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The Joy Of Secret Missions!

What a great pleasure it was to welcome Bishop John back to the diocese last month. There was a great turnout from all parts. Thanks to everyone who made such a great effort to be there and a great big thanks to all those who were involved in the organisation of the day. Bishop John reflected on the readings for the Mass in a very deep and personal way, allowing us to share in his meditations, and he also gave us the opportunity to apply the teaching to our own lives today. At the end of the Mass I was able to express our thanks to him and appreciation of his ministry among us – past, present and still to come. If I can repeat my words especially for the benefit of those who were not able to be with us:

This is an opportunity for us to express our gratitude to you and to congratulate you in person. There are all sorts of things that we would want to say to you, to express to you. Some of us will have the words, the right turn of phrase, the bon mot. Others will be more direct and simple in our thanks and congratulations, but all will be heartfelt and sincere.

I am sure too that you will receive a variety of gifts and tokens of love and appreciation. Similarly they will be a sign of our genuine affection for you.

But what do you give to a good, holy, long-serving bishop on his golden jubilee of priesthood? Well as I said, I am sure there will be a huge variety of things that people have and will give you. But dare I say that perhaps the best gift, the greatest sign of affection and the deepest symbol of respect that can be offered to you is right in front of your eyes today – your people, your flock, your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bishop John, please accept our congratulations, our gratitude, our love and genuine prayers for your wellbeing and long continued ministry. Although you no longer have the weight of officially being our shepherd, you certainly continue your ministry in so many ways. I hear everywhere I go – "Oh Bishop John has just given us a retreat, Bishop John is giving a day of recollection next week, Bishop John is coming to speak to us." What a great ministry you are carrying out as our Bishop Emeritus and long may it continue!

Although you have gone through a few years of difficulty health-wise, it is so good to see you here today looking and sounding so well and at peace with all that the Lord is asking of you.

Well I go back to my earlier question, what do you give to a good, holy, long-serving bishop on his golden jubilee? I



Lourdes 2015 saw 200 young people from all over the diocese and beyond come together in service of those less fortunate than themselves. It proved to be a week of joy, hard work, self-discovery and prayer.

Groups from every one of our secondary schools joined the pilgrimage and it was a great delight to see them all, as well as giving a warm welcome to St Michael's, Billingham, who joined us again after a

break of a couple of years.

Each year Lourdes provides an intense experience for young people. They are thrown into close contact with those who need their help, they live side-by-side with their peers and they experience the liturgical life of the Church in all its diversity and, as a result of all of this, they are closer to Jesus.

This year all pilgrims were asked to focus on the joy serving others can bring. "The Joy of

Mission" was our theme and the young people took it to heart. It was an easy theme to plug in to and young people readily shared how they felt when helping others.

Each group was given a secret mission for the week. It had to be some way of

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know what we wish for you – peace, contentment, joy in the Lord, good health to continue your work and ministry. May you be surrounded by family and good friends and enjoy their company and friendship for many years to come.

But so that you can continue to share your spiritual knowledge and experience with us, you will need to spend time in prayer, contemplation, reflection and thought. When you were here last time, among the things we gave you was a monk's table, made by Thompson's of Kilburn, that you could place your books on to read and study. Well this time we would like to offer you another piece of spiritual furniture, a monk's chair so that you may continue your holy ministry among us and further afield throughout our country.

Please accept this gift as a sign of our love and affection and as a promise that you will remain in our thoughts and prayers today and into the future. Congratulations on your 50 years of priesthood and ad multos anos!



• We'll have a full report and pictures from Bishop John's Mass in our August edition.

The Joy Of Secret Missions!

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enhancing the pilgrimage for all, but they had to do it without anyone noticing.

Some were asked to serve in a secret way, others asked to pray for certain people during the week and others asked to highlight the acts of service and mission that go on.

The annual Lourdes pilgrimage is the largest project undertaken by the Diocesan Mission Team each year. It's increasingly demanding on the team and our schools, and yet it remains a week well worth the effort.

Schools find it more and more difficult to create the time for the pilgrimage and provide staff during a hectic part of their year. However, it remains a top priority for them.

Thanks to good working relationships with our schools we are able to work to overcome most obstacles, helping with fundraising and even providing group leaders for those who find themselves short of staff.

New developments this year saw young people mix more than ever before. Testament to this is that around 150 of the young people got together again in Scarborough for a reunion Mass and barbecue on June 14.

Our thanks to all of the young people and their leaders who did so much to make Lourdes 2015 all it should have been. Planning for the 2016 pilgrimage is already underway. See you there!

• **Could you give a year to God? The MYMission Team is still looking for team members for the academic year 2015-16. If you will be 18-plus by September and would like to enquire about joining us in our work, we'd love to hear from you.**

• **A year with the Mission Team is a year of hard work, communal living and outreach work dedicated to the proclamation of the Good News, especially to young people.**

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Father Paul Farrer

Father Frankie Tops Variety Bill

A former comedian who became a priest is helping raise money for the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Fund.

Father Frankie Mulgrew, son of top Irish comic Jimmy Cricket, studied theology at Ushaw College and Durham University before being ordained a priest in Blackburn.

Father Frankie once joked that the performing gene is so strong in his family, if he hadn't gone into the priesthood he'd have probably ended up in Riverdance.

He joins performers from across the diocese starring in Summertime Special, a night of magic, music and laughter at Middlesbrough Theatre.

The popular variety show, which began life as Rocking in the Aisles before being rebranded five years ago, is returning after a short break.

Money raised will help people take part in the annual pilgrimage who wouldn't otherwise be able to for financial reasons.

"It's a fantastic cause," said pilgrimage

executive director, Keith Tillotson. "We've recently returned from our 62nd pilgrimage and we all enjoyed a fantastic week.

"We hope as many current and past pilgrims and supporters as possible will join us for what should be a memorable night.

"We've got some really exciting acts lined up, including some old favourites and some new surprises as well.

"There'll also be the chance to catch up with old and new friends in the adjoining Theatre Club afterwards."

Summertime Special is on Saturday July 11 from 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for concessions and family tickets of two adults and two children at £30.

They are available from St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, and Middlesbrough Theatre Box Office. Alternatively, contact Chris Tillotson on 01642 324043.



Restored Altar At Rievaulx Abbey

Bishop Terry joined the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Whitby, the Prior of Ampleforth and the Chair of the Methodist District of York and Hull at a service to celebrate the restoration of the altar stone of the high altar at Rievaulx Abbey.

The restored altar consists of a modern sandstone base topped with

the original altar stone, and is left deliberately unadorned to show a distinction between original and new stonework.

It is based on the designs of the existing altars in the side aisles of the nave at Rievaulx. The work was initiated and funded by a member of All Saints' Church, Helmsley.



Bishop Terry at Rievaulx with the Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson, and the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu

Photo by Lars Karlsson

Hull Pilgrims Visit Abbeys



The pilgrims visiting Bolton Abbey

Mass in Byland's ruins was the highlight of a three-day pilgrimage to the abbeys of North Yorkshire. Around 30 pilgrims from the south-east Hull combined parish of Sacred Heart, St Bede and St Stephen's visited Byland, Rievaulx, Fountains and Bolton abbeys.

