

Bishop's Column

Holy Year – Holy Door Part I:

Why a door? What's all the fuss about? Doors are part and parcel of ordinary life but they can also have great significance. Doors can open before you; others can slam in your face. Some doors are left ajar

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Missionaries Of Mercy

Pope Francis is reshaping priorities in the Church, bringing compassion and personal warmth. Like the Prodigal Son, he celebrates forgiveness in a most meaningful way. As he stated in a homily on March 17 2013:

"I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy."

A Year of Mercy is all about helping us unpack this powerful message of mercy in our lives.

In section 18 of Pope Francis' Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy), he wants to appoint Missionaries of Mercy throughout the world, Priests to whom he will grant authority to pardon even those sins reserved to the Holy See.

The Missionaries are to be:

- A living sign of the Father's welcome to all those in search of his forgiveness
- Facilitators for all, with no one excluded, of a truly human encounter, a source of liberation, rich with responsibility for overcoming obstacles and taking up the new life of Baptism again
- Guided by the words, "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may mercy upon all"
- Inspiring preachers of Mercy
- Heralds of the joy of forgiveness
- Welcoming, loving and compassionate Confessors, who are most especially attentive to the difficult situations of each person

The Missionaries of Mercy have now been appointed by Pope Francis in the Diocese of Middlesbrough, through the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization.

They are:

Monsignor Gerard Robinson – St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

Monsignor Gerry Dasey – St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

Father Phil Cunnah – St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

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Father Richard Duffield CongOrat – St Wilfrid's, York

Father William Massie – St Peter's, Scarborough

Father Paul Dowling – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Market Weighton

Father Pat Keogh – St Hilda, Whitby

Canon David Grant – St John of Beverley, Beverley

Father Roger Guiver – St Hedda, Egton Bridge

Canon Michael Loughlin – St Charles Borromeo,

Hull

Father Anthony Amadi SMMM – West Hull Parish, Hull

Anyone wishing to invite the Missionaries for a liturgy, retreat or a special event can do so by contacting the above Priests, whose details are all in the Middlesbrough Diocesan Year Book.

On Ash Wednesday 2016, these Priests will receive the mandate from the Holy Father to be preachers of mercy and confessors full of mercy. Also on this occasion, the relics of Saints Padre Pio da Pietrelcina and Padre Leopoldo Mandic, having been brought to Rome specifically for this celebration, will be exposed for veneration by the faithful.

So this Year of Mercy is an opportune moment to change lives, to allow our hearts to be touched. God never tires of reaching out to us. Accept the invitation to conversion during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.

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The role of the Financial Secretary is to support the Trustees in achieving the charitable objectives of the charity through the administration of the finances and assets of the Diocese in an efficient manner whilst ensuring that all legal requirements are complied with.

Finance is intrinsically involved in all aspects of Diocesan work and, as a result, the Financial Secretary's input is key to the vast majority of Diocesan activities.

The responsibilities of the Financial Secretary cover all aspects of Diocesan finance from minor parish financial issues through to investments and major capital projects. The Financial Secretary is also responsible for the acquisition, management and disposal of all Diocesan and parish property and other major assets.

In addition to our financial management and governance, the Financial Secretary oversees the legal and fair employment of staff across the Diocese and involves line managing the Financial Secretary's own immediate team.

The successful candidate will need to bring not only the required technical skills for finance, asset and resource management, but also the understanding of the accountabilities of the Diocese as a charity as well as its spiritual and pastoral role in the lives of the people and communities it serves. It is essential that the post holder is able to demonstrate a credible level of understanding of the beliefs and traditions that underpin the work of the Catholic Church in the UK.

How to apply

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so that you can push and they will swing wide. Other doors are meant to be either a menacing or an impenetrable obstacle so that no one may pass or dare to knock. Some doors literally say "Come in; Welcome". There are doors which intimate excitement, and point to a future. When you leave by some doors you know you will never pass through it again. But in the end, a door either lets you in or lets you out.

There are many references in the Scriptures to doors or gates. Adam and Eve are shown unceremoniously out of the Garden of Eden and the entrance is barred to them by an angel with a flaming sword (Genesis 3.23-24). The animals went two by two into Noah's Ark in order to be saved from the rising waters of destruction (Genesis 7.15-16). In the Song of Solomon, the beloved comes tapping on the door of his loved one so that they can be together (Song of Songs 5.2). Jesus reminds his disciples to enter through the narrow gate which leads to life (Matthew 7.13-14). He tells them to knock and the door will be opened (Luke 11.9). And he also refers to himself as the gate or the door; "anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep." (John 10 1-2)

So a door is a way in and a way out. And in this particular instance of the Holy Year and the Holy Door, the imagery points us towards recognising that Jesus is really the Door, he is the way in and the way out. Jesus is the way to the Father of Mercies, or, as we have just heard read to us from the Pope's Letter initiating the Holy Year, "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him." Entering through this Door, who is Jesus, we will find mercy and compassion, forgiveness and strength; all that we need to journey on refreshed and renewed. Entering through this Door who is Jesus we can find a way out of sin and evil, enslavement and addiction, leaving them behind and moving on into a new God-given freedom.

Yours in blessed hope,



Early Deadline For April

The copy deadline for the April issue has been brought forward to Friday February 26. The paper will be delivered at the beginning of the week leading up to Easter.

24 Hours For The Lord

Pope Francis has called the whole Church to celebrate 24 Hours for the Lord on Friday March 4 to Saturday March 5. FATHER PATRICK HARTNETT, Episcopal Vicar for Spirituality, Worship and Evangelisation, tells us about events taking place throughout our diocese...

In Pope Francis' document on the Year of Mercy *Misericordiae Vultus* he said: "The initiative of '24 Hours for the Lord', to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the fourth week of Lent (March 4 and 5), should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including the youth, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace."

With this in mind, Priests will be available to hear confessions on March 4 and 5. **In St Mary's Cathedral, Mass** will be celebrated on Friday March 4 at 7.15am and noon. Confessions will be heard from 7.45am to 11.45am on Friday and resume after the midday Mass and conclude at 9pm.

On Saturday March 5, Mass is celebrated at 9.15am and 6.30pm. Confessions will begin at 9.45am and conclude at 6.15pm and will resume after the 6.30pm Mass, to finish at 9pm.

In York at St Wilfrid's Church, there will be a Mass for the Year of Mercy on Friday March 4 at 6pm which will then be followed by a vigil of prayer led by the young people. There will be a full day of confessions from 10am until 3pm on Saturday March 5.

In Scarborough at St Peter's Church and in Hull at St Charles Borromeo, confessions will be heard on Friday March 4 from 10am until 5pm and this will be repeated on Saturday March 5.

There are so many opportunities over these two days to come along to celebrate this sacrament.

Pope Francis says: "Jesus receives us with all our limitations, He brings us the mercy of the Father who forgives us, and transforms our



heart, rendering it a new heart, capable of loving Him, who loved His own to the end. And this love is manifested in his mercy. Jesus

always forgives us." Come to this sacrament with trust in his mercy.

