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St Anthony's Relics Venerated In Middlesbrough

They say that "time flies when you're having fun." Well, all I can say is that my life must be nothing but fun as I can't believe we are in August already! Where has the year gone? Still, in some ways the second part of the year can be the most settled, at least as far as the weather and seasons are concerned. Although we can't rely too much on summer we generally get a decent autumn. The sun generally begins to shine as soon as the schools go back!

The end of summer and the beginning of autumn also brings with it a sense of completeness, the beginning of the harvest and gathering in. Nature is inclining us to stop and think on how far we have come this year, to take stock and reflect; to count our blessings, in other words.

We may not be the most perfect of people; we may not live in the most progressive of societies; we may not have everything that we think we should possess, but if we count our blessings we surely cannot help but be filled with thanksgiving for everything that God gives us day in and day out, especially through the agency of those whom we know and love.

So give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord and praise his name. This poor man called and the Lord heard him, and rescued him from all his enemies.

As you gather together for the Mass of the Assumption at Osmotherley, on Sunday August 14, may this be your prayer.

Yours in Blessed hope,



Venerating the relics of St Anthony of Padua. Photo copyright Johan Bergström-Allen/www.carmelite.org

More than 600 Christians of several denominations flocked to St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough to venerate the relics of one of the Church's best-known saints.

As part of the celebrations to mark the jubilee Year of Mercy, two relics of St Anthony of Padua were brought for a one-day visit during a tour of UK and Ireland. St Anthony, who died in 1231, was a Portuguese priest and doctor of the church who is the patron saint of finding things or lost people.

The two reliquaries are in the form of a bust which holds fragments of the saint's skin and a fragment of his floating rib. After Bishop Terry celebrated Mass, Father Mario Conte,

who accompanied the relics from Padua, preached an inspiring sermon on St Anthony and the extensive devotion to him across the world. He emphasised the significance of the relics and their role in the church's worship. Immediately after the homily the litany of St Anthony of Padua was chanted.

Throughout the day a continual stream of people venerated the relics. In the afternoon there was solemn sung vespers and then a packed cathedral for evening Mass, before the relics left for the next leg of their journey.

"It was a great privilege for the diocese to welcome these relics to Middlesbrough," said Vicar General Monsignor Gerard Robinson. "At

some point in our lives, most Catholics and many Christians of other denominations will have prayed to St Anthony.

"It was wonderful to see so many people visit the cathedral and pray and reflect in unity and celebration and give thanks to him for prayers answered. The whole diocese came together for what is a traditional Catholic practice."

Two priests heard confessions throughout the afternoon. Also present were Father Mykhaylo, the vice-rector of the seminary at Lviv, Ukraine, and four of his seminarians.

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Parishioners from St Anthony's and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull, pictured with Bishop Terry during the visit of St Anthony's relics

NEWS

Connecting To The Saints

Father Mario Conte on the practice of venerating the relics of saints and the worldwide devotion to St Anthony...

I always explain it in a very simple way – a relic is a way of connecting with a saint. When you meet a friend along the street, you give them your hand. When you love someone you hug them, because physical connection is very important. Relics give us the chance to touch a part of a saint in a certain way and to have a kind of connection with them.

It's like giving St Anthony your hand and saying thank you for what you've done for me. Maybe you or someone you know is going through a difficult time. You can ask him to pray for you, because the important thing is the fact that saints are intercessors. Saints don't perform miracles – only God can do that. But they are next to God and so they can pray for God to help us.

The great theologian who is our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said: "In allowing people to venerate the relics of saints, the Church does not forget that in the end they are just human bones, human remains. But they are bones or remains touched by the living power of God." They have been touched by the love of God. So as you can see, love is very much involved in the story of the relics.

I have the humble task of being St Anthony's travelling companion. I'm always happy when

St Anthony meets lots of friends. If you ask them why they are here, most will simply say they have come because they want to pray to St Anthony.

St Anthony is a friend of mine. People feel that Anthony is not a saint on a pedestal, but is a friend. He's almost a member of their family and very often they have received this devotion to St Anthony, this friendship, through their family, maybe their mother or father, grandmother or grandfather. It's something people keep in their hearts and they feel that St Anthony is always taking care of them.

St Anthony was the first teacher of philosophy in the Franciscan order, appointed by St Francis himself. He considered Anthony very highly. We have a letter written by St Francis and he addresses him as, "My bishop..."

One day a young friar decided to leave the order and stole a book of psalms. It was before the printing press and all books were handwritten, so it was very important and costly and Anthony used it for teaching. The young friar knew it was valuable because it belonged to Anthony, who was already considered to be a saint.

