

Bishop's Column

August in my mind is always dominated by the feasts of the Transfiguration and the Assumption. On the feast of the Transfiguration Jesus allows the apostles to witness his glory in order to strengthen them before his passions and death so that they would not lose faith in him.

Although they had been with him for three years and witnessed all kinds of miracles and marvellous events, their faith was still weak. It would take nothing more than a servant girl implying that Peter was a follower of Jesus, for him to vehemently deny that he ever knew Jesus or had anything to do with him!

So Jesus allowed them to experience something of his divine nature on the mount of the Transfiguration, thus giving them the courage, despite their vulnerability, to come through the events of his passion and death.

We also believe that Mary is bodily assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life. That is what the Dogma of the Assumption proclaims. Mary is a created human being, a member of the Church, albeit the first and foremost member of the Church. Where she is – in the presence of the Blessed Trinity for ever – this is also our focus and goal.

This is where we should also want to be. And so the feast of the Assumption is like a feast of hope for us created human beings and members of the Church. We are given courage and strength to carry on travelling along the path of our earthly pilgrimage until we reach our heavenly home, with Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with Mary and all the saints.

On August 6, we will also celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the work and ministry of the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy who have helped us in this diocese for the last few years.

Fathers Leonard, Anthony and Damian will be reassigned by their superiors to pastoral tasks and work in other parts of the world. We thank almighty God for their help and pray his blessing on them and their congregation in the future.

It just so happens that Father Leonard has been asked to undertake some further studies at Newcastle University by his congregation, so we might see him now and again while he completes his studies.

Yours in blessed hope,

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Plans Unveiled For Eucharistic Congress

The bishops of England and Wales have announced plans to hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool from September 7 to 9 2018.

Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity that promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

The last Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused.

Participants will take part in a series of catechism sessions, focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

On the first day of the congress there will be a theological symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programmes), RE teachers, hospital and prison chaplains, seminary communities and extraordinary ministers.

The sessions will focus on Scripture, ecclesiology, Eucharistic language and catechism and a workshop on the rites and music for Eucharistic adoration.

The Echo Arena in Liverpool, which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims, will be home to a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the congress. This will include Mass, speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion.

The day will conclude with adoration. On Sunday, the final day of the pilgrimage and congress, there will be pilgrimage Masses and a street procession, open to all.

In a recent pastoral letter for the solemnity of Corpus Christi, Cardinal Nichols wrote: "We seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society."

Every diocese in England and Wales will take part in the congress and in his letter the cardinal encourages people to come.

Each diocesan bishop has nominated a representative whose task is to disseminate information to parishes, groups and religious communities. Bishop Terry has asked Father Stephen Maughan to take on this role.

Ahead of the Eucharistic Congress in Genoa in 2016, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to visit the Blessed Sacrament.

He said: "I want to encourage everyone to visit – if possible, every day – especially amid life's difficulties, the Blessed Sacrament of the infinite love of Christ and his mercy, preserved in our churches, and often abandoned, to speak filially with him, to listen to him in silence, and to peacefully



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entrust yourself to him."

The Eucharistic Congress has been given the title *Adoremus* (let us adore). This pilgrimage will bring people together from across the dioceses and further the service of the poor and marginalised in our midst.

It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in

prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We'll be focusing on the Eucharist in the Voice throughout 2018, asking people representing different groups within the diocese to tell us what the sacrament means to them.

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NEWS

Hull Vincentians Celebrate 400 Years In Style

Representatives of the Vincentian Family were joined by guests including Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Bishop Terry for Mass at St Charles in Hull to celebrate four centuries of caring for the poor.

A celebration candle made to mark the 400th anniversary of St Vincent de Paul's conversion was carried up the aisle and placed on the sanctuary as organist Edyta Prajsnar and the St Charles Choir led the congregation in Marty Haugen's stirring hymn *Gather Us In*.

Behind it came a procession of banners representing the SVP, Minnie Vinnies, Youth SVP and the Daughters of Charity.

Priests and deacons of the local deanery and others from York and Middlesbrough then processed in ahead of Bishop Terry and Cardinal Vincent.

The Church of England was represented by the Reverend Neal Barnes, Vicar of Holy Trinity Church, lately raised to the title of Hull Minster.

Many Daughters of Charity from different parts of the country joined us along with the Deputy Mayor of Hull and councillors.

Bishop Terry welcomed the cardinal to the

diocese and thanked him for finding the time to join us.

St Vincent's School pupils performed a short tableau telling the story of St Vincent's encounter with a dying peasant in Folleville and the sick family in the parish of Chatillon.

In his homily, Cardinal Vincent said thanksgiving was at the heart of the celebration, noting that it was not Vincent's birth or ordination we were marking, but his conversion.

Quoting Vincent's words, "The poor are dying of hunger and are condemned", the cardinal said it was these sorts of conditions the Vincentian Family have been trying to alleviate over the past 400 years.

He reminded us that it was Vincent's charism that drove him to look outside his comfort zone to the plight of poor families, prisoners and others on the margins of society. The cardinal added that Jesus Christ must be the source of all Vincentian charity.

The cardinal has a special affinity with St Vincent because of his own name but said all of us can find encouragement from Vincent's lukewarm beginnings to his total response to the words of Jesus, "He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor".



Clergy on the decorated altar – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

He concluded his homily with the words: "May this exhortation quoted by Jesus and enacted with such faithfulness by St Vincent de Paul inspire us as the next 400 years of the Vincentian Charism are born."

Before the solemn blessing, members of the Vincentian Family stood for a Prayer of Missioning read by the cardinal. The final words were: "May each person you serve be

an icon of Christ for you and may you too be a sign of love and compassion in their service."

After the celebration everybody was invited to a wonderfully joyful reception in the Methodist Jubilee Church Hall, where the cardinal cut a special cake baked for the occasion.

Sister Maria Robb



Children tell the story of St Vincent de Paul – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen



Cardinal Vincent cuts the cake – Photo by Bernard Swift

Inspirational Day In Scarborough

The inspirational day for all ministers of the world and extraordinary ministers of holy communion in our diocese is getting closer.

This year's event will be held at Scarborough Spa Conference Centre on Saturday September 9.

The speaker is Kathryn Turner, head of the department for spirituality at the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, who will reflect on Mary as our model of discipleship and ministry.

The inspirational day is a chance for us all to reflect upon our ministry, whether we are Ministers of the Word or of Holy Communion," said Deacon Vince Purcell.

"As we celebrate the centenary of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima, with the arrival on the same day of the National Pilgrim Statue and the relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco, the theme this year will be how Mary is our best model for ministry.

