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The month of September is one of those major turning points in the calendar year. The nights draw in ever more quickly, the holiday season comes to an end and we find ourselves wondering where the summer went.

September also brings many important beginnings. Pupils return to school and move up a year, while younger children take their very first steps into the big world of education. The young adults who left school in the summer might be excited or nervous (or both!) about what the future holds for them as they embark on new career paths.

September is a "threshold" month. Many of our parishes experience something of this, too. Priests and catechists get ready to welcome enquirers who wish to find out more about the Church and about the hope that God's call holds for them. Journey in Faith groups begin to meet again and plan ways of celebrating the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults with their new members.

This September, I would like to urge every parish to take full advantage of this new season by making a real commitment to reach out to family and friends, neighbours and colleagues who may no longer come to church or who may never have had any experience of doing so. And I would also like to mention some ways of doing this.

Back in July, 25 members of our diocese

travelled to Birmingham to take part in Proclaim '15 and returned with many ideas and practical suggestions on how to make their parishes more effective in mission. This edition of the Catholic Voice has a report about Proclaim '15 and also mentions some of the resources that have been prepared to help us mark Home Mission Sunday on September 20. Celebrating Home Mission Sunday would be an excellent way of showing our commitment to spreading the Joy of the Gospel. This year, the diocese has received a grant from a charity called The

Paristamen CIO, which is designed to support exactly this kind of work in our parishes. Again, you will find more information about this in this edition but I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude for this generous donation.

In this new season I would ask all of you – in the words of Pope Francis – to be "bold and creative" in using these resources to reach out to those on the threshold of our church $rac{7}{4}$ community.

Bishop's Column Stember is one of those Logical As Father Phil Is Ordained



The ordination of a new priest is always an occasion of great joy for a diocese. Saturday July 25, the Feast of St James the Apostle, was no exception, as Bishop Terry ordained Phil Cunnah.

Phil was a pupil at St Mary's College, Hull, and then studied for the priesthood, initially at the English College in Rome, later at

Ushaw and finally transferring to St Mary's College, Oscott, when Ushaw closed down.

The Cathedral was full to capacity as the Bishop was joined by more than 60 priests, not only from our diocese, but also from the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

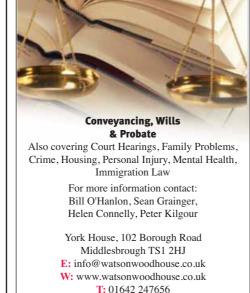
There were also four coach loads of parishioners from Hull, York and

Scarborough, where Phil served during his training, as well as his friends from across the country.

The principal deacon at the Mass was Phil's brother, Tom, who is studying at the English

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Joy As Father Phil Is Ordained

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College in Rome. Bishop Terry welcomed Phil's mum, dad and other members of the family to the ordination, thanking his parents for the gift of a priest to the diocese.

Father David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's, Oscott, presented Phil to Bishop Terry for ordination.

In his address, the Bishop reminded Phil power came from God and not from us. There would be days of joy and days of challenge but with prayer, all difficulties could be overcome and his priestly ministry would lead to more joy than sorrow.

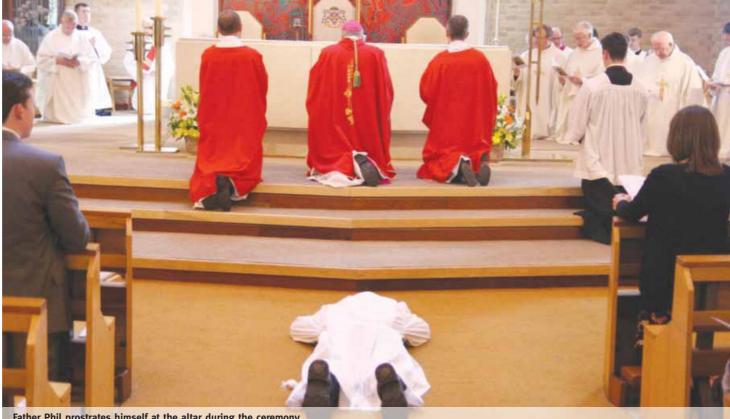
After the Prayer of Consecration, the Bishop and then all the priests present laid hands on Phil's head to express the unity of the priesthood.

Father William Massie vested Phil with his stole and chasuble and he was presented with a paten and chalice, which had been brought forward by his parents and presented to him by the Bishop.

In the final act of the ordination, Bishop Terry greeted Father Phil with the kiss of peace and this was followed by all the priests doing likewise as a sign of welcome and acceptance into the sacred priesthood.

Then the Master of Ceremonies led him to join the priests of the diocese for the remainder of the ordination Mass.

Just before the final blessing, the Bishop thanked everybody who had been involved



Father Phil prostrates himself at the altar during the ceremony

in the ordination, its preparation, liturgy and

He led a round of applause for Father Phil and then reminded the congregation that the ordination was not finished, as there was a banquet at Trinity College, to which everyone was invited.

The final hymn, which almost took the roof

off the Cathedral, was Hail Queen of Heaven by John Lingard, who was a Professor at Ushaw College.

Jim Whiston

Focus On **Trafficking**

Signs to look out for when people trafficking is suspected was among subjects discussed at a Holy Name of Mary Justice and Peace Group meeting.

A film by sixth formers at Sacred Heart School, Hammersmith, was shown and questions it raised were then addressed by Hamida White, from the Red Cross and Justice First.

The meeting was also attended by Kath Sainsbury and Catherine Ramos, from Justice First, and two young people who had experienced being trafficked.

During discussions afterwards it was clear that practical support for trafficked people is needed. This could include supporting them at meetings with the authorities, assisting with form filling and providing emotional help.

The group hopes to set up a pool of volunteers who could be called upon at short notice to support trafficked people, linking into existing services and expertise.

To take this forward, local Justice and Peace Groups will meet at St Francis Church, Acklam Road, Middlesbrough, at 7.3opm on Tuesday September 8. All are welcome.

Human Trafficking Q&A

Where would we be likely to find victims of trafficking? Victims of sex trafficking are often found in the streets or working in brothels, strip clubs and massage parlours. People forced into labour could be found in sweatshops, agriculture, domestic situations, construction sites and restaurants.

How do people find themselves trapped in these situations? They are usually recruited with a promise of legitimate jobs and then find themselves exploited.

What can we look out for? People appear to be locked in or isolated. People are never seen leaving the premises unless escorted. People are seen coming and going at unusual times.

What would be the profile of a trafficked victim? They may not readily volunteer information about their status because of fear and abuse. They may suffer from malnutrition or poor personal hygiene or appear scared.

What would you do if you suspect someone is being held against their will? Contact the police non-emergency number, 101.

• Information adapted from Red Cross anti-trafficking guidelines.

Pat O'Connor and Catherine Rowland

Free Safeguarding Programme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales is offering free safeguarding e-learning to every parishioner.

The programme covers Child Protection, Child Protection in Education, Safeguarding Adults, Child Exploitation and Online Safety and Mental Capacity.

Visit www.catholicnews.org.uk for a brochure and details of how to access the programme, which is an integral part of the Church's commitment to safeguarding.

Rewarding And Inspiring Work Of A Hospital Chaplain

In the latest of our regular series of articles in preparation for the Holy Year of Mercy that begins on December 8, DEACON LEN COLLINGS, the Bishop's Advisor for Care in Hospitals and Catholic chaplain to James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough, looks at corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy...

If someone had said to me when I was a young lad that I would finish up as a Roman Catholic hospital chaplain in Middlesbrough, I would have laughed them out of

There I was, baptised into the Church of England and attending a Methodist Church in Swindon, with a distinct aversion to hospitals. I could not have thought of anything more unlikely than being where I am now. But here I am, by the grace of God. It just goes to show when you let God into your life, you really have to be prepared for anything.

The last part of my current life jigsaw fell into place four years ago when I retired from St Mary's College and Bishop Terry appointed me as chaplain to James Cook University Hospital.

I knew, both as a Minister of Communion and then a permanent deacon, just how rewarding and inspiring it is to visit the sick and housebound in their homes.

