



## Bishop's Column

If you are going on holiday to faraway places like France, Italy or Spain, or if you have ever been there in July, August or September, you will know that the summer months are times of celebration. Every little town and village has its own "fiesta". There are plenty of things to do and enjoy, music and concerts, food and wine, general rejoicing and fun. Always the feasting centres around a particular religious celebration, a patron or local saint, one of the feasts of Our Lady. In other words, these "fiestas" are in essence of a religious nature. There is a famous Spanish phrase describing how these fiestas should be celebrated – *desde la misa hasta la mesa* – from the Mass to the dinner table. So it is a good thing that these summer months are packed full of feasts of the Saints and of Our Lady, so there is no shortage of reasons to celebrate.

One of the very old feast days in July is on the 22nd, St Mary Magdalen. She has always been held in high respect throughout the ages and is celebrated right across the continent, especially in France. From this year onwards, Pope Francis has decreed that her celebration should take on the style of a feast day, not just a liturgical commemoration. In a recent document about her he recalls one of her ancient titles, penned by St Thomas Aquinas, "Apostle to the Apostles". She was the first one to witness the resurrection, the first to see the empty tomb and the first to hear the truth of Jesus' resurrection. After seeing the stone rolled back from the door of the tomb, Mary wanders in the garden wondering where the body of the Lord has been laid. She sees Jesus but thinks him to be the gardener until he calls her name, "Mary", and then she recognises him as the Risen Lord. He then tells her to go and explain to the Apostles that she had seen the Risen Lord and that they will also see him. So she rightly possesses this wonderful title of "Apostle to the Apostles".

The Holy Father has done this to emphasise the dignity of women especially during this Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy and to draw attention to their role in the new evangelisation and the mission of the Church. Mary Magdalen is an example of a true and authentic evangeliser, that is, an evangelist who announces the central joyful message of Easter. She is also called "a Witness of Divine Mercy" by St Gregory the Great.

Let's make the celebration of St Mary Magdalen a very special one this year and with God's grace and blessing, let's celebrate our way through the summer months!

+ Terry

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# City Mission Sweeps Through Hull



Father Ged Kelly, Reverend Dr Neal Barnes, the vicar of Holy Trinity, Bishop Terry, Father John Wood, Father Simon Penhalagan and Canon Michael Loughlin

The city centre parishes and primary schools in Hull recently hosted a three-week Mission Team from Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism.

They chose to have a joint mission in order to bring them closer to the Lord, but also to bring them closer together as the Catholic community. While not planned as such, it might be argued that the timing is the Lord's as Hull prepares to be the European City of Culture in 2017.

As part of that Sion Community Mission Team, I know that many

people have asked what a mission is, and what's the point of having one? I always base my understanding on the "commissioning" that we all receive at the end of Mass, two of which state: "Go in peace glorifying the Lord with your life" and "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord".

These two commands highlight why the Church exists: to witness to the Lord Jesus in word and action. We come together as a family in the

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## NEWS

# City Mission Sweeps Through Hull

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Mass to be fed by him. Once we are fed, he sends us out to love others in His name, drawing them into the family, however slow a process this might be. A mission, then, is a time when the Church reminds us of that commission. As St Teresa of Avila says, "Christ has no body now on earth but ours...ours are the feet with which he walks to do good."

And walking – and driving – is what we have done. A group made up of the Sion Mission Team and volunteer parishioners visited as many Catholic homes as possible over the three weeks, taking that opportunity to encourage those they met in their faith and to pray personally for them and their needs. Mission services went on, either side of the river, based in West Hull in the first week, East Hull in the second, and more centrally in week three, bringing as many as possible from the parish communities together.

Teams worked specifically with children and parents in the primary schools. There was also a daily Mission Mass, held at a different church, to enable people to be as involved as possible, and even one on board the MS Pride of Rotterdam ferry, partnering with the Apostleship of the Sea to take the Mission to the Filipino community and others who work on board. And there was a Family Day of fun and faith exploration for children from nought to 100.

The final Mass was a truly historic occasion, at which Bishop Terry presided. For the first time in more than 400 years a Catholic Mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church in the centre of the old town. It was a wonderful joy-



An active response in prayer, as parishioners entrust their burdens to the one whose yoke is easy, and burden is light.

filled gathering, celebrating what it means to be the Church in this historic city, past, present and future.

And there is a sense that the Mission has borne much fruit, particularly for the 200 or so who chose to get involved as much as they could. Relationships have grown across the city, and many people talked of gaining a deeper insight into and experience of the love

of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As they have gone on that journey they have responded to the call to become the "missionary parishes" that Pope Francis is asking each of us to be.

Please God, the Mission will continue to bear fruit in the life of the city as those who came continue to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus, and allow his love to overflow

from them to everyone they meet. Hopefully, each parishioner now recognises a little more clearly their role as the permanent Mission Team to Hull that God has made them to be. The Mission may end, but the Mission goes on.

**Father Simon Penhalagan, president,  
Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism**

## What some of those who attended the Mission had to say...

Being set the task of bringing all the parishes in Hull together in prayer seemed, in this day and age, difficult to say the least. Father Simon and his team made it look easy! For us parishioners, the spread of services morning and evening had us visiting churches all across the city getting to know each other as never before.

For the first two weeks the high point was the evening service with attendances building up day by day. The cross section attending embraced priests and people, young and old listening to the gentle presentations of scripture highlighting God's love for us manifest in Jesus and His Holy Spirit.

Each talk was expressed in everyday language aimed at and received by us individually. The various members of the mission team spread out on visits to our schools involving them in the wonderful spirit of love, the main theme of the mission. The third week drew all the strands of the mission together with special services of healing, reconciliation and a day of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The mission completed with a great celebration of the Mass of the Holy Trinity concelebrated by a number of local priests and presided over by Bishop Terry.

This service took place in the Anglican pre-reformation church of the Holy Trinity in Hull and was greatly appreciated by the 500 parishioners who attended; truly a triumphant ending and hopefully a new beginning for all of us.

**Tom Timpson**

The expectation of our Mission was to inspire "Understanding, Joy and Love" within our city community. In addition to our Mission Masses, the Sion Community gave meditations and talks which were both challenging and thought provoking. The social side was important too and towards the end of the Mission, when people were speaking more easily about their own experiences, it became clear that the Sion Community had realised our expectations of inspiring us to a greater level of Understanding, Joy and Love of God and our neighbour.

