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Bishop's Column

Last month I had the great privilege and joy of accompanying a group of permanent deacons and their wives from our diocese on a pilgrimage to the shrines of St Teresa of Ávila and St John of the Cross in Spain. It is the 500th anniversary of the birth of St Teresa so it was a good time to visit.

Teresa was born in Ávila in Spain and entered the Carmelite convent there at the age of 20, not because of any great attraction to the religious life but because it seemed the most sensible thing to do. At this time Carmelite convents were comfortable places. One was well looked after, had as much contact with the outside world as one wanted and could keep one's own possessions. With time, and despite ill-health, she made great progress in contemplative prayer and had a number of mystical experiences, which she treated with great suspicion since she felt that she was not nearly holy enough to be accorded them by God.

Teresa's prayer life led her to seek a more perfect life, and in 1562, in the face of much opposition, she founded a convent of Discalced Carmelite nuns in Ávila. "Discalced" ("shoeless") signified their devotion to poverty. The rest of her life is a story of the establishment of more and more Discalced Carmelite convents in the face of intense opposition from the unreformed Carmelites but with help coming from the highest levels at the same time.

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LIVING JOYFULLY

TWO DAYS CELEBRATING

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In announcing the Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis asked us to: "Look back to the past with gratitude, live the present with passion and look to the future with hope."

For two days in September, all those living consecrated lives in our diocese invite you to join them in doing just that.

Since January, a group of around 30

people representing all kinds of congregations and communities have been

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Triduum of Prayer to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help



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St Teresa is an outstanding example of how the contemplative life can well up and overflow into action. In addition to all this, she wrote much on the subject of contemplative prayer and her writings are still standard works today. She was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Paul VI in 1970.

During this month of June we will be hosting an exhibition of the life of St Teresa and her works at the Cathedral. It will be well worth a visit. It is touring the UK, going to 16 Cathedrals, two Carmelite monasteries and Walsingham. It is six freestanding banners depicting the life and times of St Teresa, her teaching on prayer and understanding the human person and her relevance for today. The exhibition will be at the Cathedral from May 30 to June 15, and our opening times and more about the exhibition is on the Cathedral website:

www.middlesbroughrccathedral.org

Also this month, on the feast of St Ephraim, June 9, there will be a special celebration for the permanent deacons, their wives and families at Ampleforth. There they will renew their baptismal promises, their marriage vows and recommit themselves to the work of the diaconate. Please keep all our deacons in your prayers and promote the great vocation to the permanent diaconate at every opportunity.

H. Long

Thank You For Your Generosity!

One of the most humbling experiences of working for CAFOD is witnessing the unbounded generosity to our work of the Catholic community in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

In recent months we have seen amazing acts of kindness as people have been creatively raising funds and going the extra mile to support our Lent appeal for Myanmar, to take advantage of matched funding from the Department for International Development.

Then, with these donations still coming in, the response to the Nepal Earthquake appeal took off, with millions of pounds being raised for the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal within a really short timescale. You are our inspiration and make our work among you so joyful and rewarding. Thank you so much for all of your support.

**Carol Cross
CAFOD Middlesbrough**

LIVING JOYFULLY

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meeting together with the MYMission Team and the Vocations Team to plan what promises to be a memorable event.

For years, many people living consecrated lives have contributed greatly to the life of the diocese. Some of their work, in parishes and schools, for example, is very visible, but much of what happens is unseen. This two-day event will allow the whole diocesan family to come together and give thanks for all that has been given over the years.

There will also be plenty of time to meet some of those people we may not ordinarily see. Those who live enclosed lives will also be a part of the celebration, leading prayer and offering us a glimpse into their daily lives.

The event will also include the Celebration of the 200th birthday of St Don Bosco. The Salesians will play a major part in the event and Rise Theatre will perform a play to celebrate Don Bosco's life.

Father Paul Farrer said: "We are really looking forward to welcoming people to the Cathedral. We hope to be able to celebrate with people, but also provide time and opportunity so that people can come and meet some of these amazing fathers, brothers, sisters and lay people who give their lives to God in this unique way.

"We have put together a timetable for the two days, which we are making public now so people can put time aside in their diaries and join us. It really promises to be two days of great joy and we might just learn something, too!"

People should feel free to come along to as much of the two days as they can. There will be chance for private prayer and the opportunity to speak to people about what you feel God may be calling you to. There will be some informative displays and a flower festival.

Event Programme

Thursday September 24

9am: Morning prayer and opening of flower festival

10.30am: Primary schools – "Living Joyfully"

Noon: Prayer during the day and adoration

3pm: Primary schools depart

5.45pm: Evening prayer

7pm: Mass with Bishop Terry to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life

9.30pm: A time of prayer and adoration with the martyrs for world peace, ending with night prayer

Friday September 25

7.15am: Morning Mass

10.30am: Secondary schools – "Living Joyfully"

Noon: Prayer during the day and adoration

3pm: Secondary schools depart

4.30pm: Mass for all communities living consecrated lives

6pm: Evening prayer

7pm: Celebration of discipleship

9.30pm: A time of prayer and adoration with the martyrs for world peace,

Join CAFOD's Parliament Lobby

CAFOD is asking supporters to join them in London on Wednesday June 17 for their One Climate One World Mass Lobby of Parliament.

Since last September, thousands of people have called on the leaders of all political parties to work together to prevent climate change pushing people deeper into poverty and to support the transition from polluting fossil fuels to sustainable energy for all.

"CAFOD supporters have shown that climate change is not a niche issue," said head of campaigns, Sophie Dodgeon. "It matters to people of all ages, backgrounds and political views, and from every part of England and Wales.

"Although we may not have heard much about it during the leaders' debates, we know this widespread strength of feeling is being heard and it is helping cross-party consensus emerge on the urgency of tackling climate change.

"Please keep going because it's working. We hope you'll join us at Parliament on Wednesday June 17 to meet your MP and carry on the conversation."

Anyone interested in going along to the lobby, please get in touch- we'd love to hear from you!

There are always lots of opportunities to volunteer with CAFOD and it's very worthwhile work.



You can volunteer in your own parish, become a campaign volunteer or MP correspondent, or visit schools to talk about our work to young people. You could even learn to be a media volunteer.

The work is interesting and rewarding. Full training is given and expenses reimbursed. So if you have some time on your hands, email middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk

Children's Flair For Fundraising

After watching the video of Zin Thu Thu and her community in Myanmar, creative children from St Augustine's Primary School in Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, decorated empty yoghurt pots and gave them a new purpose for their Lenten activities to support our work.

They filled the pots with money they received for carrying out helpful tasks at home. These included tidying their own bedrooms and helping their parents care for their brothers and sisters.

Some also cut out favourite snacks and sweets and saved the money to donate, while others even gave up playing on their games consoles for the whole of Lent.

