

Bishop's Column

One of the great joys of this time of the year, from Easter, through Pentecost and into early summer, is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in different parts of the diocese and to meet and experience something of the faith-life of many of our young people.

It goes hand in hand also with the witness that they give in Lourdes as they accompany our supported pilgrims on their journey of faith. It is a genuine spiritual fillip for which we all ought to give thanks to God.

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Parish Prepares For New Church Dedication

Catholics in Ingleby Barwick are preparing for the official opening of their new church, 22 years after the parish was founded.

Services have been held in a school and other venues since 1994 and parish priest Canon Pat Hartnett says the new church is the culmination of much hard work and prayer.

"It's been a very long road but we're absolutely delighted to have our own purpose-built church at last," he said. "We've had wonderful support from the school and other venues over the years but it's great to be able to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments in a church of our own."

"So much hard work has gone into the project from so many people, including our parishioners, the diocese, architects and builders. It really has been worth the wait now we have such a beautiful building that will enhance our worship and enable us to build on the thriving community we already have in our parish. We're also looking forward to sharing our facilities with the whole community."

Bishop Terry, who was due to dedicate the church to St Thérèse of Lisieux on Tuesday May 3 at 7pm, said: "I'm very much looking forward to joining Canon Pat for what will be a day of celebration both for me as bishop and for all the parishioners."



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Please remember all our pilgrims travelling to Lourdes at the end of the month, and be assured you will all be in our prayers.

Another joy of this month is the Hull city-wide Mission which takes place as May begins and culminates in a Mass at Holy Trinity Parish Church on the eve of Trinity Sunday, May 21. The mission is being directed by the Sion Community. Please keep them and all their co-workers in your prayers that the Lord will pour out his blessings of the Spirit afresh on all those who take part.

I hope also that during this month I will be able to officially open and consecrate the altar of the new church in Ingleby Barwick, St Thérèse of Lisieux. The parishioners have been waiting long and patiently for this dream to come to fruition and now it is a reality. Please God, we will be able to celebrate this wonderful milestone in the life of the parish. Again, may this event bring many graces and blessing to the people of Ingleby. Similarly, I will be consecrating St Gabriel's, Ormesby, and celebrating the completion of its 40th anniversary. Blessings on all in that parish, and may this celebration be a real moment of outreach and mission for that area.

Together with all this I continue the visiting of schools and parishes throughout the diocese, which is my "bread and butter" job year in and year out. I will be in York towards the end of the month, at English Martyrs and St Aelred's and Our Lady Queen of Martyrs primary schools.

In this month of May, the month of Mary, together with our Holy Father Pope Francis, I turn to her and pray for all:

*O Mary, Mother of Mercy,
may the sweetness of your countenance
watch over us in this Holy Year,
so that we may rediscover
the joy of God's tenderness.*

In blessed hope

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"It's been a real team effort and everyone involved can be proud of their part in helping create a really special place of worship that will serve the people of Ingleby Barwick for many years to come."

The diocese has loaned the parish the money for the construction of the building, social space, altar and lectern, while fundraising and donations by parishioners have paid for the

fittings and furniture.

Standing on the junction of Blair Avenue and Lamb Lane, the 250-seater church includes a bright area for worship and space for parish celebrations, plus areas for meetings and children's liturgy.

The brick, stone and slate design incorporates a large number of windows, providing a light-filled interior. Stained glass panels, created by acclaimed artist Alfred Fisher MBE, who has designed windows for Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey, are also featured.

The panels, which date from the 1960s, were reclaimed from the site of the St John of God chapel during the hotel and golf course development project at Rockcliffe Hall, beside Middlesbrough Football Club's Darlington training HQ. After using some of the panels as a backdrop to the hotel spa, the remaining panels were donated to the diocese to be incorporated into the new church.

The church was designed by award-winning North East architects Naru and Ross and built by Simpsons of York.

Hundreds Queue For Confession

More than 500 people prepared for Easter by having their confessions heard at St Mary's Cathedral during a two-day event inspired by Pope Francis.

The celebration, entitled *24 Hours For The Lord*, was part of the Year of Mercy jubilee. Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson stayed long beyond the time he planned to because of the numbers who turned up.

Monsignor Robinson began the event with a 7.15am Mass on Friday morning and Bishop Terry presided over the day's second Mass at 12.15pm.

School groups including St Augustine's, St Gerard's and St Gabriel's, St Peter's, St Thomas More's and St Edward's came to the cathedral, with up to eight priests hearing confessions during busier times.

Confessions continued until 9pm on the Friday night and began again the following morning. Many visitors lit candles and prayed as they prepared to receive the Sacrament of

Reconciliation.

"It was a most uplifting, prayerful and wonderful spiritual experience," said Monsignor Robinson. "The Year of Mercy has brought many people back to celebrate this sacrament well. They feel they want to unravel the knots they have lived with for a long time.

"For me as a priest, it was an occasion for joy, laughter and tears and was the most humbling and grace-filled experience. I was deeply moved by hearing people's stories and seeing them offload the burdens they had been carrying around.

"We can sometimes feel vulnerable when we talk about our sins, it can be something we don't like to do or even don't know how to. But it can be the most amazing and liberating gift. It's all to do with humility, being sorry for your sins and wanting to work to be a better person. That's what we all want."

Monsignor Robinson is one of 12 "Missionaries of Mercy" in our diocese who have been given a special role by Pope Francis during the Year of Mercy. He stressed that while the spiritual side of this jubilee year is important, the Pope has asked for an equal emphasis on offering practical help to others, known as "Corporal Works of Mercy".

"We have to get the balance right in our lives," he said. "We can do things for ourselves on the spiritual side, but there is this other side of mercy. God is merciful to us and we, in turn, must be merciful to others as well.

"In the cathedral parish we're having a monthly collection of food, toiletries and clothing for refugees and the response has been amazing.

"The Year of Mercy is about understanding and seeing God's love work in your life, and expressing that love in how you look after others.

"We have to be kind, tolerant, patient and compassionate, just as God is with us. We go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to receive God's abundant mercy and that can help us sort ourselves out and be free of sin.

"But it's so important that we also help to free others. I have a prayer I say in Mass every day

– 'May we be merciful to others as we pray God will be merciful to us.'"

The *24 Hours for the Lord* event was also celebrated in Hull, York and Scarborough. Canon Michael Loughlin, parish priest at St Charles Borromeo's Church in Hull, was delighted with the turnout as ten priests from all over the area heard confessions over the two days.

Canon Loughlin, who is also a Missionary of Mercy, attended a special service in the Vatican on Shrove Tuesday, when the Pope talked about the missionaries' role.

"The Holy Father encouraged us to be as welcoming as God the Father is to all who approach the Church," Canon Loughlin said. "He doesn't want anyone to feel they're an outsider – everyone can be assured their sins will be forgiven.

"He told the priests gathered in Rome that if we're in a bad mood we shouldn't even go into the confessional box, we should go and do something else instead."

The missionaries are available to visit schools, colleges, universities, pastoral centres and parishes to talk about the Year of Mercy. There are also a number of Holy Doors throughout the diocese, including the cathedral and St Charles.

"Like the Prodigal Son, you might have walked away and left the Church because you don't like something or you wanted to do your own thing," explained Monsignor Robinson.

"But there's something that always draws many people back. In this jubilee year, Holy Doors have been put in place in various churches as a threshold to enable people to come back and be embraced by God's love. There's always an open door for anyone who has walked away to return."

Canon Loughlin added: "The Holy Doors are only open this jubilee year and will be closed when it ends. They are a sign of entering into a new life with Christ, receiving His mercy and wanting to live by it. They provide a welcome for everyone, but especially for those who perhaps feel they've lost their way a little."



2017 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE PIETRELCINA & ASSISI EXPERIENCE

In June 2017, (5-9) Bishop Terence will lead a diocesan pilgrimage – a second to Italy, this time we will follow in the footsteps of



SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA & SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Some highlights:

PIETRELCINA - the village where Padre Pio was born. The visit will include Saint Pio's house, the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Church of Sant' Anna and ancient village

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO – we will visit all the places associated with Saint Pio's life and activities – Santa Maria delle Grazie, the new church of Padre Pio, the sanctuary where he had a famous appearance and more more.

