



Bishop's Column

I discovered something that the British Media are really scared of. They are so frightened of it that they will do their utmost to play it down, misreport it and tell only part of the truth about it. They don't want our young people to know that the vast majority of their peers are people of faith, and of those a good proportion are Christian and Catholic.

I have just spent a week in Krakow in Poland celebrating World Youth Day with a group from the diocese, young Catholics from every continent and hundreds of countries, under the leadership of Pope Francis. It was an amazing event in which to participate: so full of joy, enthusiasm, prayer, contemplation, exuberant singing and dancing, uplifting liturgies, friendship and genuine communion with brothers and sisters of so many countries, languages and cultures.

However, those who were left back in England would hardly have known any of this was happening. The BBC just about managed to mention that the Pope went to Auschwitz, and that he was in Poland to celebrate the 1,050th anniversary of its baptism. While all that is true, it rather missed the point that he was also there to meet a vast gathering of Catholic young people.

Again it managed to say that he celebrated Mass on the Sunday of World Youth Day for a crowd of hundreds of thousands of young people. The rest of the European news channels were saying that there were in excess of two and a half million young people – even the Daily Telegraph said there were 2.4m there. It was a wonderful occasion at which to be present. We took a group of 30 from the diocese – priests, leaders and young people. My impression from speaking to them is that they not only enjoyed it but that they learned much from it and it will form the basis of a long reflection well into the future. Wouldn't it be good if every parish in the diocese sponsored at least one young person to go to the next world Youth Day in Panama 2019? Yes it's a long way away, but I notice that not a few secondary schools take their pupils to places like New York, and these trips are far from undersubscribed. So money and distance aren't the problem.

Here's to 2019 and Panama with a group of at least 70 young people from Middlesbrough Diocese.



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Canon Alan!**

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Pope's Inspiring Call To World's Youth

"Don't be couch potatoes! Go home and be young people who work to make the world more merciful." So said Pope Francis as he sent us all home from Poland at the end of World Youth Day. Two million young people had descended on Krakow in Poland for almost a week. It was an act of faith. It was a moment of encounter with Jesus Christ and his Church.

Thirty young people made up the diocesan pilgrimage, which joined together with our friends from the dioceses of Hexham & Newcastle and Southwark. World Youth Day is a life-changing experience. There are many so-called life changing events nowadays but this one really does stand out.

Our week-long pilgrimage made a huge impact from day one. The group came together as a family, looking after each other in the huge crowds and quickly making new friends. A good thing too as our first stop was Auschwitz. This was both a difficult and important starting point, so close that it could not be ignored and a hard-hitting focus for people who were to spend the rest of the week contemplating mercy. The silence that many people saw Pope Francis observe as he walked the same steps we did engulfed us.

Later that afternoon we made our way to Błonia Park for the Opening Mass attended by around 800,000 people, a fantastic atmosphere – and Pope Francis hadn't even arrived yet! Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings saw us attend catechesis in our own language. We were assigned to be with Australians, people from Oceania and some small groups from USA and Canada. Each day we listened to a different speaker, Cardinal Dolan of New York and Archbishop Prowse of Canberra were both powerful communicators.

On Wednesday afternoon Krakow really did begin to seem full. Every street was packed with joyful young people all giving high fives and swapping badges as they waited for Pope Francis to arrive. Błonia park filled up again and then came the magic moment when his popemobile drove past our part of the park. We were within ten metres of him. Flags and phones were all waved, people took photos and called home to let loved ones know he was here.

Amazingly, as his name was chanted, Pope Francis reminded everyone, "We are all here because of one person, Jesus Christ. Let us all encounter him during these days." Pope Francis spoke at length to the young people, encouraging them to be brave and faith-filled, to allow



God to work in their lives and be a part of the Church that goes out into the world. By then, of course, we had already worked that out, the message we had received since we began the week together was loud and clear.

But there was another message which was proclaimed loud and clear every moment we spent on pilgrimage. Nowhere was it experienced more clearly than when, during the final vigil, two million young people fell silently to their knees for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. That message was simple – God is close to the young people of the world and they desire to be close to him. God continues to call young people to live lives centred on their relationship with God and we must constantly renew our efforts to help them answer that call.

I returned home renewed, affirmed and challenged. Despite what some would have us believe, young people in the Church are not a dying breed. In our diocese we should be rightly proud of all we do to encourage young people in their relationships with God. However, the challenge remains: are we being the kind of Church that always has its eyes fixed on encounter with Christ? If so then our problems and worries will always seem small and young people will seek us out so that they may better know and serve the Lord.

Father Paul Farrer

See centre pages for more from World Youth Day

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A Legacy Of Love

Decades ago, a chalice was gifted to a young English priest about to set sail for the distant lands of Uganda. Here we learn about the chalice's remarkable ongoing journey...

Growing up together in Middlesbrough, Jim Daley and Tommy O'Neill's friendship began when they were young boys at St Philomena's School. They attended St Philomena's parish and both felt God's call to the priesthood as young men. While Jim trained at the St Joseph's Missionary Society (Mill Hill Missionaries), Tommy trained as a diocesan priest, later leaving to get married.

Father Jim Daley MHM was ordained on July 10 1960 in Mill Hill, London. A couple of days later, Tommy gave Father Jim a beautiful chalice which he used to celebrate his first

Mass in his home parish of St Philomena. "It was in front of loads of friends and family," Father Jim explains. "It was a big do!"

Soon afterwards, Father Jim was sent out to share his faith and the love of God with the people of Uganda. Taking his chalice with him, he set off from England via passenger ship and three weeks later encountered the wonder of Mombasa, Kenya. "It was all new," Father Jim says. "We landed in Mombasa and then took the 'Uganda train' at 7pm, arriving in Tororo at 3am the following morning, in the dark."

Father Jim was appointed by Bishop Grief MHM to the "very poor" mission of Amolotar village, right at the edge of the Tororo Diocese. A small church, school, 15 outstations

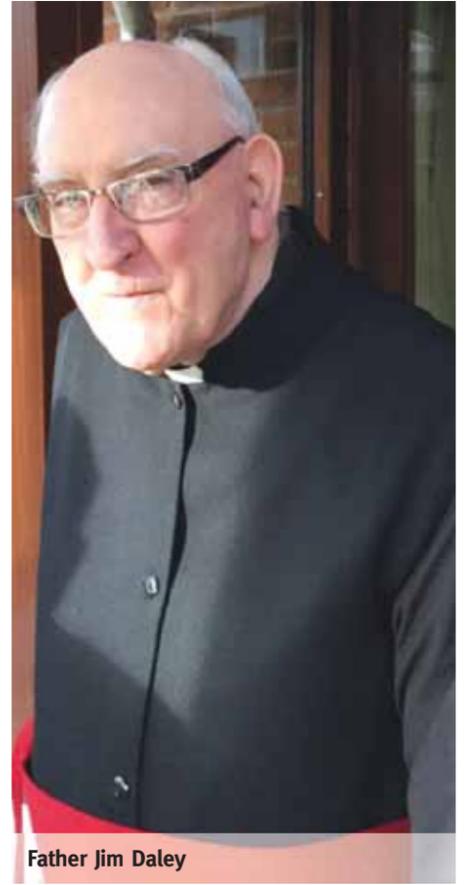
and a welcoming community made up the mission and Father Jim set about learning the local language, Lango.

