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## Bishop's Column

We seem to have quickly passed through "the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness"; clocks have gone back and the days shorten relentlessly. Nature tells us that everything is coming to its time of dark restfulness. No wonder that this has always been the season, in this part of the world, to think of death and those who have died. We know through our faith in Christ Jesus that those who have died in Christ will share Christ's life. We also know that it is a good and holy thing to pray for those who have died and so November is the month of the Holy Souls. As well as the Commemoration of All Souls, which will take place on Monday November 3 this year, there are many moments in most parishes to remember and pray for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith.

On another matter, this month we celebrate 50 years since the Document on Ecumenism was promulgated by the Second Vatican Council. It was among the first documents to be debated and formulated and was very high on the list of priorities among the Council Fathers. Those of us who have grown up with it perhaps don't realise how revolutionary it was to hear such ideas as these below, taken from the introduction of the document.

*"The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ Himself were divided. Such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalises the world, and damages the holy cause of preaching the Gospel to every creature."*

To celebrate this event, there will be a service of Evening Prayer in the Cathedral on Wednesday November 26 at 7pm. I have invited Bishop Paul Ferguson, recently appointed Bishop of Whitby, Reverend Ruth Gee, the former President of the Methodist Church in Great Britain, Reverend Lis Mullen, the Moderator of the Northern Province of the United Reformed Church and Reverend John Claydon, the Regional Minister of the Northern Baptist Association. During the service, each of us will give a very short reflection on the "journey so far". I hope that there

# Reaching Out To The Homeless

**Could you help provide a safe haven and the first steps towards a new start for some of Middlesbrough's most desperate and vulnerable people?**

For many years, the John Paul Centre in Grange Road, home to the Redemptorist community, has had a deserved reputation for reaching out in a caring and non-judgemental way.

Now, Catholic charity Depaul UK is building on that work by introducing its own experience and expertise in the form of the Positive Pathways initiative.

The aim is to establish a support centre for some of the most disadvantaged people in the local community, including the homeless, ex-offenders, people in extreme poverty and refugees and asylum seekers, as well as the lonely, hungry and those who feel abandoned by society.

"Sometimes people become homeless because of family break up, or where a young person's family are at war with each other," said Positive Pathways development worker Terry Doyle. "They might sleep anywhere other than the family home, which leaves them vulnerable."

"We meet people whose marriages have broken up or who are experiencing mental health difficulties. All these factors can lead to homelessness – it's not all about drink and drug abuse."

"Positive Pathways is about working with people to empower and enable them to emerge from that rut. It's about raising aspirations and broadening horizons."

"If we can work with them to give them a better lifestyle and raise their sense of self-worth, we're doing a lot to change that kind of mindset and reverse the downward spiral their lives are in. The work will be carried out alongside and in partnership with other important organisations already providing excellent support across the town."

Every Saturday, the Upper Room Project is run by a team of volunteers, offering lunch and a listening ear to around 50 people



**Positive Pathways development worker  
Terry Doyle at the John Paul Centre**

who are homeless or struggling for a variety of reasons.

Plans are underway for a series of retreats to help homeless people begin to turn their lives around.

Terry hopes to speak in as many parishes as possible to recruit volunteer drivers or hosts for Depaul UK's Nightstop project, which aims to ensure that every young person has an alternative to sleeping on the streets.

Nightstop pairs young people with volunteer families and individuals who have a spare room that a desperate teenager can use for a night or more. Last year, it provided 12,000 nights of accommodation nationwide.

"Depaul UK has established hugely-successful Nightstop projects in other towns and is looking to extend it to Middlesbrough," said Terry. "But it can only really expand and thrive here if it's got the resources to respond to rising numbers of people who are experiencing homelessness."

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# Christian Discipleship

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## Bishop's Column

will be a good number of people representing all the churches, including ours.

Towards the end of the month, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which is also Youth Sunday in this country. The theme this year is "How happy are you?" and deals with The Be Attitudes: *Be Peaceful – everyone is a child of God; Be Courageous – dare to do good so God can work through you; Be Pure – open your heart and you will see God; Be Humble – let God work through you; Be Gentle – it will get you further than you think; Be Just – the truth sets people free; Be Merciful – we all need forgiveness.*

Then just as the days get darker and the nights grow longer, Advent begins. Thank God!  
Yours in blessed hope

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## Reaching Out To The Homeless

"Positive Pathways, Nightstop and the John Paul Centre are all looking to play their part, and having the support of the Catholic community will make a huge difference to the work we're doing."

Terry, 54, is originally from South Bank, but now lives in Saltburn. He became aware of social justice issues after being involved in the Teesside punk rock scene in the late 1970s and early 80s, when widespread unemployment blighted the area. He is now a trained spiritual director and Benedictine Oblate with Father Laurence Freeman's World Community for Christian Meditation ([www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org))

He is also qualified in various holistic therapies designed to enable and empower individuals to reach their potential and a well-known Tai Chi and meditation teacher, facilitating workshops and retreats across the UK. These run alongside his other main passion, working with the marginalised.

"I want to see Nightstop and Positive Pathways grow on Teesside," he said. "It's already very big in London, Manchester and Tyneside and we'd love to see it take off here."

"With the John Paul Centre being in the heart of Middlesbrough, it's become a focal point and gives us a ready-made point of contact with so many vulnerable people."

"Many people would like to help but don't think there's anything they can do. But by becoming a volunteer host or driver or just by offering any food or unwanted clothing, they really can."

- To find out more about Nightstop and Positive Pathways, contact Terry on 07436 103158 or visit [www.depaulnightstopuk.org](http://www.depaulnightstopuk.org)

## Missionary Francis Returns To Africa

**Middlesbrough teacher Francis Hannaway is returning to the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he worked as a lay missionary in the early 1990s.**

Francis was part of Britain's own Catholic missionary society, Mill Hill Missionaries, which was founded by Herbert Vaughan, later to become Cardinal Vaughan, the builder of Westminster Cathedral.

Now Francis, from St Gabriel's Parish in Ormesby, Middlesbrough, has left his home and family to join the work of Mill Hill in the central African nation once more.

"I've visited several times over the years," said Francis. "Something in the back of my mind seemed to be calling me back. My daily life stopped me for a long time, but now I'm in a position to be able to go again."

In 1998, while he was back visiting the Diocese of Basankusu, deep in the equatorial rainforest, war broke out.

"I was trapped there for eight weeks during

what was supposed to have been a three-week visit. When I was finally allowed to fly back down to the capital city, I was shocked at seeing child soldiers and having to negotiate road-blocks manned by nervous looking military personnel."

The war lingered on for several years and Francis wasn't able to visit again until 2007. In the past couple of years he has spent time supporting community projects through forest conservation in Kinshasa.

"My work now is primarily supporting the work of the mission," Francis said. "I'll be teaching candidates who want to become Mill Hill priests, as well as being involved in education and community development projects."

"I read that in one of the outlying villages, there were three children dying from malnutrition each day. I was amazed that such a situation could exist, and even more so when I was told that this was commonplace."

"Everyone's lives have been touched by the war. Knowledge about weaning babies and feeding small children that would have been passed on in families has missed a generation. But if the right foods are planted, the deaths can be avoided."

He will be involved in projects to educate about nutrition and planting the crops needed. He'll also be working to restock animals such as sheep and pigs in villages where they were looted by retreating soldiers, and supporting a school for children who were made orphans by the war.

"My visit last year gave me a great opportunity to make videos of life in the rainforest mission of Basankusu," Francis



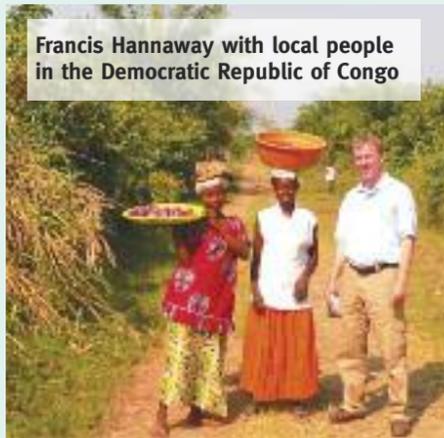
Francis with a happy child on a previous visit

added.

"I put the videos on YouTube so that people could catch a glimpse of mission life. Perhaps they'll talk about my work and want to support it. You never know, some people might contact me to offer financial assistance to my projects."

Francis can be contacted at [francis7@yahoo.com](mailto:francis7@yahoo.com) or can be supported through Mill Hill Missionaries' financial secretary, stating "Account – Francis Hannaway (Basankusu)" at [finsec@millhillmissionaries.com](mailto:finsec@millhillmissionaries.com) or 3 Emilia Close, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HU.

- We've asked Francis to keep us updated on his progress as his work in the Democratic Republic of Congo continues.



Francis Hannaway with local people in the Democratic Republic of Congo

## Peer Kicks Off Newman Season

**Former government minister Lord Tom McNally launched a new Cleveland Newman Circle season with a talk on politics in a multi-faith society.**

Lord McNally has been involved in politics all his life and until last year was Minister of State for Justice in the Coalition Government and Deputy Leader of the House of Lords. He is now Chair of the Youth Justice Board.