Sometimes, all that's needed is a chat and some company, while other times it's the great privilege of bringing them communion. What I couldn't have imagined was just how much more intense the sense of fulfilment and privilege in bringing this ministry into James Cook University Hospital would be.

It is such a privilege to journey with people at acutely

personal moments in their lives. Whether they're facing a routine procedure or the deep pain of losing a newborn baby, it's a humbling experience to witness the great faith and courage people have.

Reflecting on the forthcoming global jubilee Holy Year of Mercy and considering the Works of Mercy in detail, the link with hospital chaplaincy is clear. It places the work of the hospital chaplain firmly at the heart of both the corporal and the spiritual works.

I'm often asked what the purpose of a chaplain is. A common answer I give seems completely inadequate yet totally accurate – it's simply "being there".

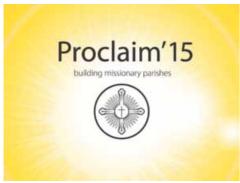
There are practical works to be undertaken, such as visiting wards and checking on patients. Sadly, we also have to attend to the practicalities of funerals. Both visiting the sick and burying the dead are corporal Works

Hospital chaplaincy is also at the heart of the spiritual works. At times of uncertainty, what people are often looking for is reassurance. Their faith may be severely challenged and they may begin to doubt.

We can hopefully give them some consolation and restore their confidence in God. And, of course, in situations we encounter in our hospitals, the need for prayer, both for the living and the dead, is self-evident.

I am hugely privileged to be a hospital chaplain and to have such a dedicated team of priests and volunteers supporting me. Together, through Works of Mercy and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we do our best to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those we visit.





Delegates representing every diocese in England and Wales converged in Birmingham for Proclaim '15: Building Missionary Parishes.

Among them were 25 people from across our own diocese – from Teesside to Humberside, by way of York and Market Weighton.

Many left home very early that morning to take part in a day of prayer, talks and workshops that culminated in Holy Mass concelebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and several of his brother bishops.

This was the first national conference of its kind in a generation and was truly a dynamic, thought-provoking and memorable day. All those who attended came away with many ideas on how to inspire evangelisation at the parish level.

One of the themes that underpinned the whole day was the essential place of prayer. As Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel*, all our efforts to evangelise must begin and continue in prayer. For this reason, everyone who came to the conference not only spent time in prayer themselves but also attended inspiring talks on this theme offered by Bishop Alan Williams.

He was among an impressive line-up of speakers that included Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop Bernard Longley of Birmingham, Michelle Moran (a member of the Pontifical Council for the Laity), and the Reverend Nicky Gumbel, well known for his part in setting up the Alpha programme.

As well as these keynote addresses, each delegate attended two workshops that

offered practical advice and information on evangelisation at the local level. There were ten themes explored in these workshops, covering topics such as developing a vision for evangelisation, working with young people and families, the privileged place of the poor and setting up a parish team.

The generous cooperation of our delegates ensured that our diocese was represented at every different workshop offered on the day – this means we will have a wide range of experiences to draw on as we seek to keep the spirit of Proclaim '15 alive in each of our parishes.

Home Mission Sunday

The team that organised the Proclaim '15 event has also developed many practical resources to help parishes to reach out beyond the walls of the church and to spread the joy of the Gospel.

Home Mission Sunday – celebrated on September 20 this year – will be an ideal time to begin this new venture. Parishes could gather together a team of people to inspire ideas and to coordinate a range of outreach activities, perhaps with the help and support that is readily available from the diocese through the Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation.

And now we also have a Parish Evangelisation Fund to help parishes in a very practical way.

The Parish Evangelisation Fund

A charity called The Paristamen CIO has kindly given the Diocese of Middlesbrough £5,000 to support evangelisation initiatives at the local level. The fund will be administered by Deacon Vince Purcell, the Diocesan Advisor for Evangelisation, and parish priests, religious or any authorised team of parishioners are encouraged to apply for a grant.

Please don't hesitate to contact Deacon Vince to request an application form and supporting information or to invite him to visit your parish to help in any other way. He can be contacted at the Curial Office on 01642 850505 (extension 241) or by email at adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

Get 'Hands On' For Harvest Fast Day

CAFOD's country focus for this year's Harvest Fast Day, on Friday October 2, is Niger, home to some of the world's poorest people.

In 2005, when people in Niger faced starvation, CAFOD supporters gave £1m in support. But since then there have been food crises in 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

Hamani Fodi is 74 years old and lives in a village in south-west Niger — the poorest country in the world. Each year his family has to endure poor harvests due to extreme and extended dry seasons.

Hamani is pictured holding a bundle of millet – his last. Hamani can normally harvest enough millet and beans to feed his family through the year. But after a disastrous harvest in October 2011, the family has almost run out of food.

CAFOD's local church partner, Caritas Niger, was able to support Hamani, his family and his village with basic foods so they would survive. Hamani was also paid for work with cash and food, giving him the dignity of not relying on hand-outs.

As well as being the world's poorest country, Niger is also one of the hottest.

Getting enough food to eat is the biggest challenge for people living there.

But the people of Doutchi have a plan. They are ready to get "Hands On" and break this cycle of hunger, ensuring each family can be sure of three meals every day.

Through training on new farming techniques to improve their land, caring for livestock and learning how to prepare for and recover from extreme weather, they will lay the foundations for a better and more secure future.

The community in Doutchi are ready to get this urgent work underway, but they need one more thing for it to be a success. They need you to get Hands On too – by making a regular donation towards this lifechanging work.

Your donations will go directly to fund this incredible project and you can follow its progress every step of the way. For more information on how you can get involved in this exciting project, visit http://www.cafod.org.uk/Give/Hands-On-Doutchi

Carol Cross



Dates for your diary

Harvest Fast Day briefings for parish contacts are being organised throughout the diocese on the following dates...

Hull: Thursday September 3 at 12:30pm – venue to be confirmed.

Middlesbrough: Wednesday September 9 at 7pm, St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby

York: Tuesday September 15 at 7pm, CAFOD Office, 54 Blossom Street, York

Day of Reflection at Thicket Priory led by Father Tony Lester O.Carm – Saturday October 24

To help with our preparations, please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or calling 01904 671767

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!

This Month's Saint



St Matthew

September 21

Jesus chose his disciples carefully. They were all very different from one another. Matthew (who used to be called Levi) was a tax collector. The Jewish people hated tax collectors because they not only collected taxes for the Romans, but they also charged extra, which they kept for themselves. Jesus saw Matthew at the door of the tax office and said, "Follow me." Matthew left everything and followed him.

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God's Gifts To Hull Candidates



Twenty young people were urged by Bishop Terry to embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit during their confirmation at the church of St Anthony And Our Lady Of Mercy in Hull.

Bishop Terry asked them to imagine they had chosen a gift for someone very special to them, but it had been rejected.

At baptism, he said, we are all given the gift of the Holy Spirit, which our parents and godparents accept on our behalf. At confirmation we have the opportunity to accept the gift of the Spirit for ourselves.

Bishop Terry called on the candidates to open their hearts and make use of this great gift by asking the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire and encourage them in all their actions each day. He guaranteed that their prayers would not go unanswered.

The Bishop was assisted by the Dean, Father Michael Marsden, Father Antony Chundelikkat and Deacon Chris Larwood.

Canon Michael Loughlin, Father John Wood, Father Dominique Minskip, Father Frank Gallagher, Father Des Hanrahan and Father Simon Leworthy were also present.

The St Anthony's candidates were Tabitha Awre, Grace Bower, Connor Buckley, Hannah Crook, Juozas Domarkas, Frankie Jones and Noah Nevet, and they were joined by Louisa Wright, Emmanuel Nicotra, Lee McGoogan, Oliver Gillespie, Susan Ness, Bethany Oakshott, Ansonia Gibbons, Daniel Cheetham, Nwachukwu and Ugonma Ogunley, Jasmin Jones, Merin Thomas and Edwin Joseph.