Anthony prayed to have the Word of God back. The young friar had a terrible vision and ran back to return it. After that people started praying to St Anthony when they lost something. People pray when they can't find keys or glasses, but I think the most



Photo by Les Clark

important thing to pray for is faith, which very often we lose and we don't even realise we have lost it.

Faith is the most important thing because when you have faith and feel the love of God, you can bear anything – even a terrible disease or the loss of a person you love. You

can bear anything if you feel you have the love of God.

• **Father Conte, who is pictured with the relics, is one of the 52 friars who minister in the Basilica of St Anthony in Padua and is also editor of the Messenger of St Anthony monthly magazine.**



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Colombian Human Rights Defenders Visit York



Nubia, Hildemaro and Liney – Photo courtesy CAFOD/Ulrike Beck

We were very pleased to welcome Nubia, Hildemaro and Liney on their first visit from Colombia to our North East Volunteer Forum at Our Lady's Parish, Acomb, York. It gave them an opportunity to share what life is like for human rights defenders in Colombia with CAFOD supporters and volunteers here.

It's a unique and moving experience to hear people sharing their courageous actions to secure justice and peace for themselves and their neighbours. Around 30 people listened to their personal stories and I am sure it was a very enriching experience for them.

Hildemaro, who works for Caritas Colombiana, spoke about his work, which includes supporting the brave human rights defenders from threats of violence. Human rights defenders in Colombia play a key role in defending marginalised and vulnerable communities by exposing abuses.

They are at risk of attack, intimidation, stigmatisation, persecution, displacement and even death. In 2015, 63 defenders were killed in Colombia. Those defenders most at risk are those living outside the major cities, often in rural areas advocating for the return of lands from which they have been displaced.

Nubia shared how her family and neighbours had to abandon homes and possessions and run from illegal armed actors who threatened to kill them if they did not leave their land. She is now working to regain access to the

land but other people have moved onto it and pay the armed actors to remain there.

Liney told us how she was caught in a bomb blast when she was just 16 and lost her right arm. She now works training other women, telling them about their rights and how to be self-advocates. She said they are often questioned by armed actors but whenever they are asked, "Who is your leader?" they reply, "We are all leaders." In this way no one person can be singled out.

Attacking and silencing defenders has a profound impact on the continuation of the conflict because achieving truth, justice and reparation is essential to building a sustainable peace. Through an EU-funded project, CAFOD and our Caritas partner SNPS focus on four regions prioritised by the Colombian government under the new land restitution programme.

Afterwards our visitors enjoyed a delicious lunch thanks to Father Tony Lester O Carm, Prior Provincial, and Father Kevin Melody O Carm, parish priest at Our Lady's in Acomb. They were very grateful for the generosity and kind hospitality the Carmelite Community showed our visitors during their stay.

• **New number: We have now moved into our new base in the Curial Offices where our new telephone number is 01642 822301. Thanks for your generosity and support!**

Carol Cross

In The Footsteps Of Father Postgate

Bishop Terry was assisted by the Most Rev Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, the Abbot of Ampleforth, and priests and deacons from throughout the diocese as he celebrated Mass at the Postage Rally. Photos by diocesan photographer Les Clark



The Walk For Vocations prepares to set off from Ugthorpe to Egton Bridge before joining the rally



Bishop Terry celebrating Mass

Inspirational Study Day For Ministers

Martin Foster is the guest speaker at this year's study day for all Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, which takes place on Saturday September 10 at the Spa, Scarborough. Martin is director of the Liturgy Office and assistant secretary of the Department for Christian Life and Worship at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He has a special interest in liturgy, music, RCIA and spirituality and regularly visits dioceses to support good liturgical practices. The day begins with registration at 9.30am and ends after Mass at approximately 3pm. This event is for ministers of both Word and Holy Communion, so please put the date in your diaries.

Choirs Look For New Members

Chorister Open Afternoon
Saturday September 3 2016, 2pm to 4pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough

Would you like your child to experience being a chorister? St Mary's Cathedral is looking for enthusiastic choristers for its newly formed Boys Choir and renowned Junior and Senior Girls choirs. An open afternoon for prospective boys and girls aged eight and

over will be held at the cathedral on Saturday September 3 from 2pm to 4pm. All are most welcome. To book a place or for further information, please email the music department at mbrocathedralmusic@outlook.com

Tim Harrison, Director of Music
Craig Cartwright, Assistant Director of Music

Year Of Mercy Pilgrimage To Holy Island

Join CAFOD for a pilgrimage to Holy Island on Saturday September 10 to celebrate the Year of Mercy. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Church of St Mary. There will also be a liturgy in St Aidan's RC Church at 1.30pm for those not walking across the causeway. Coaches meet at Purdey Lodge at 11.30am for noon departure and a pilgrimage walk across the causeway begins at 12.30pm. Safe crossing times are from 11.30am to 8.20pm. Please call 0191 384 4847 or email hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk to let CAFOD know if you are coming either by coach or car.



