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Bishop's Column

The Holy Father's Encyclical Letter entitled *Laudato Si'* (the title of St Francis' Canticle of Creation) – *On the Care for Our Common Home*, is addressed to all people of goodwill. In it he invites us to renew our attention to situations of environmental degradation but also to the possibility of recovery in everyone's own areas. He prays that all will receive the message and grow in responsibility towards the common home that God has entrusted to us all.

We believe climate change is largely the result of human activity and it is the world's poorest who are particularly vulnerable to the effects of a warming planet.

The timing of the Holy Father's encyclical is significant: 2015 is a critical year for humanity. In July, people from all over the world gathered for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (FFD) in Addis Ababa. In September, Pope Francis will address the UN General Assembly, as world leaders meet to agree on a new set of sustainable development goals running until 2030 (the successors to the Millennium Development Goals).

He will then go on to become the first Pope to address US Congress. The international community, under the remit of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), will negotiate a new international agreement on slowing and reducing the impacts of climate change, in December in Paris. The months of 2015 are crucial, then, for decisions about stewardship of the earth, and about effective commitment to international development and human flourishing. Pope Francis has stated specifically that the "important thing is that there be a bit of time between the issuing of the encyclical and the meeting in Paris, so that it can make a contribution."

The Catholic Church has always emphasised the importance of its teaching on "social" matters. Since 1967, through five papacies, there have been at least 20 major statements made on Climate Change and Ecology. It is timely, therefore, that Pope Francis dedicates an encyclical letter to these subjects.

Similarly, there have been many statements made by Bishops from all over the world – Asia, Oceania, Africa, Europe, Latin America, North America – on the environment and the care of creation over the last 30 years or so.

I am sure that during the course of this year and next and into the future there will be many events inspired by the encyclical both within the diocese and nationwide. May *Laudato Si'* produce much fruit in our lives for the conversion of the world at every level.

H. Long

Five Messages From Pope Francis



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Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* challenges us all to care for our common home. CAROL CROSS of CAFOD Middlesbrough suggests five ways we can be inspired by the document...

It's a challenge: Pope Francis has published the encyclical in a year of key UN moments that will affect humanity. The Holy Father says climate change is real and requires an urgent response. Climate change is also part

of a wider political and cultural crisis. We are called to change our current way of life because the human and environmental costs – particularly for the world's poorest people – are too high.

It's an opportunity: The encyclical offers a significant opportunity for our political leaders to be remembered as the generation that took responsibility. CAFOD hopes leaders will be moved by the Pope's

message to take positive action when they meet at the key UN summits this year. Inspired by *Laudato Si'*, we're calling on David Cameron to show leadership so that agreements on tackling climate change and poverty are fair and ambitious – you can sign our petition on our website.

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Five Messages From Pope Francis

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It calls us to change: When we reflect on our lifestyles, we know the way we're living is not working for the majority of the world's people. All over the world we see the negative impact our current systems are having on the most vulnerable people, who Pope Francis says "frequently remain at the bottom of the pile."

It inspires us: Consumer culture leads us to think about what we can get from the earth for ourselves. We are called to an ecological conversion and to appreciate how creation is a gift from God. We are inspired to cherish and protect this gift, together with our family of creatures, which springs from our love and praise for God.

It brings us joy: There is an immense sense of joy in the encyclical. Pope Francis shows us that a "bold cultural revolution" is possible. We now have an opportunity to redesign our global economic system, for businesses to change the way they operate, and for all of us to renew our relationships with people and the earth. We need to radically rethink our definition of progress, which is leading to our sisters and brothers being excluded and the earth being degraded. We're being invited to transform our lives and to "live wisely, think deeply and love generously."

There are more resources available on the CAFOD website to help you to reflect on the encyclical.

Mass Of Thanksgiving For Bishop John



Photos by Les Clark



The Cathedral was full to overflowing when seven bishops, as well as Bishop Terry, joined Bishop John Crowley for the celebration of Mass to mark the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The Papal Nuncio was represented by Monsignor Vincent Brady, his secretary. A long standing friend of Bishop John, Monsignor Michael Kirkham, was also present, together with most of the priests of the diocese and priests from Hexham and Newcastle.

In his homily, Bishop John drew extensively on the readings, from Ephesians and the Gospel of Mark. He reminded us that we have good times and stressful times, but in it all we must keep a strong faith, since without God we can do very little and with Him all things are possible. Our God is a personal God with whom we could communicate and we can do this at all times.

The sisters who had supported Bishop John during his time in Middlesbrough and his family read the readings and presented the Offertory gifts to him.

Towards the end of Mass, Bishop Terry welcomed the Emeritus Bishop back to his diocese, as well as welcoming all the visiting bishops, priests and the congregation.

He gave thanks for Bishop John's ministry in the diocese and said it was a continuing ministry since, as he went around the country, he heard much of Bishop John's work giving retreats and days of recollection to priests, religious and laity.

He said he was delighted to see his health was holding up and hoped this would continue. On behalf of the diocese he presented Bishop John with a Mousey Thompson chair, to go with the table presented to him on his 25-year anniversary as a bishop.

Monsignor Brady apologised on behalf of Archbishop Mennini, the Papal Nuncio, who was unable to be present. He read a personal message from Pope Francis dated May 21 2015, thanking Bishop John for his ministry and conferring upon him and the congregation a Papal blessing.

In his final remarks Bishop John thanked Bishop Terry for all the help and support he had given him, saying he was deeply grateful for his ongoing concern for him.

Bishop John also thanked Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson and his predecessor but one, Bishop Gordon Bates, for their presence. He reminded the congregation that on the day he was installed as Bishop of Middlesbrough, his first pastoral visit was to Bishop Bates, who was in James Cook Hospital receiving treatment.

After Mass, Bishop John waited in the Cathedral to receive the individual best wishes of the congregation. The afternoon continued in the marquee with a superb buffet supplied by Mandy McCaffrey and the Cathedral ladies.

Ad multos annos

Jim Whiston

A Personal Encounter With Jesus

FATHER PATRICK HARTNETT continues our series of articles in preparation for the Holy Year of Mercy, which begins on December 8...

For my silver jubilee 11 years ago, I asked a parishioner who was an artist to marry two scenes from the Gospels to form one painting.

One was the Feeding of the 5,000 and the other, Jesus meeting the woman at the well. Both scenes show to us how Jesus meets the needs of those who come to him.

Both show people who are searching and asking questions. Jesus is seen as one who invites and prepares people to be surprised about themselves and open to a relationship with Jesus that changes them.

Pope Francis often calls members of the Church to have a personal encounter with Jesus that enables us to see ourselves and others in a different light.

The forthcoming Year of Mercy is an invitation to make a space in our lives to experience that encounter. It's an opportunity to bring situations and relationships to him in order to receive the graces we need for a transformation to take place.

