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Warm Welcome For New Catholics

Over the last month we have said goodbye to members of two religious congregations that have played a major part in the growth and development of our diocese. On March 19 there was a Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell for the Daughters of Mary and Joseph. Until recently Sister Mary Dymphna and Sister Anne were the latest members of the congregation living in the diocese together with Sister Matthew. On the first of this month, April, I celebrate a similar Mass for the Congregation of the Faithful Companions of Jesus. The final three members of this congregation remaining in the diocese, Sister Moira, Sister Jo and Sister Margaret, will be leaving us to move over to various houses in the North West.

The Daughters of Mary and Joseph were founded in Belgium just over 200 years ago. By 1882 they took up residence in Scarborough and opened a day school and a boarding school. Even after the schools were closed in 1975, the sisters remained in Scarborough for some time, still engaged in teaching and other parish work.

With the impetus of the Second Vatican Council the sisters began to look for a broader apostolate. An opportunity arose as a result of their connection with Canon Lovelady, who had been an assistant priest in Scarborough and was now working at St Thomas More in Middlesbrough. As a result a small community of sisters was formed there in 1968 in the convent next to the church where they lived until fairly recently.

In 1872 the Faithful Companions of Jesus came to Middlesbrough, even before this diocese as such existed. The work was hard and the conditions were, to say the least, difficult, but fired by the same holy single-mindedness as their founder, Venerable Marie Madeleine, the sisters battled on, and on, right up until today. They are held in the highest esteem for their work in Catholic education in this diocese and all over the world. The Lord has bestowed so many blessings, so much apostolic fruit, as a result of their labours and ministry here in the diocese. So many lives have been touched, so many spirits have been raised and encouraged, so many individuals have been supported, so many disappointed dreams regained and the Gospel has been proclaimed to all. So many have been helped to discern and follow God's holy will and learned to trust in him who will never let us down.

I offer grateful thanks to both congregations, on behalf of all in the diocese and ask God's blessings on them all. I am sure I speak for us all when I say that we will never forget them.

Yours in blessed hope,

Candidates and catechumens were given a warm welcome as they began the final part of their journey towards being received into full communion with the Catholic Church this Easter.

In his homily at the traditional Rite of Election and Call To Continuing Conversion, which takes place in every cathedral in the world on the first Sunday of Lent, Bishop Terry reminded them that they did not choose Jesus, but Jesus chose them.

The service marked the formal acceptance of people who have been on a journey of faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programme.

This year there were 23 candidates, who have already been baptised into other Christian traditions and who will be confirmed and receive holy communion for the first time at the Easter Vigil in their parishes.

There were also nine catechumens, who have not previously been baptised and will receive the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and holy communion during their Vigil celebrations.

The catechumens were called one by one to the sanctuary, where their catechists were asked if they had prayerfully reflected on this next step and affirmed them in their faith journey. Their godparents also came up to the altar. Bishop Terry formally accepted the catechumens and they signed the Book of the Elect.

The candidates remained in their places with their sponsors, who affirmed they had been prayerfully preparing. They do not sign the

book as they are already Christians. "We have a nice additional touch in our diocese where we ask them all to come up to be greeted by the bishop and he gives them a Tau cross as a sign that they are now entering Lent, the period of purification and



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Easter Schedule 2017

Holy Week, St Mary's Cathedral

Palm Sunday	10.00am Mass/Blessing of Palms with Bishop Terence 5.00pm Mass
Tues	12.00pm Chrism Mass with Bishop Terence
Wed	7.00pm Deanery Reconciliation Service
Holy Thursday	7.00pm Mass of the Lord Supper – with Bishop Terence Watching until 10pm – ending with Night Prayer
Good Friday	3.00pm Solemn Passion with bishop Terence
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enlightenment,” says RCIA coordinator Deacon Vince Purcell.

“I would always encourage parishes to get involved in the RCIA. As well as welcoming the candidates and catechumens, it’s important to remember that they are also leading us to a new understanding of our faith.

“Setting up an RCIA group is not an easy thing to do but is extremely rewarding and is part of what we’re called to do as missionary parishes.”



The candidates and catechumens with Bishop Terry at the cathedral – Photo by Les Clark



Canon John Lumley with the cross - Photo by Joe Harrison

St Gabriel’s Lets Its Light Shine

St Gabriel’s in Ormesby let its light shine all over Middlesbrough during Lent.

Resourceful parishioners erected a large cross on the parish hall as a way of bearing witness to the surrounding community.

“The cross reminds passers-by that this is the season of preparation for the greatest Christian feast of them all – the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,” said parish priest Canon John Lumley.

“It’s part of our Crossing the Threshold initiative, where we try to reach out more to our neighbours and hopefully encourage them to cross the threshold into our parish community.

“We decided to use our prominent location by a busy main road to set up a lovely illuminated crib scene during Advent that brought lots of positive comments and was even covered by BBC Tees radio.

“The cross is attracting just as much attention and will change from purple to a golden yellow for Eastertide.”

Like many parishes throughout the diocese,

St Gabriel’s came up with a number of ideas to spread its message during Lent. They included a soup lunch every Friday following Stations of the Cross and Mass, with donations given to CAFOD.

Both St Gabriel’s and sister parish Corpus Christi in Thorntree are operating an “open church” initiative, with banners inviting passers-by to come in and light a candle and say a prayer for themselves and their loved ones.

The community is also delighted to be welcoming two new members at its Easter Vigil. Ten-year-old Maddie McCormick, who wanted to become a Catholic, was taken to RCIA sessions by her grandma Liz Chambers, who regularly attended services of another Christian denomination.

However, Liz was so impressed by Maddie’s commitment, as well as what she heard during the sessions and her experiences of attending Mass, that she decided she also wanted to become a Catholic.

Details of all the initiatives can be found on the parish Facebook page – just search for stgabrielandcorpuschristiparishes.

Humility At The Heart Of God

The Cleveland Newman Circle was delighted to welcome Father Philip Cunnah to speak on “The Holy Spirit – a hidden character in the work of Salvation”.

Father Philip, who was ordained in 2015, explained that when he was in Rome he heard stories about St Philip Neri, including how the Holy Spirit had entered his heart “like a ball of fire”. This inspired Father Philip to think more about the Holy Spirit and prompted the title of his talk.

The Holy Spirit is active both in scripture and in the Church, but he never speaks of himself. He reveals God and Christ to us. His preference is always towards the other two persons of the Trinity. By pouring his love into us he is the source of our prayer and the life of the Church. He himself remains hidden – there is humility at the heart of God.

Father Philip emphasised the Holy Spirit’s hidden nature, quoting Yves Congar, who said the Holy Spirit presents few

personal characteristics but is buried in the work of the Father and the Son, which he completes. We cannot envisage the Holy Spirit, he is the finger of God’s right hand, the wind blowing where he will and the flames at Pentecost. These ideas of freedom and elusiveness remind us of God’s transcendent mystery.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903) sowed seeds for the Charismatic Renewal. His encyclical *Divinum Illud Munus* included Holy Spirit theology and, supported by Blessed Elena Guerra, an Italian religious who attended Vatican I, he promoted devotion to the Holy Spirit.

But after his papacy the Church had different concerns, including the Modernist heresy and two world wars, so the Holy Spirit was neglected. Then Pope Saint John XXIII (1958-63), praying for a new Pentecost and seeking unity among Christians, called the Second Vatican Council.

This brought numerous changes. The Church is seen to be opening up and is no longer just a church of boundaries. Many, wanting a clearer Holy Spirit focus, saw these changes as too Christocentric. Pope Paul VI (1963-78) called for a new study and a new cult of the Holy Spirit, based on Vatican II ideas, and developments continue.

In discussions after the talk, Father Philip was asked why the Holy Spirit is “he”. *Ruah* (Hebrew) is feminine, *pneuma* (Greek) is neuter and *spiritus* (Latin) is masculine. It is just a matter of convention!

For information about the Cleveland Newman Circle call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net. They hold six talks through the year in St Mary’s Cathedral hall on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. On April 26 Pete Widlinsky and Kath Sainsbury will talk on *The Refugee Crisis*. All are welcome!

Patricia Egerton

Diamond Celebrations North And South

Two couples at opposite ends of our diocese have been celebrating their diamond wedding anniversaries...