Head teacher Martin Macaulay said: "The children were really enthusiastic about fundraising and the younger children got their parents involved."

Year two teacher, Miss Lickess, who is pictured with the chaplaincy group, said: "Our chaplaincy team helped to inspire and encourage their peers by giving examples of how to help at home to raise money.

"We had lots of happy parents during Lent, as their children were very keen to help at home."

The children raised an amazing £793.25 in total. Well done to all concerned and to

Mrs Whitaker for counting all the coins and banking them!



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NEWS



Organist Bows Out After 60 Years

The Parish organist at St Andrew's, Teesville, has decided to call it a day and hand over her music books to the next generation at the age of 91.

Parish Priest Father Edmond Gubbins presented Edna Graham with a gift to mark her retirement.

"Edna has been the organist for 60 years, first at St Peter's Church, South Bank, and later here in St Andrew's," he told parishioners.

"She taught many of you and your children. She is a person of faith, family and of the community, with a great sense of humour and sense of fun.

"Edna has been a very loyal and generous person to the parish in the giving of her valuable time and has been supported well through the years by her husband, Tony."

Edna, who was involved in the Union of Catholic Mothers for many years and arranged concerts all over the Middlesbrough area, received a spiritual bouquet, as well as gifts.

For a number of years Edna organised a popular Christmas carol concert in the Stapylton Arms, Eston. She also provided music for the ordination of Canon Alan Sheridan, Canon John Lumley and Father Bill Serplus, and more recently the parish Golden Jubilee Mass, celebrated by Bishop Terry in April 2013.

The new parish organist is 22-year-old Stephen Terry, who has been a parishioner since he was born and teaches at St Gabriel's Primary School in Ormesby.

Paul Terry

Rebellion Relived At History Day

A talk on the Jacobite rebellion, which took place 300 years ago, is among the highlights at York Catholic History Day at the Bar Convent on June 6.

Many Catholics were among those supporters of the exiled James II who hoped to depose George I and restore the Stuarts. Doctor Jonathan Oates, who has published three books and many articles about the Jacobite rebellions, will deliver a paper on the northern Catholics and the events of 1715.

The other two speakers will be Professor Alan McClelland on *The Early Life and Religious Development of Henry Edward Manning* and Doctor James Hagerty on *Notes from the Front: Ushaw College in the Great War*.

The cost of the day will be £15 (students £7.50), which includes tea and coffee but not lunch. All are welcome, no need to book. For further information contact Judith Smeaton on 01904 704525 or email judith.smeaton@btinternet.com

New Book Looks At Hidden Gem

The treasures of one of the North East's hidden gems are revealed in a new book. Treasures of Ushaw College presents more than 50 highlights from the collections of the former Catholic seminary on the outskirts of Durham.

The book – beautifully illustrated and with texts by leading experts – also gives an account of the architectural development of the site and an outline of the college's history, penned by historian and academic Eamon Duffy.

Ushaw College was founded more than 200 years ago to educate students for the Catholic priesthood. It can trace its origins back to the English Reformation of the 16th Century, when exiled Catholic university professors

founded a college at Douai in northern France.

In addition to its splendid architecture, the college's library and archival holdings contain a wealth of rare and unique items that have only recently started to come to light. These include St Cuthbert's ring, Thomas Cranmer's personal copy of two Lutheran works and a first edition of the *Cabinet du Roi*, a magnificent volume published to glorify the reign of King Louis XIV of France.

Treasures of Ushaw College is published by Scala Arts & Heritage Publishers and is priced £20 from Durham University's Palace Green Library, Ushaw College, Amazon and Durham University's official online shop <http://shop.dur.ac.uk/index.php>

CATHOLIC NEWS

Cardinal Condemns Yazidi Killings

The killing of as many as 300 Yazidis held captive in Iraq by Daesh – also known as ISIS – has been condemned by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. "I am deeply shocked by the brutal murder of these peace-loving people," he said. "The Yazidis I met in our recent visit to Erbil impressed me with their quiet dignity. I am sure that all people of decency will condemn these killings. I commend those who have been killed to the mercy of God and I pray earnestly for the peace of the region." Yazidi and Iraqi officials said the atrocity took place in a region west of Mosul.

Appeal For Evangelisation Prayers

Cardinal Nichols has made a video appeal to Catholic parishes across England and Wales to join a new national network of prayer for the work of evangelisation on July 11. This is also the day representatives will gather in Birmingham for the Proclaim '15 National Catholic Evangelisation Conference, which is the first event of its kind in a generation. You can watch the video at <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/>

Preparing For The Synod On The Family

A day of exploring theology, family stories and shared reflections ahead of the Church's preparations for the Synod is being held at Birmingham's Newman University on Saturday June 13. Led by Professor Thomas Knieps Port Le Roi, speakers at *Hear Our Voices: Family, Theology and the Synod* include Doctor Patricia Kieran, Elizabeth Davies and Father Eddie Clare. The cost of the day is £10, including parking, refreshments and lunch. Call Lee Lawrence on 0121 476 1181 extension 2405 or email l.lawrence@staff.newman.ac.uk for more details.

Archbishop Speaks Out For Migrants

Archbishop Peter Smith has defended the human dignity of migrants and their right to migrate "so that they are enabled to find peace, security and hope for a better life and the opportunity to realise their God-given potential." Archbishop Peter, vice president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, was speaking at the annual Mass celebrating the contribution made by migrant communities, which takes place each year on the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.

More Women Choose Religious Life

The number of women entering convents in England and Wales has hit a 25-year high. From a low point of just seven in 2004, numbers have steadily increased to reach 45 in 2014.

Congratulations To Prime Minister

Cardinal Nichols told Prime Minister David Cameron that the Catholic Church in England and Wales looks forward to working with the newly elected Parliament for the common good of all as he congratulated him on his success. "His new government faces many challenges, not least encouraging and sustaining economic growth and, at the same time, giving particular attention to the needs of the poorest people in our society today," he said.

20th ANNIVERSARY DAY OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION

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For further details, please contact:

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NEWS

A Movement For Dialogue

What is ACTA? A group within the Church, now nationwide in England and Wales, not connected with any group of the same name elsewhere.

What is it for? To promote dialogue among Catholics on questions concerning our Church.

Who is it for? All adult Catholics, clergy and laity, in union with our bishops.

How did it begin? Seven priests, as a result of their own conversations, wrote a letter to *The Tablet*, published on June 2 2012. In it they called for the people of God to take their share in responsibility for our Church, pointing out that although the Bishops' Conference had spoken in November 2011 of "fostering and encouraging a culture of dialogue and solidarity", there was in practice little opportunity or forum for this. The letter aroused interest and a large meeting in London in October 2012 launched the idea of a nationwide movement to fill the gap.

Why is it called ACTA? *The Tablet* letter was headed "Call To Action" – and ACTA is easy to remember.