He was educated by the Irish Christian Brothers and has drawn on his faith in shaping his political views.

Lord McNally considers that the origins of our western political systems arise from an essentially Christian ethos. From Magna Carta in 1215 to the "four freedoms", of speech, of worship, from want and from fear, defined by President Roosevelt, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, our highest ideals have been underpinned by a Christian understanding and optimism.

But their success depends on mutual tolerance and mutual respect and in many parts of the world, this is lacking, with conflicts between Sunni and Shia in the Middle East, Buddhists and Muslims in Burma and Jews and Arabs in the Near East.

We see persecutions of different tribes and religious groups in Sudan, Pakistan, Nigeria and China and international terrorism is mobile. Some say the problems are rooted in a post-World War II settlement based not on universal values, but on capitalistic values imposed by an exploitative West.

However, Lord McNally believes that parliamentary democracy, an independent judiciary and a universal concept of human rights are legitimate aspirations for all mankind.

He takes seriously Christ's teaching that we cannot "pass by on the other side" in the face of suffering or injustice and his reflections on attempts to impose our values abroad by force of arms, and issues with accommodating the different religious and cultural styles now prevalent in Britain, all sparked off lively and informed discussion.

Future Newman talks will all be at the new, regular venue of the Hall



Lord Tom McNally

at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (TS8 0TW). Talks begin at 7.45pm, with coffee from 7.30pm, and all are very welcome. Contact Judith Brown on (01642) 814977 for further details.

Patricia Egerton

# Drama Highlights World Hunger

Young people from English Martyrs and St Hilda's in Whitby held an evening of drama and music to raise awareness of the work of CAFOD as part of the Parish's Family Fast Day activities.

Having met only twice for rehearsals, they rose to the occasion, telling the story of a young girl who had been given £50 from her Grandad's small lottery win.

After being shown stories of children's suffering in developing countries, she decided to donate all her money to help them. The young people highlighted the amount of food we waste in this country and the problems families in poorer countries faced

in feeding their children and themselves.

All the children came together to hold up CAFOD posters showing how even small amounts of money can help families in many different ways.

Father Pat Keogh thanked the children for showing us all how lucky we are and how we can help support those much poorer than ourselves. They were delighted when the congregation of 60 parishioners donated more than £250.

We would like to thank them for giving their time and the enthusiasm they showed for the project and also the parishioners for their generosity.

Liz Atkinson



Children taking part in the Family Fast Day drama

# SVP Beside The Seaside

A group of 42 parishioners from St Aelred's, York, were blessed with glorious sunshine for their annual trip to Whitby. They broke their journey in the beautiful village of Thornton-le-Dale before making their way to the seaside town.

The more agile among the party then explored the Abbey and walked down the legendary 199 steps, while the others stayed on the coach to Whitby harbour. The whole group then enjoyed award-winning fish and chips at Quayside. The trip is organised by the Parish's SVP Conference.

Patricia Nobbs



# Ged's Quick Quiz

**Thinking cap question:** Names the five *Carry On* films with titles ending in "ing".

**Connections:** Answer the questions then find the connection between all five.

1. In 1998, Alan Shearer appeared before an FA disciplinary hearing accused of kicking which player in the face?
2. What was the name of the character played by John Wayne in the 1939 film, Stagecoach?
3. Which singing son of a film star reached number eight in the charts in 1969 with the song Windmills of my Mind?
4. Which fashion designer created the Team GB kit for the 2012 Olympics?
5. Who was the 1968 European Footballer of the Year?

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Answers: 1. Neil Lennon 2. The Ringo Kid 3. Noel Harrison 4. Stella McCartney 5. George Best (Connection: The Beatles).

Answers

Thinking cap question: Camping, Cruising, Loving, Screaming, Spying.



# CAFOD Calls For 'One Climate: One World'

## Charity Launches Environmental Initiative

**Climate change is the single biggest threat to reducing poverty.**

Whether it's typhoons or floods destroying entire communities, or unpredictable seasons for farmers leaving millions hungry, it's undoing years of hard work aimed at improving people's lives.

Sinteyo Legei, a mother of five living in the remote village of Leparua in Kenya, says: "Life is already hard. No one has electricity and the region is plagued by drought and things are getting worse.

"The little rain that used to arrive each year is now increasingly unpredictable, and farmers can no longer depend on it for the survival of their crops and animals."

CAFOD has helped Sinteyo and her community by funding a greenhouse project, which uses a solar-powered pump to water tomato plants they can grow and sell, so they don't have to rely on the erratic rains. The community share the profits between them, helping them feed themselves and their families.

On Thursday October 16, we welcomed two of CAFOD's partners from Peru, Jessy Romero and Adán Samuel Pajuelo Bula, to help us launch CAFOD's new *One Climate: One World* campaign in York.

Jessy, a community organiser, co-ordinates a programme for fair water distribution in Ancash for CEAS (Comisión Episcopal de Acción Social – the Peruvian Bishops' social action commission).

Jessy's previous role involved supporting human rights, participation, leadership and advocacy with the Paron Lagoon community.

"At CEAS I have seen from close up the marginalisation and exclusion of the poor communities we work with who are constantly defending their lands," Jessy said.

"My Christian vocation compels me to speak the truth and nothing but the truth for the



common good. I face the stark reality of dealing with environmental degradation, which continues unabated, and climate change, which I have seen affecting the most vulnerable communities. We are called to continue to provide a human and just response in solidarity with our communities."

Adán is a farmer 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.

He said: "My job is to co-ordinate the provision of water. CEAS has taught us how much water we can take from the lagoon, so as not to waste it. We are trying to let the lagoon reach its original level.

"There are 2,800 families in Cruz de Mayo. The water also sustains people living in Yungay, Caraz and Campiña. It's a great responsibility. Water brings us problems, but also unites us.

"Before there was a water shortage, we didn't really know each other. But now we speak to each other all the time and work together. I think there will be more conflicts over water, but I think we'll be able to come together.

"On climate change, I think we are accelerating it. We have bad beliefs. For example, some people believe we have to burn land in order for it to rain. We need to change the way we think.

"I think industry is the greatest polluter. And those of us who don't generate much

pollution are the ones who suffer the most. When the glaciers melt, we are the ones who are going to suffer.

"Industry should invest where climate change will have greatest impact. When the glaciers melt, we won't be able to grow corn, carnations or potatoes. This place will become a desert. And where can we go?

"Everyone else will be in the same boat. If we can restore the lagoon with rainfall and change our irrigation systems so that we use less water and produce more, that will make a difference.

"We need to prepare ourselves now and not wait for things to get worse. We can learn how to farm with less water and produce more, using irrigation techniques."

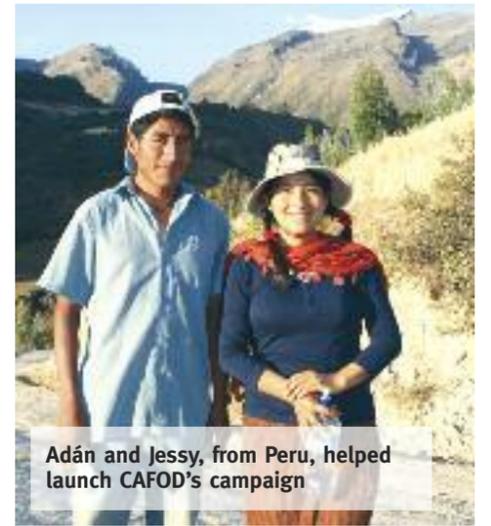
As we can see from these examples, climate change is already having a devastating effect on millions of people in developing countries. For them, it's not some problem to be faced in the distant future, it is a reality now, as are its impacts, such as extreme weather conditions in the form of droughts or floods.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said in its 2013 report that with 95% certainty, humans are the main cause of climate change.