The Mass was celebrated by Father Dominique Minskip and Father John Hitchen, assisted by Deacon Brian Morgan, on the site of what would have been the high altar when it was a functioning place of prayer for hundreds of years. Pilgrims spent two nights at The Briery Catholic Retreat Centre at Ilkley.

Get Ready For Prom Praise

The renowned All Souls Orchestra returns to York Barbican with their flagship *Prom Praise* event later this year. Under the energetic direction of principal conductor, Noël Tredinnick, *Prom Praise* is a joyful fusion of performance and worship.

Combining the spirit of *Songs of Praise* with the style of the *Last Night of the Proms*, the whole hall can join choir and orchestra in favourite hymns and worship songs. The 2015 event features dynamic gospel artist Beverley Trotman, trumpeter Giles Fowler and the Prom Praise York Choir, gathered from around the area to lead the audience in song.

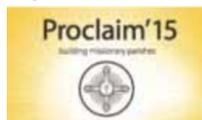
Adding their voices to the line-up are the St Aidan's High School Chamber Choir, while the Archbishop of York will co-host the evening.

Tickets are £22.50, £19 and £17, including souvenir programme, with discounts for under-17s and groups.

Call 0844 854 2757, visit www.yorkbarbican.co.uk or call in to the Box Office, York Barbican, Paragon Street, York YO10 4NT from 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday. For further information, visit www.prompraiseyork.org.uk

'Missionary Disciples' Head For Birmingham

Twenty-five members of our diocese will head for Birmingham on Saturday July 11 to take part in the major event of Proclaim '15 – a national conference to support parish evangelisation.



As well as hearing from important speakers such as Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Bernard Longley, they will have the opportunity to attend practical training sessions. These "hands-on workshops" will include:

- How to make prayer the foundation of your missionary parish
- How to reach out to non-churchgoing Catholics
- How to build a welcoming and family-friendly parish
- How to evangelise the young people of your parish

The hope is that our conference delegates will then bring their experience and new knowledge back to the diocese, helping us all build the kind of missionary parish that bears joyful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Some parishes are already developing very creative ways of reaching out to others by taking part in the "Crossing the Threshold" project.

Following the national conference, though, we hope many more parishes will be encouraged to find new ways of reaching out to family members, neighbours and friends – people who either no longer come to church or who have never known the joy of belonging to a worshipping community.

Parish Evangelisation Fund

In order to help with this, the diocese now has a Parish Evangelisation Fund. This has been made possible through the generosity of a charity called The Paristamen CIO.

The name of this charity is derived from a Greek word in St Paul's Letter to the Romans. It means "We stand beside" and its mission statement reads: "Standing beside charities with small grants to make a big difference."

In keeping with this objective, they have kindly given the Diocese of Middlesbrough £5,000 to support evangelisation initiatives at the local level. The fund will be administered by myself and parish priests, religious and teams of parishioners will soon be able to apply for grants.

We'll have more news to share about this after the national conference. Meanwhile, there are other important ways we can all stand beside one another.

United in prayer

In a recent interview about Proclaim '15, Cardinal Nichols invited every parish in England and Wales to host an evening of prayer on the day of the national conference. We hope you will join us to pray for the work of evangelisation, perhaps by celebrating a Holy Hour in your parish or home.

The Bishops' Conference has prepared a Holy Hour liturgy, which can be found at <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Special-Events/Proclaim-15-Building-Missionary-Parishes/Evangelisation-Prayer>

Even if you can't attend a full hour, perhaps you might join us in spirit and pray for the success of Proclaim '15 in the following way...

Loving Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only son,

That we might believe in him and have eternal life.

May we encounter Jesus Christ anew this day and live the Good News with joy.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,

Help us to, "Go out to the whole world and proclaim" our faith with confidence.

Give us the courage to witness to the Joy of the Gospel by our words and actions.

Help our parish to become more welcoming and missionary,

So that you may be known and loved by all people.

We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ your son,

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,

Amen

Deacon Vince Purcell,
Diocesan Adviser for Evangelisation

Celebrate 30 Years Of Madonna House

This year Madonna House Apostolate celebrates 30 years of being in Robin Hood's Bay. We give great thanks to God, to our friends and benefactors and all the people of the Middlesbrough Diocese and beyond who have made this possible.

We are a community of consecrated lay women, lay men and priests and our mission in Robin Hood's Bay is to be a house of prayer and hospitality, of encounter with grace. We embrace voluntary poverty and seek to live the Gospel and to love in the ordinary of everyday life, and our inspiration and model is the Holy Family of Nazareth.

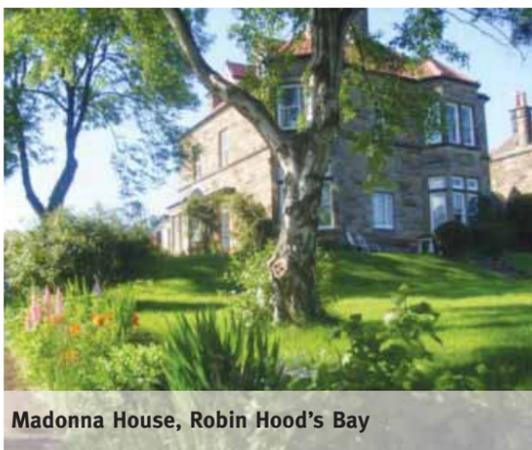
Currently, Cheryl Ann Smith serves as director, accompanied by Nikola Kanachowski, Christine Herlihy and Emily Huston.

People come for a cuppa and a chat, for restoration through a stay with the community or in retreat. Priests, religious and lay people find a welcome respite in the quiet and beauty of our chapel and gardens. Groups also gather for days of reflection in our home.

Come and rejoice with us on Tuesday July 7 at 2pm, when Bishop Terry will celebrate Mass at St Stephen's Anglican Church, followed by a simple reception at Bay Methodist Church Hall. Both are nearby on Thorpe Lane. Benediction will take place in our chapel.

You are welcome to join us for part or all of this day. Telephone 01947 880 169 or email madonnahouse@gmail.com for more information. Thank you for your prayers, support and being part of our life in Robin Hood's Bay.

Nikola Kanachowski



Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay

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SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2015

Led by Fr Noel Colahan

Pilgrims should assemble at 11.30am in St Peter's Anglican church, Osmotherley Village followed by a silent walk to the Shrine. to finish at 6pm approximately.