Father Antony Chundelikkat with Colleen and Wilf

Colleen And Wilf Are Parish Treasures

Parishioners of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull shared in the celebration of the diamond wedding anniversary of Colleen and Wilf Gorman.

Their anniversary coincided with a parish meal, after which Father Antony Chundelikkat presented Colleen with a bouquet of flowers as a token of the parish's appreciation for their wonderful achievement.

At Sunday Mass Father Antony gave them a special blessing with prayers of thanksgiving for the love they had shown each other, their family and the parish. They were given a card signed by the congregation and a bottle of their favourite drink with which to celebrate.

Colleen and Wilf have two sons and six grandchildren and are a very close family bound together with love. They are a wonderful example for all of us to follow. They are both quiet, unassuming and down to earth and do a tremendous amount in the background for others.

Wilf became involved in the parish soon after it was formed in 1976, joining the finance committee. He succeeded Gordon Barron as treasurer and the diocese asked him to audit the accounts of all the parishes in Hull and district. He was also parish safeguarding representative for more than a decade and served two terms as a school governor.

Bernard Swift

A Hardwearing Union!

John and Joyce Wordsworth are well known in the Teesside community through running their family business, Ormesby Hardware and Post Office, from which they only recently retired.

They are also familiar figures in their own parish of St Thomas More, Middlesbrough, as well as in neighbouring parishes.

John and Joyce were married on January 5 1957 by Father Keegan at English Martyrs Church in York, at the time in the Diocese of Leeds. They celebrated earlier this year with a meal in York attended by their five children and 12 grandchildren and other family members and friends.

John was active in the SVP for many years and is still treasurer for his parish group. During the last ten years he has been an Apostleship of the Sea volunteer ship visitor at Teesport, providing practical and pastoral support and assistance to scores of seafarers visiting from all parts of the world.



Deacon Peter Barrigan presents a bouquet of flowers to John and Joyce for their diamond wedding anniversary

A Letter From Madonna House

The Coinage Of Prayer

As we continue our regular series, CHERYL ANN SMITH, of Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay, reveals how an upsetting experience for the community was turned into an opportunity for prayer...

Recently we were burgled. A man walked in our front door, up three flights of stairs, past the kitchen where Nikola was cooking our lunch, up to the office and bedrooms, where he took every last bit of money he could find. On the way out the door he encountered Sara, who introduced herself and invited him up for a cup of tea. She thought he had slipped in to pray in our chapel. He declined.

Two hours later, we discovered the theft. I rang 101 and the responder was so kind and promised to send someone around quickly. Before we knew it, a policeman arrived with word that a suspect had already been arrested. Four hours later, after thorough, painstaking questioning, the officer left to make way for a scene of crime officer. Both men were professional, compassionate and given to their work.

We are grateful that none of us encountered this man "in the act", where he might have resorted to violence to escape. Money was taken, but no one was hurt. And although we lost pounds, we gained coinage for prayer. Everything that happens to us, no matter how upsetting, can be turned into prayer for other victims, or for those who commit crimes. "Don't waste suffering," a former mentor taught me. "Put into God's hands, it can become grace for others." Obviously, when there has been a profound violation, the healing process takes a long time and cannot be instantly wished or prayed away. But praying for the perpetrator, even by sheer will, aids the healing.

As we chatted with the police officers, we discovered that they often work alone as there are too few members on the force. They risk their lives and often have to encounter ugly scenes of crime.



The whole time they were with us their radios were quietly engaged, with a litany of tragic incidents being reported. Our hearts went out to these beautiful servants who deal with darkness every day. We have now tucked them into our daily prayer. And what of the families of police and firemen who worry about their loved ones? We pray for them. Or the families of those who seem lost through addictions or crime? We pray for them.

And what of this man who entered our home and took from us? He too has become coinage for prayer. I asked for his name, so that we could pray for a person and not equate him with his act. "John" has now pleaded guilty to a string of burglaries in the area, and we now have an endless string of prayers for him and all those caught up in crime, and for those who work to protect us from crime.

In many ways, this incident has been a gift for us: coinage for prayer given through a burglar.

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Palm Sunday - April 9



A great crowd had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of the Passover. They heard that Jesus was on his way there, so they took palm branches and went out to meet him. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey and the people laid down their palms in front of him and called out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

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Moira Wished A Happy Retirement

Mass was celebrated in St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy in Hull to celebrate the career of Moira Monahan, who has retired after working at the school for 29 years.

The Mass was followed by a leaving assembly and afternoon tea, to which friends, relatives and colleagues old and new were invited. Moira, who was presented with flowers, cards and gifts, served as a teacher, learning links worker, child protection coordinator and secretary of the Friends of School. She always had a smile for everyone and she will be greatly missed. We wish her a long and happy retirement.



Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Which actor starred as a lawyer in *The Usual Suspects* and a brass band leader in *Brassed Off*?
2. Which famous singer and drummer died from complications related to anorexia in 1983?
3. Which pirate was Captain Pugwash's arch enemy in the children's TV series?
4. Which British sailor won medals at five consecutive Olympics, including four golds between 2000 and 2012?
5. Who wrote *The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole*?

Thinking cap question

Name the three main male and three main female stars of the 1949 musical *On The Town*.

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

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Bishop Meets Students And Staff At Redcar Academy

Bishop Terry met students, called in on lessons and took part in a question and answer session when he visited Sacred Heart Secondary Catholic Academy in Redcar.

He began by attending a year ten assembly led by assistant headteacher Chris Corcoran and focusing on the Beatitudes. Bishop Terry concluded the assembly with his own thoughts and prayers.

After this reflective start, Bishop Terry went on a tour of the academy, taking time to visit classrooms and share memories from his own studies, which the students found interesting. He then met Olivia Stephenson, Isobel Thompson, Erin Campbell, Luke Richardson, Charlie Parks and Harry Barnard from year ten.

Bishop Terry asked the students for their thoughts on the European Union referendum and the students spoke openly about their opinions. He was told about the involvement of many students in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, which is supported by the academy. The bishop was impressed that this scheme is still important today as he remembers taking



part in his youth.

He was also impressed with the efforts taken to raise funds for the John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough. Thirty year-ten Duke of Edinburgh students slept out without any modern day luxuries to raise money for this very worthy cause,

raising around £600. The academy is hoping to run this fundraising event again.

Finally, the girls spoke about their coming visit to partner school Ayensudo Junior High in the Keeda district on the southern coast of Ghana in July and August 2017. Bishop Terry was very interested in this visit, as he spent six years in Kenya. The group will carry out much-needed work to make the Ghanaian school community a better and safer place to learn. The cost will be met by fundraising alone and all of those taking part have worked very hard to achieve this.

Bishop Terry also spent some time with staff and in year seven RE lessons, where lots of interesting questions were asked, including, "Would you like to become a cardinal?" The academy is very grateful to Bishop Terry for spending the morning with students and staff and very much look forward to him visiting again.

Erin Campbell, year ten student

Sister Judith Inspires Teachers

Staff from St Oswald's and St Nicholas Postgate primary academies in Middlesbrough spent an inspirational day in the company of celebrated Catholic educator Sister Judith Russi.

Currently director of EducareM, a charity that promotes church's mission in education, Sister Judith has worked for many years in various fields of Catholic education including teaching, leadership and as an advisor.

She is also the author of several religious education books and is a passionate speaker on the subject.

"The vision is a person – Jesus Christ," Sister Judith told staff. "The mission is to continue what

he set out to do."

She added that in such a fast-moving and stressful climate and with the tensions that exist within national educational policy, Catholic educators must pursue their true mission and core purpose.

"It was a truly motivational day which has empowered the mission of our schools within St Oswald's and St Nicholas Postgate academies," said St Margaret Clitherow headteacher Nichola Jamalizadeh.

"We feel extremely fortunate to have had the time to come together as a Catholic community to reflect, pray and discuss our mission together."



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NEWS

Renewing And Growing Our Diaconate

CANON MICHAEL BAYLDON, Priest Director for the Diaconate, offers some practical notes and reflections on deacons in the Diocese of Middlesbrough...

Some parishioners will be familiar with their local deacon. Others may never have met or seen one. Hopefully deacons will become more visible and available in our diocese. Most people will be familiar with the ministries which Bishop Terry gives to us. Everyone will know a priest, usually someone in charge of the local parish. After reading this the diaconate may attract you. You may like to consider a vocation to being a deacon.