There is still much to do and our task now is to nurture the seeds that have been sown, to bring us closer together in our parish communities and to seek opportunities to unite our parishes so that the Catholic community of Hull is active in spreading the Word of God.

**Mary Lavin, West Hull Parish**

Sion Community have truly been sent by God, guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit. People are returning to the Mission events day by day to be encouraged, blessed and to share experiences and faith with each other. They are being allowed to be themselves.

Jesus said: "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). We have all been encouraged to be ourselves and know we can make a difference. We are not going to be just churchgoers but we have asked the Holy Spirit to guide us, and many people have made a commitment in answer to Jesus' words.

**Diana Ormiston, St Charles Borromeo Parish**

The Hull Catholic Mission exceeded all our expectations. It was uplifting, informative and encouraging by the two priests, Father Simon and Father Ged, and the team. Their faith-sharing spoke of how the Lord had worked in their lives

through the Holy Spirit, to heal and guide them through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The main message of the Mission was of God's love for us and his desire for us to love him in return; to have a personal relationship with him and to lead a good life reaching out in love to others.

Our relationship with God is enhanced through prayer, receiving the Sacraments and coming close to him through reading Scripture and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in our lives through our Baptism. The gentleness and sensitivity of the team was also expressed through the music ministry, which was joyful, as we gave thanks and praise to God on each day.

**Kath Leahy**

When I read through the Mission programme, spread over three weeks, I liked what I saw; something for everyone I thought. It began to dawn on me that there had been a tremendous amount of hard work behind the scenes, which must have gone into such a carefully well thought out programme. From the first Mission event I attended I was impressed by the broad range of people who were there. The Sion Team were and have been excellent throughout, and I became more and more convinced that their way of presenting the Good News is particularly relevant for our Church in 21st Century.

I was particularly impressed by the youth ministry team and the way they communicated the Good News to the children and young adults in our schools; who better to communicate the Good News to our young people than young people themselves? This is the last day of the Mission, but I believe just the beginning of our Mission in the Church for our city and beyond.

**Deacon Ray Leahy**



# Mission Together Malawi Appeal



Bishop Terry wrote to every primary school at the start of the academic year asking them to support the latest Mission Together Appeal.

This year, money collected is going to help Sister Sonia and a group of Benedictine sisters running a clinic and feeding centre in the village of Lisanjala in Malawi.

He reminded head teachers that Mission Together was Pope Francis' official overseas charity for children and the only one in which primary school children play a leading role, with 98%

of donations going directly to the projects.

Each year, schools receive free resources and little red collecting boxes. Our primary schools are well known for their generosity. Some sent the boxes home to be filled with loose change, while others organised imaginative fundraising events. Pupils are also asked to learn about children in their Mission Together family and to remember them in their prayers.

The pupils of St Mary's School in Grangetown collected £237 in their little red boxes, bringing the total they have donated

since 2010 to an amazing £1,874!

Any schools that have not yet donated to Mission Together this year are asked either to send the boxes home or make them available in classrooms for just one week before the end of term.

Donations from schools or from individuals can be sent direct to Mission Together at 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU or given to school Mission Together volunteers.

## Diocese of Middlesbrough



### ITALY –San Giovanni Rotondo and Assisi Pilgrimage led by Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey Monday 5 June – Friday 9 June 2017

**5 JUNE: MONDAY** We fly from Leeds Bradford airport at 07.30 to Naples arriving at 11.30, where we are met by a representative and transfer to Pietrelcina, the village where Padre Pio was born. Visit the Convento dei Frati Minori Capuccini (with the museum dedicated to the Saint), Padre Pio's house, Chiesa di Santa Maria degli Angeli, Chiesa di Sant' Anna and ancient village. Possibility to have lunch in restaurant. In the afternoon depart to San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner and overnight.

**6: JUNE TUESDAY** All the day is dedicated to the visit of the places tied to Padre Pio's life and activity : Convento dei Frati Minori (with the original cellar of the saint), Chiesetta di Santa Maria delle Grazie, Chiesa Maggiore di Santa Maria delle Grazie, Nuova Chiesa di Padre Pio. Time to purchase Lunch. (or to attend Mass) In the afternoon transfer to Monte Sant' Angelo to visit the Sanctuary dedicated to St Michele the archangel, where Padre Pio had the famous "appearance". Dinner and overnight.

**7: JUNE WEDNESDAY** After breakfast transfer to Assisi, on route we have time to stop for lunch. In the afternoon we arrive to Lower Assisi to enjoy a guided visit of the Basilica of Santa Maria Degli Angeli, including the Porziuncola. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

**8 JUNE THURSDAY** In the morning we are joined by a guide for the morning, and are transported by minivans to visit St Francis's hermitage where we enjoy the peace of the surrounding countryside. We then continue on to visit San Damiano. Finally we are transported to visit the Basilica of St Clare where the minivans leave us to then leisurely stroll down to the Basilica of St Francis and in turn back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

**9 JUNE: FRIDAY** We have an early start at 06.00 for our 3 hour transfer to Pisa airport for our 11.40 flight arriving at Leeds Braford at 13.10. (Flight times may change)

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## Postgate Rally And Walk



Cardinal Hume concelebrates Mass at the 1987 Postgate Rally along with Bishop Augustine Harris and Bishop Kevin O'Brien

The 43rd Annual Postgate Rally will take place in Ugthorpe on Sunday July 3, with Mass beginning at 3pm.

It's important for as many people as possible to attend, so please come along – it's only by demonstrating to Rome our strong devotion to Blessed Nicholas Postgate that there is any hope of his canonisation becoming a reality.

As usual, there will be a walk before the rally itself. This sets off from Egton Bridge at 11am. Walkers are asked to be in the car park at Egton Bridge by 10.45am to allow time for registration.

The photograph was taken at the 1987 Rally in Egton Bridge when Cardinal Hume was the chief celebrant.

David Smallwood

## A DAY OF REPARATION AND CONSECRATION

Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

A Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

**SATURDAY 16TH JULY 2016**

Led by Fr James Benfield

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

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**SCHOOLS**

**Saint of the Month**

**St Thomas**  
Sunday July 3



St Thomas was one of the 12 apostles. When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the Resurrection, Thomas was not with them. He wouldn't believe they had seen Jesus unless he could actually touch his wounded hands and his side. Eight days later, Jesus came to the apostles again, and this time Thomas was with them. When Jesus held out his hands for Thomas to touch, he fell to his knees and said, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied, "Because you have seen, you believe. Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."