Registration is from 9.30am and we will begin with morning prayer at 10am. We will celebrate Mass in the afternoon and the day will end at 3pm. Lunch will be provided and booking forms are now available from your parish co-ordinator."

Former Gangster Leads Hull Retreat

A former gangster-turned committed Christian who has told his conversion story to millions across the world has visited Hull.

John Pridmore and his team led a city-wide retreat, visiting all seven Catholic primary schools and St Mary's College as well as every parish in the city and surrounding area.

But the main highlight was the daily evening service at St Charles Church, which was packed every evening with an average of more than 150 people of all ages.

The theme of the retreat was God's love, mercy and healing. One evening, John told his own story of conversion, from gangster to Apostle for Jesus.

John grew up in the East End of London and following his parents' divorce when he was ten he started getting into trouble, ending up in a young offenders' prison.

Having left home at 15, the only occupation he'd learnt was stealing. By his 20s he'd become a violent East End gangster well acquainted with the capital's criminal underworld and the inside of prisons.

He lived the classic gangster lifestyle of loads of cash, women, sports cars, designer clothes and luxury apartments. One night outside a nightclub, he nearly killed a man – then something extraordinary happened.

He went from a life of darkness to working

with people like St Mother Teresa of Calcutta and helping young people in the Bronx escape from gang life and discover the gifts and talents they had to live productive and healthy lives in society.

Converted at 27, he has spent the last 26 years "on the road", speaking to more than three million people worldwide at conferences, universities, schools and prisons.

At the World Youth Day in Sydney he addressed 500,000 young people in a single talk. Recently he was in Los Angeles meeting producers interested in turning his life story into a Hollywood film.

Several young people from the West Hull Parish Youth Group went along for a few evenings and also heard John speak at their schools. They were impressed at the transformation in John's own life which gave them hope themselves.

One commented: "He was so good to listen to, you felt you were with him through his transformation. He helps people to change by his example."

His true-crime biography *From Gangland to Promised Land* has become an international bestseller and is available in ten languages. As well as having been featured on TV in Ireland he is regularly interviewed throughout the USA, Australia, Germany, the UK and Asia. He has also published four



Retreat team members Niall Slattery, John Pridmore and Catherine Leigh. Photo by Bernard Swift

additional books, including *A Gangster's Guide to God and Journey to Freedom*.

If this sounds rather extraordinary and sensational, then it should be stressed that the message was also very practical. In the evening devoted to "God's Gift of Mary" there was explanation and encouragement to follow the consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the understanding of St Louis Marie de Montfort, "because God wanted to come to the world through Mary and still wants to come to us through Mary".

On the final evening, appropriately the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there was warm and strong encouragement to remain close to Jesus through the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit and then live out the Sermon on the Mount, which means "giving until it hurts".

A challenging message? Yes. But when delivered with great humour and emotion, it was a message people wanted to hear.

Father William Massie

Fatima Statue Plans Take Shape

More details have been revealed for the visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco to our diocese.

They will be received on Saturday September 9 into St Charles Borromeo in Hull, where there will be a service of evening prayer and Marian devotions.

They will remain there on Sunday during Mass and the church will be open for private devotions and the opportunity to venerate the relics.

They will leave Hull on Monday September 11 and travel to be received

during the 12.10pm Mass at St Wilfrid's in York. There will also be Mass in the extraordinary form during the stay at the church.

On Wednesday May 13 the statue and relics will be received into St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough during the 6pm evening devotions.

Pope Francis has granted a special Fatima Centenary Plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, for those who go on pilgrimage to Fatima or visit an image of Our Lady of Fatima which is being publicly venerated on the 13th of each

month until October. Those who cannot travel can fulfil the conditions in front of a small image of Our Lady of Fatima.

Two of the child visionaries, Jacinta and Francisco, were canonised by Pope Francis in Fatima on the 100th anniversary itself.

At each resting place in our diocese, representatives from the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) will be available to show a DVD and presentation about the apparitions, helping people understand more about the Our Lady's message.

She spoke of the necessity of personal

conversion, penance and prayer, and particularly the importance of praying the Rosary for peace. She also asked for the Five First Saturdays devotion of reparation and the consecration of Russia and promised that in the end her Immaculate Heart would triumph and a period of peace would be given to the world.

You can see more details about the WAF England and Wales at www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

A Record-Breaker for St Vincent's?

Has St Vincent's Parish in Hull set a new First Holy Communion record? In recent years, sheer numbers have meant that First Holy Communions have had to be held at a special extra Mass and last year things were even crowded out at that.

This year our valiant catechists instructed 62 children. Two children returned to their homelands to make their First Holy Communion with their families there but the sheer logistics meant that we had to have two special Masses, on Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi, to cope with the numbers.

We salute our parish priest, Father Jim O'Brien, and all the parishioners who taught, played, sang, served, cleaned, decorated and catered – and of course the children, who worked so hard to make this such a memorable experience. Please remember them in your prayers as they pass one of the major spiritual milestones in their lives.

Eric Brady



The St Vincent's children – photo by Julie Rafferty

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Feast of the Month

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday August 15**

It had always been believed that Our Blessed Lady was taken straight into heaven when her time in this world was over. In 1950, Pope Pius XII declared this as part of the Church's teaching, saying: "By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Our diocese celebrates this feast each year with an outdoor Mass at the Lady Chapel at Mount Grace in Osmotherley, on the nearest Sunday to August 15.



Busy Year For Mini Vinnies

It's been a busy and very productive year for the 14-strong Mini Vinnies group at St Aelred's Primary School in York.

During the autumn term they helped pack shoeboxes to be sent away with the Christmas Child appeal and wrote cards to the children who would receive them. They also sent cards to elderly and housebound parishioners and took part in school visits to residential homes.

Earlier this year they gave an assembly about Bishop Terry's 2017 Children Helping Children Appeal, which raises money to help missionary sisters in Thika, Kenya, to feed the children of coffee plantation workers who

exist on minimal wages.

In March the Mini-Vinnies helped organise a school talent show that included dancing, music, magic, comedy and singing. Their latest success was a toy swap sale that raised an impressive £110. The group has been going for three years and has members in years four, five and six.

"The children deserve a great deal of credit for the spirit and enthusiasm with which they take up these challenges and for the pleasure they give to others," said Mini Vinnies co-ordinator Sarah Sheils. "The SVP should be extremely proud of them."