Take some time to read those passages in the Gospels where individuals were changed after meeting Jesus and imagine that you are that person.

Report Calls For 'Person-Centred' Welfare

A major new report with a foreword by Bishop Terry has recommended a raft of changes to reduce the impact of benefit changes on vulnerable people.

In his role as chair of Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN), the social action arm of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, Bishop Terry said there is also a need to recognise the extent of "hidden" poverty on our doorstep.

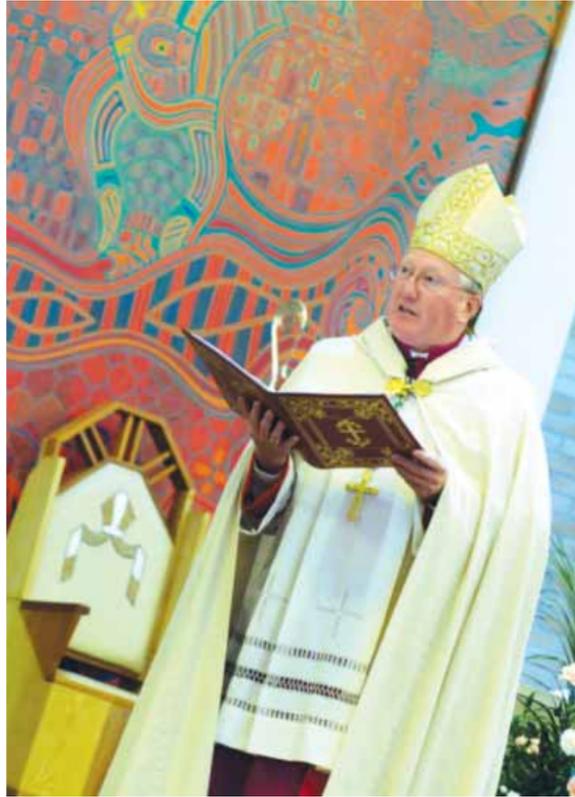
The CSAN team visited three member organisations, in Liverpool, Birmingham and London, to meet staff and clients.

They found that the introduction and delivery of welfare changes over the past five years is pushing claimants and support staff to the edge of their capacity.

The team initially intended to investigate only the impact of reform, but say it became clear that CSAN charities were dealing with wider issues involving the culture and processes of the welfare system that were making it increasingly difficult for people to survive, let alone flourish.

People were found to be living in food and material poverty, experiencing dramatic increases in mental health issues and battling against negative stereotyping.

The report – *The Impact Of Welfare Changes* – blames the scale and speed of the reforms and the tightening of the sanction process for many of the problems.



Staff of CSAN charities are under increased pressure to provide support in the face of a rigid welfare system, which they see as failing to address underlying, long-term issues in people's lives.

However, CSAN charities have shown great creativity in responding to new challenges, employing specialist liaison posts, building formal joint-working initiatives and developing volunteer opportunities.

Key findings within the welfare system included an inflexible sanctioning process, the removal of free phone lines and face-to-face interaction and the perception of a move from compassion to coldness.

CSAN wants to see a more person-centred welfare system that is able to respond to the real needs of the individual.

The report recommends...

- Introduction of an explanatory system into the benefit sanctioning process
- The end of financial sanctions for people with mental health problems or learning difficulties
- Training for JobCentre Plus staff on working with vulnerable people
- Regular outreach visits and shared training between JobCentre Plus staff and local charities
- The development of strong partnerships between local authorities and charities

Bishop Terry's foreword...

Poverty exists, in a variety of manifestations, on our doorstep in our communities. Poverty in the UK may not always be visible, but, for the families and individuals in insecure accommodation, struggling to meet living costs and foregoing meals, it is very real.

The figures on poverty in the UK are stark and shocking. With 3.7 million children living in poverty and three million people suffering from malnourishment, this issue must be a priority for us as a Church, as well as a nation.

Voluntary organisations, charities and communities play a vital role in helping to alleviate poverty and working with some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

Many of CSAN's charities are racing to keep up with the demand. The stories included in the report all illustrate the very real human impact recent changes to the welfare benefit system, and especially the sanction regime, have had on the lives of people up and down our country.

They are people who are very often already vulnerable and in need of the support provided by a social safety net – whether that be because they have fallen ill, lost their job, or have fled war or danger in another part of the world.

As the Catholic Church in England and Wales, we recognise the need to raise greater awareness of the "hidden" poverty that exists on our doorstep. The report aims to speak into this vital conversation, bringing together the real stories of people in poverty who use CSAN members' services, alongside the voices of the staff who help them.

This report forms a coherent and genuine picture of the impact of poverty in the UK, and we offer it as material for developing an effective and person-centred response to this crisis.



Holy Communion

Egton Bridge Rally Honours Blessed Nicholas Postgate

Catholics from around the diocese gathered at Egton Bridge for the annual Postgate Rally in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the English and Welsh martyrs.

Principal celebrant Bishop Terry was accompanied by two visiting bishops as well as a large number of priests. After Mass queues formed for a special blessing with a relic of Blessed Nicholas.

Many families remained in the field afterwards to enjoy picnics on a warm and sunny afternoon, while others went to St Hedda's school for tea and cakes.

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.

Around 40 pilgrims joined Father Paul Farrer on a four-mile vocations walk from St Anne's in Ugthorpe to St Hedda's at Egton Bridge ahead of the rally.

Knights of St Columba from Council 29 (Middlesbrough) provided marshals, with Martin Allinson leading the way.

SVP Shops Branch Out

The St Vincent de Paul Society's community shops took part in two events that helped raise their profile and add much-needed funds.

Volunteers joined Christians from churches in the Middlesbrough area at the fifth More Than Gold annual family fun day at Stewart Park, raising £66. This year's event was a real celebration, with the theme "All you need is (God's) love". A further £100 was raised at Lottie and Jack's Vintage Fair, held at Teesside University.

The SVP currently has 44 parish-based conferences in our diocese. There are two community shops, at 22–24 Rothbury Road, Middlesbrough TS3 7NW (telephone 01642 246653) and 100 High Street, Redcar TS10 3DL (telephone 01642 497164).

A clothes bank is available at Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6LD for the donation of items.

The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to anyone in need, particularly those who are poor, homeless, or seeking asylum. It was formed in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his companions as a response to abject poverty.

Visit www.svp.org.uk for more information.



The walkers before setting off

Photos by David Smallwood and Joe Harrison



The Offertory Procession

SCHOOLS



**St John Vianney
August 4**

St John Vianney was a very holy priest, dedicated to the people of his parish. He is the patron saint of all priests. St John Vianney said: "All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God...the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man."

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The Little BIG Assembly Roadshow

More than 2,000 young people across the Diocese of Middlesbrough joined forces with the MYMission Team and the Schools Service to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life.

We took to the road to lead five mornings of catechesis, prayer, drama and song in Hull, York, Scarborough and Middlesbrough.