Pope Francis recently said: "Creation is a wonderful gift that God has given us so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect. Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Together, we can make a difference. Everyone can do their bit by:

- Cutting down on how much energy we use by turning off lights and appliances when not in use
- Switching to a green energy provider such as Ecotricity (who will make a £40



Adán and Jessy, from Peru, helped launch CAFOD's campaign

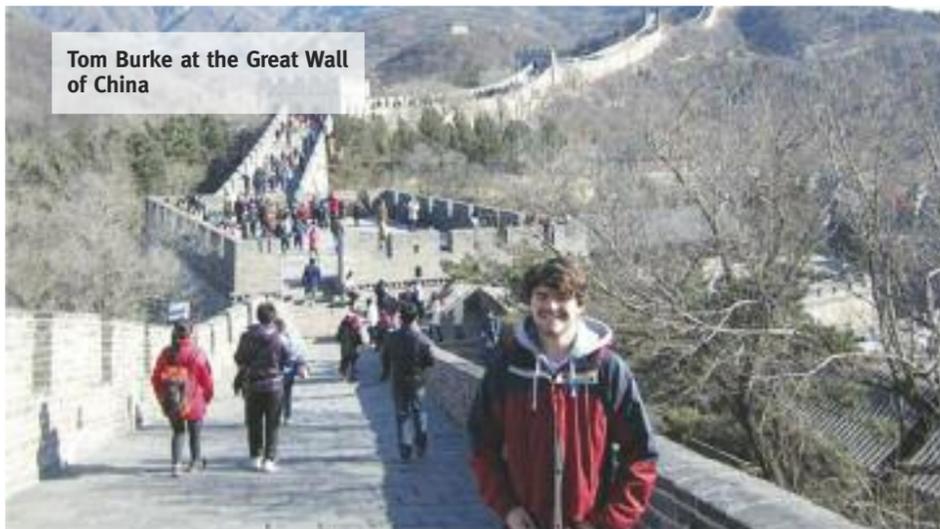
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- Installing loft and wall insulation
- Having a car-free day each week
- Cycling to work
- Walking to church on Sundays
- Taking CAFOD's online campaign action, or holding a campaign card signing event after Mass one Sunday
- Holding a CAFOD *One World: One Climate* Advent Service
- Buy a world gift for your loved ones as a Christmas present

Why not be really pro-active and hold your own *One Climate: One World* event for your parish, town or local area? Your local CAFOD Office can help you. Contact Carol or David Cross by email on [Middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk) or by telephone (01904) 671767.

David Cross

## Tales Of Tom's Travels



Tom Burke at the Great Wall of China

Members and friends of Driffield Catholic Women's League enjoyed a talk given by 20-year-old Our Lady and St Edward parishioner Tom Burke.

During the summer, the Sheffield University history undergraduate took the opportunity to explore Southeast Asia, as well as undertaking a voluntary stint teaching British culture in Shanghai, after completing a year's study exchange at Hong Kong University.

His itinerary took in China, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar (Burma) and India.

He shared memories of contrasting places of beauty and significance, as well as his excitement at engaging with people of all ages from different cultures and extending his circle of friends across many nationalities.

Tom's selection of photographs and memorabilia of Hong Kong gave his audience

an insight into that amazing city's incredible skyline, its hard-working and vivacious people and its ingenuity at celebrating and combining the sacred and the secular.

There were also some poignant moments – he arrived in time for the military coup in Bangkok and in Myanmar his wooden long-boat was rammed and capsized and he had to be rescued. In Cambodia his visit to the Killing Fields of Phnom Penh evoked chilling thoughts of war, as did his visit to Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam.

Tom is keen to use his travels to challenge common stereotypes and as he returns to complete his final degree year, has undertaken the role of Study Abroad Ambassador. We're sure he's the right person for that task.

Marie McClelland



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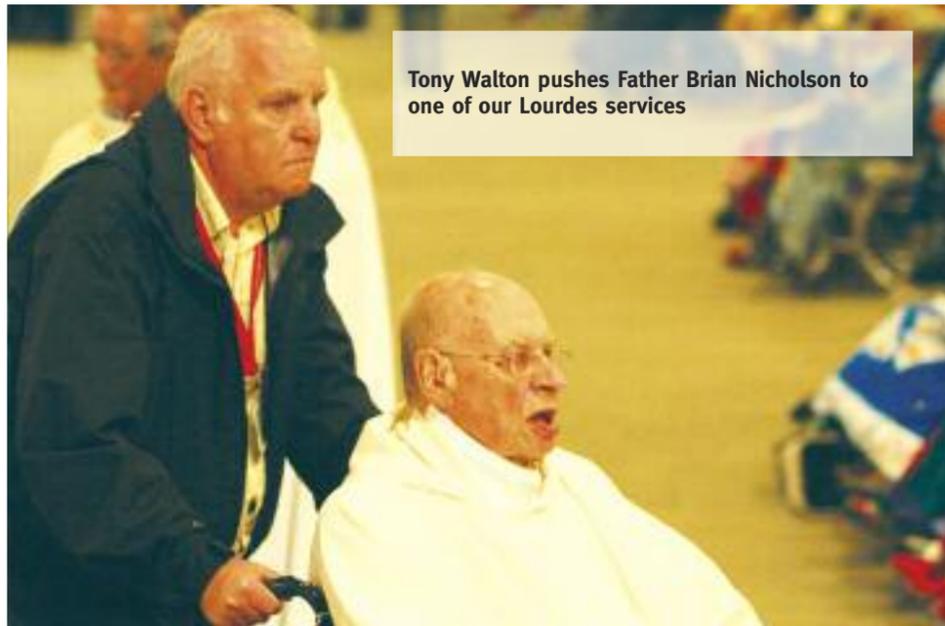


# Lourdes Corner

## Full Marks From 2014 Pilgrims



Some of our supported pilgrims in the St Bernadette Centre



Tony Walton pushes Father Brian Nicholson to one of our Lourdes services

### Inspiring faith and deep gratitude are two of the main themes in the feedback forms handed in by our supported pilgrims after the 2014 pilgrimage.

This year the *Hospitalité* asked all VIPs in the *Accueil* and the hotels to fill in a form telling us what they had enjoyed about the week and what we might be able to do better in the future.

The results were overwhelmingly positive – in fact some said the only thing that could have been improved was the weather, as it was a very wet week in the foothills of the Pyrenees!

Here are some of the responses given about the overall experience of Lourdes...

“Everybody was very kind and helpful.”

“Nurses, doctors and brancs all respected our privacy, something you should be proud of.”

“Very special, wonderful.”

“Friendship and kindness was amazing.”

“Visiting the Grotto was very emotional.”

“Thanks to all who made it possible, physically, financially and spiritually. Things improve year on year.”

“A welcoming, uplifting place to visit. Very spiritually supportive. Met nice people, good company at hotel and caring doctors, nurses and helpers.”

Asked what was the best part of the pilgrimage, respondents said...

“Meeting up with old friends and making new ones.”

“Always visits to the Grotto and Blessed Sacrament Chapel.”

“Care given by the helpers, especially the young.”

“Enjoyed the music.”

“Being with the lovely ladies in our room and the loving care from all the nurses and handmaids.”

“The Mass of Anointing.”

“Being part of a loving, caring and praying family.”

“The Masses, the beautiful singing, especially the Taizé service.”

“The Torchlight Procession – even in the rain!”

“Just being there – feeling the love that is Lourdes.”

“The Middlesbrough-led procession.”

“Seeing my granddaughter gradually improve – she was very sick on arrival and her seizures gradually subsided – a little Lourdes miracle!”

“The love that was shown and the quiet presence of Our Lady at the Grotto.”

“All of it, it’s a wonderful experience, not to be missed.”

“Every day was a wonderful experience.”

Many people felt the food in the *Accueil* had improved dramatically on previous years.

Comments included...

“Beautiful and plenty.”

“I’m a picky eater but always managed to find something I could enjoy.”

“Much improved.”

“Very good this year compared to last year.”

“Some good, some bad – manageable for a week.”

“Too many chips!”

Some pilgrims felt more curtains in the *Accueil* would have added to their privacy, and one also said there were not enough coat hangers available.

Only one of the 43 forms returned said they weren’t given enough information before the pilgrimage. That pilgrim would have liked to know the flight times sooner in order to arrange transport, while one other respondent felt earlier confirmation that their booking had been successful would have been helpful.

Most were delighted with the level of help given but one said it was sometimes difficult to find enough wheelchair-pushers.

A number of respondents would have liked more opportunity for private prayer at the Grotto, while some would have enjoyed more time socialising, both outside the Domain and within the hospital.

Some felt better facilities and refreshments while waiting for the flight at the airport would have helped the time pass by more quickly.

Finally, we asked if our supported pilgrims had any suggestions to help us improve future pilgrimages...

“Could not improve on your excellent organisation.”