What has happened so far? Since October 2012, diocesan groups have formed. There have been two national day-conferences (the third will be at Trinity and All Saints, Leeds, in October 2015). There is a national website, www.acalltoaction.org.uk, which offers information and on occasion, as now, when the forthcoming Synod On The Family is calling for everyone's response, working material. But each group works according to local interests and needs.

What about our diocese? A group has been meeting at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York, since November 2013. The aim is to respond to current issues in the Church, so we have been working recently on the Bishops' Conference documents and questionnaire on the Synod On The Family. Future meetings will be looking at evangelisation in the diocese, with Deacon Vince Purcell, and parish councils and parishes in council, with Kit Dollard. For further information please contact Sister Patricia Harriss CJ at The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom St, York YO24 1AQ, or email admin@stbedes.org.uk

When are the meetings? On the third Sunday of alternate months, from 2pm to 4pm. The remaining dates for this year will be July 19, September 20 and November 15.

Note from the Editor: ACTA is also the name of an organisation in the USA banned by the hierarchy. It is unfortunate that the organisation referred to in this article allowed itself to be so labelled by *The Tablet*. It only makes for confusion and misunderstanding. However, the group of people meeting in our diocese, through their representatives, have made it very clear that they have no connection either in aim or ideology with the American group.

Gabriele's Escape From The Nazis

On the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, the Cleveland Newman Circle – meeting at Middlesbrough Cathedral – was privileged to hear a talk from someone with strong personal and family memories of those times.

Gabriele Keenaghan, now living in Tyneside, escaped from Austria in 1939 on the *Kindertransport* (children's transport), but her family suffered under Nazi rule.

Born in 1926 to a Jewish father and Catholic mother, Gabriele remembers a fairly happy childhood, living peacefully in Vienna until March 1938. Then the Nazis annexed Austria, and because Gabriele was of mixed race, she had to wear the yellow Star of David and was allocated to a Jewish school.

This was a very unhappy time, with name-calling and things thrown at her in the street. During the devastation of *Kristallnacht* in November 1938, her father disappeared. Her mother having died previously, Gabriele's grandmother now protected Gabriele.

Recognising the danger the Nazis presented, humanitarian groups in England, including Quakers, Jews, Catholics and Protestants, together persuaded the British Government to offer sanctuary to Jewish refugee children.

They then organised trains to bring children from Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland to England. These were the *Kindertransport*, which operated until September 1939.

Gabriele has very emotional memories of leaving her grandmother on the platform as her train left Vienna one midnight. It carried 150 children aged from three to 16, travelling alone and frightened, with labels around their necks, each with their suitcase and a toy. The slow journey brought the children west, through Holland, where kind people fed them, across the North Sea by ferry and eventually to a generous welcome in Harwich.

Gabriele was met by someone from the Catholic Committee for Refugees, who oversaw her welfare for



Gabriele and her grandmother

many years. Initially fostered in Aldershot, she learned English at the school there. She subsequently studied at a convent school in Kent, then during the Blitz she was in Mill Hill, London. Gabriele remembers the joys of VE Day, celebrating the end of the war with the crowds in front of Buckingham Palace.

After the war, Gabriele regained contact with her beloved grandmother and only then discovered that the Nazis had killed her missing father. She obtained British citizenship and trained as a teacher at Wynyard Hall, near Stockton, eventually becoming a head teacher. She met her husband in the North East and has lived here since.

Gabriele has vivid memories of her youth and gave a lively and inspirational talk, illustrated with photos, objects and music. She is grateful to many people – her grandmother, who saved her life, the British Government, which provided safe-haven for 10,000 children, and the Catholic Committee for Refugees, who saw her through it all.

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle please contact Judith Brown on 01642-814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net

Patricia Egerton



Gabriele Keenaghan today

Ged's Quick Quiz

with quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Which is the first book of the New Testament?
2. Who was the founder of the religious movement Christian Science?
3. Who was Basil's wife in *Fawlty Towers*?
4. Which singer was nicknamed the Little Sparrow?
5. Who wrote the book *The Bourne Identity* and created the hero Jason Bourne?

Thinking cap question

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Answers on back page

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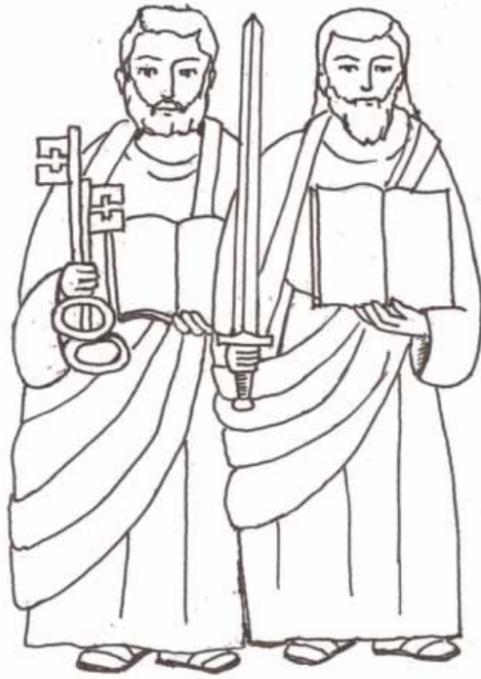
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Saints Peter and Paul

June 29

St Peter was a fisherman who became one of the 12 chosen apostles. His symbol is the keys, because Jesus said he would give him the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

St Paul was against the Christians until God brought about a great change in him. He died for his faith by the sword, and this became his symbol. Peter and Paul both wrote letters that we can still read in the Bible and hear at Mass.



St Edward's Are The Champions!

Year three and four children from St Edward's Primary School in Middlesbrough added another trophy to their cabinet with a 1-0 cup final win over Pallister Park. The lucky footballers met some of the Middlesbrough players on a tour of the team's boot room before the game, and head coach Aitor Karanka added to the pressure as he watched the game from the sidelines. But they kept their nerve to emerge as worthy victors.

Mustard Seeds Planted In Sowerby

The Mustard Seeds is a new chaplaincy group set up to support the Catholic life of All Saints Primary School in Sowerby. Their mission is to get to know Jesus as a friend and help others to do the same. Activities include helping lead collective worship, organising displays, fundraising and keeping in touch through the school and parish communities. The group is open to all at the school.

St Peter's In The News

Students from St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy in South Bank, Middlesbrough, took part in the BBC News School Report Day. The computer room became a hive of activity as it was transformed into a newsroom for the day. Guest speakers were interviewed by the enthusiastic students and a wide range of topics were investigated.

WORD SEARCH

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School Raises Cash For Injured Alek



St Joseph's Primary School in Pickering is raising funds to help a pupil who was seriously injured in a sledging accident in the Czech Republic.