A Sicilian carpenter, Francesco Tuccio, made rough wooden crosses from the wreckage of a boat carrying refugees that sank off the island of Lampedusa.

The crosses were offered to the survivors as a symbol of their rescue and a sign of hope for their future.

CAFOD, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) and the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) have provided a Lampedusa Cross for each of the 21 Catholic dioceses of England and Wales.

We would like to extend an invitation to all refugees, migrants and asylum seekers and people who support them from across Teesside to join us for a service of welcome

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Conference For Rural Catholics

The beautiful Sarum College in Salisbury, Wiltshire, is the venue for the 13th National Conference for Rural Catholics, from Monday February the 13 to Wednesday February 15 2017. The conference, which was held in Malton last year, is open to all Catholics, clerical, religious and lay people. The cost is £235 for a single room and £435 for a double, with separate non-resident prices. For more information contact Father Robert Miller on 01747 870228 or email rwhm274@btinternet.com.

New President For UCM

National president Val Ward attended this year's Annual General Meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers for the Middlesbrough Diocese at St Aelreds, York. Hilda Carney retired as diocesan president, having completed her three-year term. Jean Rigg, of Holy Name Foundation, Middlesbrough, is the new president. During her time as president Mrs Carney worked tirelessly to promote the UCM. Despite its name, the organisation is open to all women, whether or not they are mothers or married, as long as they are in sympathy with the aims of supporting those in need, families and the Catholic education of children. New members always receive a warm welcome.

Emily's A Winner

Emily Hepburn, from the Sacred Heart School in Redcar, was among the winners at the Catenian Association Public Speaking Contest. Emily won the Thomas Clifford Trophy for key stage four students with her presentation, "If I could be head teacher for a week." Students from Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough and St Patrick's Catholic College, Thornaby, also took part. The next Catenian public speaking contest is on March 11 2017 at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham.

Human Trafficking In Focus

Human trafficking campaigner Sister Imelda Poole IBVM will give a talk and screen a powerful film on the subject when she visits Christ the King Church in Thornaby. Sister Imelda is president of RENATE, whose members are portrayed working against human trafficking right across Europe in *Giving Voice to the Voiceless*. She will reflect on this work and how we can become engaged in combatting human trafficking wherever we live. Pope Francis has called all of us to work together to rid humanity of this scourge. All are welcome to the film night on Thursday August 18 at 7pm. Tea and biscuits will be served and there will be a chance to meet Sister Imelda.

Bridie Hope

Archbishop Praises Catholic Charities

Archbishop Peter Smith gave thanks for the work of Catholic charities both in the UK and overseas during a Mass in St George's Cathedral in Southwark. The Mass was the culmination of a "Share your prayer" campaign, which encouraged the Catholic community to share a prayer for a brighter future and join the mission to bring it about. The campaign and Mass were organised by "Your Catholic Legacy", a group of 26 Catholic charities working together to inspire and encourage the Catholic community to consider leaving gifts to Catholic causes in their Wills.

North Yorkshire Pilgrimage For Hull Parishioners

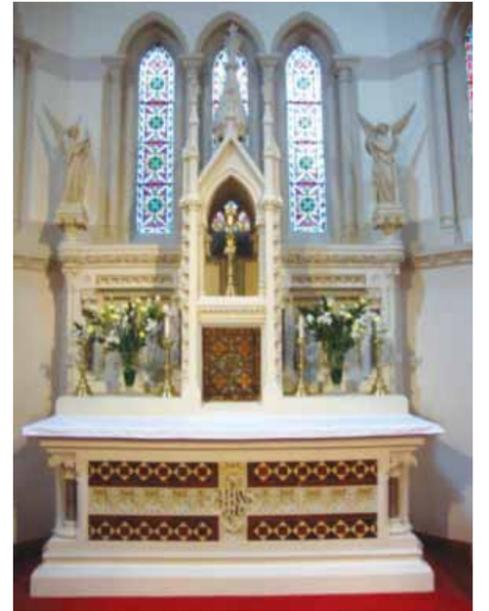


Parishioners from South East Parish in Hull, which includes the Sacred Heart, St Bede's and St Stephen's Pastoral Centre, enjoyed a pilgrimage to sites in North Yorkshire. There were visits to the Benedictine Abbey at Stanbrook near Wass, where the nuns invited the group to join them for midday prayer, and the Moors National Park Visitor Centre at Danby, followed by an overnight stop at the Anglican Convent at Sneaton Castle, Whitby, where the group are pictured. Father Dominique Minskip celebrated Mass, assisted by Deacon Brian Morgan, before the party moved on to Whitby Abbey, ending their trip with a journey from Whitby to Pickering on the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway.