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Planting The Seeds Of Peace

Children from the parish children's liturgy group planted lavender, marigolds and white alyssum as they helped reinstate St Mary's Cathedral's peace garden. The children were invited to help with the project by the Justice and Peace group. The garden features a stone inscription marking 50 years of Pax

Christi, the international peace movement initially founded to pray for Franco-German reconciliation after World War II. The children will continue to add further symbols of peace and new life to the garden, inspired by Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical.

Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Emperor and king are types of which bird?
2. What illuminated word appears on the top of a black London cab?
3. What type of sandwich is typically made with three slices of bread?
4. Which light orchestral violinist and bandleader is best remembered as leader of the Palm Court Orchestra and trio, which broadcast on BBC Radio?

Thinking cap question

Name ABBA's nine number ones.

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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Some of the Sacred Heart children who wrote the Love Your Neighbour rap

Redcar Students Rap Message Of Love



Year seven students from Sacred Heart Catholic Academy in Redcar performed a rap based on social justice at the launch of an event aiming to celebrate and support diversity in the local community.

The children were encouraged to write the rap as part of their Faith in Action activity. They had to include the words community, diversity, brotherhood, sisterhood, fairness, equality and justice, linking to the Love Your Neighbour theme.

Some of the students were invited by organiser Terry Doyle to perform at the launch in Eston's Inspire to Learn building.

We heard from a range of guest speakers, with some very inspiring and uplifting stories, all relating to the Love Your Neighbour theme.

The students then performed their rap to thunderous applause and were invited to sign the Love Your Neighbour banner, pledging they will do something kind.

I can honestly say I was blown away by their dedication and hard work. We can all do something kind – what would you pledge to do? #loveyourneighbour #LYNRandC

Catherine Cantwell, chaplaincy co-ordinator

St Gabriel's Celebrates 50th Birthday

St Gabriel's Academy celebrated 50 years serving the Catholic Community of Ormesby, Middlesbrough, with a week of celebrations.

There were two open evenings for past pupils and parishioners. Visitors reminisced about their own schooldays and enjoyed the vast display of photographs in the school hall.

Staff gave guided tours and were treated to lots of stories from past pupils. The children were involved in the celebrations by planning and preparing a buffet for staff and visitors, giving them a purpose for their design technology lessons. Pupils from nursery to year six made fruit kebabs, trifles, wraps and scones.

The week ended with a special mass for the school community and invited guests celebrated by Canon John Lumley, followed by a disco for the children.

The school thanked all those past pupils and staff who kindly responded to a request for photographs, which contributed to make their celebration week so special.



St Gabriel's children enjoy a celebratory meal



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Priests Turn Out To Honour Canon Michael

More than 20 diocesan priests and three Marist fathers were present at the funeral Mass for Canon Michael Davern held at St Charles Borromeo on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Bishop Terry was the chief concelebrant and also preached the homily to a packed church. In his opening comments the bishop welcomed all present who had come from across the diocese as well as a number of Canon Michael's relatives from the Irish Republic.

He thanked the family for the gift of a priest who had served the diocese since 1949 and given service as parish priest, dean and Provost of the Chapter. The canon's relatives read the readings of the Mass and close friend Mary Evans read the bidding prayers.

In his homily the bishop reminded the congregation that it was the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intimately connected

with the priestly heart of Jesus, full of love for all people.

Canon Michael spent his life preaching this love and ministering the sacrament of this love. The bishop said if we are not careful, we can turn the accounts we hear in the scriptures into fairy tales, cleaning them up, beautifying them, removing all the distasteful reality from them.

We can do this so easily to the history of the Chosen People. What were they like? What was their situation like? We see what is happening in Syria, Palestine and all around the Middle East – fighting battles for supremacy, land snatching, jealousy and hatred. Not too much has changed in the last few thousand years.

The Hebrew people were a nomadic tribal nation. They came from a mainly desert region. They were ruthless, at least as ruthless as their enemies if they were to

survive. Moses described them as a "headstrong nation".

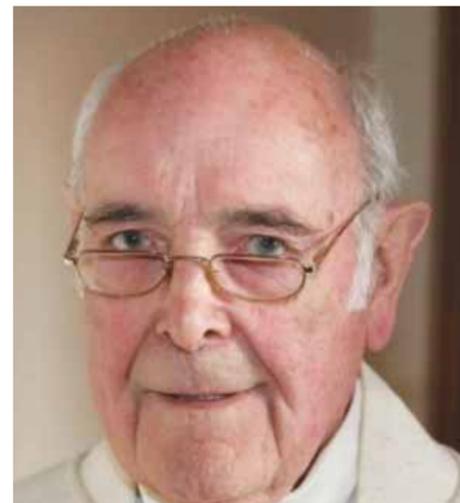
However, the important thing for us to realise is the Lord chose them and loved them. It was pure gift, pure grace. We are part of the Chosen People through the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But don't be mistaken, it is not for any merit of our own. We have not earned this privileged position. It is all pure gift, pure grace. It was from this Chosen People, this people beloved of God, that God chose Michael Davern to act on his behalf as a ministerial priest to serve his people.

The bishop highlighted the areas Michael served across the diocese from his ordination on June 12 1949 at Thurles Cathedral to his death on June 11 2017. He was a parish priest, a canon from 1971, dean from 1971-1993 and Provost of the Cathedral Chapter from 1990 until his retirement in 2000.

The bishop concluded by saying he was sure we would keep Canon Davern's family in our prayers and thanked them again for the gift of his priestly life in the diocese. He said our prayer for Canon Michael, on this the feast of the Most Sacred Heart, the Heart of God's incredibly generous love, must surely be that he will hear Jesus call to him

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

Virtually everyone in the church received Holy Communion. The parish choir led the



exuberant singing of hymns which were known and loved by the congregation. After the commendation, the bishop again thanked the family for the gift of Michael and the way they had kept in touch with him over the years.

He asked the congregation to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious and married life. The canon's coffin was taken from church to the singing of *Salve Regina*.

Leaba I measc na naingeal agus na Naoimh go raibh aige ar neamy – May his bed be among the angels and saints in Heaven.

Dr Jim Whiston

A Letter From Madonna House

Put In Our Place

Well, we were put in our place – but nicely, as it was God himself gently reminding us that he is the vinedresser and all fruitfulness comes from him. We were on the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes and had closed the house for a week. On day two, we received a grateful email from a woman who had come for a day of prayer three months earlier. She was so taken with our home and hospitality that she told her husband over and over again about the beauty and peace of the place. Finally, he suggested they just come up to see us, bringing donations and lunch. Unfortunately, we were across the Channel.



Finding our house shuttered, they tucked into a wonderful meal in our garden. It was a warm sunny day, with flowers and birdsong for company, and they were content. Just then our neighbour came to check the property. She invited them inside for a tour, so our friend could show her husband the chapel and the room with the view of the North Sea. They left at peace, happy with their visit. We hadn't said a word or showed them a thing. In fact, we weren't even there.

