

Bishop's Column

Deep down inside the human spirit there is a flame of hope. Sometimes that hope can be expressed crudely in wanton restlessness or it can be enshrined in persevering heroic trust against the odds. It is not optimism, though, like Mr Micawber, but genuine hope is based on personal experience of God's continual and providential care for us. God has walked at my side through thick and thin, he has been with me in all the ups and downs and I trust, I hope that he will continue to do the same in the future.

As we move through Advent and towards the Christmas season I ask for each of us, I pray, I genuinely hope for each of us the gifts of happiness, peace of mind, and health in body and spirit. And because I ask the Lord, I know we shall receive. Because I pray, I believe we already possess them, and because I hope, I trust that these gifts will be poured into our lives.

We need to go beyond optimism; rather need to become a beacon of hope and trust in our world desperate for that warmth, light and purpose that true hope always brings, hope in our all-loving, our ever-generous God and Father.

Our diocese is part of Caritas Social Action Network. This is a way of both reminding us that we have to be agents of hope in our world and it also provides us with a way of acting as agents of hope. Through CSAN the net of solidarity and hope becomes more than an aspiration, it becomes a living breathing reality and a way for each of us to live out our Christian calling to be prophetic voices of hope today.

The Church, beyond being a community of the faithful that sees the face of Jesus Christ in its neighbour, is a Mother without limits and without frontiers. She is the Mother of all and so she strives to foster the culture of welcome and solidarity, where no one is considered useless, out of place or disposable. Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! Migrants, therefore, by virtue of their very humanity, even prior to their cultural values, widen the sense of human fraternity...their presence is a reminder of the need to eradicate inequality, injustice and abuses. In that way, migrants will be able to become partners in constructing a richer identity for the communities which provide them hospitality, as well as the people who welcome them, prompting the development of a society which is inclusive, creative and respectful of the dignity of all. (Pope Francis, address to Participants of the Seventh World Congress for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, November 21 2014)

Deliver us, Lord we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Yours in blessed hope

T. Long

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It's Great To See You Here!

Welcome to the thousands of annual visitors who are attending church services throughout our diocese over the Christmas period.

We'd love you to join us regularly, but even if this is the only time you set foot in a church all year, we're overjoyed to see you!

If for whatever reason you no longer or rarely attend Mass and might be interested in returning to the Church, there's lots of support here to assist you.

Some may feel there's no longer a place for them, or perhaps they fear they would be met with condemnation if they show their faces again. We want to show you that's not the case.

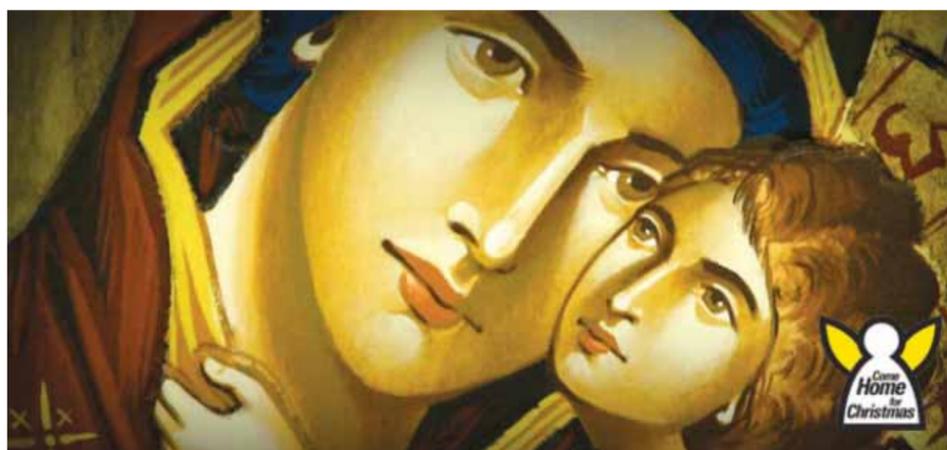
Many of our parishes have also been working hard to extend a welcoming hand to Catholics and non-Catholics alike and bearing witness to their faith as part of our Crossing The Threshold initiative.

Parishioners at Christ the King in Thornaby created a Nativity scene out of lights, giving the impression that the Holy Family are actually suspended high above the earth.

St Gabriel's at Ormesby have attached an illuminated crib scene to the wall of their parish hall, to be visible to passing traffic throughout the Advent and Christmas season.

St George's in York invited friends and neighbours to a candlelit Advent service where they could place the names of

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Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER

3.00 pm :

BBC Tees Carols for Christmas
(Proceeds to Children in Need)

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER

7.00 pm :

Deanery Advent Reconciliation Service

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

3.00 pm :

Normal Sunday Schedule
Christmas Carol Service

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

4.00 pm :

6.30 pm :

10.30 pm :

11.00 pm :

CHRISTMAS EVE
Christmas Mass at the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace
Family Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
Carols for Christmas
Solemn Candlelit Christmas Mass with Bishop Terence

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

10.00 am :

CHRISTMAS DAY
Christmas Day Mass with Bishop Terence
(There will be no 5 pm Mass)

MONDAY 26 DECEMBER

10.00 am :

11.00 am :

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN (Boxing Day)
Morning Mass at St Mary's Cathedral
Mass at the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace

SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER

9.15 am :

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Mass
Mass at the Lady Chapel, Mount Grace
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NEWS

Charity Walkers Complete Coast-To-Coast Challenge

Chris Cuthill and Mike Garland, from St Anthony's Parish, in Hull, joined another three intrepid pioneers, Justin, Julia and Neil, for the journey of a lifetime. They set themselves a target of walking the coast-to-coast route from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay, a total of 192 miles, in under a fortnight. Justin was raising money for Dove House Hospice, Julia and Neil for Dementia UK, Mike for the Hull Children's Wheelchair Trust and Chris for the Lourdes Sick Fund. Chris takes up the story...

The first day, a moderate walk from St Bees to Ennerdale Bridge, should have been 14 miles but we went astray and ended up doing nearly 20. The next four days in the Lake District were fabulous, although the walks were all described as strenuous and they certainly were!

When I saw the climb ahead of us after Black Sail Hut on day two I nearly turned back, but we managed it. The views from the top of Kidsy Pike were stunning and the countryside around Ennerdale Water, Rothwaite, Patterdale and Grasmere was spectacular. If going up was hard, descending was even worse, with our toes scrunched up against the front of our boots and muscles we hardly ever use screaming for us to stop and give them a rest.

On day six we left the Lakes behind and entered Yorkshire. The 11-mile stretch from Keld to Reeth was one of the highlights of the trek. Mike and I decided to tackle the high-level walk and were rewarded with one

of the most varied and interesting of walks – barren moors interspersed with deep cut river beds and industrial ruins. Lead mining was very big here in the 19th Century and old workings and buildings are still visible. The valleys in this part of Yorkshire are incredibly beautiful and Swaledale is just out of this world.

The ninth day, from Bolton-on-Swale to Ingleby Cross (17 miles) was a long, flat walk in persistent drizzle, ending with the most dangerous and frightening part of the whole fortnight – trying to cross the A19.

Day ten was the longest, a 20-mile slog in wind and driving rain over five peaks from Ingleby Cross to Blakey Ridge. Even the thought of it now sends a shiver down my spine. We then had two wonderful days walking in beautiful North Yorkshire countryside through Grosmont and along the coast into Robin Hood's Bay.

It was a fantastic fortnight which cemented our friendship. In all, we walked 202 miles and climbed a total of 30,111 feet, higher than Mount Everest. We met lots of people from all over the world and came back home slimmer and fitter. Moreover, we raised over £15,000 for our charities, including some £3,300 for the Hull Lourdes Sick Fund. I cannot even begin to thank everyone who so generously sponsored me. Would I do it again? I would love to one day, but not yet! For the moment I have memories which will bring me joy for the rest of my life.