The confirmations came in an eventful week for St Anthony's. Earlier in the day the parish said farewell to Francis "Paddy" Flood, remembering his generous life and Christian witness over several decades. His funeral Mass was celebrated by his brother-in-law, Father Andrew Henson, from Mount St Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire.

St Anthony's was also the venue for a concert by the New Park Singers. Many parishioners also travelled to Middlesbrough for Bob Shakesby's ordination to the diaconate, which was followed by a memorable parish celebration for Deacon Bob.

Sheila Swift



St Bernadette's Victory In Mike's Memory

The Mike McCullagh Memorial Cup was presented to boys and girls teams from St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, during an awards event at the end of the school year.

The trophy, which was donated by the Mike McCullagh Trust Fund, is awarded to the school deemed to have displayed excellence in all aspects of their involvement in the Diocesan Football Tournament, including sportsmanship and general behaviour.

Many people will remember Mike as a local businessman who was active in Catholic and community life. He was a Lourdes *brancardier* and a former chairman of Middlesbrough Football Club.

Tony McAvoy, tournament co-ordinator

Ged's Quick Quiz

With quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

- 1. Wintonians are natives of which English city?
- 2. What type of fish does Santiago struggle with in Hemingway's *The Old Man And The Sea?*
- 3. Who is the current king of Sweden, who has been on the throne since 1973?
- 4. Which electric shaver company so impressed Victor Kiam that he bought it?
- 5. Which poet wrote the lines "How do I love thee, let me count the ways"?

Thinking cap question

Who were the managers of Hull City, Middlesbrough and York City at the start of this season?

Prince Tastes Ampleforth Brew



Prince Charles sampled Ampleforth Abbey Cider during a visit to this year's Great Yorkshire Show in Harrogate.

He also chatted to the Prior of Ampleforth's monastic community, Father Terence Richardson OSB. The cider is brewed from the Abbey's own orchard, the largest commercial orchard in the North of England.

Profits from the sale of Ampleforth's produce support the community, charitable works and the stewardship of the 2,000 acres of grounds in an Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty in North Yorkshire.



Job Opening At John Paul Centre

Depaul UK are recruiting a part-time Community Centre Coordinator for Middlesbrough's John Paul Centre on a 12-month fixed term contract.

The successful candidate will play a vital role in helping the charity achieve its mission of helping homeless and disadvantaged people fulfil their potential and move towards an independent and positive future.

The Coordinator will be a Depaul UK employee and will help coordinate the ever-growing activities within the John Paul Centre, maintaining the ethos of the building, providing practical support to the occupying agencies

and helping ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders

The John Paul Centre, on Grange Road, is owned by the Diocese of Middlesbrough and run by a community of Redemptorist priests living on site.

You can apply online at

http://www.depauluk.org/about/work-for-us/31118/ or call Kester Young on 07769 688508 or

kester.young@depauluk.org for more information.

The deadline for applications is Monday September 7.

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NEWS

Stanbrook Abbey Nearing Completion

Pope Francis would certainly approve of the eco-friendly Stanbrook Abbey at Wass, North Yorkshire, which is now nearing completion.

The Benedictine community began its move to our diocese from Worcestershire six years ago and building work is currently being finalised on the monastery's second phase, including the Abbey Church, parlours, front entrance and the shell of the guest wing.

The work will not end there, however, as a library and archive will be added. The guest house also needs to be fitted out in further phases when funds become available. The community traces its roots back to 17th Century Flanders, where it was founded by nine young English women in exile, including some from Yorkshire.

Imprisoned during the French Revolution, a small band of survivors returned to England in 1795, eventually settling in 1838 at Callow End, Worcester.

When they decided to move, for spiritual, economic and practical reasons, the Abbey looked at possible sites all over the country before buying Crief Farm at Wass. Work began in June 2007 and the community moved in on May 21 2009.

The new monastery has been carefully designed using natural materials and with ecofeatures such as a wood-chip boiler, solar panels, rainwater harvesting tank and thermal insulation.

"We wanted a new monastery that would consume very little energy," said Abbess Dame Andrea Savage OSB. "Sustainability is something the community has long taken to heart, to preserve God's creation in all its glory."

Dame Andrea expressed the community's gratitude to the many people who have helped make the stunning new Abbey possible.

"Thank you to all our very generous benefactors, both financial and spiritual," she said. "Your support and prayers have sustained us and helped bring our dream to fruition."

Mass was first celebrated in the new church in April and a dedication by Bishop Terry takes place on Sunday September 6. Cardinal Vincent Nichols hopes to attend, along with Archbishop Arthur Roche and the order's Abbot Primate, Abbot Notker Wolf, and Abbot President Dom Richard Yeo

This event is invitation only for reasons of space. However, Dame Andrea said: "Please pray with us on that day that the Lord will bless the community and this new beginning."

The community is currently made up of 23 sisters.

*Would you like to become a Friend of Stanbrook and offer your prayers, talents, time or financial resources to help? If so, please contact Stanbrook Abbey, Wass, York YO61 4AY or call 01347 868900. Visit http://stanbrookabbeyfriends.org/ for more information.



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Managing director Nick, directors Frank O'Connor, David Graham and Anthony McCarthy, and head of the Family Department Elizabeth Gallagher, will be familiar faces to many in the Middlesbrough Diocese.

Frank, who, like Nick, is a personal injury claims specialist, joined Macks as a partner soon after it started business, and Wills and Probate expert David Graham followed soon afterwards

"I've known Frank since we were at St Edward's School together when we were seven," says Nick. "I'd want Frank to act for me if ever I was involved in a serious accident because he's the best, a truly outstanding lawyer.

"David was at university with me. Again, he's quite simply the best in his field and is used by firms of chartered accountants and Impendent Financial Advisors, as well as other lawyers.

"I've known Elizabeth Gallagher since primary school and, along with Frank, we were at St George's Secondary School and St Mary's College together, before she went off to read History at Oxford. "I was absolutely delighted when she joined us after many years working in Newcastle. Elizabeth is incredibly talented and brings great energy to the department."

Macks' newest director is personal injury specialist Anthony McCarthy, who joined the firm as a trainee after being recommended by the late Brian McGowran.

"Brian knew Anthony's family through his Lourdes connections and from the Knights of St Columba club," says Nick. "I'm delighted Brian came in and gave me Anthony's CV, because he's proved to be incredibly bright and capable, with a very agile brain."

Macks is very much a family firm, with twin sisters and a mother and daughter also on the staff.

Nick believes their success is down to the values he instilled in the firm from day one, coupled with the excellent staff he's recruited.

"It's very important to me that everyone who works here has a caring disposition and that we're conscientious in everything we do," he says.

"Most of our work comes to us by recommendation, because people are delighted with our services and tell others about us."

Nick is a regular on the Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and sponsored the recent Summertime Special variety show in aid of the Lourdes Fund.

See Macks' front page advert for contact information.

New Book Reveals Our Catholic History

Two hundred years of Catholic life in our diocese comes under the spotlight in an important new book to be published this

Catholic Faith and Practice in England, 1779-1992 uses the diocese as a lens through which to conduct a wider analysis of the church across the country.

The author is Margaret Turnham, who completed her doctorate at the University of Nottingham in 2012. However, her interest in the history of the diocese grew out of her Master's dissertation about establishing Catholicism in the new Victorian town of Middlesbrough, which she researched in 2006/7.

The meticulously researched book considers the way faith and practice developed from a position where old Catholic gentry families were central, through to the establishment of the hierarchy and large-scale immigration in the 19th Century, when the Church took on a distinctly Irish character.

It also re-evaluates the so-called "golden age" of the 1950s and considers the impact of the Second Vatican Council.

Subtitled *The Role of Revivalism and Renewal*, the book examines the way faith and practice were influenced by social, cultural and geographical factors and how

ordinary Catholics lived their religion.

Religious historians writing about Catholicism after the Reformation have previously concentrated on

institutional change or the impact of certain groups or individuals.

Those writing about Evangelical revivalism, meanwhile, have tended to see this as an exclusively Protestant phenomenon.