He'd sit in the children's catechesis classes, listen and try to keep up. Father Jim wanted to celebrate Mass in a way that was meaningful for the community. Whenever he celebrated Mass he would use the chalice he'd been given: "Every time I used that chalice, I thought of Tommy and his family. I used it for every single Mass and took it with me everywhere – even on safari!"

When Tommy died in 2006, Father Jim conducted the funeral Mass, using the chalice gifted to him so long ago. During the funeral he told everyone why the chalice was being used and why it was so special.

"He's the best friend I've ever had," Father Jim recalls. "He was the youngest of a big family and had two older brothers. I was like the brother he never had as I was closer to his age. As boys we were always out, roaming the hills. We were always together."

Once Father Jim retired he asked that the chalice be given to a newly ordained priest in Uganda. Father Michael Oluka received the chalice on September 3 2015, the feast of St Gregory. He wrote to Father Jim two days later: "I am greatly humbled to have the privilege of being the beneficiary of the Holy vessel (chalice) which you donated... Due to the joy I was compelled to celebrate Holy Mass using the chalice in thanksgiving to God... My father is a Eucharistic Minister who at one time served under your leadership as parish priest. Thanks be to God that I joined the seminary after inspirational stories that my father narrated to me about your good priestly conduct... I promise to use this gift



Father Jim Daley

during the celebration of the Holy Mass only and always, unceasingly."

Father Jim is still in contact with Tommy O'Neill's family and says: "This family, out of love, gave me a chalice. This chalice is now being used for Mass and celebrating the love of God. Out of love that chalice was given and they will receive that love of God through the Mass, wherever the chalice is."

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Father Michael Oluka celebrates Mass using the chalice

Meditating In Middlesbrough

More than 100 people spent 20 minutes silently meditating during a seminar in Middlesbrough. "A Contemplative Response to Austerity" at Teesside University drew Catholics and other Christians from a wide area of the North-East and beyond.

World-renowned speaker Father Laurence Freeman OSB led participants in his hour-long presentation and two meditation sessions, persuading them to sit up straight, relax, clear their minds, concentrate on a word such as "maranatha" (Our Lord comes).

Father Laurence, who is spiritual leader of Meditatio, the World Community for Christian Meditation, said meditation "impregnated" a knowledge of God, calmed the mind, reduced sin and produced good deeds.

Question time heard from Thornaby food bank supporters finding people who were

broke and had not eaten for days and from a busy Newcastle food bank. Ampleforth village people gave collected food for a Teesside area.

Canon Derek Turnham spoke of the organisation of Catholic charities Caritas being based on Catholic Social Teaching. "It is the second largest charity of its kind in the world, after the Red Cross," he said. "It speaks up for the disadvantaged."

Seminar chairman Bishop Paul Ferguson, of Whitby, who chairs Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, said it had been an "wonderful, unusual and exciting day". The event was organised by Terry Doyle, development officer for Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland.

Mike Morrissey

Fellowship Celebrates Diamond Jubilee

Catholic Fellowship members from across Teesside gathered for a barbecue hosted by the East Cleveland group at Redcar Rugby Club to celebrate 60 years of the organisation's national council. "It was a true Fellowship gathering, with good friends, good food and a celebratory cake cut by Father Peter Ryan to mark the occasion," said committee member Theresa Flaherty. "All who attended agreed we need to do it again, so we're already looking forward to the next one."



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Teesside Hero Award For Father Paul

The community work of a popular priest was recognised with a Teesside Hero award shortly before his 22-year stay in Middlesbrough comes to an end.

Father Paul Farrer is transferring to Valladolid, Spain, to take up an appointment as vice-rector of the Royal English College of St Alban. He has become an adopted Teessider, having served in the town since leaving the Spanish college in 1994, and is well known for his charity fundraising efforts.

Father Paul, whose most recent role was diocesan youth chaplain for the Middlesbrough Youth Mission, was presented with the award by Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation.

Foundation patron Alisdair Beveridge made a surprise presentation at Trinity Academy at the end of the Little Big Assembly, which was attended by more than 2,000 pupils from 70 schools across the diocese.

"I'm really, really chuffed but I'm embarrassed because ever since I came to Middlesbrough I've been surrounded by loads of people who've always helped other people," said Father Paul. "I don't think I've done anything those around me wouldn't have done anyway.

"You don't have to believe in God to do good things, but I do them because of what I believe. Ultimately, I hope people see what I believe affects my life."

Father Paul said one of the highlights of his fundraising efforts had been 40@40, a commitment to raising £40,000 for charity to celebrate his 40th birthday. With the support of his friends, he organised a series of events including a Transporter Bridge bungee jump, charity football match, golf tournament, gala dinner, sportsmen's dinner, casino night and 60s night.

He blasted his initial £40,000 target to raise £110,000, which was shared between the Baghdad Cancer Hospital in Iraq, Teesside Hospice, the Lourdes Sick Fund, James Cook University Hospital's stroke unit, Climb, the Ellen Timney Foundation, Teesside MS Society, Paediatric Diabetes Trust Fund and three local schools.

The following year Father Paul helped organise another charity



football match at the Riverside Stadium, raising £8,500 that was shared between the Middlesbrough Youth Mission Team and the National School for Arts and Trades in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to rebuild a school destroyed by an earthquake.

For more than a decade he helped organise Rocking in the Aisles, an annual charity concert at Middlesbrough Theatre, involving talented local youths and the clergy. The events raised more than £40,000 for a variety of local causes, including helping to send people on the pilgrimage to Lourdes who could not otherwise afford to attend. Another of his projects was writing Pushing Fifty, a history of the annual pilgrimage. Sales raised a further £8,000 to help others get to Lourdes.

Along with a trophy and a meal voucher, Paul received £1,000 for Teesside good causes of his choice. He has asked for the donations to be split between the Youth Mission team to help others get to Lourdes, Sowing Seeds Ministries to support ex-offenders, and the food bank at St Alphonsus Church in North Ormesby.