In the Catholic tradition there are seven sacraments. One of them is called the Sacrament of Order. This is made up of the bishop, his priests and his deacons. The priests have a share in the work of the bishop which focuses mainly on celebrating the sacraments of Initiation, the Eucharist, Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. Deacons have a *ministry of service* which is involved in and supports the "sacerdotal" ministries of bishop and priests.

The *ministry of service* which the deacons live out is divided into three. There is *service at the altar*. Many people will recognise this when a deacon plays his part at Mass. There is the *service to the community, particularly to the poor*. This is often when a deacon becomes involved in pastoral work, bringing help to those who need it in a wide variety of ways. Lastly there is *service to the Word of God*. This is where a deacon proclaims and explains the sacred scripture either within the liturgies, or in the act of giving instruction and catechesis. An individual who becomes a deacon does not choose between these three aspects. He undertakes all three, all of the time.

It is wrong to think of a deacon as a "substitute priest", or as "Father's helper", or as someone "third in rank" within the Sacrament of Order. A deacon is ordained in his own right. He exercises the specialised ministries already outlined. He celebrates those ministries within a "sacred partnership" with the bishop and priests of the diocese. A deacon has a special relationship with the bishop. In a sense he "belongs" to the bishop, because he shares his work directly with the bishop.

Usually a deacon resides in a parish, where he makes both his family and his sacramental "home". He is supported spiritually by his local Catholic community and in turn he ministers to them, usually under the direction of the parish priest. Very often a candidate is recommended by a parish priest. If a deacon has a specific role or task to do, for example, as a chaplain to some institution, he does not belong to that institution. Rather he belongs to the parish or Eucharistic community where he is recognised as a member of the clergy. In this way the tradition of "hierarchy" is maintained.

Deacons are not paid. They are expected to be financially self-supporting. This is one of the conditions which has to be complied with before a candidate is taken on by the bishop for formation. In justice, of course, a deacon is entitled to just and lawful expenses. If he is married, his wife has to give full and unconditional consent to her husband being a deacon and all it implies. If his wife dies before him, a married deacon is expected to respect and conform to the convention of clerical celibacy as a widower. These two aspects of the

diaconate underline the self-giving and generous service which is a hallmark of the deacon's life.

A deacon is to be a man of prayer. After ordination a deacon takes on the daily recital of the Divine Office. This ensures he has a spiritual framework in addition to his devotional life which centres on the Mass and the Eucharist. In addition, he would be expected to make an annual retreat with other diocesan deacons. There will also be some ongoing training days and opportunities for reflection. The deacon must have a personal spiritual director, usually a priest or religious approved by the bishop.

The permanent diaconate is open to married men. Wives of married deacons play an indispensable and crucial part in their life and the pursuit of vocation together. Many wives will do much soul-searching when their husbands feel called to become deacons. For this reason the training and formation which is offered to deacon-candidates is also offered to their wives. Indeed without the wife's wholehearted involvement, a married man's vocation would not be acceptable to the Church. The dignity of both sacraments is to be upheld in the unique bond of life and love together.

The diaconate is a very broad ministry in the Church. I hope this short introduction may encourage your further investigation. We give a list of written materials which may take you further on a journey towards a ministry which is in need of both renewal and expansion in our diocese. The usual "next step" is to speak to one of our deacons and share experiences and begin exploring some of the topics I have opened up in this short article.

Further reading...

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The Character of the Deacon, James Keating, Paulist Press 2017, ISBN 9-780-809-153060

The Nonviolent Path To Peace

The theme for this year's Peace Sunday was explored when Ann Farr of Pax Christi International addressed the York meeting of the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission.

Pope Francis dedicated the 50th World Day of Peace at the start of 2017 to "Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace", which was also the title of the meeting.

Ann, an executive member of the Catholic peace movement, has spent many months over several years working in Israel and Palestine with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme.

She told stories of courageous commitment to nonviolence within Palestine and of initiatives within communities that are harassed on a daily basis by the Israeli military. It was particularly disturbing to see pictures of tear gas being used on children.

At a time when it is increasingly difficult to envisage a peaceful settlement, the support of those who come to observe, accompany and stand side by side with the Palestinian citizens as they go about their daily lives is truly significant. Signs of encouragement and hope include the number of Israeli peace activists and groups working for peace.

We were encouraged to use our voices to speak out, lobby our MPs and MEPs and to stay informed by linking with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme through eyewitnessblogs.com.

The following websites also offer ways of supporting peace initiatives...

Rabbis for Human Rights: <http://rhr.org.il/eng/>

The Coalition of Women for Peace: coalitionofwomen.org

Yesh Din: yesh-din.org/en/

These are all ways of seeking to be peacemakers in our daily lives.

Barbara Hungin

Tributes Paid To Ampleforth Monks



Father Bonaventure Knollys OSB died peacefully in the monastery infirmary on February 23 at the age of 81. He was born in Birmingham in 1935 and educated at Ampleforth. He joined the monastic community in 1953 and was ordained in 1969.

From 1970 to 1978 Father Bonaventure was priest-in-charge at Our Lady and the Holy Angels, Gilling, and from 1976 to 1986 he was also assistant novice master, teaching pottery in the school. His other roles included parish priest in Kirkbymoorside and assistant priest in Ampleforth village.

In 2002 Father Bonaventure returned to Ampleforth Abbey to be novice master and from 2007 to 2012 he was also parish priest of Our Lady & St Benedict, Ampleforth. His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.



Father Augustine Measures OSB died peacefully in York Hospital on February 9 at the age of 89. He was born in Wembley in November 1927 and educated in Welbury and at Ampleforth. He was an Army radio instructor before joining the monastic community at Ampleforth.

Father Augustine studied at St Benet's Hall, Oxford, and a year after being ordained in 1958 he joined the monastic community at St Louis in Missouri, which had been founded from Ampleforth Abbey in 1955.

He returned in 1964 and became senior classics master at Ampleforth College, before moving to parish ministry.

In 2006 he began sending out daily audio homilies to listeners and websites around the world. Father Augustine's funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church followed by burial in the Monks' Wood.

Women's World Day Of Prayer

Ten young people from All Saints RC Secondary School in York came together as part of an ecumenical congregation to celebrate Women's World Day of Prayer.

As we slept on the eve of our celebration the day had already just begun elsewhere, with the first service taking place when the sun rose over Samoa.

We joined a great wave of prayer that would continue to go round the world until the sun set on American Samoa. During this time an estimated three million men, women and young people in 170 countries and islands prayed with and for the people of the Philippines.

In Britain alone, some 6,000 services were held. I was lucky enough to attend English Martyrs Church celebration with our school chaplaincy team. We all came together to worship God through singing, talking, scripture and discussion. It was a wonderful experience.

This year's topic was "Am I being unfair to you?" Part of the service was based on a painting by a Filipino artist. The right of the painting depicted bright, colourful images while the left was predominantly dark and dull colours, created to show the imbalance of life.

Three women representing the three groups of islands in the Philippines, Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, were led to the front of the hall by three students carrying symbols of a pitcher of water, a bunch of leaves and a bottle of oil.

We then stood and sang *Come And Join My Circle*. Later, another three women, representing Filipino women, spoke about the injustices brought upon them. One spoke about the typhoon in Ormoc city and how it affected her life.

Another spoke about young women who are forced by economic circumstances to work overseas. The third spoke about victims of domestic violence and unpaid employment.

Our group were shocked at the amount of suffering the Filipino women go through and found the event eye-opening. After the main service ended we all gathered together for tea and cake. As the sun set over American Samoa that evening, the last service took place. The women, young people and men who participated now look forward to next year's celebrations.

Reuben Meadows, Year 8



Jess Naylor from the Butterwick Hospice with Father Michael

St Pat's Supports Butterwick Hospice

St Patrick's Parish in Thornaby presented the Butterwick Hospice with a cheque for £1,000.

The money was raised through "Light up a Life Tree", where parishioners could make a small donation to decorate a tree with a star. The name of a loved one could be written on the star to celebrate and remember them.