Five-year-old Alek Malinka, of Thornton-le-Dale, was on holiday with his dad in February when the accident happened.

He suffered a serious brain injury and has been in a coma ever since. Although he is now out of danger, he faces a very uncertain future and is not yet well enough to travel home.

Staff and pupils organised a number of events including a collection, car boot sale, an Easter egg raffle and cake sales.

The latest effort was called St Joseph's Got Talent and brought together singers and dancers in a competition based on the popular TV show, with deputy head Gerard Eddy playing the Simon Cowell role.

School secretary Jane Whaling said the whole school community was pulling together to help Alek.

"Our thoughts and prayers are all with the family in this incredibly difficult time for them," she said. "Getting him back is only the start of what will be a long road to recovery, but we're doing everything we can to help and the parents and children have been incredibly generous."

Local GP's son Alex Thornton, who is a friend of the Malinka family, has led much of the fundraising and set a £30,000 target to help them adapt to his new needs. If you would like to sponsor Alex and friends to take on the Three Peaks Challenge walk, visit www.gofundme.com/pybl7g

Alternatively, email alex.thornton@windcare.co.uk or phone 07825 994004.

Ski Success For St Martin's

Pupils from St Martin's School in Ampleforth, took part in this year's IAPS Ski Championships, finishing runners-up in the U13 Boys team plate final and having a qualifying team for the Championship (IAPS – Independent Association of Prep Schools). The championships are held annually in March in the Italian Alps. More than 234 children took part in the event this year.

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Some were first heard at the Taizé service that has become part of our pilgrimage in recent years and are 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 priest's story

I first visited Lourdes in 1983, when I was 13 years old. I came back the following year and it was then I decided I'd better find out what being a priest was all about. It took a long while after that but Lourdes was a big part of my journey into priesthood, because I saw priests enjoying themselves serving other people.

I think it really was that simple – I saw a simple formula for a contented, fulfilled life and I started to explore that path myself. I have visited Lourdes almost every year since 1983. I am on 60-something visits, but it's different every time for me.

What's interesting is that although Lourdes was a massive part of my journey to the ordained ministry, it now teaches me that actually we all minister to each other and that the common priesthood of baptism is alive and kicking in Lourdes.

Lourdes is a yes place, isn't it? Bernadette said yes to Mary, Mary said yes to Jesus, and we are invited to do exactly the same. There isn't a set of priorities, every single thing is important because that's where God is sending you on your way in that particular moment. Everybody as a pilgrim is challenged to say yes to all of these things.

Lourdes teaches me in my daily priesthood that you don't have to be perfect, you don't have to conform to a model but what you have to do is be authentic and true to the person that God created, using all your gifts and all your weaknesses.

If you have not been to Lourdes, I cannot describe it to you, you need to experience it for yourself. When I first visited in 1983, I was surrounded by heroes – musicians, priests, doctors, nurses – I wished I could have their gifts.

But over the years I recognised that these people I adulated were just ordinary people doing extraordinary things. The message of Lourdes is that God will use you no matter how you feel about yourself. You are precious beyond measure, you are

his masterpiece.

When you feel you haven't got a loud enough voice or a clever enough turn of phrase, you'll give someone a gift by serving them. Just a word of comfort is priceless and a lifelong gift that that person won't forget, and perhaps you don't even realise you have done it.

The young pilgrims give me the gift of faith. There are some people who would have you believe that the Church has had it, that young people aren't interested. But that's just not the case.

Young people fill my heart with gladness, they are so ready to believe and, in a way my generation wasn't, to live that faith out loud, put it into practice and just come alive. They are right in the middle of the Lourdes story and they are the beating heart of the Church.



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Soon after we return from Lourdes there will be a great chance for all of the young people who made the pilgrimage this year to meet up again. St Augustine's School, Scarborough are hosting the event together with the MYMission Team and all are welcome to attend.

The reunion will include Mass together and then a barbeque in what we hope will be glorious June sunshine. The day will be a chance for young people to relax in each other's company and cement the new friendships they made during their pilgrimage.

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LOURDES

A Life-Changing Week With HCPT



The HCPT recently returned home from their Easter pilgrimage after a celebratory and often life-changing week in Lourdes. This year, the charity's 59th annual pilgrimage welcomed more than 1,000 disabled children to the shrine.

This included 34 children and helpers from the York area who travelled with Group 122. For the first time this year, a new regional support group (Group 726) joined the pilgrimage from All Saints RC School in York.

HCPT was formed in 1956 when a young doctor, Michael Strode, took four children with disabilities to Lourdes. From those small beginnings grew a charity with the vision of "changing lives through pilgrimage, sharing God's gifts of love, friendship and joy".

The pilgrimage, which is the largest for children from the UK, is renowned for its vibrancy and joy, with the majority of helpers under the age of 30. The week is centred around the children, with everyone attending focused on ensuring they have as much fun and gain as much from their pilgrimage as possible.

A typical week includes trips to the mountains, zoos and the seaside, as well as visits to the Grotto, baths, and daily Masses. HCPT also leads the Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions during the week.

The York-based group is led by Claire Shanks, who has been travelling to Lourdes with HCPT since 1993.

Claire says: "We experienced such a joyful, spiritual and fun pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes while giving families back home a week of respite. The helpers worked selflessly, caring for the children and ensuring they had a week full of wonderful memories, love and friendship."

A young pilgrim called Ted travelled with Group 122 and his mum, Jenny Holmes, said: "This was a wonderful opportunity for our eldest son to go away without his parents for the very first time and enjoy a week of amazing experiences with a group of truly inspirational people.

"The kindness and love shown to Ted, and indeed our whole family, was truly special. It's had a huge impact on our family. There is goodness in this world and it can be found by the bucket load with HCPT. Thank you so much."

Another mum, Aileen Secker, said her son John also thoroughly enjoyed his pilgrimage. "Like many parents we were anxious about

him going, but the wonderful, warm and caring nature of all the leaders and helpers reassured us that he would be quite safe," she said.

"The chance to meet everyone before the pilgrimage was super and seeing how happy John was after the activity day was wonderful. John has become more independent since the pilgrimage and he has surprised us by being more able to share his feelings with us.

"He misses all the friends he made and the feeling of camaraderie and a joint spiritual experience will stay with him for a very long time. We really hope John has the opportunity to enjoy this experience again."

John added: "I absolutely loved going to Lourdes. I made lots of great friends. I loved all the singing and it all made me feel really special."

The theme of this year's pilgrimage was "Rejoice!", which was developed by HCPT's West Indies region, who were celebrating their 30th year of travelling to Lourdes.

The highlight of the week for many was the Trust Mass, which brought together the HCPT family. It was celebrated by Bishop Burchell McPherson, of Montego Bay, Jamaica, together with Archbishop George Stack, of

Cardiff, five other bishops and more than 100 priests and deacons.