If ever we thought that our apostolate and its fruitfulness depends on our brilliant words or hard work, this was God's subtle correction: He is the one consoling, inspiring, strengthening his people. When people walk into our home and feel peace and love, it is his presence they are sensing (we know this because they seem especially blessed when we are harried and tense and perhaps at odds with each other).

If someone is touched by a talk we give, it is the Holy Spirit whispering a word that pierces their heart. This is reassuring. God will have his way of love with those he brings here, sometimes in spite of us!

As I pondered this one day, I was shot through with joy in the realisation that the same is true of my inner heart, my prayer life. I may be so busy serving others that I am too tired or distracted to "pray well". I may be in interior darkness, sensing no movement whatsoever and may spend my chapel time in agitation. I may feel utterly unable to love. But God will not be thwarted. He can sit in the cool of my garden and enjoy its fruits (Song of Songs 4:16) and wait for me. I don't have to "be there" with words or great insights. My conscious mind can be busy with other things, but my heart can be with God. I can be fast asleep, but my heart is with God. I sleep but my heart watches (Song of Songs 5:2).

So God kindly put us in our place that lovely summer day when we were in Lourdes. He is the vinedresser, the Consoler, the Divine Lover, and we are privileged to live in his house and watch him at work!

If you would like to visit or support us in any way, contact us at madonnahouserhb@gmail.com or 01947 880 169 or visit www.madonnahouse.org. In a few weeks, we'll be welcoming another member to our house in England, Father Brian Christie. Would anyone have a spare desk, music stand or filing cabinet or desk lamp? If so, please call! Thank you so much.

Ruby Celebration For Father Pat

Father Pat Day marked 40 years in the priesthood with a celebration at St Alphonsus Church in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

Father Pat, who is originally from Derry in Northern Ireland, was ordained on June 12 1977 and served in Hull for many years before returning to Middlesbrough.

Canon Eddie Gubbins, Canon John Lumley, Father Leonard Jioke, Father Michael Keogh, Father Pat Keogh, Father Peter Ryan and Deacon Pat Thomas all joined him for Mass.

The celebrations continued afterwards in North Ormesby Working Men's Club next door, where there was a buffet and entertainment from the Phil Bage Band.

Father Pat thanked parishioners who worked so hard to make the evening such a success. He was also delighted to receive a personal message from Bishop John Crowley wishing him happiness and contentment for the years ahead.



On The March To Postgate Rally

Diocesan vocations director Father William Massie led an enthusiastic group on the annual Walk for Vocations ahead of the 2017 Postgate Rally at Egton Bridge.

Bishop Terry concelebrated the Mass assisted by priests from throughout the diocese and the Rt Rev John Wilson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster and Titular Bishop of Lindisfarne, gave the homily.



Clergy on the mobile altar – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen



Bishop John Wilson giving the homily – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen



Walkers prepare to set off – Photo by Les Clark

A Hundred Reasons To Celebrate

Avid Catholic Voice reader Veronica Tait celebrates her 100th birthday on Tuesday August 1.

She has read the *Voice* since it was started when she moved to Teesside in the 1980s from Wallsend, where she was a parishioner of Our Lady and St Columba, to Saltburn, North Yorkshire.

Veronica, who is still a regular at Saltburn's Our Lady of Lourdes Church, doesn't want a fuss for her big birthday, but family and friends will make sure she enjoys a party at the local golf club.

When visiting Lourdes with our annual pilgrimage in May she had an early joint birthday party with Bishop Terry, who celebrates his 68th birthday on the same date as Veronica.

A friend said: "Veronica is a character and is much-loved by neighbours, family, friends and parishioners. She asked for no presents for her big day but is glad to receive cards to put on the mantelpiece of her bungalow.

"When she goes to Mass – on a few weekdays as well as Sunday mornings – people flock round her to wish her well. She enjoys the occasional glass of whisky and ice cubes before her weekly Sunday lunch at the golf club."

She was in the Legion of Mary in Wallsend and helped to look after the priest's vestments. She moved to Saltburn to be nearer her younger daughter Veronica Boland and quickly got involved with the parish. She was sacristan, a Minister of Holy Communion and served Mass regularly.

During the 1939-45 war she was a cook in the ATS and gained non-commissioned officer rank. Her husband Chris died in the 1990s.

Veronica loves flowers and her sitting room is full of roses, carnations and other flowers. She said Our Lady's favourites were yellow roses.

She loves reading books and every week buys three or four, mainly crime and historical novels ("I'm reading one at present about Martin Luther and his argument with the Pope.")

Local councillor Stuart Smith, who called at her house with his monthly newsletter, said: "Reading has kept Veronica going all these years."

Her visiting carer added: "She looks after me more than me looking after her."

Mike Morrissey



Veronica pictured with Saltburn councillor Stuart Smith, who called in with his monthly newsletter



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NEWS

A Pilgrimage To 'England's Nazareth'

The Walsingham story began in 1061, when Our Lady appeared to an East Anglian woman called Richeldis and asked her to build a replica of the Holy Family's house at Nazareth.

The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham soon became one of the greatest places of pilgrimage in the medieval world. The town was known as "England's Nazareth" and devotion to Our Lady spread so widely throughout the country that England itself came to be known as the "Dowry of Mary".

Almost 1,000 years later, many people continue the tradition of going to Walsingham and an annual pilgrimage has become an important part of our diocesan calendar.

Monsignor Gerard Robinson will lead this year's pilgrimage over the weekend of

September 30 to October 1 2017. The cost will be £80 per person, which includes transport to and from Walsingham, an evening meal on Saturday, overnight accommodation at Elmham House and breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Sixty-six places have been reserved, mostly in double/twin rooms, but some single rooms are available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Some *en suite* accommodation is also available at an extra cost of £13 per person.

You are warmly invited to take part in this pilgrimage and to pray that the Lord may always be at the centre of our national life.

Please see the advert on this page or contact Jenny Dowson at the Curial Office (01642 850505) for more information or to book a place.

Cross's New Home In The Cathedral

The Lampedusa Cross, a symbol of hope for refugees, now has a permanent home in St Mary's Cathedral.

An Italian carpenter made the crosses using shipwrecked refugee boats in 2013 and one was given to each Catholic cathedral in England and Wales.

The cross has been used at a number of special liturgies since it came to the diocese. Now cathedral parishioner Brian Barber has made a beautiful display cabinet so the cross can be visible at all times.