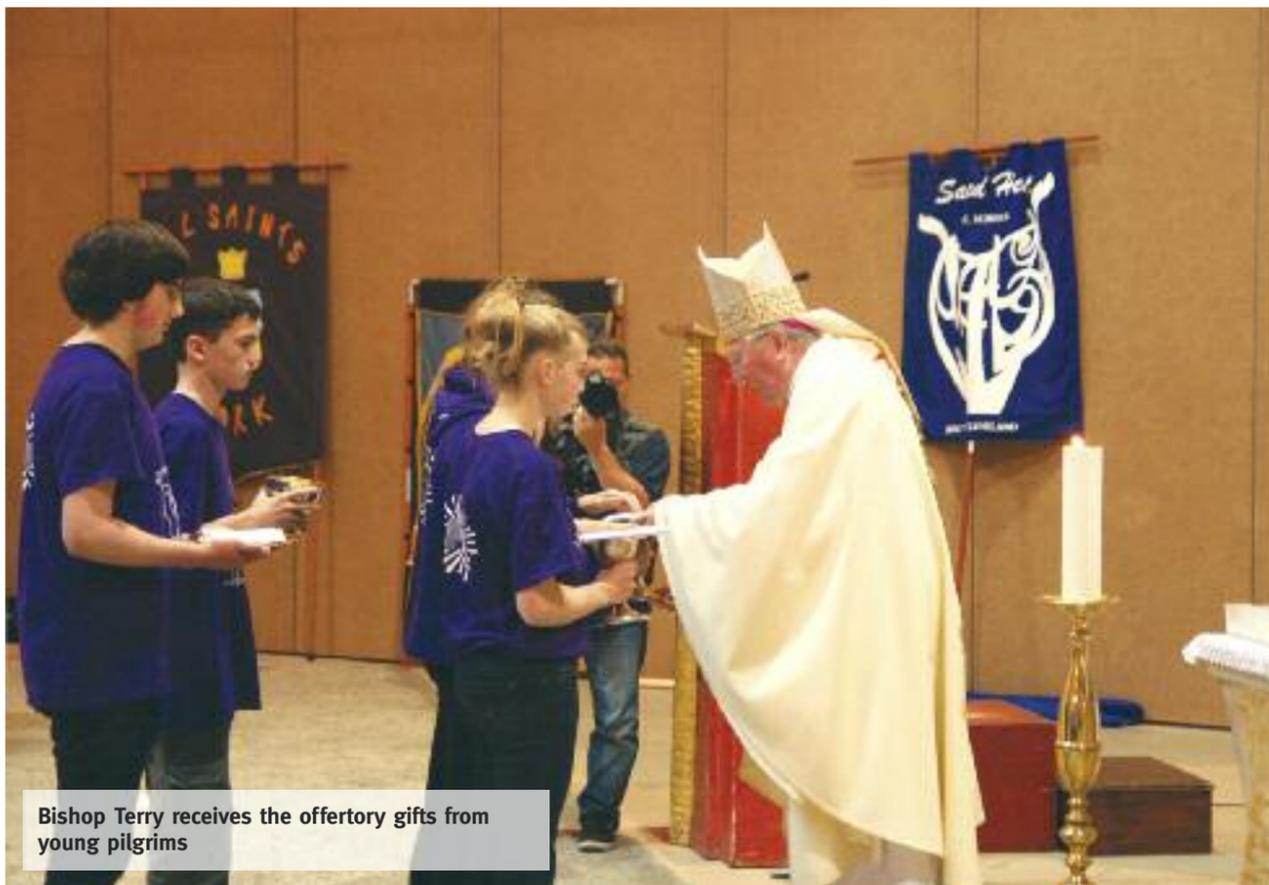
“Just looking forward to the next one.”

“I don’t think you could improve in any way. I hope and pray that I will be able to come again in 2015.”

“I don’t think you can do better because you only have to ask and people try to accommodate your wishes.”

“Could not have improved your planning, five star.”

Thank you to all those who took part in the survey. All the feedback will be carefully assessed ahead of our 2015 pilgrimage.



Bishop Terry receives the offertory gifts from young pilgrims

# Your Lourdes Stories...

Each month we're featuring stories in which Middlesbrough pilgrims tell their often deeply moving stories about the profound impact Lourdes has had on their lives.

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](mailto:thelombards@hotmail.com)

## A Nurse's Story

Each Lourdes I bring back a bag of Lourdes medals – you know, the little blue ones – and take them into work. I work at James Cook Hospital, so not a very 'Catholic' environment, but there is a faith there and a genuine interest in Lourdes.

So the medals get snapped up rather quickly. Just last week (almost a year since taking the last bag of medals in) the clerk was having trouble getting her computer

keyboard to sit straight on the desk.

She shook it and what should fall out? Yes, you guessed it – a tiny blue Lourdes medal. I quickly pushed it into her pocket, telling her to treasure it and, laughing, I told her to expect a miracle.

Now I should tell you that, just recently, that lady's son, only in his early 20s, had been diagnosed with cancer on the side of his tongue. She had had weeks of anguish, worry and tears as he underwent surgery and laser treatment, and now he was just out of hospital, learning to eat again.

A few days after the medal incident, she greeted me with the most wonderful news. The very day the medal had fallen, she had gone home to find out that further tests had given her son the all clear.

## A Daughter's Story

In 1981, my mother decided to come to Lourdes for the first time. She came as a handmaid and without my father or my sister and me.

She was 34 and had been asthmatic all her life. Although she had been in good health when she came to Lourdes, on the Monday of the pilgrimage, she suffered a heart

attack and died in the reception area of the hotel where she was staying.

Naturally, we as a family were totally devastated. She wasn't just my mother, she was my best friend.

But with the support of friends, family and the Diocesan pilgrimage family, we learnt to cope.

My father did a fantastic job of raising my sister and me, and he pledged that for the next 10 years, he would come to Lourdes as a brancardier.

For four years I came with him, three years as a handmaid, but after that, I didn't manage to get on the pilgrimage again for many years. But then, our headteacher asked if I would help get the pilgrimage started again in our school.

Coming back after nearly 25 years was very difficult. It was full of fond memories of being a handmaid, and at the same time deeply sad, as I remembered my mother.

I had always felt that I had never had the opportunity to say a proper goodbye, and that as a teenager when I had come to Lourdes, I hadn't done anything to put that right.

I had never gone to the place she actually died, and when I had to pass it, I would put my head down, keep walking, and not look up until I was past it.

So on the Monday evening, her anniversary, I went with Father Stephen Maughan to the hotel to pray and say my goodbyes. It was one of those evenings in Lourdes when the heavens open.

We walked through the rain to the hotel and sat in a quiet corner. We talked, and



Young and not-so-young enjoy a singsong during the trip to the Lake

prayed, and I cried for what felt like a very long time.

There was a group of English pilgrims having a singsong and suddenly they started to play *She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain!* It changed the mood completely, and all I could do was laugh.

It was the kind of thing that would have made my mother laugh, that at a time when someone is feeling desperately sad, something happens to change the mood.

I felt at that moment that my mother was as close to me as she had been on the morning she left for Lourdes, and I felt as though she was giving me a sign to pick myself up and to carry on.

It felt like a huge sadness had been lifted, as if I had finally done what I should have done many years ago.

The next morning when we walked past the hotel, I felt completely different. I didn't feel the need to put my head down.

I actually felt a warmth and peacefulness about the place, something I had never felt before; it had always felt cold and sad.

Lourdes has played a huge part in my life, and every year I thank Our Blessed Lady for bringing me back to Lourdes to be with the young people, the supported pilgrims, and to be close to my mother and my best friend.



An array of raincoats and ponchos keep our pilgrims dry during the Torchlight Procession

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# Spirituality and Worship

## CATHOLIC WORLD NEWS

### Dying Student Ordained

A priest has died of cancer just two days after being ordained in his hospital bed. Father William Carmona was a fourth year Theology seminarian entering his final year of preparation for ordination as a transitional deacon for the Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee.

When Bishop David Choby learned of his grave condition, he travelled to San Antonio to ordain the seminarian immediately in light of the emergency circumstances.

As he lay gravely ill in his hospital bed, William repeatedly asked: "Where is Bishop Choby?" "When will he get here?" And finally: "How many more hours until he ordains me?"

Although Father Carmona was unable to respond verbally during his ordination, Bishop Choby told those gathered that he had expressed his assent to the ordination earlier, and witnesses saw signs of recognition and joy as the ordination proceeded.

"The ordination of Father Carmona, which occurred in the face of the certainty of death, reflects the Paschal Mystery," Bishop Choby said. "That is how our own lives are transformed in the death and resurrection of Jesus."

Father Carmona, who was 51, grew up in Antioquia, Colombia, and was one of 13 children.

### Mass Mobs Storm Churches

Catholics in Detroit, USA, have borrowed the idea of flash mobs to form "Mass Mobs" with the aim of breathing life into the city's churches. Each month the group pick a church and spread the word by Facebook and descend *en masse*, as it were, filling the pews with the energy and buzz they once had. The congregation at their first Mass was 400 and by the second it had swelled to 900. The collection was \$19,000 – around 10 times the usual.

### Just Ask Us!

According to a study conducted by researchers at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois, there's a simple way to bring many former Catholics back to the Church – ask them. A personal invitation from a parish priest or parishioner was the most frequent response given by 575 lapsed and drifting parishioners asked what would make them return to Mass. The survey was conducted at the request of the Diocese of Springfield, which serves more than 140,000 Catholics.

## 50 Years Of Devoted Service

Five decades of altar service in Hull was recognised with a surprise presentation of a gold medal from the Guild of St Stephen.

Nick Cox began at St Charles Church in Hull in 1964 and went to serve at the Chapel of the Apostleship of the Sea before his current parish, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel (Marist).

He loves being on the altar and can remember the first priest he served for, Father Peter Coleman. Nick carried the incense boat, Paul Marsden operated the thurible, his brother Simon and cousin Edmond Kelly were acolytes, Ray Leahy was MC and Jimmy Donaghue and his cousin Steven were also present.

He followed in his father Albert's footsteps onto the altar.

"I'm very proud of my husband and what he's achieved," said Nick's wife Carol, who arranged the surprise.

"He also remembers holidays at Buckfast Abbey when he was young and getting up at 6am with his brother to serve for some of the monks, who were priests.