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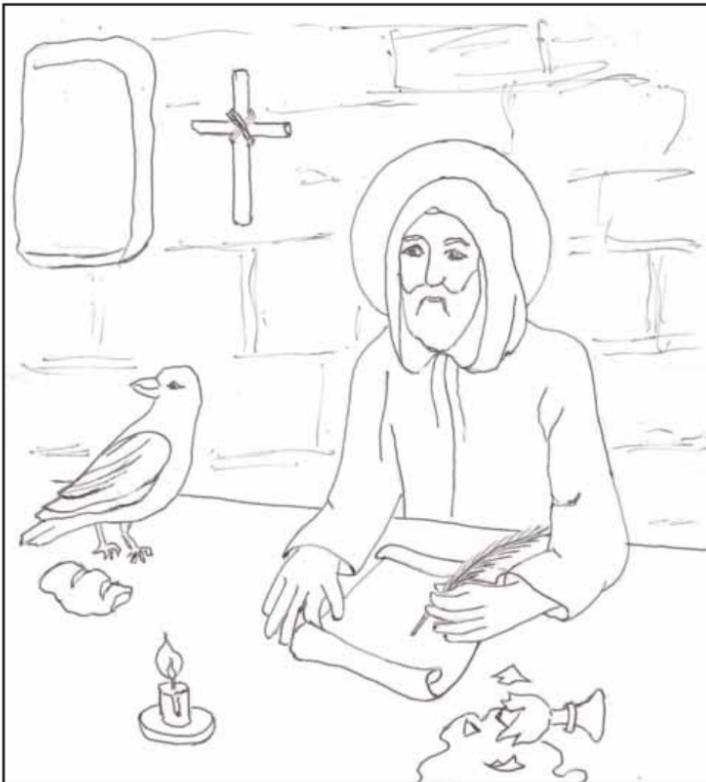
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St Benedict

Patron Saint of Europe
Feast day July 11

When Benedict was a student in Rome, he was disgusted by the bad behaviour there and so he left. He found a cave in the mountains where he lived for three years, praying to God.

Some monks came and asked him to be their abbot, but they didn't like it when he tried to make them be good. The monks gave him some poisoned wine, but he made the sign of the cross over it and the glass shattered. Then they sent him some poisoned bread, but a raven came in through the window and flew off with it. Now Benedictine monks are happy to follow the Rule of St Benedict. Some of them live at Ampleforth Abbey, in our diocese.

Ged's Quick Quiz

with quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Which actor played the lead romantic role opposite Helena Bonham Carter in the film *A Room With A View*?
2. Which children's TV presenter was famous for his foam hammer and was front man of the group Bombalurina?
3. Who was the last monarch of the Stuart family?
4. What is the real name of Fish, the lead singer with Marillion?
5. Who was American president immediately before Barack Obama?

Thinking cap question

Which four English racecourses begin with "New"?

Flowers And Faith In Brotton

Christians in East Cleveland will celebrate their faith with a colourful flower festival. A Festival of Flowers and Faith takes place at St Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Brotton on Saturday July 11 and Sunday July 12.

The church will be open from 10am until 5pm each day, with Sunday Mass celebrated at 11am. The flower arrangements will depict aspects of faith in celebration of the Proclaim '15 evangelisation initiative.

Worshippers from the St Margaret's Church of England parish are also taking part in the festival and children from St Joseph's Primary School in Loftus will be creating their own special arrangement. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available throughout the festival.

By George, They've Done Well!



The junior chaplaincy team at St George's School in York have been working hard to help people less fortunate than themselves with two fantastic fundraising projects.

A whopping £512.05 was raised in just one morning to help those suffering after the earthquake in Nepal, where many St George's pupils have family and friends.

Children donated money to wear their own clothes and guessed the name of the teddy and the number of sweets in a jar. They also supported Water Aid, raising £165 by donating to dress in blue for a Blue Monday event.

Well done to all who took part! Check out the school's Facebook page, St George's Roman Catholic Primary School York, to see what else is going on.

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Three In A Row For St Mary's

St Mary's College in Hull is celebrating after being graded "Outstanding" by diocesan inspectors for the third time in a row.

The inspection is designed to explore in depth the quality of the Catholic life of a school and standards in Religious Education in particular.

The report especially affirms the role of students in planning and leading acts of worship, praising their enthusiasm for and achievements in RE.

Delighted head teacher Ged Fitzpatrick said: "We are simply thrilled to have this, the single most important element of our work, praised so highly.

"This is the third time the college has been awarded this accolade and it is testament to the hard work and attitudes of our young people and those who work with them."

Inspectors evaluated outcomes for pupils, the effectiveness of the provision for Catholic education and the extent to which leaders and managers are effective in developing the Catholic life of the school.

The school was judged as "outstanding" in every category and in each one of the nine sub-categories

within the inspection framework.

Highlights from the report included...

"Students speak with enthusiasm and pride about their Catholic community and appreciate with a maturity beyond their years, the benefits of belonging to St Mary's College."

"Sixth Form students are excellent role models and demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities."

"Standards students achieve in RE are very high across all key stages."

"Collective worship is central to the life of the school. Pupils' liturgical, spiritual and moral formation is well mapped out within RE and PSHCE along with all other areas of the curriculum."

"Leaders, managers and governors demonstrate an outstanding and deep commitment to the Church's mission in Education."

Canon Michael Loughlin, Chair of Governors at the 1,750-pupil college, said: "I would like to congratulate all the staff and students for their achievements in what is a truly Catholic school, in name and in spirit."

Damian Walmsley

Mustard Seeds Growing In Thirsk



The final stage of Mustard Seeds' May procession, when children were invited to place flowers and prayer bracelets at Our Lady's feet

Year four pupils from All Saints Primary School in Thirsk wrote to tell us about their chaplaincy group...

We go to All Saints School in Thirsk and are called the Mustard Seeds. There were 12 of us in the beginning, but since we organised a beautiful May Procession, someone else asked to join, so now there are 13.

We are called a chaplaincy group and we also do displays, prayers and fundraising for charity. We are doing a newsletter and a competition too.

Some of us are good at Art and we designed prayer sheets and posters to make a Prayer Garden. We made some lovely Bible logs too.

Father Jerry comes to see us and he gave all the Mustard Seeds a special blessing. Mrs Williams, our headteacher, said we are doing a good job.

New Award For 'Outstanding' School

Our Lady and St Peter Catholic School, Bridlington, has been rated "outstanding" for the second time in three months.

Following its Ofsted inspection in February, when it was judged to be outstanding in all areas, it has now gained an overall "Grade 1 – Outstanding" in its Diocese of Middlesbrough Inspection of Religious



Education.

The inspection found "an outstanding Catholic School led by two innovative head teachers who share the post."

The inspectors said: "The quality of the teaching is outstanding. The Religious Education subject leader is extremely knowledgeable and a positive role model to other colleagues."

Teaching was noted to be "effective in enthusing pupils and ensuring that they learn extremely well."

The enrichment of the curriculum was viewed as "imaginative" and "well planned", with collective worship, where children "participate with reverence and enthusiasm", being central to the life of the school.

The School Mission Statement – "Children at the Centre – Jesus at the Heart" – was observed to be lived out by their strong sense of personal worth.

"Pupils' behaviour is exemplary at all times," said the report. "Within the pupil body lays a wealth of understanding and love for one another."

The report said Parish Priest, Canon David Grant, is a pivotal part of the faith community.

"His all-encompassing approach ensures that all members of the school faith community are valued," it said.

The governors were deemed to make a "significant contribution to the leadership of the Catholic life of the school," which the inspectors said was the heart of the Catholic community in Bridlington.

Children Process In York



Pupils from St Aelred's in York and Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Cubs took part in the May Procession. They placed flowers on the altar in front of Our Lady, before the statue was crowned with a garland of flowers.

Two young St Aelred's parishioners have been working for the Faith and Spiritual Development badges with the Beavers and Cubs. This encourages young people to explore other faiths and develop their personal beliefs and values.