By focusing on devotional practice and grassroots communities over a long period, however, this book demonstrates that renewal and revivalism were also present in the Catholic Church, arguing they are essential for faith to remain vibrant.

Published by Boydell Press, *Catholic Faith* and *Practice in England*, 1779-1992 is available as a 234-page hardback from September 17, priced £65.

It can be pre-ordered from Amazon.

A launch for the book is planned for later in the year. We'll have full details in future editions.

LOURDES CORNER



Join Us For Lourdes 2016!

Plans are already underway for the 63rd annual Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which takes place from Friday May 27 to Friday June 3 2016.

If you would like to travel with us and have never been before, or it's many years since you last took part, please contact any of the following...

Pilgrimage Director Father Derek Turnham

Call: 07753 633713

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Executive Director Keith Tillotson

Call: 01642 324043

 $\textbf{Email:} \ keith_tillotson@hotmail.com$

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Call: 07972 260243

Email: verenawallace@sky.com

Coastal representative Tom O'Hagan

Call: 07734 712823

Email: svpohagan@yahoo.co.uk

Your name will then be added to the list of people who are sent booking forms, which are usually distributed before Christmas.

If you'd like to help as a nurse, doctor, handmaid, brancardier or musician, or want information about helping on the pilgrimage or have any questions, please contact any of the following, who will be happy to help.

Medical Director Doctor Paddy O'Neill

Call: 07768 753235

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Head Nurse Jean Cornfoot

Call: 07842 166343

Email: j.cornfoot@tees.ac.uk

Music Co-ordinator Mary Lombard

Call: 07715 915244

Email: thelombards@hotmail.com

If you wish to travel as a supported pilgrim next year, please complete the application form in the *Voice* or contact secretary Pat Ling on 07796451485 or by email at pat.ling@talktalk.net. Pat will then arrange for the documentation to be sent to you.

Any questions regarding our youth groups should be directed to Youth representative Dom Finn on 07841704310 or email d.m.finn@hotmail.co.uk

Tea Party Goes On Tour

Following our successful tea party in Lourdes, we've decided to keep this spirit alive back home, with tea parties in Middlesbrough, Hull and York.

The first tea party is in St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough on Sunday October 11.

The event will begin at 2pm with recitation of the Rosary and hymns to Our Lady, followed by tea in the hall.

Our Hull tea party will be at the Sacred Heart Church, Southcoates Lane, Hull, on Saturday October 24. This event will also start at 2pm with the Rosary and hymns to Our Lady, followed by tea in the hall.

All are welcome to come and share stories, photographs and friendships from Lourdes. If you're considering joining us on our pilgrimage next year, please come and have a chat and a cup of tea. If you're coming to any of these events or wish to help in any way,

please contact Chris Tillotson on o1642 324043 or email chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk or Jean Campbell on o1482 875698 or email pilgrim@pilgrim.karoo.co.uk

Look out for our York date and venue coming soon.

Can You Help?

During this year's pilgrimage we enjoyed an afternoon tea party with beautiful china donated from around the diocese.

The cups and saucers have stayed in Lourdes for next year's party. Now we're bringing a taste of Lourdes home by hosting some more tea parties. Do you have any china cups, saucers, plates lying in a cupboard doing nothing? Please contact Chris Tillotson on 01642 324043.

Chris Tillotson





Success For Summertime Special

A staggering £6,200 was raised for Lourdes funds at Summertime Special, a fantastic night of song, magic, fun and laughter at Middlesbrough Theatre.

Our thanks go to everyone who performed, especially Father Frankie Mulgrew, who travelled all the way from his parish in the Diocese of Salford

Huge thanks are also due to those who worked backstage and front of house, to Monsignor Gerard Robinson for his support and to everyone who came along, as well as the wonderful donations from well-wishers.

Special thanks also go to our show sponsors Macks Solicitors, who have offices in Middlesbrough, Darlington and Redcar.

The owner of a lucky numbered programme sold on the night won a week's holiday at Hill View Cottage, Aberfeldy, Scotland, kindly donated by Margaret and Tony Clarke.

The money raised will help those who wouldn't otherwise be able to travel to Lourdes and stay in the *Accueil* as supported pilgrims.

Keith Tillotson



Supported Pilgrims

Our supported pilgrims, who we used to call "sick pilgrims" but now refer to by this broader and more inclusive term, are always very much at the heart of the pilgrimage. Now is the time to indicate if you would like to be considered for a place as a supported pilgrim.

If you do, please complete this form and post it to The Secretary, Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 4 Cromore Close, Thornabyon-Tees, Stockton, TS17 oHW.

What Happens Next?

When we receive your form, we will send you further details, with an application pack. Please remember that you will need a current passport and EHIC card, so if you don't have these at the moment, you should make arrangements to get these sooner rather than later.

Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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NEWS



Flowers And Faith In Brotton

Catholics in East Cleveland celebrated their faith with a colourful Festival of Flowers and Faith at St Anthony of Padua Church.

The flower arrangements depicted aspects of faith in celebration of the Proclaim '15 evangelisation initiative.

It was timed to coincide with the Proclaim '15 evangelisation conference in Birmingham, when parishes were asked to hold prayer vigils and other events.





APPLICATION FORM

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accommodation with full English breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

A non-refundable deposit of £25 per person is required with this application, cheques should be made payable to: Diocese of Middlesbrough (Walsingham)

United By The Power Of Sport

The power of sport to bring different communities together will be celebrated at a Festival of Football in Middlesbrough.

The event will involve eight seven-a-side teams and will take place at the Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation campus at Eston's Herlingshaw Centre on Thursday September 24 from 11am to 3pm.

All the players will be service users of the different projects based in the John Paul Centre, a pastoral centre and important community hub in Grange Road, Middlesbrough.

"The aim of the event will be to help connect people from the margins of our town and from all nationalities," said organiser Terry Doyle, of Depaul UK's Positive Pathways

"It's a great opportunity for people to come together under the common love of football.'

Refreshments and referees, as well as certificates, medals and a trophy, will be supplied by MFC Foundation.

Diocese of Middlesbrough

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31 October 1 November 2015

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invites parishioners from all across the Diocese to join him for our

Annual Pilgrimage

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01642 850505 ext 258; email: kathg@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

Daft Sheep!

CHERYL ANN SMITH, of the Madonna House community at Robin Hood's Bay, reflects on the lessons we can learn from sheep..

"The only thing dafter than sheep is one who owns sheep," our friend Richard muttered, as he rescued a sheep snared in the fence by our home.

I'd like to say it was a tiny lamb who didn't know any better, but it was a teenager, greedy for the greenery on the other side of the fence. His head was trapped in a gap, and he had been crying non-stop for half an hour - loudly.

It was beautiful really, to watch Richard as the Good Shepherd, straddling the "lost sheep" with his powerful body, and lifting him free. His muttering of daft sheep was good natured, and I discounted it as I always do: almost everyone complains about the stupidity of sheep. I like sheep, and I love the abandon of lambs gambolling, racing and playing.

However, my loyalty began to waver the next day, as the daft teenager went back to the same green patch and once again cried out his fear and frustration as he couldn't free himself. Bravely, I strode over to be the Good Shepherd, but soon realised it was beyond me. The farmer finally came to the rescue hours later.

When the same scenario was played on the third day, my term for the sheep was less affectionate than daft. Have you heard the definition of insanity as returning to the same pattern over and over again, expecting a different result? We had a mad sheep on

However, it suddenly struck all of us in the house: are we so different? What about the times we say, just this once I'll have a drink, or a chocolate mousse, or whatever our particular addiction might be? Then find ourselves caught in the fence, unable to extricate ourselves from our age-old trap. Or just this once I'll miss Mass on Sunday, or flirt and follow the attraction with someone I know is not good for me.

Over and over again, we experience a restlessness and dissatisfaction. We feel confined, empty, hungry. We want something more. And there it is, on the other side of the fence - a high, an escape or distraction, a dream of being more powerful and less vulnerable and empty. Only when we find ourselves snared and unable to free ourselves, do we finally face the truth: I am the lost sheep. Only the Good Shepherd can save me. And we madly bleat for help.

