two from St Martin's Ampleforth School visited Newby Hall, near Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire.

This term the children will be learning about sculptures and the many varieties of materials that they can be made from.

During the visit the children enjoyed working with some Zimbabwean sculptors, who taught them about chiselling, carving and sanding stone.

The sculpture trail gave everyone lots to investigate and loads of inspiration for creating sculptures of their own at school.

"The visit was a great way to start the new school year," said year two teacher Kate Oakley.



St Martin's children on their visit to Newby Hall

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Barney's Place Of Honour

As someone whose childhood revolved around the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, I naturally knew of Barney Connelly as a man who gave a huge amount to make it what it is today. A Lourdes legend, if you like.

Barney was made a Knight of St Gregory by the Pope in 1999 for his services to the Catholic Church. This Papal Knighthood is one of the highest honours for a Catholic layman or woman and was richly deserved.

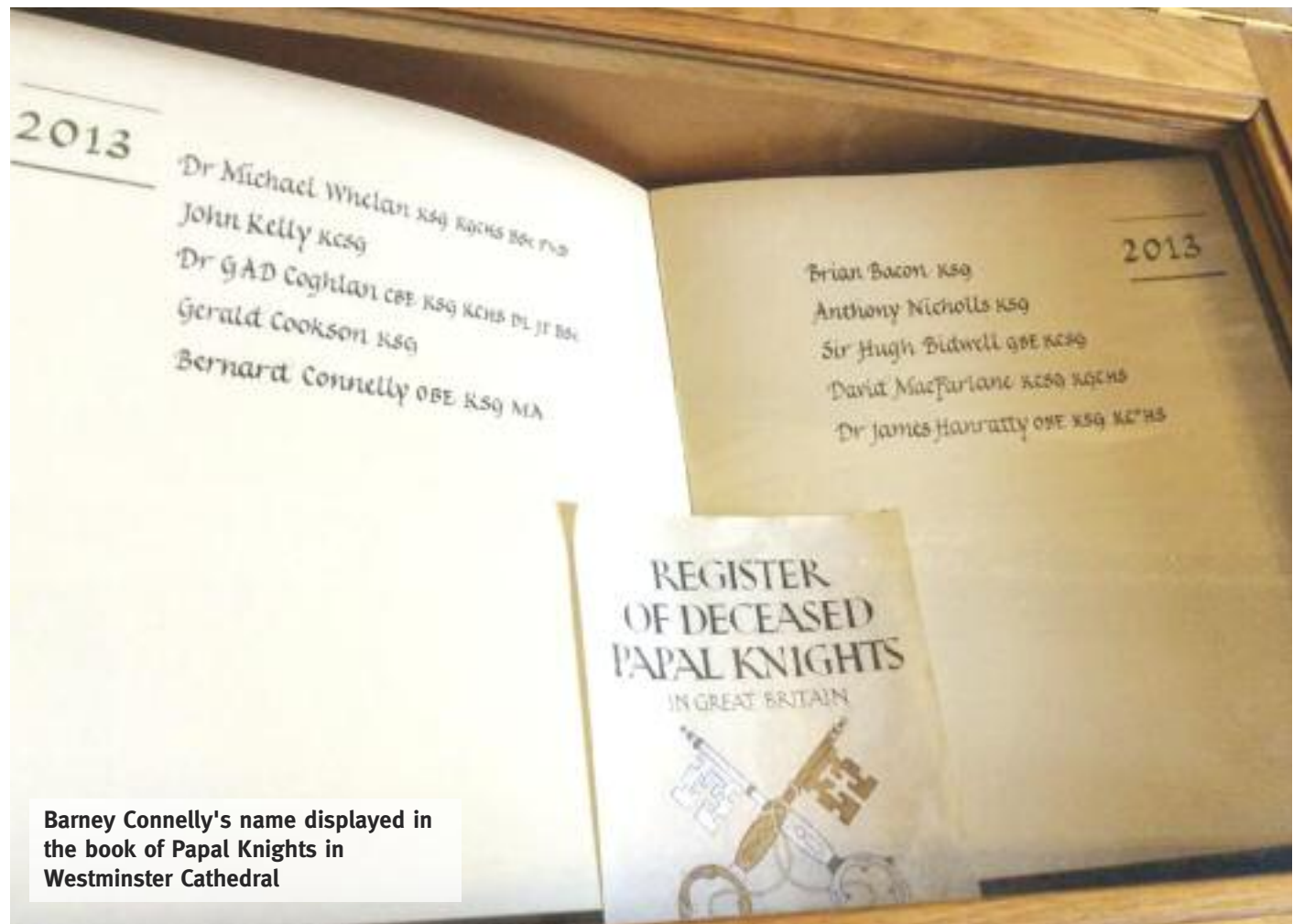
With my memories still vivid after all those years as a pilgrim, on moving to London earlier this month, how lovely a surprise it was to see his name on full display in the book of deceased Papal Knights in no less a setting than Westminster Cathedral.