Kath Stubbs

Celebrating Our Schools

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Generous Collection In Eileen's Memory

A collection after the funeral of former Thornaby mayoress Eileen Craggs raised £500 for the Father Morrow Piggery Project to help children in Uganda. The collection was at Eileen's own request. Former Lourdes handmaid Eileen, who died aged 76, after a long illness, leaves husband Ken. A well known and much loved local figure, she was awarded an MBE for services to nursing. Her funeral service took place at Thornaby's St Patrick's Church, where she worshipped and was part of the Thursday Rosary Group.

Ushaw Hosts Tablet Conference

A major international conference will be held at Ushaw College's Centre for Catholic Studies later this year as part of *The Tablet's* 175th anniversary celebrations. *The Spirit of Catholic Renewal: Signs, Sources and Calling* takes place from November 2 to 4 and costs £80 to attend (accommodation not included), with a limited number of unwaged and concession places available. International Catholic news weekly *The Tablet* was established in 1840 and is now under its seventh editor and its first woman editor. For more information about the conference, visit <https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/detail/s/?id=479>

Flowers Mark Hilda's Half-Century

Union of Catholic Mothers diocesan president Hilda Carney was presented with flowers and a certificate marking her 50 years as a member of the organisation. The surprise presentation came during Mass at Thicket Priory to celebrate 55 years of the St Aelred's, York, UCM foundation. Around 40 members of St Aelred's and St Margaret Clitherow's foundations renewed their commitment at the Mass, celebrated by Father Bill Serplus, spiritual adviser to the UCM in the Middlesbrough Diocese.

Elizabeth Dunn

People Trafficking On The Agenda

All are welcome to an anti-people trafficking presentation when The Holy Name of Mary Justice and Peace Group in Middlesbrough meets on Thursday July 2. There will be a short DVD about a project led by sixth formers from the Sacred Heart School, in Hammersmith, and Hamida White, from the Red Cross, will speak about the local situation. The meeting, in the parish hall on The Avenue, Linthorpe, begins at 7pm.

NEWS

A Lifeline For Seafarers

July 12 is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, which is often a lifeline for them. GREG WATTS met Tees and Hartlepool port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan to talk about his work.

"I don't think there are many atheists at sea," says Peter. "Meeting people from all the faiths, and none, helps me understand my own Catholic faith and explore it more deeply."

Peter became an AoS port chaplain after 30 years working for a local brewery. He started as an office junior and ended up as a depot manager. But he knew about the work of AoS, as he had been a volunteer ship visitor for several years. He describes becoming port chaplain as his dream job.

"In footballing terms, it's being asked to play for your Premier League club. It's

having my hobby become my job.

"I enjoy meeting people and engaging with them. It fascinates me that no matter where in the world people come from, the same basic things are important to them – family, finances, the future for them and their children, football and, for most, their faith."

Being a port chaplain is incredibly rewarding, he says.

"I think it's that we do a very simple task. We go on board to ask if we can help the seafarer with anything. It may be with phone cards to keep in touch with their family, or a lift into town for them to purchase some items.

"We also supply hats and gloves and other bits of clothing, supply rosaries or prayer cards, or help with getting to Mass, the temple, or to a mosque."

Seafarers arrive each day in the North

East from many parts of the world.

"I could encounter five or six different nationalities on board one ship. The United Nations could learn a lot from a crew.

"Recently on one ship I met Russian, Greek, Filipino, Indonesian and Indian people. That was on a crew of 14. They had been together for a number of months, coming from different cultures, yet having to live and work together."

One of the most important things he does is simply sit down with the seafarers and chat to them.

"I'll ask about where they'd sailed from and where they are sailing to. We have to remember a ship is not just a workplace for seafarers, it's their home as well. Their contracts can vary, depending on the employers, from four months up to nine months and beyond.

"So the ship and their workmates are home and family for a long time. As with all homes and families, it's nice to have visitors who bring in different conversation or who just sit and listen to them.

"Seafarers often want to talk about their families and we are in a very privileged position of being there to listen and share in their lives for a brief time. It's a very simple task and the thanks we receive from the seafarers for the visit is humbling.

"As you leave you will often hear, 'Thank you for your visit.' I've done little, but whatever we do is appreciated."

Even in the North East, which has a long and proud maritime history, many people know little about what goes on inside a port, Peter suggests.

"It's a bit of a hidden world, even though every day there are ships lying off the Tees, waiting to enter the port to load or discharge. It's not as if the members of the public can wander onto the port and then pop onto a ship to have a look around.

"Part of my role is to let people know about the life of a seafarer. When I explain to them what happens on board, the vast majority of people are fascinated.

"I'm often asked if they can visit with me or if help with clothing, toiletries, or give a donation."



Bishop John Leads Inspiring Retreat

Twenty-seven people, including religious sisters from several congregations, attended an uplifting and inspiring six-day retreat led by Bishop John Crowley at The Briery, in Ilkley. The themes were *Qualities of a Christ-Centred Heart and Resting in God's Love*, explored through talks, liturgies, celebration of the sacraments and prayer. This year is specially dedicated to the Consecrated Life and the retreat was an excellent encouragement to continue to live out our consecration with joy, hope and renewed energy. We all felt truly blessed and graced.

Sister Helen Delaney, Filey Convent, Sisters of Mercy



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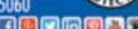
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Your Lourdes Stories...

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

Some of them will make you smile and others might make you cry. All reflect some aspect of what our Pilgrimage means and reveal how it has the power to transform lives.

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

Lourdes Is For Everyone

What is it about Lourdes? I've been going for over a quarter-of-a-century, and it sounds a long time when put this way.

I've been asked so many times why I go there and what I get out of it. I've never found the right combination of words to express this, but here goes.

For those who have experienced it, Lourdes doesn't need an explanation. It's exactly what you want it to be. For my non-Catholic and non-religious friends, a pilgrimage there can be a life-changing opportunity.

Lourdes is for everyone, religious or not. It brings out the best in so many people and in so many different ways. Even the ardent sceptic cannot fail to be impressed by the devotion shown by so many.

Ignore the zealots, seek out those who need you, looking outwardly to others and inwardly at yourself. The experience will stay with you forever. Lourdes is different. For some there's sightseeing, mountains, sport and, of course, the religious side.

For me, it's none of those things. For me, it's the people who come in faith, hope and charity. It's my friends, my fellow volunteers and fellow pilgrims from all walks of life, with whom I share this experience.

It's about the friendships made over a period of a few days which last until the next time we meet, no matter how long that is. Of all the many places I've visited, none is comparable to Lourdes.

Bernard France

• This was written as part of brancardier Bernard's efforts to raise funds for charity to mark his 70th birthday. He's supporting three charities, the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund, Send A Cow and Dove House Hospice. Cheques for the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund can be sent to Bernard France, 26 Kingsley Avenue, Hull HU9 3HL. For more information and details of how to support the other charities, visit www.pushing70.blog.com

Thanks To All For Pilgrimage Success

From the stunning high tea presented in the Accueil with generously donated homemade cakes served on china plates, accompanied by tea in china cups, to our amazing day in glorious sunshine at the Lac de Lourdes, everyone had a superb time.

Our services were prayerful and inclusive, our processions joyful and our Anointing Mass tearful. The whole pilgrimage was friendly and dotted with unforgettable memories, from quiet reflection to birthday celebrations.