Cathedral Dean Monsignor Gerard Robinson said: "I thank Brian once again for this beautiful gift to our cathedral. He is an amazing craftsman who enjoys working with wood and making wonderful pieces of furniture as a hobby.

"People who visit our cathedral will be able to see the Lampedusa Cross permanently displayed as a reminder of the plight of refugees in this world."



Photo by Les Clark

APPLICATION FORM

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Holy Island Highlight For Hull Pilgrims

Parishioners from the South East Hull Parish visited some of the great churches of North Yorkshire and Northumberland during a highly successful three-day pilgrimage.

The group, whose parish incorporates the Sacred Heart, St Bede's and St Stephen's churches, were based at Sneaton Castle, Whitby.

They also visited Ampleforth Abbey and Guisborough Priory before the highlight of the pilgrimage, a visit to Holy Island, which many were experiencing for the first time.

Before they began their homeward journey, Mass was celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral by Father Dominique Minskip, assisted by deacons Brian Morgan and Ken Senior.



The pilgrims in the grounds of Sneaton Castle before travelling to St Mary's Cathedral for Mass



York Children Attend Eucharistic Celebration

Three pupils from St Wilfrid's Primary School in York attended Mass in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to celebrate 400 years of the Vincentian Family. In front of a congregation of more than 1,000 people, including parents, friends and SVP delegates attending the national meeting, they made their Mini Vinnie pledge and received certificates.

Ausama Exhibition Extended

An exhibition showcasing the work of the late Ausama al Khalil has been extended for a further month. The art will now be on show for the entire month of August at mima in Middlesbrough's Centre Square.

Ausama was a great supporter of the

diocesan project for Baghdad Hospital and a JustGiving page can be found at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/baghdad-hospital. Details of the exhibition opening times can be found at visitmima.com or by calling 01642 931232.

What Inspires Your Catholic Legacy?

As Catholics, our faith is at the centre of our lives. And as St James reminds, faith is brought to completion through good works – they go hand in hand. One of the ways that many Catholics live out their faith is through supporting Catholic good causes.

The Catholic community have a wonderful history of philanthropy and generosity. Motivated by their faith and compassion, many people give their money, time and prayers in support of the Church and Catholic charities.

One incredibly special way to show support to Catholic organisations is through a legacy gift. Your Catholic Legacy, a group of 27 Catholic organisations, is asking us to consider celebrating our faith in this way, through a gift to a Catholic cause in our will. Every year, Catholic organisations receive vital funds from gifts in wills, enabling them to carry out much-needed work both here in the UK and overseas. Without these gifts, much of the work of charities and churches simply wouldn't be possible.

For many people a legacy gift offers the opportunity to continue their support of what is important to them and ensure this work can keep going for as long as it is needed. For others, it's a way of celebrating the work they cared about or giving back for help they received themselves. Whatever the reasons, a legacy gift is a wonderful way to celebrate our faith and ensure our values

will live on far into the future.

Your Catholic Legacy is asking Catholics to share their own story about how their faith motivates them to support Catholic causes and leave a legacy gift in their will.

When Luisa's son was born, it prompted her to arrange her will and her faith inspired her to include a gift to CAFOD: "Being a Christian has shaped my life – it's who I am. That's why leaving a gift in my will to a Catholic charity seems the right thing to do. It simply makes sense to me."

As Catholics, we're called to put our faith into action and share what we have with those most in need. Whether you want to support a local cause such as your parish or diocese, provide for vulnerable families in Britain or help overseas communities and parishes, a legacy could be the most far-reaching gift you ever make.

Large or small, a legacy gift can make the world of difference. Will you help change the world and celebrate your faith through a legacy gift in your will?

Your Catholic Legacy is asking Catholics to share their stories about how their faith is inspiring them to leave a gift in a will to a Catholic good cause. If you'd like to share your story please visit www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or contact Hannah at info@yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or on 020 7095 5370



Father Bill Serplus samples life as a modern shepherd

Parishioners from St Aelred's, York, enjoyed their annual visit to Aelred's Grange in Upper Nidderdale, a place of peace and quiet in the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside.

Our host, Professor Dianna Bowles, welcomed everyone before an outdoor Mass was concelebrated in the sunshine by Father Bill Serplus and Father Michael Walsh from Our Lady Immaculate in Pately Bridge, whose parishioners also attended.

After Mass there was time to feed the Herdwick Sheep for which the Grange is known.

Throughout the fields there are seats giving a panoramic view of the dale. They were made by John Stead in 2011 from the oak that came from St Aelred's Church when its new windows were installed.

NEWS

Day Of Prayer For York

Photos by Simon Crouch

St Wilfrid's Church in York hosted a day of prayer for the city on the Feast of The Sacred Heart.

Throughout the day the church was open for Eucharistic adoration. Things began with a quiet Mass at 8am, after which the Blessed Sacrament was exposed and parishioners took turns to watch.

A large number of people attended the sung 12.10pm Mass, including some St Wilfrid's Primary School children who prepared bidding prayers for the city, which they read.

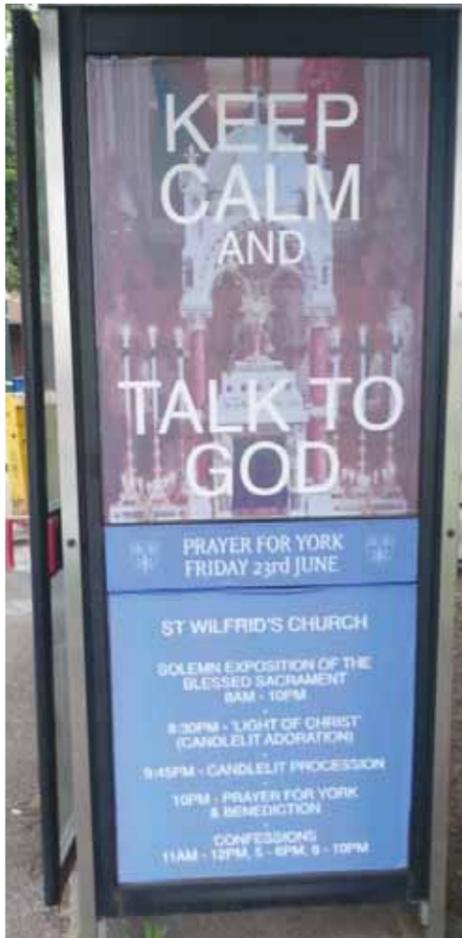
There was also an additional sung extraordinary form Mass at 6pm. In the evening a team of volunteers went out onto the street to invite passers-by to come in, light a candle and say a prayer.