ROUTE TO ASSISI – via **LANCIANO** (Miracle of the Eucharist) there will be a guided tour of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angele. We will visit St Francis' hermitage and on to **SAN DAMIANO** and the Basilica of St Clare

This is just a taster of the many places we will visit and experiences we will have while on this journey. Mass will be celebrated every day in some of the beautiful basilicas.

To express your interest in joining this pilgrim journey, would you please email:

Kath Gallagher on katha@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk or write to her at The Curial Office, 50A The Avenue, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT, giving your contact details. More information to follow.

Lourdes Petitions

As in past years, pilgrims from the Diocese of Middlesbrough travelling to Lourdes on Friday May 27 2016 will take with them petitions to be left at the Grotto. If you would like to send a prayer petition, please place it in the petitions box in your church or send it direct to: Lourdes Petitions, Curial Office, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. Petitions must be posted in time to arrive at the Curial Office by Tuesday May 24 at the latest.

Bishop Thanks Redemptorists For Fruitful Ministry

Bishop Terry gave the homily at a Mass to give thanks for the work and ministry of the Redemptorist community, who have left Middlesbrough's John Paul Centre after 20 years in the town...

"O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'" Today's response to the psalm is haunting, but what does it mean for us? Would we really "harden" our hearts, and not listen to God? Or is it true that not listening and not acting on what the "voice" says is what actually happens in the heat and hurry of our everyday lives?

In today's first reading Jeremiah says the Lord



has said "Listen to my voice," but people don't listen. With all the distractions from our technologies, diversions, responsibilities and escapism, we don't have enough time or focus to even think of God. We don't stop to praise or thank God in the good moments, and when we mutter "Lord, help me!" or "God, why me?" when bad things happen, too often we're still not listening. Just when we need to be open-hearted, willing to listen, our world-worn hearts are crusted over and untouchable – hard!

In the Gospel, Jesus knows people around him are not "listening to" and are not understanding what it means that he can drive out demons and free a man from his disability. He says, "He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters." What I notice is that it's not enough to passively have faith, be baptised, call myself Christian. We not only "are," but we also "do." The faith, the baptism, the being Christian has to be active, and acted upon – and that means daily, each day, now.

St Alphonsus de Liguori took this theme of putting the Gospel into action very much to heart. Tired out by his great missionary work, he went to rest in Scala, on Italy's Amalfi coast. However, when he was approached by groups of poor shepherds who lived in that area, asking to learn about the Word of God, he responded with holy zeal and total commitment. On November 9 1732, in his beloved Scala, St Alphonsus founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to follow the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ announcing the Good News to the poor. He was 36 years old. His life became one of mission and service to the most abandoned. The congregation was approved by Pope Benedict XIV on February 25 1749. And the rest is history, as they say.

We, in this diocese, have benefitted greatly from the spirit and ministry of so many sons of this wonderful family, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, or as we know them, the Redemptorists. They responded to the request of the bishop of the day and came here to work in the John Paul Centre. So much fruitful



Brother Michael Duxbury, Father Gerard Mulligan CSsR, Father James Benfield, Father Andrew Burns CSsR, Bishop Terry, Father John Foley CSsR, Father Ollie Keyes CSsR, Father Michael Henesy CSsR, Father Richard Reid CSsR and Father Barrie O'Toole CSsR

ministry, kind support offered, so many words of consolation spoken, sacraments administered. Those in need always found a helping hand and the hungry, those lacking sustenance, both physical and spiritual, were never turned away. Father Provincial, what a great work your brothers have done here to the praise of Almighty God, and the honour of our Blessed Mother of Perpetual Help and Succour, and how we have profited! On behalf of the diocese, in particular the Catholic community of Middlesbrough and beyond, thank you. I know I can offer the thanks of people of faith and no faith who have been the grateful recipients of kindness and support given by and through your brothers ministering here at the John Paul Centre.

Here all can witness the Gospel in action; faith lived out each and every day. And the work has been so fruitful, by the grace of God and the intercession of Our Blessed Mother that you have planted even for the future. You leave behind you a great legacy; volunteers and helpers particularly for the Upper Room Project. In the last few years, in order to use the facility for the general benefit of all your brothers have

established the centre as a "Community Hub" with a group of local people with business and community experience as a management committee. This hub works in cooperation with the local authority and local ecumenical social action organisations. May the work prosper and grow to the glory of God and for the good of all.

Now I return to the Gospel passage: "He who is not with me is against me; and he who does not gather with me scatters." I pray that all take to heart Jesus' words; that we listen, truly listen and hear these words spoken to our hearts. And for us all, I ask that in standing with the Lord, he will give us the grace never to scatter, but always and at least today to gather with him for the building of the Kingdom, the spread of the Gospel and the good of all our brothers and sisters whose lives we touch in any way. Amen.

*At the same Mass, Bishop Terry presented Doreen Orton with a Benemerenti Medal from Pope Francis in recognition of many years' service at the centre. Doreen is pictured right with Father Michael.

Ged's Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection questions

1. Which English football club has won the European Cup more times than their own domestic top flight league?
2. Which British female athlete competed in six consecutive Summer Olympic games between 1976 and 1996, winning gold in the javelin in 1984?
3. Which much celebrated British programme is listed in Guinness World Records as the longest-running science fiction television show in the world?
4. In which short story by Washington Irving does the title character fall asleep in the Catskill Mountains for 20 years?
5. What name was given to the series of confrontations over fishing rights between the UK and Iceland in the 1950s and 1970s?

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Saint of the Month St George

Saturday April 23

St George is the patron saint of England. He was an early Christian martyr. There is a legend about him slaying a dragon. The people of that land were so afraid that they chose someone as a sacrifice for the dragon every day.

One day the king's daughter was chosen but George rode by and rescued her, attacking the dragon with his lance. He asked the princess for her girdle, which he tied round the monster's neck and she led it to the town. There, George cut off its head. He told the people not to be afraid and persuaded them to be baptised.



Year five children work on their theme, "clothe the naked"

Spirited Action At St Charles' For Year Of Mercy

Children from St Charles' Primary School in Hull held three "Be Spirited" days as part of the Year of Mercy celebrations.

They investigated the concept of mercy and how they could show mercy in their school, their home, their communities and in the world.

Each class was given a theme of mercy to research and come up with ways to promote it this year. They also

designed classroom door displays to become mini Doors of Mercy in the school, with spectacular results.

The three days were filled with prayer, actions and dance. There included silent reflections in class, a day of prayer stations in the hall written and led by the St Charles' junior chaplaincy team and a day of liturgical dance facilitated by More Than Dance.



Passion Play At Christ The King

Year five pupils at Christ the King Primary School in Thornaby performed the Stations of the Cross for parents. We took our idea from the outdoor performances seen at Oberammergau and invited children and adults to follow Jesus on his final journey to the cross and reflect upon his sacrifice. Parents, teaching staff and children commented on how well the children had performed and on how solemn and spiritual the occasion was.

Shaun Smith, year five teacher

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Trinity Students Grow Seeds From Space

Four Trinity Catholic College students are preparing to become space biologists and embark on a voyage of discovery by growing seeds that have been into space. The year ten students are Khadijah Nasleem, Francesca Di Cicco, Emma Willis and Aleksandra Slawinska.

Two kilogrammes of rocket seeds were flown to the International Space Station (ISS) on Soyuz 44S and spent several months in microgravity before returning to Earth in March. The seeds were sent as part of Rocket Science, an educational project launched by the Royal Horticultural Society Campaign for School Gardening and the UK Space Agency.

The Middlesbrough college is one of up to 10,000 schools receiving a packet of 100 seeds from space, which they will grow alongside normal seeds to measure the differences over seven weeks. The students won't know which packet contains which seeds until all results have been collected and analysed by professional biostatisticians.

The nationwide science experiment will enable the students to think more about how we could preserve human life on another planet in the future, what astronauts need to survive long-term missions in space and the difficulties surrounding growing fresh food in challenging climates.