Do you know an unsung community champion who deserves a

Teesside Heroes Award? Nominate volunteers via the Get Involved page on www.teessidecharity.org.uk

Chorister Open Afternoon

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 above will be held at the cathedral on Saturday September 3 from 2pm to 4pm. All are 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

Racing For Life in Beverley

Staff and pupils from St John of Beverley RC Primary School took part in the Race for Life on the school field. Participants chose whether to run 1km, 2km or 5km and everyone cheered each other on as they aimed to reach their target distance. Over the

last two years the school has raised more than £2,000 for Cancer Research. If you would like to donate, please visit www.justgiving.com and search for St John of Beverley, then click on headteacher Angela Nicholl's page.



Excellent Report For York School

All Saints Roman Catholic School in York is celebrating after being rated "Outstanding" in all areas in its Ofsted report. The report praised the passion and enthusiasm of teachers and the "exceptionally strong strategic role" of governors and staff.

St George's Celebrates 40 Years

Bishop Terry concelebrated Mass in a huge marquee erected on the playing fields to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of St George's Primary School in Scarborough. The celebration took place on the Feast of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Martyrs, and was organised by the joint headteachers Mrs Parr and Mrs Spencer with the help of school staff.

The bishop explained that as chancellor Thomas More was expected to do and say what the king ordered him to. However, as a Christian he did not always agree with what the king said and he was put to death for refusing to carry out his orders. The bishop suggested that the children follow St Thomas More's example and always keep to the truth.

The congregation included past students, teachers and other former staff and governors. Children presented the readings and bidding prayers. The school choir was accompanied by pianist Lucy Wilkinson. After Mass everyone reminisced with friends and former colleagues as they enjoyed refreshments in the school hall.



Sheila and Cyril Swales

Father Andrew Smith O.Praem, parish priest at St George's, Bishop Terry and Canon Pat Harney, who was parish priest when the school was built.

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Saint of the Month

St Wenceslas

September 28

St Wenceslas was born about 907 in Bohemia, now part of the Czech Republic. He became Duke of Bohemia but after he died he was declared a king, which is why we call him "Good King Wenceslas" in the carol we sing about him at Christmas. Wenceslas was kind and intelligent, a respected ruler and a devout Christian. He built many churches and gave money to poor widows, orphans, people in prison and anyone in need. According to the words of the carol, he was out one winter's night doing his good works and had taken his pageboy with him. When the snow became very deep, Wenceslas walked in front so that the boy could step in his warm footprints. There is a very famous statue of King Wenceslas in the square named after him in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. He is the patron saint of the Czech state and his feast day is a public holiday there. When we sing his carol at Christmas we should remember that he was a real person who is now a saint in heaven.

In The Footsteps Of The Saints



St Bernadette's, Nunthorpe, pupils Tom, Noah and Tilly tell us about their summer pilgrimage in the footsteps of the northern saints...

Day one

We left school to go on our class pilgrimage. First we visited Hexham Abbey, it was so beautiful: the stained-glass windows were gorgeous and the architecture and size of the building was breathtaking. We learned to write with a feather pen and discovered what Monks do and why and about the history of Hexham Abbey. Before we left we said a prayer: "Dear Lord, thank you for this wonderful abbey, please help us to treasure places like this, Amen." It helped us reflect on what being a pilgrim really meant. We then drove to Minsteracres Retreat Centre, where we were staying, and after unpacking we enjoyed a gorgeous cottage pie. A long walk in the fields followed, including time in the beautiful, peaceful garden, before an evening of football, hot chocolate and Pringles! Bed-time was at 10pm.

Day two

We woke up early to an amazing meal of

bacon sandwiches and Coco Pops. Soon after we travelled to Holy Island and were fascinated to see the sea just inches away from the road. When we reached Lindisfarne we went to a museum and as we explored we found out so much information about St Cuthbert. Later we visited Lindisfarne Castle, which has been renovated to be a holiday home, and Lime Kilns. Before we knew it, it was time to go back to Minsiteracres. We had a really good time despite the rain pouring down. At the end of the day we had an evening liturgy together. It was wonderfully peaceful and quiet – beautiful.

Day three

We were all excited to see our families again back in Middlesbrough. We set off for Durham Cathedral and met our pilgrimage guide, Mr Duffy. As we were admiring the cathedral's wonderful sights we spotted St Bede's coffin, which was amazing. We then found St Cuthbert's tomb as well. We all knelt and prayed beside his memorial stone set in the floor and then ended with the hymn *Be Still for the Presence of the Lord*. Lunch at Nando's was a fabulous way to end our journey together with food and laughter.

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Connection question

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2. Which county is known as the Garden of England?
3. Which English actor starred as the leader of a gang of South African mercenaries in the film *Lethal Weapon 2*?
4. Where is the US Open tennis tournament played?
5. Which Leeds-born comedy writer who has written for Morecambe and Wise, Kenny Everett, Dick Emery, Les Dawson and The Two Ronnies was presenter of the comedy series *Jokers Wild* from 1969 to 1974?

Thinking cap question

Name the four current and four past members of the Rolling Stones.

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

Mini Vinnies Get Busy In Loftus



A dozen year five and six pupils from St Joseph's Academy in Loftus have been putting concern into action after joining the growing ranks of the Mini Vinnies.

Armed with gardening gloves and trowels, the children worked in the school prayer garden to make it a place of peace and beauty that everyone at the school could benefit from. They also reflected on the gifts the Holy Spirit brings and how he helps us be kind and caring followers of Jesus. Each child chose one gift they needed to grow in their lives.

The gardening project is the latest in a series of initiatives they have undertaken. They also encouraged fellow pupils and families to collect food and other festive goods to make up Christmas hampers for the elderly, housebound and sick, with parish priest Father Simon Broughton distributing them on his visits.

Leading up to Easter they raffled Easter Eggs and raised over £100 for Macmillan Nurses in memory of a member of staff who sadly died just before Christmas. Mini Vinnies is part of the Society of St Vincent de Paul, encouraging primary school children to become involved in their work.

St Oswald's Hits The Heights

St Oswald's Academy Trust in Middlesbrough is celebrating after being named one of the highest performing trusts in the country in an analysis of Key Stage Two data.

The trust, which includes St Peter's Secondary, St Margaret's, St Mary's and St Gabriel's, was in a list published by the Department for Education in its own "league tables" for multi-academy trusts.

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NEWS

Cleveland Newman Circle Celebrates 70 Years

Monsignor William Charlton celebrated Mass in the medieval chapel of Markenfield Hall in Ripon to celebrate Cleveland Newman Circle's 70th anniversary.