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THOMAS, TWELVE, APOSTLES, JESUS, DISCIPLES, BELIEVE, TOUCH, HANDS, SIDE, KNEES, LORD, BLESSED

**First Holy Communions**



Children who made their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough recently.

Photo by Judith McPhillips



Fourteen children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Market Weighton, received their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

**Ged's Quick Quiz**

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

1. Which planet has two moons called Phobos and Deimos?
2. Franklin D Roosevelt appears on which American coin?
3. What kind of animal was Kitty Kat in *The Addams Family*?
4. Which 1935 film saw it's three stars, Clark Gable, Charles Laughton and Franchot Tone all nominated for the Best Actor Oscar, a record that still stands?
5. Brinsley Forde, who went on to front the reggae group Aswad, was originally a child star who played the role of Spring in which 1970s' children's TV series?

**Thinking cap question**

Which four John Buchan books feature the character Richard Hannay?

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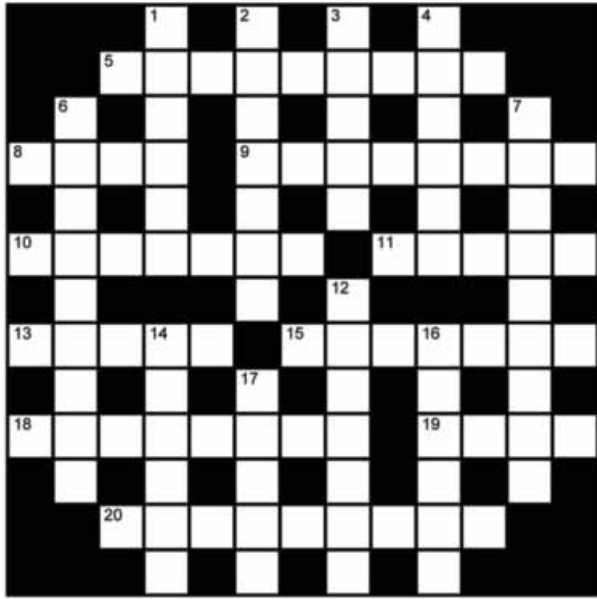
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**SCHOOLS**



**Across**

- 5 Uniat community of Syrian origin, now mostly in Lebanon (9)
- 8 Commercial cook (4)
- 9 One of the Twelve Tribes (8)
- 10 Cherub-like (7)
- 11 In abeyance (2,3)
- 13 Chattels, effects (5)
- 15 Small or medium-sized kangaroo (7)
- 18 Ancient Semitic culture and language (8)
- 19 Haiku, for example (4)
- 20 Eucharist (9)

**Down**

- 1 Jabber, prattle (6)
- 2 Woo; approach (7)
- 3 Capital of Belarus (5)
- 4 One of seven, including Stephen, appointed to the church in Jerusalem (6)
- 6 Ancient indigenous religion of Japan (9)
- 7 One of two historical books, part of the RC OT or the Protestant Apocrypha (9)
- 12 To a man (3,4)
- 14 Crumbling and drying of timber, etc, caused by a fungus (3,3)
- 16 Devoted, sycophantic person (6)
- 17 Florida's largest city (5)

## Mustard Seeds Organise All Saints Procession

All Saints School in Thirsk held a May procession organised by their chaplaincy group, the Mustard Seeds. Children who had just made their First Holy Communion led the procession and one of the Class One children

crowned Our Lady in the Nature Garden. Members of the Mustard Seeds group began their journey in the school hall and organised little altars and prayer stops along the way. They were very happy to have parents, parish members and Father Jerry to accompany them.

J and S Tulloch

## St Mary's Students Follow In Blessed Frederic's Footsteps

Year seven students at St Mary's College in Hull are among the latest recruits to a charity that has 750,000 members in 200 countries throughout the world.

Law student Frederic Ozanam formed the first St Vincent de Paul (SVP) group in Paris in 1833 in response to a challenge from fellow students to show the real meaning of his Christian faith. Along with six friends, he dedicated himself to helping the poorer residents of the city's slums.

A group of around 15 St Mary's students have been meeting weekly to pray, reflect and plan activities that reflect the Youth SVP motto of "Turning Concern into Action". Like Frederic Ozanam, we believe our Christian faith should lead us to help people who are less fortunate than ourselves. We do this through face-to-face contact with people in need.

Our first project was visiting hospital children's wards at Christmas, singing carols, reading stories and chatting to patients and their parents. We have visited the Holy Name Care Home, meeting elderly and disabled residents and spending time in conversation with them.

We hope to ease their burden of loneliness. And we also help out a social gathering and a Mass for people who are housebound, at St Stephen's Church in East Hull. Our tasks include serving food and drinks, helping with the tombola, raffle and bingo, and providing youthful company for people who are rarely able to leave their homes because of age and infirmity.

We are planning a sponsored event to raise money to help to feed young children at a kindergarten in Ethiopia and thought a barefoot walk would remind us of the hardships these children suffer when they walk to school without shoes.

Member Alice Irwing said: "We love the Youth SVP as it's a time when we can socialise and talk about how we can help others. We really enjoy talking together and realising how our help can make a huge difference to others. We always look forward to visiting people and just being there for them. We also enjoy the support given to us by our leaders."

Jim Norton



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**NEWS**

# Funeral Takes Place For Generous Donald

**The funeral for an “incredibly generous” man has taken place in the church he paid for, English Martyrs in Sleights, North Yorkshire.**

Donald Foster, who was 80, came from an engineering background and ran Blue Bank Garage in the village. He was a daily Mass attendee and a lifelong altar server.

“Donald was very humble and incredibly generous, especially to the MyMission team,” said Jim Whiston, who recently retired as financial secretary to the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

“He was also highly skilled at woodwork and used his talents to good effect around the church. Every year he provided the crib for the

churches at both Whitby and Sleights and when Father Neil McNicholas left the parish, Donald made him a magnificent sculpture as a leaving present.”

Donald was a familiar figure as he led the Walk for Vocations to the Postgate Rally. He was in good health until relatively recently, when he suffered a stroke. He never married and leaves a sister, Mary, who lives in Hessele and is a former trustee of the diocese.

Father McNicholas gave the homily at the Requiem Mass on Tuesday May 17, which was attended by a large number of priests. Donald was buried in St John’s Churchyard, Sleights.



Donald (right), pictured with Dr Michaela Weingarten and Helen Pennington

## Italian Night For Cottingham



Ladies of the Holy Cross Parish, Cottingham, enjoyed their annual night out for Rosaria’s Italian Meal. Rosaria, chairman of the Cottingham Section of the Catholic Women’s League, has organised the meal for several years now and it has become a firm favourite, always well supported by parishioners and friends.