Science teacher Aimee Jones says: "We're very excited to be taking part in Rocket Science. This experiment is a fantastic way of teaching our students to think more scientifically and share their findings with the whole community. Hopefully this project will encourage students to become inspired to find out more about STEM careers, plant science and the space industry as a whole."

Rocket Science is part of a programme developed by the UK Space Agency to celebrate British ESA astronaut Tim Peake's Principia mission to the ISS and inspire young people to look into careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects, including horticulture.

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!

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Teams Prepare For Catholic Primary Schools Cup

The 20th annual football tournament for our primary schools is to be held at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough on Saturday May 21. As usual there will be separate boys' and girls' competitions running side by side, as well as additional features which will hopefully make this a memorable day for all who participate.

A best banner award, a prize for the most original pennant produced in school to exchange with other teams, fair play trophies and official referees will all figure once again. All children competing in the event will receive a commemorative medal, as they have from day one.

Team photographs will be taken as another memento of the occasion. Schools from all parts of the diocese have entered teams and we know that the children are looking forward to attending what most refer to affectionately as the "Catholic Cup".

Kevin Duffy, Director of Schools

St Mary's College unveil a new public artwork



St Mary's College in Hull recently unveiled a spectacular new public artwork in its sixth form block, SM6. The 3.5-metre, 2.5-metre wide cross symbolises the faith and is made from modern materials, surrounded with spotlights forming the school crest, highlighting that faith is at the centre of the college's life. The cross weighs 100kg and is suspended from the roof on a large wall space outside one of the classrooms.



Mini Vinnies At Endsleigh

The pupils of Endsleigh are delighted to have launched a Mini Vinnies group. Children were keen to take the role of leaders and have worked with our chaplain, Mrs Holtby, to begin turning concern into action.

Mrs Wilson came to launch the group along with our parish priest, Father Des Hanrahan, and SVP member Paul Litten. The parish community and the children's families came to support them as they made their pledges. We are looking forward to the excellent work these children will do.

Sarah Hall, Endsleigh Holy Child Voluntary Catholic Academy, Hull



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NEWS



The altar and cross at St Mary & St Joseph's Pocklington dressed during the parish's Easter services. Photo by David Robinson

Churches Given Grade I Listing

New upgrades and listings have been announced at the end of a project to assess the architectural and historical importance of churches in our diocese.

St Charles Borromeo, Hull, and Ampleforth Abbey have had their listing upgraded to Grade I status by Historic England, giving them the highest level of legal protection. St Charles has long been considered a hidden gem. Behind the Jarratt Street façade is arguably one of the most opulent and dramatic interiors of any 19th Century church in England.

Inspired by the Italian Baroque and Austrian Rococo, some of the decorative work was carried out by Austrian craftsman Heinrich Immenkamp, who was a local resident. The classical exterior and grand porch was added in 1894 by Hull firm Smith, Brodrick and Lowther.

Ampleforth Abbey was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, one of the most eminent architects of the 20th Century, best known for designing Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Waterloo Bridge and Battersea Power Station, as well as the iconic K6 red telephone box. Home to a community of more than 70 monks, Scott's building reflects the pared back simplicity encouraged by the Benedictine order.

Built in two phases, the Abbey Church illustrates the way Scott's architecture developed through his life: the first phase, the east end built in the 1920s, is highly ornamented with dark-coloured carved stonework. The second phase, the central tower, nave and transepts started in 1958 and

completed in 1961 after Scott's death, is streamlined and much brighter.

Heritage Minister David Evennett said: "These two churches are a wonderful example of the remarkable architecture Yorkshire has to offer. I am delighted that this upgrade will provide extra protection for these churches and also highlights Hull's rich architecture as we look forward to the 2017 City of Culture celebrations."

In addition to the two Grade I listings, St Peter and St Paul, Leyburn, has been upgraded to II*, while St Mary and St Romuald, in Yarm, is newly listed at Grade II. St Peter and St Paul is a rare example of a Roman Catholic church with box pews, a style of seating more typical of Anglican churches.

St Mary and St Romuald was built as a gift from Thomas Meynell to his new wife Jayne and represents a relatively early and little altered church by George Goldie, considered one of the foremost Catholic architects in England.

All the changes come at the end of a partnership project between the diocese, Historic England and the Patrimony Committee of the Bishops' Conference, part of a rolling programme of research into Roman Catholic church buildings throughout England.

Monsignor David Hogan, chairman of the diocese Historic Churches Committee, said: "I would like to say how delighted and grateful we are to Historic England as this shows what buildings of national importance the diocese has within its boundaries."

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Pope Releases 'The Joy of Love' Apostolic Exhortation

The Vatican has published Pope Francis' eagerly-awaited Apostolic Exhortation on the family, drawing together almost three years of consultations with Catholics in countries around the world.

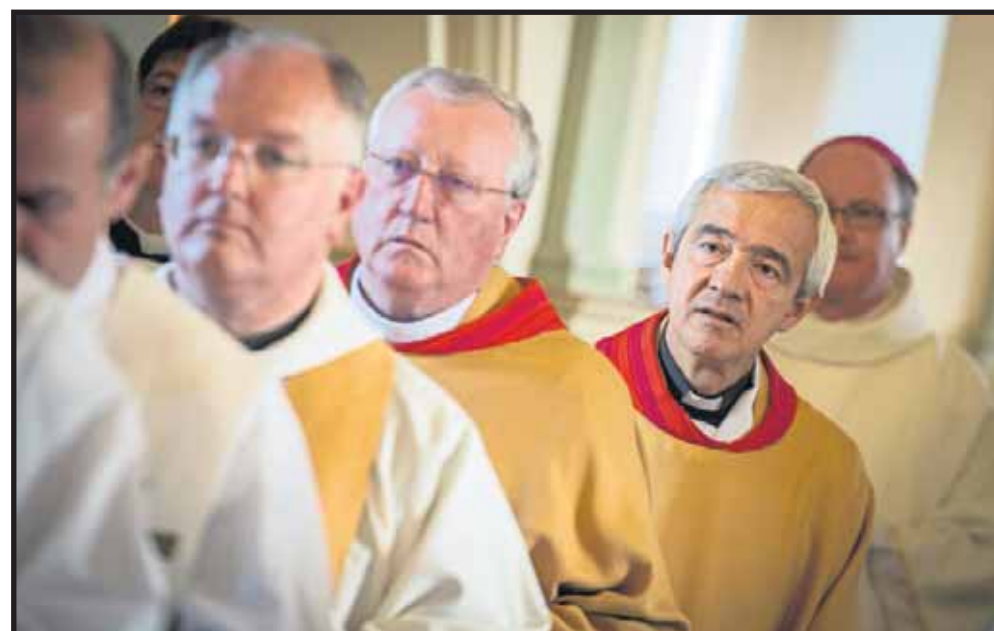
The lengthy document, entitled *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Love, affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others.

At the same time the text warns against idealising the many challenges facing family life, urging Catholics to care for, rather than

condemning, all those whose lives do not reflect the teaching of the Church.

In particular, the document focuses on the need for "personal and pastoral discernment" for individuals, recognising that "neither the Synod nor this Exhortation could be expected to provide a new set of general rules, canonical in nature and applicable to all cases".

You can download the full document and read further detailed analysis, including a simple Q&A document supplied by the Holy See, at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website, www.catholicnews.org.uk



Bishop Terry is pictured alongside Mexican Archbishop Jorge Patron Wong, secretary for seminaries at the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy. Archbishop Patron Wong was at Hothorpe Hall in Leicestershire for a meeting with vocations directors, seminary rectors, ongoing formation directors and bishops. Photo by Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk



Delegates at the National Catholic Rural Conference in Malton

Equine Theme For Rural Conference

The National Catholic Rural Conference had a fitting theme this year for its setting at Malton – the horseracing industry.

The rural market town in North Yorkshire is often referred to as the Newmarket of the north, with its many stables and staff. The three-day conference, which attracted up to 40 delegates from around the country, was held at the Old Lodge Hotel and organised and hosted by Father Tim Bywater, parish priest at the nearby St Leonard & St Mary's Church. The conference also included time for prayer and Mass.