"He didn't know about the ceremony as I organised it in secret with Father John



Nick and Carol Cox with Father John O'Gara

O'Gara, who's given Nick a lot of inspiration over the ten years he's been at the parish.

"I contacted family and friends to attend. Nick saw them and wondered what was going on and then he found out during the

Mass. He was speechless for once! He is really chuffed that he has got his gold medal."

The Guild of St Stephen is an international organisation of altar servers.

## A Busy Year At Mount Grace

After a hectic summer of events, our Diocesan Marian shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace is getting prepared for an equally busy winter programme.

Interior renovations are underway and the shrine was a hive of activity during October, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Building on the happy news that the shrine is to remain open all year round, the community came together and rolled up their sleeves in order to carry out repairs, decorating and lots of vacuuming!

During the summer, there was an all-night vigil for Little Lady Day, a scorching hot day of devotions to Our Blessed Mother as well as the Annual Diocesan Assumption Pilgrimage and numerous school and retreat groups.

Nestling just near Osmotherley, on the edge of the North York Moors, if you have never been to Mount Grace before, you might be surprised at what a treasure it is.

At 3pm to 3.45pm each Saturday throughout the year there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation being available during that time.

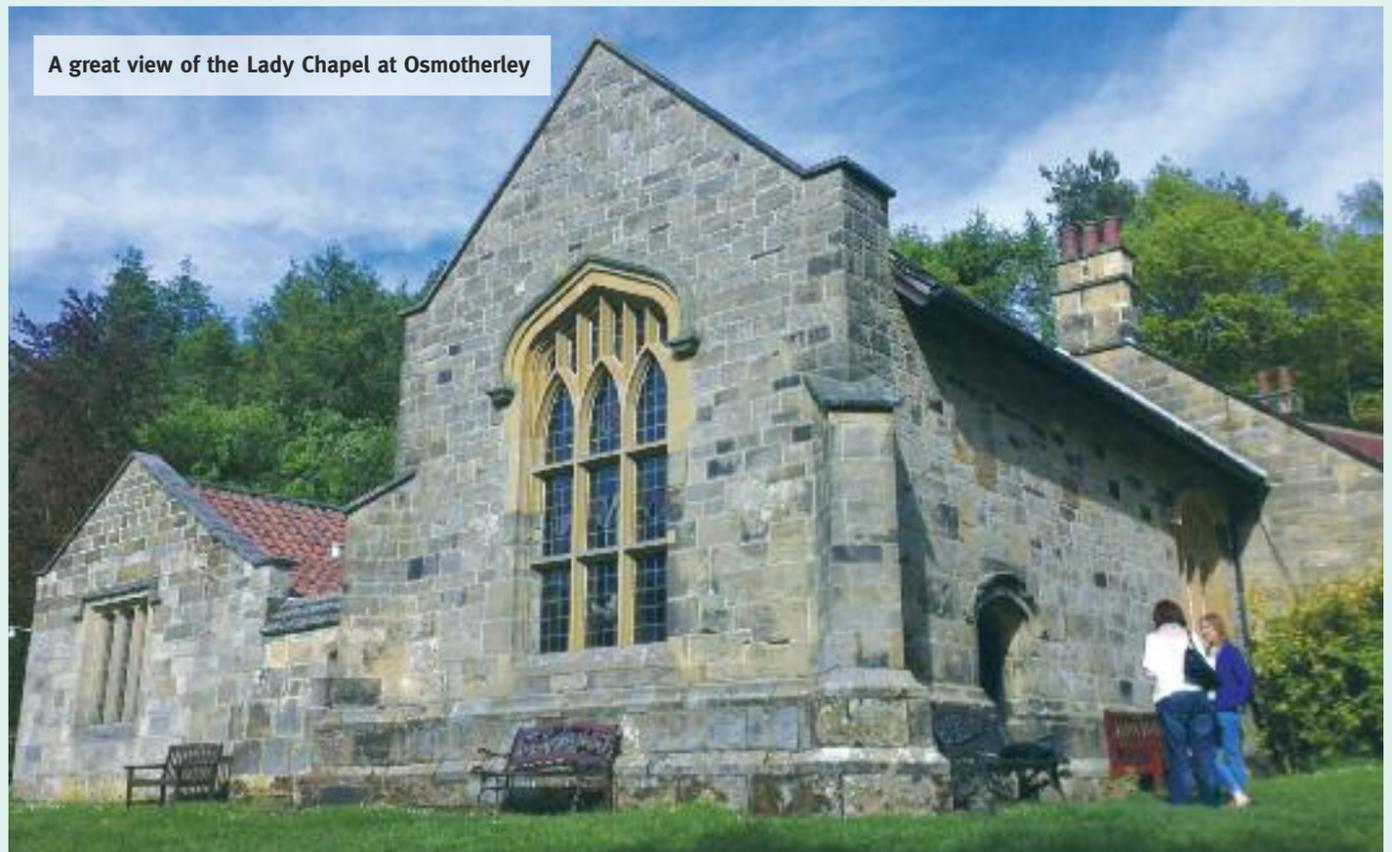
Holy Mass is celebrated at 4pm and is the Vigil Mass for the Sunday. Tea and coffee are available afterwards, with new visitors always being made welcome.

As well as being the Marian shrine for the whole Diocese, Mount Grace also attracts pilgrims from much further afield.

Access is available any time of day, so feel free to visit.

Further information is available at [www.ladychapel.org.uk](http://www.ladychapel.org.uk)

A great view of the Lady Chapel at Osmotherley





# Evangelisation



'What kind of person would you really like to be? – Creating a culture of vocation in our schools' was the theme of a talk given by Father Christopher Jamison OSB during an Education Study Day at York Racecourse. Father Jamison is pictured here with Bishop Terry

## Crossing The Threshold

They say it's always best to start with the good news, so here it is! Every Sunday in Britain, about one million people come to Mass.

Now, that is indeed a lot of people – you'd never guess from TV and newspaper coverage, but it's actually a bigger number than you'll find going to Premier League football matches every week.

Sadly, though, there is also some less good news... For every Catholic who does come to Mass, there are maybe two or three others who hardly ever do.

Of course, some people might think this is actually a good thing. The National Secular Society, for instance, estimates that by the year 2050, there will only be about 101,700 Catholics attending church. If they are right – and if I live into my 90s – then clearly I can't expect much of a turnout at my Requiem!

Many of us, though, do feel sad that so many people are missing, not least because we can all put names to quite a few of the absentees. They are not just faces in a crowd or simple numbers. Rather, they are our colleagues, our neighbours, our friends and our family members.

Recently, a few parishes in our Diocese have decided to try to do something about this. They have committed themselves to a project called 'Crossing the Threshold'. This is an initiative from the Bishops' Conference and it is designed to encourage parishes to find ways of reaching out to those who no longer regularly come to Mass.



Jan O'Neill joins in the discussion

On Saturday September 13, parishioners from St Mary and St Romauld in Yarm, St Thérèse of Lisieux in Ingleby Barwick and St Patrick and Christ the King in Thornaby came together for a day of training and confidence building.

The day was led by Clare Ward, who works for the Bishops' Conference on Home Missions, and myself, Deacon Vince Purcell, Diocesan Advisor for Adult Formation and Evangelisation. We were joined by Tim Stevens from CaFE, a Catholic charity that produces many resources designed to help people to understand their faith more deeply.

In the course of the next few weeks, these parishes will meet again to decide upon a number of concrete and practical steps to re-engage with our brothers and sisters who so rarely come to church with us. Later, they will be joined by parishioners from St George's and St Aelred's in York who also wish to try "crossing the threshold" and so become more confident and joyful witnesses to the Gospel.

These parishioners deserve our support and encouragement. More than that, they surely deserve our prayers if they are to persevere in this essential work.

We will be reporting regularly on this project in the pages of the *Voice*. If you would like to know more then please feel free to contact the Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation at the Curial Office. And please – do keep these parishes in your prayers.

Deacon Vince Purcell



Tim Stevens, Clare Ward and Deacon Vince Purcell

## NEWS FROM ROME



### Francis To Visit Lourdes

Pope Francis is to visit France next year, stopping off in Paris and Lourdes, the Vatican has confirmed. Other trips in his diary include Sri Lanka and the Philippines in January, while he is expected to visit the United States in September for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. The Pope is also due to visit Strasbourg this month to address the European Parliament.

### Pope's Christian Unity Challenge

Pope Francis has appealed for Christian unity, saying divisions between Christians of different denominations are hurtful for the Church and for Christ. Speaking in his weekly general audience in St Peter's Square, the Pope said many who belong to different confessions share our faith in Christ. He said that although Catholics may have become resigned to these splits, he challenged us not to accept this and to continue to work together towards reconciliation and full communion.

### A Ride In The Popemobile

Two Italian youngsters were given the ride of a lifetime when Pope Francis allowed them to hitch a ride in the popemobile. Delighted Raffaele Scafuri and Antonio Di Muro, from Caserta, were given a tour of St Peter's Square. The boys hugged each other and punched the air with joy as they set off. Afterwards, they kissed the Pope on both cheeks before returning to the crowd at the general audience.