## A Window Into York’s History

The St Aelred’s foundation of The Union of Catholic Mothers enjoyed a tour at York Minster led by Professor Sue Mendus. Sue concentrated mainly on the stained glass and showed us close-ups of the incredible detail present in the work of the early glaziers. We heard the history behind many of the windows, including the Five Sisters, the Rose Window and the beautiful Great East Window. This is the largest expanse of medieval stained glass in Britain with more than 300 glazed panels. In 1405 the Dean and Chapter contracted Coventry stained glass painter John Thornton to create the window, which was completed in 1408. The glass has recently been cleaned and restored and is now quite awe inspiring in its clarity and workmanship. The Union of Catholic Mothers makes many trips out as well as holding regular meetings. New members are always very welcome.

Elizabeth Dunn

## Ethiopia Food Crisis Appeal



**Ten million people are facing a crippling drought in Ethiopia. Although there is little in the news at the moment, the situation is so precarious that we need your help to reach those most affected.**

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Shiferaw Mamo, programme coordinator for our partner, the Catholic Secretariat of Ethiopia, says: “Whatever anyone is able to give, £5, £20 or £100, what they give changes a life.”

CAFOD’s trusted local partners are working tirelessly to bring food and relief to families.

However, the need is increasing dramatically. We urgently need your support to scale up the work and reach more vulnerable women, men and children with this life-saving aid.

Rahel, pictured with her daughter, is from the town of Sebeya. She says: “This last year has been the worst ever. I have little or no money coming into the house. There has been no rain, no harvest and the ground has remained a desert, offering us nothing to collect. It’s the worst thing for a mother to see your child losing weight and getting skinny. It’s very depressing for me.”

Rahel has been paid for working on a dam that will collect water for her community. Her wage has meant she is able to buy food for her family.

“It is better to do this work,” she says. “I can’t keep asking neighbours and friends for help. It’s also useful, preparing the dam to collect the rain water from the mountain. It will mean in future we won’t struggle so much to have water during difficult times.”

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## LOURDES CORNER

# Thanks After A Special Lourdes Week

**I'd like to say a huge thank you to the many people who contributed to our week's pilgrimage in Lourdes. What a special week it turned out to be.**

It was certainly a busy and emotional one, with 63 supported pilgrims to care for in the Accueil Notre Dame and others staying in hotels in the town. It was heartwarming to see the care, love and consideration given to each and every one of them by a wonderful team of helpers and young people.

Highlights included our afternoon tea party and the trip to Bartres, where a lovely lunch was shared before there was an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Bernadette in the parish church. On the Wednesday evening we were entertained at the traditional Hospitalité party by talented helpers and supported pilgrims, backed by our house band and with Dom Jones as compere. Coming together for our services and sharing night prayers at the end of a busy day

was very, very special.

The beautiful blankets knitted by parishioners throughout the diocese brightened up our ward. One was placed on each bed and wheelchair, with others laid out on chairs in the social area. As well as warming and cheering our supported pilgrims, the blankets also went international. Keith, Tony Kirk and I attended a meeting where all the pilgrimages staying in the Accueil during our week come together.

Representatives from each group talk a little about their pilgrimage, including where they come from, numbers of pilgrims, supported pilgrims and helpers and how we all travel. We then share food and drink representing our respective pilgrimages. This year, however, instead of food and drink we took blankets representing the love and care shown by our supporters and well-wishers back home!

We gave each representative one and they loved them. We

asked them to pray for the parish or person who made them. We now have blankets from the Diocese of Middlesbrough in France, Spain, Ireland, Portugal, Italy and Birmingham! We also took a number of the blankets to Hosanna House for those travelling with the HCPT.

Our schools and colleges provided a number of thoughtful gifts for our supported pilgrims. They included plaques each supporting a cross and inscribed with a prayer and placed on every bedside table. There were also prayer cards, rosary bracelets, bookmarks, table decorations, bunting, a journal to record their memories in and a packet of tissues – we all needed some of them during the week! Not forgetting the many cakes lovingly baked for all to enjoy.

The biggest thanks must go to our supported pilgrims for allowing us to care for them. I certainly can't put into words how special that is for all of us helpers.

**Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid**

# C'Mere, There's More!

## Comic Jimmy Cricket Tops Variety Bill At Summer Fundraiser

**With memories of a hugely successful pilgrimage still fresh in everyone's minds, our Lourdes Hospitalité committee are already hard at work making plans for 2017.**

They have put together a programme of social events to help keep the Lourdes spirit alive throughout the year. It began with a social evening at Middlesbrough's Khushi Indian Buffet on Sunday June 26, when Paddy O'Neill and Micki Coyle were congratulated after their mammoth Chase the Sun motorcycle ride.

The duo raised money for the Lourdes fun by riding during daylight hours from the farthest point in the east of England, Lowestoft, to the furthest west in Ireland, Dingle Bay.

The fun continues when TV comic Jimmy Cricket tops the bill at the Summertime Special variety show at Middlesbrough Theatre on Saturday July 9. Jimmy is the father of Catholic priest Father Frankie Mulgrew, who entertained a sell-out crowd at last year's show. Joining Jimmy will be a host of talented guests, including many Summertime Special favourites, bringing you an unforgettable evening's entertainment.

"I'm really looking forward to appearing at the Middlesbrough Theatre as part of this great evening of entertainment and fun, all for such a worthy cause," said Jimmy. "I often help raise funds for my local Lourdes Pilgrimage in the Salford Diocese, so I'm fully aware of the need for events to be organised like this one in July.

"I encourage all to support this one at the Middlesbrough Theatre as the experience of Lourdes is fulfilling and enriching for all who journey over there."

Tickets are £12 (concessions £10), with a family ticket for two adults and two children under-16 priced at £30. They are available direct from the theatre, at St Mary's Cathedral shop, or from Chris and Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043.

# Be Embraced By Our Lourdes Family!

**I've just spent my fifth year in Lourdes and as everyone says, each year is different and brings its own rewards. Having not long retired I was thinking this may be my last year for a while, but after spending the latter part of last week thinking about how to make it back, I guess I was wrong.**

I seem to have had some very special moments this year. I know we do every year but somehow I have been touched more deeply this time round, so I thought I would share some of those moments in the hope that it may encourage new people to come along next year.