The beauty of the Saviour is that He doesn't remind us of the thousand times we've already fallen into this particular trap. He doesn't hold against us the thousand times that lie ahead. He lovingly frees us, binds up our self-inflicted wounds, and waits.

What does He wait for? We will always sin, fall down, get lost. That is just part of our human nature. He waits for us to open our eyes and see as He sees. That grass on the other side of the fence will only bring us sorrow. Because we have Him, we already possess all we long for.

Do vou remember the first time you fell in love? Suddenly, the world was brighter, clearer, more colourful, filled with music. The

only place we wanted to be was with our beloved one. Life held infinite possibilities. That is just a glimpse of our life in God. But we lose sight of it, then doubt it and then seek the green grass to give us what we think we lack, what will return the sense of being alive and free.

I have learned that God can only be found in my heart right now, exactly where I am. He does not wait for me to be perfect. He waits for me to stop looking elsewhere, because I am already loved perfectly by Him. Perhaps, after the 1,001st time of seeking fulfilment in the wrong places, I may finally surrender and exclaim, "You are all I desire. I can find no life or love outside of You. My hunger and vulnerability are not a curse, but an emptiness waiting to be filled with You. I can't bear to waste any more time and energy on the futility of the fence attraction, but I can be content only with Your Infinite

Of course, it doesn't happen in one fell swoop, or once and for all. But with God's eyes, we begin to see our life as verdant, unbounded, and filled with our heart's desire, the Good Shepherd. We become lambs frisking and frolicking and springing

Queen's Award For Elizabeth

Catholic Women's League Diocesan Branch President Elizabeth Rodgers was awarded the British Empire Medal in the New Year Honours for services to the Cottingham community.

She was presented with her medal by the Honourable Mrs Susan Cuncliffe-Lister, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Riding of Yorkshire, at a reception at Burton Agnes Hall.

*Mrs Rodgers presented a Spiritual Bouquet to Bishop John Crowley, who was the CWL's National Spiritual Advisor for a number of years, on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee as a priest.

Anne Brittain



Father Pat Leads Yorkshire Brethren

Father Pat Hartnett was elected President of Yorkshire Brethren at the society's Annual General Meeting in Leeds. Father Pat, who is Parish Priest of St Thérèse of Lisieux in Ingleby Barwick, succeeds Canon Joseph Taylor.

The Yorkshire Brethren is a charity supporting retired or sick priests from the dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam. Canon David Grant, Episcopal Vicar for the Clergy, is also on the executive committee.

Fundraising Success In York

St Aelred's Foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers held their annual fundraising day at St Crux, in the centre of York. Customers enjoyed homemade cakes and refreshments and a total of £900 was raised, mostly for charity.

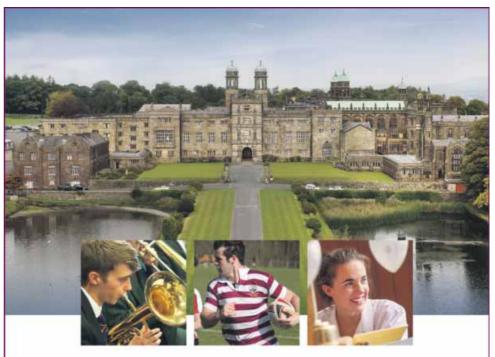
Papal Blessing For Choirmaster Joe



Bishop Terry presented an Apostolic Blessing to Joe Campbell in recognition of his 38 years as choirmaster at St Margaret Clitherow's in Haxby.

his wife Kath <mark>and</mark> parish priest <mark>Father Kevin Trehy with the Papal Bl</mark>essing

Joe was thanked for his dedication to the choir, which has sung in St Wilfrid's in York, St Mary's Anglican Church in Haxby and at the opening Mass in St Mary's Cathedral. Canon Michael Ryan, Canon Pat Harney, Father Kevin Trehy, parishioners and friends, past and present also attended the service.





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NEWS

Conference For Rural Catholics

Booking are invited for the Catholic Bishops' Conference Working Group on Rural Issues' national conference in Malton, North Yorkshire.

The programme for this annual event for rural Catholics will have a strong equine flavour, reflecting the local industry. It includes a talk on racing welfare, and an afternoon visit to Jack Berry House (supported by the Injured Jockeys' Fund) and Edmund Collins' veterinary practice.

The conference takes place at the Old Lodge Hotel from February 15 to 17 2016 and the cost is £235 for a double room.

Details of speakers and a booking form will be available on the Bishops' Conference website www.catholicnews.org.uk under the heading Rural.

Contact National Rural Officer Father Robert Miller on 01747 870228 or by email at rwhm274@btinternet.com for more information.

Helping The Homeless In Hull

A unique project to help the homeless in Hull is appealing for help as it prepares to open its doors later this year.

The Emmaus Community is part of the Emmaus Movement, which is now a secular charity for the homeless but was founded by the French priest Abbé Piere and reflects Catholic Social Teaching.

Emmaus Hull has its roots in the doorstep ministry for the homeless of Bishop Kevin O'Brien when he was parish priest of St Charles in Hull. One of his successors, Canon Gerry Cox, chaired the first meeting.

Emmaus provides good quality, individual accommodation. Residents, who are known as companions, have to come off benefits and work, and there's a workshop, warehouse and community cafe on site. Work is based on recycling and reuse.

Companions also cook and clean and support is given to help them cope with medical and other conditions.

There is nothing similar to Emmaus in the diocese - it's not a hostel but a home and a community. It offers companions hope and self-esteem. They can stay as long as they wish and are supported when they leave.

Thanks to the Chevin Housing Association, Hull City Council, various trusts, donors and parishes, the building is near completion and we are raising the last £200,000 to fit out the inside and cover initial running costs.

In memory of Bishop Kevin and Canon Gerry, St Charles Parish is raising £5,000 to sponsor a room – but there are many smaller items that can be sponsored.

Denotions of clothing furniture and other items can be made to our shop on Newland Avenue.

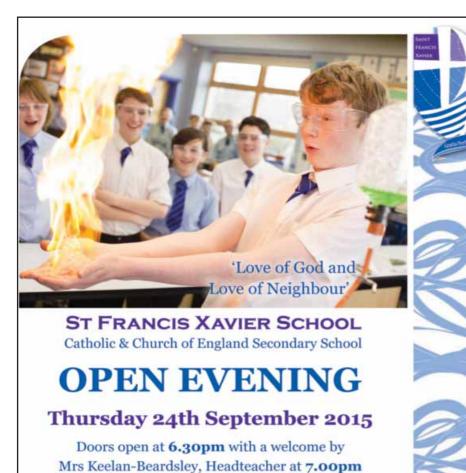
Donations of clothing, furniture and other items can be made to our shop on Newland Avenue and collected by our van. Volunteers are always needed in our office and shop, and if you would like to organise a fundraising event, that would be very welcome.

For shop collections call 01482 223722. You can also contact the business manager 07792 653677 or the project director on 07870 642730. Visit www.emmaushull.org for more information.

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The offertory gifts being presented to Bishop Terry.

Thicket Priory Chapel Consecrated

Mass was celebrated at the Carmel of the Annunciation at Thicket Priory, near York, as Bishop Terry consecrated the new monastery chapel.

The Mass was an opportunity to celebrate 60 years of Carmelite life at Thicket Priory, the fifth centenary of the birth of St Teresa of Avila and the Year of Consecrated Life.

In his Homily, Bishop Terry said: "This church we are consecrating and blessing today is a sign of the physical embodiment of God's presence among us. It is the channel of his grace, the means of communicating with him, and the place where his glory dwells.

"However, it is here, in this place, because a long time ago God's pilgrim people came here. In fact this particular pilgrimage began in the 12th Century. It involved Cistercians and then Carmelites.

"In order to reach this place and this time there was toing and froing from Notting Hill to Exmouth, and then here to Yorkshire.

"Yes, it is good to celebrate the blessing and consecration of a building. It is right and fitting, and it is what we Christians do - we celebrate everything in the light of God's everlasting love towards us.