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Coming To A Parish Near You Soon ...

As part of the One Church Approach to Safeguarding, new posters are being issued outlining who parishioners should contact if they have any safeguarding concerns within their parish. The new posters should be on parish noticeboards by the end of January. If you haven't seen one by early February, please contact your parish priest to let him know.

Diocese To Appoint Marriage Preparation Consultant

Marriage is a commitment for life.

When a couple seek to celebrate their love and commitment in a Catholic church in the Sacrament of Marriage the Christian community rejoices with them.

Strong marriages, which work well and endure the ups and downs of life, are good for the family concerned, but also for the church and for our wider society.

Effective preparation for Christian marriage draws the couple closer to Christ, enhances their appreciation of the riches of the Sacrament, and offers tools to foster the growth of their human relationship.

The recent Synod emphasised the importance of preparation for marriage, and our own Bishops' Conference has been working on guidelines for marriage preparation. In Middlesbrough

Diocese a small group of lay people and clergy with experience in marriage preparation has developed a project and successfully bid for a grant from the Bishops' Conference to put it into action.

Our vision is for every parish to offer engaged couples marriage preparation which is effective in both the spiritual and practical dimensions. It will include meetings with the priest, attending a course on human relationships and also a welcome from the parish community, offering prayer and support during the period of preparation and after the wedding.

We will appoint a 'marriage preparation consultant' who will, over the next two years, develop diocesan resources and put this vision into practice. Significantly, more lay people will be asked to be part of the process, some of whom will be trained to facilitate preparation courses.

The consultant will work the equivalent of one day a week for two years, and the Diocese will provide the resources needed to implement the vision from the grant it has been awarded.

This is an exciting opportunity to put in place a framework which will help couples to build strong foundations for their married lives for years to come.

Is this a task that you could undertake or do you know someone who should be encouraged to apply for the post? Please see the advert below and take action.

If you would like more information about the post of Marriage Preparation Consultant, please do not hesitate to contact Canon Derek Turnham on 01642 292552 or by email at derekturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk



Bishop Terry helps leads morning prayers during his visit to Open Doors in Hull

Bishop Terry's Admiration For Open Doors Project

Bishop Terry praised Hull's Open Doors project after spending a morning seeing first hand their work with people seeking sanctuary, refugees and migrant workers

Started in 2000 by members of local Methodist churches, Open Doors offers hospitality and a friendly welcome to newcomers arriving in the city.

The Bishop began his visit by taking part in the morning prayers that begin every day at the project, which is based at Princes Avenue Methodist Church.

Welcoming Bishop Terry, manager Stephen Rippon stressed Open Doors' ecumenical nature and the wide variety of beliefs and backgrounds of its volunteer workers. He spoke of the support and collaboration with the Catholic community in Hull.

In reply, the Bishop quoted from Pope

Francis' Message for Migration Day: "We sense in our conscience the call to touch human misery, and to put into practice the commandment of love that Jesus left us when he identified himself with the stranger, with the one who suffers, with all the innocent victims of violence and exploitation."

Bishop Terry saw all aspects of Open Doors' work, speaking to guests and volunteers as well as meeting the management committee.

Speaking after the visit, Bishop Terry said: "In his letter, Pope Francis affirms the work of groups such as Open Doors who recognise that our brothers and sisters from other countries who are in difficulty and danger have the right to a decent life and to be treated with respect.

"Open Doors are doing exactly that and helping those people find their

feet in a new country. Their work is simple but effective, making sure people have basic food, befriending them and putting them on the right track for medical, housing and legal advice.

"They also help them understand their status with UK Visas and Immigration, the government body that decides who has the right to stay in this country.

"I was filled with admiration at the great work being done there."

Project coordinator Bashir Siraj said: "We were very impressed by Bishop Terry's approachability and personal warmth. We know he enjoyed his visit and were pleased to receive his encouragement and support."

Bishop Terry has sent Open Doors a donation towards their work on behalf of the diocese.

The Diocese of Middlesbrough

Seeks to engage a consultant to

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to develop effective and sustainable marriage preparation throughout the Diocese

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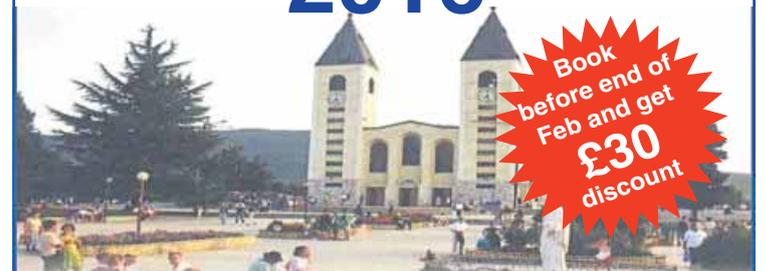
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Nativity Goes Outdoors

St Gabriel's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy in Middlesbrough performed their Foundation Stage Nativity outside this year.

This decision followed a term of developing more outdoor learning with an emphasis of getting back to nature.

The children looked at how Joseph and Mary would have felt outdoors, why the shepherds had a fire and

why all the characters wear lots of layers.

One child's Nana said afterwards: "I've had 12 grandchildren pass through St Gabriel's School and I have never enjoyed a Nativity like this one."

Being outside created a realistic, authentic atmosphere for both audience and performers. We'll be doing it again!

Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11



In Lourdes, France, on February 11 1858, Bernadette was gathering sticks. She came to a cave near the river, where she saw a beautiful lady, all in white except for a blue sash around her waist and golden roses on her feet. The lady told her to tell the priest to build a church there.

Bernadette experienced lots of problems before anyone believed her, but at last they did and today large numbers of people visit Lourdes and many miracles have been worked there.

Quick Quiz

Connection question

1. Who is the current manager of the Scotland football team?
2. Which group was formed in 1969 by Steve Marriott and Peter Frampton?
3. Who directed the 1992 biopic film *Chaplin*?
4. Which American golfer won the US Open three times, including 1990 when he became the oldest ever winner?
5. Which former Blue Peter presenter co-hosts *The One Show* with Alex Jones and *Countryfile*?

Thinking cap question

Which five Monopoly properties have just one word?

WORD SEARCH

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GOLDEN
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SCHOOLS



Kindness Shown To Seafarers

Parishioners and pupils from St Benedict's and parishioners from St Hilda's Church of England Church, both in Ampleforth, supported the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) in Hull by filling shoeboxes with items ranging from toothpaste to pens and providing woolly hats for seafarers. Anne McLaren of AoS is pictured collecting the gifts from St Benedict's pupils and Father Bede Leach OSB.

York Schools' Chaplaincy Day



The four York primary schools chaplaincy teams enjoyed a rewarding day organised by Julie Cottie from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and Debbie Feehan of St Aelred's. The day started with Mass and finished with a liturgy planned by the children. The children discussed what they do in their own schools and drafted a job description for a chaplaincy team in school. They also learned new songs and made many new friends.



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Proscovia is 14 years old and lives with her mother and her eight sisters and brothers in the poorest part of Uganda. People live on very little each day, just about the price of a loaf of bread, and the lack of water is life threatening.