What makes the honour even more profound for me is the fact that it is shown directly beside the tomb of His Eminence Cardinal Basil Hume.

Barney ran pilgrimages to Fatima, Rome and Knock and always enjoyed going to Lourdes, which he first visited in 1950, aged 28, and continued to visit each year until 2011.

Seeing a great Middlesbrough man honoured in this way in this place made me proud to have Barney Connelly as one of our own, as I'm sure everyone else in the Diocese will be.

Maria-Rebecca Murphy



Barney Connelly's name displayed in the book of Papal Knights in Westminster Cathedral

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Young Adults Group Launch

MYMission is launching a monthly time of prayer and companionship in the hope of providing an opportunity for young Catholic adults to meet together outside of their parish or ordinary social groups.

With a simple formula of a late afternoon Sunday Mass in the Mission House Chapel in Middlesbrough, followed by a meal, the Team hope many young adults will accept the open invitation to come along.

Father Paul said: "It can be tough for young adults to cling on to their faith. It's not always easy to pray, ask questions or feel like you have the freedom of expression that an inquisitive faith often needs."

"We hope people will take this monthly opportunity to meet each other and spend time in prayer and fellowship."


"These two simple things have long been the building blocks of the Christian community and the growing generation of Catholic adults will continue to need them."

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Didn't We Have A Ball!

More than 125 guests filled the Riverside Stadium's Legends Lounge for the fourth annual Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes *Hospitalité* summer ball.

A wonderfully enjoyable evening was had by all, with delicious food, excellent live music provided by violinist Liz Jayasuriya and guitarist Liam Sanders and a great disco courtesy of Mark Fearnley, enabling guests to dance the night away.

It was a sight to behold seeing everyone, or almost everyone, on the dance floor doing the *Macarena* – even those on crutches!

We had a fantastic evening, with much fun and laughter. Many thanks to all who attended and supported the event, which raised more than £1,300.

Our main picture shows some of our younger *brancs* and handmaids enjoying themselves on the night.

They are, from left to right, Al Bury, Rochelle Nestor, Ryan Hall, Rosie O'Neill, Dan O'Neill, Christianne Lombard, Andrew Gardner, Eloise Lombard, Rob Nestor, Naomi O'Neill, Clare Hargan, Luca Ricceri, Sinead O'Neill and Peter Nestor.

A Little Bit Of Lourdes In St Mary's

The Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes *Hospitalité* held a service at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough to celebrate Our Lady's Birthday.

As pilgrims gathered and filled the chapel, the atmosphere changed from friendly greeting to prayerful reflection.

The service, based around a decade of the Rosary, consisted of personal testimonies interspersed with prayer and Taizé music.

It was a little bit of Lourdes at home for all those present.

The service was followed by afternoon tea in the Cathedral hall, served by members of the *Hospitalité*.

Pilgrims past and present enjoyed each other's company as they ate some delicious food and plenty of Lourdes stories were exchanged.

The afternoon was summed up by one of our supported pilgrims, who said: "We've had a rough time recently and have been feeling really down.