One of my intentions placed at the Grotto was a prayer that more people would embrace our Lourdes family and either return or give it a go – it's one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. I'd just like to say a big "thank you" to everyone for putting in such tremendous effort in Lourdes this year. Without your work and commitment, much of it behind the scenes, the pilgrimage would not have been the success it was.

I believe we had one of our best pilgrimages and this is borne out by the comments from most of our supported pilgrims. The services were spiritually uplifting, with some inspirational homilies and lots of "Lourdes moments."

The spirit of friendship enhanced a special atmosphere of team-working between our *brancardiers*, handmaids, nurses, doctors and youth teams. And, of course, our music group and clergy all added to an exceptional week. We all played our part in getting our pilgrims there and back. All are now safely back home.

The generosity of spirit of those both young and not so young who give so willingly of their time to look after our supported and less able pilgrims never fails to move and amaze me.

On a personal note, I'd like to thank all associated with our pilgrimage for your invaluable support, commitment and friendship both during the pilgrimage this year and through all the planning stages. We're indebted to your support, which helped make the pilgrimage such a tremendous success.

• Next year's pilgrimage takes place from Friday May 27 to Friday June 3 2016.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director



Some of the colourful pennants made by our schoolchildren to decorate the wards



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Bishop Terry's Pilgrimage Thanks



Bishop Terry helps Karen Kelly celebrate a special birthday



Young pilgrims bring up the offertory gifts



Bishop Terry distributes Holy Communion at the International Mass

Bishop Terry has thanked all who contributed to the success of this year's pilgrimage.

Two plane-loads of pilgrims flew from Durham Tees Valley Airport, while many more made the journey by coach and other forms of transport.

The weather was the best it has been in recent years, with glorious sunshine for the trip to the Lac de Lourdes.

"It was an excellent pilgrimage," said Bishop Terry. "The atmosphere was prayerful and focused – despite legitimate sporting distractions!

"The Masses and liturgies were very prayerful and the music and singing helped very much indeed.

"All in all, it was a very good pilgrimage and we give thanks to all for their commitment and hard work."

Bishop Terry's comments included a reference to two football games affecting teams from our diocese while we were in Lourdes.

Sadly, they saw Hull City relegated to the Championship, while Middlesbrough missed out on Premier League promotion with a play-off final defeat. On a brighter note, sales of Boro Believers T-shirts raised £295 for the Lourdes fund.



Musicians at one of our services



Father William Massie blesses a pilgrim at the Anointing Mass



Compere Dom Jones takes the applause at the handmaids' party

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A supported pilgrim reading at Mass



Young pilgrims at prayer



The music group



Father Paul Farrer with our pilgrim

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Schools And Supporters Light Up Lourdes

This year's Lourdes experience was made extra special for our supported pilgrims by the efforts of our schools and other well-wishers.

The schools came up with some creative ideas to brighten up the ward and put in tremendous work ahead of the pilgrimage.

Their gifts brought much pleasure and huge smiles to the faces of our supported pilgrims and helpers alike.

Pupils from St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, made greeting cards for each supported pilgrim in the *Accueil*, along with a wonderful DVD of prayers and hymns, which was enjoyed throughout our stay. The children were supported by head teacher Mary Cobbold and deputy head Paul Conway.

St Edward's, Middlesbrough, pupils made beautiful prayer cards with the support of teacher Christianne Lombard, while children from St Patrick's, Thornaby, also made wonderful greeting cards, supported by teacher Susanne Hobson. Christianne and Susanne both volunteer as handmaids on our pilgrimage.

Schools and colleges who travelled on this year's pilgrimage provided bunting, prayer cards, friendship bracelets, beautiful floral decorations, bucket and spade table decorations, woolly toys and lots of cakes.

Each supported pilgrim was given a decorated tea light, which had been decorated by the youngsters on their Lourdes training day. We hope even more schools will get involved next year.

We were also bowled over by the response to our word of mouth appeal for china cups and saucers to be used at our new afternoon tea for our supported pilgrims.

I hoped for about 100, but within no time almost 300 were donated, including plates, jugs, sugar bowls and teapots. You name it, we got it! The appeal for cakes and biscuits was equally successful, with dozens of delicious cakes, scones and biscuits given from all parts of the diocese.

Thanks to your support the tea party was a great success and with your help it will hopefully be repeated next year. Thank you!

• We're hoping to offer a Summer Afternoon Tea Party as a Lourdes fundraiser. The venue and date are to be announced next month.

Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid



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One of our nurses reading at the Grotto Mass



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Father Michael Keogh blesses a pilgrim at the Anointing Mass



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Mercy: Strength Or Weakness

In last month's Voice, Father Patrick Hartnett revealed plans to mark the Holy Year of Mercy, which begins on December 8. This month, as our preparations continue, DEACON DAVID CROSS, of CAFOD Middlesbrough, examines the concept of mercy...



What does the word "mercy" mean to you? For Christians, and people of many other faith traditions, the word conjures up feelings of empathy, compassion, understanding, forgiveness, being non-judgemental and a whole host of many other positive connotations.

However, in our increasingly secularised world of work, politics and economics, mercy seems to carry with it a totally different meaning and is often viewed as sentimentality, some cosy idea that isn't meant to be taken seriously, or even as weakness.

Yet for us Christians, Pope Francis tells us: "Mercy is the very foundation of the Church's life...The Church's very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." (paragraph 10 *Misericordiae Vultus*) It's in doing this that the Church (you and me) comes into her own. We have a great record in responding to the needs of our sisters and brothers at home and in more distant parts of the world.

The mercy Pope Francis speaks about finds

its practical expression through the work of organisations such as CAFOD, which acts on behalf of the Catholic community of England and Wales to bring food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, clothing to the naked, healing to the sick and, when necessary, for example, when people are killed due to natural disasters or violence, to

bury the dead. These are all what we call the Corporal Works of Mercy.

These works of mercy never happen as a result of weakness, but always arise from a strength that comes from knowing we are all the children of God. We are all someone's daughter or son, brother or sister, and we are all responsible for each other.

The work carried out by CAFOD on your behalf in more than 40 countries around the world is only possible because of your generous responses arising from a compassion and solidarity borne out of mercy for those of our sisters and brothers for whom life is a daily struggle for survival.

The latest testimony to this is the immediate and generous response to the Nepal earthquake. Many people made donations even before an appeal was launched. This meant we could very quickly get food, shelter, water and medical care to people.

Your support has enabled us to reach

millions of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. While Pope Francis is speaking to us about the virtues of mercy, it's also worth remembering what St Pope John Paul II said some years ago: "God entrusts us to one another."

This serves to remind us that no matter what our state in life, we all need mercy shown to us at one time or other.

Finally, if we think to be merciful is to be weak, let us listen again to the words of St Paul: "Gladly, then, I will boast of my weakness that the strength of Christ may be mine. So I rejoice when I suffer infirmities, humiliations, want, persecutions: all for Christ! For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

New DVD Tells Story Of Priest Of The Moors

The team behind a DVD telling the story of Blessed Nicholas Postgate's life hope it will help inspire devotion to the Priest of the Moors among a new generation.

Work is already underway on the 30-minute production, commissioned by The Postgate Society to promote wider knowledge of Blessed Nicholas.

It is intended to be played in RE lessons but will also be suitable for group meetings and home use. The Media Studies Department of Bradford University has been chosen to produce the DVD.