Angels Return To Yarm Church

The reredos of the altar of St Mary & St Romuald Church, Yarm, which opened in 1860, originally had two angels atop very slender and slightly precarious marble columns. Over the years increasingly heavy traffic passing through the town raised concerns that the statues might be in danger of falling and so, for safety reasons, they were taken down. No one seemed to know where they had gone but they were recently rediscovered in the attic above the sacristy. Both had been damaged and so repairs had to be carried out to the wings before the angels were returned to where they had been before on the reredos (except without the two columns), thus restoring it to almost its original state as mentioned in the church's Grade II listing.

Father Neil McNicholas



Saint of the Month

St Lawrence

Wednesday August 10

Lawrence (or Laurence) was a Roman but also a Christian. He became a deacon, and worked with the poor and the sick. The Romans had the idea that he was in charge of the treasury of the Church. They arrested him and demanded to be shown the treasures. "Gladly!" he said, and he took them to the hospital and showed them the poor and the sick, saying: "Here are the treasures of the Church!" The Romans were furious and put him to a very cruel death.



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Ged's Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. What is the capital of the American state of Massachusetts?
2. Which county celebrates its identity on August 1?
3. Which actor played Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*?
4. Which England cricketer played as wicket keeper from 1988 to 1998 and has since become a successful artist with his own gallery?
5. For which film did Robert De Niro win his only Best Actor Oscar?

Thinking cap question

Which three animals went on the very first hot air balloon test flight?

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

SCHOOLS



First Communion In York

Children from St Aelred's RC Primary School in York made their First Communion at St Aelred's Church. Father Bill Serplus then celebrated Mass in the school the following week, with children dressing in their special clothes and sharing their experience with the rest of the school community in a prayerful and joyful celebration.



Asylum Seekers Can Step Into Our Shoes!

Young asylum seekers arriving from war-torn Syria and other troubled parts of the world will be helped to blend into in their new surroundings thanks to kind-hearted Teesside churchgoers.

More than 70 pairs of trainers were donated, as well as £300 in cash, after an appeal in Catholic churches in Redcar, Marske and Saltburn. The collection began after Ailsa Adamson, manager of the Methodist Asylum Project, visited Catholic social action group Redcar and Cleveland Caritas to talk about her work.

"Ailsa suggested that one practical way of the Caritas group helping and supporting would be to try to collect some trainers," said CUF's Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland Development Officer Terry Doyle.

"Many of the asylum seekers are young and like to wear trainers. There's a football programme set up with the MFC Foundation and that's going well but a lot of the lads

don't have suitable footwear. They also like to blend in and wear the same kind of thing young people born and bred on Teesside would be wearing."

Students at the Sacred Heart Secondary School in Redcar designed posters which were displayed in the churches and parishioners responded generously.

"There's a lot of negative publicity out there and this is a good news story about the integration of asylum seekers into our community and people helping them to live with dignity," said Terry. "It's good for local faith groups to assist in this vital work of 'Welcoming the Stranger' into our communities wherever possible."

Year nine students Casey Armstrong, Michael Kelly, Ben Fernley, Nathan Grimwood, Cameron Heathcock, Connor Power, Daniel Gunn, Hannah Bennett-Hogg, Brooke Dowey, Molly Reilly and Elizabeth Freeney helped design the posters.

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New Project After Kenya Success

CAFOD supporters from across the diocese have helped fund the restoration of a reservoir in Kitui, Kenya, in the two years since the Hands On project was launched.

Ten years ago, Kitui was green and vibrant with fertile soils. Deforestation and climate change, however, have dried up the land and significantly reduced the amount of water available in the local reservoir. Tabitha Paul, 43, from Kitui, witnessed the worsening droughts that have dried up many water sources.

In just 24 months, Tabitha, along with 1,440 women and men in her community and supporters from our diocese, has worked to restore the reservoir and bring water back to Kitui. Thanks to your backing, more than 10,000 trees have been planted and six dams have been built to direct water into the reservoir. CAFOD's partners have also trained 30 primary school students in environmental conservation and tree planting, to ensure long-term benefits from the project.

CAFOD representative in our diocese Carol Cross said: "I am truly grateful for the generosity of people in the Diocese of Middlesbrough who have committed to supporting the community of Kitui."

The Hands On programme supports communities as they undertake a two-year project and lets supporters follow their progress. Your donations directly fund the work and you receive regular updates each month. Now the Kitui project has ended, CAFOD is calling on supporters to donate to our new Hands On project in Atliplano, Bolivia.