"However, in the end it is not because of the bricks and mortar that we are celebrating but what they symbolise and enable – the gathering of God's people in the power of the Holy Spirit, to the praise and worship of the Father through Jesus Christ, his Son."

The community of Discalced Carmelite nuns came to Thicket from Exmouth in Devon in 1955. In 2009 the Carmelite nuns moved into a purpose-built monastery building.

Living Theology In York

Participants in a Jesuit-inspired "Living Theology" summer school at York's Bar Convent prayed together, shared the Eucharist and listened to stimulating speakers.

The weekend was one of three such events held around the country. Open to all, these friendly gatherings provide opportunities for people to deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and learn new and helpful ways of looking at the whole Christian

tradition.

Many of the 28 people registered had enjoyed previous Living Theology weekends, while others were attending for the first time. Everyone found something of value in the experience.

For more information, or to be added to the mailing list for next year's event, visit www.livingtheology.org.uk or call Jo Caramello on o1845 526593.

Mini Vinnies Are On The March

Mini Vinnies are St Vincent de Paul (SVP) groups in primary schools and are open to pupils aged from seven to 11.

The idea comes from Australia, where the SVP is known as the "Vinnies". It was successfully introduced to England in 2013 and is supported by the www.minivinnies.org.uk website. Groups focus on "turning concern into action", in the words of the SVP motto, by visiting nearby residential homes, befriending lonely pupils, collecting for food banks or sponsoring baby feeding programmes.

Parish SVP conferences offer support and usually buy a support pack, which costs £130. If you would like start a Mini Vinnies group in your school, please email the development officer for your area.

Middlesbrough and East Cleveland District Councils: Bernadette Murray (email bernadettemurray2013@gmail.com)

Hull District Council, which includes the East Riding: Jayne Wilson (email jayne.wilson24@ymail.com)

York District Council, which includes North Yorkshire: Pat Nobbs (email patnobbs@live.co.uk)

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

Pope Speaks Out In **Defence Of Persecuted**

The Pope has called on the international community not to stay silent in the face of "unspeakable, inhuman and inexplicable persecution" of religious minorities in many parts of the world. The Holy Father was writing to Archbishop Maroun Elias Lahham, Auxiliary of Jerusalem for Latins and

Patriarchal Vicar for Jordan, on the first anniversary of the arrival of Iraqi refugees fleeing from the Niniveh Plain. He said: "May global public opinion be ever more attentive, sensitive and engaged regarding the persecution directed against Christians and, more generally, against religious minorities.'

Eucharistic Youth Movement Holds Vatican Gathering

Pope Francis met 1,500 Eucharistic Youth Movement members from around the world at their international gathering. The organisation, which is celebrating its first centennial, teaches children and young people to live in Jesus' way, based on a Eucharistic spirituality.

The Holy Father concluded with a hopeful message: "The world has many ugly things – we are at war. But there are also so many beautiful things, and so many good things and so many hidden saints among the People of God. God is present, and there are so very many reasons to hope and to go forward. Be courageous, and go forward!"

A Welcome For **Divorced And** Remarried **Catholics**

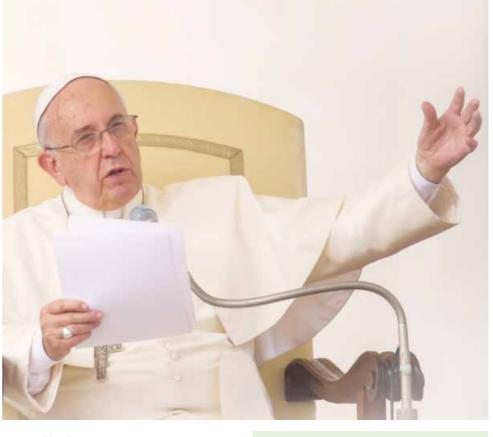
Speaking at his first General Audience since a summer break, Pope Francis emphasised the need for the Church to foster a true welcome for those who have divorced and entered into a second union.

"The Church knows well that such a situation contradicts the Christian Sacrament," he said. "However, the Church, as a Mother, always seeks the good and salvation of all her children. The Church must always show her pastoral care for those in such situations, especially the children." He emphasised that the divorced and remarried are still part of the Church and must be encouraged to participate in the Church's life with their families.

Bishops Oppose Sunday Trading Relaxation

Further deregulating Sunday trading laws would be a mistake, according to a spokesman for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Speaking at the start of a consultation on devolving Sunday trading rules to local areas, he said: "The different atmosphere of Sunday which remains, despite partial deregulation, is good for society, families and communities. Our freedoms as consumers need to be balanced by the rights of workers, and family stability is enhanced if as many families as possible have a common day off."



English Composer Wins Hymn Competition

English Catholic liturgical composer Paul Inwood has won an international competition to compose a hymn setting for the Holy Year of Mercy. Mr Inwood has donated all rights to the Pontifical Council, to aid its diffusion around the world. The Holy Year begins with the opening of the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome, on December 8. To hear the music, search for "Giubileo della Misericordia" on YouTube.

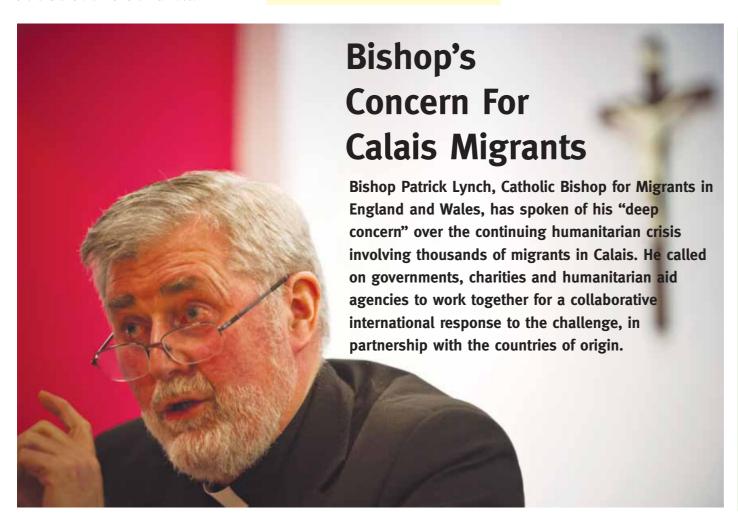
Memorial Mass for Father Peter

A Memorial Mass for Father Peter Ward CSSp will be held at the Sacred Heart Church in Middlesbrough on Thursday September 3 at noon.

Father Peter, who was from Middlesbrough, died on May 27, 312th anniversary of the founding of his order, the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). He was 84.

Creation Prayer Day Announced

Pope Francis has announced that a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" is to be celebrated annually on September 1. The Holy Father says this reflects a growing communion with the Orthodox Church, which already celebrates the day. He said it offers "a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live.'



Thousands Sign Up For World **Youth Day**

Less than 24 hours after registration opened for next year's world youth Day (WYD), 45,000 people had already signed up. Pope Francis was first to register. Twenty five years after its start, WYD returns to Poland, the land of the Pontiff who created it, Pope St John Paul II. Young people will meet in Krakow for the 31st WYD from July 26 to 31 2016, with the theme "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain

Bishop Terry and the MYMission Team will lead a group from our diocese to WYD. They will travel by air from Newcastle, staying in student accommodation. The cost is being subsidised by supporters and is just £500 per pilgrim. There are 25 places, ideally for young people aged 18-plus by July 2016, although it will be possible to take some people who are 16-plus by that time. Email frpaul@mymission.org.uk for an application form.

VOCATIONS

So Far, So Good!

Following the Ordination of Father Phil Cunnah at the end of July, I headed to Hull to join him as he celebrated his first Mass.

As I recall myself, it's a daunting task. To lead people in the celebration of the Eucharist for the first time is a big deal. The newness of it all, practically and spiritually, can be overwhelming.

Surrounded by friends and family, supported by brother priests and his brother Deacon Tom Cunnah, Father Phil made the sign of the cross to begin, sighed and said: "So far, so good!" A wonderful celebration followed.