Mike Garland and Chris Cuthill at the start of their walk

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It's Great To See You Here!

deceased loved ones on a Christmas Remembrance tree.

These are just some of the ways churches in our diocese are working to reach out to the communities they serve.

The Church hopes this great feast of Christmas will be an opportunity to rekindle relationships with God. We want everyone to know they are loved, they are missed and their absence is felt by us all.

Those who attend Mass regularly can help by inviting family, friends or neighbours to come to church with them.

To find out more about Crossing The Threshold and Come Home for Christmas, visit www.comehomeforchristmas.co.uk or contact Deacon Vince Purcell at the Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation on (01642) 850505 extension 241.

Free Scripture Resource For Married Couples



The final part of a free resource for married couples who attend Mass is now available to download.

Marriage Matters Year A completes the trilogy of short reflections on each week's readings. Once downloaded they can easily be inserted into parish newsletters or put on websites.

Brian and Maureen Devine, coordinators of Two In One Flesh, which is behind the initiative, believe Marriage Matters will enhance the Church's efforts to focus on marriage in a positive way.

"We are happy to hear that parishes throughout the country have used the previous editions of Marriage Matters," says Brian. "Mass-going married couples need all the help and inspiration they can get, that is why our group's work is freely available and easy to use."

Writing in this year's foreword, Archbishop of Birmingham Bernard Longley says: "The Holy Scriptures feed and nourish our faith and help us to grow in our relationship with God and one another.

"It is for this reason that I am immensely grateful to all those involved in Marriage Matters who have collaborated on this series of scriptural reflections.

"I know these reflections will enable married couples to focus on the richness of God's Word that we hear proclaimed during the

Sundays of the Year and to experience the deep joy of God's love expressed through the Sacrament of Marriage."

The resource can now be downloaded in

either PDF or Word document format from www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk. For more information, contact Brian and Maureen on maurbri13@yahoo.co.uk or 01702 472848.



Maureen and Brian Devine

Moment The Pope Blessed Our Baby

A Thornaby mum has told of the joyful moment her baby daughter was passed to Pope Francis to be blessed and kissed during a papal audience at the Vatican.

Julie Breckon was in Rome for eight days with her husband Peter and daughters Isabella, four, and Madeleine, then aged 11 months. During the audience they were invited to the front for the Pope to bless the children.

As the Pope arrived, he blessed Isabella, then Madeleine was handed to him by one of his security staff. The photo captures the moment that Pope Francis kissed and blessed her.

“We never imagined something so wonderful could happen to our family,” said Julie. “It was one of the most precious moments of our lives that will live with us forever.

“Our parish priest Father Michael Keogh was over the moon to see the photo and he, along with other members of the parish, were so moved by what they saw.

“When we saw their reaction, we realised that this photo could bring a smile to the faces of many people across the diocese.”

Their family's visit included a pilgrimage to the Holy Door and attendance at the Sunday Angelus.



Mass For Deceased Clergy

Bishop Terry blessed the graves of former bishops of our diocese in the remembrance garden after the annual Mass for the Deceased Bishops and Clergy at the cathedral. Photo by Les Clark.

Music And More In Hull

Talented parishioners of St Anthony's in Hull contributed to a rich variety of entertainment and raised £750 for parish funds at their Music and More event.

Rosa Bate, who came up with the idea for the evening of music and poetry reading, formed an acoustic duet with Judith Rowe. Norah Hanson read a selection of her own poems and there was a performance from Hull Choral Union Junior Choir, directed by Gabrielle Awre.

Gabrielle sang Vivaldi's *Nulla in Mundo Pax in Terra*, accompanied by Amy Parkin on the piano. St Mary's

College students Tabitha Awre and Saskia Paulson Schlosser formed the Two Imps percussion ensemble, accompanied by pianist Andy McIntosh.

Our thanks to everyone who performed, Master of Ceremonies Chris Awre, and the many people who worked behind the scenes to make the night such a success. Special thanks to Rosa for all her hard work bringing her idea to fruition.

Chris Cuthill

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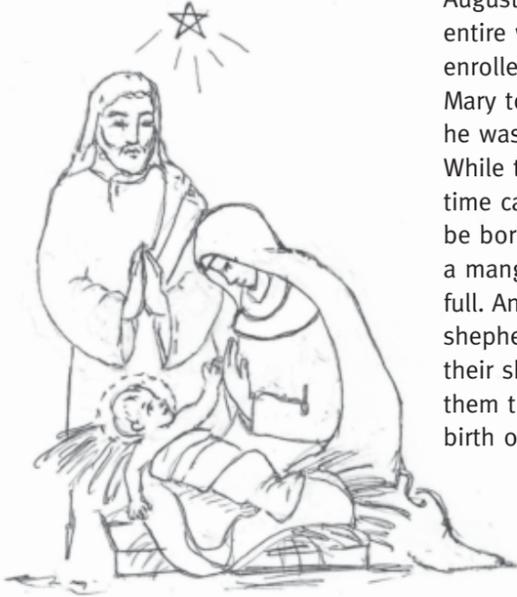
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Feast of the Month

**The Nativity
December 25**



The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, declared that the entire world should be enrolled. Joseph went with Mary to Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David. While they were there, the time came for Mary's baby to be born. They laid the baby in a manger because the inn was full. An angel appeared to shepherds who were guarding their sheep nearby and told them the good news of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God.

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BABY, MANGER, ANGEL, APPEARED, SHEPHERDS,
GUARDING, BIRTH**

**Canticle Celebrates
Trust's Birthday**



Musician Mike McGrother with children at the bandstand in Whitby

Students from ten Catholic primary schools and Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough celebrated their first birthday as St Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust by writing and performing a song in their patron's honour.

Two children and one member of staff from each school went to St Hilda's Catholic Church in Whitby to walk in the footsteps of St Hilda, who lived over 1,300 years ago in Hartlepool, East Anglia and eventually in Whitby.

They listened to a local historian and to Father Pat Keogh, who told them she is remembered for her willingness to serve God, her care for other people and her love of learning.

Filled with this information, they then worked with Mike McGrother, frontman of popular local band The Wildcats of Kilkenny, to write the song, which had to be musically memorable and tell people about St Hilda's qualities.

Following his visits to several of our schools recently, Bishop Terry named the song the *Canticle of St Hilda*. Four students from each school were selected to sing the new song at the St Hilda's Trust Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough.

Each school organised events to celebrate St Hilda's feast day on Thursday November 17 and sang *The Canticle of St Hilda* in a "Big Sing" event.

The birthday celebrations will end with the new Trust choir singing the *Canticle of St Hilda* at Middlesbrough's Transporter Bridge on Friday December 16. They will be joined by Mike, who is walking from Stockton to Saltburn to raise money for the Finlay Cooper Fund.

As well as Trinity College, St Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust also includes St Joseph's, St Thomas More, St Gerard's, St Edward's, St Clare's, St Bernadette's, St Augustine's, St Alphonsus, the Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi Catholic primary schools.

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The Canticle of St Hilda

*Born in 614
To serve and to adore
Our God and all the people around her
She was selfless and brave
She loved, she forgave
The poor, the sick the lost and the
lonely...*

*Taught Caedmon how to sing
His prayer to God the King
From miles around they came to hear
and learn
And though it was long ago
We still believe and know
St Hilda was the one to lead the way*

CHORUS

**Ring the Bells,
Illuminate the nation
Ring the Bells...
Show the Way
Ring the Bells
Be an Inspiration
Ring the Bells
Every day**

*Born a Royal Princess
She served us nonetheless
Her palace was an Abbey in Whitby
She was loving she was kind
With a wise and clever mind
She suffered but she never let it show*

*And when it came to pass
That she would breathe her last
The seagulls dipped their wings in
adoration
And many miles away
Or so the people say
The bells rang out and angels led the
way*

*Many leaves. Many branches
Many questions, many answers
Live to Learn, Learn to Love
Pray to God in Heaven above
St Hilda taught us how to pray
By what she did and how she lived
each day
We have love, we've the nerve to show
how we will serve
To others that is our St Hilda's way*

Ged's Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou is the real name of which pop star?
2. Which famous bank robber was shot dead by Robert Ford in 1882?
3. Who was Britain's first million pound footballer?
4. Who presented *Film 1972* on BBC TV and its successor programmes through to 1998?
5. Which BBC TV newsreader and presenter shares her name with the Conservative MP for Congleton?