Firstly, I was placed into a team which this year included the Brancardiers, Handmaids and the Nurses. For me I thought this worked very well with us all beginning and ending our shifts together. Working with such great people made the hard work seem lighter. I gained the nickname "Tinky Winky", which caused great hilarity as others became Laa-Laa, Dipsy and Po – you know who you are!

The week was passing very quickly, as it normally does. Then something happened that really made me realise the power of prayer and togetherness. I was given the massive privilege of accompanying a very sick pilgrim to the Grotto. This

experience will never leave me and I cannot find the words to describe what I felt.

I was also very lucky to be chosen to take part in the anointing service, where I teamed up with Helen and John and a member of the youth. What an amazing, humbling experience, which is now locked into my memory bank.

Of course it's not all hard work and I spent a lot of chill-out time in the café called the Brancs. Here, after a shift, I was able to chat about the day's events over a demi (half glass of lager) or a coffee. You could almost guarantee to meet someone from our diocese there. I was able to enjoy singing and laughter as someone played their guitar and another did impersonations of people we knew. It was very hard to leave having such good fun, which meant I had some very late nights.

Please, any of you reading this, if you are thinking of coming to Lourdes for the first time, I'm sure you will not be disappointed. The Lourdes family will embrace you and whichever way you choose to attend, as Supported Pilgrim, Nurse, Handmade or a Branc, it will be a fulfilling and rewarding time. So get your name down for 2017!

**Chris Tinkler**

## Summer Barbecue At The Sacred Heart

The Hospitalité have arranged a barbecue at Sacred Heart Church garden on Park Road South, Middlesbrough, on Saturday July 16. There will be Mass accompanied by our Lourdes musicians at 1.30pm, followed by the barbecue at 2.30pm, with entertainment by Paddy O'Neill and Dominic Boyes. Tickets are £5 each (£2.50 for children), including all you can eat. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available from John Brown by emailing john.brown160@ntlworld.com or calling 07871 958412.

## Lourdes Autumn Ball

The Lourdes Autumn Ball at Middlesbrough Football Club is likely to take place in the second or third week of October. The date will be confirmed and tickets will go on sale after the Premier League fixtures have been announced.

## Important Dates For Your Diary...

Next year's Middlesbrough Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage takes place from May 26 to June 2 2017.

The Hospitalité Formation Day, including mandatory training, will be at Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough on Saturday May 6 2017, with approximate timings of 9.30am to 4pm.



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The view of the Basilica from the Holy Door



Processing to the Holy Door

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Above and below: Smiles at our tea party



Young people at the Mass of Anointing



Young people and supported pilgrims prepare for one of our services



Deacon Ray Hall, Margaret Connors and Father Pat Keogh at Bartres

# Middlesbrough Pilgrimage



Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage

## Nick's 'Life-Changing' Gift



**Middlesbrough solicitor group of schoolchildren will stay with them for**

Nick, founder and manager of Middlesbrough Voluntary Academy in 2011, has donated £3,000 to the school as sponsoring sick pilgrims. Teacher Amy Glanville has travelled by coach with 13 to 15, including Nick's donation.

"I'm overwhelmed by the love of the students here are so kind. It's an absolute privilege to work with them. "Nick was moved by the school and it's lovely to see that the school don't know them personally but show such love.

"His gift enabled many of the children otherwise wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to Lourdes for the rest of their lives. All I can say, from the heart, is thank you."



# Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage 2016



Lourdes May 30th 2016



Mass at the Grotto



Bishop Terry leads the Stations of the Cross



Young came people from throughout the diocese

## Gift To Teesside Students

Nick Mack hopes his donation to a school has given them an experience that will last for the rest of their lives.

Managing director of Macks Solicitors, Nick Mack, helped students from St Peter's Catholic School on the South Bank join the pilgrimage, as well as other pilgrims in some of our parishes.

Nick was one of three members of staff who were accompanied by nine year-nine and ten children aged 14 and 15 some who were assisted by the

generosity," said Amy. "The fact that Nick is so kind, friendly and humorous and it's an honor to work with them.

Some of their personal situations and the support of people outside of the school, who are so supportive, can feel such empathy and

allowing them to go to Lourdes who have not previously been able to.

It was so freely given them will stay with them for the rest of their lives and possibly shape their lives from the bottom of my heart, is thank

The students enjoyed a day trip to a lake during their week-long pilgrimage, which also included daily Masses, processions and youth prayer events.

"At first they were really nervous about the work they would be doing in Lourdes but by the end of the week they were devastated to be leaving," said Amy.

"We called into the hospital one evening and sat chatting to the VIPs and they made firm friendships. Many of our young people stay in touch with them after they return home."

Nick usually helps in the hospital as a volunteer "brancardier" but was unable to join the pilgrimage this year.

"My family and I have got so much from Lourdes over the years, so it's wonderful to be able to sponsor kids who wouldn't otherwise have this opportunity," he said.

"It's valuable on so many different levels, from experiencing a different culture to the rich spiritual benefits and the rewards that come from being able to help other people."

During his visit to St Peter's to present the money, Nick decided to give a further £1,000 to the school's hardship fund.

The students gave Nick a round of applause after being told why he was there.

He told them: "Have a lovely time. Take it all in, enjoy it and say lots of prayers."



Bishop Terry blesses Peter Brown



Our supported pilgrim Veronica Tate celebrates her 99th birthday on August 1



Bishop Terry receives the offertory gifts



**NEWS**

## Catholic Homelessness Charity Appeals For Teesside Volunteers

**Catholic homelessness charity Depaul UK is appealing for more volunteers for its Nightstop emergency accommodation service in Teesside.**

Nightstop North East provides overnight accommodation in the homes of trained and vetted volunteers in the area.

The service, which is supported by Big Lottery and Railway Children, has been in operation since 2008 and is run by youth homelessness charity Depaul UK, which accredits a national network of more than 30 Nightstop services across the UK.

Kester Young, Nightstop project manager, said: "It's a shocking statistic that, on average, homeless people can expect to die at the age of just 47. The Nightstop service is designed to stop young people entering the cycle of homelessness and unemployment that can lead to this devastating outcome.

"Homelessness and rough sleeping are on the rise and Nightstop North East wants to be in a position to provide support for everyone who needs it. We are encouraging

people to come forward to help us make a lasting difference to homeless young people across Teesside this year.

"In the past few months we have seen a rise in the number of people we have had to turn away because of not having enough volunteer hosts, which is a situation we desperately want to avoid."