Racing journalist Tom O’Ryan spoke on the role of Malton in the racing industry, followed by farmer and broadcaster Gareth Barlow on “Communicating Agriculture”. The second day included talks by Paul Lodge, an Injured Jockeys fund welfare officer, and Sarah Monkman, a support worker based at the fund’s Racing Welfare Centre near the church, which delegates visited.

In another talk, former head of the Environment Agency Sir John Harman

stressed that environmental stewardship should not be treated as an add-on either in politics or in people’s faith.

There was a visit to Jack Berry House, the rehabilitation centre for injured jockeys, which was completed and opened last year. Facilities include a gym, accommodation and catering facilities. It also has one of only three state-of-the-art physiotherapy baths in the country. Delegates were joined by former trainer Jack Berry and were shown around by manager Jo Russell. Another visit was made to the Station House Equine Veterinary Practice at Welburn.

The conference was last held in Malton three years ago and Father Bywater said: “Delegates asked for an insight into the horseracing industry and the conference was able to address the challenges facing the industry and the support given to the staff. We were grateful for the time given by those who came to speak and those who hosted the various interesting visits.”

Lunch And Friendship In Hull

Observant Voice readers may have noticed references in the announcements to meetings of the Hull and District Catholic Women’s Luncheon Club.

It sounds a bit stuffy – one of the clergy referred to the members as “the blue hair rinse brigade” – although he admitted the error of his ways after he received an invitation to a free lunch at Christmas! As you can see from the photograph, taken at one of our recent lunches, there isn’t a blue rinse in sight – they went out with the hats and gloves.

The club began more than 50 years ago with the aim of bringing together the women of Hull and the surrounding districts, such as Beverley, Driffield and Hornsea, in friendship and prayer. They have raised money for charities including the Yorkshire Brethren, ORBIS, Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Marie Curie, St Charles Restoration Fund and Overseas Plastic Surgery Appeal.

This year’s president, Denise Shakesby, has chosen the Dementia Academy in Hull as her charity. Most months we have a speaker who entertains or educates us. At Christmas we invite guests including clergy and we have more than 50 members. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, except in

August, and we are always happy to welcome newcomers – with or without brightly coloured rinses! If you would like to know more, contact

Denise Shakesby on 01482 470456.

Margaret Flood



Photo by Bernard Swift

MUSIC NEWS

Sung Vespers At St Mary’s

In addition to our sung celebration of Vespers with Benediction each Wednesday during term time, we welcome you to join us at Middlesbrough Cathedral for sung Vespers with the senior girl choristers at 4.30pm on the following fourth Sundays of the month...

Sunday May 22

Sunday June 26

Sunday September 25

Sunday October 23

Sunday November 27

These beautiful short services of evening prayer are preceded by a ten-minute programme of organ music performed by our visiting organists and followed by Mass at 5pm.

Summer Lunchtime Recitals

St Mary’s Cathedral

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Join us again this June and July for a cup of tea and a sandwich while you enjoy our popular series of lunchtime recitals at St Mary’s Cathedral. Our Tuesday Lunchtime Recital series kicks off on June 7 when leading classical guitarist Jonathan Richards makes a welcome return to entertain us once again with his spectacular playing.

All Tuesday Lunchtime Recitals begin at 12.45pm and last for around 45 minutes. Make a date in your diary! Admission is free. Voluntary donations are welcomed. For more information on the recitals and all music at St Mary’s Cathedral, look out in forthcoming issues of the *Catholic Voice* and visit

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Memories Of Father Gerald



Following on from last month's article about Canon Patrick Bluett, **RICHARD HARRISON**, from Teesdale, thinks he also recognises his uncle, **Father Gerald Harrison**, as the priest on the right of the mystery picture sent in by a *Voice* reader...

I believe the priest could be the Hull-born Marist, Father Gerald Harrison, who was born in 1911 and died on February 3 1978, aged 66. One of the very first boys to be moved to the new Marist College, Hull, when it opened, Father Gerald was ordained by the Bishop of Plymouth at the Church of The Sacred Heart, Paignton, Devon, in June 1936. He became a padre in the RAF.

After losing a lung, he spent time in a hospital or sanatorium at Poole, Dorset. That area was of great importance to the English Marists, having settled there when returning to England from France. From what I guess would be the late 1940s or early 1950s, Gerald lived in the Marist community at the Holy Name Of Mary in The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

Being right or wrong is not really that important. What was wonderful was putting time into remembering, looking out old photographs and thinking about my father's eldest brother, who incidentally was the celebrant at my wedding.



Canon Michael Bayldon with the gifts for the refugees and asylum seekers

A Warm Welcome From Guisborough Parishioners

Parishioners of St Paulinus Church in Guisborough decided to use the Year of Mercy message to help extend a warm welcome to new arrivals in the area. Taking the Corporal Work of Mercy to "Shelter the Homeless", they used funds raised at two events to buy 12 duvets, pillows and duvet sets and donated them to an asylum and refugee centre in Middlesbrough.

Parish priest Canon Michael Bayldon said: "In

the spirit of the Year of Mercy we wanted to show how we could do something practical to help our sisters and brothers, who are in such great need. When we are called to virtue, not only do we look at our minds and hearts inwardly, but by generosity and open-mindedness hopefully we can make a difference to other people's lives and give them hope."

Brian Gleeson

Bishop Terry was accompanied during the procession to Palm Sunday Mass at St Mary's Cathedral by a four-legged friend, Bobby, one of two rescue donkeys from a local sanctuary. Afterwards, children enjoyed donkey rides outside the cathedral. "It was so successful and created such a wonderful Palm Sunday picture that we've already booked them again for next year," said Monsignor Gerard Robinson. Photo by Judith McPhillips

Middlesbrough Catenians Celebrate Centenary

One of Teesside's most long-established social groups, the Middlesbrough Catenian Association, marked its centenary with a visit from Bishop Terry for Mass followed by a meeting and dinner.

Launched on February 23 1916, the circle has served the town's Catholic men through the town's ups and downs of the past 100 years. But members admit the Catenians are not as well known locally as they should be, with some even describing them as "a secret society".

Part of an international brotherhood of Catholic men, the Middlesbrough Catenian Association was launched two days after the start of the Battle of Verdun, when conscription had only recently been introduced.

Members meet at least once a month at local branches known as circles. The name Catenian

is derived from the Latin *Catena* – a chain – with the circles being the links within the chain. Founded in Manchester in 1908, there are now around 10,000 members worldwide.

Membership officer Chris Rhodes, a former president of the Middlesbrough circle, said: "The association is not as well known within the town as perhaps it should be. The reason for that is, possibly, a lot of myths have built up around the Catenians over the years.

"The association is non-political and is not a fundraising agent or a Catholic action pressure group. Our stated aims are to foster brotherly love among members, to help our clergy by members playing an active role in the parish, to support vocations to religious life, to support and raise funds for charities, to assist young Catholics in the choice and pursuit of a career and to maintain benevolent funds.

"Catenian members refer to each other as brothers, reflecting their mutual support and sharing of common values. Reaching our centenary is certainly a special occasion and we look forward, with confidence, to the years ahead. We are always happy to welcome new members."

Dennis Tate, four times circle president since first accepting the role back in 1974, attended the centenary celebrations at the age of 86. The event featured 12 former presidents, along with present day custodian Roland Connelly.

For the Carey family, synonymous with the Careys financing business, one of Middlesbrough's most long-established firms, the presidency has run in the family. Like his father Peter, current Careys managing director Phil has been circle president, while both his

grandfather John and great-grandfather Frank also held the role either side of World War II. Others to have graced the group's presidency have included members of well-known local establishments, Heagney's, Boyes and Stokeld's.

Membership, which has risen to 39 in recent years, was initially restricted to "professionals", resulting in the Catenians being accused of being elitist, but the association now attracts members with a broad spectrum of careers. Joining the Catenians gives you the chance to meet other Catholic gentlemen and their families with similar values and become part of a close community offering life-long support and friendship. Anyone interested in joining Middlesbrough Catenians is asked to contact Chris Rhodes on 01642 319161.