Thinking cap question

Name the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

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



School Celebrates Mass At The Minster

All Saints School in York marked their feast day with a beautiful and moving Mass at York Minster.

Chaplain to the school Father John Bane was the principal celebrant and the large congregation included the entire school as well as family and friends of All Saints. Staff and students wore poppies to commemorate all those who gave their lives for our country. The service included a blessing of new school banners representing saints chosen to embody the ideals and attributes the students aspire to. The blessing was accompanied by short passages from the writings of each saint, all read by students from a range of year groups. The Mass was enhanced by the school orchestras and choirs, with a brass fanfare announcing the entrance of the clergy at the start of the service. The Lampedusa Cross took pride of place on the altar during Mass. These crosses were made by carpenter Francesco Tuccio from the fragments of a boat that was wrecked off the coast of Lampedusa island, killing 311 refugees on board.

Special Visitor At St Hilda's

Bishop Terry blessed the chapel with the year five and six children during a visit to St Hilda's Roman Catholic Primary School in Whitby.

He also took part in Collective Worship with year three and four children, looking at the plight of refugees. The class were fortunate enough to have the Lampedusa cross available, bringing real meaning to their worship. The children in Foundation and year one and two were delighted to sing *Our God Is A Great Big God* for their special visitor.

Bishop Terry spent time engaging in conversation with the children throughout the school and provided an opportunity for them to ask him questions. While it was a whistle stop tour, it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

St Hilda's children are pictured with Bishop Terence alongside their Year of Mercy collection, Feed the Hungry. The school has decided to continue the collection of food throughout the year for the Whitby food bank, especially in light of a local supermarket ending the facility.



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NEWS

Faithful Encouraged To Leave A Catholic Legacy

Catholics are being encouraged to consider leaving a gift in their Will after new research revealed that faith-based charities could be missing out on legacies.

Your Catholic Legacy, a consortium of 27 Catholic charities, aims to address a decline in bequests by encouraging people to leave a gift to Catholic causes they feel passionately about. Gifts in Wills account for a substantial amount of many charities' income. But while such legacies are generally increasing, the market is still dominated by a handful of charities, with a quarter of all legacy income being received by the top 10 charity brands.

Research by Legacy Foresight suggests many faith-based charities are struggling to keep up with their secular

counterparts in the amount of income received from legacies. This may partly be due to changes in Mass attendance, as well as increased involvement by Catholics in a wider range of causes outside the traditional charities many have grown up with.

Anne Shewring, from the Cardinal Hume Centre, said: "Leaving a legacy gift to a Catholic organisation is a continuation of the faith we live out during our lifetime. But if Catholics don't leave a gift in their Will to Catholic causes, then who will?"

"Undoubtedly, the Catholic community are incredibly generous and support a wide variety of areas of need. Your Catholic Legacy is urging the Catholic community to consider

continuing this support for the causes they want to ensure will keep doing fantastic work and helping those in need for many, many years to come.

"Each gift makes a real and lasting difference – that could be £500 to your diocese to help with church maintenance or to support the retired priests' fund, or a 5% share of your estate to provide practical support and training so that people can overcome poverty, whether at home or around the world."

To find out more about leaving a gift to a Catholic charity visit yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or call Hannah on 020 7095 5370.

Conference Examines Rural Challenges

The Bishop of Portsmouth Philip Egan will tackle a problem faced by church leaders throughout the world when he addresses the National Conference for Rural Catholics.

His talk, entitled "The Bishops, Rural Parishes and Clergy Numbers", will examine the difficult choices to be made as they try to strike a balance between numbers and distance when deciding where priests will be asked to serve.

Previous conferences have looked at attempts to address the issue in France and Norway. The Diocese of Poitiers organised rural parishes into groups and trained teams of lay volunteers to fill catechetical roles, take funerals and perform other duties.

Norway, which has had an influx of Catholic immigrants, introduced a scheme to place the few clergy strategically according to need rather than historic parish boundaries so that no Catholic would be more than 50km from a Mass.

The conference, which will be held in Salisbury in February 2017, provides a programme of prayer and social interaction in a countryside context for people who sometimes find themselves cut off from their churches.

For further details, including the full programme, contact the Catholic Bishops' Conference rural officer Father Robert Miller by emailing rwhm274@btinternet.com, calling 01747 870228 or writing to him at Trellis House, Station Road, Tisbury, Wiltshire SP3 6JR.

A Special Voice Appeal For Advent

"Human Trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ. It is a crime against humanity." - Pope Francis

"Let it not be said that I was silent when they needed me." This is the statement by William Wilberforce we used to launch the RENATE Appeal in last month's *Voice*. One of the very practical features of RENATE is that it is a membership organisation, with members drawn from congregations, missionary societies and laity who strive to bring real change to the scourge of modern-day slavery.

We're inviting you to support our work this Advent by helping to fund anti-trafficking projects. You can read about the great work undertaken by RENATE on their website. It's heartbreaking to read that human trafficking affects more than 12 million people in Europe and nearly 70% of the victims are female with many being under the age of 18.

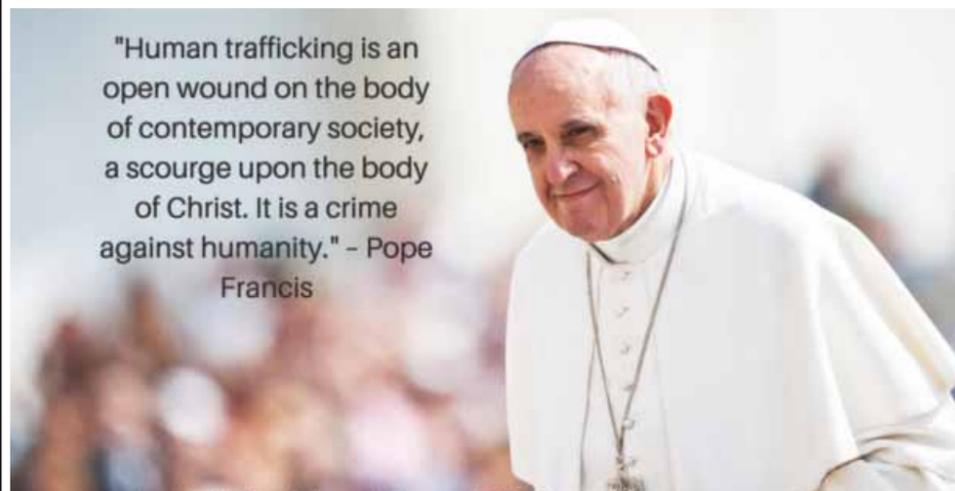
RENAME offers life-saving projects and support to the vulnerable across Europe and is an outstanding example of what can be achieved by our religious working in partnership with others. You can play your own role in supporting vital work. RENATE has a clear spiritual vision: "All

people are created in the image of God. We, the religious of Europe, believe in a world where everyone has a right to human dignity. Human dignity cannot be compromised, therefore we labour to free the world from trafficking and exploitation."

Remember, you can turn your Christmas event into a fundraising event for RENATE, by asking your parishioners to make a real team effort. You could also ask for donations for RENATE in lieu of Christmas presents. If you're in an office or shop, ask your colleagues to each bring one grocery or seasonal item and make up a collective Christmas hamper to raffle. Please give some consideration to an Advent Gift for the great work the religious is undertaking across Europe to end modern-day slavery. Visit www.renate-europe.net for more information.