The region is facing erratic and unpredictable rains that have left the soil dry, cracked and unsuitable for growth. The people rely on this rainwater to feed their growing crops. Over the next two years, Atliplano resident Eva and a small group of expert farmers and water

specialists want to bring hope to the thousands of people living in this harsh environment. However, they can't reach their goal without your help. By donating monthly, you can have a direct impact on this life-changing work.

Your donation will provide the communities with irrigation to bring much-needed water to the soil, training in new farming techniques including making wormeries and using greenhouses to protect delicate and nutritious vegetables from extreme weather.

Donors will get updated information every month with the communities' progress so you can follow their transformation and witness how your support is changing lives. You can support CAFOD's Hands On project by setting up a regular gift at <http://cafod.org.uk/handson>



Tabitha, who has helped restore Kitui's reservoir – Photo courtesy of CAFOD/Annie Bungeoth



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), Chiesa 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.

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

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 Bradford at 13.10. (Flight times may change)

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Fire Devastates Mission House

FRANCIS HANNAWAY, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. This month Francis reports on the fire that completely destroyed the house where he lives and works.

The fire started from our paraffin fridge. A paraffin fridge is great when you don't have constant electricity. It has a flame that drives the coolant around, fed from a reservoir of paraffin in the base of the fridge. Somehow it caught fire.

Father John Kirwan and I were in another building, where our students live and have lessons, together with one of our local sisters who had come to use the internet. We heard a commotion outside, where people were clearly agitated. "Come quickly!" someone shouted. We hurried across to see what it could be and found a crowd of neighbours in a very excited state outside the little kitchen where the fridge was. That's when I saw the huge flames billowing out of the doorway.

We don't have a fire service; people were throwing buckets of soil and the branches from a banana palm onto the fire, but to no avail – the fire had already got through the ceiling and into the roof cavity. My students called to me: "Quick, Francis, get all your things out of your room!"

My wardrobe, bed and desk emerged, as crowds of people surged into our compound to see the spectacle. Father John tried to rescue some things from his room but the fire had already travelled through the roof, with the rafters then falling into the building and creating an all-consuming inferno.

Most of my things were saved but for Father John, years of notes, documents, books and photographs were gone – not to mention all

his clothes. Father Stan Bondoko, who lives in the students' building, came home to see the devastation. When the fire was finally exhausted, Father John and myself were taken to the diocesan procure – about a mile down the road – and given rooms. Father Stan stayed with the students because their building was unaffected.

We thanked God for many things. Nobody was hurt. Although a few people looted our things, a huge number worked hard to help

stop the fire. Visits from people bearing gifts of chickens and offering their sympathies were unending in the following days. The evening after the fire, the local priests came to sit with us and share a glass of beer, because, they said, in their tradition a house-fire is like a death and we were all in mourning. The local sisters invited us to a special Mass at their convent followed by singing, dancing and something to eat and their good company, to celebrate that we

were all alright and to give us the courage to continue. Sometimes a tragedy can bring out the best in people.

• 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/merchpot/FHannaway) 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



Cardinal Nichols pictured during the Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The cardinal has issued a message calling for tolerance after the recent referendum. Photo courtesy © Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk



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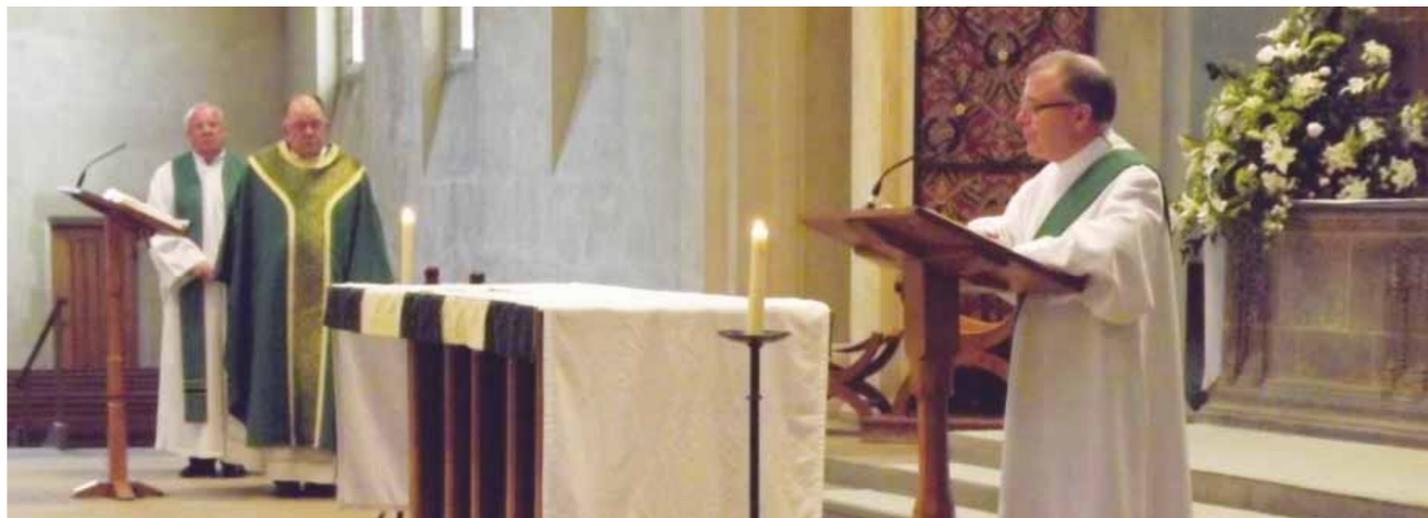
NEWS