"Being back with our Lourdes family today has really lifted our spirits. If we were to die tonight we would die happy. Thank you one and all for making today so lovely."

Gathering together in prayer and friendship reminded us all what we can look forward to as we make preparations for our 2015 pilgrimage to Lourdes.

It might seem a long way off, but now's the time to start thinking about it if you'd like to join us.

Audrey Kirby, Head of *Hospitalité*

Climate Change, Energy and Hunger

Ecumenical and Inter Faith Harvest Service

3.00pm
Sunday 5 October 2014

**St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church,
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**Rt Rev Terence Patrick Draine
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What's The Bishop Going To Do About The Number Of Priests?

Over the summer, Bishop Terry asked me to take on the role of Vocations Director for the Diocese, following in the footsteps of Father William Massie. My thanks to him for all he has done and the help he is giving me in getting used to new responsibilities.

One thing has really surprised me. So many people have already come up to me to ask what the Bishop is going to do about the shortage of priests.

Why am I surprised? Because the responsibility of providing priests for the Diocese rests with us all and ultimately, priestly vocations are nurtured at home in your families.

Please do continue to pray hard for vocations but in those prayers, right near the top of the list, place the vocation to marriage and family life. This is where priests and religious come from.

Of course we need priests and of course, in this day and age, it is a courageous individual who will discern and test such a call. But it just might be that such an individual is also your son, or your brother, or your cousin.

I know of no priest who does not rely heavily on his family for much of the support he needs in his ministry. That is often not the product of coping with the stresses and strains of ministry, rather it is the continuing expression of mutual love and support that has always existed.

So please pray for vocations, pray for those who are courageous enough to try to answer the call, but also remember that you might just be sitting next to the person you are praying for.

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- Attends Day of Recollection with Northern Church Leaders on Holy Island All day**
- Attends Bishop's Council meeting at the Curial Office 11.00 am**
Celebrating Education Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00 pm
- Attends Education Study Day at York Racecourse All day**
- Parish Visitation at Holy Cross, Cottingham All weekend**
- CAFOD Harvest Service at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 3.00 pm**
- Attends meeting with Guy Insull from Caritas Anchor House at Eccleston Square, London 12 noon**
Attends meeting of Bishops' Conference Election Working Group at Eccleston Square, London 1.15 pm
- Attends meeting of NOV Advisory Board, Eccleston Square 11.00 am**
Attends Caritas Working Group meeting, Eccleston Square 12 noon
- Visits Various Caritas Projects in and around London All day**
- Attends CES and Department meeting with Department for Evangelisation at Oratory House, London 10.30 am**
- Attends Walsingham Pilgrimage All weekend**
- Attends Bishop's Council meeting at the Curial Office 11.00 am**
- Attends Prison Chaplains meeting at Bishop's House 10.30 am**
- Meeting concerning The Hull Evangelisation Team at Bishop's House 10.30 am**
- Parish Visitation at Sacred Heart, Northallerton All weekend**
Meeting with Seminary Rectors, Beda College Rome
- Meeting of Bishop's Council and Trustees at the Curial Office All day**
- Celebrating Mass and talk at Serra Club of North Cheshire at Hinsley Hall, Leeds All day**
- Attends CSAN Annual General Meeting at Romero House, London All day**
- Attends Diocesan Trustee Board meeting at Curial Office 10.30 am**
- Attends Northern Province meeting - Bishop's House, Leeds All day**

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

2 Thursday
1.30 pm Victorian Tea with Judith Hibbert at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £9.00 per person. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 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. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

3 - 5 Friday - Sunday
 'Into Great Silence' - a silent retreat led by Fr Christopher. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

4 Saturday
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary's Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details

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
11.00 am Pro-Life Pilgrimage, Reparation, Prayers and Mass, for the Sanctity of Life at Our Lady of Mount Grace Chapel, Osmotherley. Pilgrims meet at 11.00 am in front of the Catholic Church, Osmotherley. Contact: Mrs M Ollerenshaw, Tel: 0191 285 4395 for further details