### Recent tweets from the Pope's own Twitter account...

*Pope Francis @Pontifex*

*Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to speak badly of others, not to criticise, not to gossip, but rather to love everyone.*

*Come, Holy Spirit. Bestow upon us your gifts during the Synod. #prayforsynod*

*As Jesus told Martha in the Gospel, one thing is necessary: prayer. #praywithus*

*Division within a Christian community is a very grave sin; it is the work of the devil.*

*There is the tendency to place ourselves and our ambitions at the centre of our lives. This is very human, but it is not Christian.*

*Mary, give us the grace of being joyful as we walk in the freedom of the children of God.*

*I pray every day for all who are suffering in Iraq. Please join me.*



Cardinal Luis Tagle, Archbishop of Manila



Musician Matt Redman

# Flame 2: We'd Love You To Be There

## Are you coming to Wembley with MYMission and Bishop Terry?

Flame 2 is happening at Wembley Arena on Saturday March 7 2015. Set to be the biggest ever Catholic youth event in the country, the day will see around 8,000 young people join together to celebrate and be inspired.

Thanks to the generosity of others, MYMission is able to offer a ticket and travel deal of just £20 per person to school and parish groups.

The main speaker is Cardinal Luis Tagle, Archbishop of Manila since 2011. He is well known as a vibrant speaker, and also faced the tragic events of Typhoon Haiyan in late 2013, when

he led the Filipino Church with compassion and strength in difficult days. He is one of the youngest cardinals in the Church, aged 57, and he became a bishop aged just 44. He will be joined by musician Matt Redman, who has been a full-time worship leader since the age of 20, and has performed in countries including South Africa, Japan, India, Australia, Germany and America. He has sung at the Royal Albert Hall, Wembley Stadium and the Angels Baseball Stadium, Los Angeles. He is a Grammy award winning artist for his album *10,000 Reasons* and his songs include *The Heart Of Worship* and *Blessed Be Your Name*.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols and many bishops from around the country, including Bishop Terry, will also be a part of the day.

We have reserved 100 tickets and we'd love to have to go back for more. We are working with school chaplaincies to get school groups there, but it would be great to hear from parish groups too.

Aimed at age 14-plus, Flame 2 will be ideally suited to those who are preparing for or have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, parish youth groups and young people aspiring to be involved in the social action of the Church.

If you would like more information or would like to book tickets for your group, please email [domfinn@mymission.org.uk](mailto:domfinn@mymission.org.uk) or call (01642) 825948.

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## Youth Sunday In Your Parish

Each parish in the Diocese has received a pack of materials based around the theme for National Youth Sunday 2014. Prepared by the National Office for Vocation and MYMission for the whole country, these resources should help you celebrate in your own parish and even in your own home.

As well as these materials, eight short videos have been made, each just under two minutes long. The films feature young adults from across the country sharing a little of their own faith and what makes them happy. They will be available on the Bishops' Conference website [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk) and the MYMission website <http://mymission.org.uk> or on the MYMission Facebook page.

Please do all you can to support the work of the Church for young people and please remember them in the second collection taken up on the Feast of Christ the King.

Thank you – the MYMission Team

## Ushaw Lecture Series Underway

The heritage of Ushaw College will be promoted during two talks to be held at Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies.

Author and journalist Doctor Michael Brooks' talk is entitled, 'At the Edge of Uncertainty: a journey to the wild new frontiers of science'.

The final speaker of the term will be Durham Professor Stephen Regan on 'The Spirit of Christmas in English Literature'. This will be followed by Ushaw's annual carol service in the college's historic St Cuthbert's Chapel.

The Ushaw lectures start with refreshments at 5.30pm before the talk begins at 6pm. All lectures are free but you must register to attend by contacting James Kelly by email at [james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk](mailto:james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk) or by telephone on 0191 334 1656.

Father Christopher Jamison OSB began the current series in October with a talk entitled 'Opening the Seventh Seal: the history, theology and practice of silence'.

**Wednesday November 19** – Doctor Michael Brooks (author and journalist): 'At The Edge of Uncertainty: a journey to the wild new frontiers of science'.

**Wednesday December 10** – Professor Stephen Regan (Durham University): 'The Spirit of Christmas in English Literature', followed by Ushaw carol service.

## How Happy Are You?

There will be a Diocesan Youth Mass at 6pm on Sunday November 23 at Our Lady's, Acomb, York. Come and join the MYMission Team and the people of the Parish to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King and pray with some of the young people of the Diocese.

Using The Beatitudes as a starting point, the material prepared for the day will ask "How happy are you?" and as we explore the answer to that question, we will contemplate the Gospel of the day, which challenges us to be the kind of people who are happy because they are working for a just world and the common good.

We'd love to see you all there. Come in groups, drag your mum and dad, bring your friends! Oh, and did we say? There will be pizza afterwards too! To find out more, email [admin@mymission.org.uk](mailto:admin@mymission.org.uk) or call (01642) 825948.

## Early Deadline For January

The copy deadline for the January 2015 Voice has been brought forward to Friday November 28 to allow for the Christmas holidays, when the printers and publishers are especially busy. Please submit stories and photographs to [catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk) in plenty of time. Thank you.

## Saint of the Month St Martin de Porres

When Martin de Porres was 15 years old he became a lay brother in a Dominican monastery. He spent the rest of his life there, caring for the sick and the poor and working in the monastery kitchen, where he made friends with a little mouse that he found living there. He set up an orphanage, a children's hospital and a hospital for cats and dogs.

People loved and respected Martin so much that after he died, they prayed to him. Many miracles happened, and in 1962, Pope John XXIII declared him a saint.

St Martin de Porres is the patron saint of all people who look for peace between nations. His feast day is November 3. We'll have another picture for our younger readers to colour in next month.



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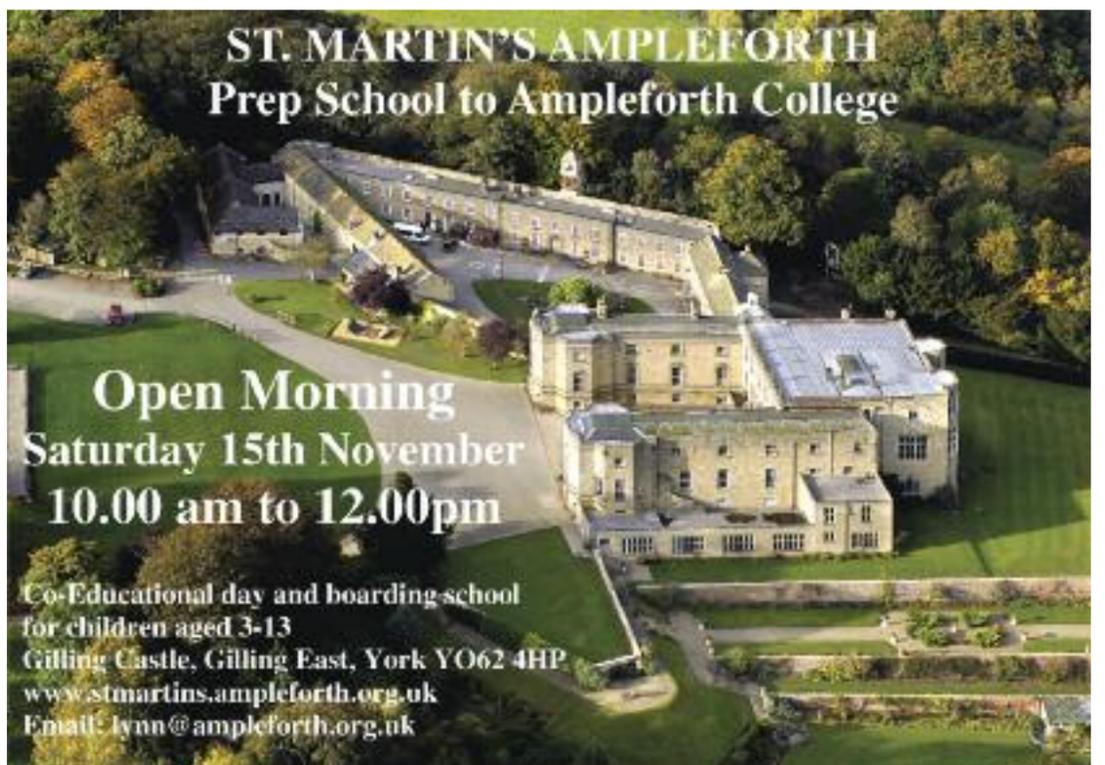
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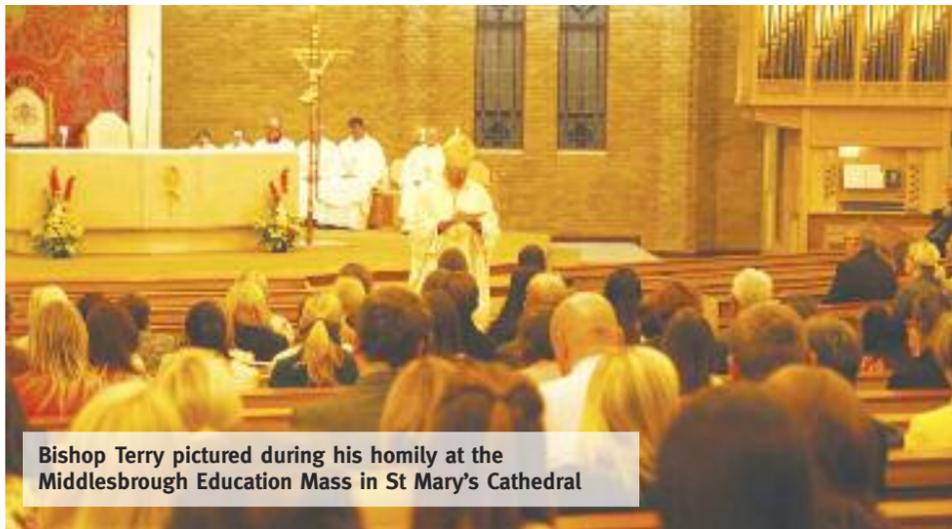
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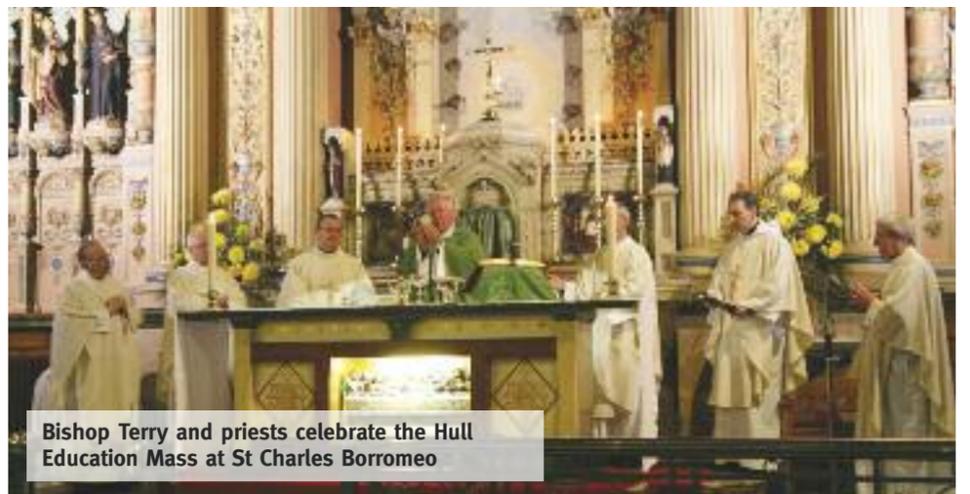