Her family had to live on just over ten litres of water a day that Proscovia would walk miles each day to collect. This meant she could not go to school or would often arrive late. Girls under the age of 15 in the world's poorest countries are twice as likely as boys to be the ones to collect water. There is a water pump in her village, but it had been broken for as long as she could remember.

Thanks to your financial support, CAFOD's local church partner mended the pump. This meant the family could drink, wash and cook when they needed. Their lives were immediately transformed and Proscovia's community have also learned how to maintain the pump. They now know what needs fixing and work together to get it repaired. Proscovia now has the chance to go to school and to pursue her dream of becoming an engineer.

You can help to transform the lives of others like Proscovia this Lent Fast Day. You can download resources to help you plan your parish or community fundraising. Perhaps you could read the Lent Fast Day short talk at Mass on the weekends of February 13 and 14 or February 20 and 21. You can view and download resources at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising/Fast-Day>

This Lent, we have a very real opportunity to ensure more girls like Proscovia, who live in some of the world's poorest places, have the chance to finish their education and fulfil their potential. The UK government will match your donation up to a total of £3.5m, so please give what you can. Every little bit really does help to transform lives! Thank you for your generosity.



CAFOD Welcomes Historic Paris Agreement

CAFOD welcomes the historic deal agreed in Paris at the UN climate talks, which opens a new chapter for action on climate change.

After two weeks of difficult negotiations, the diplomatic efforts of the French hosts contributed to ensuring a final Paris Agreement was reached that represents the collective will of 196 countries.

CAFOD hoped any deal would protect the world's poorest and most vulnerable people and communities and that a fair and legally binding deal would limit temperature increases to no more than 1.5°C, guarantee finance to help countries adapt to climate change and include reviews at least every five years so countries could regularly ramp up their ambition on cutting emissions in light of the science. Significantly, the final agreement makes reference to all these elements.

Protecting the poorest: CAFOD has consistently highlighted the link between climate change and the impact on the poorest and most vulnerable. The Paris Agreement emphasises the intrinsic link between climate change and eradicating poverty. This is an important step in ensuring the Paris Agreement has the needs of the poorest at its heart.

Progress on tackling dangerous global warming: The final Paris Agreement recognises efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. This was the principal demand of the small island states and the most vulnerable countries, as keeping warming below 1.5°C would significantly reduce risk and the impacts of climate change on these countries.

However, maintaining warming below this level presents a serious

challenge requiring rapid reduction of greenhouse emissions globally. The agreement sets out what is essentially a long-term goal of net zero emissions by the second half of the century. In order to achieve this, countries are requested to update their nationally determined emissions reductions contributions every five years.

Developed countries have reaffirmed their commitment to give financial and other support to poorer and vulnerable countries so they can cope with the impacts of climate change, recognising their historical responsibility for causing climate change.

This came in the form of extending the pledge to provide \$100bn per year in support up to 2020 to 2025, after which a new collective finance goal will be agreed. Further clarity on how developed countries will support the most vulnerable countries will be needed.

A New Beginning: Overall, CAFOD believes the Paris Agreement marks the start of a new era of action on climate change, informed by the latest science. While the agreement might not give the clarity and detail we had hoped for, it does communicate clearly the urgency for the world to transition to a low carbon future. It sets the collective long-term vision for a safer, more sustainable and more socially just world and requires countries to come back to the negotiation table to communicate their levels of national action every five years. The Paris Agreement sets the stage for more to be done to minimise the impact of a changing climate.

Rob Elsworth, CAFOD

Show The Love

The only way the Paris deal means anything is if we bring it home. We need to make sure the climate pledges made in our name are honoured and that people are talking about climate change in a new way.

The love is strong; the changes and investment needed to protect our world have begun. That's why we invite you to join us in the run up to Valentine's Day to continue to call for climate justice.

Show the Love for all you hold dear but could lose to climate change around Valentine's Day 2016. Download the resource pack at <http://fortheloveof.org.uk/show-the-love-green-hearts/>

Would you like to help? Volunteer with us! There are many ways to get involved with CAFOD, from stewarding at events, to speaking at Mass, working in our offices, starting your own parish teams or lobbying your MPs. Whatever your interests, talents and time, volunteer with CAFOD and you'll truly be joining the dream team and making a real difference at the same time.

Carol Cross, Community Participation Coordinator, Middlesbrough Diocese

Bishops Tell Holy Land Christians: You're Not Forgotten

Bishops from Europe, North America and South Africa issued a statement at the end of their recent visit to vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land...

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." (*Laudato Si'*).

As the Bishops of the Holy Land Coordination, we echo Pope Francis' plea in his recent Encyclical Letter, to remember our interdependence in an integrated world.

Here in this land holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims, we have been reminded during our visit of the Church's enduring presence among the weak and vulnerable and those who are too often forgotten. We take away our experiences and the stories that we have heard, and we are determined to give a voice to the voiceless.

The ongoing violence makes it all the more urgent that we remember and assist all, especially those on the margins, who seek to live in justice and peace.

To the Christian community and young people of Gaza, you are not forgotten. The 2014 war led to the destruction of thousands of homes and the physical and social infrastructure of Gaza, as well as the deaths of both Israelis and Palestinians.

One and a half years later, while there are signs of hope and the resilience of the population is remarkable, many remain homeless and traumatised by the war.

The blockade continues to make their lives desperate and they effectively live in a prison. At Holy Family Parish we were told: "In this Year of Mercy, one of the acts of mercy is to visit prisoners and I thank you for visiting the largest prison in the world."

The ability of so many Christians and Muslims to support each other in this situation is a visible sign of hope and, at a time when many seek to divide communities, an example to us all.

To the Christian community of Beit Jala, where the Israeli confiscation of land and the expansion of the separation wall in the Cremisan Valley, in violation of international law, further undermine their presence in the Holy Land, you are not forgotten. Throughout 2016 we shall raise your plight nationally and internationally.

To those Israelis and Palestinians who seek peace, you are not forgotten. The right of Israel to live in security is clear, but the continuing occupation eats away at the soul of both occupier and occupied.

Political leaders across the world must put greater energy into a diplomatic solution to end nearly 50 years of occupation and resolve the ongoing conflict so the two peoples and three faiths can live together in justice and peace.

To the Christian refugees we met in Jordan, you are not forgotten. We heard about the trauma and difficulties in trying to rebuild their lives. For most, returning home is no longer an option. Jordan is struggling to cope with almost a quarter of its population now

made up of refugees.

The efforts of the local Church and NGOs in reaching out to all refugees – both Christian and Muslim – are significant and commendable in terms of addressing the refugees' loss of human dignity, but the international community must do more to alleviate their plight and work for peace across the region.

To the priests, religious communities and lay people of the Church in Jordan, you are not forgotten. The Church in Jordan is vital and growing, but Christians are fearful of the growing extremism in the region.

It is to be hoped that the coming into force on January 1 of the Comprehensive Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Palestine, offers us a model of dialogue and cooperation between States that respects and preserves freedom of religion and freedom of conscience for all people.