Ministers Recommissioned At Ampleforth

More than 250 Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion gathered for their recommissioning on a warm summer's night at Ampleforth Abbey. Mass was concelebrated by Monsignor Gerry Dasey and Canon Pat Hartnett, with Deacon Vince Purcell (pictured) assisting.

The diocesan Ladies' Choir added harmony to the occasion, encouraging the congregation to join in, aided by the magnificent acoustics of the abbey church. The ceremony was followed by a delicious buffet supper. A big thank you goes to Canon Pat and the liturgy team for organising the event, which flowed seamlessly, and a special mention to the staff at Ampleforth for their hospitality and hard work.

Paul Bowen



Golden Celebration For Canon Michael

More than 40 diocesan priests, together with colleagues from Hallam, Leeds and Hexham and Newcastle dioceses joined Canon Michael Ryan for the celebration of his golden jubilee Mass at St George's Church, York. Bishop Terry presided.

Not only was the church packed but it was standing room only in the aisles, the porch and outside the church, an indication of the regard in which Canon Michael is held by the people of York and of the diocese. His sisters and brother from Ireland, together with two nieces, were also present – his nieces led the bidding prayers and his brother and sisters presented the offertory gifts.

In his homily Monsignor Gerard Dasey reminded the congregation that Michael's two uncles, Canon Dan Ryan and Father John Joe Ryan, had also served as priests of the

diocese. He highlighted Canon Michael's commitment to collaborative ministry and remembered Pope Francis speaking on Good Shepherd Sunday when he said, "There are no lost sheep – but only sheep waiting to be found. We need to go out and not be closed in ourselves, believing we are righteous."

Monsignor Dasey said this summed up the key part of Canon Michael's ministry. He also reminded us that when Pope Francis was asked about the crisis of priestly vocations he said: "Korea provides a historical example. That country was evangelised by missionaries from China who later left. Then for 200 years Korea was evangelised by lay people. It is a land of saints and martyrs which now has a strong church." Canon Michael was always keen on lay involvement.

Monsignor Dasey described some of the many

roles Canon Michael has undertaken over the past 50 years, including Bishop's Secretary, Vocations Director and Dean, as well as Trustee of the diocese. His perseverance with RCIA and his continuing encouragement of lay people in sharing in active ministry might indicate the kind of church envisaged by the Holy Father.

Bishop Terry thanked Canon Michael for his service of priesthood, thanked his family for giving him to the diocese and reminded the congregation that Monsignor Dasey had borrowed most of the things he wished to

say, so he wholeheartedly supported those comments.

Afterwards everyone was invited to the Barbican Centre for refreshments, music and dancing. It was an excellent end to a superb night. Special thanks go to Canon Alan Sheridan and his parishioners who decorated the church beautifully for the celebration, and to the choir.

Dr Jim Whiston



Photo by Lars Karlsson

Prayer Garden In Pickering

The people of St Joseph's Pickering are developing their front garden as a place for prayer and reflection. It has for some years been home to a statue of our Lady with the infant Jesus in her arms and parishioners have been encouraged to sit on the bench in the garden and recite the Rosary.

Now it has been equipped with a set of 15 beautiful ceramic Stations of the Cross, crafted by Messrs Slabbink in their Kunstatelier (studio) in Brugges, and blended perfectly with the stonework of the walls. Each station has been given by a parishioner in memory of a



loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings received. At the same time, an ugly concrete feature has been removed from the centre of the garden and the area grassed over. The garden is planted with roses, peonies and other colourful flowers.

The stations were blessed and inaugurated in the presence of the Mayor Joan Lovejoy. Parish priest Father Bill East said the parishioners wanted the garden to be a place of welcome, not only for Catholics, but for all the people of Pickering, whatever their faith, a place where any member of the public could sit and pray or reflect.