The cheque was presented to Butterwick Hospice representative Jess Naylor at 10.30am Mass by Father Michael Keogh. Butterwick Hospice aims to improve the quality of life for those who have progressive, life-limiting illnesses.

Improving Your Mind, Body And Soul

Greek philosopher Aristotle once said, "The essence of life is to serve others and do good" and modern day research still supports this ancient theory.

A recent study by the medical school at Exeter University analysed more than 40 published papers on the health benefits to people who volunteer. The results showed that people who gave their time and expertise freely were less likely to suffer from depression, had increased feelings of life satisfaction and enhanced wellbeing.

It is believed that volunteering is good for the mind because those who volunteer are more socially connected. In particular, those who volunteer regularly become part of a group of likeminded people and so they suffer less from loneliness and depression.

Volunteering is good for the body because those who give their time are more physically active and less likely to suffer from high blood pressure, believed to be a key cause of heart attacks and stroke. This study suggested that volunteering just 100 hours a year could be beneficial to your health, particularly for those aged 50-plus.

Giving your time and energies for the good of others brings personal satisfaction and increased self-esteem. Just being in the company of people who are giving to others and the positive psychology of helping a good cause can bring increased self-confidence and a greater feeling of life satisfaction.

Butterwick Hospice Care, based in Stockton-on-Tees and Bishop Auckland, cares for more than 2,000 people of all ages with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. All the care and support for patients and their loved ones is provided free of charge. However, this commitment costs the charity over £4m to deliver.

Butterwick relies upon volunteers to help



Volunteer Molly Cowling in the Butterwick's Billingham shop

them ensure the people they serve receive individual care of the highest standards. With volunteers carrying out 750 roles across the organisation, volunteers help the hospice within all departments, supporting nurses, fundraisers and helping in the Butterwick shops to maintain this much appreciated and highly respected charity.

The hospice has carried out its own research in recent months asking its volunteers about what they get out of the time they spend with the charity helping others. Julie Bowron, Voluntary Services Manager, said: "The response we have had from our volunteers has been very positive. The vast majority of people who give their time can clearly see the benefit they provide to the wider community. Butterwick tries hard to match people who wish to volunteer with their preferred role and we provide ongoing training to ensure people feel confident in their roles."

Butterwick Hospice is currently recruiting and can offer a wide variety of voluntary positions, which range in time commitment from two hours a week. If you would like to find out more about how you could have a positive impact on the lives of people of all ages in your community through Butterwick Hospice you can get in touch with Julie or Butterwick's volunteer coordinators for a no obligation chat. Call during office hours on 01642 607742 or 01388 603003 or visit the website at www.butterwick.org.uk/volunteer

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FEEL good!

LOURDES



Pilgrimage Surpasses All Expectations

With two months still remaining before we set off on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes we find ourselves overwhelmed by the number of bookings and enquiries for travel.

In early March the capacity of our aircraft had to be increased from 320 to 378 as we had fully booked all our seats. At the time of writing we have again reached full capacity for our aircraft. We also have 97 applications from supported pilgrims and are fully committed in the Accueil Notre Dame.

Helper numbers are up, with more than 100 handmaids, approximately 55 brancardiers, five doctors and 20-plus nurses, not forgetting our youth groups, which are slightly down this year but still number a healthy 195. The interest shown so far has been tremendous and the increased numbers all bode well for a successful pilgrimage.

If you are still interested in joining us in Lourdes this year please contact our agents Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790. We cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate you travelling with us but we are hoping for other options, which can only be offered if we have sufficient numbers.

We will do everything we can to assist you to join us but if we are unable to help there are alternative ways of travelling and still being part of our pilgrimage. Please don't hesitate to contact me by email at keith_tillotson@hotmail.com for any advice or help and I will be happy to assist in any way I can.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director

New Security Measures In Lourdes

As we are all aware, there is an increased threat of terrorism across the world at this time. Sadly, places of pilgrimage – including Lourdes – cannot be excluded from this.

To ensure the safety of visitors, the French government has warned people to be extra vigilant and has reinforced its own security measures. While on pilgrimage with the diocese you are asked to be vigilant in public places and follow the advice of local French authorities.

Bearing this in mind, we want to keep you informed about certain measures that have been introduced in and around the domain in Lourdes. This includes the closing of a number of entrances into the domain and security checks on the remaining three entrances, St Joseph's Gate, St Michael's Gate and the Upper Basilica Gate.

Guards will sometimes patrol the sanctuaries and varying security levels will be decided upon on a daily basis. These measures are controlled by the local authorities and the military, not the Lourdes Sanctuary.

To assist the Lourdes authorities, we have agreed to issue every pilgrim travelling with the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage, or as an affiliated member, with an official Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage badge. All UK pilgrimage groups are adopting similar arrangements.

These ID badges should be worn at all times while out and about in Lourdes and in particular when visiting the domain. They will feature the diocesan crest and a badge number, which will be recorded against a securely held list. It also includes mobile phone numbers for the Executive Pilgrimage Director and Pilgrimage Director.

The badges will not prevent you from being stopped or having your bag searched, as these measures will be randomly carried out. They will, however, enable you to ask the authorities to check your details by telephoning one of the numbers on the card if any issues are raised.

Badges will be required for everyone who does not have a Hospitalité or Supported Pilgrim photo ID badge and will be distributed either at the airport or the permanence in Lourdes.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director

Time Flies As Lourdes Draws Closer

I can't believe how quickly the time has gone this year as we start to count down the weeks to our pilgrimage week.

February was a busy month with a wonderful visit to Lourdes for a small group of the organising committee for the planning meetings, an opportunity for us to sit down as a team and map out our week.

We met up with the team from our new tour agent Joe Walsh and celebrated several Masses together with delegates from all over the world in Lourdes who were, just like our group, planning their own pilgrimage weeks.

Talking of planning, at the end of the month at St Mary's Cathedral Father Philip Cunnah celebrated a beautiful Mass with the handmaids' team. The cathedral had a real "Lourdes feel" that afternoon.

Almost 100 handmaids travelled from all corners of our diocese to come together for Mass, an update on our Lourdes visit and to

help in the planning of our week. Not all of those who came along to the afternoon will be with us in Lourdes this year, so it was especially good to see them.

March was another busy month in planning our team structures, the afternoon tea party, our trip out and lots more. Our Day of Formation then takes place on Saturday May 6 at Trinity College, Saltersgill Avenue, Middlesbrough. It will be a very special occasion and a wonderful start to our pilgrimage journey.

If you could help with our cake appeal this year I would be so grateful. It's so nice to be able to offer our supported pilgrims a cup of tea and slice of a home-baked cake. If the cake contains nuts, please include a little note with it. As ever, a huge thank you for all your support.

Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid

Design A Prayer Card Competition

The organisers of the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage would like to invite budding young artists to enter a competition to design a prayer card for this year's pilgrimage.

Young people of primary school age (up to 11 years old) are asked to submit a coloured drawing, suitable for a Lourdes prayer card, on A4 paper. The winning entry will be printed on small prayer cards which will be available to buy in the Middlesbrough Lourdes Permanence (shop) during our pilgrimage. The winner will also receive a small prize.

Entries should be sent to Prayer Card Competition, Catholic Voice, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT. The closing date for entries is Friday April 28. For more information, please email chris.tillotson@hotmail.co.uk or domfinn@mymission.org.uk.

Easter Mass Times

Acklam & Brookfield St Francis & St Clare

St Francis

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 9.00pm

Good Friday
3.00pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
6.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.45am Mass

St Clare

Maundy Thursday
9.30am Children's Mass

Good Friday
11.00am United Service with Churches Together in Brookfield

Easter Sunday
9.30am Mass

Hessle Our Lady of Lourdes

Holy Thursday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children

3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Reflection on the Passion

Holy Saturday
9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.30pm Mass

Ingleby Barwick St Therese of Lisieux

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Watching at the Altar of Repose concluding with night prayer

10pm

Good Friday
10.00am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

3.00pm The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
10.00am Office of Reading & Morning Prayer

9.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday
11.00am Mass

Bridlington Our Lady & St Peter

Maundy Thursday
9.15am Office of Readings
6.15-6.45pm Confessions
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper watching until 10.00pm

Good Friday
9.15am Office of Readings
10.00-10.30am & 2.00-2.45pm Confessions
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion
7.00pm Stations & Veneration of the Relic of the True Cross

Holy Saturday
9.15am Office of Readings
10.00-10.45am Confessions
11.00am Blessing of Polish Foodstuffs
7.30pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday
8.30am Mass
10.30am Mass

Hull St Charles Borromeo

Maundy Thursday
7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper watching until 10.00pm

Good Friday
3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
10.00am Mass
6.30pm Mass

Kirkbymoorside Our Lady & St Chad with Helmsley - St Mary's

Helmsley
Palm Sunday
9.00am Mass with Blessing of Palms
Good Friday
10.15am Ecumenical Walk and Act of Witness

Easter Sunday
9.00am Mass

Kirkbymoorside
Palm Sunday
10.30am Mass with Blessing of Palms
Holy Thursday
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday
11.00am Ecumenical Witness
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday
9.00pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
10.30am Mass

Wishing everyone the Joys and Blessings of Easter...
From Everyone at the Middlesbrough Voice, CathCom
and the Parishes around the Diocese

He is Risen Alleluia!!