This year's theme was "Living Joyfully: You are the potter, we are the clay". Our special guest was Teresa Carvalho, Discipleship Promoter for the National Office for Vocation, who helped us unpack the meaning of "vocation" and told us her own personal story.

We heard from some religious brothers and sisters about their lives. We learned that we aren't that different from them, as through Baptism we have been consecrated and have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, trustfulness and self-control were discovered within ourselves and also in the people around us.

Father Paul even got to be Sir Bruce Forsyth for the Generation Game pottery challenge, accompanied by his glamorous assistant Dom Boyes. Three young people used clay to make a teacup and saucer with one of their teachers to see how a potter shapes and moulds the clay.

Louise, from the Mission Team, said: "It was a great week. We saw how God is always shaping and moulding our lives – even when we feel we are the wrong shape or a bit broken. He continues to love us and give us so many gifts."

The closing liturgy included an opportunity for the young people to make promises similar to those at Baptism and all were blessed with Holy Water.

This was all in preparation for the two-day event at the Cathedral in September, where we will have the opportunity to meet many of the consecrated people of our diocese.



Dom Finn

Ged's Quick Quiz

With quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Who had a number one hit in 1967 with *San Francisco (Wear Some Flowers In Your Hair)*?
2. Marion Morrison was the real name of which actor?
3. Which famous Roman poet was born in 70bc, died in 19bc and wrote *The Aeneid*?
4. Which famous British general was killed at Khartoum in 1885?
5. Which footballer has scored the most goals in Premier League history?

Thinking cap question

Name the five Shakespeare plays with place names in the title (not including *Hamlet*, *Prince of Denmark* or *Othello*, *Moor of Venice*)?

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Review: A Wise, Uplifting Book
The Man Yang Tree

by Anthea Dove

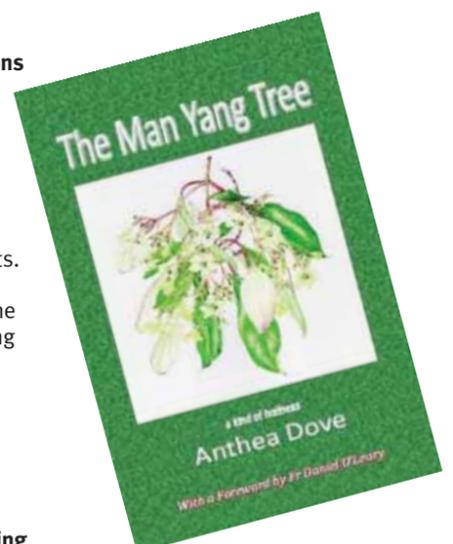
Among many other things, Anthea Dove is a parishioner of St Hilda's, Whitby, and author of many other books. This is a book of 113 reflections on everyday experiences such as food or the Northern Line or healing or coffee after church or the Great Loneliness and, of course, the Man Yang Tree, which is the first reflection.

David Hockney says his paintings are the fruit of much looking. "It's all about looking," he says, "because it's an enormously rich world." This book is all about looking and appreciating what's in front of us.

She points out the rich deepness of everyday ordinary things and events. The local farmer whose trees Hockney painted admitted he did not see what Hockney saw. For the farmer, the tree-lined path, the subject of one of Hockney's paintings, was just part of his work entrance not something to wonder at.

Anthea Dove, with these reflections, will help us sharpen our attention and our sense of wonder and transcendence. She encourages us not to sleepwalk through life. It's a wise, uplifting book.

The book is available from the author at St Mary's, 22 Blackburn's Yard, Whitby, North Yorkshire YO22 4DS, priced £8.60 including p&p.



Father Peter Keeling

Please send stories and photos of what's been happening in your school to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk – we'd love to hear from you!

SCHOOLS



Full House At St Vincent's

St Vincent's Church in Hull was full to overflowing as 50 children gathered to make their First Holy Communion.

The church was built to seat 350 people but people were also standing at the back, down the side aisles and in the porch as Parish Priest Father Jim O'Brien celebrated Mass.

Prayer And Friendship As Youth Council Meets



Members of the Diocesan Youth Council spent time together in prayer and friendship when they met for their first retreat at Osmotherley Youth Hostel.

Set behind Cod Beck Reservoir, the location provided beautiful scenery to help focus our minds on scripture. On Saturday afternoon,

we joined the parish community at the Lady Chapel for the Sunday Vigil Mass, where Youth Council members read and led the offertory.

The council members are a lovely, committed group of young people – a credit to themselves and their parents. We enjoyed times of laughter and friendship and it was great to get to know them better in such a setting.

A highlight for the young people was getting to wear their new Youth Council T-shirts. Look out for them at diocesan events!

With representatives from every school across the diocese, the Diocesan Youth Council has continued to grow and develop since its first gathering in March 2014. It was founded with the purpose of giving our young people the opportunity to have their say on Youth Ministry in the diocese.

Having already brought brilliant and

innovative ideas to the table for this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage and Youth Friday 2015, council members have demonstrated what an asset they are to developing our Youth Ministry.

The Youth Council is still a fairly new initiative but the Youth Service is hoping to steadily grow it. We have had a positive response from schools but would like to see more parish representation.

During the next academic year, the council will meet formally three times. After this year's success, the retreat will certainly happen in the future. There will be other opportunities for the Youth Council to meet at diocesan events.

Please email domfinn@mymission.org.uk if you would like any more information on joining the Youth Council.

Dom Finn

Music Festival Supports Newman Trust

Newman Fest 2015 is a new music festival in support of the Newman Holiday Trust, an organisation dedicated to offering respite to children with disabilities and their families.

Serinette, RJ Feathers Band, General Sherman, Dressed Like Wolves, Jonny Rees and Friends, Steve McCormick, Dom Boyes and Andy Granville are among the confirmed acts.

The event takes place at Middlesbrough's Westgarth Social Club on Saturday August 29 from 1pm to 11pm. Tickets are £8 from the venue, or from Al Bury on 07896171407 or www.seetickets.com/event/newman-fest-2015

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Join Us For World Youth Day

“Blessed are the Merciful, they shall have mercy shown them.”

Would you like to join Bishop Terry and the MYMission Team on pilgrimage to meet the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in 2016?

Every three years or so, the Pope calls the young people of the world together around

him for a wonderful week-long celebration. 2016 will see around two million young people descend on Cracow in Poland.

As Cracow is the home of St Pope John Paul II, you can expect this pilgrimage to be a great experience of faith in action. World Youth Day events include catechesis, prayer and an overnight vigil with Pope Francis, as

well as other events organised by our own group.

We are travelling by air from Newcastle and will stay in university-type accommodation.

The Diocese of Middlesbrough group is joining the Archdiocese of Southwark and the dioceses of Hexham and Newcastle, Hallam

and Nottingham, as well as the Carmelite group. There will be a great gathering of young people.