Send your donations made payable to RENATE, to Catholic Voice Advent Appeal, c/o Canon Derek Turnham, Curial Office, Diocese of Middlesbrough, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. Donations can be gift aided, with your full name, address and postcode. Thank you and all good wishes for Advent and Christmas.

Sister Imelda Poole, IBVM (Loreto), president and John Hinman, member, RENATE Europe



An Evening Of Music In Advent

Come along to St Mary's Cathedral for an evening of music to start this year's Advent and Christmas celebrations on Friday December 2. Join in with the carols and enjoy performances from various singers and Maltby Village Choir. The music, which begins at 7.30pm, will be accompanied by quality local musicians and refreshments are available in the church hall during the interval. Tickets are £4 and are on sale at St Mary's Cathedral or can be bought on the door. They are also available from Jonny Rees on 07880318285 or jonny_rees2@hotmail.co.uk





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Vocations Explored At Weekend With Sisters

The last five years has seen a 300% rise in women joining religious congregations in the UK.

This is, of course, very welcome news. However, for many women there seem to be few opportunities to try to understand the call they sense inside them, which often occurs at a young age and then gets buried in the busyness of modern life.

Nowadays we rarely see habited nuns on the streets, and finding someone to talk to about a religious vocation can be difficult. It can, therefore, be very helpful to spend time with other women who are considering religious life, in the company of sisters who are already living the life and who can offer suggestions for discernment and information about the different forms of religious life available.

The Congregation of Jesus was founded by a Yorkshirewoman, Mary Ward, in 1609 on the Jesuit model. The sisters have an Ignatian spirituality and some work especially with

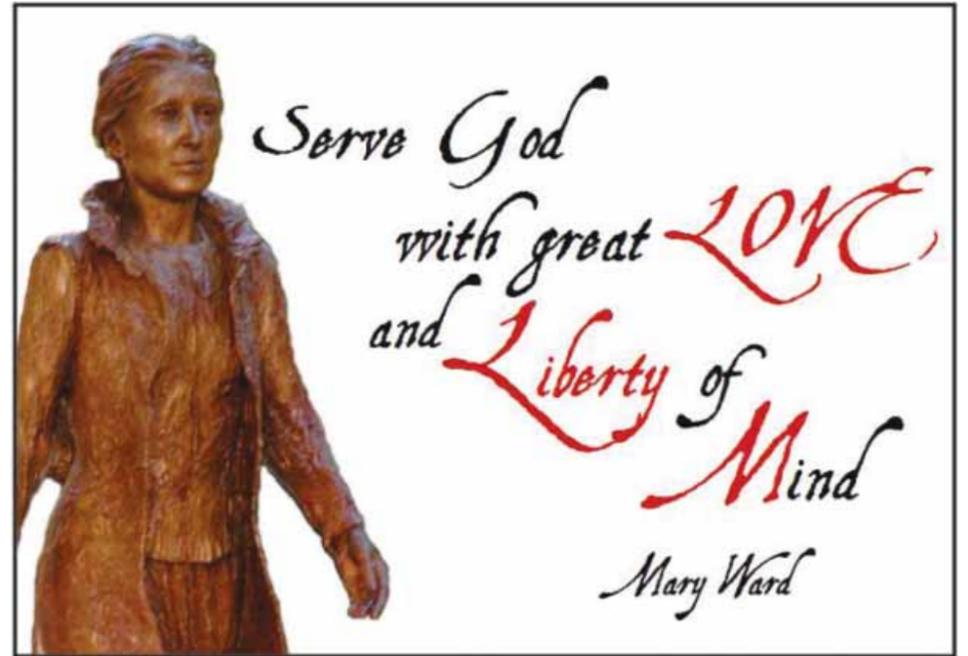
discernment and spiritual guidance.

They are offering an opportunity for women to attend a weekend in York to focus on their sense of call to religious life. It will consist of prayer sessions, input on discernment, time for reflection and sharing, social time with each other, and opportunities for one-to-one talks with the sisters. Food and accommodation are provided.

This is most definitely not a recruitment drive, but a chance to explore possibilities in a supportive and informative environment. If you think this may be what you are looking for, email vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk.

The weekend takes place at the Bar Convent in York from Friday January 13 to Sunday January 15. You can find out more about the Congregation of Jesus on www.congregatiojesu.org/en/ and on www.facebook.com/cjenglishprovince.

Naomi Hamilton CJ



Guisborough Churches Celebrate The Harvest

Guisborough Christians united in prayer at the Churches Together Harvest Thanksgiving service in St Nicholas Church.

The celebration was conducted by the Rector of Guisborough, the Reverend Alison Phillipson, with prayers and hymns to reflect the theme. The congregation was also addressed by Heather Black, from Together in Middlesbrough and Cleveland, which helps churches individuals and community projects

make a difference in their community.

They work mainly in Middlesbrough but have now extended into Redcar and Cleveland parishes rated as some of the poorest in the country. Heather said they focus on communities where life is a struggle and people often face a decision of whether to put food on the table or heat their homes.

She said simple things can make a difference, especially giving a warm welcome

to refugees. She highlighted the Hope 4 Summer holiday club, which provided lunches for children who normally get a free school meal. A collection was taken for Together in Middlesbrough and Cleveland's work.

• St Mary's Church in Filey and St George's, Eastfield, Scarborough, were decorated with fruit, flowers, vegetables and canned and dried goods for a Harvest Thanksgiving

Mass. A wonderful harvest loaf for each church was baked and donated by the Filey Deli shop. Parishioners at each church shared the loaf with butter after Mass. Artwork at St George's was provided by St George's Primary School. After keeping some of the harvest produce to give to the sick and housebound, the items were donated by St Mary's to Filey Salvation Army and by St George's to Eastfield Community Food Bank.

Parish Mission At St George's



Redemptorist priests Father Kieran Brady and Father Thomas MacCarte visited St George's in York for a Parish Mission.

It aimed to enable Catholics to develop their faith and help all who are searching for meaning in their lives. The Mission arose directly out of the Department for Adult Formation and Evangelisation's Crossing the Threshold project from two years ago.

"We were meant to run it for a year but as it was successful we've kept it going," said parish priest Canon Alan Sheridan. "We're trying to get the lapsed and disinterested back into the fold, as well as strengthening the faith of those who have kept coming."

"I know of at least two who came to the Mission and are determined to keep coming back. The parishioners who came loved it. Five nights focusing on Healing, Eucharist, Prayer, Family and Our Lady – as well as daily Masses and involvement in the school. It was hard work but a great parish event."

This photograph from Lars Karlsson shows Father Kieran preaching at a "Celebrating our Parish Family" service.



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Christmas Mass Times

Acomb & Green

Hammerton

Our Lady, St Joseph

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Children's Mass,
Our Lady's, Acomb
5.30pm Christmas Mass,
St Joseph's, Green Hammerton
7.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass,
Our Lady's, Acomb

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Mass, Our Lady's,
Acomb

Hessle

Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas
(especially for young children
and parents)

12.00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

Hornsea & Marton

Sacred Heart

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Carols, Hornsea
6.30pm Mass, Hornsea
12.00 Midnight, Marton

Christmas Day

10.00am Hornsea

Acklam & Brookfield

St Francis, Acklam

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Carols
5.30pm Family Mass
with Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day

10.45am Mass

St Clare of Assisi

Christmas Eve

7.00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

9.15am Mass

Bridlington

Our Lady & St Peter

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Vigil Mass
12.00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

Easingwold

St John the Evangelist

Monday 19 December

6:30pm Advent Carol Service
followed by Mulled Wine

Christmas Eve

11.45am Rosary: Joyful Mysteries
12 Noon Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30pm Crib Service for children
9:00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

8.30am Dawn Mass of Christmas
10.30am Day Mass of Christmas

Guisborough

St Paulinus

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Hull

St Charles Borromeo

Christmas Eve

6:30pm Mass
11:30pm Carols followed
by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Hull

**Our Lady of Lourdes and
St Peter Chanel**

Christmas Eve

10.00am Mass
10.30-11.00am Confessions
7.30pm Carols & First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Hull