Nightstop, which is backed nationally by players of People's Postcode Lottery, is a service that sees volunteer hosts provide a room, evening meal and listening ear to a young homeless person for one night at a time in their own home.

Its staff work with homeless young people, in partnership with local agencies, to help them address the issues that caused them to become homeless and to secure longer-term settled accommodation.

Kester added: "At a time of crisis, being accommodated in a host's home ensures that the young person is not isolated and is kept safe at night.

"Volunteering as a host is a great opportunity to join a

network of like-minded people who want to have a direct, hands-on role in helping young people in their own communities."

Rebecca and Peter are volunteer hosts in Middlesbrough. Rebecca said: "When we tell people that we volunteer for Nightstop they are really surprised. I think it's because there's a certain stigma about homelessness.

"But when we explain about Nightstop and the young people they are helping, they understand why we do it. We feel it is such a small thing for us to give – a spare room that isn't really used – but that small thing can make such a big difference in someone's life."

Peter added: "It's been a great experience for us. We would recommend anyone to get in touch with Nightstop and find out more about the work they do and make better use of your spare rooms."

If you would like to find out more about volunteering for Nightstop North East, email [nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk) or call 01642 249 782.

## A Spiritual Lifeline For Seafarers

**This year's Sea Sunday is on July 10, when the Church asks us to pray for and support the work of Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), whose chaplains and ship visitors provide pastoral care and spiritual support to seafarers.**

"We look at the sea and don't see the commercial ships or think of the people living and working on them," says Sara Baxter, an AoS parish contact and a consultant anaesthetist at South Tees Hospitals. "This is such a shame as they are instrumental in bringing about 95% of our goods to our shores."

Sara joined AoS when she moved to Middlesbrough. "I wanted to do voluntary pastoral work, but not in the hospital. I have always loved the sea, having chosen to live beside it since I left London."

She became a ship visitor in South Teesport and later the parish contact at Our Lady of Lourdes in Saltburn.

"At present, the demanding nature of my work as a consultant precludes ship visiting, although I did it for many years and hope to return to it in the near future," she says. "I have been of use to the chaplains as a medical liaison when seafarers are admitted to hospital, which is not infrequent due to the dangerous nature of their job."

Sara has gained some first-hand knowledge of what life is like for seafarers. She sailed as a fare paying passenger on a container ship across the Bay of Biscay and in 2014 from Argentina to the South Pole on the cruise ship Le Boreal.

"Before I sailed on a modern ship from southern Argentina to Antarctica I already

knew a good deal about living conditions on board commercial ships, both good and bad. I was pleased to see that the crew of Le Boreal appeared to be treated well. It seemed to be a happy ship under the command of a good master.

"The other phenomenon I observed sailing round Cape Horn and across the Southern Ocean was the great danger faced by people at sea down the centuries. Even in the 21st Century on board a modern ship, one felt vulnerable in that wild place."

When people see the AoS anchor logo on her

fleece they are always curious, she says.

"Strangers have often come up to me and enquired. When I explain, the response has always been very positive. The maritime world is poorly understood and people want to know more about it.

"The promotion of public awareness and appreciation of seafarers is a very important part of the work of AoS. I am part of that in my role as a parish contact, which is very important in a seaside parish."

Visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) for more information.



## York Carmelites Mark Our Lady's Feast

The Carmelite family in York are pleased to welcome former Prior General, Most Rev Joseph Chalmers O.Carm (right) to lead us in a mini-retreat to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Church of Our Lady, Gale Lane, Acomb. Father Joseph is a well known spiritual director and writer, including books on *Lectio Divina*, *Our Lady and the Prophet Elijah*.

On Wednesday July 13, Thursday July 14 and Friday July 15, we will celebrate Mass at 7pm with an extended homily by Father Joseph to help us reflect more fully on the "ancient charism of Carmel [which] throughout these past eight centuries has been a gift for the whole Church" (Pope Francis). On Sunday July 17 at 9.30am we will celebrate the Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by a parish celebration. All are welcome to celebrate with us. There is more information on the parish website [www.ourladyyork.org.uk](http://www.ourladyyork.org.uk) and the Carmelite site, [www.carmelite.org](http://www.carmelite.org).



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# An Experience To Cherish Forever

**LEN COLLINGS, deacon to the Parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar, and Roman Catholic Chaplain to James Cook University Hospital Middlesbrough, travelled to Rome with his wife Elizabeth to celebrate the Jubilee for Deacons. This is his account of a memorable weekend...**

I'm sure we've all used that expression, "It just doesn't get any better than this". For Elizabeth and me it felt like that after we were fortunate enough to attend the Canonisation Mass for Popes St John XXIII and John Paul II. However, the events of the last weekend in May made us use that expression again, but this time surely it really will be the case.

Along with more than a thousand permanent deacons and their wives, we travelled to Rome at the invitation of Pope Francis as part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. We both love Rome and so didn't need asking twice and set out with great anticipation. After registering we received packs containing all the information we needed and tickets for the highlight of our celebrations, Mass in St Peter's Square celebrated by Pope Francis.

After lunch we set out on the walk to the Church of Our Lady Supra Minerva, the venue for our opening lectures on the subject of the Deacon as an Image of Mercy. These gave me much to ponder on over how I perceive my own ministry. But this was just the beginning! The next day we gathered in already soaring temperatures at the far end of the Via Conciliazione, looking down its entire length to the imposing and beautiful image of St Peter's Basilica. Slowly and prayerfully we processed towards St Peter's, entering through the Holy Door and processing up the nave to the tomb of St Peter, ending there with special prayers before leaving quietly.

It was such a wonderfully spiritually uplifting experience to process in such solemnity, always holding in our hearts that walk our

Lord made to the cross, gaining for us by his death and resurrection the gift of God's endless mercy, and then ourselves passing through the Holy Door of Mercy. Then we were confronted by the saddest and yet most beautiful of all images, Michelangelo's Pieta. The painful sorrow of a mother holding the lifeless body of her son.

You can perhaps see why I said at the beginning of this account that I really felt it couldn't get any better than this. What followed put that statement beyond doubt. During my 17 years as a Permanent Deacon I have been privileged to exercise the liturgical side of my ministry in some amazing places on some extraordinary occasions but I would never have imagined that one day I would have the privilege along with so many of my brother deacons from all over the world of being on the sanctuary in St Peter's Square celebrating Mass with the Holy Father.