The mission of the Newman Association is "promoting open discussion and greater understanding in today's church." The Cleveland Circle began in 1946, one of the earliest to be set up. Members came from the south of the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle and the north of Middlesbrough Diocese.

It includes Teesside and Darlington, Northallerton, Stokesley and all the surrounding villages. The circle has met at many venues, including Darlington (The Holy Family), Middlesbrough (Harrow Road Centre and the John Paul Centre), Stockton (St Patrick's), Nunthorpe (St Bernadette's) and now Coulby Newham (St Mary's Cathedral hall).

Our speakers have discussed many topics including theology, spirituality, history, social justice, politics and education, always in the context of Christian understanding. The spectrum of speakers includes bishops and peers, priests and politicians, academics and social workers, religious and writers, monks and missionaries, Anglicans and Quakers, local members and visitors from London and even – back in the very early days – the celebrated writer Evelyn Waugh!

Patricia Egerton



Biblical Scholar Begins Newman Programme

Internationally known biblical scholar Father Nicholas King SJ will speak on "The scandal of Christian disunion: a biblical approach" at the opening Cleveland Newman Circle meeting of the 2016-17 season. Father King, who has published a new translation of the Bible, is the Academic Director of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. The talk takes place at St Mary's Cathedral hall in Middlesbrough on Wednesday September 28 from 7.45pm. Tea and coffee is served from 7.30pm, with a £2 donation requested. All are welcome. Email tpj.egerton@virgin.net or call 01642 645732 for details.



A Hull Of A Ride For Charity

President John Buckton of Middlesbrough Circle 30 of the Catenian Association was joined by brothers of Middlesbrough and Redcar Circles along with work colleagues and friends for a fundraising cycle ride from Middlesbrough to Hull.

The riders were led out by Brother Barney Ord, a keen cyclist in his youth, and Ray and Ailsa Bell from Linthorpe Wheelers, on a sunny morning for the start from St Mary's Cathedral. Barney completed five miles before returning home but his grandson Matt and his friend Darragh continued on to York to complete the first day.

After a 28-mile ride to Northallerton and another short stop, the main party of John, Phil Carey, Simon Carey, Mark Fleming, Chris Rhodes, Reuben Hanlon, Phil Luke, Gavin

Prothero, Peter Martin, Matt Cockerill and Darragh McKay said their goodbyes to Ray and Ailsa and continued on to Easingwold before completing the first day's riding in York.

There was an overnight stay enjoying the company and hospitality of Father John Bane at English Martyrs before the riders continued the journey to Hull. After 120 miles of cycling the riders finally made it to the Humber Bridge, ending their ride at the iconic landmark.

John is using his year as president to raise funds for the Haematology Unit at James Cook University Hospital where he received treatment for Non-Hodgkin lymphoma five years earlier.

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Middlesbrough Catholic Women's League members are pictured during the national pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral.

LOURDES CORNER

A Crafty Way To Raise Funds

Last year's blanket appeal was a huge success in bringing friends, families, parish groups and others together. Now I'd love us to keep those groups going and creating their own choice of crafts before coming together in a "Lourdes Craft Day" next April to sell them. The funds raised would enable someone to join us in Lourdes who might not otherwise be able to.

Lourdes should be at the heart of our homes and parishes, with stories told and memories shared. This could hopefully be one way we could do this while creating beautiful crafts to benefit others. Please let me know what you

think by either emailing chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk or calling 01642 324043. I'd love to hear from you and once again I thank you for all the support you give towards making our Lourdes pilgrimage so special.

Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid

*We'll be hosting an afternoon tea party on Saturday October 1 at Trinity College, Middlesbrough. Please put the date in your diaries. The time is still to be confirmed so look out for a notice on your parish newsletters.



Stephen Takes On Head Nurse Role

Stephen McKenna, pictured above, has been appointed Head Nurse after playing a major role during this year's pilgrimage. Chris Tillotson (Head Handmaid), Jan O'Neill (Deputy Head Handmaid), Tony Kirk (Head Brancardier) and Tony Walton (Deputy Head Brancardier) continue in their current roles.

We thank all of them for accepting their roles and I hope you will join me and wish them every success for the future. We would also like to thank Jean Cornfoot for her time spent as Head Nurse and wish her a continued recovery. Please note, our pilgrimage dates for next year are Friday May 26 to Friday June 2.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director



Communion had to be brought into the car park to an overflow of an estimated 200 mourners unable to get inside St Clare's Church in Brookfield, Middlesbrough, for the funeral of Sue Collin. Sue passed away shortly after returning from this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes, where she was cared for as a supported pilgrim. She is pictured here at the Blessing of Hands in the St Bernadette Centre along with her parents John and Helen Pennington, both regulars on our pilgrimage. Search "Sue Collin's Fight Song" on YouTube to see a heart-warming video recorded by Sue and her family.

"Lourdes is a fantastic journey, caring for our Supported Pilgrims. It's so difficult to put into words what Lourdes means to us all - it's unique. There aren't many situations where hundreds of people from all walks of life give up a week's holiday and pay for themselves."

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WORLD YOUTH DIARY



Harry's World Youth Day Diary

On the first day of our pilgrimage we visited Auschwitz and walked the path that would be walked by the Holy Father later in the week. Although a harrowing experience, Auschwitz was an ideal place to start the week because it showed us the damage the absence of mercy can cause. Our group left a candle in an act of remembrance for all those who lost their lives due to the lack of mercy shown at Auschwitz and similar places.

After wandering the streets searching for our coach, we made our way to the opening Mass celebrated at Błonia Park by the Cardinal Archbishop of Krakow, also the former secretary of St John Paul II. Looking around at all the different nations' flags was a really special moment for me. It made me feel like I was part of something big, part of a global community, a global church.

For the next three mornings we attended catechesis with about 10,000 other English-speaking pilgrims. Each started with the delivery of the main catechesis by a cardinal or archbishop followed by Mass. The messages shared with us were truly inspirational. On Thursday evening we set out to Błonia Park for the Papal Welcoming Ceremony and on Friday, Father Paul led a reconciliation service for our group.

On Saturday morning we waved goodbye to running water and comfortable beds. Armed with sleeping bags we embarked on our journey to, in essence, a field in the middle of nowhere known as *Campus Misericordiae*, which means camp of mercy. After a six-hour journey we arrived at our section, which was behind the altar! This meant we were viewing everything going on through big screens put up around us. At 7.30pm Pope Francis arrived and held a prayer vigil. He challenged us to respond to a world at war with brotherhood, with communion, with family. At that request, everyone in the field, two million people, no matter how tired or weary, stood up, held hands and prayed silently. That was an incredibly special moment that will stay with me forever.