Catenians Bursary Award For Alex



Student Alex Priestley-Leach was presented with a £1,500 Catenians bursary fund cheque to help him teach Maths, Science and English at a rural secondary school in Zambia for 11 months starting this summer. The bursary application was facilitated by Middlesbrough Circle secretary Martin Lodge who, like Carmel College student Alex, is a parishioner of St John Fisher Church in Sedgfield. The photo shows Middlesbrough Circle president Roland Connelly, parish priest Father Sean Swailes, Alex, and Mike Carter, of Catenians Province 5.

Hull Catenians' Hearing Dogs Donation



Hull Catenians president Mike Reed and his wife Kath (right), with Lucy Ward, fundraising manager of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Hull Catenian Circle presented £1,200 to Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, which president Brother Mike Reed chose as his charity last year. Four brothers and their wives were given a tour of the organisation's northern centre at Bielby, near York, when they went to present the cheque. There are currently 950 hearing dog partnerships in the UK, but 900,000 people are profoundly deaf and would benefit from having a hearing dog, which can give them the independence to go out without feeling alone or self-conscious.



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NEWS

Jesus, The Mercy-Bearer

As we celebrate the Month of Our Lady, CANON MICHAEL BAYLDON looks at what the Annunciation can teach us in this Year of Mercy...

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the most beautiful of festivals in our calendar. It is also open to slight misunderstanding. Many Catholics think of this feast as a Marian day, because of our tradition, and the tremendous devotion we have for Our Lady, and the part she played in our redemption. But the feast-day has a great depth to it. First of all, it is really a feast of Our Lord. It is called the *Annunciation of the Lord*. This recalls the first act of Divine Mercy in our history, when God becomes flesh.

This staggering revelation should never cease to amaze, puzzle and provide us with prayer. We reflect on an act of God. The Mass of the feast instructs us to genuflect during the Creed at the words *"and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary"*. The Gospel of the day reflects on the acquiescent Mary and records her *fiat*, *"Let it happen to me according to your word"*. St Luke puts the announcing of the Messiah right at the end of Elizabeth's second trimester, the sixth month of her pregnancy. Our Lady visits her cousin bearing a message in more than one sense. She has words; and she has *The Word*. This would be the time when John the Baptist would begin to accumulate fat and develop a sense of hearing. So the greeting expressed by Our Lady could possibly be heard in some way by both John and his mother. The Visitation is about presence, two mothers, two babies. Both children have been announced in a very special way.

The "reports" of the annunciations of John the Baptist and Jesus were probably written well after Luke wrote the story of Jesus and his ministry. There is a way of thinking about St Luke's Gospel which sees him take traditional beliefs and weave round them literature of deep significance. In Luke's *Infancy Narrative*, scholars detect different kinds of writing, side by side. One is called apocalyptic writing. Most Catholics think of "apocalypse" in the context of St John's *Book of Revelation*, with its colourful and strange writings, focusing on the end of things. There is a much profounder understanding of the Annunciation that we can reach. We can say we are "apocalyptic people". We are "end time people" because our day-to-day faith proclaims Christ with us in a variety of ways. These are summed up in our Mass liturgy, where we state that Christ is present in Word, Community and Sacrament. Our liturgies begin with a *Penitential Rite*, where we call upon God to show us his mercy at least three

times: *Kyrie, Christe, Kyrie Eleison*. All our Mass liturgies begin with the announcement of God's mercy and then move on to celebrating Christ's three-fold presence.

For St Luke to write a plainly matter-of-fact statement about the Incarnation like a modern historian would not be satisfactory. Nor would he adopt pagan ways. That would leave us with the kind of storytelling that might become great literature, like those in Homer's *Iliad* or Virgil's *Aeneid*. Both claim to use fact and fantasy to ground their author's view of things. They do not claim to have the imprint of God's Spirit or to be divine in any sense of our understanding. St Luke stands in a specific Hebrew religious tradition. His way of announcing John the Baptist and Jesus is apocalyptic: he points to the "end time" whilst telling us about the beginnings and births of John and Jesus in the light of the Resurrection. Moreover, he leads us to reflect on the truth that we are in fact "the end time people". So we come as "Resurrection People" to the feast of the Annunciation. In the Mass we are in communion with the Risen Lord.

The cause of the Annunciation of Jesus is God's mercy: *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16 RSV)*. You would expect such a statement from the writer of the Fourth Gospel and the Book of Revelation. So how is it that we might claim St Luke's *Infancy Narrative* to be "apocalyptic"? The Gospel text reveals a few things.

At the start of Luke's infancy stories there is a key character introduced: the Angel Gabriel. Studies about Gabriel can be summarised. In the Old Testament Book of Daniel, Gabriel is a messenger sent from God to give Daniel the meaning and understanding of a vision he had at the River Ulai:

And I heard a man's voice between the banks of the Ulai, and it called, Gabriel, make this man understand the vision. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was frightened and fell upon my face. But he said to me "Understand, O son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end." (Daniel 8:16-17 RSV)

Gabriel is summoned again

While I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. He came and he said to me, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you wisdom and understanding. At the beginning of your supplications a word went forth, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly



Canon Michael Bayldon, from St Paulinus in Guisborough, saying prayers along with more than 150 Christians from churches in the town on Good Friday. The Salvation Army Citadel Band played and prayers were also said by Reverend Alison Phillipson from St Nicholas Parish Church, Reverend John Henry from the Methodist Church and Nick Wells and Paul Wedgwood from the Christian Fellowship.

beloved; therefore consider the word and understand the vision." (Daniel 9:21-23 RSV)

For the announcement of John the Baptist, Gabriel reappears to an incredulous Zechariah who is struck dumb:

And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." (Luke 1:19-20 RSV)

Gabriel appears, of course, in the Annunciation of Jesus:

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:26-28 RSV)

Just linking these passages together can lead us to suggest that St Luke was most certainly writing in the style of an apocalyptic writer. His focus is not history "way back when", but history's meaning "now". I am making the

suggestion that these proclamations have the mercy of God as their focus.

Jesus is the mercy-bearer. There is, however, more than this in the way Luke writes. Typically, Biblical annunciations of a special birth have five basic elements. An appearance of the Lord, or his Angel; fear of the supernatural presence; a message; an objection by the person receiving the message, and the giving of a sign. In the Old Testament these are only associated with Ishmael, Isaac and Samson. These characters belong to the Books of Genesis and Judges. Within the divine message element the name and purpose of the child being announced is given. The difference between Ishmael, Isaac, Samson, John the Baptist and Jesus is the description given to Jesus:

He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end. (Luke 1:32-33 RSV)

This apocalyptic-style annunciation by St Luke very firmly reminds us that Jesus' purpose has no ending. We can reflect on the everlasting nature of God's mercy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Irish Afternoon In Middlesbrough

If you're Irish...come to Holy Name of Mary Parish Hall in Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, on Wednesday May 11 from noon to 2pm for a buffet, music and a bit of craic. For more information please ring Anne McGeever on 01642 278890 or Eddie White on 01642 860227.

An Introduction To The Enneagram

An introduction to the Enneagram and how it can transform spiritual growth and relationships takes place at Wydale Hall, Brompton-by-Sawdon, Scarborough, from Friday June 10 to Sunday June 12. The Enneagram is a tool used in Christian spirituality that centres around examining nine personality types affecting how we live our lives, feel about ourselves and

relate to others. The course will be led by counsellor and psychotherapist Andrew De Smet, the Archbishop of York's Adviser in Pastoral Care. It costs £140 fully inclusive. For details call 01723 859270, visit www.wydale.org or email retreat@wydale.org.

May Procession At St Vincent's

St Vincent's parish in Hull holds its annual May Procession on Sunday May 22 at 2.30pm. Weather permitting it will feature an outdoor procession, followed by the crowning of a statue of Our Lady in church. Children wishing to take part in the procession can meet from 2pm at St Vincent's Academy. For further information please contact Catherine Holtby at catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk or 07817834362.

Young People's Essay Competition

Young people are being invited to enter an essay competition to mark ten years of the Ebor Lectures in Theology and Public Life. Two prizes are offered for the best essays on the subject

of religion in the public sphere, £300 for those aged 18 years and younger (no more than 2,000 words), £500 for 19-to-25s (no more than 4,000 words). The closing date is July 1. For more details visit www.yorks.ac.uk and search for "essay competition" or email Suzanne Parkes at s.parkes@yorks.ac.uk.