Lealholm, Egton Bridge & Ugthorpe
Our Lady, Lealholm
St Hedda, Egton Bridge
St Anne, Ugthorpe

Sunday
 (Saturday) Vigil - Lealholm
 Mass: Egton Bridge
 Mass: Ugthorpe

Thursday
 Mass of the Last Supper and
 Watch until 9.00pm: Ugthorpe

Friday
 Stations of the Cross: Lealholm
 Stations of the Cross: Egton

Liturgy of the Passion: Ugthorpe
 Stations of the Cross: Ugthorpe

Saturday
 Easter Vigil Mass: Lealholm

Day:
 Mass: Egton Bridge
 Mass: Ugthorpe

Pickering - St Joseph's

Holy Thursday
 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Holy Saturday
 8.30pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Day
 8.00am Mass
 11.00am Mass

Redcar
Blessed Nicholas Postgate Parish
Sacred Heart and St Augustine

Holy Thursday
 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Augustine's Church followed by Watch of the Passion until midnight

Good Friday
 9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in St Augustine's Church
 11.00am Stations of the Cross for Children at Sacred Heart Church
 3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Sacred Heart Church
 7.00pm Ancient Service for the Burial of Christ in St Augustine's Church

Holy Saturday
 9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer in Sacred Heart Church
 9.00pm Easter Vigil in St Augustine's Church

Easter Day
 9.00am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
 11.00am Mass at St Augustine's Church

Sacred Heart Church:
Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH

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

Middlesbrough
St Joseph
St Thomas More

Thursday
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Joseph's
 ching until 10.00pm)

Friday
 The Lord's Passion
 Joseph's

Saturday
 The Easter Vigil
 Joseph's

Sunday
 Mass
 Thomas More's
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 Joseph's

Scarborough Churches
St Joseph
St Peter
St Edward

Holy Thursday
 4.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - St Edward's
 - followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 5.45pm
 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 - St Joseph's (Confessions 8pm approx)
 - followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm
 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St Peter's (confessions 9pm approx)
 - followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm
 8.15pm Confessions at St Joseph's

Good Friday
 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Peter's
 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Joseph's
 Confessions follow each Liturgy at 4.15pm

Holy Saturday
 9.30 - 10:30am Confessions at St Peter's
 7.00pm Easter Vigil at St Joseph's
 8.00pm Easter Vigil at St Peter's

Easter Sunday
 8.30am Easter Mass at St Edward's
 9.30am Polish Mass at St Peter's
 10.00am Easter Mass at St Joseph's
 11.30am Easter Mass at St Peter's

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Saltburn - Our Lady of Lourdes

Palm Sunday
 6.00pm (Saturday) Mass; 10.30am (Sunday)
Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses

Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm

Good Friday
 10.00am Children's Way of the Cross
 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday
 10.30am Mass

York - St George's

Palm Sunday
 10.30am Mass with Children's Procession

Holy Thursday
 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Watching until 11.00pm

Good Friday
 12.00 Noon Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm Celebration of the Passion and Death of the Lord

Holy Saturday
 9.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
 10.30am Mass of the Resurrection

York
Our Lady

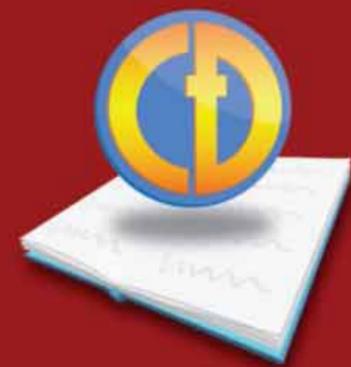
Palm Sunday
 9.30am Mass
 5.00pm Mass

Holy Thursday
 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
 3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday
 8.00pm The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday
 9.30am Mass of the Resurrection
 5.00pm Mass of the Resurrection



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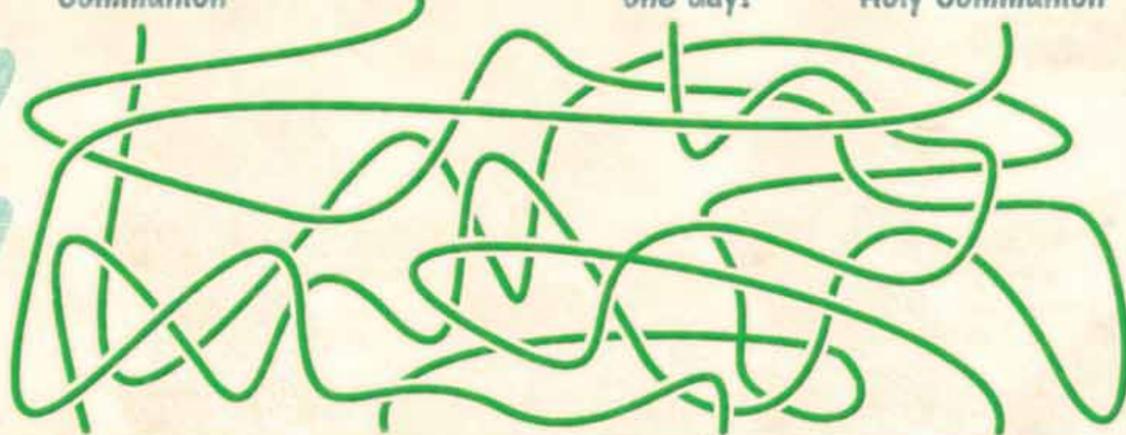
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Holy Communion

♥ Which one are YOU? Follow the line to find out more...

- ♥ About to make your First Holy Communion
- ♥ Old Timer! (Already receive communion)
- ♥ Going to take communion ... one day!
- ♥ Not going to make your First Holy Communion



So....You've come the furthest - your line was the longest. But what does this mean?

For those of us whose First Holy Communion seems like a distant memory, do we ever reflect on what being a member of the family of Christ means?

Do we still treasure our invitation to receive the Eucharist each and every time we celebrate mass?

It is all too easy to crowd mass into our week and become distracted about items on our shopping list during mass.

However, we are all continually called to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a privilege not a chore, an honour not an inconvenience.

Next time you are at mass, take time to really enjoy the presence of God in your life and the peace He will bring to your busy week.

How are you feeling? Are you ready?

You've probably had lots of classes for your First Holy Communion so you may feel you know all about it - or you may still be a bit unsure.

To be honest it is tricky and some people find it difficult to understand.

You've done lots of reading and lots of listening. Hopefully you've done lots of thinking too.

Now is the time to Stop - take some time to ask questions about things that you are unsure of.

PRAY - Spend time with God. Ask him to help support you in making your First Holy Communion.

Enjoy! This is your special day! You are showing others that you are excited to be a member of God's family.

Not going to make your First Holy Communion

Making your first Holy Communion is what members of the Catholic church do when they are old enough to understand the most important parts in the mass.

Not everyone chooses to make their First Holy Communion when they are a child. Sometimes people choose to make it when they are an adult and others choose not to make it at all.

If you are not making your First Holy Communion, but someone you know is, you could get involved by helping them to prepare for the big day.

You could ask them important questions about the mass.

You can sing and pray with them on the day and of course you can certainly help them celebrate!!

You may be watching your brother, sister or friend making their First Holy Communion and looking at their smart clothes and their big smiles on the day.

Have you thought about whether you might like to make your First Holy Communion and what it might be like?