After the Pope preached, we all settled to adore the Blessed Sacrament. Volunteers handed candles out to everyone present. This was another special moment. Picture this. Two million people, all kneeling in a field holding candles and praying. And people say that the church is dying? How wrong they are.

On Sunday morning, the Pope returned to say the closing Mass at *Campus Misericordiae*. In his homily he challenged us, as young people, not to "vegetate". He told us Jesus is calling us to leave our mark on life, our own history and the history of others.

During the week we laughed, smiled, cried, got rained on, danced, chanted (some louder than others), sang, got rained on again, celebrated and prayed together. But it's safe to say I had the time of my life and my experiences of World Youth Day 2016 will stay with me forever. Bring on Panama for World Youth Day 2019!

Harry Twohig, St Andrew's Parish, Teesville



Candlelit Vigil W

World Youth Day was incredible! I experienced some memories that will last a lifetime of the youth of the diocese.

The highlight of the trip for me was the experience of Pope Francis in the evening. The silence while praying was both unforgettable and moving.



An Amazing Experience

Since taking early retirement from teaching, my wife and I have been helping out the Middlesbrough Youth Mission Team with their work in schools throughout the diocese – and our experiences have been among the most valuable and rewarding of our careers.

We can't quite remember at what point the subject of World Youth Day was first broached, but Father Paul Farrer would hardly qualify as the best salesman for the event! We remember him saying that the experience would be "memorable" and then explaining that as pilgrims we would spend a week living in student accommodation, walk for two days, to and from the vigil site, and spend a night under the stars (no tent) – not exactly strong selling points, but we decided to sign up anyway.

What an amazing experience it turned out to be. We did indeed stay in student accommodation and still have the blisters from our exertion, but that all pales into insignificance compared to the bonds we forged with each other and especially the inspiration we derived from the daily catechesis sessions and the words from the Holy Father. His address at the vigil was quite breathtaking (especially the asides that didn't find their way into the published text).

So I slept with the company of a slug in my sleeping bag and to the soundtrack of samba chords played by a group from Brazil who were "sleeping" next to me. We awoke stupidly early to the feel of the dew and were spoken to in person (albeit on a big screen) by Pope Francis. We learned that Monsignor Robinson can walk for England and, most importantly, that our young pilgrims are people of whom the diocese can be really proud.

What else are we to know? World Youth Day was something that all who are able would be enriched and inspired by. Would we go again? If we were asked to do so, then a definite yes to that question and we'll be well into our 60s by then. Finally, wouldn't it be great if we could host this fantastic event here in the UK?

Colin and Trisha Lunn



With New York's Cardinal Dolan at a catechesis session



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WORLD YOUTH DIARY

Finding God And Fellowship

Wow! The week was incredible, meeting people from around the world was amazing. Getting to know everyone from Middlesbrough Diocese was fantastic.

I would say the week for myself was, in fact, life changing. Sharing my Catholic faith with more than two million young people. We didn't celebrate our faith in a Church but in a circus tent, in a field, in a park, even a corridor, as God is present everywhere, God is always with us, everywhere we go. It is us who has to find him.

Catherine Cantwell, School Chaplaincy Co-ordinator, Sacred Heart, Redcar



Was Unforgettable

Experienced every emotion throughout the week and have made new friends as well as forming new friendships among the

overnight vigil; celebrating Benediction with Pope Francis; praying with a lit candle among millions of people was

Michael Kendal



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**Diocese of
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A Welcome For Asylum Seekers

Around 50 asylum seekers from Teesside enjoyed the annual welcome prepared at St Benedict's parish centre school on a sunny day in Ampleforth. They were invited by the ecumenical Ampleforth Justice and Peace group and came with Justice First, a Teesside charity helping immigrants whose first recourse to the asylum process has been unsuccessful. St Benedict's and the Red Cross provided transport.

The group, including families, came from as far afield as Tibet, Uzbekistan, Albania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Ethiopia. The day included lunch and time together to share histories and hopes on the grass area at the school. A home-made Punch and Judy show and some spirited African drumming accompanied tea and cakes as new friendships were formed and old ones renewed.

Meanwhile, a group of around 30 asylum seekers are pictured here during their trip with Mary Frankland to St Hilda's Parish, Whitby, where they enjoyed the hospitality and friendship of parishioners from both churches, who were rewarded with sunny smiles and beautiful singing.

**Diocese of
Middlesbrough**

**ITALY –San Giovanni Rotondo
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Pilgrimage led by
Bishop Terence Patrick Draney
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.

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)

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.

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CAFOD Supporters Look Towards Harvest

Harvest is a time of abundance and plenty and a time to celebrate and share the fruition of a hard year's work. On this Harvest Fast Day CAFOD are asking our supporters to join together on Friday October 7 to help the families of the Altiplano in the South American country of Bolivia to grow more food.

At 4,000 metres above sea level, the Bolivian Altiplano plain is a difficult place to live and now the highly agricultural community is being adversely affected by climate change. Unpredictable rains and frequent hailstorms are destroying crops that the community relies on. Men are being forced to leave their families for months at a time, travelling to the cities to find work, leaving the women and children to work the land by themselves.

In Bolivia nearly 60% of the rural population live below the poverty line. During the Year of Mercy we are called to feed the hungry and this Harvest time we are calling on our supporters to join us helping to create a fairer world where we can share the richness of our common home with all our brothers and sisters, so they too can live their lives to the full.

By investing in the building of greenhouses, the provision of seeds and materials, the teaching of new farming techniques and by providing technical staff to educate the community on how to build wormeries and make their own organic fertiliser, our partners help people not only to grow enough food to



feed their families but also to have some left to sell.

Mother of four Nicanora lives on a small farm on the Bolivian Altiplano. She is a strong woman working in hard conditions to feed her family. "On a normal day when we don't have much food we eat barley soup," she says. "When we eat just this soup all day we get tired very quickly."

She and her neighbours are about to start a two-year journey to build a vegetable garden, greenhouse and wormery and to improve irrigation to her land. Working alongside CAFOD's local partner, an organisation called Nuna, she is now very optimistic for next year's Harvest.

"I have a lot of hopes for the future working with Nuna. The thing I am most excited about is being able to grow more food and to sell my crops."

You can help the communities of Bolivia by joining the two-year Hands On Project. A gift of just £5 a month can build two wormeries and provide worms to bring rich compost and you'll be sent regular updates on how the community is developing with your support.

Alternatively, a one-off £10 donation this Harvest can provide a family with seeds to start their own vegetable garden. You can also join Harvest Fast Day by volunteering with CAFOD to speak at Mass to spread the word in your local parish and by joining us in praying for our brothers and sisters who do not have enough food.