Open Day At Maryvale

Maryvale Institute International Catholic College in Birmingham is holding an open day on Saturday May 7. The event is aimed at those interested in our Ecclesiastical Bachelor of Divinity degree-level course and anyone interested in studying the college's wide range of courses. Maryvale is a distance-learning college with a mission to foster spiritual and personal development. Visit www.maryvale.ac.uk for more information.

Relics Come To St Mary's

The relics of St Anthony of Padua are coming to the UK for one week and will be in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, on Monday June 20. We'll have more details next month.

More Progress For Feeding Programme

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. This month Francis tells of exciting developments and surprises...

Greetings again, from the hot and sticky Congolese rainforest! My feeding project for malnourished children has gone from strength to strength, due mainly to the determination of Judith Bonjembo, who coordinates all the activities and lives at the centre. The owner of the house we used hiked up the rent to five times the original price when it became known that a European was involved. Judith refused to pay and we've just successfully moved into another house two doors away, which we're getting for free – we just had to re-thatch the roof with palm leaves. Despite occasional dashes to the hospital, children who have



Heading home with firewood

followed our programme are all doing well.

As part of teaching parents how to feed their children well, we've created a huge vegetable plot in the forest. Some of the parents are really keen to work in the garden, but some take a bit more persuading. To begin with, at least, the women who volunteer to cook for the children are doing most of the work. We're growing peanuts, maize, high-protein beans and soya beans.

We were really pleased to welcome the Belgian eye-doctors again. They made their third visit to Basankusu in February, holding 1,800 consultations and performing 230 cataract operations in only two weeks. As well as videoing their work, I spent a day with them along the river at the bonobo sanctuary. Bonobos are apes, quite similar to chimpanzees and unique to this country.

During our Easter break, we were surprised and pleased to help a TV crew that arrived with a comic actress called Muriel Robin, who is extremely well known in France. Father John Kirwan and I drove their team and equipment from our little airstrip to huge canoes waiting for them at the river. They made a TV programme in which famous people are dropped into unfamiliar settings – hers was to be with the bonobos!

People from the Diocese of Middlesbrough and beyond continue to support my projects financially. One such project is providing refurbished wheelchair bikes for people who are disabled because of polio. Nellie and Achilla both now have bikes and it's made a



Achilla with his new wheelchair bike

tremendous difference to their lives. In the past they got around by crawling along on the ground. I now have quite a list of people waiting for the chance of a wheelchair bike.

I should also mention my day job, teaching and bookkeeping. Last year we sent four young men for studies in Kenya, with the aim of becoming Mill Hill priests. This year, three more are set to follow in their footsteps. I teach them two days each week. I also continue to take a white-knuckle motorbike ride, 12 miles over the rough dirt-road, to the diocesan minor seminary to teach one day each week as well.

As I write, I am preparing two of my nutrition team to go 70 miles upriver to the village of

Djombo. They will train local parishioners to teach new mothers about the nutrition of their children. I continue to be encouraged by people who volunteer to do this and other work, cooking at our centre and so on – and by return visits from people who come to say thank you for the help they've received.

Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook and YouTube. To support his projects you can send money via PayPal (type [PayPal.me/FHannaway](https://www.paypal.com/merchot/?_ga=2.111111111.111111111.111111111-111111111-111111111) into your browser), or send a cheque payable to "Mill Hill Missionaries (F Hannaway - Congo)" Address: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, MAIDENHEAD SL6 7UX.

York Catholic History Day

This year's York Catholic History Day will be held at the newly refurbished Bar Convent on Saturday June 4 and will include an opportunity to visit the Living Heritage Exhibition.

Dr Alexander Lock, curator of Modern Historical Manuscripts at the British Library, will speak about Catholicism and estate management in the late 18th Century, with reference to the interests and innovations of Sir Thomas Gascoigne.

Sister Scholastica Jacob, of Stanbrook Abbey, will speak about the history of her community, founded in Cambrai in 1623, and about the many Yorkshire women who have been part of it.

Simon Ditchfield, Professor of Early Modern History at the University of York, pays tribute to historian John Bossy, who died in October 2015. Bossy's book *The English Catholic Community 1570 to 1850*, published in 1975, looked at

English recusancy in a new way. Together with his later works, it inspired many subsequent studies of English Catholicism, including local communities, in the following years.

The day, which is sponsored by the Catholic Family History Society, the Postgate Society and the English Catholic History Association, will begin with registration and coffee at 10am and conclude at about 4.30pm with Mass in the historic Bar Convent Chapel.

The cost of the day is £15 (students £7.50), including coffee and tea but not lunch. There is a separate charge for admission to the exhibition. Lunches are available at the Bar Convent Café. There is no need to book. If you are not already on the mailing list please contact judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or call 01904 704525 for more information.

Judith Smeaton

Caritas Diocesan Journey Event

KATHY WARRICK, a member of Caritas Diocese of Middlesbrough and Middlesbrough Central Council president of the St Vincent de Paul Society, reports on the Caritas Diocesan Journey Event in London...

Dr Phil McCarthy, of Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN), gave a short presentation on Catholic Social Teaching building blocks around six themes, Human Dignity, Community and Participation, Care for Creation, Dignity in work, Peace and Reconciliation and Solidarity. Delegates from Portsmouth, Westminster, Liverpool and Cardiff shared their challenges and achievements and best practice.

Miriam Pikaar, from Caritas Europa, described a mapping exercise designed to bring together international good work. Data is input to enable reports for funding purposes, lobbying and influencing the common good.

Edward De Quay and Phoebe Jackson, of Caritas Westminster, gave a presentation on "Love in Action", an engagement programme designed to introduce parishes, youth groups and schools to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

CSAN is the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action and a family of social action charities. The Caritas network works for the most vulnerable people in society, providing support for families and children, the elderly, the homeless, refugees, the disabled, and prisoners.

The national CSAN team, based in London, works to strengthen and facilitate the network, conduct policy and advocacy work and use its voice at a national level. CSAN is a member of Caritas Internationalis. Visit <http://www.csan.org.uk> for more information.



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NEWS

From Our Lady's To Lourdes

As a member of the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund committee, I felt it my duty to bring the request to knit blankets for our supported pilgrims to the attention of the ladies of my parish, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele.

In true spirit, they offered help. Some knitted and crocheted beautiful blankets, others brought wool or worked squares to be made up into blankets and some bought wool. One lady knitted to pass the time as she recovered from an operation.

At the back of the church, I left a box for wool and I knitted every spare minute of the day and night, managing to make up seven blankets.

Every stitch, knit or purl was worked with love and all the intentions of the donors have been knitted into the blankets to be taken to Our Lady at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Seventeen blankets were displayed at our recent developing world coffee morning (pictured below). My thanks go to everybody, who contributed in any way to keeping our Lourdes pilgrims warm and comfortable.

Rosemarie Cleveland



*The ladies group from the Sacred Heart Parish, Hornsea, and the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Marton, have already been completed three blankets for the Lourdes Square Challenge and have enough squares to make up a few more in time for the pilgrimage. The challenge has been enjoyable and rewarding and the ladies have decided to carry on knitting for future projects.

Mary Carville



Evangelisation In The Year Of Mercy

In recent issues we have been exploring some of the "myths" that sometimes get in the way of evangelisation, writes DEACON VINCE PURCELL. Put simply, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is something each and every one of us can, may and indeed should do!

This holy Year of Mercy is a tremendous opportunity for our communities to grow as "missionary parishes" by finding practical ways of putting the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy into action. In this article, Antonia and Amanda, from St George's parish in York, describe how they went about doing just that...

Praying for those who have died and caring for those who grieve are very practical ways of being "Merciful like the Father". And so St George's Crossing the Threshold team decided to have a Remembrance Service for all parishioners who have died since Canon Alan Sheridan became our parish priest in 2009. Canon Alan sent out personal invitations to the relatives of the deceased and our parishioners gave out invitations to anyone who might like to come and remember a loved

one.