Think about your special role in God's family and what gifts God has given you that makes you the special person that you are?

When you go to church think about your First Holy Communion, what questions do you have and how can you start to prepare?

Remember...
EVERYONE is welcome in God's family.



Spot the chick on each page!!

Taken from the Spring Edition of Your Reach - www.CathComReach.com

In the parents' section there are articles about First Holy Communion and tips for the day itself!

Triduum

How do you say it?
 Trid - you - um
 or
 Trid - oo - um

How many words do you know with a double "u" in them - not a "w" - but a double "u"??

What is it????
 It is the 3 services over Easter - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. One flows into the other - so even though they are on 3 different days its like 3 services in 1!

The service starts like a normal Mass



Maundy Thursday

The priest washes the feet of 12 people - copying what Jesus did as an example that we should be humble and serve others.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Jewish custom at the time, saw the feet as the lowest part of the body. So the lowest job you could do was wash someone's feet.

Maundy Thursday is the day of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. It is the Last Supper that we copy every time we go to Mass - when Jesus becomes present in the bread and wine - we call this the Eucharist.

The word Eucharist is Greek and it means "THANKSGIVING"

There isn't a proper end to the Maundy Thursday service - Jesus is led away and for the only night of the year the box where Jesus is always present in the form of bread is left empty

Continuing from the night before, the Church is still empty and there is no proper start to this service - the Church is empty and everything starts in silence.

This service is not a Mass - we listen to the readings and we think about Jesus on the cross.

Veneration of the Cross

An image of the cross is revealed and everyone is invited to kiss the foot of the cross as a sign of respect for what Jesus did for us.

Good Friday

Although this is not a Mass - Jesus, in the form of bread, is brought into the Church and Holy Communion is given.



At the end of the service everyone leaves in silence again without a proper ending. Reminding us how the disciples & Mary must have felt when Jesus had died and they left thinking it was all over.

Once again there is no proper start to the Easter Vigil service - it begins in darkness and in silence with a bonfire.

The fire is blessed, and gradually candles are lit throughout the church as a sign of the light of Christ spreading throughout the World.

Readings trace the history of the Jewish people from Creation to Jesus and the Easter story.



Easter Vigil

At the Gloria - bells ring out and it is announced that

JESUS IS RISEN



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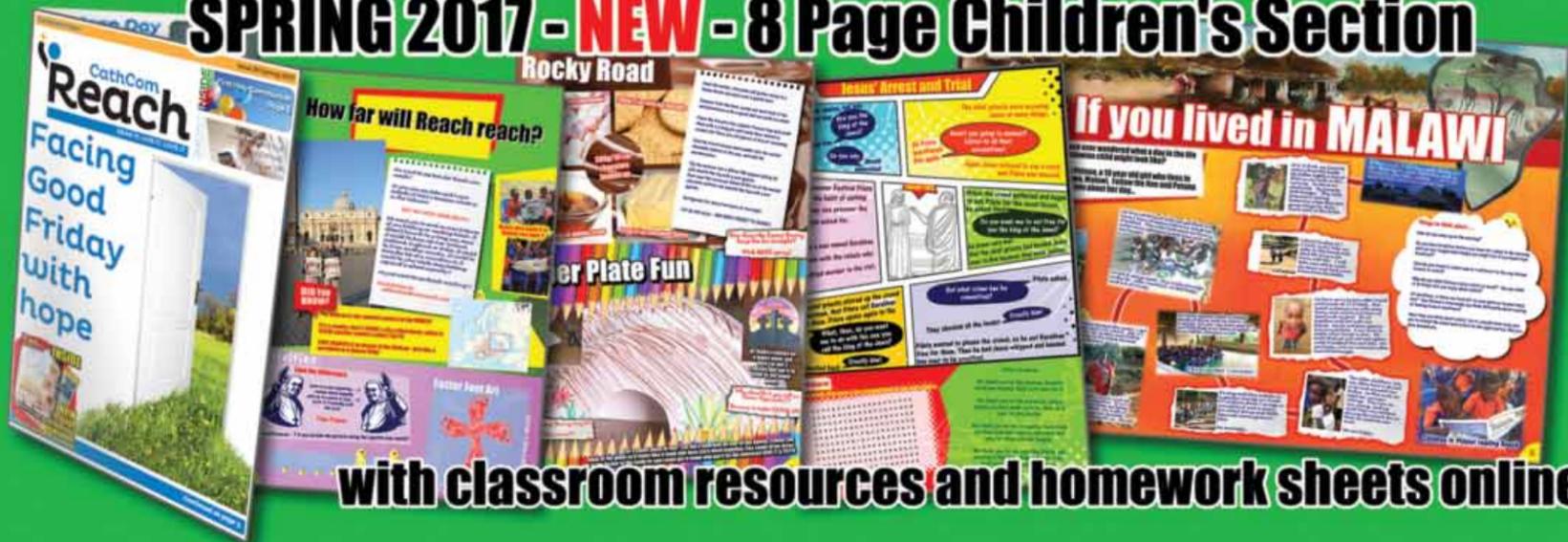


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Sister Yvonne's 7,500-Mile Mission

A Zambian religious sister travelled 7,500 miles to deliver two inspiring talks about working alongside CAFOD.

Sister Yvonne Mwalula Mwila spoke to around 40 CAFOD supporters at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough. The following day she addressed 25 CAFOD volunteers at the Curial Offices.

Sister Yvonne, from Mbala in Zambia, spoke of the great achievements made in her country with CAFOD's help.

She said: "I started questioning why children were not going to school. Working with CAFOD we were able to build a school for communities."

"We have opened a small centre in Mbala where children with special needs are brought. We teach them skills and give their parents a break."

CAFOD's work in Zambia also includes raising awareness about living with HIV/AIDS, which affects more than one in ten people.

"Another challenge we have is children who are born HIV-positive," Sister Yvonne added. "Imagine the stigma attached and the trauma they go through."

This Lent CAFOD is focusing on its work with communities in Zambia, which has a population of 15m.

It's estimated that more than half of Zambians live below the poverty line. This means that many families don't have enough money to meet basic needs such as food, housing and clothing.

Parish volunteer Geraldine Butterfield attended one of Sister Yvonne's talks.

She said: "I thought she was inspirational. The stories she told and the successes she had were achieved by treating people like human beings. Sister Yvonne was obviously satisfied with her life because of the difference she and CAFOD were able to make to other people's lives."

Save Our Holy Island Date

Please save the date for the annual Holy Island pilgrimage and Mass of Thanksgiving, which takes place on Saturday July 1. For further details about what is always an enjoyable day, contact CAFOD's Hexham and Newcastle office on 0191 3844847.

Thanks For Your Lunch Money!

A big thank you to all our supporters and volunteers who held weekly Lenten lunches to raise money. A simple lunch helps remind us about people who are less fortunate than ourselves during Lent.

Some of our schools and parishes also held fundraisers to mark Lent Fast Day. This year's theme was how we can help grow a little fish into a big fish and transform communities to help them create sustainable livelihoods. We are very grateful to everybody who helped raise money during Lent to help others in need across the world.

Help Share CAFOD's Story

Do you have a keen interest in the media and excellent written communication skills? Then you could be our next communications volunteer!

You'll need good interpersonal skills and can work from either the local volunteer centre or from home. The role will include producing relevant materials for regional and online media, adapting press releases and updating the local CAFOD blog.

Training is available and the role is ideal for anyone currently studying media. For more information, call 01642 822301 or email jbarber@cafod.org.uk.

There are many other volunteer opportunities with CAFOD. Take a look online and there may be something to suit you.

Small Changes Make A Big Difference

Lent is a time of transformation, both spiritual and physical. Many of us are making sacrifices to help bring about changes in both our own lives and in the world around us. Yet the ideal is for the transformation to outlive Lent – to make a lasting difference.

Many parishes held soup lunches and fundraising events to help communities around the world on CAFOD's annual Lent Fast Day.

This year CAFOD focused its Lenten appeal on Zambia. It is estimated that more than half of Zambians live below the poverty line and don't have enough money to meet basic needs such as food, housing and clothing.

CAFOD is working with its partners to provide communities with the means to feed their families by helping them receive training to set up their own small businesses.