A small Postgate Society subcommittee is working with producer Matt Overton and the DVD is expected to be finished later this year. It will then be circulated to schools throughout the diocese and will be also be available to purchase.

The estimated cost of the project is £8,045 and the society would appreciate any donations, however small.

They can be sent to secretary David Smallwood at Middlesbrough Diocesan Archives, Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT.



Walk And Rally Honours Blessed Nicholas

The annual Postgate Walk and Rally in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the English and Welsh martyrs takes place on Sunday July 5.

Pilgrims are invited to join Father Paul Farrer walking in Blessed Postgate's footsteps, from St Anne's in Ugthorpe to St Hedda's at Egton Bridge.

Registration is from 10.15am, with walkers setting off at 10.45am. Please note, the terrain is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.

Walkers will arrive in plenty of time for 3pm Mass at St Hedda's, which will be celebrated outdoors, weather permitting. Hymns will be

sung from 2.30pm and Bishop Terry is the principal celebrant.

Blessed Nicholas was one of 85 martyrs beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1987. Born in Egton in 1596, he trained for the priesthood in France before returning to Yorkshire.

He was martyred at York in 1679 and was one of the last Catholics in this country to be put to death for their faith. The rally has been held every year since 1974 and is alternately at Egton Bridge and Ugthorpe.

For more information about the walk call 01642 850505 extension 258 or email kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

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NEWS

CATHOLIC NEWS

New President Chooses Dementia Charity



Photo by Lars Karlsson

New president Denise Shakesby, left, wearing the chain of office handed over by Kath Stead, right.

The new president of Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club, Denise Shakesby, has chosen the Dementia Academy in Hull as the charity for her term of office.

Outgoing president Kath Stead had chosen the Eston Catholic Fellowship, as well as being able to present Doctor Nick Hart with a cheque towards his Overseas Plastic Surgery Appeal.

Members of the club belong to parishes in Hull and outlying

districts, Cottingham, Beverley and Walkington, as well as a thriving group from Hornsea. We meet to enjoy each other's company and often listen to a speaker. New members are always welcome. Meetings are usually on the second Tuesday of each month, except August. Why not join us? Call Denise on 01482 470456 for details of our activities.

Margaret Flood

Papal Honour for Vin and Margaret



There was a surprise for folk legend Vin Garbutt and charity worker Margaret Barron during a concert to raise funds for LIFE in Middlesbrough.

The singer and the organiser of the annual concert, the 35th to be held, were both presented with Apostolic Blessings from Pope Francis for defending the sanctity of human life through voluntary work for the charity. Father Peter Ryan and Father Pat Day, who were both in the audience, came up to make the presentation.

"I was and continue to be absolutely overwhelmed by the honour," Vin later told fans via social media. The concert raised £900 and a total of more than £30,000 has been given to the charity over the years.

Father Joe McDonagh Remembered



The congregation of St Thomas More's in Middlesbrough gathered in the church grounds for a service to remember the life of Father Joe McDonagh, who died on May 12 1992. Father Joe enjoyed all aspects of parish life as well as gardening and DIY, while many priests will remember his unbeatable golfing skills. The service was led by Father Leonard Jioke.

Terry Gallagher

Living Theology At The Bar Convent

Places are still available on this year's Jesuit-inspired Living Theology course at the Bar Convent in York.

They've never been a secret, but surprisingly few people have heard of the courses, which began immediately after Vatican II at Craiglockhart, Scotland, and have run annually ever since.

While Living Theology may sound deep and serious, the reality is a friendly social gathering of people of all denominations who share experiences, discuss the real questions of Christian living and learn from excellent teachers on a variety of subjects. Opportunities for prayer and liturgies are included.

The course runs from Friday July 24 to Sunday July 26. Speakers include Gerry J Hughes SJ (Why did Jesus die?), Helen Costigane SHCJ (Conscience and authority) and Bill Tompkiss (Liberation Theology's view of Christ).

Please contact Jo Caramello on 01845 526593 or visit www.livingtheology.org.uk if you are interested. You will be made very welcome!

Bishop Moth Is Installed

The installation of Bishop Richard Moth as the fifth Bishop of Arundel and Brighton took place during Mass in Arundel Cathedral on Thursday May 28. Archbishop of Southwark and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese Peter Smith conducted the Installation, which was concelebrated by Cardinal Nichols and Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, as well as Bishop Terry.

Carers Are Hidden Heroes

Those who keep going day after day despite staying up all night to look after loved ones are the world's hidden heroes, Pope Francis told his weekly general audience. He urged us to pray for people who are ill and their families and to offer practical help where possible. He added: "This Christian closeness, from family to family, is a real treasure for the parish, a treasure of wisdom that helps families in difficult moments and helps people understand the Kingdom of God better than lots of speeches. They are caresses from God."

Lord Patten Details Communication Plans

Lord Chris Patten outlined recommendations for the future of Holy See media operations to a gathering of media professionals in London. The Catholic peer, who is chair of the Vatican Media Committee, used the 2015 World Communications Day Lecture to discuss the report recently presented to the Council of Cardinals and now being studied by a Vatican Commission.

New Bishop of Nottingham Appointed

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Patrick McKinney as tenth Bishop of Nottingham. Monsignor McKinney, who was brought up in Birmingham, was ordained to the priesthood in County Donegal, where his family lives. He will be ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham, on Friday July 3. He succeeds the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP, now Archbishop of Liverpool.

Church's Persecution Call

The Church has expressed hope that the British government will encourage Pakistan's authorities to tackle escalating persecution. After reports that Christian homes and a Church were attacked in Sandha, Bishop Declan Lang, chair of the Catholic Bishops' Conference Department for International Affairs, said: "I hope the British government will make strong representations to Pakistan about the vital need to protect those most vulnerable to abuse."

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

Where there is no work, there is no dignity. In the Sacrament of the Eucharist we find God who gives himself.

We need to build up society in the light of the Beatitudes, walking towards the Kingdom with the least among us.

We can observe the Fourth Commandment by loving visits to our ageing grandparents.

VOCATIONS

Emerald Jubilee For Sister Maria



Sister Maria Varley CP was presented with a bouquet of flowers as she celebrated her Emerald Jubilee. A member of the pastoral team at St Andrew's Parish, Sister Maria took her vows in the Order of the Cross and Passion on May 14 1960.

Sister Maria is in the St Paul of the Cross Province, which is based in Manchester and covers Great Britain and Ireland. She was presented with flowers by Canon Edmond Gubbins after the 9.15am Mass and

then cut a cake and raised a glass of wine in celebration.

Originally from Bolton, Lancashire, Sister Maria served in various parts of the world before coming to St Andrew's in 2005, joining Sister Cecilia Wilkinson in supporting all areas of parish life. The Sisters of the Cross and Passion are involved in education, parish work, retreat work and pastoral care.

Paul Terry

Carmelites' Diamond Days

Two Carmelite communities in York have celebrated their 60th anniversaries. The parish of Our Lady in Acomb marked its Diamond Jubilee of establishment. The parish was formed in 1955, at that time within the Diocese of Leeds.

The pastoral care of the parish has been entrusted to the British Province of Carmelites by the Diocese of Middlesbrough since the start of 2015, and the Carmelite Prior Provincial, Father Antony Lester, OCarm, celebrated Mass with parishioners on the anniversary.