Bishop McPherson's homily was short and simple, yet powerful. He encouraged all four sides of the congregation packed into the Underground Basilica to repeat after him, "God loves me, and so I rejoice!" – something everyone did with gusto.

Next year, HCPT celebrates its 60th anniversary, with the theme "Thanks be to God." More than 100,000 people will have been on their pilgrimages.

"That's really something we need to be saying thank you to God for and to all those wonderful people who have gone before," said Claire.

HCPT Group 122 are already starting the preparations for next year's pilgrimage, including organising their annual Las Vegas fundraising ball on Saturday September 12 at York Racecourse. Tickers are £40 per person and are available now.

If you are interested in finding out more about HCPT Group 122 or would like tickets for our fundraising ball, please contact Claire.Shanks@hcpt.org.uk. Further information about HCPT can be found at www.hcpt.org.uk



NEWS FROM ROME

Holy Father's Message For Communications Day

The theme of Pope Francis' message for World Day of Social Communications was: "Communicating the Family – a Privileged Place of Encounter with the Gift of Love." The day is celebrated on the Sunday before Pentecost, this year falling on May 17. The message calls on the faithful to see families as "a resource rather than as a problem for society" and invites families to be examples of Christ's love, kindness and fellowship.

Pope Presented With St Thomas Icon

The Holy Father has been presented with an icon of St Thomas of Canterbury by members of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission. Archbishop Bernard Longley said the saint's "self-sacrificing love of Christ is honoured and commemorated in both our traditions."

Message To Christian Husbands

The Pope broke off from his prepared text during a general audience to ask husbands if they understood what was being asked of them in a Christian marriage. To applause, he said the commitment to offer so much love and dignity to a woman "is no joke, you know – it's serious." He had earlier told the crowds that a Christian marriage isn't just a big ceremony in a church with nice flowers and photographs, but an act of faith between a man and woman who are both fragile and limited, but courageous enough to follow Christ and seek to love each other as he loves them. He said that just as Christ loves his church, every husband must love his wife and give himself completely for her.

Recent tweets from the Pope's Twitter account, @Pontifex...

When we cannot earn our own bread, we lose our dignity. This is a tragedy today, especially for the young

It is good for us to spend time before the Tabernacle, to feel the gaze of Jesus upon us

Amid so many problems, even grave, may we not lose our hope in the infinite mercy of God

Every Christian community must be a welcoming home for those searching for God, for those searching for a brother or sister to listen to them

We need to care for the earth so that it may continue, as God willed, to be a source of life for the entire human family

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NEWS

Sadness And Thanks At Endsleigh Mass



Sister Colette and Sister Catherine speaking at the end of the Mass to mark the Endsleigh Centre's closure

A Mass of thanksgiving marked the closure of Hull's Endsleigh Centre and celebrated the work of the Sisters of Mercy on the site over the past 114 years.

The occasion was also an opportunity to say goodbye to Sister Catherine Ryan after her remarkable 13 years as director of the centre.

Bishop Terry was the main celebrant, accompanied by many priests of the diocese.

Also present in the packed chapel were sisters who made their profession to the religious life at Endsleigh and who trained there as teachers, together with many former students and local people who wanted to express their gratitude and appreciation for all the Sisters of Mercy had done.

In his homily, Bishop Terry spoke beautifully about the work of the Sisters of Mercy and the contribution they had made to the

diocese and to education.

After the Mass, Sister Colette Cronin, on behalf of the Institute of Mercy, expressed her sadness that the centre had to close and thanked everyone for the support they had given over the years. She also thanked Sister Catherine for all she had done and presented her with a gift.

In reply, Sister Catherine said how much she had enjoyed her time in Hull and expressed her gratitude for all the support and friendship she had received.

A presentation was also made to Sister Kathleen in recognition of the three years she had devoted to the centre.

After the Mass, there was a reception where many old friends were reunited and spent time sharing their memories of Endsleigh.

It was a beautiful occasion, but one tinged with sadness at the loss of such a wonderful presence in the city.

Christopher Cuthill



The congregation in the chapel

Civic Reception For Sisters



The sisters with the Lord Mayor

Lord Mayor of Hull, Councillor Mary Glew, held a reception in the Guildhall for sisters from the Institute of Mercy.

When she heard the Endsleigh Centre was closing, the Lord Mayor invited the sisters and a small number of guests to join her for tea in her chambers.

The Lord Mayor thanked Sister Catherine in particular for the "remarkable work" she had done, not only for the Catholic community but for the whole of the city of Hull over 13 years as Endsleigh director.

She also expressed her sadness that the Sisters of Mercy were leaving the site after 114 years and said how much they had contributed to the city of Hull in particular and to education in general.

Endsleigh Students Reunite For Closing Mass



Bishop Terry is pictured here with 13 former students who trained at Endsleigh from 1962 to 1965. Plans to mark the 50th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion in June were brought forward at short notice as they attended the Mass together.

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Celebrating The Year Of Mercy

In a move that surprised many, Pope Francis has declared that a Holy Year of Mercy will begin on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8 2015. The year will mark the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council.

During December's ceremony, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, which is normally bricked up. In the first of a regular series of articles, FATHER PATRICK HARTNETT reveals plans to make the most of this special time within our diocese...

Recently, Pope Francis called the whole Church to celebrate an extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy year starting on December 8 and concluding on the feast of Christ the King 2016. This is a Holy Year entitled "Merciful like the Father".

As Episcopal Vicar for Spirituality and Worship, I have been asked by the Bishop to begin to look at ways of celebrating this Holy Year. I have brought together a small group to look at how as a diocese we can celebrate the great opportunity to reflect on the Father's Mercy.

In the document *Misericordiae Vultus*, which sets out the Pope's vision for this special year, he reminds us of the corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned and bury the dead.

He also calls on the Church members to reflect on the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who



do us ill and pray for the living and the dead. We need to find practical ways of responding to these works and ask the question, "How can I respond personally?"

The small group are putting together liturgies and reflections on how we live out and experience the Father's Mercy. Pope Francis suggests a "Holy Year Door" to be in place in the Cathedral Church in each diocese.

Also, to have a Holy Year Door that can be moved to different areas of the diocese and celebrate in a Liturgy of Word what it means to enter sacred space and enter into experiencing the Father's Mercy.

Please look out for the opportunities that will come your way to draw ever closer to the Father, who is merciful and forgiving.



Consecrated With Joy

The religious of York met at the Bar Convent to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life. The event was well attended, with three Carmelite priests, nine Carmelite sisters from Thicket Priory and three Corpus Christi Carmelites, as well as two Poor Clare sisters.

Father Richard accompanied Brothers Adam and Henry from the Oratorians and Father Adrian Convery represented the Benedictines. It was a great joy to also have with us three sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete from the Minster and Bishopthorpe.