CAFOD's partners in Zambia are providing training in fish farming, beekeeping and crop farming, as well as helping individuals within communities develop business skills so those most in need understand how to get a better price for their goods, market them and even set up business partnerships.

Florence is a single mother from Mbala whose husband was killed in a mining

accident over a decade ago. She was given her parents' land to help her to grow food for her family. But despite her best efforts, she couldn't grow enough to feed them.



Then CAFOD's partners trained her in fish farming. She started off with small starter fish and now has a thriving business. Thanks to the training she understands how to cultivate fish and by farming them she can provide her family with things that will help them to grow a future – school fees, clothes and books.

In addition to this, Florence has helped empower the whole community, sharing her knowledge and training so that many of her neighbours have their own fish farms.

These small fish have grown into big fish and have been able to transform the community. We would like to say a massive thank you to the people of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. The money raised this Lent will enable CAFOD's partners to continue supporting projects and transform communities like Florence's, bringing lasting change.

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NEWS

Website Aims To Secure Churches' Future

A new website that makes it easier for churches and chapels in Yorkshire and the Humber to look after their architectural heritage has been launched.

MaintenanceBooker was set up by church buildings' support charity the National Churches Trust to help churches and chapels avoid having to carry out major repairs to their buildings by helping them carry out regular maintenance.

The website provides an online one-stop shop where churches and chapels can book accredited contractors for services including gutter clearance, tree maintenance and inspecting lightning protection systems.

Maintenance is critical to ensuring that historic church buildings are kept in good condition and run in the most efficient manner. However, the trust has found that some struggle to identify appropriate contractors, are unsure what maintenance they need and do not have volunteers able to perform maintenance.

MaintenanceBooker is a response to these issues and is designed to make it simple for churches and chapels to plan, book and pay for essential maintenance. It will also help them save money as it is more cost-effective to look after roofs, masonry and other parts of a building regularly than to carry out expensive repairs.

Users can access the following services, with

plans to add more in the future:

Rainwater goods maintenance (including gutter clearance)

Lightning protection system inspection

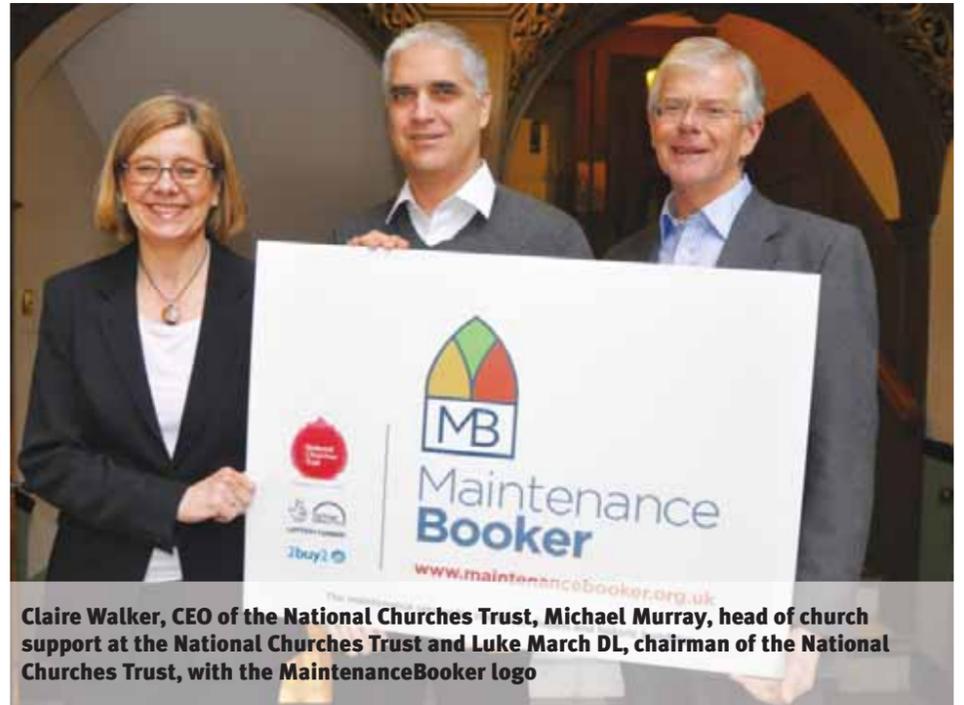
Tree risk assessments and surveys

Tree surgery maintenance services

All contractors registered with MaintenanceBooker are expected to provide a fully professional and value-for-money service. The selection criteria for contractors include experience working with churches and historic buildings, appropriate qualifications, references from completed works and having adequate levels of insurance in place.

Plans are being developed to extend the service to other parts of the country. As well as churches and chapels, organisations tasked with looking after non-ecclesiastical historic buildings can also make use of the MaintenanceBooker.

Luke March, chairman of the National Churches Trust said: "Churches, chapels and meeting houses are at the heart of communities in Yorkshire and the Humber and are a treasure trove of architecture, history and faith. The National Churches Trust's new MaintenanceBooker website will help them continue to play a vital role in the life and wellbeing of local communities for many, many years to come."



Claire Walker, CEO of the National Churches Trust, Michael Murray, head of church support at the National Churches Trust and Luke March DL, chairman of the National Churches Trust, with the MaintenanceBooker logo

If the cost of the service is a problem for churches grants are available to cover 50% of the cost of the first gutter clearance service. Churches with small congregations or limited financial means are eligible but as there are only 200 grants available each year, early application is advised.

The trust is also piloting a maintenance grants programme to help churches with any

additional repair works identified through the MaintenanceBooker service. For example, if a gutter clearance report identifies loose roof tiles or flashings, there are grants of £1,000 to £2,500 available to help churches address such small faults before they become expensive repairs.

The address of the new site is www.maintenancebooker.org.uk.

Cathedral Choir Seeks Altos

The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral has vacancies for two male or female altos. We are a soprano, alto, tenor, bass (SATB) choir which currently includes 12 senior treble choristers, 15 junior treble choristers, three altos, two tenors and two basses.

The choir sings at most of the 10am Sunday celebrations of Solemn Mass as well as on holy days and rehearses each Thursday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Our repertoire ranges from Gregorian chant to contemporary choral masterpieces. Music we have sung recently includes Eccard's great setting for *Candlemas When To The Temple Mary Went*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley's *Thou Wilt Keep Him*, Elgar's *Ave Verum Corpus* and Allegri's sublime setting of Psalm 50 (51), *Miserere Mei Deus*.

For further information please email Tim Harrison or Craig Cartwright at mbrocathedralmusic@outlook.com. Please also visit our website at <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesbroughcathedralmusic>

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First Rains Bring Chance To Start Afresh

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 has trouble with his visa and spends time with the eye-doctors.

"Your visa is invalid." The scorching sun beat down on my back. Augustine, our local immigration policeman, was wearing his uniform. He saw me as a source of easy cash. "You are not a priest or a brother, so you shouldn't have a missionary visa," he said.

I'd been on an emotional high that day, flying into Basankusu with our visiting eye doctors in their chartered plane. The

immigration official knocked me right down again. He wanted me to leave Basankusu and I was helpless to refuse. Later, sitting in Father Stan's little office, with sweat trickling down our faces, we accepted a "fine" of \$200 instead of \$500 ("because you are my friends," he said). We hope that has put an end to the menace – but even so, I hardly slept during my first week back. So-called fines like these go directly into officials' pockets.

The doctors worked very hard for two weeks. They had given up two weeks' holiday to help the people of Basankusu Diocese. I played my part by guiding vulnerable patients through the registration and array of tests. The doctors performed 280 cataract

operations and 2,000 other treatments. People came from all over the country. The teeming crowd inside the hospital compound was a mixture of anxious waiting faces, people crying with joy because their sight had been restored, and, sadly, also some sad faces of people who couldn't be helped, often because their condition had become too advanced and couldn't be reversed. At least inside our simple hospital it was a bit cooler.

The number of children at my centre for malnutrition is steadily increasing. The hungry months are approaching. In the coming weeks we will finish clearing a new forest garden and then plant peanuts and maize with the first rains.

Our wheelchair-bike production is also continuing. A few days ago I attended a meeting of local people who need wheelchair mobility. We can see there are still plenty of people who can't leave the house because they don't have a wheelchair. Pauline came to visit me yesterday to say how much better her life is now with she has

one.