To find out more about how you can get involved in the Harvest appeal, please visit cafod.org.uk/harvest.

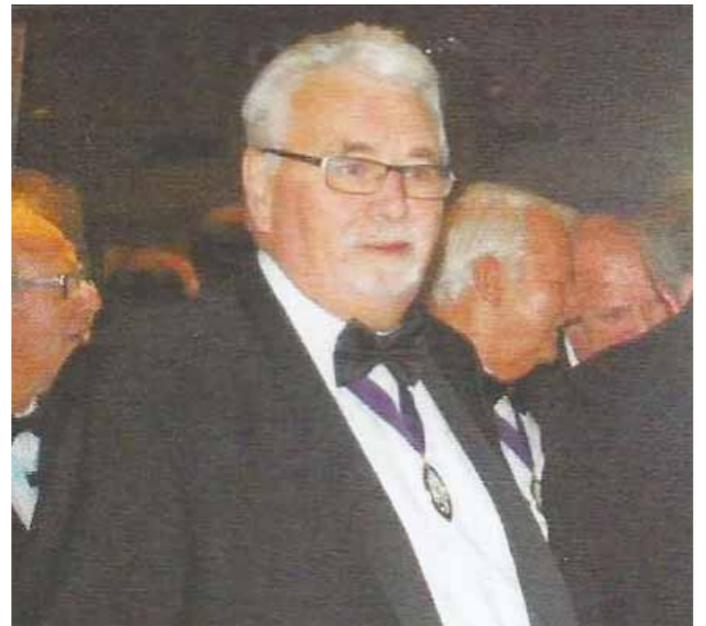
Parishioners Mourn Brancardier Dave

Mourners packed St Paulinus Church in Guisborough for the funeral of parishioner Dave Walton. Dave, aged 70, was a Knight of St Columba and regularly travelled to Lourdes as a brancardier.

The service was conducted by parish priest Canon Michael Bayldon assisted by Father Paul Farrer. In the eulogy, fellow Knight George Metcalfe spoke of his work with the Knights and at Lourdes and also his love for Middlesbrough FC.

He said Dave liked to be at the back of the church as a welcomer, usher and general organiser. He would sense if someone was struggling and discreetly brought them a drink or helped them outside for a breath of fresh air. Dave leaves his wife of 40 years, Beryl, son and daughter Mark and Karen, in-laws Lynsey and Phil and grandchildren Josh and Jarred, Jake, Abbie and twins Sophie and Chloe.

Brian Gleeson



Book Review: Living The Just Soul

There is a welcome trend at the moment for those belonging to religious orders to write about their history, thus making their spirituality accessible to the modern reader. This is true of orders founded three, four, or even ten centuries ago. Recently I picked up a book of reflections at the Bar Convent in York, compiled to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Mary Ward's insight about the "Just Soul".

Its aim is to introduce people to the spirituality of Mary Ward. The Mary Ward Sisters were asked to send in their understanding of the Just Soul, based on their lived experience; the result is this beautiful meditative booklet. Its themes are Living in Freedom, Living with Integrity, Right Relationships, Authenticity, Joyfulness and Being a Transformative Woman.

Each section has short phrases and insights given by Mary Ward Sisters, all enhanced by beautiful photography. The section on

Authenticity especially appealed to me. The phrase "...we be such as we appear, and appear such as we are" was written by Mary Ward in the early 17th Century. Today one of the sisters has written: "I must shed all my masks and live a life of sincerity and truthfulness in total freedom, as a child of God." Nothing has changed! Authenticity is as much needed and valued today as it was then. Each section has similar insights, all needed in the time of Mary Ward herself but, amazingly, just as relevant today.

Living the Just Soul Today is published by The Congregation of Jesus and The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is available from The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ priced £6.50. ISBN 978-2-7468-3233-6.

Catherine Rowland

This review first appeared in Network, the magazine of Women, Word, Spirit.

Ageing Better Reaches Out In Middlesbrough

St Mary's Cathedral Parish in Middlesbrough is using a Big Lottery Fund programme to reach out to those aged over 50 who may feel lonely or isolated.

Many parishioners signed up as members for Ageing Better Middlesbrough at an information evening. This gives them access to regular newsletters with information about social and support groups, art and craft classes, sport clubs, history talks and music. Ageing Better organised a summer programme of talks to examine suggestions from new members, drawing on resources including crafts, technology and local history.

Meetings are free and refreshments are provided, as chatting over cakes or scones is an important aspect of the group's work. They give the opportunity to find others with

similar interests and form connections and friendships. Members can also volunteer to demonstrate their skills, run activities in nursing homes or become a peer friend, with support and training available. We are currently looking at how Ageing Better could help the housebound and those in residential homes who are unable to attend meetings. One way is during our Ministers of Holy Communion's weekly visits, while Ageing Better outreach workers can also call round. See www.ageingbettermiddlesbrough.org.uk for more information.

Teresa Lyth, on behalf of St Marys Cathedral Justice and Peace Group

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NEWS

Chipping In After The Fire



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. After the recent house-fire, Francis finds himself on his way to Kinshasa.

"I do need a break," conceded Father John Kirwan MHM. "But I have too much to do here first." It was five weeks after the fire, five weeks of Father John sifting through burnt papers, hoping to retrieve something of worth and, most importantly, his missing passport. All the time the two of us had been living out of suitcases. Father Stan and I decided Father John needed a break – but the captain wouldn't leave his ship. We channelled our concerns through the local Congolese sisters and he accepted their suggestion to go to Kinshasa to apply for a new passport.

Passenger planes rarely land in Basankusu. Normally, a trip to Kinshasa would involve a 25-hour sleepless river journey cramped in a canoe, and then a one-hour flight. We got places, however, on the plane that brings the teachers' salaries – in cash. I thought of waiting a few more weeks before going away. I'd come to the end of the teaching year, but the nutrition project was still extremely busy.

"Take the opportunity, Francis," Father Stan urged. "People will manage without you. You'll be very useful in Kinshasa when our students arrive to apply for their passports. You must be tired of the food here by now, and in Kinshasa...they have potatoes!"

The 16-seater plane, one propeller impatiently still turning, hurriedly deposited its cargo of cash, and we were off. We passed our roofless house – still charred from the fire. We passed the lines of canoes along the river and over the dense tropical rainforest. The plane flew north to Lisala, then Bumba, stopping for only 15 minutes each time to deliver more money, and then south-east to Bokungu, refuelling from jerricans before heading off to Mbandaka, on the River Congo and exactly on the Equator. We'd been flying all day and spent the night there, continuing our journey to Kinshasa for three more hours the following day.

The Vice-Consul listened sympathetically to Father John's story.