At 7.30am we arrived at St Peter's. Elizabeth had a reserved seat in the square and I went to the Paul VI Audience Hall to get vested. I was handed my stole by one of the excellent volunteers helping out throughout the Jubilee year and over the next hour the hall filled with deacons. There was a wonderful atmosphere as we all took photos to record this special moment. After all, it isn't every day you get the chance to stand in the very spot where the Pope delivers his weekly audience message.

An MC gave us our instructions for processing into the square – in Italian! We got the general idea and before long we were being lined up in fours. I found myself with a group of deacons mainly from Birmingham and we all had the same feeling of complete incredulity. I will never forget the moment the reality hit me as we came into the square where 30,000 of the faithful were gathered to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis in celebration of our ministry as servants of

Christ in the Diaconate.

Much of what happened is a bit of a blur and hard to take in at the time. Only on reflecting on the events of the day does the enormity of the privilege bestowed on me and my brother deacons hit home. The successor of Peter celebrating Mass at the very place where the first Pope was crucified and where many Christians lost their lives for the faith we were now freely able to profess and celebrate. Those of us not fluent in Italian weren't sure what Pope Francis said in his homily, but we knew his words would be both encouraging and challenging and when I read the text in English I was not disappointed. If you have the chance to read them please do so, as they have a message for all of us.

What was also wonderful was the recognition given to the invaluable and essential role our wives play in our ministry. While, sadly, we

could not sit together during the Mass, it was good to know that they had special reserved seats of honour with a wonderful view. In some wonderful and mysterious way Elizabeth and I have been changed by the events of that weekend and we thank God for the graces we received. It was a further blessing that we were able to take those blessings straight from Rome to Lourdes, where we joined the Diocesan Pilgrimage for the rest of a week neither of us will ever forget.

If you would like to know more about the wonderful ministry of the permanent diaconate please email me at sooty.tom@btinternet.com or call me on 07884422441. May the remainder of the Jubilee Year of Mercy bring you many blessings so we all can be "Merciful like the Father".

## Archbishop Leads Prayers In Malton

**The Archbishop of York, the Most Rev John Sentamu, led a service of prayers in St Leonard & St Mary's RC Church, Malton, as part of a six-month long pilgrimage throughout North Yorkshire.**

Dr Sentamu visited St Leonard & St Mary's Church during a five-day visit to southern Ryedale and talked with parishioners attending the service. He later attended a picnic in the grounds of nearby Castle Howard followed by an open air service to mark Pentecost. The penultimate leg of his pilgrimage involved prayers at 12 churches and visiting ten schools. The pilgrimage began at St Mary's, Whitby, on December 1 last year and finished at York Minster on May 22.

Father Tim Bywater, parish priest at St Leonard & St Mary's, said: "The Archbishop spent about an hour with us. After praying privately he led us in a reflection on the Lord's Prayer and prayed the Pilgrimage Prayers with us. The Archbishop's visit to our parish church was an important and welcome ecumenical gesture, further cementing our ties with the Diocese of York."

## A Contemplative Response To Austerity

**Church groups from across Teesside are uniting to explore ways they can help the area's poorest communities in response to the government's austerity programme.**

A Contemplative Response to Austerity is the title of the one-day seminar taking place at Teesside University's Curve Centre on Wednesday July 13 from 10am to 4pm.

It has been organised by Meditatio, which is the outreach wing of the World Community for Christian Meditation, whose Spiritual Director, global teacher and author Father Laurence Freeman OSB, will give the keynote address.

"The prevailing years of austerity have hit some of the poorest communities across Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland," said organiser Terry Doyle.

"The seminar will explore a contemplative and compassionate response to the problems this has brought with it.

"Drawing inspiration from a range of speakers and workshops, we will explore together the many advantages of balancing social action with heart-inspired, faith-based values that seek to empower and enable both individuals and communities."

Bishop of Whitby and chair of Together

Middlesbrough & Cleveland the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson will chair the event. Bethany Eckley, Director Research and Policy at Church Urban Fund, will speak on "Fullness of Life Together – Re-imagining Christian Engagement in our Communities" and Very Rev Canon Derek Turnham, Episcopal Vicar for Christian Discipleship for our diocese, will speak on "The role of Caritas and the Catholic Social Action Network". There will also be four workshops on offer.

Meditatio directs the practice of meditation towards the problems and crises of our time. Its outreach programmes engage the areas of education, business, leadership, interfaith, health, addiction, mental health and other social justice issues.

The seminar has been organised in collaboration and in partnership with Caritas Middlesbrough, Middlesbrough Council, Depaul UK, Teesside University, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland and the Church Urban Fund.

The event is free event but you must register if you wish to attend. Light refreshments and lunch are included. To register online, visit [www.meditatio.co.uk](http://www.meditatio.co.uk) and click on "Seminars" or call 020 7278 2070.

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**NEWS**



# Big Mile Walkers Step Out Against Poverty

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society joined walkers from Sustrans to “step out against poverty” in a mile-long walk along the River Tees.

Enthusiastic walkers braved a cool early morning sea fret to view the nature and wildlife along the route, which started at the Tees Barrage. Seals were spotted swimming in the river and walkers viewed a wildflower meadow close to the Newport Bridge, where the traffic roared past. Nature survives in the industrial landscape of Middlesbrough, a deprived socio-economic area.


The UK has the sixth largest economy in the world, and yet one in five people live below our official poverty line. More than 900,000 people used foodbanks in 2013-14 and 2.3m households can't afford to properly heat their homes.

We believe everyone should have enough to

live on and that all people should be treated with respect that recognises human dignity. Our welfare system should prevent people falling into poverty when facing a crisis, such as falling ill or losing their job. All of us might need the help of the welfare system at some point in our lives. We also believe a job should be a route out of poverty, giving people the economic independence to care for their families.

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# Who is My Neighbour?

**When my husband and I were first married, we lived in a small terraced house.**

Although it was fairly sturdily built, we often felt as though the family living next door to us were sharing our lives and our space.

It won't surprise you to hear that their two little girls could make a remarkable amount of noise at times – which we could hardly ignore! But they were a delightful family and the young mum became one of my closest friends and confidantes, so I considered myself lucky to have such lovely people as my close neighbours.

The Gospel reading for Sunday July 10 is taken from St Luke's Gospel and relates the well-known story of the Good Samaritan. In the parable Jesus is keen to emphasise the fact that the man who had been robbed and beaten by brigands is ignored and abandoned by both a priest and a Levite. However, his salvation comes from the most unlikely of sources – a Samaritan who is passing by. There can be little doubt that his listeners would have been amazed to have heard this, as the enmity between Jews and Samaritans was fierce and historic.