Confessions were also available. The day ended with a candlelit procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets, followed by Benediction.

A good number of people responded warmly to the invitation to come into the church and there were many positive comments on the prayerful atmosphere, with some resolving to return the sacraments or learn more about Catholicism.

Our thanks to all who helped with the occasion, particularly the clergy who helped hear Confessions, the Sisters of the Renewal from Leeds, those involved with music, our volunteers who invited people in and the Diocesan Evangelisation Fund, which gave a generous grant towards the advertising costs, including information postcards sent to parishes and posters on phone boxes.

Brother Adam Fairbairn



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New Season Of Vocations Events

The National Office for Vocation has launched the new season of events for those thinking about whether they are being called to the religious life.

Young people considering a vocation to be a nun, monk, sister, priest or brother can join a "Compass" group in October and work through the programme, which runs over five residential weekends and the Easter Triduum, ending in May 2018.

The course will take place at Milleret House in central London, which is run by the Religious of the Assumption sisters, with the co-leaders being a monastic priest and apostolic religious sister.

The Compass group will spend Holy Week at Worth Abbey in West Sussex for a retreat that involves discussion and times of silence. The programme is based on the group helping each other find their way forward.

Alongside the group meetings, participants receive individual spiritual guidance. Topics covered include discernment, vocation, prayer, ministry, the vows and the nature of contemporary religious life.

If you would like to take part please email compass@ukvocation.org.

Parishioners Support Missionary Sisters



St Paulinus Church in Guisborough gave generously to support the work of the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver after a visit from Sister Perpetua Olisaemerg, who is pictured here with Canon Michael Bayldon.

HCPT Ball In York

Tickets are available for the Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust (HCPT) Great Gatsby Ball, which will aid the cost of taking disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes.

Every year HCPT takes a group of children to spend a week in Lourdes and they need to raise £15,000 to fund the costs of the trip.

The ball will be held in the Ebor Suite at York Racecourse on Saturday September 16 from 7.30pm until 1am.

There will be a three-course dinner, raffle, silent auction, live entertainment, casino and a Charleston dancing master class.

Tickets are available for £40 per person and can be booked by emailing group122@hcpt.org.uk.



New UCM Members Welcomed

Father Bill Serplus was delighted to enrol seven new members during Mass before the Union of Catholic Mothers' diocesan annual general meeting at the Holy Name of Mary, Middlesbrough. Our picture shows the new members with Father Bill and diocesan president Jean Rigg.

Kath Stubbs

Blanket Coverage For Seafarers

When there were enough blankets for Lourdes made from knitted squares throughout the diocese, I looked around for other outlets for our knitters.

Some elderly ladies were delighted to find they could knit squares for a purpose and wanted to continue.

Jerry Drewitt, chair of Mission to Seafarers' South Tees station, is pleased to receive knitted hats, scarves and fingerless gloves and blankets.

He has written to thank us, adding how

privileged the Mission is to be able to work with seafarers when they are ashore.

Many of the team have had a career at sea themselves and understand how valuable the international work of the Mission to Seafarers is worldwide. Apostleship of the Sea chaplain Peter Barrigan distributed everything to the seafarers immediately.

Would your parish be interested in undertaking this task for the benefit of seafarers?

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NEWS

Election Chaos Could Spell Trouble Ahead

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, 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 arrives in Kinshasa and follows the slow preparations for elections.

Squealing mice and rats ran around the room, as well as squeaking bats that sounded like Punch laughing, as I tried to get a few hours' sleep in a remote parish house during my 25-hour river journey to Mbandaka on the River Congo.

At least I had a mosquito net to keep them out of my bed – but sleep was slow in coming. We watched a distant tropical storm, but because of reports of bandits on the river's approach to Mbandaka, and subsequent military patrols, we were advised to take a break for a few hours and continue at one o'clock in the morning.

I arrived in Mbandaka and heard that a small boat carrying money for the people working to register voters for the elections in the interior had been attacked, robbed and all six people on board had been killed.

From Mbandaka I took a plane to Congo's capital, Kinshasa – and followed the preparations for this year's supposed general election. The president's mandate ended last year.

"The latest technology will provide each citizen with a biometric voting card," said the man on the television, in Kinshasa. They then showed a woman giving her details as someone slowly typed them into a laptop. That done, he was able to push out the printed card from a large square of plastic. The woman was ready for the election!

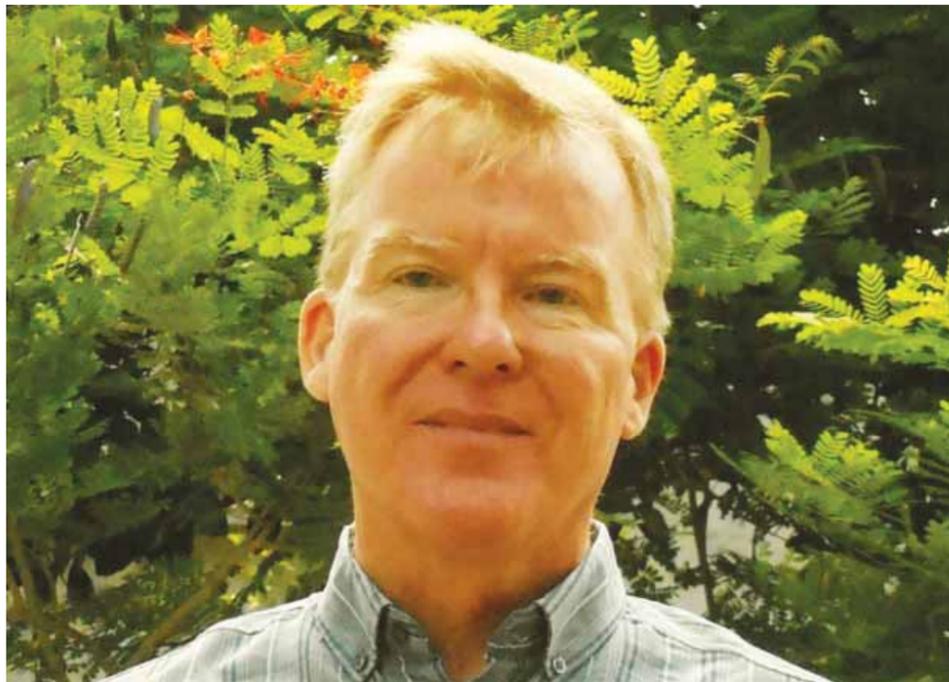
However, Lilianna, a friend's daughter in Kinshasa, found the reality quite different. She set off with a friend at five in the morning to the local church hall. She was given a number, 67, waited all day, outside in the scorching sun – and was then told to come back the following day. I asked her if she would try again.