"We haven't forgotten that you're there," he smiled. "You're our man in Equateur Province."

He explained that passports were all processed online these days, and that would be difficult after other documents had been lost in the fire.

"We can only give you an emergency travel document to go back to the UK, and then you can apply there," he concluded.

I enjoyed accompanying Father John on his quest for a passport. We decided to relax a bit now that we were in Kinshasa; we ate together, shared a drink and welcomed visitors. We went out to eat in a restaurant and I pondered what I'd missed most by being in Basankusu for so long. I looked at the menu; there was fish, of course, there always is – and there it was. "Bring me a big plate of chips!" I beamed.

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Congratulations, Canon Alan!



Priests and well wishers from throughout the diocese gathered at St George's Church in York for Canon Alan Sheridan's silver jubilee celebration. Our picture, taken by Lars Karlsson, shows Canon Alan receiving a statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from Ann Middleton on behalf of the parish. Canon Alan had requested the statue as he has always wanted one.

Newman Fest Is Back!



Newman Fest organiser Al Bury pictured during this year's Lourdes pilgrimage

Got the Glastonbury blues? Back from holiday and have nothing to look forward to? Well fear not, as I'm very excited to announce that, back by popular demand, is Newman Fest 2016.

Newman Fest is a music festival I set up last year to raise money for the Newman Holiday Trust, a charity that takes children with disabilities away for a one-week respite holiday. This gives families a much needed break and also offers the kids the opportunity of a lifetime to have fun and achieve their full potential.

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We need to fundraise to enable us to keep these holidays going – and what better way than with music and a few drinks in good company? The event takes place in

Middlesbrough's Westgarth Club on Saturday September 10 from 3pm to 11pm.

Acts include Blackfish, Village Green, Jonny (Rees) and David (Hawkins), The Season, Williams Bros and Steve McCormick, with more to be announced, and there will also be a fish and chip van on hand.

Tickets are £7 from myself on 07896171407, the Westgarth or See Tickets – <http://www.seetickets.com/tour/newman-fest-2016>.

If for whatever reason you cannot come, I have also set up a Virgin Giving page for anyone who would still like to donate to such an amazing cause – <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/NewmanFest2k16>.

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By the 16th Century and the Dissolution of the Monasteries it had fallen into a ruinous state and when the foundress of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary Ward, visited the chapel in the mid-1700s, one of the sisters accompanying her wrote: "It is to this day a place of great devotion, where many graces are granted, though so destroyed as only four walls remain without roof or cover and exposed to great winds. Yet there you shall find Catholics praying together for hours." Similarly, in 1745 when John Wesley visited Osmotherley, he reported that he had seen

"the poor remains of the old chapel on the brow of the hill".

It was not until 1916 that a certain Flora Morrish perhaps almost literally stumbled across the chapel and, after witnessing picnickers vandalising the ruins, she appealed to Sir Hugh Bell, who now owned the land on which the chapel and adjoining cottage stood, to have the area fenced off in order to protect them from further damage.

The chapel and the locked cottage were "discovered" yet again in 1942 by two priests of the Middlesbrough diocese, Father Peter Storey and Father Michael O'Sullivan, and six years later Marist Fathers, accompanying a group of scouts, celebrated Mass in the ruins for perhaps the first time since the Dissolution four centuries earlier.

At Father Storey's urging Lord Eldon and Ralph Scrope purchased the site and a trust was established to oversee the rebuilding of the

chapel, which was established as a National Monument in 1958. The first diocesan pilgrimage celebrating the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady was held that same year. The work itself began in 1959 and took two years and the chapel was re-dedicated by Cardinal William Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster, on December 8, Our Lady's birthday, 1961.

Over the years since then the Lady Chapel has become a popular place of pilgrimage for individuals and groups from all over the country. The diocese's own pilgrimage on the Feast of the Assumption is now an annual event and a Vigil Mass is celebrated in the Chapel at 4pm every Saturday. At one time it might have been possible for someone to make their way up the hillside from the village of Osmotherley and be able to enjoy the solitude of the chapel all by themselves, but it has now become necessary to introduce a

system whereby groups are asked to book their visits well ahead of time, via the diocesan office, in order to ensure their use of the chapel.

In consultation with Bishop Draine, Lord Eldon and the Scrope family recently proposed the establishment of the "Friends of the Lady Chapel" to promote devotion to Our Lady of Mount Grace and hopefully also encourage financial support for essential maintenance of the chapel and cottage in order to ensure that it continues to be available as a place of pilgrimage and devotion.

Father Neil McNicholas

• Bishop Terry will celebrate Mass with the Friends of the Lady Chapel at Mount Grace at 4pm on Saturday September 10. Our photo, taken by David Smallwood, shows priests processing at this year's Assumption pilgrimage.



Father Bill Celebrates Mass In The Sun

Father Bill Serplus and parishioners of St Aelred's York enjoyed an uplifting day as they celebrated Mass in the open countryside at Nidderdale. Dianna Bowles had invited the parish to visit her farm and flock of Herdwick sheep near Howe Stean Gorge. Anyone is welcome to contact Dianna if they are in need of a peaceful, restful break from the struggles of life. Email info@aelredsgrange.org for more information.



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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

- 1 Attends meeting of Hospital Chaplains at St Aelred's, York 10.30am
- 6 Attend AGM at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay 4pm
- 7 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11am
- 8 Attends meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11am
- 9 Attends meeting of Friends of the Lady Chapel 2.30pm
- 10 Celebrates Mass with Friends of the Lady Chapel at the Shrine, Osmotherley 4pm
- 13 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustees at St Stephen's Centre, Hull 10.30am
Celebrates Education Mass at St Charles', Hull 7pm
- 14 Celebrates Education Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7pm
- 15 Attends On-Going Formation Day focusing on Safeguarding at York Racecourse 9.30am
Celebrates Education Mass at St Wilfrid's, York 7pm
- 17/18 Parish visitation to SS Mary & Joseph, Hedon All weekend
Celebrates Apostleship of the Sea Mass at St Mary's Cathedral 6.30pm
- 20 Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall 11am
- 21 School visits:
Morning – St Gerard's, Hemlington 9am
Afternoon – St Augustine's, Coulby Newham 1pm
- 24/25 Parish visitation to SS Peter & Paul, Leyburn and SS Mary & Joseph, Bedale All weekend
- 27 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11am
- 28 School visits:
Morning – St Hedda, Egton Bridge 9am
Afternoon – St Hilda's, Whitby 1pm
- 29 Attends Annual Priests Retirement Lunch at Fairfield Manor, York 12noon
- 30 Education Study Day, all day, York Racecourse

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

2 Fri- 4 Sun Silent Retreat with Fr Terence Richardson. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766386/766889 for further details

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

3 Sat Pilgrimage for Life to the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace, Osmotherley. Meet at the first Station of the Cross at 2pm to pray

for life and an end to our abortion culture. Concludes with Vigil Mass of Sunday at 4pm. All welcome. Contact Patricia, tel: 07747 698553 or 0113 258 2745, e-mail: patriciasamon@btinternet.com or contact Marie Bedingfield on 01642 530739 for further details

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

4 Sun 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

6 Tues 7pm 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

7 Wed 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 Thurs Our Lady's Birthday, 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

9 Fri 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 details

7.30pm-9.30pm Bible study in the Church Hall, English Martyrs Church, Dalton Terrace, York looking at one complete set of Sunday readings (first, second and Gospel). Contact Marek Lichtarowicz (tel 01904 795605) for further details.