With a promise of active solidarity, we make our own the prayer of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'* – "O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes."

• The Holy Land Coordination was set up at the invitation of the Holy See at the end of the last century to offer support to the local Christian communities of the Holy See. Its main remit has been expressed as the three Ps – Prayer, Pilgrimage and Pressure.

New DVD Of The Life Of Blessed Nicholas

An invited audience came to the Whitby Coliseum for the premiere of a new 50-minute documentary about the life of Blessed Nicholas Postgate.

Presented by BBC Look North journalist Tom Ingall, the film was commissioned by the Postgate Society and produced by Matt Overton of the University of Bradford's Media Studies Department.

The executive producers were Monica Ventress and Vin McLaughlin of the society and other members helped with the development of the script.

Filming began last July at the annual Postgate Rally in Egton Bridge and locations in Whitby, Robin Hood's Bay, Ugthorpe, Hutton-le-Hole, Ushaw and Littlebeck are also included.

Members of Whitby Amateur Dramatic Society and Whitby Endeavour Rotary Club feature in reconstructed scenes. Ian Pattison, a parishioner of St Hedda's, Egton Bridge, plays the part of Father Postgate. As well as the life of the martyr, the film traces the history of the Protestant reformation and its impact on the Catholic communities in North Yorkshire.

This project was funded by existing assets of the Postgate Society, donations sent in after an appeal last year and donations expected to come in on distribution of the DVD. A full account of the funding of the project will be presented at the society's AGM in Ugthorpe on Saturday April 16. A summary of this will be published in the Voice.

Monica Ventress, chair of the society, said: "The Postgate Society has commissioned this DVD to further raise awareness, particularly among young people in our schools and colleges."

Copies are available at the back of some churches and also from The Postgate Society, c/o Middlesbrough Diocesan Archives, Curial Offices, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. A £9 donation is requested for each copy (please make cheques payable to "The Postgate Society"). Parish priests wishing to acquire copies for their congregations can obtain them from this same address for donations of £6 per copy.

David Smallwood, honorary secretary of the Postgate Society



Looking Forward And Remembering The Past

Parishioners from St Patrick's and Christ the King in Thornaby gathered together in their numbers for a very special celebration as they looked back at the past while moving forward towards the future.

Central to the event was the Butterwick Hospice Tree of Life appeal – Light up a Life – and the tree beside the altar was indeed lit up, with stars naming all of our loved ones.

Parish Priest, Father Michael Keogh, spoke of the parish's great reassurance of knowing that our families, friends and past parishioners live on, as we have claimed the light of life for all of them in heaven's own eternal light. In a quiet time of reflection we remembered and gave thanks for their lives, love and generosity of spirit.

Father Michael also reminded us that God had walked with all of us on our journey and will continue to do so throughout 2016 – at our sides through times of joy, celebration,

suffering, fear and anxiety – that we are never alone and there is no need to be afraid.

He urged us to set out into the new year in confidence together as a praying community, asking Mary, our Mother, to join us on our journey and reminding us that we have a "dignity beyond telling because God has been born in each of us".

This special celebration acknowledged God's great gift of the Butterwick Hospice and raised £1,200 in donations, with the gratitude of both parishes for its great work.

As our Mass ended we received a final blessing and it is one that we would like to share with you all...

"May God grant us His grace; may He pour out His blessings on us in abundance and keep us safe from all harm in this New Year."

At St Pat's we say "Amen" to that!

Pam Ross

Talk On Love And Suffering

Durham University's Bede Professor of Catholic Theology Karen Kilby is the guest when Cleveland Newman Circle meets on Wednesday February 24. Professor Kilby will give a talk entitled 'Love and Suffering – views from Julian of Norwich and Hans Urs von Balthasar'. The meeting takes place at Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall, TS8 0TW at 7.45pm, with coffee and tea from 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more details email tj.egerton@virgin.net or call 01642 645732.



Teresa 500 Year Closes in Britain



Bishop Terry celebrating Mass at Aylesford Priory

Bishop Terry celebrated Mass and preached as events to mark the fifth centenary of Saint Teresa of Avila's birth closed with a day of festivities at Aylesford Priory in Kent.

The Bishop has had a strong devotion to the Carmelite nun since his time as a seminarian and particularly since serving as Spiritual Director at the English College in Valladolid, Spain.

"In my second year at seminary I began to read the complete works of St Teresa and found them so absorbing I couldn't put them down," he said.

"They read to me like a modern novel. Long before the literary term 'stream of consciousness' was used, this is how Teresa's writing appeared to me. I felt that I could really relate to her, and that they had been written

with just me in mind.

"I knew I was listening to a very human human-being who was striving and struggling to come to know and love God, who, with every ounce of her being and personality, was trying to let God be King of her life. At the same time, however, she was so aware of her shortcomings, and failures, and sinfulness.

"For me, one of the most endearing things about the Teresa I met at that point in my life was that she offered everything to God, and I mean everything: the striving and the struggling, but also the faults, failings, and the sinfulness. It was not a case of 'if only' with her. She knew that by the grace of God all could be healed, forgiven, and be used for the greater glory of His Majesty and for the spread of the Kingdom. "

Join Our Fellowship Family!

Are you interested in volunteering? Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship is a voluntary organisation that supports people with disabilities and their families.

Extra help is always welcome, so if you have a few hours to spare and you're wondering what you could do, maybe you would consider volunteering for this group.

What do we do? We hold social groups each week.

One is held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm at St Thomas More Church Hall and is attended by about 40 people with disabilities, supported by volunteers.

The other is on Saturday mornings from 10am to noon at the Holy Name of Mary Church Hall. This is a smaller group but people who require more assistance from others.

Mass is celebrated one Sunday each month at 3pm. This is held in different parishes around the Teesside area of the diocese. Details are in the diary section of the Catholic Voice each month.

Residential holidays are held during July and August, offering a week away for members, who are supported by volunteers.

This is valuable time spent with friends taking part in various activities. It also gives families a break from the ongoing caring responsibilities.

We also have a charity shop in Hemlington shopping centre, run by a group of volunteers who raise vital funds for the group.

To give a better idea of what it's all about, members attending the Wednesday group were asked, "What do you like about coming to Fellowship". Here is a selection of their

comments...

"I like meeting my friends."

"Disco party!"

"I enjoy the music."

"Friendly people and it's good to help people with special needs."

"It's good to listen to all the chatter."

"I like meeting my boyfriend at the Fellowship."

"If it wasn't for the Fellowship, I wouldn't get out."

"Love Fellowship members, makes my week."

"Atmosphere is great we are like one big happy family."

"It has a five-star rating since my mother helped create the group."

If you have a few hours each week and would like to help others, please consider the Fellowship, whether it's in the charity shop or in any of our social groups. Or perhaps you could just come along and enjoy the celebration of the Eucharist with us. We would welcome you into the group.

No previous experience required. The Fellowship is an opportunity to make new friends while helping maintain this vital resource for our members.

If you would like more information, please contact any of the following...