"Yes," she said. "It's important to register to vote, but today there was only one person with one computer processing applications. Only 20 people managed to get their cards all day."

Lilianna returned early the next day and was given a new number, this time 177.

She went home to wait and returned to the hall at 3pm – there was nobody there! She, like many others, is still not registered.

Since the brutal repression of street protests in Kinshasa and elsewhere in the Congo last September and December, another phenomenon has further aggravated the population. The value of the local currency,



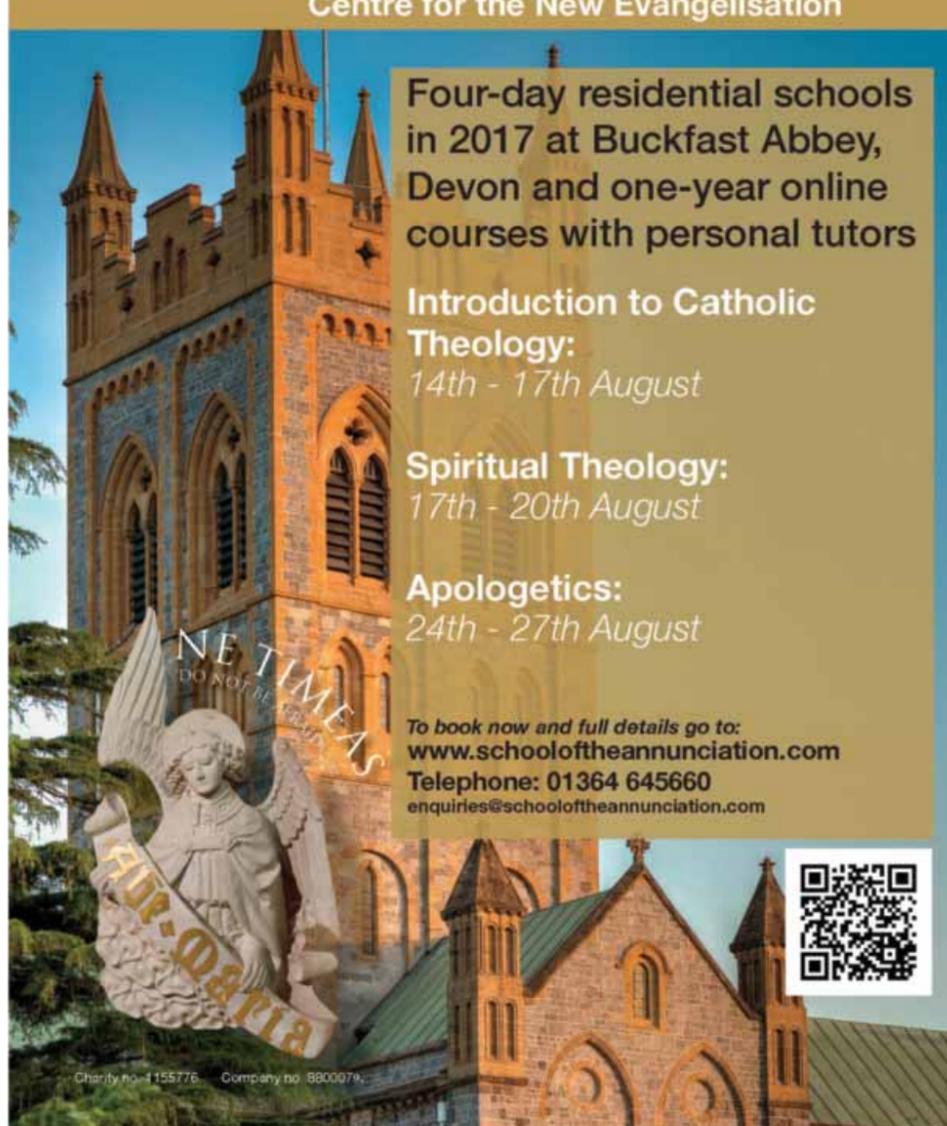
the Congolese franc, has lost half of its value. Prices have doubled. Rents and imported goods are set in US dollars. A lot of people are going hungry and unable to pay the rent for their houses. I met Lilianna again a few days later.

"We are more than seven months on from the president's promise of elections," she sighed. "People assume they'll take place this December. What is clear to me is that there'll be no elections this year." There may be trouble ahead.

Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook. Email: francish7@yahoo.com. Donate via PayPal (type PayPal.me/FHannaway into your browser), or Internet banking: Pay: St Joseph's Society for FM, Ref: F Hannaway Congo, Sort code: 16-00-15, Account: 23114537. Cheques to: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, MAIDENHEAD SL6 7UX. Pay: "Mill Hill Missionaries – F Hannaway (Congo)".

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Part of the De Paul's Positive Pathways wellbeing programme run by Terry Doyle, we aim to find light and beauty to help us on our journey.

If you, or anyone you know, needs similar help and hope, then take up your pen and join us. You'd be very welcome. Terry runs a meditation group at 11am before the writing session at 12.15pm.

To find out more about Sheltering Tree, email jonathantulloch@btinternet.com.

Jonathan Tulloch



The Sheltering Tree Writers' Group

LOURDES

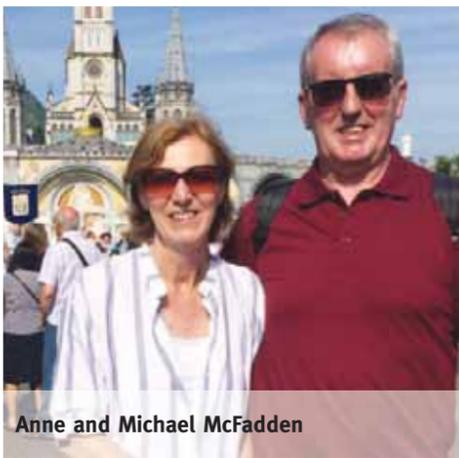
A Fulfilling Experience In Lourdes

It's always been a wish of my husband's to travel to Lourdes. As a practising Catholic, Michael felt this pilgrimage was an experience of a lifetime. We were fortunate to be able to travel together, going as a handmaid and a brancardier and travelling along with many others with the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

We found the entire experience fulfilling from start to finish. It's difficult to put into words how moving the ceremonies were and how powerful the strength of faith from all people from all walks of life.

We would not have been able to enjoy the trip if it had not been for the wonderful organisers who work tirelessly to ensure we were rested and prepared for the days ahead. This was certainly a group effort, with strong friendships made among us all.