The two Sisters of Mercy, Sister Maura and Sister Lyndsey, composed a beautiful prayer sheet for the occasion, enabling us to begin the afternoon in prayer and song. There were also 15 sisters from the Congregation of Jesus, who provided a delicious tea.

It was a very happy and relaxed occasion, with time to chat and to enjoy each other's company. We certainly fulfilled Pope Francis' wish, "Wherever consecrated persons are, there must be joy."

Sister Ann Stafford

Little BIG Assembly 2015: Living Joyfully

The Little BIG Assembly is the annual gathering of young people from all of the schools in the diocese. The MYMission Team, together with the Schools Service, plans the week-long tour, which sees more than 2,000 young people celebrate together. This year's theme is the Year of Consecrated Life. We have been greatly moved by speaking to those who live consecrated

lives and hearing them tell us they are simply living out the promises they made at baptism.

So this year we will consider how God shapes and moulds us. How we are his creation and he is constantly working at us so we may become the person he created us to be. Maybe, then, we might just set the world on fire!



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Join Us For Walsingham 2015

The annual diocesan pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham takes place from October 31 to November 1. This will be the fifth year we have been together in recent times as a diocesan group. They have been wonderful experiences and this will certainly be another spiritually uplifting experience for everyone.

It's particularly good to see some younger parents taking the opportunity of an injection of spiritual nourishment to take back to family life at home.

This year we will travel on the morning of Saturday October 31 and return in the evening of Sunday November 1. The cost is £76 per person, which includes transport to Walsingham, accommodation at Elmham House, an evening meal on Saturday with breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

We have secured 85 places, mostly double or twin rooms, with some single. Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, so apply as soon as possible to be assured of your preference. This year there is some en suite accommodation available at an extra cost.

We look forward to seeing our regular pilgrims and, if you haven't been before, we warmly encourage you to come and share this very worthwhile experience at the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Contact Kath Gallagher on 01642 850505 extension 258 or email kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

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Parish Fundraiser For Mayor's Charities



An afternoon tea raised £420 for the Lord Mayor of Hull's nominated charities. The event was hosted by south-east Hull Parish, consisting of the churches of Sacred Heart and St Bede's along with St Stephen's Pastoral Centre.

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Mary Glew, who has strong family connections with the church, expressed her gratitude for the support as she came towards the end of her year in office.

Catholic Women's League Meets

The Catholic Women's League diocesan branch meeting will be held on Saturday July 4 2015, at St Gabriel's, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, beginning with Mass at 11.30am.

Conference Questions Homelessness Approach

Church groups were challenged to look at new ways to deal with the issues of homelessness and addiction at a conference in Middlesbrough.

More than 120 representatives of faith-based organisations joined local authority delegates and others at North Ormesby's Trinity Centre. The event was organised by Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland and De Paul UK, along with Middlesbrough Council.

Terry Doyle, of the Positive Pathways project, which is based in Middlesbrough's John Paul Centre, said there are huge problems across Teesside.

"We officially have about five people rough sleeping, but there are hundreds of hidden homeless, often sofa surfing," he said. "They have complex needs, sometimes living in acute poverty and relying on food banks.

"We wanted to challenge certain practices among some faith-based organisations that might make them feel better about themselves but not actually be helping people.

"We focused on the idea of grace and truth. We deal compassionately with our most vulnerable, but seek to empower and enable them, rather than further disabling them by endlessly giving without challenging their lifestyles.

"There is a willingness to engage and if we can get this message over of balancing the charity and the compassionate with the kick up the backside and taking responsibility and engaging with statutory bodies, we can get the balance right."

Keynote speaker Jon Kuhrt, of West London Mission, said there are often tensions between church and faith-based groups and local authorities, and that mistakes are made on both sides.

"Churches face legitimate criticism for giving things for free and asking no questions," he said. "They need to look at the disadvantages of that approach and how it can enable people to carry on their addictions.

"Just like our children sometimes need an arm round their shoulder and at other times a kick up the backside, we need to be clear with people about where their behaviour is unacceptable.

"Local authorities need the churches and volunteers so they have to build bridges with them. Church unity is also very important and the doctrinal differences that exist are best overcome not by discussion, but by doing things together."

The thought for the day at the start of the conference was given by Bishop Terry, while the Bishop of Jarrow, the Right Reverend Mark Bryant, who is a De Paul Nightstop volunteer host, spoke about the role of faith groups. The closing remarks were given by the Bishop of Whitby, the Right Reverend Paul Ferguson.

Heather Black, of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, said: "The turnout shows there's real compassion and concern about the number of people who are struggling in our area. The talks were delivered in a way that gently prodded people and we hope they went away thinking differently."



Two former addicts told the conference about their personal experiences...

Sarah, 35, from Beechwood, Middlesbrough: I was a heroin and crack addict at the age of 15. When I was 17 my eight-month-old son was taken off me by family members. He was the world to me and I decided that day I couldn't lose him. Me and my now husband were put in a B&B out of the area while my Mum cared for my son, although I saw him daily. We were put on a methadone programme and moved into our own home near Loftus, so we couldn't mix with the people we knew. We've never looked back and now have five children. A lot of people will abuse kindness. You can give them the world, but you need to help those people who are ready to change their lives. You have to want to help yourself, you can't be hand-fed.

Grace, 32, from Middlesbrough: I spoke about how I came through my addictions and the journey I've been on into employment. I started with heroin when I was 11 years old. I didn't even know what it was, all my friends were doing it. When I was 15 my mum found out how bad it was and decided to take me away from Paisley, where we lived, to start a new life in Middlesbrough, where we had relatives. But that made things worse. Drugs were cheaper and within 24 hours I'd found a dealer who lived across the road. From there it spiralled into homelessness, crime and prison. When I found out I was pregnant, I stopped using, but after my daughter was born I started again. When she got older she said, "Mum, people are calling you a smack-head." I'd never had help but I found a support group at Fulcrum in Middlesbrough and that built my confidence up. Addiction isn't just the drugs, it's a lifestyle. You have to build a life back up again and I was able to do that through the support group. I now work as a drug worker, supporting people with addictions. I abused services and help for years. There have to be boundaries in place. Middlesbrough has excellent services, they just need bringing together.

Canon Derek Turnham, the Diocese of Middlesbrough's Episcopal Vicar for Christian Discipleship, said: "Both testimonies were incredibly moving and it was so significant that there have been points in both their lives when they'd received help, but other points when they realised for themselves that they had to turn their lives round.

"I learned from them that it's really important to provide opportunities for people to discover for themselves where they are and what they need to do to turn things round. We've been challenged that just being generous can sometimes cause further problems and that people's lifestyles need to be challenged and organisation needs to be brought into their lives.

"I feel uncomfortable with that and am at the stage of thinking the priority is the gut response of being generous to those less fortunate than myself. But it's sometimes important to be made to feel uncomfortable."