**St Anthony and
Our Lady of Mercy**

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Carols and
Children's Nativity
6.30pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Kirkbymoorside

Helmstley

Our Lady & St Chad, St Mary

Christmas Eve

7.30pm Carols
8.00pm Mass of Christmas Night
at Kirkbymoorside

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass of Christmas Dawn at
Helmstley
10.30am Mass of Christmas Day at
Kirkbymoorside

Saturday 31 December

6.30pm First Mass of Sunday (Mary
Mother of God) at Kirkbymoorside

Sunday 1 January

9.00am Mass of Mary Mother of God
with New Year Blessing at Helmstley
10.30am Mass of Mary Mother of God
with New Year Blessing
at Kirkbymoorside

Ingleby Barwick

St Therese of Lisieux

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Vigil Mass
8.00pm "Midnight Mass"

Christmas Day

11.00am Mass

*Leatholm,
Egton Bridge,
Ugthorpe*

Our Lady, Leatholm

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Carols
6.00pm First Mass of Christmas

St Hedda, Egton Bridge

Christmas Eve

8.00pm First Mass
of Christmas

St Anne, Ugthorpe

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Marske-by-the-Sea

St Bede

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Children's Mass
9.00pm Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass

Pickering

St Joseph

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Carols
12.00 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass

Redcar

Blessed Nicholas Postgate

Sunday 18th December

6.00pm Carol Service, Sacred Heart

Tuesday 20th December

7.00pm Carols in the Garden at
St Augustine's Church

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Children's Nativity & Carols
6.00pm First Mass of Christmas in
St Augustine's Church. Especially
suitable for young families.
7.00pm Carol Singing, Sacred Heart
7.30pm First Mass of Christmas in
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11.30pm Midnight Mass at
St Augustine's

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass, Sacred Heart

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St Augustine's Church, Warwick
Road, Redcar TS10 2ER**

Scarborough

**St Peter, St Joseph
& St Edward**

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Mass - St Peter's
(Carols from 5.30 pm)
8.00pm Mass - St Joseph's
(Carols from 7.30 pm)
12.00 Midnight Mass - St Peter's
(Carols from 11:30 pm)

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass - St Edward's
9.30am Mass - St Joseph's
11.00am Mass - St Peter's

**St George's, Moor Lane,
Eastfield**

Christmas Eve

6pm Mass (Carols & Readings
5.30pm)

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass

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Saltburn-by-the-Sea

Our Lady of Lourdes

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carols
7.00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.30am Family Mass

York

St George

Wednesday 14th December

6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

8.00pm First Mass of Christmas
10.00pm Polish Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Morning Mass

Thirsk & Osmotherley

All Saints, Thirsk

Christmas Eve

7.00pm First Mass of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.30am Morning Mass

**Our Lady of Mount Grace,
Osmotherley**

Christmas Day

8.45am Mass

Whitby

St Hilda, English Martyrs

Christmas Eve

5.30pm Carols - St Hilda, Whitby
6.00pm Mass - St Hilda, Whitby

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass - English Martyrs,
Sleights
10.30am Mass - St Hilda, Whitby

Ormesby & Thorntree

Corpus Christi

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Carols & Children's Nativity
5.30pm First Mass of Christmas

St Gabriel's

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Carols & Children's Nativity
7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Morning

York

St Joseph and St Wilfrid

St Joseph

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Mass with Carols and
Blessing of the Crib

Christmas Day

9.30am Mass with Carols

**St Stephen's Day
(Boxing Day)**

No Mass

St Wilfrid

Christmas Eve

6.30pm Family Mass, Children's
Procession to the Crib and
Blessing of the Crib
11.15pm Carols and Readings
followed by Midnight Sung
Latin High Mass

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass with Carols
10.30am Mass with Carols
4.00pm Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament followed by
Prayers at the Crib

**St Stephen's Day
(Boxing Day)**

12.10pm Mass

York

Ampleforth Abbey

Christmas Eve

10.15pm Mass during the Night

Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

York

English Martyrs

Christmas Eve

6.00pm First Mass of Christmas
8.00pm Midnight Mass of
Christmas

Christmas Day

10.30am Mass

Dalton Terrace, York YO24 4DA



NEWS

World Gifts Raise Millions



CAFOD's World Gift scheme, now in its 12th year, has been embraced by the Catholic community as a way to give gifts that help transform the lives of poor communities in developing countries.

Since its introduction in 2004, the generosity of the Catholic community has seen the scheme raise more than £12m, with 103,000 school starter kits, 46,000 goats, 38,000 chickens and 3,000 queen bees having been bought as presents by Catholics in England and Wales. Last year alone, communities in England and Wales taught more than 4,000 children to read through fundraising for World Gifts.

Since last year, Catholics in Middlesbrough have been given the opportunity to buy a "Winter Survival Kit" for refugees, giving those in need food, fuel and blankets to protect them against the cold. This is alongside the action of more than 13,000 Catholics across the country who have written messages of hope and welcome to refugees. These messages will be dedicated to refugees across the world in a special event in Salford on Saturday December 3.

Catholics in Middlesbrough will also have the chance to give a "Trees for Life" gift, which is a new initiative being run by CAFOD this year. The gift will supply a family with five

fruit tree saplings plus the tools and training to produce their own nursery. When a Trees for Life gift is purchased, CAFOD will send a spruce seed Christmas decoration for the purchaser to plant and grow their own trees. The charity is hoping to plant a total of 10,000 seeds both in the UK and overseas. CAFOD representative in Middlesbrough, Carol Cross, said: "We are so thankful to our supporters in parishes and schools for their generosity in recent years of helping people living in extreme poverty. Giving a World Gift is a meaningful way of making a huge difference to the people of so many communities around the world and will help to transform lives this Christmas time."

Gifts come with an illustrated card to give to a friend or loved one and there is a range of gifts for children and stocking fillers, while orders over £50 will receive a free CAFOD tea-towel. E-certificates can be downloaded until Christmas Eve for last minute gift buyers. Parishes and schools can come together to fundraise for larger gifts to help a whole community, such as a £4,000 health clinic or a £750 community water supply.

To purchase your own World Gift for a friend or loved one, please visit worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/.

Volunteer With CAFOD!

Are you looking for a New Year's resolution? Would you like to volunteer with CAFOD? We have a range of opportunities that can fit into any timeframe, from being a media volunteer to helping out in our Volunteer Centre, visiting our diocesan schools to sharing our work with young people and children or promoting our campaigns. Some of our former volunteers, such as Liam, have gone on to secure work with CAFOD.

Volunteering provides an opportunity to learn new skills and meet new people and can be for as long or short a time as you wish! Take a leap of faith and help us to transform the lives of others in the process. The work is varied and richly rewarding, training will be given where necessary and expenses are reimbursed.

You can contact us by calling 01642 822301 or emailing middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk.

Scarborough Parishes Enjoy Memorable Malta Pilgrimage



The group with Father Albert's parents (immediately to his right)

Maltese priest Father Albert Schembri led a 26-strong party from Scarborough on a memorable pilgrimage to his homeland.

Our accommodation was at the Archbishop's Seminary in Rabat, which proved to be very popular. We covered the length and breadth of both Malta and Gozo and visited some very beautiful churches and interesting museums as well as a Neolithic temple site, which is some 7,000 years old.

Mass was offered every day, either in the seminary or at one of the churches we visited, including the oratory of St John's Co-Cathedral in Valetta, which houses Caravaggio's largest canvas painting, the Beheading of John the Baptist.

The pilgrimage was a wonderful experience. We all had a great, caring friendship for each other and helped the less mobile in the group. It was truly a very worthwhile time to share together.