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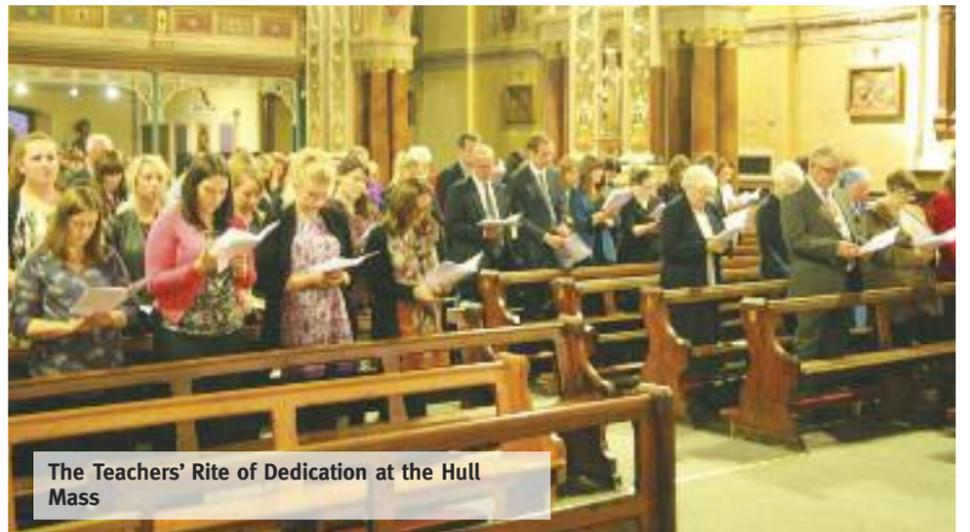
Bishop Terry pictured during his homily at the Middlesbrough Education Mass in St Mary's Cathedral



Bishop Terry and priests celebrate the Hull Education Mass at St Charles Borromeo



'We Are Called' was the theme of the Education Mass at St Wilfrid's in York



The Teachers' Rite of Dedication at the Hull Mass



Retiring Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough, teacher Michele Kingston is pictured with Bishop Terry after he presented her with a long service award



Bishop Terry presenting a long service award to Jayne Wilson, who has retired as headteacher at St Mary and St Joseph Primary at Pocklington



## Welcome For Catholic Teachers

Newly qualified teachers and teachers who are new to Catholic education met up in York for a training course. Diocesan Director of Schools, Kevin Duffy, and RE Advisor, Theresa Laverick, hosted the welcome day, which looked at the distinctive nature of Catholic schools.

The focus was on helping teachers understand the role they play in supporting the ethos of their schools. It included sessions on collective worship and gaining an understanding of the RE curriculum used in Diocesan primary and secondary schools.



# Vocations



Father Paul Farrer with young people in Lourdes

## A Gift From God

To understand what we mean when we use the word “vocation”, we must always start with God.

In a Church that feels it's running short of those prepared to pursue a life lived as a priest or religious, that's a big challenge. Indeed, we're always keen, when faced with the stark reality of our situation, to try something new, get an expert in, have a new push or promote a new programme. However, all vocations have their root in Baptism, in our sacramental life, which

nourishes our personal relationship with God and binds us together as a Church. So my vocation doesn't start with me. Indeed, it's not actually mine. It's a gift from God. Of course, that doesn't give us all leave to sit back and do nothing. Quite the opposite. Every single one of us has a vocation and we must discern that vocation with God. It is not something we can “do” and certainly not anything we can be certain of without Him. It follows that discernment, a constant desire to deepen understanding and insight and

make a good judgment, is part of the faith journey of all of us. Even that process is a gift from God. It is both part of how we become the person he created and a crucial step in allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us for the glory of God and the building of the Kingdom.

I wonder if you can pinpoint your own vocation? Ultimately, it will be something to do with recognising that you are loved beyond measure by God. All he wants you to do is love him back – forever, and in a way that makes an impact on others. Contemplating that can quickly lead to realising one's own shortcomings and brokenness. But worry not. Whatever your

vocation is, it is a gift, to be treasured, nurtured and enjoyed. And not just by you, but by the whole world.

If you are reading this and would like some help with actively discerning your vocation, I encourage you to chat to a trusted friend or your parish priest. The will of the Lord is often easier to discern when you are not alone.

If you cannot do that but would like to talk to someone, then please do get in touch with me: [frpaul@mymission.org.uk](mailto:frpaul@mymission.org.uk) and I will be happy to do all I can to help. And, even if you are still trying to work it all out, fear not – your vocation is a gift, enjoy it and share that gift with the world.

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**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2014**

- 1** Attending Day of Inspiration at The Spa, Scarborough All Day
- 2** Celebrating 40th Anniversary Mass at St Thomas More, Middlesbrough 9.00 am
- 4** Attending Cathedral Chapter meeting at St Mary's Cathedral 11.00 am
- Attending meeting of Council of Priests, St Mary's Cathedral 2.00 pm**
- 5** Attending English Speaking Lourdes Directors' Conference of Great Britain in York From 10.15 am
- 6** Attending the Laying of the First Poppy at Middlesbrough Cenotaph 10.30 am
- 8** Celebrates Mass and give ministry of Acolyte at St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby 6.00 pm
- 8/9** Parish Visitation at St Paulinus/St Margaret Clitherow, York All weekend
- 10/11/12/13** Bishops November Meeting
- 13** Attending Episcopal Ordination of Marcus Stock at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds 12.00 noon
- 18** Attending Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am
- 21** Attending and addressing Youth Event focused on 'How Happy Are You' at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough From 12.00 noon
- 22/23** Parish Visitation at St Paulinus, Guisborough All weekend
- 24/25** Attending Ampleforth Covenant All day Meeting of Northern Church Leaders at Ampleforth on 25 November From 2.00 pm
- 26** Celebrating Evening Prayer to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of 'Unitatis Redintegratio' at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00 pm
- 29/30** Parish Visitation at Ss Mary & Joseph, Pocklington All weekend