Phil will almost certainly have visited the Convent in Avila where St Teresa had her cell. On the wall of the sacristy there is written: "Priest of God, say this Mass as though it were your first Mass, your last Mass, your only Mass." He certainly did that. Long may it continue.

There are those we should thank - all those responsible for his care and education in seminary, his Vocations Directors and Spiritual Directors and the priests Phil looks up to and who inspired him. Special thanks to the Marist Fathers who serve Phil's home parish, the community there and his family, all of whom came together to nurture his vocation and watch

I recall Bishop Harris once telling his seminarians that if every parish in the diocese produced a priest once every 30 years, he wouldn't know what to do with them all. One parish, at least, is giving it a go. Father Phil's brother, Tom, will be ordained for the Diocese of Shrewsbury next year.

Now Father Phil is ordained we have three students for the priesthood, all studying at the English College in Rome, and

there are a few men who are testing the waters. For them, time and the Holy Spirit will tell. Please continue to pray for

As you pray, remember these men are from your diocese. They did not appear out of thin air and were not sent to us. We raised them ourselves in our families and parishes.

We cannot leave providing priests for our Church to others. We must help all of our young people discern who God is calling them to be.

Don't be afraid to ask someone if they have thought or prayed about how they are to live life. If you would like to chat to someone about how you feel God is calling you to live, please get in touch. Whatever happens, it is a great adventure – as the brand new Father Phil will tell you!

Father Paul Farrer, frpaul@mymission.org.uk

New Labourers For The Harvest

Sixteen new diocesan catechists have been formally commissioned to serve in the parishes

The celebration took place at St Margaret Clitherow's parish in Haxby and followed 14 evening meetings in the Father Kelly Room at Our Lady's in Acomb.

Throughout the sessions, and on the Commissioning Day itself, the new catechists were encouraged to reflect upon how, in the words of the Catechism, the faith may be "known, lived, celebrated and translated into prayer".

We are very grateful to all the visiting speakers who accompanied our new catechists throughout the Wellsprings programme and to Canon John Lumley and Father Michael Sellers, who concelebrated the Mass of Commissioning.

We would also like to thank the two parish communities who hosted these sessions with such kind hospitality.

Above all, though, we thank the new catechists themselves for taking to heart the words spoken by the Lord to his disciples: "The harvest is great but the labourers are few." It's good to know the parishes around York and Pocklington will have at least 16 new labourers to call upon in the future.

Deacon Vince Purcell, Adult Formation and Evangelisation Advisor

Ampleforth Strengthens John Paul Centre Links



The John Paul Centre's John Hinman, Bini Tesfai Araia and Terry Doyle with Prior Father Terence Richardson OSB and the Ukrainian visitors.

A group from the Ukrainian Catholic seminary in Lviv dropped into Middlesbrough's John Paul Centre during a visit to the diocese.

They were impressed by the centre's work with those in need, which they related to the pastoral work the seminarians undertake in their own country.

The seminary rector, Father Ihor Boyko, and his wife, Olesya, together with seminarians Taras Pyrih, Ostap Mykytchyn, Petro Mandziak and Andrii Chornopyskyi, spent two weeks as guests at Ampleforth Abbey.

They came to improve their English and experience Church life in England. They visited Durham, Whitby and York, including the shrine of St Margaret Clitherow, as well as St Mary's Cathedral and Catholic parishes at Pickering, Easingwold, Ampleforth and

The link between Ampleforth and Lviv has developed over the last four years. They use the Byzantine liturgy but are in full communion with the Pope. Lviv is the location of one of their most important seminaries and also of the only Catholic University in the former Soviet Union.

Over the past few years, a friendship has developed and groups have visited both

ways.

Year Twelve sixth form students from Ampleforth also visited the John Paul Centre recently, where they were given presentations by charities based there.

Terry Doyle, from Positive Pathways, the Depaul UK project that helps homeless people, explained the overall ethos of the John Paul Centre, "Where strangers become friends". The students and their teachers worked with Investing in People and Culture (IPC), serving more than 60 asylum seekers with hot meals and giving out food bags.

They listened to moving personal stories, giving them an insight into the lives of refugees and asylum seekers.

For more information on the John Paul Centre, please contact John Hinman at jnhinman@gmail.com

• Do you have any second hand school uniforms you could donate to families seeking asylum? IPC are hoping to collect enough to organise a day when families can choose school uniforms before the new term

Donations can be taken to the John Paul Centre basement any time up to September 4. Please call 07411157589 for more details.

The Diocese of Middlesbrough THURSDAY FRIDAY 07:15 Morning Mass

08:30 Morning Prayer

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 Adoration 21:00 Adoration

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ng Joyfully - Join

We have so much to be grateful for when it comes to people living Consecrated Lives in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

Join the rest of the diocesan family in coming together at St Mary's Cathedral on September 24 and 25 to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life.

"Living Joyfully" is a two-day event that will see many of the 178 people living consecrated lives join together publicly so people can meet them and see how they

The term "consecrated life" covers a lot of ground. It includes those living monastic, apostolic and contemplative lives. All those fathers, sisters and brothers you've met, who serve parishes, who taught you and who do all kinds of outreach in your local area, live consecrated lives.

There are many more, too, lay men and women who promise to live life dedicated to God. The Madonna House community is a good example of this.

"We've spent the last eight months or so planning the two days together," said Father Paul Farrer.

"There are three elements which have come across strongly as we have spoken together. First, we want to give prayerful thanks for the ministry of all of those who live such lives in our diocese.

"Second, we want to be able to find out more about consecrated life. Third, we want to recognise that, in Baptism, we are all consecrated we do have much in commo and we are all called to live our lives joyfully in the service of the Gospel."

The cathedral will be home to a wonderful flower festival at the same time, which will take as its inspiration the Year of Consecrated Life.

The religious of the diocese will be joined by Bishop Terry, the MYMission Team, the Salesians of Don Bosco, Rise Theatre and the cathedral team as we honour not only the Year of Consecrated Life, but also the fifth centenary of St Teresa of Avila, Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the bicentenary of the birth of St Don Bosco.

Please take a look at the event timetable in this copy of the Voice and join us all for as much as you can.

Paul And Craig's Inspirational Charity Ride

A brave St Andrew's, Teesville, parishioner has completed a challenge that just a few short years ago he thought would have been impossible - raising £4,100 for charity in the process.

Paul Duffy, 54, who has an inoperable brain tumour, and his nephew, Craig Daniels, 32, cycled from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise money for the Eston Handicapped Fellowship and Alzheimer's Research.

"During training we made sure we climbed three hills or banks a day, but we encountered 16 hills and banks in the first two days and I found it really hard going," Paul

But Paul's lowest point came when he reached Windermere in the Lake District.

"I got tendonitis in my left ankle after injuring my Achilles. I should have rested but decided to carry on, averaging 80 to 90 miles a day."

Paul, a welder fabricator, was given just months to live when he was diagnosed in March 2012.

In May 2013, Paul and his wife Janet renewed their wedding vows eight months before their 30th wedding anniversary because they were unsure whether Paul would see the day.

Then, in May 2013, the couple went on pilgrimage to Lourdes, where he attended all the services and received the Sacrament of the Sick.

Months later, after much treatment and medication, doctors found that the tumour had unexpectedly stopped growing and was shrinking.

Paul said: "The doctor told us that the tumour was feeding off blood vessels connected to my brain. But because of treatment I'd had for a previous illness before my diagnosis, it has been cut off from the blood vessels it was feeding from.

"It is inoperable and could start feeding again at any time, but the tumour is well controlled at the moment and my visits to the hospital are reduced to every six

"People have been so kind and generous and my motivation for the bike ride was to give something back to the community.'

Paul chose the Eston Handicapped Fellowship and Craig, who owns Springfield Care Home in Darlington with his wife Natalie, chose Alzheimer's Research, because they care for patients with dementia.

Paul Terry



Paul Duffy and Craig Daniels at the famous signpost of John O'Groats. To see more pictures visit www.standrewsteesville.org.uk

Cleveland Newman Circle Meets

Sister Dr Helen Costigane SHCJ will speak on balancing fidelity and mercy in caring for the divorced and remarried at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting.