10 Sat 9.30am-3pm Study day for all Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, the Spa, Scarborough
CAFOD Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Holy Island, meet 11.30am at Purdey Lodge 'A Quiet Day at Ampleforth' with Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact the Hospitality Office, Ampleforth Abbey, tel 01439 766386/766889 for further details

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

12 Mon 7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York; contact Nan Saeki (tel 01904 783621) for details

13 Tues 2pm-4pm Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's in the Fr Kelly room.

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

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

14 Wed Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church

10.30am Life Ascending Group, Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the Morning Mass

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

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

15 Thurs 2pm-3.30pm Julian Gathering with Revd Gwynne Wright, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ (tel 01904 464900)

16 Fri 7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull; contact John (01759 380415) for details.

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/>

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

18 Sun 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

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

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

19 Mon 6.30pm Mass for Seafarers, St Mary's Cathedral

21 Wed
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

22 Thurs
12.30pm-2.30pm 'Let's Talk about Dementia,' St Bede's Pastoral Centre, 21 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AW (tel: 01904 464900)

23 Fri
6.30pm Preview of Flower Festival to celebrate the Year of Mercy including York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir at 7.30pm, St Margaret Clitherow Church, Haxby. Tickets £10 incl refreshments. Contact Miriam Sigston, tel 01904 764291.

24-25 Sat-Sun
10.30am-4pm Flower Festival, St Margaret Clitherow Church, Haxby. Programmes £1, refreshments available. Contact Miriam Sigston, tel: 01904 764291 for information

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

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

25 Sun
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
4.30pm Sung Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral followed by Mass at 5pm
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28 Wed
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help follows 9.30am Mass at St John of Beverley Church
12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meet in the Upper Room, St Wilfrid's, York
7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle, at St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. Fr Nicholas King SJ 'The Scandal of Christian Disunion; a Biblical Approach.' All welcome.

29 Thurs
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

30 Fri
7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull; contact Pat (tel: 01482 802483) for details.

30 Fri-Sun 2 Oct
'Preoccupations', Fr Christopher Gorst. Contact Ampleforth for further details

First Week of October

1-2 Sat-Sun
Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (see poster)

1 Sat
Lourdes 'keep in touch' afternoon tea party at Trinity College; time to be confirmed

2 Sun
Day for Life Pilgrimage, The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace 11am: meet in the village
11am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
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From a Parishioner

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7 October, Rosary Pilgrimage, the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace 2.30pm Rosary/3pm Mass

18 October, 1.30pm Songs of Prayer and Praise with Mike Leigh, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York (preceded by AGM of the Friends Group at 11.30am and lunch; all welcome).

21 October, 7pm for 7.30pm, MFC Riverside Stadium, Lourdes Hospitality Annual Fundraising (black tie or lounge suits, £35/head)

22 October, 11am-3.30pm, Hearts and Crafts Fair, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York

26 October, 7.45pm Dr Elizabeth Walmsley 'In the Spirit of Mary Ward

(IBVM): Working for Justice, Sincerity and Freedom in Albania' Cleveland Newman Circle, Cathedral Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham – all welcome

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RYAN ZOLAKIO from Hull writes about his experience of Faith Summertime, which took place at Ampleforth Abbey. His report won first prize in a competition for the best press release.

This year nearly 50 young people from all over Middlesbrough and Lancaster dioceses came over to Ampleforth Abbey to repent, pray and have fun while doing so. They were given the theme "Called and Sent" and participated in numerous talks and activities throughout this extraordinary week. They tackled some difficult questions and grew in new knowledge of their Catholic faith.

On the first day the young people faced a difficult question that many adults wouldn't know the answer to: "Can we be certain God exists?" The first speaker showed how science actually points to God. This is because science has proved and depends on the fact that everything has a cause. In the past 100 years they have discovered how the universe began – the Big Bang – and that must have a cause too. The cause of the Big Bang is God.



God is the Uncaused Cause who is responsible for all the causes.

On the second day there were two talks, "The Soul" and "Sin", which helped the

participants understand why humans are such complex beings. We can do more things than animals because we have souls and are made in God's image and likeness (in the words of Genesis) and thus we are a unity of body and spirit. In the talk on sin they learnt how sin began when our first parents, given the names Adam and Eve in Genesis, introduced disharmony to God's creation by doing something they had been forbidden to do. So they learnt the meaning of Original Sin and how we are all born with it because we are descendants of those first parents.

Our last talk explained how Jesus is the bridge between us and God who comes as

our Saviour to fulfil us and as our Redeemer to forgive and heal us and founded the Church to pass this on to us.

Compline with the monks was a special highlight for all the young people. A new twist was given to the workshops with the young people preparing quiz questions based on the talks, which were then formed into a highly competitive version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*

The young people had a great time learning about God and their Catholic faith. They also went swimming and to Flamingo Land. Send your son or daughter to Ampleforth next year and I'm sure they'll have a great time!

First Holy Communions On The Moors

Families and friends from St Hedda, Egton Bridge, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Leaholm, made their way across the moors on a beautifully sunny morning to join parishioners at St Anne, Ugthorpe, to celebrate with Isobel, Grace, Millie, Thomas, Rhys, Charlie, Jack, Emily, Dominic, Luke, Annie, Eleanor, Gregory, Ethan and Joshua, who were making their First Holy Communion. Father Roger Guiver was assisted by Reverend David Moss for a joyous and uplifting service. Celebrations continued in the parish hall afterwards thanks to the generosity of parishioners who provided and served refreshments.

Edna Hunneysett



Quiz Answers

Connection question: 1. Harry Webb 2. Kent 3. Joss Ackland 4. Flushing Meadows 5. Barry Cryer.

Connection: Police officers in TV's *The Bill* (DS Mickey Webb, PC Gabriel Kent, PC June Ackland, DCI Jack Meadows, Sgt Bob Cryer).

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