## Compassion

Yet this is the point of the parable. Jesus wishes his listeners to understand that it is entirely possible to show love and

compassion even to your worst enemy. In fact, this is precisely what he desires us to do – forgive our adversaries and treat them with the same love and care which we would give to our dearest friends. Jesus asks this question: "Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?" He was correctly answered, "The one who took pity on him."

## Tolerance

For the first three years of my married life I lived next door to noisy neighbours, but this was relatively easy to deal with because they were loud but delightful. However, would I have shown the same tolerance and affection had they been otherwise, I have often wondered?

Therefore, our mission is clear. Whether our adversaries are those we associate with, work colleagues or actual house neighbours, we are called to follow the advice of the Lord, who exhorts us to be like the Samaritan man in the parable. Jesus is quite clear on this as he commands us to "Do the same thing yourself."

• **Julia Beacroft is a catechist and pastoral volunteer. Her first book, *Sanctifying the Spirit*, is now available to buy. Visit [www.sanciobooks.com](http://www.sanciobooks.com) for more information.**

# Sylvia's Ray Of Hope

**A Catholic nurse who sold her home and possessions 34 years ago to help care for the poor, sick and disabled in Southern India has embarked on an ambitious plan to build a new day centre for 100 severely disabled children.**

Sylvia Wright left her home in the Holy Name Parish in Leeds in 1982 to devote her life to those less fortunate than herself. Now 78, she still works seven days a week bringing hope, love and care to people living in poverty in Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu.

She has established a 160-bed charity hospital, outpatient clinics for 80,000 patients a year, a residential school for 200 profoundly deaf children, a nursing college for 80 students and two day centres for 80 severely disabled children, as well as running many vital community health projects. She was awarded the OBE in 2008.

She said: "Jesus said to the man of great wealth 'Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven.' The Word of the Lord has filled my mind. There is something deep inside everybody."

The new centre has been designed to provide space, light and colour and a stimulating environment including classrooms with sensory, music and art facilities, a physiotherapy room and a therapy pool. It is supported by the Sylvia Wright Trust, a small registered UK charity which raises £200,000 a year to help fund Sylvia's projects. For more information visit the trust website at [www.sylviawright.org](http://www.sylviawright.org).



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**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY 2016**

**3** Attends annual Postgate Rally 3.00pm

**4-8** Attends Diocesan Retreat with Bishop Crosby at Ampleforth

**19** Attends meeting of the Northern Province 10.30am

**20** Attends meeting with Durham University 2.00pm

**21** Attends meeting of Diocesan Board of Trustees at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay 10.30am

**24 - 1** Attends World Youth Day celebrations in Krakow, Poland

**1 Friday**  
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the August 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

**3 Sunday**  
**3.00pm** Annual Postgate Rally at Ugthorpe

**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

**5 Tuesday**  
**12.45pm-1.30pm** Lunchtime Recital at St Mary's Cathedral. Join us for a cup of tea and a sandwich. Admission free, voluntary donations welcome.

**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

**6 Wednesday**  
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley church

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

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

**8 Friday**  
**7.00pm-8.00pm** Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact: John, Tel: (01759) 380415 for further details

**7.30pm** 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

**8.30pm-9.30pm** Bible study at English Martyrs, York. Contact: Lukasz Druzic, Tel: 07540 981429 for further details including confirmation of venue

**8-9 Friday- Saturday**  
'Embraced by Mercy: God's Ultimate Gift' with Fr Jim McManus, St Bede's Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. Contact 01904 464900, email: admin@stbedes.org.uk

**10 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

**4.00pm** Young Adults' Mass (18-30), The Chapel, Mission House, St Thomas More, Kirkham Row, Beechwood, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE followed by a simple meal

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

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

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

**12 Tuesday**  
**12.45pm** Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull

**12.45pm-1.30pm** St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Summer Lunchtime Recital. Free admission; tea and sandwiches; voluntary donations welcome

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

**7.00pm** The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

**13 Wednesday**  
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley church

**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

**2.30pm** Prayer Group at The John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome

**7.00pm** Our Lady's, Acomb, Mass with extended homily by Most Rev Joseph Chalmers, former Carmelite Prior General, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**14 Thursday**  
**7.00pm** Our Lady's, Acomb, Mass with extended homily by Most Rev Joseph Chalmers to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**15-17 Friday-Sunday**  
'Homeward Bound' B led by Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

**15 Friday**  
**7.00pm** Our Lady's, Acomb, Mass with extended homily by Most Rev Joseph Chalmers to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

**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/>

**16 Saturday**  
**11.30am** Pilgrimage of Reparation, Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley; meet at Anglican church in the village

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

**17 Sunday**  
**9.30am** Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel followed by a parish celebration, Our Lady's, Acomb. All welcome.

**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

**3.00pm** Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge YO21 1UU

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



**19 Tuesday**

**12.45pm-1.30pm** St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Summer Lunchtime Recital. Free admission; tea and sandwiches; voluntary donations welcome

**20 Wednesday**

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**8.00pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Charles Borromeo Church, Jarratt Street, Hull

**21 Thursday**

**7.00pm-9.00pm** 'Personal and Spiritual Development' Taster Evening, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York. Contact 01904 464900, email: admin@stbedes.org.uk

**24 Sunday**

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**25-28 Monday-Thursday**

'Saints of North York Moors' led by Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

**26 Tuesday**

**12.45pm-1.30pm** Lunchtime Recital at St Mary's Cathedral. Join us for a cup of tea and a sandwich. Admission free, voluntary donations welcome.

**27 Wednesday**

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley church

The Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10 pm Mass

**28 Thursday**

**7.30pm-9pm** 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

**29 Friday**

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

**29-31 Friday-Sunday**

'Living Theology' three courses, Bar Convent, York; contact Patricia Egerton 01642 645732

**31 Sunday**

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**ADVANCE NOTICES:**

**14 August 2016** Assumption Pilgrimage, 2.30pm Rosary/3pm Mass, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

**30 August-2 September** 'Confessions of St Augustine' by Fr Andrew McCaffrey. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766486/766889 for further details

**8 September 2016** Our Lady's Birthday, 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

**18 September 2016,** 3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Augustine's, Redcar

**1-2 October 2016** Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (see poster)

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## Ged's Quiz answers

**Connection question:** 1. Mars 2. Dime 3. Lion 4. *Mutiny on the Bounty* 5. *The Double Deckers*. Connection: Chocolate bars

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