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, we are able to offer this pilgrimage for only £500 per pilgrim – the real cost is around £1,200. We have only 25 places and ideally, young people would be 18-plus by July 2016, although it will be possible to take some people who are 16-plus by that time.

The pilgrimage is open to anyone from across the diocese. It is particularly beneficial to those who are interested in their faith and in deepening their relationship with God.

World Youth Day has always had an emphasis on bringing young people back home to their own diocese so they can set the world on fire. If you are a young adult trying to work out what kind of person God wants you to be, World Youth Day is for you.

At the launch of World Youth Day 2016, Pope Francis said: “Thirty years ago Saint John Paul II instituted World Youth Days in the Church. This pilgrimage of young people from every continent has truly been a providential and prophetic initiative.

“Together, let us thank the Lord for the precious fruits which these World Youth Days have produced in the lives of countless young people in every part of the globe!

“How many amazing discoveries have been made, especially the discovery that Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life! How many people have realised that the Church is a big and welcoming family! How many conversions, how many vocations have these gatherings produced! May the saintly Pope, the Patron of World Youth Day, intercede on behalf of our pilgrimage toward his beloved Cracow.

“And may the maternal gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary, full of grace, all-beautiful and all-pure, accompany us at every step along the way.”

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Climate Concerns Sent To Westminster

Year 4 children at St Thérèse of Lisieux Primary School in Ingleby Barwick feel so strongly about the changing climate that they made bunting showing their concerns and wrote to their constituency MP James Wharton.

Their letters were given to him at Westminster during the Climate Coalition's For The Love Of mass lobby of MPs.

Among their concerns are the devastation of the rainforests and the destruction of coral reefs, as well as extreme effects of the changing weather such as floods, hurricanes and melting glaciers. They invited Mr Wharton to come and talk to

them in their school to listen to their concerns – and the MP has replied saying he'd love to visit!

They hope to give him some advice about what he can do to help, such as turning off lights, taps and televisions and using a bike instead of a car.

Meanwhile, children in every class from reception to Year 6 at Christ the King Primary School in Thornaby drew colourful pictures and wrote heartfelt messages sharing their concerns about the changing climate and protecting the things they love.

Thanks to teachers Mrs Nixon and Mrs Carson.



Changes At CAFOD

Changes are underway within CAFOD that mean there will be only one staff member based in the diocese, working in a regional team with responsibilities covering a cluster of five dioceses.

Following a lengthy review, David Cross becomes the new Community Participation Coordinator for Hexham and Newcastle Diocese from the start of August and I take on the same role here in Middlesbrough.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers for their support and prayers throughout this difficult and uncertain period. We ask you to continue praying for CAFOD's work in the coming months as we adjust to the new ways of working.

Carol Cross

Assumption Celebration

Bishop Ralph Hesketh of Hallam will preach at the annual Mass for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, on Sunday August 16.

Rosary will be recited from 2.30pm, before Mass with principal celebrant Bishop Terry at 3pm. Car parking, lifts up the chapel and refreshments will be available. Please bring suitable seating.

Reflections On Our Lourdes Experience

Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough held a Lourdes Celebration Evening following its Year 10 Pilgrimage. The evening was aimed at families of student-pilgrims, governors and staff. It was organised by college chaplain Andrew Bunce, along with Steve McNicholas, Emily McHugh and Margaret Stephenson. After a three-course French supper prepared by the student-pilgrims, they shared photographs and personal reflections of their visit...

My Hopes And Expectations

I already had some knowledge of Lourdes as both my sisters had been. I've always felt it was a family tradition that I should go too. However, I still didn't know what to expect. All I kept hearing was, "It's hard to explain the experience of Lourdes, but it's like no other trip you will ever go on." This made me both excited and apprehensive. I hoped it wouldn't be too wet, as I've heard it rains a lot there. My real hope for the pilgrimage was a chance to explore and experience something new and hopefully, like my sisters who had been there, learn something about myself and my faith.

Lydia Holford

Memories Of Lourdes Friendship

Lourdes gave us the opportunity to meet people not only people from our own diocese, but from all over the world. The people we got to know best were the other young people from our diocese, especially the ones in our hotel. We learnt about their own religious experiences of Lourdes, as well as what they are like as people. Despite only spending a week with them, we grew incredibly close to them and we still keep in contact. We also grew close to the VIPs. Although they were a little older than us, it was amazing spending time with them, listening to their stories and sharing our experience of Lourdes together. I'm not going to lie, some of their stories and experiences moved me to tears. I'm grateful to them for allowing us to help them share this spiritual experience and I want them to know they made this pilgrimage unique. My memories will be of the friends I made with young and old alike.

Emily Pearce

A Special Place At Night

I already knew a lot about Lourdes before I went on our pilgrimage from my primary school, St Bernadette's. I was intrigued and thrilled at the prospect of seeing the place that has become a symbol of hope for many Catholic pilgrims. I just can't put into words the emotions I felt to be in the same place where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. It was incredible to be where Our Lady visited and miracles have taken place. I think I speak for us all in saying we felt the true meaning of Lourdes at night. Being there when it was so still and quiet made me feel like I was Bernadette all those years ago. These trips down to the Grotto at night were some of the most touching and moving experiences of my life so far. I feel extremely honoured and blessed to be given the opportunity to visit such a place as Lourdes and without doubt it has been an experience that has touched my heart and my faith.

Katie Hicks



My Faith Became Stronger

We are all amazed and stunned by the experiences we had at Lourdes. No-one is more surprised than me. I honestly thought this trip would be all right and that I would come back thinking the same. How wrong I was! Our week in Lourdes was brilliant. I learned so much about myself, my strengths and weakness, but most importantly of all, I learned more about my faith. I've come back from our pilgrimage with a stronger faith than I went with. I hope that I get the chance to go back again, maybe with my Nana, as I really would love to do it all over again.

Lewis Goldsborough

Would I Go Again?

Yes! We all had an amazing experience meeting new friends, seeing new places and, most importantly, connecting with our faith. For me personally, I didn't know what to expect and after the training day I thought it was just going to be pushing some people here and there. It turned out that it was mostly walking about holding a banner while trying to make some new friends. Only kidding! Genuinely, this was one of the most amazing trips we have all been on and I think I speak for us all in saying this has also been a personal and spiritual learning curve, too.

Niall Williams



One of our supported pilgrims sent this letter about her own Lourdes miracle...

After the Grotto Mass I was going through my purse, which I've had for 12 years, when a small newspaper cutting fell out. It was a photograph of my grandchild, who I lost contact with about 13 years ago. His dad, my son Christopher, told me shortly before he died of his longing to go to Lourdes. That was the start of my Lourdes miracle. More was to come. When I returned home, my daughter said Liam had been in contact. My son had also received a message from him, asking if he wouldn't mind being his pal. He had put photos on Facebook of his dad with me when he was a baby. I believe Our Blessed Lady came to me at the Grotto.