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The Great Charter, The Opera

The world premieres of the new opera devised and composed by Timothy Craig Harrison takes place at Durham Cathedral on Saturday June 13 and in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, on Saturday June 20.

Set in two time zones, *The Great Charter* explores humanity's continuing struggle for social justice. A nightmarish, futuristic, totalitarian state run by The Protector parallels England in the years leading up to the signing of Magna Carta in 1215.

In this historic and exciting collaboration between the cathedrals of Middlesbrough and Durham, the huge cast includes professional singers and musicians, along with students from Durham University and the Royal Academy of Music, the choristers of Middlesbrough Cathedral, singers from Durham Cathedral Young Voices, children from schools in Durham and Middlesbrough and The Durham Singers, conducted by Julian Wright.

Tickets are available online through The Gala Theatre, Durham. Call 03000 266600 or visit www.durhamcathedral.co.uk/palace.greenn/whatson/the-great-charter for more information.

NEWS

Coffee And Smiles In Cottingham



Members of Cottingham Section of the Catholic Women's League, who took part in the CWL's national coffee morning after Mass at Holy Cross Church.

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Centenarian Hilda Passes Away

In last August's *Voice* we reported that Hilda Langham, a parishioner of St Alphonsus Parish, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 12 2014.

Her birthday was marked with a Mass attended by family, friends, neighbours, parishioners and children from St Alphonsus School, where she had once taught. Hilda requested no birthday gifts but donations to Macmillan

Cancer Support, which realised £579.42. Despite her age she remained active and was a daily Mass attender.

Sadly, following a short illness and hospital stay, Hilda died on March 11 2015 and a Requiem Mass was celebrated by Father Pat Day. Hilda's relatives requested family flowers only at the funeral and a further £58.20 was donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Noleen Hunter

Feast Of Divine Mercy In York

Father Bill Serplus led a celebration of the Feast of the Divine Mercy at St Aelred's Church, York. The day began with Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available.

The Hour of Great Mercy included Blessing and Veneration of the Image, Congregation Commitment of Trust and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. People came from all over the area to share in a truly uplifting experience.

Elizabeth Dunn

VOCATIONS

An Eye-Opener For Francis

FRANCIS HANNAWAY, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, is working in Basankusu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a lay missionary for Mill Hill Missionaries. His regular updates continue as he talks about an inspirational medical programme...

Isolation makes it difficult to train health professionals. Local medical centres often lack the expertise or the latest knowledge. Equipment is also hard to come by. Everything in the DR Congo is imported and the journey up the river only adds to the already unaffordable prices for medical equipment.

Starting in 2013, however, a team of nine eye-doctors and opticians called Ophthalmology Worldwide decided to help the people of Basankusu in a remarkable show of kindness. They brought with them operating tables, microscopes, machines for looking into eyes, medicines, gloves – in fact, everything needed to run an eye-clinic.

They ran their project for 14 days and performed 1,676 consultations. They dispensed eye-drops, antibiotics, glasses – people even got sunglasses and a free hat!

They carried out 150 cataract operations on patients, some of whom had travelled 100 or even 200 miles – often on foot – to reach Basankusu. I was able to see first-hand the amazing work they did by being appointed official filmmaker for their project.

The clinic took place at Basankusu's secondary – but Catholic run – hospital, managed by one of the local Sisters of St Theresa, Sister Victorine, who is a doctor.

"We called in all our personnel, from the far reaches of the diocese, to help with eye tests and supporting tasks," Sister Victorine told me. "The people here are so poor and we don't have anyone to do this essential work."

I talked to the doctors, who mostly come from Belgium, and they told me that the eye-diseases were often at a very advanced stage, a situation that wouldn't exist in Europe. A lot of the patients were quite elderly. Even so, the only way they could be treated was to walk along the rough dirt tracks the great distance to Basankusu.

They each paid a token charge, about £1.50 for a consultation and £17 for a cataract operation. However, this amount, when added to the cost of the journey, was too much for some patients. I'm happy to say these people got some help with that – and I was able to use money collected in the Middlesbrough Diocese to help several people with fees and the cost of their return journey.

The doctors of Ophthalmology Worldwide are going to make this an annual event, which really is good news. But this story also highlights that what may seem like a rustic, rural setting, is really a place fraught with daily challenges that we in Europe wouldn't easily recognise.



Francis prepares to go into theatre



A cataract operation taking place in Basankusu

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE 2015

- 1 Celebrates Mass for the Indian Community at St Wilfrid's, York 7.00 pm
- 2 Attends Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office 11.00 am
- 3 Celebrates Confirmations at St Patrick's, Thornaby - Service of the Word 7.00 pm
- 4 Attends NOV Advisory Board 11.00 am
- 4 Attends celebration and re-consecration of Altar at Rievaulx Abbey 7.00 pm
- 6 Celebrates Mass at Prison, Hull 9.30 am
- 7 Corpus Christi Procession at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.00 pm
- 9 Meeting with Deans at Curial Office 11.30 am
- 9 Celebrates renewal of Diaconate Commitment at Ampleforth 6.30 pm
- 11 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations at St Wilfrid's, York 7.00 pm
- 12 Hosts dinner for Bishop John Crowley at Bishop's House 7.00 pm
- 13 Celebrates Bishop John Crowley's Golden Jubilee with Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 12 noon
- 16 Attends Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office 11.00 am
- 16 Celebrates Confirmations at St George's, York - Service of the Word 7.00 pm
- 23 Confirmations at Bridlington Priory - Service of the Word 7.00 pm
- 25 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations at St Augustine's, Redcar 7.00 pm
- 30 Attends Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office 11.00 am
- 30 Celebrates Mass and Confirmations at St Anthony's, Hull 7.00 pm

1 - 3 Monday - Wednesday

'Finding God in Everything' - a retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

2 Tuesday

12.45 pm Tuesday Lunchtime Summer Recital Series at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, with Michael Haynes, organist of Hexham Abbey. Admission is free, voluntary donations welcome (suggested minimum donation £3.00). Visit the Cathedral Music website <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic> 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

3 Wednesday

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

6.30 pm Latin Mass at the Church of St Charles, Jarratt Street, Hull, HU1 3HB

4 Thursday

1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Ark, the Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine Marshall, Tel: (01642) 877936 for venue and other details

5 Friday

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6 Saturday

10.00 am for 10.30 am York Catholic History Day at the Bar Convent, York. The day will close at approximately 4.30 pm with Mass in the Convent Chapel. Cost: £15.00 (students £7.50) to include admission and coffee/tea but not lunch. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

2.00 pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 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

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6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

8 Monday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'The Gaze of Love' led by Maggie Jackson at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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

9 Tuesday

12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Ms Janet Smart will speak about 'Thuso Orphanage'