Students Inspired By Our Supported Pilgrims

A group of 42 year nine, ten and 12 students from All Saints School in York made the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes with the diocese in May. Here's a letter the students wrote after their return to York and then words two of them wrote about the experience...

Dear Supported Pilgrims

We thought you might like to hear about our experience in Lourdes and how we found it as a school. Some of us went for the first time and it exceeded our expectations. Others who had been before were just as excited as last year and were looking forward to seeing you all again. We all found that Lourdes is a very special place with a deep sense of community that made it hard to leave. Hopefully this will give you a chance to find out how much we enjoyed it.

One of the main reasons we had a great week was how we felt part of something and that we were supposed to be there. Everyone who went felt that they were needed, which made us want to put in all our effort to make it an enjoyable week, even though by the end of it we were all very tired. We went to Lourdes to first of all ensure that you could have the best possible time and we found that in helping others it helped us too. We loved having conversations with you and were touched by your constant praise. Many of you told us you had been several times before and we can now understand why you come back every year.

Our favourite parts included the Torchlight Procession, which was amazing to watch and be part of, but being able to walk, sing and

control a candle was a bit of a mission! Another favourite was going to the Baths which, after the initial worry, was a great thing to have done, even though it was very cold! We loved taking you shopping, walking around the town and buying lots of souvenirs to remember our time there. There were also emotional experiences such as going to Confession and Mass of the Anointing of the Sick. Lourdes is a place of healing and, while we may not have been physically cured, we felt spiritually and emotionally uplifted.

When we left, even though we had had a long, tiring week, we knew we would miss being there. But we felt like we brought back something with us and had learnt what it means to be part of a community. We were glad to be home after a long and tedious journey but would have happily stayed for another week. We really enjoyed meeting you and hope you loved it just as much as we did. It would be lovely to see you all again next year and we hope we will come back. Let's hope there aren't any thunderstorms next year! With our love and prayers,

The students Of All Saints, York

Lourdes was definitely not what I was expecting. I thought this experience would be very solemn and religious. This trip kept the religious aspect but instead of what I thought, it was full of hymns and everyone was smiling. The part that touched me most was when we went to the Grotto to light candles. Also, the Rosary Basilica was one of the most beautiful buildings I know I will ever see. The river that ran alongside it looked so inviting and clear that, if we were allowed, I would've most certainly jumped in. Lourdes felt so

familiar and homely that when we had to leave, to me it felt like leaving my home all over again, but our souvenirs and the memories we made will always remind us of our week there. Overall, I had an amazing time and I will definitely come back to Lourdes next year.

Jemimah Collins

Words can't express the amazing experience I had on my pilgrimage to Lourdes. I had never been before and was told by other students how emotional and reflective it was to be there. We all found that Lourdes is a very special place and made us feel part of a community and that we were supposed to be there. Everyone put in all their effort to make it an enjoyable time. One of the main reasons we went was our duty to help the supported pilgrims and make it possible for them to

make this annual pilgrimage. The highlights of the week have to be the Torchlight Procession in the evening, seeing a whole river of people holding candles and hearing Our Lady's prayers in many different languages. Our week was so busy and full of stunning sights and experiences that are truly memorable, it felt like we hadn't sat down in ages – we were reminded that this was not a holiday! We were completely worn out by the end of the week but we all agree that it was worth it. Another interesting experience was visiting the Baths, which I am proud to have done although I have to admit it was very cold. If you were thinking of making a pilgrimage to Lourdes we fully advise you to and hope will have just as an amazing time as we did and I'm sure our supported pilgrims will agree that Lourdes is a very special and reflective place.

Francesca Meadows



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Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley church
6.30pm Latin Mass at the Church of St Charles, Jarratt Street, Hull, HU1 3HB
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, Tel: (01904) 470041 for further details

5 Friday
7pm First Friday Life Prayer Group meets at St Anthony's Parish Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact Frances, Tel: (01482) 574486 for further details
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the September issue of Voice must be received by today

6 Saturday
First Saturday Pilgrimage of Reparation as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. Meet at the bottom of Rueberry Lane, Osmotherley at 1.40pm. Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy and Rosary followed by Sunday Vigil Mass at 4pm. Contact Pat 0113 258 2745 or Mel 07857685312 for further information.