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Women?

Every day Veronica, Ellen and Betty, attended Mass. On this particular morning, Veronica was slightly in front as they entered the church. She walked straight ahead and opened the inner door.

Ellen turned to Betty. "Did you see that?" she asked, disapproval in her voice and face. And before Betty could answer, she continued, splashing herself with holy water, and dutifully making the Sign of the Cross.

"Just because Father's made her a Minister of the Eucharist, she's far too holy to use the stoup!" Betty smiled. "Oh, Ellen", she said, "I'm sure Veronica doesn't think like that. And actually, I don't use the Holy Water stoup either."

Ellen was clearly dismayed, but Betty added, "You see, I know that in a few minutes we'll be having the Penitential Rite and soon afterwards I'll be receiving Holy Communion. So I don't think it's necessary for us to seek absolution before we go into church."

Ellen was not persuaded. "Well, I'm humble enough to know I do need it, here and now!" she said. But Betty had already gone into church.

A few weeks later, the parish priest approached Ellen at the end of Mass and asked her to join him in the sacristy. Ellen felt nervous, wondering if she had done something wrong. But Father O'Toole was smiling. "I just wondered if you would consider becoming a Minister of the Eucharist?"

Ellen blushed with pleasure. "Oh, Father, I couldn't. I'm just not good enough." But the priest just laughed. "Ellen, I'm not good enough, your friend Veronica is not good enough. But who were the ones Jesus came to save?"

Ellen knew her scripture. "Sinners," she mumbled.

"So, you'll say yes?" "Yes," she whispered.

"Well, that's just great, Ellen, I'm delighted, and so will Veronica be."

And when she heard the news, so was Betty.

Mary



Ampleforth students and their teachers at the John Paul Centre

Encounter In The Year Of Mercy

We live in an area of contrasts. Areas of outstanding natural beauty and derelict industrial wastelands, side by side. Significant levels of poverty and unemployment alongside affluent rural villages and wealthy inhabitants.

Pope Francis has stressed the importance of "encounter" in the Year of Mercy and our diocese is determined to work with other Christian groups to bring together and share understanding between those in poverty and those living in wealthy areas. Just before Christmas, Investing in People and Culture (IPC) hosted 20 students and two teachers from Ampleforth as part of their annual retreat day. The retreat visit to the John Paul Centre is becoming a regular occurrence, several times a year.

In the first part of the programme, students were given presentations about the various projects that take place from the John Paul Centre to support vulnerable communities in the town.

These included a talk from IPC trustee Bini Araia about the challenges faced by asylum seekers and refugees and the support given to these communities through charities at the John Paul Centre.

At the request of Ampleforth students, Bini who is an ex-refugee, shared his personal testimony about the reasons he fled his home country and his experience of the asylum system in the UK. Students had the opportunity to ask questions.

Terry Doyle, of Depaul UK, who works with homeless local people at the John Paul Centre, also outlined the support his project provides to those in need. Terry stressed that his work is about empowering individuals to tackle the issues and not disempowering them by always giving them aid.

We want to create independent, confident individuals who are better equipped to deal with problems. Terry suggested that colleagues from the various projects based at the John Paul Centre, which also include the Methodist Asylum Project, work with the theme "Where strangers become friends", a mission statement displayed prominently in the building.

In the afternoon, Terry led the group on a sightseeing tour through the most deprived area of Middlesbrough, the Gresham ward, where many of the houses are boarded up. Students could see at first hand the issues many of our service users face on a daily basis. Gresham was once a thriving community and, in many respects, the John Paul Centre is the heart of a new community spirit. This practical work takes place alongside the spiritual heritage and daily worship at the centre.

Bini took the group to IPC's community growing project in Albert Park, with 18 raised beds in a carefully designed allotment area. IPC volunteer Samuel Laycon, an asylum seeker from the Congo, explained to students and teachers how the project engages both local residents and asylum seekers communities in the spirit of integration. Growing their own food and learning to cook with healthy ingredients is an important aspect of the centre's work.

The day was a fantastic success in terms of strengthening the positive links between the John Paul Centre and Ampleforth. Feedback from all involved was outstanding. Another group of students from Ampleforth took part in the Church Urban Fund Advent Sleepout in a gale force wind a few days later, raising an impressive £4,000.

Bini and Samuel delivered asylum seekers awareness raising training to 120 Ampleforth upper sixth students. Maaiké Carter, Deputy

Head of Christian Theology at Ampleforth, said all the students were profoundly moved by the training and that it had considerable educational value. Following the session, IPC received 25 bags of clothes, organised and delivered by Ampleforth students and teacher Alison Rogerson.

We hear so much about bridging the North-South divide and, as Christians, we need to question the degree of political will to create more justice and equality. We can make a start by making the affluent areas of south Teesside and North Yorkshire more aware of the severity of industrial decay, poverty and homelessness just a few miles away. With the guidance of Bishop Paul Ferguson, Chair of Trustees of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, we are reaching out to Christian clergy and laity in North Yorkshire.

Sue Bush of Northallerton's United Reform Church delivered aid to the John Paul Centre the same day as the Ampleforth students. Following a briefing by parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Grace, St Peter's Anglican Church in Osmotherley has raised funds for Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland.

The owners of Roots Farm shop in East Rounton, who have strong links with St Lawrence Anglican Church, have made their shop a collection point for aid to the homeless, refugees and those in poverty. The Roots team provided aid to Grangetown children affected by the closure of SSI in the lead up to Christmas.

We can set an example for our politicians as we remove misunderstanding, myth and exaggerated press reports and offer support to those who live in poverty and hardship. In this Year of Mercy, "Encounter" should become our watchword and action a sacred constant.

Bini Araia, Terry Doyle and John Hinman

DISPELLING THE EVANGELISATION MYTHS

In last month's edition of the *Catholic Voice* I mentioned a few "myths" I've come across in my work as Diocesan Adviser for Evangelisation. In the next few issues I'd like to try to dispel some of these notions by reflecting upon what we mean by evangelisation, in the hope that each and every one of us will grow in our determination to become "missionary disciples" for the Lord.

One of the myths I've encountered seems to be based on the idea that evangelisation is more of a Protestant thing than a Catholic thing. This might be because the very word makes us think of being "evangelical" and so we associate it

with large scale, Billy Graham type meetings – although I'm probably showing my age a bit when I mention those! Perhaps some of us also think that it means knocking on doors, in the manner of Jehovah's Witnesses or the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, though, tells us that evangelisation is both an "obligation and a sacred right" of the whole Church. God wants everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth and so the whole Church must go out to the world and proclaim the Good News – this, after all, is the very reason why the Church exists. Again, in the

words of the Catechism, "Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary."

How we go about doing this, of course, will vary from time to time and from place to place. Perhaps there are occasions when large scale meetings might be appropriate but – as Pope Francis reminds us – the Church is more likely to grow through attraction than it is by proselytising.

In other words, for most of us, our share in the Church's obligation to evangelise is going to be expressed through kindly invitation and warm

welcome. Perhaps we might remember and model our approach upon Jesus' first words to those who became his earliest followers – "Come and see!"