Sunday was the doctors' day off. I joined them for a trip along the river to the place where they reintroduce Congo's rare ape, the bonobo. It helped me a lot to get out and relax a bit – and the bonobos came out to see us as we passed by in our canoes. As we came back to Basankusu, the palm trees began to sway in the strong wind and dark clouds gathered. Lightning forked across the sky and the first rains began to fall. "That'll cool us all down," smiled Dr Yann. "Forget your troubles, Francis. The new season is starting. It's time to plant your garden."

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One of the eye doctors at work

Father Anthony Storey's Life In Focus

The diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is delighted to welcome Professor Peter Roebuck as this year's speaker for the Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture. It will be an opportunity to learn more about Father Storey's early life and formative experiences.

A Yorkshireman and an economic and social historian, Peter Roebuck took his first degree and his doctorate at the University of Hull and subsequently worked at the University of Leicester and in Barbados and Northern Ireland before retiring in 2007.

He first met Father Storey at St Charles's in Hull in 1961, got to know him well during the first five years of his period as university chaplain and remained in touch with him for the rest of his life. He is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Ulster and is currently completing a biography of Father Storey.

The illustrated lecture, *Father AJ Storey: Influences And Key Junctures 1919-1961*, takes place at the University of Hull's Staff House on Saturday May 6 at 11am.

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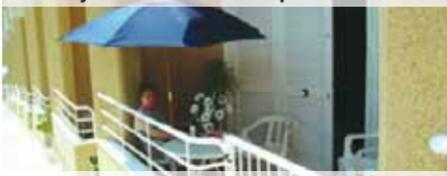
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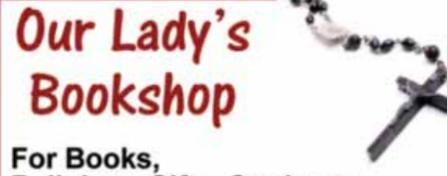
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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR APRIL 2017

- 1 Celebrates Mass for the Faithful Companions of Jesus at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12 noon**
- 4 Attends CES and Education Department Meeting at Eccleston Square, London 11.00am**
- 6/7 Attends Call To The North meeting at Hinsley Hall**
- 9 Celebrates Mass of Palm Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 10.00am**
- 11 Celebrates the Mass of Chrism at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12 noon**
- 13 Celebrates Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm**
- 14 Celebrates Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 3.00pm**
- 15 Celebrates the Solemn Easter Vigil 9.00pm**
- 16 Celebrates Mass of Easter Day 10.00am**
- 25 School Visit to All Saints, York 9.30am**
- 26 Attends CSAN meeting in London 12 noon**
- 28 April to 5 May Attends Bishops' Spring Meeting and Retreat in Palazzola**

2 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
3.30pm 'The Night in the Garden: A Liturgy for Passiontide' with music from Renaissance Rome including Allegri, 'Miserere Mei' sung by The Durham Singers, St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham (retiring collection)
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4 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

5 Wed
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House,

Heslington, York. Contact Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for details
6.30pm Latin Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Jarret Street, Hull

7 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. NB this event has moved forward by one week for April only.
Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the May issue of Voice must be received by today

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

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

11 Tues
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
7pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

12 Wed
10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meets after the morning Mass
10.30am The LIFE ASCENDING group of St Leonard and St Mary, Malton meets

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

14 Fri Please note the Marian Prayer Group at the John Paul Centre has moved forward one week (April only); see diary entry for 7 April.

15 Sat
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (John McHugh), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

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

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

20 Thurs
7.30pm Bible study in Our Lady's, Acomb looking at one complete set of Sunday readings (first, second and gospel). Contact Lukasz (07540981429) for details

21 Fri 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/>

23 Sun
11am Latin Mass in the traditional form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
11.30am Divine Mercy Sunday at St Aelred's Church, Fifth Avenue, Tang Hall, York, YO31 0PN. Eucharistic Adoration from 11.30am, confessions from approx. 1pm

available throughout the afternoon, Holy Hour of Mercy 3pm; blessing of the Image, diary readings, Chaplet of Mercy, Individual Consecration to the Divine Mercy, Benediction. All welcome, tea and biscuits afterwards.

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

12pm-4pm Divine Mercy Sunday at St Vincent's Church, Queen's Road, Hull HU5 2QP. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions all afternoon. Holy Hour commencing at 3pm; blessing of the Image, prayers/readings from the diary, Chaplet of Mercy, Benediction. All welcome.

1.30pm Divine Mercy Pilgrimage, Lady Chapel, Osmotherley; Mass at 3pm

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

26 Wed

12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York Central meets at St Wilfrid's, York in the Upper Room after the 12.10pm Mass

7.30pm Cleveland Newman Circle, St Mary's Cathedral: Pete Widlinsky and Kath Sainsbury 'The Refugee Crisis: Helping Those for Whom Life is Endless Exile'

27 Thur

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

28 Fri

7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details.

29 Sat

1.30pm Solemn Mass (EF) at St Wilfrid's Church, Duncombe Place, York followed by procession to the Shambles and Ouse Bridge and ending with Benediction at St Wilfrid's. Pilgrimage is in honour of St Margaret Clitherow and the martyrs of York.

30 Sun

11am Latin Mass in the traditional

form at Sacred Heart Church, Lobster Road, Redcar, TS10 1SH
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1.20pm 'Walk for Life' procession leaves from outside St Wilfrid's, York at 12 noon

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ADVANCE NOTICES:

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in St John of Beverley, North Bar Without

3 May, Day of Reflection, (organised by Life Ascending) 10.30am-3.30pm in the Fr Kelly Room at Our Lady's Church, Acomb. Registration and tea/coffee 10.30am; please bring food for a shared lunch. Suggested donation is £6.

4 May Ushaw Lecture: Prof John McCafferty (University College Dublin) 'Squabbling, Babbling, Feeling: What did Exile do to Early Modern Catholics from Britain and Ireland?' Ushaw College, 5.30pm reception, 6-7.15pm lecture

6 May, Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission: 11am, Staff House, University of Hull, Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture 'Fr A J Storey: Influences and Key Junctures 1919-1961' an illustrated lecture by Professor Peter

Roebuck, economic and social historian and Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Ulster.

15 May, York Newman Circle, 7.30pm Bar Convent, Blossom Street, York: Joe Fitzpatrick, former Inspector of Schools, theologian and author: 'Augustine and the doctrine of original sin'

17 May Cleveland Newman Circle AGM and supper, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough TS8 0TW

21 May, 3pm, Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Francis, Acklam

31 May The Visitation; 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

24 June; SVP National Conference, Liverpool Cathedral for SVP members and supporters to attend. Everyone is welcome to this Northern Pilgrimage. Coach leaves York at 9am, contact Angela Breffit for information on 01904 426666 or e-mail angelabreffit@btinternet.com before 30 April.

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Deacon Peter Barrigan receives the cheque on behalf of the Apostleship of the Sea

Two charities received £1,600 cheques from the ladies of St Bernadette's Parish, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, after another successful Bernie O'Donnell Memorial Annual Charity Dance.

The event has been organised annually by the parish for several years and in addition to its main aim of raising funds for charities is also a fitting tribute to Bernie, who worked so hard to initially establish the event.

Thousands of pounds have been raised for local and locally connected charities over the years. The dance was held at the Marton Hotel and Country Club and was attended by people from many different parishes, who were entertained with music and dancing.

Deacon Peter Barrigan, Apostleship of the Sea port chaplain for Tees and Hartlepool, received a cheque on behalf of the Catholic ministry to seafarers, which provides practical, pastoral and spiritual support to foreign seafarers visiting our ports, many of whom are Catholic.

The second charity to benefit this year was Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY), which raises awareness of sudden young cardiac deaths, funds medical research, operates a national screening programme and provides support to affected families.

The organisers thanked all who supported the event in any way, including those who donated prizes and the entertainers who gave their services for free.

Quiz Answers

Connection question

1. Pete Postlethwaite 2. Karen Carpenter 3. Cutthroat Jake 4. Ben Ainslie 5. Sue Townsend

Connection: The Brockman family in TV sit-com *Outnumbered*.

Thinking cap question

Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly, Jules Munshin, Betty Garrett, Vera-Ellen and Anne Miller.

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