**1 Saturday**  
**9.30 am - 4.30 pm** 'Come and Sing' Day on Karl Jenkins' Armed Man Mass at St Peter's Church, Norton on Derwent, led by Jane Sturmheit. The day will end with an open performance. Contact Tel: (01759) 388145 or visit www.chanticleersingers.org.uk for further details  
**10.00 am - 1.00 pm** Intercession for Renewal (Praise and Worship) at St Mary's Church, Wycliffe (nr Hutton Magna). Contact: Mike, Tel: 07533 205630 for further details  
**7.00 pm - 9.00 pm** First Saturday Rosary Prayer Group meets at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**2 Sunday**  
**9.00 am** Mass celebrated by Bishop Terence Patrick Draine to begin the 40th birthday celebrations of St Thomas More's, Beechwood, Middlesbrough. All are invited to attend the service and partake in refreshments afterwards in the hall  
**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

**4 Tuesday**  
**10.30 am - 12.30 pm** 'Faith in Dark Places' led by David Rhodes at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**12 noon** Episcopal Mass for Deceased Bishops and Clergy of the Diocese of Middlesbrough at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Principal Celebrant Bishop Terence Patrick Draine with the clergy of the Diocese. All welcome  
**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

**5 Wednesday**  
**6.30 pm** The Secular Franciscan Order meet every first Wednesday of the month at More House, Heslington,

York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, Tel: (01904) 470041 for further details

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

**8 Saturday**  
**7.30 pm** Mutiny Poets and Friends at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**9 Sunday**  
**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** 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

**10 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

**11 Tuesday**  
**12.45 pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull for a Business meeting  
**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** ASCENT Group, York West meet 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

**12 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  
**2.30 pm** Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

**13 Thursday**  
**1.30 pm - 4.00 pm** 'Present to the Presence of God: An Introduction to Mindfulness and its relationship to Prayer' led by Marion Hoyland at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**14 Friday**  
**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** 'Enneagram and Personal Growth' led by Rev Judith Crane at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details  
**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

**15 Saturday**  
**4.00 pm - 9.00 pm** Christmas Fayre together with HERIB at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details  
**7.30 pm** Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Chris Hooley) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227  
**7.30 pm** Rob Bell and the History Troupe at The

Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £5.00/£6.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**7.30 pm - 10.30 pm** Irish Association meet at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**16 Sunday**  
**10.30 am** CAFOD Memorial Mass at St Bernadette's Church, Gypsy Lane, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough  
**3.00 pm** Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Andrew's, Teesville, Middlesbrough  
**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

**18 Tuesday**  
**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

**19 Wednesday**  
**5.30 pm - 7.30 pm** 'At The Edge of Uncertainty: a journey to the wild new frontiers of science' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Michael Brooks as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Drinks reception at 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: James Kelly, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk for further details  
**7.30 pm for 7.45 pm** The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Fr Richard Taylor entitled 'The Revival of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: the contribution of Fr Lagrange OP' in the Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Coffee at 7.30 pm. Contact Tel: (01642) 814977 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome. Please note the new regular venue  
**8.00 pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's RC Church, West Hull

**20 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

**21 Friday**  
 #HOWHAPPY, a special afternoon event at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, organised by the MYMission Team, aimed at Year 10 to 13 students from schools in the north of the Diocese. Visit http://mymission.org.uk 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  
**7.30 pm** Two Pianos (David Barton and Al Kilvo) at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £10-12.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**21 - 23 Friday - Sunday**  
 'Be Not Afraid' - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

**22 Saturday**  
**10.00 am - 3.30 pm** 'Poverty in our Midst?' - Diocesan Union of Catholic Mothers Study Day at St Aelred's Parish Centre, Melrosegate, York, YO31 0PN. Mass at 10.00 am, coffee at 10.45 am, first speaker at 11.00 am, conclusion at 3.30 pm. There will be speakers on foodbanks, the work of the SVP, The Citizens Advice Bureau and Housing. Please bring your own packed lunch; tea, coffee and cake will be provided. Parking available beside the Church. Contact: Sarah Sheils, Diocesan UCM Study Day Officer, Tel: (01904) 424219 or E-mail: sarsheils@yahoo.co.uk for further details or to book a place  
**10.30 am - 3.30 pm** 'Why do we sometimes get it wrong?' led by Dr Helen Costigane SHCJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**23 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** 'How Happy Are You?' - Diocesan Youth Sunday Mass and pizza at Our Lady's, Acomb, York. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01642) 825948 or E-mail: admin@mymission.org.uk for further details

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

#### 25 Tuesday

**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'The Overshadowed Men: John the Baptist' with Sr Cecilia Goodman CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

#### 26 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** Fiftieth Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism 'Unitatis Redintegratio' - Ecumenical Prayer Service with Bishop Terence Patrick Draine and Bishop Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. All welcome

**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

#### 27 Thursday

**7.30 pm** Richard Silvester and Reggie Lawrence at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £7-9.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**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

#### 28 Friday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the January issue of Voice must be received by today. *Please note the earlier date*

**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** Advent Christmas Tree Festival at Great Broughton Methodist Church, High Street, Great Broughton, near Stokesley. Includes Traidcraft 'pop up' shop; refreshments available for a small donation.

Contact: Jenny Dowson, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 243 for further details

**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 - 30 Friday - Sunday

'Advent Retreat: All I Want for Christmas' led by Fr Chad Boulton. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

#### 29 Saturday

**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** Winter Wonderland Craft Fair at St Patrick's Church Hall, Thornaby. Free entry, all welcome

**10.00 am - 4.00 pm** Advent Christmas Tree Festival at Great Broughton Methodist Church, High Street, Great Broughton, near Stokesley. Includes Traidcraft 'pop up' shop; refreshments available for a small donation

**7.30 pm** Claude Bourbon at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £8-10.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

#### 30 Sunday

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**1.00 pm - 4.00 pm** Advent Christmas Tree Festival at Great Broughton Methodist Church, High Street, Great Broughton, near Stokesley. Includes Traidcraft 'pop up' shop; refreshments available for a small donation

**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

#### FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER:

##### 2 Tuesday

**2.00 pm - 4.00 pm** 'The Overshadowed Men: Joseph' with Sr Cecilia Goodman CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 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

#### ADVANCE NOTICES:

**9 December:** 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, 'The Overshadowed Men: Simeon' with Sr Cecilia Goodman CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

**10 December:** 5.30 pm, 'The Spirit of Christmas in English Literature' - lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Prof Stephen Regan as part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Drinks reception at 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm, followed at 7.30 pm by the Ushaw Carol Service, St Cuthbert's Chapel, Durham. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: James Kelly, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: james.kelly3@durham.ac.uk for further details

**11 December:** 1.30 pm, Victorian Tea with Alan Lavender at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets: £9.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**14-18 December:** Advent Retreat led by Fr Henry Wansbrough OSB at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Day participants welcome. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**15 December:** 7.30 pm, The Thorngumbald Choir led by Jean Gray at St Mary & St Joseph, Hedon. All welcome

**19 December:** 7.00 pm, 'The Mice Who Ate Christmas' presented by The Bad Apple Theatre Company at The Endsleigh Pastoral Centre, Beverley Road, Hull. Tickets £8.00/£10.00, family ticket £25.00. Contact Tel: (01482) 342779 for further details

**9-11 February 2015:** National Conference for Rural Catholics at the Best Western Country Hotel and Golf Club, Garstang, Lancashire. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228, E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com or visit [www.ruralcatholics.org.uk](http://www.ruralcatholics.org.uk) for further details

**7 March 2015:** Flame 2 at Wembley Arena, London. £20 per person 'ticket and travel deal' for school and parish groups. Contact Dom Finn, MYMission Youth Service Co-ordinator, Tel: (01642) 825948 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details and to book tickets

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7.30 pm Ballroom Dancing Group

##### Wednesdays

2.00 pm Prayer for the City  
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Karate

#### 3 Wednesday

**10.30 am - 3.30 pm** 'Watching and Waiting' - an Advent Quiet Day led by Canon Christine Sindall and Claire MacKarill at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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

#### 5 Friday

**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

**6.30 pm** Middlesbrough Lourdes Hospitalité Christmas Celebration beginning with Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough followed by an Open Mic Night and fish and chip supper in the church hall. A free social event for all VIPs and Hospitalité members. RSVP by 28 November for catering purposes. Contact: Anne-Marie Stephenson, Tel: 07885 771258 or E-mail: mrsastephenon@gmail.com for further details and to book a place

**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

**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

#### Sundays

6.00 pm St Vincent de Paul Group  
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# St Peter's Students Form Guard Of Honour

Army cadets from St Peter's Catholic College in South Bank were proud to form the guard of honour at Middlesbrough's recent Championship game against Blackpool at the Riverside Stadium.

They also met former pupil Luke Williams, now a Boro first team player, and had photos taken with him and club mascot, Roary the Lion.

The visit was a reward for the students' hard work and dedication over the year. They were joined by fellow cadets from Brambles Farm Detachment.

The St Peter's students who took part were Corporal Callum Parkin, Lance Corporal Jessica Burton and cadets Josh Kirton, Chris Howden, Luke Ferguson, Jake Smailes, Reece Wood, Rowan Trelfa, Holly Haggarth, Jack Robinson, Ellie Draper and Georgia Burton.



Boro's Luke Williams with St Peter's students

## Diocese of Middlesbrough



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**Christmas Fayre**  
 on Thursday  
**27th November 2014**  
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