Dr Costigane is a lecturer in Canon Law and Christian Ethics at the University of London's Heythrop College. Entitled "Between a rock and a hard place?", the talk takes place at 7.45pm on Wednesday September 16 at St Mary's Cathedral Hall in Middlesbrough, with tea and coffee served from 7.30pm.

All are welcome. For more details, call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net

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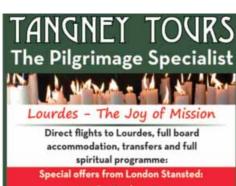




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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

- **Attends Safeguarding Commission** Meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am
- **Celebrates Memorial Mass for** Fr Peter Ward CSSp, Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough 12 noon
- **Dedication of the Abbey Church at** Our Lady of Consolation, Stanbrook, Wass 12 noon
- Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees, Hinsley Hall 11.00 am
- **Celebrates Mass at National** Meeting of St Vincent de Paul Society, York 3.00 pm
- **Celebrates Education Mass at** St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00 pm
- **Attends Diocesan Trustees Meeting** at Holy Cross, Cottingham 10.30 am **Celebrates Education Mass,** St Charles Borromeo, Hull 7.00 pm
- **Attends Education Study Day at York** Racecourse 9.30 am
- **Attends Retired Priests Annual** Reunion Lunch at Mercure Hotel, York 12 noon **Celebrates Education Mass,** St Wilfrid's, York 7.00 pm
- Attends laying of the foundation stone at new church - St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick 10.00 am **Attends Year of Consecrated Life** event at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 6.00 pm
- **Attends meeting of CRC Department** in London 11.00 am
- Attends Bishop's Council meeting at **Curial Office, Middlesbrough** 11.00 am

Celebrates Mass for the 50th **Anniversary of St Augustine's School** at St Peter's, Scarborough 7.00 pm

1 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

2 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

3 Thursday

12.30 pm CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing for parish contacts in Hull, venue to be confirmed. To help with preparations, please advise of your attendance by e-mail to: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or Contact Tel: (01904) 671767

4 Friday

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

7.00 pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Frances, Tel: (01482) 574486 for further details. Please note the new venue

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

6 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

8 Tuesday

12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Ms Sue Woodcock will speak about 'From copper to shepherd' 1.30 pm Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace. Osmotherley, celebrated by the Cathedral Clergy. 1.30 pm: Rosary, 2.00 pm: Holy Mass. All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, Tel: (01642) 597750, Kath Gallagher, Tel: (01642) 850505 ext 258 or www.ladychapel.org.uk

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

7.30 pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York **7.30 pm** Meeting of local Justice and Peace Groups at St Francis Church, Acklam Road, Middlesbrough, to take forward the setting up of a pool of volunteers to support

trafficked people. All are welcome

9 Wednesday

10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass 10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet

2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome 7.00 pm CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing for parish contacts at St Gabriel's Church, Ormesby, Middlesbrough. To help with preparations, please advise of your attendance by e-mail to: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or Contact Tel: (01904) 671767

7.00 pm 'The United Nations at 70: has our global experiment worked?' - Ebor Lecture in York Minster, York, to be delivered by Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director, United Nations UK. Visit

www.vorksi.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@yorksj.ac.uk for further details

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

7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details. Please note the new venue

13 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 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

14 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 - 17 Monday - Thursday

'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

15 Tuesday

7.00 pm CAFOD Harvest Fast Day briefing for parish contacts at the CAFOD Office, 54 Blossom Street, York. To help with preparations, please advise of your attendance by e-mail to: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or Contact Tel: (01904) 671767

16 Wednesday

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17 Thursday

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

18 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/ 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

18 - 19 Friday - Saturday

6.00 pm - 6.00 pm approx 'Stop the Crisis' -24 hour multi faith prayer vigil praying for persecuted Christians in Iraq and Syria at All Saints Parish Church, Middlesbrough. Begins 6.00 pm with Evening Prayer followed by Eucharist and Opening Service on the 18th and concludes with an Ecumenical Service at 5.00 pm on the 19th

19 Saturday

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

20 Sunday

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

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

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm ACTA - a Movement for Dialogue - will meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York, All are welcome. Contact: Sr Patricia Harriss CJ, Tel:

(01904) 464953 for further details 3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Augustine's, Warwick Road, Redcar 6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Eileen Fitzpatrick, Chair, A Call to Action, entitled 'The Courage of Dialogue' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Members £1.00, non-members £2.00, students free. All welcome. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

24 Thursday

9.00 am onwards 'Living Joyfully' - The Year of Consecrated Life two day event at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. See the event timetable in this issue of Catholic Voice for details of the programme. Everyone welcome throughout each day

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

25 Friday

7.15 am onwards 'Living Joyfully' - The Year of Consecrated Life two day event at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. See the event timetable in this issue of Catholic Voice for details of the programme. Everyone welcome throughout each day 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 7.00 pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details. Please note the new venue

25 - 27 Friday - Sunday

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

27 Sunday

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28 Monday

10.00 am - 4.00 pm '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

28 - 1 Monday - Thursday

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

30 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

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

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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

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11 October: 2.00 pm, Lourdes Tea Party at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. The event begins with recitation of the Rosary and hymns to Our Lady followed by tea in the hall. If you wish to attend or help in any way, please contact Chris Tillotson, Contact Tel: (01642) 324043 or E-mail: chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk or Jean Campbell, Contact Tel: (01482) 875698 or E-mail: pilgrim@pilgrim.karoo.co.uk

15 October: 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm, 'Julian Gatherings' with Rev Gwynne Wright at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

16 October: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start, Annual Lourdes Ball 2015 at the Riverside Stadium, Middlesbrough Football Club. Tickets £35.00 to include three course dinner, disco, entertainment and raffle. Dress code: lounge suit/black tie. Contact: Sue Crossman, Tel: (01642) 473478 or Keith Tillotson, Tel: (01642) 324043 for tickets and further details

21 October: 7.00 pm, 'Global Security and the United Nations: 70 Years On' - Ebor

Lecture in York Minster, York, to be delivered by Lyse Doucet OBE, BBC Chief International Correspondent. Visit

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24 October: CAFOD Day of Reflection at Thicket Priory, Thorganby, York, led by Fr Tony Lester OCarm. To help with preparations, please advise of vour attendance by e-mail to: middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or Contact Tel: (01904) 671767

24 October: 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, 'Prayer through the lens' - a beginners guide to digital photography with David Beverley at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details. Please note, numbers limited to 12

24 October: 2.00 pm, Lourdes Tea Party at Sacred Heart Church, Southcoates Lane, Hull. The event begins with recitation of the Rosary and hymns to Our Lady followed by tea in the hall. If you wish to attend or help in any way, please contact Chris Tillotson, Contact Tel: (01642) 324043 or E-mail: chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk or Jean Campbell, Contact Tel: (01482) 875698 or Email: pilgrim@pilgrim.karoo.co.uk

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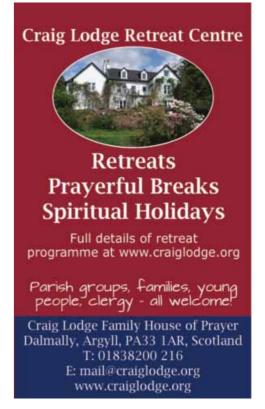
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Boro's Boost For Young Stars In Malawi

Middlesbrough Football Club have won new fans in Malawi after donating strips to a Catholic youth team who were struggling to find basic kit.

The players of Sitima Catholic Youth Club are pictured proudly wearing their red and white colours, and there are enough shirts, shorts and socks to serve the football and netball

"Through this gesture, your club has won more supporters here in Malawi," says Father Ernest Akhonya, a Montford missionary priest who works in the country.

"The members of this parish have taken a lot of interest in your team and are looking





Day Of Reparation At Mount Grace

A party of happy pilgrims are pictured at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace. Osmotherley, celebrating the 20th annual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration. They received a special Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis.

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