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

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm 'Inevitable Rebels: Catholics, Conformity and Degrees of Rebellion in England, c1530-1745' - Ushaw Lecture in the Main Lecture Hall, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Dr James Kelly, Durham University. 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 / m.j.p.pound@durham.ac.uk for further details

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

10 Wednesday

10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass

10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet

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

7.00 pm 'Give me a child until they are 4: toughening up the Jesuit teaching on shaping children's life chances' - Ebor Lecture at York St John University, York, to be delivered by Rt Hon Frank Field MP, Labour MP for Birkenhead. Visit www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator, Tel: (01904) 876474 or E-mail: eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk for further details

12 Friday

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

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Catherine's Chapel, St Catherine's Convent, Southcoates Lane, 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

13 Saturday

12 noon Golden Jubilee Mass for Bishop John Crowley at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

7.30 pm Premiere of 'The Great Charter, The Opera' at Durham Cathedral. Tickets: £15.00, £10.00 and £8.00 ((£13.00, £8.00 and £6.00 concessions, under 16s free) available from the Gala Theatre Box Office:

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12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

12.00 pm - 4.00 pm Lourdes 2015 Youth Reunion at St Augustine's School, Scarborough. Sunday Mass, barbeque. Meet your Lourdes friends. Contact Tel: (01642) 825948 or E-mail: domfinn@mymission.org.uk for further details

6.00 pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact Tel: (01642) 818203 for further details

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15 - 19 Monday - Friday

'Book of Ruth: "Wherever you go, I shall go. Wherever you shall live, I shall live"' - a retreat led by Fr Andrew McCaffrey. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

16 Tuesday

12.45 pm Tuesday Lunchtime Summer Recital Series at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, with the choir of St Mary's College, Durham. Admission is free, voluntary donations welcome (suggested minimum donation £3.00). Visit the Cathedral Music website <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic> for further details

18 Thursday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'A Day in the Countryside' with Sophie Weston. Contact: St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

19 Friday

7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet after 6.00 pm Mass at St Stephen's Pastoral Centre, Hull

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.com/>

20 Saturday

7.30 pm 'The Great Charter, The Opera' at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Tickets: £10.00 (£8.00 concessions, under 16s free) available from the Gala Theatre Box Office:

www.galadurham.co.uk or Tel: 03000 266600. Visit www.durhamcathedral.co.uk /palace.green/whatson/the-great-charter for further details

7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Paul O'Sullivan) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227

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2.30 pm - 4.30 pm St Bede's Strawberry Tea at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. All welcome. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at Christ the King, Thornaby

6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

24 Wednesday

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

25 Thursday

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Margaret Jones, Tel: (01642) 865668 for venue and other details

26 Friday

7.00 pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at St Catherine's Convent, Southcoates Lane, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details. Please note the new venue

27 Saturday

11.00 am Lady Day Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, celebrated by the Cathedral Clergy. 10.30 am: Rosary, 11.00 am: Holy Mass. All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, Tel: (01642) 597750 or

www.ladychapel.org.uk for further details

7.30 pm The Chanticleer Singers present 'Faith is the Heaven' featuring a Requiem by the Canadian composer Eleanor Daley and 20th-century British sacred choral music favourites at The Chapel of the Bar Convent, York. Tickets: £10.00/£7.50, students/children free, available from the Ticket Secretary, Contact Tel: (01653) 691589 or on the door (if available) on the night

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FIRST WEEK OF JULY:

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

7.00 pm 'Learning to live a life, ready for death' - Ebor Lecture in York Minster, York, to be delivered by Rabbi Baroness Neuberger DBE, Member of the House of Lords and Senior Rabbi to the West London Synagogue. Visit www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures for details on how to book online or in writing, or contact the Ebor Lectures Co-ordinator, Tel: (01904) 876474 or E-mail: eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk for further details

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1.00 pm - 2.30 pm Ark, the Pastoral Support Group for people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact: Catherine

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3 Friday

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3 - 5 Friday - Sunday

'Everyday Spirituality' - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

4 Saturday

11.30 am The Catholic Women's League Diocesan Branch Meeting will be held at St Gabriel's, Ormesby commencing with Mass at 11.30 am

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 013 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for further details

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12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

10.15 am for 10.45 am Annual Postgate Walk from St Anne's Church, Ugthorpe to St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge in time to attend the Postgate Rally and Mass. Registration at St Hedda's from 10.15 am, walk to commence at 10.45 am. Contact Tel: (01642) 850505, ext 258 for further details

3.00 pm Annual Postgate Rally in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the English and Welsh Martyrs at St Hedda's, Egton Bridge (outdoors, weather permitting). Principal Hymn: Rt Rev Terence Patrick Draine. Hymns from 2.30 pm

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18 July: 11.30 am, 20th Anniversary Day of Reparation and Consecration at Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Pilgrims should assemble at 11.30 am in St Peter's Anglican Church, Osmotherley Village followed by a silent walk to the Shrine. To finish at 6.00 pm approximately. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

16 August: Annual Diocesan Assumption Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 2.30 pm: Rosary, 3.00 pm: Mass

24-25 September: 'Living Joyfully', two days celebrating the 'Year of Consecrated Life 2015' at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

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NEWS

Remembering Gallipoli



Bishop Terry with Father Finn's relatives Felicia and Mark Finn



Bishop Terry, Monsignor Francis Barber and Deacon Brian Morgan meet veterans at the altar

Bishop Terry was the chief celebrant at a Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in Hull in memory of all the fallen of the Gallipoli Landings and especially Father William Finn, who died 100 years ago to the day.

The church was built by Frank Finn in memory of his brother, the first Catholic Army chaplain to die in the war. Monsignor Francis Barber, chief Roman Catholic chaplain to all the forces, and other priests from the diocese including Father Dominique Minskip, the current parish priest, assisted Bishop Terry in the celebration of the Mass.

The Lord Mayor of Hull, Councillor Mary Glew, two of Father Finn's descendants – great-niece Felicia Finn and her brother, great-nephew Mark Finn – and a number of veterans also attended.

In a moving homily, Bishop Terry described the bravery of Father Finn who, having been told to stay in the boat, scrambled out to minister to the dead and the dying and continued to do so even

when he was wounded. *The Last Post* was played and one of the veterans ceremonially lowered the flag.

After the Mass the Lord Mayor unveiled a plaque dedicated to Father Finn. This is the first of 100 plaques to be unveiled between now and 2017, each remembering inspirational people who were born or lived in Hull.

Felicia and Mark Finn said it was a proud day for the family, an honour to be present and moving to think of the suffering and bravery of Father Finn and the soldiers.

Refreshments were served by the parishioners of Sacred Heart in the church hall and Bishop Terry spoke to many who were present.

Knights of St Columba from Sheffield, Worksop, Leeds and Hull acted as stewards and assisted with parking.

Bernard Swift

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