Our heartfelt thanks to Father Albert who did so much to organise the trip and ensure that our time in his homeland was really amazing. Father Albert currently resides in Scarborough as assistant to Canon Eddie Gubbins,

Bernard Wilkins



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Peace Theme For Meeting

The Peace Sunday theme of "Nonviolence: A Style of Politics for Peace" is also the title of January's Justice and Peace Commission meeting.

The speaker is Ann Farr, an executive member of both the British and international sections of Pax Christi who has worked ecumenically in justice, peace and development education. She is a member of the Chapel of Unity Commission at Coventry Cathedral and campaigns for justice for women, Fairtrade, welfare and housing rights.

More recently Ann has focused on work relating to justice in Palestine and Israel, serving as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Yanoun, a small village near Nablus, surrounded by illegal Israeli settlers. She has returned to the region each year, visiting Palestine for Pax Christi and supporting other Ecumenical Accompaniers. She is also active in lobbying at the UK and EU parliaments.

The meeting is at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday January 7 at 10am for 10.30am and will conclude with a shared lunch. Everyone is welcome. Peace Sunday is on January 15.

Barbara Hungin

Does Your Parish Need An Energy Audit?

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis encouraged all Christians to take responsibility for the care of the planet we share. Last month the historic Paris climate change agreement was ratified. In this unprecedented international accord, almost 200 countries agreed to keep global warming below two degrees centigrade and aim for a lower target.

But this is not just a matter for governments. We must all explore ways to reduce carbon emissions in our parishes and homes. In this way, we, as Christians, can be instrumental in protecting vulnerable populations in poorer countries where catastrophic drought and flooding are already happening as a result of global warming.

How will an energy audit help reduce global warming?

An energy audit of our parishes and schools will give a benchmark for the ways we use gas and electricity. The most important part of the process will be the follow up to the audit where we will look at ways of reducing our energy consumption. In the long run, this should also save money – good news for parish finances!

How do we undertake an energy audit?

It is, of course, necessary to have the agreement and cooperation of your parish priest. Ideally a group of parishioners could undertake the survey. It would be good to explain the reasons for this in the parish newsletter beforehand. The first step is to examine the gas and electricity bills for the past two or three years and calculate the average annual energy consumption and its cost. The carbon emissions of this energy consumption can also be calculated.

The daily usage of the church and associated buildings should be tabled. The fabric of the buildings should be surveyed, for example, whether walls have cavities, whether there is any insulation present and whether windows are double glazed.

The services provided should be surveyed, for example, type and age of boilers and heaters, how they are controlled, who controls them, when they are timed to come on and off and whether people are instructed to switch the heating off after it has been used outside normal times. Lighting should be reviewed according to the type of fixture, numbers of lamps and annual hours of operation. The position and function of

meters should be noted.

From all of this information, it should be possible to suggest energy saving opportunities for your parish and estimate the annual savings that could result, as well as the resulting reduction in carbon emissions.

One recommendation might be to replace light fittings in the church with LED fittings, which have a much longer life and use far less electricity. Other possibilities include installing more up to date controls on heating systems, installing light sensors in toilets, insulating cavity walls and lagging pipes. Such improvements cost relatively little.

Later on, it might be possible to think about other ways of saving energy such as a new boiler or even solar panels, which cut down on electricity consumption and earn a government rebate. These measures cost more initially but will ultimately pay back.

The time taken to pay back the cost benefit of all these measures can be calculated. However, as Christians, saving money is not the only reason for reducing our energy consumption. It is a very positive way to respond to Pope Francis' challenge to "heed the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor".

Once your parish starts making savings in their energy bills and their carbon emissions, make sure to say so in the parish newsletter or at the parish AGM.

If you're interested in sharing your experiences of conducting an energy audit in your parish, please email the chair of the Justice and Peace Commission Barbara Hungin at bhungin@yahoo.co.uk.

Clare Palmer

Church Groups Unite To Boost Buying Power

Catholic parishes, schools and charities are making big savings after grouping together to boost their buying power – and they're inviting new members to join them.

Churchmarketplace is a not-for-profit group set up by the Catholic Church in England and Wales to help cut costs across a wide range of products and services. It's based on the principle that working together provides a more effective way to do business, establishing a single market that enables them to negotiate bulk deals.

Goods and services currently available include energy and telecommunications contracts, stationery, furniture, computers and photocopiers.

"We have negotiated contracts you can trust, saving you time and money on all your purchasing needs," said director Jenny Williamson. "Our official suppliers have been through a thorough vetting and endorsement process carried out by our procurement team. This ensures that the specific needs of the Catholic community are provided for, discounts negotiated and formal contracts are put in place."

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To place orders, simply contact the suppliers directly and tell them you are a member. Membership is free. Visit www.churchmarketplace.org.uk to register or for more details.



Annual Mass Of Anointing In York

The St Vincent de Paul Society Conference in St Margaret Clitherow's parish in York held their annual Mass of Anointing. Canon Patrick Harney and parish priest Father Kevin Trehy concelebrated Mass and anointed the sick, many of whom find it difficult to attend Mass regularly. It was a spiritual and moving occasion followed by friendship and chat, with afternoon tea provided by parishioners in the meeting room.

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NEWS



SVP Members Campaign For Child Refugees

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Middlesbrough visited the office of local MP Andy McDonald as part of their campaign to urge leaders to accept children under the terms of the Dubs amendment.

This clause in the Immigration Bill, named after Baron Alfred Dubs, allows unaccompanied children to be offered safe refuge in the UK.

They took with them a Paddington Bear toy as a symbol of a child refugee who came alone to London as a stowaway after the destruction of his family home.

The picture shows Yasmin Khan, director of the Halo Project, which campaigns against forced marriage and honour-based violence, Margaret Clark, Middlesbrough district president of the SVP, and a member of Mr McDonald's staff.

Yorkshire Vision Brings Seeds Of Hope To Albania

Who would think that a 17th Century Yorkshirewoman would be inspired to say "Women in time to come will do much"? This woman was Mary Ward and, following her vision, Sister Imelda Poole IBVM today leads a team helping women in Albania develop their strengths and find their voices.

Supporting this work is Dr Elizabeth Walmsley, whom the Cleveland Newman Circle recently welcomed for a talk entitled "In the spirit of Mary Ward – working for justice, sincerity and freedom in Albania".

Albania is approximately the size of Wales and faces the heel of Italy across the Adriatic. Famous as Mother Theresa's birthplace, it's a poor, mountainous country with many small farms and rough roads. The society is patriarchal. Women often marry young and find their freedom limited within the extended family.

With few job opportunities many men emigrate to find work and the women left behind become isolated, suffering poor health, low self-esteem and depression. People-traffickers thrive and vulnerable women can be lured with false promises.

To counter this, Sister Imelda has established a Mary Ward Loreto Foundation. A team of project leaders work with isolated communities to help women develop self-esteem and confidence and gain some economic independence. By setting up small enterprises, women can supplement their limited means and become less vulnerable to exploitation.

Women tend to invest in their children and education, so they are excellent candidates for small businesses. Using her commercial experience, Elizabeth helps build their skills to do this. She challenges the women to develop sustainable businesses which contribute to local communities, including horticulture and needle crafts.

Elizabeth's collaboration in this work is a



Dr Elizabeth Walmsley

result of a chance encounter with Sister Imelda 20 years ago. She encourages us to be open to following where the Spirit leads and use our talents. As Mother Theresa said, "We can do no great things, but we can do small things with great love."

Sister Imelda has helped establish and is now president of RENATE (Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation). See page six for details of our Advent appeal to assist their work.

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle contact Judith Brown on 01642 814977 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net. Talks are at 7.45pm in Middlesbrough Cathedral Hall. On Wednesday February 15 Father Philip Cunnah will speak on "The Holy Spirit, a hidden character in the work of Salvation". All are welcome!

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They are there to facilitate your giving, forming a bridge between those who give and those in need. Their purpose is to enable local Christians to give of what they have to offer, whether it's money, time, skills or things. You can choose how your giving is to be dispensed and the core team is in touch with the professional agencies who contact them directly to flag up local peoples' needs.