7 Sunday
11am 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
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

9 Tuesday
2-4pm Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb 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

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

10.30am Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after morning Mass

10.30am Life Ascending Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton

14 Sunday
11am 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

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

6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact 01642 818203 for further details

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

8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

18 Thursday
7pm 'Human Trafficking in Focus; Giving Voice to the Voiceless'; Sr Imelda Poole IBVM talk and film, Christ the King Church, Thornaby

19 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 Sunday

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

25 Thursday
7.30pm-9pm The Pastoral Support Group for carers especially of people with mental ill health meets in Middlesbrough. Contact Margaret, 01642 865668 for venue and other details

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

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30 Tuesday-2 September
'Confessions of St Augustine' by Fr Andrew McCaffrey. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766386/766889 for further details

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

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

First Week of September

1 Thursday
6.30pm Service of Welcome for refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and people who support them, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. All welcome.

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3 Saturday

2-4pm Chorister Open Afternoon, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (boys and girls 8+)

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

8 September Our Lady's Birthday, 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace
10 September, 9.30am-3pm, study day for all Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, the Spa, Scarborough

10 September CAFOD Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Holy Island, meet 11.30am at Purdey Lodge

10 September 'A Quiet Day at Ampleforth' with Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766386/766889 for further details

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

23-25 September 'Great Themes of the Old Testament', Fr Henry Wansborough. Contact Ampleforth for further details

24 September 'Tai Chi and Christian Meditation'; Fr Christopher Gorst and Terry Doyle. Contact Ampleforth for further details

25 September 4.30pm, Sung Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral followed by Mass at 5pm

28 September Cleveland Newman Circle, 7.45pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. Fr Nicholas King SJ 'The Scandal of Christian Disunion; a Biblical Approach'

30 September-2 October 'Preoccupations', Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact Ampleforth for further details

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

2 October Day for Life Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace 11am: meet in the village

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Pilgrims Visit Holy Island

Apostleship of the Sea chaplains, ship visitors, parish contacts and supporters came together for their 13th annual pilgrimage to Holy Island. The gathering was led by the Rt Rev John Arnold, Bishop of Salford, with around 200 pilgrims. They assembled just

opposite St Cuthbert's island for the new traditional Celtic Prayer on the Beach, with intentions including our bishops, seafarers, those who suffer, the dead and peace. Mass was held in the church of St Mary the Virgin, with AoS Tees Port chaplain Deacon Peter

Barrigan assisting. After communion a Scottish piper played Amazing Grace and The Skye Boat Song, before AoS national director Martin Foley gave a short address thanking pilgrims for joining the celebration and for their support.

A Beacon Of Faith In Thornaby

Christ the King parish in Thornaby is always looking for creative ways to welcome those who might hesitate to "cross the threshold."

The church stands in the town centre, but as a modern building with a flat roof and no spire, it might not always look like a church those who pass by. They therefore wanted to find ways of making it stand out as a welcoming sign to the community.

A grant from the Sister Faustina Fund helped some parishioners create an illuminated nativity scene. When this was lit in darkest December it gave the impression that the Holy Family was actually suspended high above the earth. The second project was erecting a sign that would be clearly visible to both drivers and pedestrians. A grant from the Parish Evangelisation Fund covered half the cost and the parish raised the rest.

They now have a bright and eye-catching sign which proclaims that this is the Roman Catholic Church of Christ the King. A panel can be changed to reflect the changing seasons of the year – it currently reads, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" and other wording is being planned for the future.



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NEWS

Merciful Theme For Little BIG Assembly



No surprise for the Little BIG Assembly this year. The theme was, "Merciful like the Father." How could it be anything else? Pupils from all but two of the schools in the

diocese met together in four venues over five days as the MYMission Team travelled to deliver this hugely popular annual event. In just under two hours each day, the Mission



Team led young people through prayer, song, contemplation and discussion centred around two parables. The Prodigal Son was used to explore how we all experience mercy and the presence of God in our lives. The Parable of the Talents allowed us to look at how the mercy we receive demands a response.

Middlesbrough. The MYMission Team is grateful to Father John Bane for hospitality in York, the Marist Fathers for hospitality in Hull, Father Andrew Smith for hospitality in Scarborough and everyone at Trinity Catholic College for a great welcome in Middlesbrough.

Father Paul Farrer



More than 1,800 young people received an ID card reminding them that they, like we, are called to be faces of mercy in the world. Hapless superhero duo Mercy Man and Sorry Boy showed the young people how not to do it, while the story of real life local prodigal Gram Seed was used to show all the power of the mercy of God. One lucky young person each day was chosen to have a unique portrait painted to take back to school, reminding everyone of the need for people to see mercy when they meet us.

The Little BIG Assembly was born six years ago to celebrate the Year of Catholic Education. It has happened every year since, taking place in York, Hull, Scarborough and

Quiz Answers

Connection question: 1. Boston 2. Yorkshire 3. Christopher Plummer 4. Jack Russell 5. Raging Bull.

Connection: Species of terrier.

Thinking cap question: A duck, a rooster and a sheep

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