3.00 pm CAFOD Ecumenical and Inter Faith Harvest Service at St Charles Borromeo, Hull. Bishop Terence Patrick Draineay will preside
4.00 pm Young Catholic Adults Sunday Mass and Meal for those aged 18+ at Mission House, St Thomas More Church, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. Contact: Fr Paul Farrer, E-mail: frpaul@mymission.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

6 - 9 Monday - Thursday
 'Art at Ampleforth' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

7 Tuesday
12.45 pm Our Lady of the 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: Holy Mass. Contact: Flora James, Tel: (01609) 776044 or 07738 472779 for further details
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

8 Wednesday
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hesse meet after the Morning Mass
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'St Paul - Prophet or Bigot' led by The Rt Rev Tom Butler at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

10 Friday
2.00 pm Scarborough Medjugorje Prayer Group. Contact Joan Salt, Tel: (01723) 363321 for further details including venue

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in the small chapel at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details

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

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

10 - 12 Friday - Sunday
 'Shadows and Scapegoats' - a retreat led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

11 Saturday
9.30 am - 4.00 pm 'How can you and I welcome Asylum Seekers in our Church?' Conference at The Trinity Church, 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

10.00 am - 4.00 pm 'With Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength: Worshipping God with the whole of our being' led by Dr Paula Gooder at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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 Saturday - Sunday
 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)

11 - 12 Saturday - Sunday
 '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 for further details

12 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

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

14 Tuesday
12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull for 'Christmas Flower Arrangements' with Ms N Hardy
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ASCENT Group, York West meets at Our Lady's, Acomb 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

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

16 Thursday
9.00 am - 12 noon Back Care Group - Line dancing - at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details
7.00 pm CAFOD's 'One Climate One World' Campaign Launch at York Council for Voluntary Services, Priory Street Centre, Priory Street, York. All welcome. Contact the CAFOD Middlesbrough Office, Tel: (01904) 671767 or E-mail: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk for further details

17 Friday
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Middlesbrough Lourdes Hospitality Chinese Night in the Hopewell Chinese Restaurant, Guisborough. Tickets £15.00 which must be ordered by 10 October. Contact: Maureen McLean, Tel: (01287) 637335 or E-mail: maureen_mclean@hotmail.com for further details and to order tickets

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
7.30 pm Norah Hanson and Carrie Martin - poetry and acoustic music at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

18 Saturday
10.00 am for 10.30 am 'Come and Sing' Day on Durufle's Requiem under the direction of Toby Wardman at St Clements Church, Scarcroft Road, York. Hot and cold drinks provided, please bring own lunch. The day ends with a performance of the Requiem at 4.30 pm. Cost £15.00 payable at the door, to include use of a score and light refreshments. Contact: John Guest, South Bank Singers, Tel: (01904) 795595 or E-mail: green.lane@phonecoop.coop to book a place
7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Shillelagh Duo) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227
7.30 pm - 10.30 pm Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

19 Sunday
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Gabriel's, Ormesby, Middlesbrough
5.00 pm Latin Mass followed by Rosary and Benediction at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

Can You Do The Big Teesside Sleepout?

The next Big Teesside Sleepout is on Friday November 21 and the MYMission Team can't do it - our diary is full!

We have taken part in two such events since last November, sleeping rough for the night near Middlesbrough College.

The Sleepout is organised by Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation and all the money raised goes to support those who struggle locally with the effects of homelessness in all its guises.

In April, around 35 people joined the Team as we took on a very rainy night. Some would do it again and some wouldn't, but all would agree that it is an eye-opening experience.

Although we can't do it, you could! How about it? All you have to do is sign up at www.bigteessidesleepout.co.uk You must be over-18 or accompanied by an adult.

It's an experience you won't forget and you will be helping a great cause.

Because we can't do the Sleepout ourselves, we're having a fundraising night at Sticky Fingers rock café on Linthorpe Road later this month.

The size of the venue means that admission is by ticket only but we hope to donate £1,000 to the Sleepout coffers after that night.



Father Paul Farrer with the MYMission Team and friends at the last Big Teesside Sleepout

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