If you offer furniture, white goods or soft furnishings, the Besom knows where it is needed. You can deliver the item yourself or the Besom van can collect and deliver. If you wish to give money, you can specify how it is spent. Your wishes will be prayed for and delivered.

You may have a couple of hours available and this could be spent with others, painting

a room or clearing a garden, sorting someone's paperwork or packing up personal effects ahead of a move. You may be able to use your skills in the service of someone in need. Giving small items to kit out a kitchen or bathroom, or items for a baby's first days, or a child's first day at school is something that can be done individually or by a small group of Christian givers. The opportunities are as varied as life!

The Besom focuses on helping people give to people in the local community safely and securely, making it an experience you will enjoy. Gifts benefit recipients with a wide range of needs – they might be a single-parent family escaping domestic violence, a person who's been given their first flat after years on the streets or even one of the Syrian refugee families who are arriving in York. Call 0300 302 0024, email info@thebesominyork.co.uk or visit www.thebesominyork.co.uk to find out more.

Carolyn Rorke

NEWS

Double Celebration At St Anthony's

The parish of St Anthony's in Hull enjoyed a double celebration this autumn.

Father Andrew Henson, a member of the Cistercian order, whose sister, Margaret Flood, lives in the parish, celebrated his diamond jubilee as a priest. Father Andrew, who comes from Hull, is a member of the community at Mount St Bernard, Leicestershire, but regularly visits the parish and often celebrates Mass.

He was the main celebrant, accompanied by Father Antony, our inspirational parish priest, Father Gerard Burns of the Marist community, and Father Stephen Maughan, the diocesan chancellor, representing Bishop Terry. Deacon Bob Shakesby was also present on the altar.

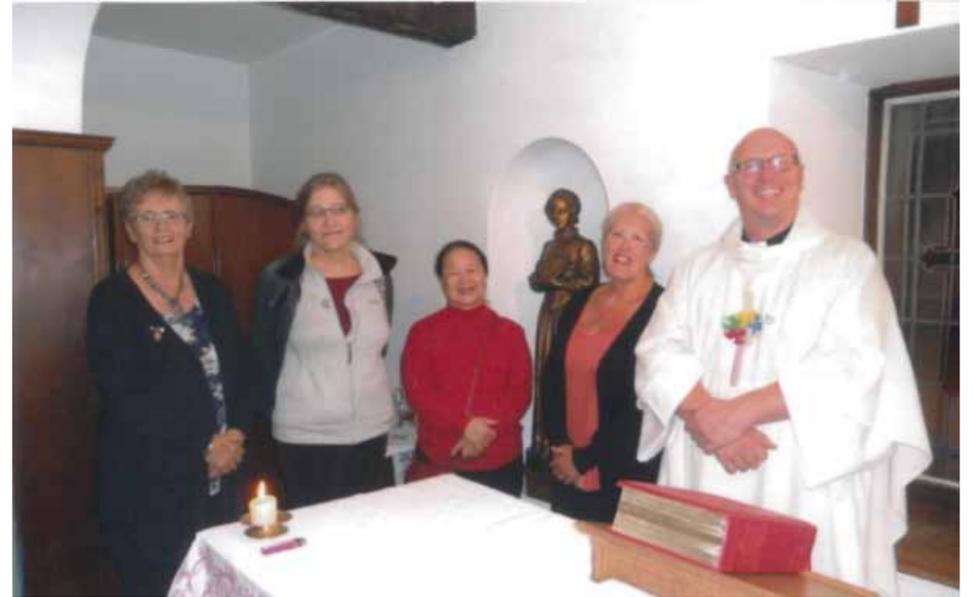
Father Stephen spoke beautifully about the priesthood and of Father Andrew's fidelity to his vocation and how he has touched the

lives of countless people. At the end of Mass, Father Stephen presented Father Andrew with a beautiful cut glass paperweight in the shape of a diamond, engraved to mark the occasion.

Father Stephen was also with us to present the Papal Benemerenti medal to parishioners Sheila and Bernard Swift for their outstanding work in the service of the Church over many years.

It was lovely to see members of Father Andrew's and Sheila and Bernard's family there to celebrate with them on a beautiful, joyful occasion which lifted the hearts of all who were there. Our congratulations to all three. Their presence among us enriches our lives.

Chris Cuthill



Sheila and Bernard Swift (left and right) with their certificates, Father Stephen, Father Antony, Father Andrew, Deacon Bob and Father Gerard

Mass In St Margaret Clitherow's House

Father Bill Serplus celebrated Mass with the Union of Catholic Mothers at St Margaret Clitherow's house in the Shambles, York. The photograph shows the three new members enrolled at the service. From the left is Kath Stubbs, St Aelred's Parish President, then Barbara Cookson, Rose Cartledge and Cathy Low. Father Bill, right, is both St Aelred's parish priest and the UCM diocesan chaplain. The statue of St Margaret Clitherow can be seen in the centre of the picture.

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1 School visits:
Morning – St Clare's Primary, Middlesbrough 9.00am
Afternoon – Trinity Catholic College, Middlesbrough 1.00pm
2 Celebrates NFL Mass at Our Lady's, York 4.00pm
3 & 4 Parish Visitation to St Francis & St Clare, Middlesbrough All weekend
6 Attends meeting of the Northern Province at Leeds 10.30am
7 School visits:
Morning – All Saints, Thirsk 9.00am
Afternoon – Sacred Heart Primary, Northallerton 1.00pm
10 Attends BBC Tees Carol Concert at St Mary's Cathedral 3.00pm
11 Attends CAFOD Carol Service in Hull 1.00pm
13 Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall 11.00am
14 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am
Attends extraordinary meeting of Council of Priests in the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 1.30pm
15 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustees at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 10.00am
17-23 Personal Retreat
21 Celebrates Mass at Kirklevington Prison 6.00pm
23 Celebrates Mass at HMP Deerbolt 9.00am
24 Carols and Mass at Cathedral 22.30pm
25 Mass at Cathedral 10.00am

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

4 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

5 Monday
'A Quiet Day at Ampleforth' with Fr Kevin Hayden. Contact Ampleforth (01439) 766386/766889 for details

6 Tuesday
7pm 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 Wednesday
6.30pm Latin Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Jarret Street, Hull
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for details

8 Thursday
1.30pm The Immaculate Conception – 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

9 Friday
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough

– Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for 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 Saturday
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Sean Kelly) at the Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie White (01642) 860227

11 Sunday
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6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details

12 Monday
10.30am-3.30pm 'Touching the Mystery of Christmas' with Agnese Jencikova CJ and Cecilia Goodman CJ, St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York tel: (01904) 464900
7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Nan Saeki, tel (01904) 783621 for details

13 Tuesday
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull
2pm-4pm LIFE ASCENDING Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

14 Wednesday
10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the morning Mass

10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group of St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30pm Prayer Group at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

16 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 07800697975 or e-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com/>

18 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
4.15pm Christmas Carol Service, St Mary's Cathedral
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

21 Wednesday
6pm celebrates Mass at Kirklevington Prison
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

23 Friday
9am celebrates Mass at HMP Deerbolt

25 Sunday
Christmas Day – see centre pages and/or your parish bulletin for Mass times

First Week of January
1 Sunday
New Year's Day – see your parish bulletin for Mass times

6 Friday
Dates and events for the February issue of Catholic Voice must be received by today.

The January 2017 issue of Catholic Voice will be available in parishes on Sunday 8 January.

ADVANCE NOTICES:

15 January, Cleveland Newman Circle New Year Lunch, Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe, 12.30pm for 1pm
29 January, 4.15pm Choral Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral
15 February, Cleveland Newman Circle 'The Holy Spirit, a hidden character in the work of salvation' by Fr Philip Cunnah, St Mary's Cathedral

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Why Syd Is Our Hero

Lourdes pilgrim Syd Henderson has been awarded France's highest military award for his part in liberating Europe during World War II.