Father Antony then travelled to Thicket Priory, on the outskirts of York, to celebrate Mass and another Diamond Jubilee with the Discalced Carmelite Nuns at the Monastery of the Annunciation. Being the feast day of the Annunciation, the sisters were celebrating their patronal feast, as well as 60 years of their community moving to York from Exmouth in Devon in 1955.

40 Years Of Generous Service

Well-wishers came from throughout the diocese to help Father Michael Keogh celebrate the Ruby Anniversary of his ordination. Parishioners from St Patrick's and Christ the King in Thornaby were joined by visitors from York, Hull, Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay and Middlesbrough.

A packed church saw 18 fellow priests and deacons, including Father Michael's brother, Father Pat, form a procession of clergy concelebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving. The service was filled with music, reflections, singing and rejoicing as parishioners looked on with thanksgiving for his ministry.

In his homily, Father Michael reflected on his earlier parishes and ministries covering York, London and Hull, before arriving in Thornaby. He spoke with great affection about his many parish homes and the people he's lived among.

He recalled his initial plan to go out and evangelise the world – and in particular the speed with which he intended to succeed in this mission. Father Michael readily acknowledges that patience is a long way down his list of attributes!

He spoke about his great love of mission and also about vision. He told about a message on a church noticeboard that resonated with him many years ago – “Without vision, the people perish” – and how that vision was found within each of us.

He also recalled others ordained with him and spoke movingly about his own parents and his family, who had given him so much support on his journey through the priesthood. At the end of Mass he was presented with a gift from both parishes and the celebrations continued in St Pat's Parish Centre.

Graham Hall, wearing full regalia, piped everyone into the building, where a sumptuous feast had been prepared. Entertainment included Dan Woodgate on keyboard, Mick Flynn on fiddle and Graham, Roz and Faye Hall. Guest singers included Canon Eddie Gubbins and Father Pat Keogh. Everyone agreed seeing Father Michael's face – which had a permanent smile all evening – was enough reward for all the hard work organising this special event. The lasting message of the celebration was found in the



reading from the prophet Micah – “This is what the Lord asks of you: Only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.”

In Father Michael, the parishioners have someone who is answering the Lord's request. Our sincere thanks to him for his generous mission.

Pam Ross



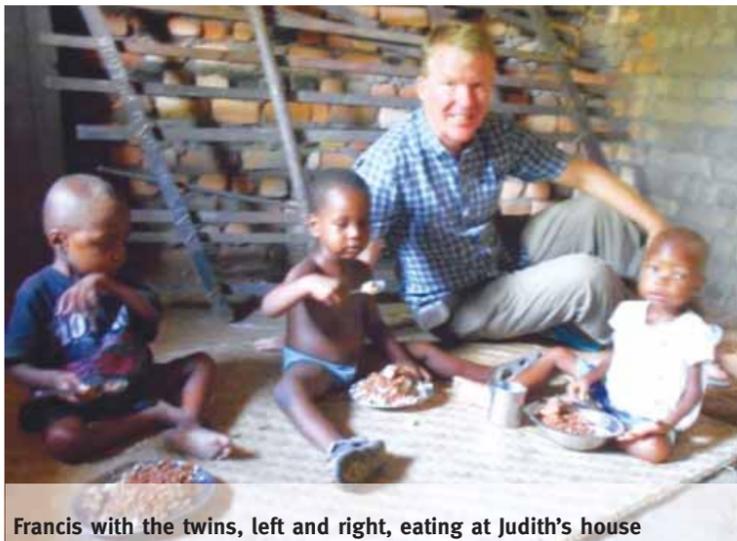
VOCATIONS

Fighting Hunger In Africa

FRANCIS HANNAWAY, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, is working in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. His regular updates continue as we find him helping put malnourished children back on the road to health...

I've become very involved in a project for malnourished children. Sometimes the problem is the children not eating enough, or they may be eating only one type of food. The project, run by a group of Catholic and Protestant women, gives 52 children three high-energy, high-protein meals, three times per week to supplement their diet, as well as giving the mothers training in how to feed their youngsters.

During my first visits, I saw them prepare milk from milk powder, to which they added sugar and vegetable oil. The second meal comprised of a porridge of corn-flour, sugar and ground peanuts. The third meal of the day was boiled rice, with beans and a small piece of pork.



Francis with the twins, left and right, eating at Judith's house

I saw they had a spring-balance for weighing the children and asked them to weigh one child so I could see. The little girl's shoulder-blades were sticking out and she had a swollen belly. She weighed 9.5kg (21lb). I asked how old she was and was told she was already five years old. I almost cried. At five years old she should be at least 16kg – and more likely 20kg. She was there with her twin brother, who was in a similar condition.

We decided that, for a while at least, the twins should be supported for seven days a week. Judith, one of the volunteers, said she would feed them at her home every day the project didn't run. After only three weeks we saw a huge improvement.

Protein-energy malnutrition is a serious condition – one child, whose mother withdrew her child, has already died. Simple infections can be fatal for each and every child on the programme.

The project – run by local volunteers – is funded by collecting money locally. They are just scraping together the bare minimum and are desperate for funds. I agreed to an initial payment of £400 (£200 up front and £200 after a month) from money collected in Middlesbrough Diocese, on the condition that I controlled their books.

In other words, I wanted to see how all their money was spent. They not only agreed, they were pleased someone would help them. The cost of food alone for one week is £200. It would be great to have sponsors for individual children.

- Francis has a Facebook page dedicated to this nutrition project - Helping Malnourished Children in Basankusu. You can send a cheque payable to "Mill Hill Missionaries (F Hannaway – Congo)" to Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX

Parish's Gratitude To Canon Pat

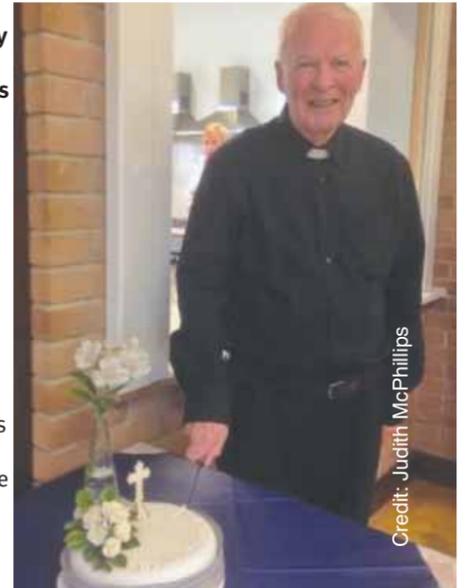
Canon Pat Harney was presented with a cake by grateful St Mary's Cathedral parishioners as part of the celebrations for his diamond jubilee.

Canon Pat, who saw every brick of the cathedral put in place during his time in the parish, returned while Monsignor Gerard Robinson and Father James Benfield were on pilgrimage to Lourdes.

He enjoys his relief stints back in Coulby Newham and the parishioners love to see him. With the good wishes of the parish, a cake was presented in the hall after 10am Mass, with many parishioners there to share the occasion.