So when we hear those words at the end of Mass, urging us to "Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord," we can be sure that we are being faithful to our Catholic heritage by taking any opportunity to bear witness to God's love at work in our lives and in our world.

Below you can read about one example of how a parish in York is trying to put the idea of kindly invitation and warm welcome into action.

"24 Hours for the Lord"
Pope Francis has asked for churches to be open
for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

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(Confessions will be paused during Masses
at 7.15am & Noon)

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Evangelisation In Action

St Aelred's Parish in York has been involved in the Crossing the Threshold initiative for over a year now. A few months ago, the parishioners decided to organise a series of events on each Sunday in Advent to help people to learn something about the true meaning of Christmas. These events were designed to appeal to children but were also meant to be enjoyed by people of all ages and were advertised as suitable for everyone from three to 93.

On the first week Mary Callan came and read to the children with her interpretation of Bible stories. The children were held spellbound by her performance, which was also enjoyed by the adults.

The second week was a musical preparation for Christmas with carol singing and the playing of various musical instruments. This was led by the Music Group that plays at some Masses and to which some of the children already belong.

For the third week, Father Bill Serplus, Parish Priest of St Aelred's, organised a Christmas quiz that was suitable for the children and after this everyone had pizzas. After the food, Father Bill also organised a treasure hunt.

The final week was the children's party. This was organised by the Children's Liturgy Group who provided lots of food and activities. The

finale of the party was, of course, a visit from Father Christmas.

Elizabeth Dunn, a member of the Crossing the Threshold team, said all four events proved to be popular and were enjoyed by the children, parents and grandparents. She went on to explain how these activities fit in with the basic idea behind Crossing the Threshold.

"We were hoping to interest adult members of families to come along with their children, maybe together with those who no longer come to church," she said. "I think we were successful in attracting families as we had parents and grandparents – fathers and grandfathers and not just the mums!"

Elizabeth added: "I don't know if we have interested anyone in coming again but each week was a very pleasant occasion with everyone mixing well."

Of course, it's hard to know whether any of these initiatives will ever be "successful" in attracting more people to the Church. If, however, they mean that even one person experiences something of God's love made real at Christmas, then surely these efforts must be fundamentally worthwhile.

Deacon Vince Purcell, Diocesan Adviser for Evangelisation and Adult Formation

Newman Circle Lectures In York

York Newman Circle's programme of lectures continues on Monday February 15 when Father John Farrell OP speaks on the subject, "What is it to be a Christian? Using some New Testament texts to start a conversation". Then on Monday March 21, Ben Rich, of York Liberal Jewish Community, will speak on "The Passover and the role of storytelling in Judaism". Meetings take place at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street at 7.30pm. For more details, contact Judith Smeaton on judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or 01904 704525.

Thanks For Helping Our CAUSE

The organisers of the CAUSE Christmas Hamper Campaign have thanked all who contributed to its success, including a large number of anonymous donors.

CAUSE (Catholics Against Unemployment And Social Evils) has been providing hampers for needy families at Christmas for many years.

They asked for particular generosity this year because of the additional need caused by high unemployment in our area.

"The enthusiasm and generosity of all the young people in our schools continued, with much time and effort given to raising funds and providing many beautiful hampers," said CAUSE treasurer Pat Wilson.

"We appreciate how much encouragement, time and resources the teachers and many others give to the campaign.

"Due to your generosity, many families will have enjoyed Christmas much more than they would have done otherwise."

This year's campaign reached 400 families, including some 1,000 children, and 80 people who live alone in Middlesbrough with little or no family support.

In addition, one CAUSE member makes up more than 40 Christmas goody bags for the homeless at the John Paul Centre each year.

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To Sainthood

Pope Francis has authorised a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, paving the way for her to be declared a saint. Blessed Teresa, who died in 1997, founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity and the Missionaries of Charity.

Pope: Pray For Inter-Faith
Harmony

Pope Francis has begun releasing his traditional monthly prayer intentions on video. In the first video, the Holy Father asked for prayers so that "sincere dialogue between men and women of different religions may yield fruits of peace and justice".

Relics Loaned As Anglicans
Meet

Relics associated with St Gregory the Great and St Augustine of Canterbury were brought together in Canterbury Cathedral when Anglican leaders met to discuss the future of the worldwide Communion. Part of a precious pastoral staff from the Rome Church of San Gregorio al Celio was shipped to the UK and displayed alongside a rare Sixth Century book of the Gospels given by Pope Gregory to St Augustine as he set off on his mission to take the Christian faith to England. The manuscript is the oldest surviving Latin illustrated Gospel book.

Pope's Message Of Peace

Pope Francis called for peace and goodwill throughout the Earth on World Day of Peace. The Holy Father said: "We have, thank God, much information, but sometimes we are so inundated with news that we are distracted from reality, from the brother and sister who needs us. Let us begin to open our hearts, awakening attention to the next. This is the way to win the peace."

40 Years Of Service

St Joseph's Church in Middlesbrough was packed for a very special occasion as Dominic Jones was presented with a Papal Blessing marking 40 years of altar service.

Father Pat Keogh, who is now stationed in Whitby after many years at St Joseph's, returned to his old parish on New Year's Day to make the presentation.

It was a joyful occasion as St Joseph's parishioners were joined at the Mass by others from all over Middlesbrough and beyond who wanted to wish Dominic well.

They included friends from Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship and the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Father Pat and Dominic took turns in paying tribute to each other as they recalled their famous 18-year partnership.

Dominic's mother, Nora, who died during 2015, was also warmly remembered during the service.

Dominic was 12 when he first served on the altar on New Year's Day 1977, assisting Father Toner at St Joseph's.

"Sitting with my mother, I watched the movement of the altar servers," he recalled. "I memorised what they did and I said to my mother, 'I can do that.'"

"She asked Father Toner and he said, 'We'll have to find you a cassock and surplice to fit. In those early days, Tony Sedgewick looked after me and trained me to do it all properly.'"

Dom has served at parishes around the diocese with the Fellowship and is proud to have also served in Lourdes and Rome, which he visited with his parents and sister Margaret in 1986.

Q&A with Dominic...

Q: What do you like about being an Altar server?

Dominic: "I like recharging my spiritual batteries. It helps me to be attentive to the Mass."

Q: Have you ever made any mistakes?

Dominic: "I once handed the priest the water cruet when I should have been handing him the wine. I'd got it mixed up but Father Pat kept me right. It's the only mistake I've made. Sometimes I've had to keep Father Pat right."

Q: What has kept you committed to serving for 40 years?

Dominic: "I like to be close to the altar."

Q: What does a man of your experience offer the younger altar servers?



Dominic with Father Pat and his blessing from Pope Francis
Photo by Joe Harrison

Dominic: "Training. They follow my good example."

Q: Where do you see yourself in 40 years' time?

Dominic: "Not retiring!"

St Pauls Bookshop Reopens

St Pauls Bookshop in Fossgate, York, has reopened after being affected by the recent flooding. The shop is open from 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Call 0190 454 1729 or email yorke@stpauls.org.uk for more information.