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NEWS

Pilgrims Given A Celtic Lesson

More than 200 pilgrims reflected on lessons from Celtic Christianity during the Apostleship of the Sea's 12th annual pilgrimage to Holy Island.

Bishop Stephen Robson of Dunkeld, who travelled from Scotland to lead the pilgrimage, celebrated Mass of the feast day of St Alban the Martyr in the Anglican church of St Mary the Virgin.

He said there are important lessons to be learned from Celtic Christianity, especially in light of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'*.

One feature during the early middle ages was *Peregrinatio*, putting oneself in God's

hands on their journey through life.

St Augustine of Hippo wrote: "Christians should live a life of *peregrinatio* in the present world while awaiting the kingdom of God."

Earlier, pilgrims gathered for the popular Celtic prayer on the beach. Monsignor Ronnie Brown and others read prayers and reflections, interspersed with hymns.

Pilgrims with packed lunches were invited to St Aidan's Catholic Church, where hot drinks were provided by Sister Tessa and her helpers.

Tony McAvoy



Remembering York's Rich Catholic History

Professor Alan McClelland paid tribute to those who have supported York Catholic History Day since it began in 1996 as he introduced the 20th anniversary event.

Sister Gregory of the Bar Convent was an enthusiastic supporter and the Bar Convent Community continues this support, providing the perfect venue.

Sister Frances Orchard, Chair of the Bar Convent Trust, welcomed participants old and new and described work being carried out on the building as part of the Living Heritage Project, including plans for the new exhibition.

History Day speakers marked three of the many anniversaries taking place in 2015. Professor McClelland told of the early life and Yorkshire links of Cardinal Manning, who became Archbishop of Westminster on June 8 1865.

Doctor James Hagerty spoke about Ushaw College in the Great War and Doctor Jonathan Oates recalled the role of northern Catholics in the Jacobite uprising of 1715.

The day ended with Mass celebrated by Father Dominique Minskip in the Bar Convent Chapel.

Next year's York Catholic History Day is on Saturday June 4, when participants will be able to enjoy the refurbished facilities and visit the new exhibition at the Bar Convent.

Judith Smeaton

Diocese of Middlesbrough

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NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

Church Rejects Assisted Dying Bill

The House of Commons is due to debate and vote on a Private Member's Bill to legalise assisted suicide on Friday September 11.

The Bill would "enable competent adults who are terminally ill to choose to be provided with medically supervised assistance to end their own life".

That would licence doctors to supply lethal drugs to terminally ill patients to enable them to commit suicide. The Catholic Church believes every person's life is equally worthy of respect and protection.

The Church teaches that even if someone loses sight of the dignity and value of their life (whether through pain, suffering or loneliness), they remain valuable in themselves and a member of the human family.

They deserve care, support and sometimes medical treatment for depression, not assistance with suicide. The British Medical Association is strongly opposed to legalising physician-assisted suicide.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> to fill in a form asking your MP to vote against the Bill.



Bishop Pat McKinney during his Episcopal ordination ©Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

Bishops' Silence Ahead Of Ordination

The Bishops of England and Wales held a minute's silence in memory of the victims of the recent terrorist violence in Tunisia and Kuwait before the Episcopal ordination of Bishop Pat McKinney in Nottingham.

Bishop McKinney, who was installed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, becomes the tenth Bishop of Nottingham.



Altar servers during the Amex Stadium Mass ©Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

Catholic Celebrations In Brighton

A 11,000-strong congregation celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the diocese of Arundel and Brighton at Brighton & Hove Albion's Amex Stadium.

"As we celebrate this jubilee, we look to the future with confidence," said Bishop Richard Moth in his homily. "The task is indeed great, but it is in our weakness that we find strength." It was the second major celebration in weeks for the diocese.

Bishop Moth had earlier been ordained as its fifth bishop at Arundel Cathedral. The Archbishop of Southwark and Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton, Peter Smith, conducted the Installation.

Poverty Highlighted On South America Journey

The Holy Father focused on the plight of the poor during an eight-day Apostolic Journey to Latin America's three poorest countries, Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay.

After landing at La Paz airport, the pontiff spoke of the need to protect the most vulnerable in society from the impact of capitalism.

More than one million attended his final open-air mass in Ecuador. Thousands camped overnight and made the journey from all over Ecuador and neighbouring countries to see him. In his sermon, he encouraged them to spread the faith across South America. He was due to deliver 22 speeches and catch seven flights during his trip, covering a total distance of 15,000 miles.

Our Call To Care

In his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si' - On the Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us.

It leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and the values at the heart of social life. Quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, Pope Francis says Christians are called to be responsible custodians of creation.

Copies can be downloaded free of charge at <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Laudato-si> or bought in printed form for £4.95 from the Catholic Trust Society at <http://www.ctsbooks.org/laudato-si>

See this month's Bishop's Column and our front page story for further analysis.



Cardinal Nichols launches *Laudato Si'* at Our Lady & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Poplar, East London ©Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk



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FEATURES

Breaking The Cycle Of Sex Crime

Why would you volunteer to work with convicted sex offenders when there are so many other less controversial ways to give your time? SHEENA HASTINGS finds out...

Alan (not his real name) is in his early 60s and says he has always been a loner. He has never had a very close loving relationship (even within his family) and has no children.

A couple of years ago he was convicted of sexual assault after attacking a highly vulnerable woman he knew. He was given a suspended sentence but spent 11 months in prison after committing another sexual assault.

Alan has had plenty of time to think about his crimes, but still finds it difficult to explain what made him commit them. "I can't answer that, although I've tried," he says.

Staring downwards, he says: "I am very sorry for what I did and don't ever want to do it again. I felt I had nothing in my life. I think I committed the second crime so that I would go to prison, so that I'd have somewhere to go."

Today Alan lives in another part of Yorkshire, away from his victims. He has found a few hours work a week as a volunteer in a shop.

He must live with the damage he has done to two women and their families, as one of



Volunteer Nicola listening to a former offender in one of the charity's support groups. Photo by Tony Johnson

46,000 convicted sex offenders living in the community – 4,445 of them in Yorkshire and the Humber.

Nationwide, there were 23,000 sexual offences recorded against children last year. Awareness and discussion of sex crimes are greater than ever before.

When offenders rejoin society they usually live away from their home community and may be estranged from their family.

Initially they are monitored by the Probation Service. But what then? How does a loner like Alan avoid the feelings that led him to carry out sexual assaults and get his life on track?

As the number of sexual offenders being processed by our judicial system grows, the question of how to stop history repeating itself has to be addressed. There are no easy answers, but a religious group in Canada came up with a scheme now replicated across the UK.