Our first Remembrance Service included contemplative music, readings, quiet time and hymns. Canon Alan read out all the names of those who had died and a candle was lit on the altar for each of them. During the service some of our young parishioners handed out 300 gold and silver stars that St George's Primary School kindly made to the congregation. These stars included a sticker for relatives and friends to put names of the deceased on, to be placed on a special remembrance tree. The tree looked really special and we hoped it would encourage people to come back to the church.

The evening was very moving and was appreciated by many of the parishioners and family members who came and we will be incorporating this service into our parish calendar. Anybody who came into St George's will have found a very warm and welcoming community that was indeed striving to be Merciful like the Father.

Studying The Scriptures At St Aelred's

When parishioners at St Aelred's, York, were asked for suggestions for Lenten activities, it became clear that many people would like to know more about the scriptures. Deacon Vince Purcell agreed to come for three evenings in Lent, giving sessions on the Old Testament, the New Testament, particularly Luke, and then on Acts and the early church. Vince's knowledge and enthusiasm was infectious and the evenings were very successful.

Elizabeth Dunn

Parish Mission Comes To Hull

Catholics in Hull are invited to share in a Parish Mission in the city hosted by the renowned Sion Community and inspired by the themes of Understanding, Joy and Love.

Over the three weeks from Saturday April 30 to Sunday May 22, the

community will actively engage in all aspects of Catholic life in this special Year of Divine Mercy. A daily Mission Mass at 10am each morning will be followed by outreach in the parishes, culminating in an evening service at 7.30pm covering various topics at the heart of our faith.

The social side is not forgotten and a family and youth event will take place at St Charles Borromeo School on Saturday May 14 from 10.30am to 3.30pm. The Mission will close with an event that includes the whole family.

Although Catholic in its ethos, all the events are open to everyone and may be of particular interest to those who have strayed or lapsed from the faith or are interested in finding out more about it.

The first week will be focused on the West Hull parishes with the daily Mass in the parishes of St Charles Borromeo, Marist Parish, St Wilfrid's, St Joseph and Corpus Christi and St Vincent. The evening Mission services take place at the Marist Church on Cottingham Road.

On week two the focus switches to the east of the city with daily Mass in the parishes of St Anthony, St Mary Queen of Martyrs, St Francis of Assisi, Sacred Heart and St Bede. The evening Mission services are at the same times as week one and will be held at the Church of Mary Queen of Martyrs on Holwell Road.

Locations and times for week three will be available at all Hull churches.

Around 30 members of the Sion Community, a Catholic lay movement based in Essex, will be attending. They have issued an open invitation to come along and experience something life-changing. Bring a friend! Visit www.hullcatholics.weebly.com for more information.

Deacon Brian Morgan

Lourdes Diary Dates

Saturday April 30, 10am: Day of Formation, Trinity School, Middlesbrough

Sunday May 8, noon: All Helpers Meeting, Sacred Heart, Hull

Sunday May 8, 2pm: Pre-Pilgrimage Mass, Sacred Heart, Hull

Sunday May 8, 3pm: Meet the Supported Pilgrims, Sacred Heart, Hull

Sunday May 14, 11am: Music Day, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

Thursday May 19, 7.30pm: Brancardiers Meeting, St Francis Social Club, Middlesbrough

Sunday May 22, 2pm: All Helpers Meeting, Cathedral

Sunday May 22, 3.30pm: Meet the Supported Pilgrims, Cathedral

Sunday May 22, 5pm: Pre-Pilgrimage Mass, Cathedral

If you'd like to be informed of future Lourdes Masses and events by email, please send your email address to john.brown160@ntlworld.com. To be kept informed by text message, text [sendlourdesinfo](tel:07871958412) to John Brown on 07871958412. In both cases, please state your name and whether you are a current helper (doctor, nurse, handmaid, brancardier, musician, support or youth) or a new enquirer.

*If anyone would like to donate cakes to be taken to Lourdes and enjoyed by our supported pilgrims, they would be very gratefully received – there's nothing nicer than a homemade cake with a cup of tea! If cakes contain nuts, please attach a note with Clingfilm to make us aware. Cakes can be brought to the pre-pilgrimage Masses in Hull or Middlesbrough or contact me directly on 01642 324043 – Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid

Success For CAFOD Lent Appeal

Thank you for your support of CAFOD – we have already received £3.8m for our Lent Fast Day appeal and our matched-funding target has been exceeded. What a marvellous achievement and thanks in no small part to all the generous parishes and schools and individuals who have made a contribution in our diocese – your kindness is overwhelming!

You are certainly helping to bring good news to the poor, especially to the people of Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zimbabwe, who will have the gift of clean water to drink and safe sanitation facilities to use, preventing illness and the spread of diseases.

Bringing Good News to the poor

Almost 30 years ago I started speaking out about the injustice of unemployment and poverty here at home. Sadly, little appears to have changed in the intervening years and you could be forgiven for thinking it is actually much worse now. We see almost daily news reports of job losses locally, which will have devastating impacts on so many of our local communities, or the mass movement of desperate people putting their own and their children's lives in danger in search of a more peaceful and secure life in another country.

I remember writing about the people for whom there is little reason to rejoice, as we do at Easter. People whose lives are one long constant struggle to survive. I have had the privilege of and been humbled by the kindness and generosity of people who came to our aid and stood in solidarity with us in our darkest moments, when it seemed there was no light at the end of the tunnel. Now I know better. I know that for people who are blessed with the gift of faith, there is always the promise of better things to come because Jesus promised, "I will be with you always, until the end of time." These are words we will soon be hearing again in our churches. That is not to say we have to wait for some divine intervention to put right all the world's ills. It is more about doing what we can, when we are able to, using the gifts and talents we have been given.

Volunteering

I was a volunteer for many years before I ever started working for CAFOD, so I truly appreciate the generosity of the wonderful people who give their time to promoting our work in our parish and school communities. From putting up posters and distributing collection envelopes for fast days and speaking at Mass, to making soup for Lenten lunches, organising

bake sales or taking part in challenge events to raise funds for our overseas work and writing to MPs on issues that have a negative impact in our world, such as the current climate campaign and the use of fossil fuels. The opportunities are endless, which is a good thing, as there are no end of needs!

We need you now! Come and volunteer with us!

So if you have even a little time to spare and feel you want to make a difference, I would like to invite you to consider volunteering with CAFOD. We are currently seeking people who will be parish volunteers, working alongside our priests to promote our work in your local church and sharing news with others in your community. We are also seeking others to train as education volunteers who will visit our schools to share our work with children and young people. Full training will be given and expenses reimbursed but more importantly, you will meet others who share your concerns and will enrich your life. You will learn new skills which will be transferable and become more aware of the work of an international aid agency, as well as learning about the communities and lives you are helping to transform through the gift of your time. If you are interested in media work, we could really use some help there too!



Proscovia and her friend going to school –
Photo by David Mutua

The beauty of being a volunteer is choosing to say, "Yes, I can do something about that" and doing it! To learn more about how you can help, get in touch by email at middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or telephone 01904 671767 or 07779 805243.

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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY 2016

- 1 Confirmations at Ampleforth 10.00am
- 3 Dedication of St Thérèse of Lisieux Church, Ingleby Barwick 7.00pm
- 6 School visit to Corpus Christi Primary in Middlesbrough 9.00am
- 7-8 Parish visitation to St Gabriel's/Corpus Christi in Middlesbrough All weekend
- 10 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- Confirmations at Christ the King, Thornaby 7.00pm
- 11 School visit to St Gabriel's Primary, Ormesby 1.00pm
- Confirmations at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm
- 12 Attends meeting of CRC Department at Eccleston Square, London 11.00am
- 17 Confirmations at St Francis Xavier, Richmond 7.00pm
- 18 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board meeting at Our Lady's, Acomb 10.30am
- 19 School visits:
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, York 9.00am
St Aelred's Primary 1.00pm
- Confirmations at Pickering 7.00pm
- 21 Celebrates final Mass of the Hull City-wide Mission at Holy Trinity Church, Hull 6.00pm
- 22 Parish visitation to English Martyrs, York (including confirmations) 10.30am
- 24 Attends meeting of National Office of Vocations' Board in Eccleston Square 11.00am
- 25 Attends meeting of Northern Province, Bishop's House, Leeds 10.30am
- 27 Attends annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes – until 3 June

1 Sunday

11.00am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

3 Tuesday

7.00pm 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

4 Wednesday

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

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

7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle, Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. Contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net for details

7.00pm 'Global Security and the United Nations 70 years on' Ebor lecture by writer, journalist and broadcaster Myriam Francois-Cerrah at York St John University. Visit

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5 Thursday

2.00pm - 4.00pm 'Rejoice in Your Voice' with Lucy Castro, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Details from 01904 484900, e-mail: admin@stbedes.org.uk

7.30pm Sung Latin Mass, Most Holy Sacrament Church, Marton, Skirlaugh HU11 5DB

6 Friday

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

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

7 Saturday

2.00pm Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2.00pm to pray for Life and an end to our abortion culture, and continue in prayer to the 3.30pm Mass. All welcome. Contact: Patricia Sammon, Tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745 or E-mail: patriciamarysammon@btinternet.com for details

'A quiet day at Ampleforth' with Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

8 Sunday

11.00am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH.