The Gift Of The Stranger

Pictures on our television screens make violence and death all too familiar. We have seen bodies of children washed up on foreign shores and read of both the wonderful humane response of those who go to their aid and of a seemingly complex fear about the arrival of strangers.

We in Europe are witnessing a movement of displaced peoples of a proportion we perhaps could never have imagined. Why do people leave everything that is familiar to them and flee?

A passage in Hebrews states: "Continue to love each other like brothers and sisters and remember always to welcome the stranger, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it". The gifts we bear enrich us and, therefore, the gifts the stranger brings to our midst enrich us deeply and profoundly.

Migration is not only a social reality but also a way of thinking about God and what it means to be human in the world. Daniel Groody, a professor of Theology at Notre Dame University in the USA, writes: "No aspect of a theology of migration is more fundamental, nor more

challenging in its implications, than the incarnation. Through Jesus, God enters into the territory of the human condition in order to help men and women lost in their earthly sojourn, find their way back home to God."

At Christmas we reflected on Jesus' birth in a stable in Bethlehem, followed by the flight into Egypt as a refugee from violence and life-threatening danger.

God migrates into a world that is poor and divided because it is precisely in history's darkest place that God can reveal hope to all who experience pain, rejection and alienation. The parallels with those seeking asylum are compelling.

They too leave their homelands, undergo dangerous journeys and take up residence in a foreign land which not only entails emptying themselves but radically surrendering everything they own without any assurance that what they lose will come back to them.

Misunderstandings and injustice occur when refugees are perceived as matters of national security rather than responses to human insecurity and as social threats rather than as neighbours.

We have the opportunity to look at things differently. The refugee can be seen not just as a passive recipient of charitable giving but as a bearer of the Gospel. So many I have met give expression to the courage needed to move forward amid the risks, tensions, vulnerabilities and sufferings.

Christians played a significant role in the formulation of human rights charters and their subsequent incorporation into law. It is vital that these are not put at risk.

A theology of migration is a way of speaking about the significance of the incarnation in light of the issues of contemporary society and the injustices of the current global economy.

The incarnation has much to say about a God who crosses borders in order to forge new relationships and the challenge to all human beings to do the same. It is good to have a vision of a society where all are truly valued. It is also our task to ensure that we become a country rooted in both justice and compassion for the most vulnerable and exploited of our citizens.

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Monthly Mass Returns

A monthly Mass for young adults returns with new dates for 2016.

Last year, MYMission hosted young adults aged 18-to-30 for a monthly Mass in the Chapel at Mission House.

From February 7 2016, young adults are invited to join their peers for Mass at 4pm, followed by a simple meal. This monthly Mass provides a chance for young adults to pray and socialise together.

Here's what two of those who have attended our Masses say about the experience...

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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2016

- 2 Celebrates Mass with Ampleforth & District Catenian Association at All Saints, Hovingham 7.00 pm**
- 3 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board meeting at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30 am**
- 4 Attends CSAN meeting, Romero House, London 12 noon**
- 6 & 7 Parish Visitation at St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe All weekend**
- 8 Attends meeting with Vice Chancellor of Durham University 1.00 pm**
- 10 Ash Wednesday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 7.00 pm**
- 11 Celebrates Mass with Catenian Association, Thistle Hotel, Middlesbrough 6.00 pm**
- 14 Rite of Election, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.00 pm**
- 16 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council, Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00 am**
- 18 Gives a talk as part of Lent Course 2016 at York Minster 8.00 pm**
- 19 Attends Caritas meeting at Eccleston Square, London 11.30 am**
- 20 & 21 Parish Visitation at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough All weekend**
- 24 Attends Joint Study Day with Diocese of York on 'Laudato Si' at York 9.00 am**
- 27 & 28 Parish Visitation at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle All weekend**

2 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

3 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

5 Friday

Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the March issue of Voice must be received by today
10.30 am - 4.00 pm 'Just Write It' led by Margaret (Marji) McAllister at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
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

6 Saturday

10.00 am - 3.15 pm 'Receptive Ecumenism and the Local Church' - discussion and workshops on the ecumenical lessons drawn from the Local Receptive Ecumenism Project undertaken by Durham University. A gathering jointly sponsored by NECAT (North East Churches Acting Together) and Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies, to be held at St Brandon's Church, Brancepeth Village, Co Durham. Speakers: Dr Marcus Pound and Prof Paul D Murray (Durham University). Cost: £5.00 including buffet and refreshments. Anyone wishing to attend must register in advance by sending a cheque for £5.00 payable to 'Durham University, Centre for Catholic Studies' to Dr Pound at CCS, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham, DH1 3RS. Contact Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: m.j.p.pound@durham.ac.uk for further details

10.30 am for 11.00 am - 3.30 pm 'Lourdes: Gateway of Mercy' - a Day of Reflection in the Jubilee Year of Mercy and HCPT's Diamond Jubilee, to be held at Thicket Priory Carmelite Monastery, Thorganby near York. Speakers: Fr Antony Lester OCarm and Johan Bergström-Allen TOC. Please bring a packed lunch. Recommended donation £15.00 per person. Contact: Johan Bergström-Allen, Tel: (01904) 411521 or E-mail: projects@carmelites.org.uk to register ahead of the event (advised) or for further information
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

7 Sunday

12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
4.00 pm Young Adults' Mass for young adults aged 18-30 followed by a simple meal at The Chapel, Mission House, St Thomas More, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough, TS4 3EE. Contact Tel: (01642) 529102 or E-mail: domfynn@mymission.org.uk for further details
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

8 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

9 Tuesday

12.45 pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull when Peter Nendick will speak about 'A day in the life of the Lord Mayor's Beadle'
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

10 Wednesday

10.30 am The ASCENT Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass
10.30 am The ASCENT Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30 pm Prayer Group (second Wednesday of month) at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

11 Thursday

10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'The Word and the Mystic - Scriptural insights from Meister Eckhart' led by Anthony Finnerty at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
7.00 pm - 9.30 pm 'Exploring Prayer' led by Lenore Hill, Jill Solich, Sue Tite, Sr Agnese CJ and Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

12 Friday

12 noon Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, led by Fr Patrick Hartnett, to be followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall. Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am. All welcome
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details
7.30 pm Medjugorje Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details
Evening (time tbc) The Our Lady's/English Martyrs, York, Lent Bible Study Group will meet. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details including timing and venue

14 Sunday

12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
3.00 pm Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

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

15 Monday

7.30 pm The York Newman Circle presents a Talk by Fr John Farrell OP, Prior Provincial of the English Province of the Order of Friars Preachers, entitled 'What is it to be a Christian? Using some New Testament texts to start a conversation' at The Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York. Contact: Judith Smeaton, Tel: (01904) 704525 or E-mail: judith.smeaton@btinternet.com for further details

15 - 17 Monday - Wednesday

National Conference for Rural Catholics at The Old Lodge Hotel, Old Maltongate, Malton, YO17 7EG. Contact: Fr Robert Miller, Tel: (01747) 870228, E-mail: rwhm274@btinternet.com or visit www.ruralcatholics.org.uk for further details