It involves identifying offenders who may be at risk of reoffending and putting them together with a Circle of Support and Accountability – a small group of volunteers who meet the offender every week for a year after their release from prison.

Following an initial full disclosure of the offences, support is given. A bond is formed but if concerns persist, police and other authorities are alerted.

"No more victims" is Circles of Support and Accountability's slogan. Volunteers listen to the offender talk about his problems and attempt to help him to create a social network and engage in activities that will give meaning to his life.

They are ordinary individuals who are committed to protecting the community, and they must believe it's possible for an individual to change.

Alan has been seeing his group in North Yorkshire since last August. They meet in an anonymous and private location where Yorkshire and Humber Circles of Support and Accountability (YHCOSA) started working last year.

It's one of 14 Circle projects across the country, all working closely with police and the probation service and receiving some government funding.

The volunteers are keen to know about Alan's week. He is relaxed and cheerfully discusses the need to keep busy by finding cheap activities to fill his time. His only complaint about the group is that the meetings are too short.

Behind the chat is a concerted effort to counteract the isolation and emotional

vacuum that have been assessed as his triggers to offending.

"We want to support him without creating dependency," says Nicola later. "If any of us has a problem we turn to family or a friend. He can't do that, but the Circle listens and that is probably the most valuable thing."

"At the same time the Circle is encouraging new routines and stability in his life so things don't get out of control and spiral downwards again."

YHCOSA director Tammy Banks says the evidence that Circles of Support works is incontrovertible.

"We have worked so far with 56 men and none has been reconvicted of a sexual offence. Two have been recalled to prison for breaching their Sexual Offence Prevention Order, and that came about because they told the Circle about certain feelings and the Circle informed the authorities."

Andy says he could have volunteered elsewhere, but this project was urgently needed.

"If more people work with them to help them to change, the less likely they are to reoffend and that has to be good for society."

"We've seen Alan change and become more confident in the last few months, too, so it feels like things are starting to work out for him. I think everyone deserves a second chance."

• Circles of Support and Accountability needs more volunteers who are emotionally mature, empathic and can support the core member but also hold them to account. No previous experience is necessary and selection and training are rigorous. YHCOSA covers Humberside, North, South and West Yorkshire. The telephone number for general enquiries is 01904 630911.

For Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire, those interested are welcome to ring the Humberside Coordinator, John McNally, on 01482 586633 for an informal chat. Barnardo's, Circles North East covers the Teesside, Durham and Northumbria areas. Contact Deborah Marshall at deborah.marshall@barnardos.org.uk or on 0191 2120237.

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New Opera's Premiere Triumph

A spectacular new opera especially written to commemorate the 800th anniversary of King John's sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede was performed at St Mary's Cathedral.

The Great Charter, devised and composed by Diocese of Middlesbrough Director of Music Timothy Craig Harrison and librettist PG Hodgson, explores humanity's continuing struggle for social justice in the past and the future.

The huge cast and orchestra included professional singers and musicians along with students from Durham University, the Royal Academy of Music, London, and choristers from Middlesbrough Cathedral. Pupils from St Edward's, St Augustine's and St Bernadette's primary schools in Middlesbrough also took part.

The opera was a collaboration between the cathedrals of Middlesbrough and Durham, where it was also performed.

Here's what reviewers and critics had to say about *The Great Charter*...

This talented and thoughtful pair [Harrison and Hodgson] have come up with a music-theatre experience that is both fun to perform and aptly conceived for both adult and junior forces. What gave pleasure from the outset was Harrison's sensitive, apt and clever and sensitive score.

Roderick Dunnett, The Church Times

It is, quite simply, the best new composition I have heard for a long time. Brilliantly inventive, superb in bringing so many different groups together (professional and amateur) and full of wonderful tunes



superbly orchestrated. Bravo to all involved.

Thomas Hyde, lecturer in Composition, Magdalen College, Oxford

The Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations have captured the imagination of the world, the UK and particularly the North East. Nowhere was this breadth of creative power more keenly felt than at Durham Cathedral with the premiere of *The Great Charter*: an opera for people who don't

do opera. The whistlestop retelling of King John's acceptance of the charter in 1215, merged with a disconcerting vision of the future, received a second, encore performance at Middlesbrough Cathedral. Following an atmospheric introduction by The Durham Singers, young people and children from County Durham and Middlesbrough took to the stage to inhabit the roles of peasants, barons, mercenaries

and prefects. Composer Timothy Craig Harrison and librettist PG Hodgson present us with a nightmarish world in which children are forbidden to read or write. This may sound like bliss to the modern schoolchild, however the protagonists were soon to learn the limitations it presents. It is laudable that this historic symbol of civil liberties is being celebrated so colourfully.

Peter Cumisky, What's On North East



Sister Imelda's Albania Talk

Sister Imelda Poole IVBM will visit Thornaby to give a talk about her work with underprivileged people in Tirana, Albania.

Sister Imelda, who previously worked in Port Clarence for 16 years, has helped start schools for Roma children who have not previously been educated and assisted women in poor communities to set up small co-operatives.

All are welcome at the talk, at Christ the King Church Hall in Trenchard Avenue, on Monday August 24 at 7pm. Tea and biscuits will be served afterwards. Contact Bridie Hope on 01642 888987 for further information.

£2m Bar Convent Project On Track

The £2 million Living History project to modernise and upgrade visitor facilities at York's historic Bar Convent is on schedule to open in September.

The guesthouse area of England's oldest living convent will reopen with 20 improved visitor rooms in the Grade I listed building.

A two-storey section of the convent will house a new interactive exhibition starting in Tudor times when being a Catholic was illegal and giving the history of the 400-year-old convent, its founder Sister Mary Ward and the convent's school.

It will be fully accessible with a specially installed lift and will be formally opened in October.

The convent was founded in 1686 and has witnessed some turbulent and violent periods in English history, being attacked by mobs and even bombed by the Luftwaffe.

The exhibition has been designed by the team behind the visitor centre at Leeds Castle in Kent and the Titanic Experience in Belfast.

The Guest House refurbishment and revamped conference rooms will be completed by the start of August.

The nuns still need to raise £300,000 towards the cost of the project.

Sister Frances Orchard, chairman of the convent trustees, said: "The Living Heritage project will make The Bar Convent a place of welcome and hospitality fit for the 21st Century, equipped to share our heritage, stories, values and treasure with the widest audience.

"We very much hope you will join us and support the Living Heritage Project by making a donation."

To donate, or to find out more, visit <https://barconvent.datawareonline.co.uk/Donate-Online>

VOCATIONS

Priests And People Celebrate With Canon Pat

More than 30 priests from across the diocese, together with Bishop Terry, joined Canon Pat Harney at St Joseph's Church, York, to celebrate the diamond jubilee of his priesthood.

Several members of his family also joined the packed congregation, who came from across the diocese, a measure of the admiration and esteem in which Canon Pat is held.