Much has changed in Coulby Newham since the Cathedral was built. When Father Harney, as he was then, was given the task of developing the new parish, he lived in a house on Fox Howe and celebrated Mass in St Augustine's School. As a parish we say a big thank you to Canon Pat. We'll be expecting him back in 2025 to celebrate his 70th jubilee.

Paul Bowen



Credit: Judith McPhillips

New Church Clarification

We are sorry if the report on the new church at Ingleby Barwick gave the impression the diocese would be paying for it. In fact the diocese will fund it and the parish will be expected to repay the capital sum, in common with all other churches.

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY 2015

- 2 Attends CSAN meeting, Eccleston Square, London 12 noon
- 3 Attends Consecration of the Suffragan Bishop of Hull at York Minster 11.00 am
- 4 Attending Diaconate Ordination of Robert Shakesby at St Mary's Cathedral 12 noon
- 5 Celebrates 40th Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 10.00 am
Attending Postgate Rally at Egton Bridge 3.00 pm
- 7 Attends AGM at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay 10.30 am
Celebrates Mass for the 30th Anniversary of the Madonna House 2.30 pm
- 8 Attends Council of Priests meeting at St Mary's Cathedral 2.00 pm
- 11 Attends Kevin Gradwell's Ordination to Priesthood at Nottingham Cathedral 11.30 am
- 25 Celebrates the Ordination of Philip Cunnah at St Mary's Cathedral 12 noon
- 28 Attends Bishop's Council meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am
- 29 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board, Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30 am
- 30 Attends Consecration of new chapel at the Carmelite Monastery, York 12 noon

1 Wednesday

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

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

2 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

7.00 pm The Holy Name of Mary Justice and Peace Group present 'Anti-trafficking - how can we help?' in the Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall, The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. The evening includes a short DVD about a project led by sixth formers from the Sacred Heart School, Hammersmith and Hamida White from the Red Cross will speak about the local situation. All welcome

3 Friday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the August issue of Voice must be received by today

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 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for further details

5 Sunday

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

11.30 am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

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

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 Celebrant: Rt Rev Terence Patrick Draine. Hymns from 2.30 pm

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

6 - 9 Monday - Thursday

'Glimpses of Eden: Creative Responses to Nature' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson and Jonathan Tulloch. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

7 Tuesday

2.00 pm Mass to celebrate 30 years of Madonna House being in Robin Hood's Bay. Bishop Terence Patrick Draine will celebrate Mass at St Stephen's Anglican Church, followed by a simple reception at Bay Methodist Church Hall, both on Thorpe Lane, Robin Hood's Bay. All welcome to attend. Contact Tel: (01947) 880169 or E-mail: madonnahouse@gmail.com for further details

7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral Chapel

8 Wednesday

10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele 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

10 Friday

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

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in 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

11 Saturday

10.00 am - 5.00 pm 'A Festival of Flowers and Faith' at St Anthony of Padua Church, Brotton. All flower arrangements will depict

an aspect of our faith in celebration of Proclaim '15, becoming Missionary Parishes in today's world. Tea and coffee, scones and cakes available. All welcome

7.30 pm 'Summertime Special' at Middlesbrough Theatre, The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough in aid of the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Fund. Tickets: £10.00 (adults), £8.00 (concessions) and £30 (family) available from the Middlesbrough Theatre Box Office, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham or Chris Tillotson, Contact Tel: (01642) 324043

12 Sunday

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

13 Monday

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

14 Tuesday

12.10 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet for Mass at St Charles Borromeo, Hull followed by lunch at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Mrs M McClelland will speak about 'The Sisters of Mercy in Hull'

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

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

17 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/>

18 Saturday

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

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

19 Sunday

11.30 am Latin Mass in the traditional form

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2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ACTA - a Movement for Dialogue - will meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York for a presentation by Rev Vince Purcell and a discussion on 'Building Missionary Parishes'. All are welcome
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Hedda, Egton Bridge
6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

24 - 26 Friday - Sunday
 'Homeward Bound B' - a retreat led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

24 - 26 Friday - Sunday
 'Living Theology', a Jesuit-inspired weekend of learning, liturgy and socialising at the Bar Convent, York. Speakers include Helen Costigane SHCJ, Bill Tompkiss and Gerry Hughes SJ. Contact: Jo Caramello, Tel: (01845) 526593 or visit www.livingtheology.org.uk for further details

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27 - 31 Monday - Friday
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29 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

30 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

31 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

FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST:

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28 September: 'Introduction to Myers Brigg and a Bit Deeper' with Helen Lawrence at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

3 October: 7.30 pm, 'Prom Praise York' at York Barbican, York. Tickets: £17.00, £19.00 and £22.50 (discounts available for under 17s and groups of 10 or more). All prices include a souvenir programme. Contact: York Barbican Box Office, Tel: 0844 854 2757 or www.yorkbarbican.co.uk or www.prompraiseyork.org.uk for further details

31 October - 1 November: Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Cost £76.00 per person. Contact: Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or E-mail: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

16 August: Annual Diocesan Assumption Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 2.30 pm: Rosary, 3.00 pm: Mass. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Terence Patrick Draney. Preaching: Bishop Ralph Hesketh of Hallam Diocese. Car parking available; lifts up to the Chapel; refreshments available; bring suitable seating

8 September: 2.00 pm, Birthday of Our Lady at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, celebrated by the Cathedral Clergy. All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, Tel: (01642) 597750, Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or www.ladychapel.org.uk

17 September: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, 'Introduction to the Enneagram' with Rev Dr Stephen Spencer at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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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As usual, teams played in groups initially, with the top two progressing to the knockout stages. Twenty-four referees aged from 14 to 70 were on hand to officiate.

While the tournament progressed the cafeteria was in great demand and teams were able to have photographs taken as a memento of the day. British Red Cross personnel were on hand to provide first aid.

Once the group stages were completed, players and spectators eagerly viewed the league tables to see which 16 of the boys' teams and eight of the girls' teams would battle it out to reach their respective finals.

After some thrilling and very close-fought girls' semi-finals, St Edward's, Middlesbrough, emerged as winners against St Peter's, Scarborough, in their final. In the boys' final, St Benedict's, Redcar, continued a winning trend by lifting the trophy once more, beating St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe.

Winners and runners-up received cups and medals, while every participating child also received a medal.

Our thanks to Sharon Melia-Craven and Scott Goodison of St Richard's, together with their site and catering staff, for acting as such great hosts. Thanks also to British Red Cross and our referee co-ordinator Jim Nicholson and all the referees who took part in such a great spirit.

Results

Boys' winners: St Benedict's, Redcar

Boys' runners-up: St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe

Girls' winners: St Edward's, Middlesbrough

Girls' runners-up: St Peter's, Scarborough

Knights of St Columba Fair Play Trophies: St George's, Scarborough and St Anthony's, Hull

Bishop O'Brien Best Banner Award: St Richard's, Hull

Catena Shield (most original pennant): St Mary's, Market Weighton

The Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup (for excellence): St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe

Tony McAvoy, tournament co-ordinator



Some of the officials who helped make the day a success



Girls' runners-up, St Peter's, Scarborough



Girls' winners, St Edward's, Middlesbrough



Boys' runners-up, St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe



Boys' winners, St Benedict's, Redcar

Quiz Answers

Connection question:

1. Julian Sands
2. Timmy Mallett
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