12 noon Sung Latin Mass at St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

12 noon Lourdes: all helpers' meeting, Sacred Heart, Hull

2.00pm Lourdes: pre-pilgrimage Mass at Sacred Heart, Hull

3.00pm Lourdes: Meet the supported pilgrims, Sacred Heart, Hull

6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

9 Monday

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

10 Tuesday

12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club AGM at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull

2.00pm - 4.00pm The LIFE ASCENDING Group, York West meets at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room

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

11 Wednesday

10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after the Morning Mass

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

12 noon - 2.00pm 'If You're Irish...'; buffet, music and craic, Parish Hall, Holy Name of

Mary, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 6SB. Information from Anne McGeever 01642 278890 or Eddie White 01642 860227

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

7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle, Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. Contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net for details

13-15 Friday

'Benedict for Everyone' led by Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

13 Friday

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

7.30pm A Marian Evening at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, Talk, Witness. Contact: Marie Bedingfield, Tel: (01642) 530739 for further details

7.30pm - 9.30pm Bible study at English Martyrs, York. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details including confirmation of venue

14 Saturday

10.30am for 11.00am 'The Call of the Wild following the trail ...' Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture in the Staff House, University of Hull, Cottingham Road, Hull HU6 7RX to be given by Jonathan Tulloch. All welcome.

10.30am - 3.30pm Sion Community parish Mission family and youth event, St Charles Borromeo School, Norfolk Street, Hull HU2 9AA

11.00am - onwards Lourdes: music day, Cathedral

15 Sunday

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

12 noon Sung Latin Mass at St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4.00pm Mass for Young Adults aged 18-30, followed by a simple meal, at the Chapel, Mission House, St Thomas More, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough

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

3.00pm Fellowship Mass, St Hilda's, Bagdale, Whitby YO21 1QT

6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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16 Monday

10.30am 'Happenstance' with Maggie Jackson, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Further details from admin@stbedes.org.uk, tel 01904 464900

7.15pm York Newman Circle AGM at the Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ

followed by talk 'The impact of the Synod on the family on canon law' by Fr Luke Beckett of Ampleforth Abbey

17 Tuesday

1.30pm - 3.00pm 'Praying with the Psalms and the Mystics' with Sr Agnese Jenčíková CJ at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact tel 01904 464900 for further details

18 Wednesday

7.00pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street, Hull

7.45pm AGM Cleveland Newman Circle, Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. Contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net for details

19 Thursday

7.30pm Lourdes: Brancardiers' meeting, St Francis Social Club, Middlesbrough

20 Friday

7.30pm 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/>

21 Saturday

10.00am - 5.00pm Catholic Primary Schools' Cup 2016, the annual football tournament for our primary schools being held at Trinity Catholic College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough TS4 3JW

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Chris Hooley) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough, TS5 6JB. Tickets from Eddie White, tel 01642 860227

22 Sunday

11.00am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH.

12noon Sung Latin Mass at St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

2.00pm Lourdes: all helpers' meeting, Cathedral

3.30pm Lourdes: meet the supported pilgrims, Cathedral

5.00pm Lourdes: pre-pilgrimage Mass, Cathedral

2.30pm Annual May Procession, St Vincent's Parish, Hull. An outdoor procession (weather permitting) followed by the crowning of a statue of Our Lady in church. Children who

wish to take part in the procession can meet from 2pm at St Vincent's Academy. For further information please contact Catherine Holtby on 07817834362 or email catherineholtby@yahoo.co.uk

4.30pm Sung Vespers with the Senior Girl Choristers at St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough, preceded by a 10 minute programme of organ music performed by visiting organist and followed by Mass at 5pm.

6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

24-26 Tuesday

'Homeward Bound' led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

25 Wednesday

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

7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle, Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. Contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net for details

26 Thursday

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

5.30pm Ushaw Lecture Series 'The English Secular Priesthood: history, identity and renewal' presented by Judith Champ, Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College. Contact cc.admin@durham.ac.uk for more information

26 Thursday

7.30pm - 9.00pm 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

27 Friday

7.00pm Medjugorje Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Everyone welcome. Contact: Pat, Tel: (01482) 802483 for further details

29 Sunday

11.00am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH.

12 noon Sung Latin Mass at St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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31 Tuesday

1.30pm The Visitation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley. 1.30pm Rosary, 2.00pm Mass. All welcome. Contact: St Mary's Cathedral, tel 01642 597750 or visit www.ladychapel.org.uk for further details

FIRST WEEK OF JUNE:

3-5 Friday

'God in the Ordinary' led by Fr Kieran Monaghan. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

4 Saturday

York Catholic History Day at the Bar Convent, York. Contact Judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or 01904 704525 for details

5 Sunday

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6.00pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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Tuesday 7 June: 5.15pm-7pm, Seminar Room C, Dept of Theology and Religion, Durham University; 'World as Sacrament: The Political Theology of the Church.' To book and all queries e-mail ccs.admin@durham.ac.uk.

Saturday 18 June: Cleveland Newman Circle summer trip to Markenfield Hall.

Tuesday 21 June: 5.30pm, Ushaw Lecture Series 'Medieval Stained Glass and Pugin's neo-Gothic Design' talk by Dr Claire Daunton in the Exhibition Lecture Theatre, Ushaw College.

Sunday 26 June: Sung Vespers with the Senior Girl Choristers at St Mary's Cathedral,

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NEWS

Called To A Noble Adventure

Cleveland Newman Circle was delighted when Father Paul Farrer came to speak to us about Youth Ministry in the Church today.

Father Paul set up MYMission in 2010 and is now our diocesan Vocations Director. He is also a legendary fundraiser, arranging a charity football match at the Riverside for Teesside Hospice and bungee jumping from the Transporter Bridge for Zoe's Place.

In his inspirational and challenging talk, Father Paul spoke about why youth ministry is essential. Today's young people do not *inherit* the Church as previous generations did, when most Catholic children were brought up in families where nearly everyone practised their

faith.

Instead, many must *actively choose* the faith: without parish contacts through parents, their connection with the Church comes only through school. Now a second generation of young people has no basic vocabulary for spirituality or church and a mission to young people is vital.

Pope Paul VI said: "If the Church does not evangelise, then it stops being the Church." So why don't people get involved with youth mission in the Church? Perhaps they tried it but failed or they feel they lack the right skill-set or enough energy?

Father Paul challenged us to consider whether

we have the right to avoid involvement. He considered that we are all called to be evangelists, bringers of the Good News, to everyone and especially to our young people. To evangelise is to meet people where they are, to discuss important ideas, to energise and challenge them to come to joy and freedom in a loving relationship with Jesus.

Much good work is being done by many groups nationwide and events such as Flame at Wembley have great impact. Father Paul said nobody should complain, "they don't come to Sunday Mass", when youngsters have no understanding about this. Youth mission is not just about getting youngsters to adopt Church

practices, but rather helping them "give birth to an individual and personal experience of God". We all have responsibility here and should take it seriously.

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle contact Judith Brown at tpj.egerton@virgin.net or 01642 814977. Talks are on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. The AGM is on May 18 and the summer trip to Markenfield Hall is on Saturday June 18. All welcome!

Patricia Egerton



Father Paul Farrer

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