In his homily, Canon Michael Ryan emphasised the positive virtues of the priesthood and all of Canon Pat's commitments to the service of the diocese

over 60 years.

He reminded the congregation that when Canon Pat first became a parish priest, he used to pick up a young curate who didn't have a car – Canon Ryan – to join him and others for Monday's day of golf.

He also told of the very stark conversation Monsignor Peter Storey, then Vicar General, delivered to Canon Pat: Bishop Harris wanted him to be the Dean of the new Cathedral. There were three sentences in total, all short, with no opportunity for any comment.

Bishop Terry spoke just before the blessing,

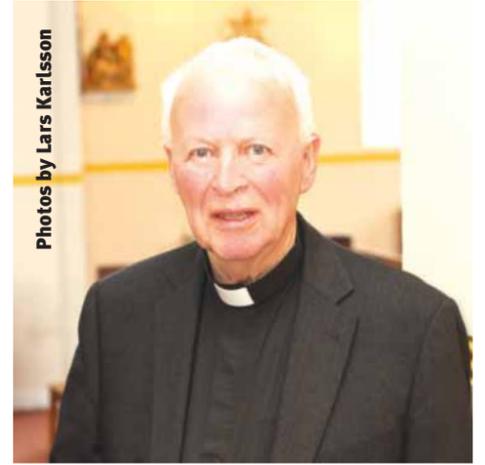
firstly to thank Pat for his devoted years of service and his many commitments to the diocese.

He thanked Canon Pat's family for the gift of a priest to the diocese and highlighted Pat's devoted service, not only in active ministry, but also in retirement, supplying to parishes primarily in York and to the various religious congregations in the city.

Canon Pat thanked all concerned, emphasising the importance of priesthood and particularly thanking priests for support they had given in his 60 years as a priest. Parishioners from the York parishes prepared an excellent buffet for all to share.

Ad multos annos

Jim Whiston



Photos by Lars Karlsson



Father Peter Ward

Father Peter Ward CSSp died on Wednesday May 27. Father Peter was born in Middlesbrough and brought up in Welford Street. He attended St Patrick's School and St Mary's College.

He played a key part in the life of St Patrick's Parish and the Young Christian Workers, both locally and regionally.

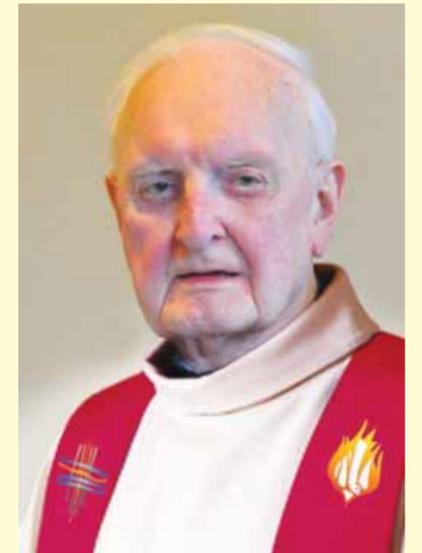
Father Peter hoped to pursue his priestly vocation with Middlesbrough Diocese but when this did not materialise he joined the Holy Ghost Fathers in the early 1960s and was ordained priest in 1967.

His first appointment was to the Diocese of Makurdi, Nigeria. He was recalled from there to lead a newly established vocations team based in Helmshore, Lancashire, where Bishop Terry, a curate in one of the local parishes, visited Father Peter and his team on many occasions.

In 1982 Father Peter was asked to be director of a hostel caring for overseas students in London and in 1988, at the request of Archbishop Worlock, he became national chaplain of the YCW.

Then, in 1995, he became Provincial of the Holy Ghost Fathers. After his term of office he returned to Durban, South Africa, where he was involved in parish ministry but he came back to the UK in 2006 due to poor health, which prevented any return to full-time pastoral ministry.

Father Peter was a superb organiser, beginning in his youth in St Patrick's



Parish and continuing throughout his life. He established many friendships in Middlesbrough over the years and these continued until his death.

His funeral Mass took place at Bickley on June 8 2015, celebrated by Father Phil Marsh, Provincial, together with 22 diocesan and Holy Ghost Fathers. A party from Middlesbrough attended the funeral.

Father Peter was buried at Chiselhurst. We hope to have a memorial Mass in Middlesbrough at a date to be arranged.

Jim Whiston

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| Morning Prayer | 09:00 Flower Festival |
| Flower Festival | 09:30 |
| Primary Schools | 10:30 Secondary Schools |
| Midday Prayer | 12:00 Midday Prayer |
| Primary Schools | 13:00 Secondary Schools |
| Flower Festival | 16:00 Flower Festival |
| | 16:30 Community Mass |
| Evening Prayer | 17:45 |
| | 18:00 Evening Prayer |
| Episcopal Mass | 19:00 Closing Liturgy |
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Each day a pattern of prayer will surround formal and informal gatherings.

Schools have been given a large part of each day to come and meet our religious, pray with them and find out more about their lives. Everyone is most welcome to join in the prayer.

There are two special Masses. Firstly, on Thursday evening Bishop Terry will lead the diocese in giving thanks to God for all those who we celebrate.

Secondly, at 4.30pm on Friday, as many members of each community as possible will gather together to pray together at Mass.

This celebration is timed so communities can deal with the demands of travelling in groups and from distance.

The closing liturgy on Friday evening will include a celebration of the communal consecration we all share in Baptism and a play about the life of St Don Bosco, presented by the Salesians and Rise Theatre.

Each evening there will be a time of Adoration in the presence of our saints and martyrs. We will be led in night prayer and pray for justice and peace in the world.

The two days come at the start of a week-long flower festival and exhibition marking the Year of Consecrated Life and those who live such lives in our diocese.

Please spread the word and join us for as much as you can.

• See graphic on left of this page for more information.

VOCATIONS

Congratulations To Deacon Bob

Three coaches from St Anthony's in Hull made the journey to Middlesbrough for a memorable and moving service as Bob Shakesby was ordained a deacon at St Mary's Cathedral.

The passengers included friends from neighbouring parishes, Hull Catenians, military friends, clergy and Bob's family, including some who travelled from Ireland.

It was a great joy to see so many priests concelebrating, including Bob's cousin, Father John Dunphy, from Dublin, and St Anthony's Parish Priest Father Antony Chundelikkat. There were also seven newly ordained deacons from Hexham and Newcastle

Diocese, with whom Bob received his formation and training.

The Lourdes choir and musicians provided the music and the congregation joined in enthusiastically with the singing. In his homily Bishop Terry spoke of the role of the deacon as being one of service. After his ordination, Bob took his place beside the Bishop and continued to assist during the Mass.

Bob made a short speech during a reception at the Riverside Stadium, thanking everyone who helped him along his journey and particularly his greatest supporter, wife Denise, to whom he presented a bouquet of

flowers. Denise and Bob provided a celebration cake to share.