17 Wednesday

The Ebor Lecture in York St John University, York, due to have been delivered by Colonel Bob Stewart DSO, MP, has been postponed until 22 April
7.00 pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street, Hull

18 Thursday

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'What makes the Fourth Gospel feel "different?" - Setting the Scene' led by Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details
7.00 pm - 9.30 pm 'Exploring Prayer' led by Lenore Hill, Jill Solich, Sue Tite, Sr Agnese CJ and Sr Cecilia CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

19 Friday

12 noon Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, led by Fr Philip Cunnah, to be followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall. Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am. All welcome
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/>
Evening (time tbc) The Our Lady's/English Martyrs, York, Lent Bible Study Group will meet. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details including timing and venue

20 Saturday

7.30 pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Tony Ford) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JB. Tickets from Eddie White, Tel: (01642) 860227

21 Sunday

12.00 pm Sung Latin Mass in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF
3.00 pm Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship Mass at St Joseph, Stokesley, Middlesbrough
6.00 pm Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
6.00 pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction in the traditional form at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York, YO1 7EF

23 Tuesday

10.00 am - 3.30 pm 'Three Score Years - and Then?' led by Ann Morisy at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

24 Wednesday

10.00 am for 10.30 am - 3.30 pm 'A Call to Care: Responding to the Challenge of Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si' - Ecumenical Study Day organised by the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Diocese of York and York & Hull Methodist District, to be held at Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ. Cost: £10.00. Drinks provided, please bring own lunch. Closing date for bookings is 2

February 2016. See separate article in the 'Catholic Voice' or E-mail: adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk or derekturham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk for further details

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

2.00 pm - 3.30 pm 'Julian Gatherings' led Rev Gwynne Wright at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

7.30 pm for 7.45 pm The Cleveland Newman Circle presents a Talk by Professor Karen Kilby, Bede Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University entitled 'Love and Suffering - views from Julian of Norwich and Hans Urs von Balthasar' in the Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Coffee/tea from 7.30 pm. Contact Tel: (01642) 645732 or E-mail: tpj.egerton@virgin.net for further details. All are welcome

25 Thursday

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'What makes the Fourth Gospel feel "different?" - Signs and Sacraments' led by Sr Patricia Harriss CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

5.30 pm for 6.00 pm 'On Sen' - Joint CSTP and Ushaw Lecture in the Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Prof Stuart Corbridge, Dr Mark Hayes, Dr Augusto Zampini Davies and Dr Severine Deneulin, organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. Pre-seminar drinks reception is offered from 5.30 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact E-mail: ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk for further details

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

26 Friday

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

12 noon Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, led by Mgr Gerard Robinson, to be followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall. Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am. All welcome

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

Evening (time tbc) The Our Lady's/English Martyrs, York, Lent Bible Study Group will meet. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details including timing and venue

26 - 28 Friday - Sunday

'Seize the Day' - Lent Retreat led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, Tel: (01439) 766486 for further details

27 Saturday

2.00 pm Lourdes Handmaids meeting at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. The meeting follows a Mass at 2.00 pm, which everyone is invited to attend

28 Sunday

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FIRST WEEK OF MARCH:

1 Tuesday

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm 'I led them with Cords of Human Kindness' led by Jill Solich at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Tel: (01904) 464900 for further details

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4 Friday

7.45 am - 9.00 pm '24 Hours for the Lord' - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Confessions will be paused at 11.45 am and will resume again after the Midday Mass

10.00 am - 5.00 pm '24 Hours for the Lord' - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Charles Borromeo, Hull

10.00 am - 5.00 pm '24 Hours for the Lord' - Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Peter's, Scarborough

16 March: 7.00 pm, 'The Possibilities and Problems of Peace on Earth: The United Nations, International Law and National Interests' - Ebor Lecture in York St John University, York, to be delivered by Professor Nigel Biggar, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Christ Church Oxford. 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

18 March: 12 noon, Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, led by Fr Paul Farrer, to be followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall. Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am. All welcome

22 March: 12 noon, Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. All welcome

23 March: 7.00 pm, Reconciliation Service at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. All welcome

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5 Saturday

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6.00 pm '24 Hours for the Lord' - Mass for the Year of Mercy at St Wilfrid's, York which will be followed by a vigil of prayer led by the young people

6 Sunday

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9 March: 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm, 'British Catholics and the British monarchy from 1689 to 2012' - Ushaw Lecture in the Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College, Durham, to be delivered by Prof Philip Williamson, Durham University, part of the Ushaw Lecture Series organised by the Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies. The event is preceded by a Mass of Thanksgiving in St Cuthbert's Chapel at 5.00 pm with a pre-seminar drinks reception offered from 5.30 pm, lecture commences at 6.00 pm. All lectures are free but you must register for your free ticket. Contact: Dr Marcus Pound, Tel: 0191 334 1656 or E-mail: m.j.p.pound@durham.ac.uk for further details

11 March: 12 noon, Lenten Station Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, led by Mgr Gerard Dasey, to be followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall. Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am. All welcome

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NEWS

Joint Study Day On Environment Encyclical

Catholics have a unique opportunity to meet Anglican and Methodist clergy and lay people and reflect together on the words of Pope Francis at a Joint Study Day in York.

"A Call To Care: Responding to the Challenge of Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'*" is the title of the event, organised by the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Diocese of York and York and Hull Methodist District.

The challenging document, which has the full title of *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*, examines the environmental crisis alongside concern for the poorest people of the world.

"Nothing less than a 'bold cultural revolution' will do, given that 'we may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation, and filth.'" – Pope Francis

The Pope's encyclical letter is addressed to the whole of

humankind, not only Roman Catholics, and not simply Christians. He writes: "I wish to address every living person on the planet." – Bishop of Sheffield

We will have a distinguished speaker to initiate our conversations, Professor David Clough. David is Professor of Theological Ethics at the University of Chester and the President of the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics.

He is also a Methodist Local Preacher. The Bishops of Selby and of Middlesbrough and the Chair of the (Methodist) District will play a part in the day. There will be plenty of time in small groups for discussion of the document and its impact.

Date: February 24 2016

Timing: 10am for 10.30am start, finish at 3.30pm

Location: Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, York YO1 8NQ

For further details please email
adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk or
dereckturnham@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

Deadline for booking: February 2 2016

There will be charge of £10 to cover the costs of the event. Drinks will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

To book a place, please send the slip below together with a cheque made payable to The Diocese of Middlesbrough to: Reception, The Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS6 5QT

Laudato Si' can be downloaded at laudatosi.com

Joint Study Day on Laudato Si - February 24 2016 - Central Methodist Church, York

Please reserve: (number) places on the study for:

Name: _____

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Quiz Answers

Connection question: 1. Gordon Strachan 2. Humble Pie 3. Richard Attenborough 4. Hale Irwin 5. Matt Baker. **Connection:** Television naturalists (Michaela Strachan, Kate Humble, David Attenborough, Steve Irwin and Nick Baker.)

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