Syd, 91, from Redcar, has been given the Legion of Honour medal after his heroics came to light seven decades after the events, thanks to the efforts of his carer.

Syd joined the Durham Light Infantry on his 18th birthday before being posted to the Green Howards. He also spent time in the King's Own Scottish Borderers when there weren't enough men left in his unit.

He took part in the D-Day landings on Tuesday June 6 1944 and fought in the Battle of Arnhem in Holland in December that year. He later took part in operations in Germany and finally Gibraltar.

A letter from French Ambassador Sylvie Burnham said: "I offer you my warmest congratulations on this high honour in recognition of your acknowledged military engagement and your steadfast involvement in the Liberation of France during the Second World War.

"As we contemplate this Europe of peace, we must never forget the heroes like you, who came from Britain and the Commonwealth to begin the liberation of Europe by liberating France. We owe our freedom and security to your dedication, because you were ready to risk your life."



His son, Andrew, said Syd was "over the moon" to receive the recognition.

Sadly, Syd's wife Margaret, who is pictured here alongside him in Lourdes, died in January at the age of 88.

Celebrate The New Year Hospitalité Style!

Celebrate the New Year in style with our Lourdes dancing party at St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday January 7.

Tickets are £5 and include a finger buffet. Entertainment will be from Phil, Merlyn and Max and singer Dennis Haizes. Please bring your own drinks. The event begins at 7.30pm and will finish at about 11pm. There is a parish Mass beforehand at 6.30pm for anyone who would like to attend.

To reserve tickets, contact Head of Hospitalité John Brown by emailing john.brown160@ntlworld.com or calling 07871958412. Please feel free to invite anybody who might be interested in finding out more about Lourdes or joining our Lourdes Hospitalité.

Christmas Mass At The Cathedral

We would like to invite you to our Lourdes Christmas Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Thursday December 8 at St Mary's Cathedral. Mass is at 6.30pm and will be followed by tea and coffee, mince pies and biscuits. It would be lovely to see as many as possible come to share this special time of the year with our supported pilgrims and all our Lourdes family.

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Paddle Power Saves The Day

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 takes a river ride that doesn't go according to plan...

Drifting along on the Lolanga River, the occasional glugging of water against our dugout canoe, a solitary hoot from the unspoilt forest. Apart from that, silence, peace, tranquillity.

We were assured that the bandits who had attacked some travellers on the river had already been caught. Our flight for Kinshasa from Mbandaka was on Saturday. Our only choice was to start out very early Friday morning and arrive in Mbandaka the same day, before it became dark again.

Father Stan and I got up at 2am, but the canoe didn't leave Basankusu until 5.15am. Sister Lajoie came along too. She was going 18km, to Bonkita.

The engine was 15 horsepower and chugged along at a moderate pace. As Sister Lajoie left us at Bonkita, she chastised the two young drivers for going so slowly. "They've got to arrive in Mbandaka by 6pm," she said. "You'll need to go faster than that!"

At 9.30am, the motor spluttered to a halt. We came to the shore of a village called Luonga. People drifted down the riverbank to see what our problem was. One of them was a mechanic and told us they didn't have the spare part needed, but they could radio Basankusu to have a replacement outboard sent. After some hours, a replacement arrived. It was only eight horsepower. It didn't work.

After several more hours, we replaced the drivers with someone we knew called Adebruyaka. While being driven through the forest with a 25 horsepower outboard, he and his driver fell and the motor hit his head. Nevertheless, the motor worked. We

set off again at 10pm.

After half an hour, Adebruyaka discovered that one of the big, yellow jerrycans was filled with water instead of petrol – we wouldn't have enough fuel to reach Mbandaka. Father Stan was furious.

"First they fail to carry out any basic maintenance and we break down, and now they steal our fuel! What else could possibly happen?"

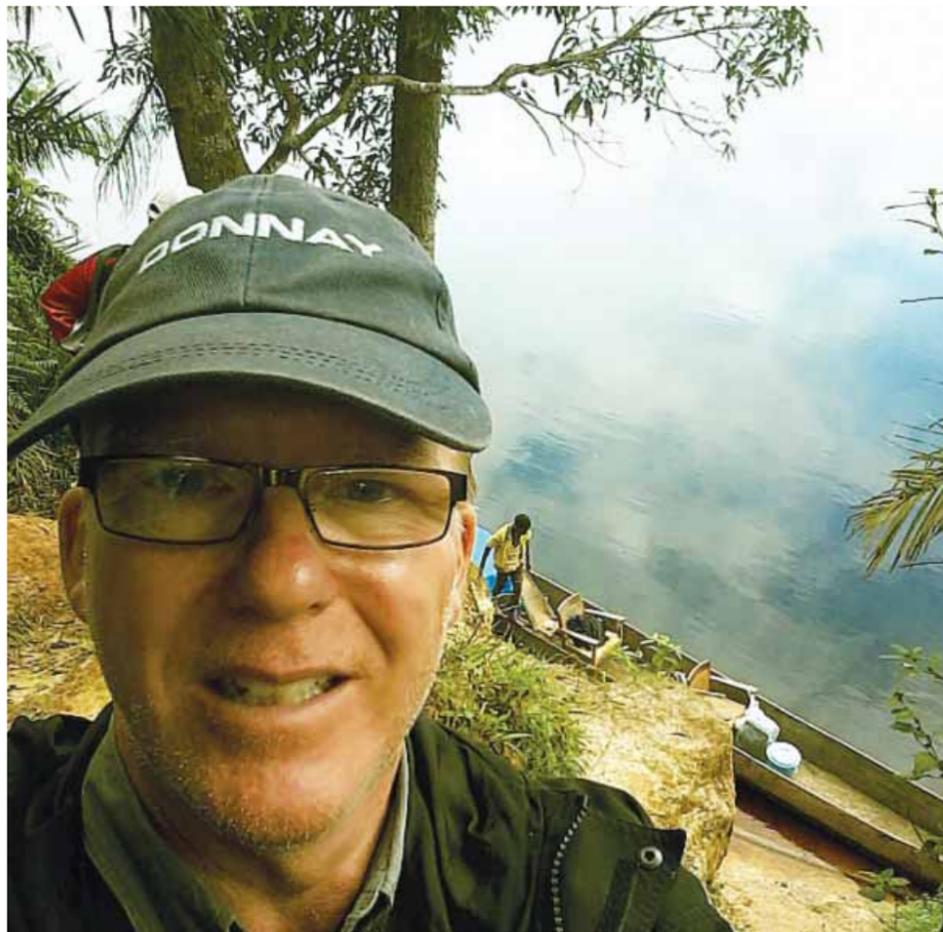
As the night wore on, we came to a place where we could buy some petrol. At 5am it was light again and by 7am we joined the River Congo. At 9.30am, we came to within 15 minutes of Mbandaka, before the outboard spluttered to a halt again. Our fuel was finished. We drifted again.

Eventually, not only did we see a group of people in a canoe with an outboard, but Father Stan knew them. They sold us two litres of petrol – plenty to finish the journey. It was 10am. We set off again with a renewed optimism. We would be there in time for the flight after all. I happily phoned Mlle Jeanne Marie, who would collect us.

We were in sight of the first riverside port of Mbandaka when our fuel finished yet again! So close, but drifting helplessly again! Fortunately, we passed a young man in a canoe. "How much will you sell us your paddle for?" we asked. "Two dollars," he replied.

So, with a paddle in hand, Adebruyaka landed us on the shore. As we bumped up against the sand, I could see the insignia of Caritas on Mademoiselle Jeanne Marie's pick-up and we were soon whisked away to the airport.

The plane was late. But that didn't matter. We drank beer and Father Stan ordered plates of omelette to share. The plane took off at three o'clock and by four we were in Kinshasa.



Francis by the river at Luonga

Quiz Answers

Connection question

1. George Michael
2. Jesse James
3. Trevor Francis
4. Barry Norman
5. Fiona Bruce

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