The following day Bob's parish gathered to celebrate his new calling. Father John was the principal celebrant, alongside Father Des Hanrahan and Father Antony. Mass was followed by a buffet and another celebration cake.

Bob's journey to the diaconate has not always been easy, but his commitment and dedication over the last five years have been remarkable. His training was undertaken with Hexham and Newcastle candidates, meaning a 300-mile round trip three times a month.

For much of his formation period our then parish priest, the late Father Norman Jacobson, was unwell. Bob and Denise cared for him throughout his illness and without

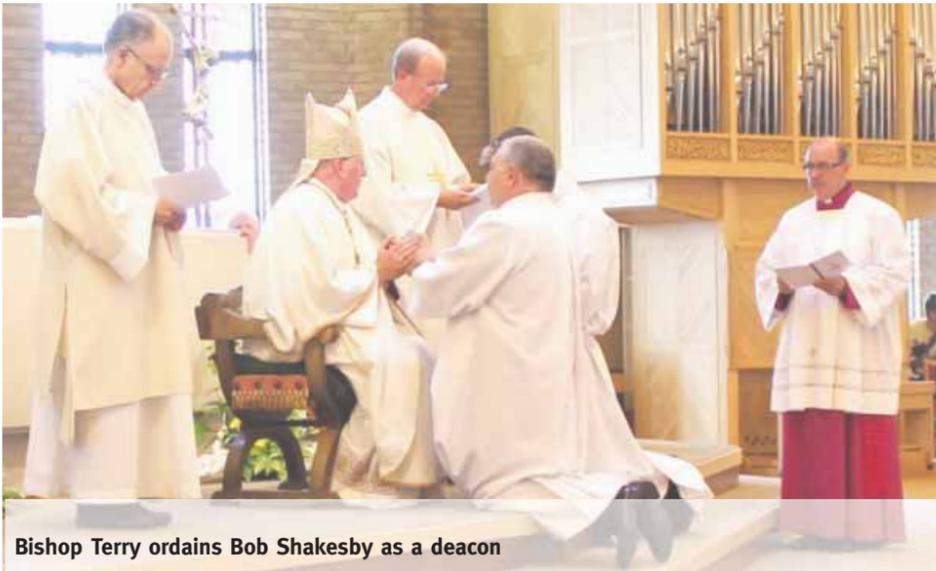
them Father Norman would not have fulfilled his wish to remain in his own home until he was admitted to a hospice.

During Father Norman's illness and after his death, the late Canon Gerry Cox kindly looked after St Anthony's and Bob provided a valuable link. After Christmas, Bishop Terry asked Father Antony, who was looking after the Syro-Malabar communities in the diocese, to move to St Anthony's.

Again, Bob and Denise worked tirelessly with the parish to prepare the presbytery for Father Antony and continue to be a vital link. Congratulations and thank you, Deacon Bob.

Ad multos annos

Sheila Swift



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16 Attends Osmotherley Pilgrimage 3.00 pm

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1 Saturday
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

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

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

5 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 Friday
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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

11 Tuesday
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

12 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

14 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

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2.30 pm 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 Draine. Preaching: Bishop Ralph Hesketh of Hallam Diocese. Car parking available; lifts up to the Chapel; refreshments available; bring suitable seating
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17 - 20 Monday - Thursday
'What those old monks can do for us - wisdom for today from St Aelred of Rievaulx' - a retreat led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

21 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/>

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24 Monday
7.00 pm Sr Imelda Poole IVBM will give a talk about her work with underprivileged people in Tirana, Albania, at Christ the King Church, Trenchard Avenue, Thornaby. Contact: Bridie Hope, Tel: (01642) 888987 for further details

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

27 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
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

30 Sunday
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ADVANCE NOTICES:

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 for further details

9 September: 7.00 pm, 'Global Security and the United Nations: 70 Years On' - Ebor Lecture in York Minster, York, to be delivered by Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director, United Nations UK. 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

14-17 September: 'Finding our Way in the Dark' - a retreat led by Fr Kieran Monahan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

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

25 September: 11.00 am - 4.00 pm, 'Paradise Gained. Dante at 750' with Brian Horne at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

25-27 September: 'Some English Saints, Especially Monks' - a retreat led by Fr Henry Wansbrough. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

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

28 September - 1 October: 'Ora et Labora: Monastic Experience Retreat' led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766889 for further details

30 September: 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm, 'Present to the Presence of God' with Marion Hoyland 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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Confirmations In Malton

Twenty-one young people were confirmed by Bishop Terry at St Leonard & St Mary's Church in Malton.

In his homily, Bishop Terry drew a parallel with being given a gift on a special occasion. Just as the gift should be well used, so should the gift of confirmation.

"Normally, to accept a gift you hold your hands open, but in this case you have to hold your heart open and having received the gift, you have to use it," he told the candidates.

He was assisted by Parish Priest Father Tim Bywater and Father Bill East of St Joseph's, Pickering, which provided four of the candidates.

Music was by Martin Dales on the organ, Doctor David Longworth, John Gallagher and Tony Fisher on guitars, with singing from Ellen Longworth and the choir. The readers were Kimberley Jenkins and Daniella Horn.

The St Leonard & St Mary's candidates were Anthony and Joseph Boyes, Adam Finlinson, Thomas Jenkins, Lauren Kirby, Ryan Koeppen, Thomas Lane, Natasha Pegg, Marcus Raistrick, Charlie Rohan, Pawel Swies, Jack Thomas, Lorcan Tobin, Jake Tyler, Gabriel Urquhart, Jack and Niamh Whattam. The four from Pickering were Amy Shepherd, Evie Lythe and Skye and Ciara Gallagher.

Trevor Hayes



Bishop Terry is pictured celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for the parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate in Redcar and St Bede's, Marske. Photo by Les Clark

Quiz answers

Connection question: 1. Scott McKenzie 2. John Wayne 3. Virgil 4. General Charles Gordon 5. Alan Shearer. Connection: The Tracy brothers in *The Thunderbirds*

Thinking cap question: *The Merchant Of Venice, The Merry Wives Of Windsor, The Two Gentlemen Of Verona, Pericles: Prince Of Tyre and Timon Of Athens*

Work To Start At St Charles Borromeo

Work will start imminently on securing the structure and fabric of St Charles Borromeo Church in Hull, using a grant of up to £217,800 received from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

This is for the first phase of an ultimate plan which will require several grant applications to return the church to its true beauty. It is probably the jewel of our diocesan church properties.

This phase should be completed by spring 2016. Bishop Terry said he was delighted with the opportunity to start this work and he was most grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for their assistance. Fiona Spiers, Head of HLF Yorkshire and the Humber, said: "Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we're pleased to support this project which will secure the future of the church – both as an historic building and as a place at the heart of the local community."

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