Anne McFadden



Anne and Michael McFadden

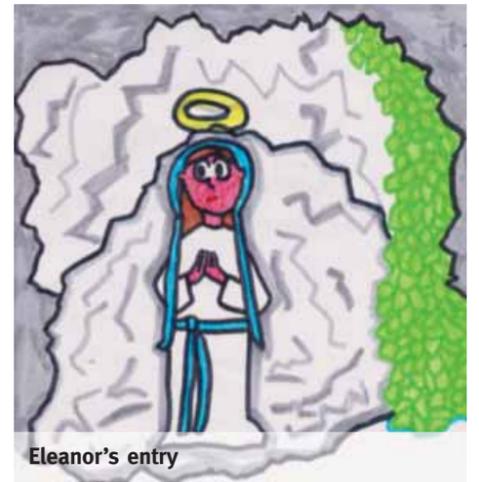
Prayer Card Comp Is A Winner

Primary schools from across the diocese took part in a competition to design prayer cards to be sold in the permanence during our Lourdes pilgrimage.

The judges had the difficult task of choosing between some excellent entries but finally chose designs by Eleanor Hackett, from St Edward's School, Middlesbrough, and

Benedict Milne, from All Saints, Thirsk.

Pilgrims loved the prayer cards and they completely sold out before the end of the week. In fact the organisers could have sold many more! Congratulations to Eleanor and Benedict and thank you to everyone who took part.



Eleanor's entry



Benedict Milne



Eleanor Hackett

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

- 4 Visits Stanbrook Abbey 11.00am
- 6 Celebrates Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St Mary's Cathedral, 5pm.
- 13 Attends Pilgrimage at Osmotherley 2.00pm

1 Tues
2-3.30pm 'Sing for the Brain' Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby TS3 6LD for people living with dementia and their carers

2 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, Jarrett Street, Hull

4 Fri
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the September issue of Voice must be received by today

6 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
5pm Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy, St Mary's Cathedral
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

8 Tues
2-4pm Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our lady's Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly Room
2-3.30pm 'Sing for the Brain' St Mary's Church Hall, Green Lane TS5 7RX for people living with dementia and their carers
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at the Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

9 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after the morning Mass
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard and St Mary, Malton will meet
2.30pm Prayer Group at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

11 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

13 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
2.30pm Assumption Pilgrimage: 2.30pm Rosary/3pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley
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

15 Tues
2-3.30pm 'Sing for the Brain' Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby TS3 6LD for people living with dementia and their carers

16 Wed
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at meet at St Charles Borromeo

17 Thur
7.30pm-9.30pm Bible study in Our Lady's, Acomb looking at one complete set of Sunday readings (first, second and gospel). Contact Lukasz (07540981429) for details

20 Sun
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

22 Tues
2-3.30pm 'Sing for the Brain' St Mary's Church Hall, Green Lane TS5 7RX for

people living with dementia and their carers

27 Sun
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
 September Catholic Voice available from church

29 Tues
2-3.30pm 'Sing for the Brain' Trinity Centre, Market Place, North Ormesby TS3 6LD for people living with dementia and their carers

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

First week of September

3 Sun
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

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

Tuesday 5 September 2017

A Quiet Day at Ampleforth
 Fr Kieran Monahan OSB
 Contact Ampleforth Hospitality Office, Ampleforth, tel:01439 766889 for details
8 September: Our Lady's Birthday: 1.30pm Rosary/2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

Friday 8 - Sunday 10 September

Path of Life - Discovering the life you were created to live
 (1) Letting your life speak
 Fr Kevin Hayden OSB
 A retreat for 18-35 year olds who want to explore their faith and the direction their life is taking. No charge: a donation within your means, if possible. Contact Ampleforth, tel 01439 766889 for details.

Saturday 9 September at Scarborough Spa

Inspirational day for Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion
 Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco
 St Charles, Hull: **September 9 - 11**
 St Wilfrid, York: **September 11 - 13**
 Cathedral: **September 13 - 15**

Stella Maris Mass

Cathedral: **11 September**

Education Masses

Cathedral: **21 September**

St Charles, Hull: **5 October**

St Wilfrid, York: **10 October**

Forthcoming Fellowship Masses:

17 September, St Augustine's, Redcar, 3pm

15 October, St Alphonsus, North Ormesby, 3pm

19 November, St Peter's, South Bank, 3pm

27 September 'Music for the Brain' St Mary's Cathedral Church Hall 2-3.30pm, for people living with dementia and their carers

30 September-1 October 2017 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham (see application form)

Friday 6 - Sunday 8 October

The Path of Life

(2) A Time to Search and Find

Fr Kevin Hayden OSB

A retreat for 18-35 year olds who want to explore their faith and the direction their life is taking. No charge, guests are invited. Contact Ampleforth, tel 01439 766889 for details.

7 October 2017 Rosary Pilgrimage; rosary from 1pm, Mass at 3pm, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

Catholic Cup Returns With A Bang!

After terrible weather conditions last year caused the abandonment of the Catholic Cup for the first time in 20 years, the diocesan primary schools football tournament returned in style.

Diocesan schools from far and wide came together for a wonderful celebration of everything that is good about our schools.

With more than 650 pupils and 400 parents in attendance, St Mary's College, Hull, were fabulous hosts to a competition noted for its wonderful sportsmanship and atmosphere.

Many schools from the north of the diocese left at around 6.30am

and we are extremely grateful to the staff and parents who attended and without whom the competition can't happen.

We also thank our head teachers Mrs Parr, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Nichol, along with the staff of St Mary's College, for organising and managing this year's event.

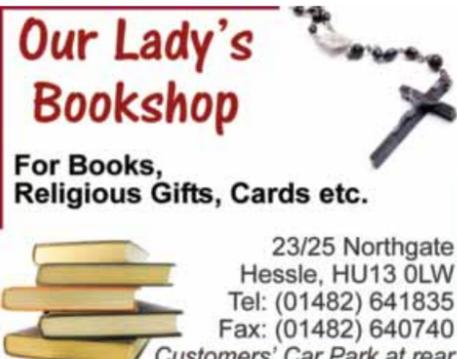
A new and welcome initiative this year saw separate competitions for small and large schools. Although everyone had a wonderful time, we especially congratulate the successful teams in our 2017 tournament.

Kevin Duffy, Director of Schools

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Walkers Support CAFOD Campaign



Photo by Stephen Barber

More than 100 CAFOD supporters and volunteers joined forces for the annual pilgrimage to Holy Island.

Many of the pilgrims walked around three miles across the causeway in support of CAFOD's Power to Be campaign.

A Mass of Thanksgiving was then held in the Priory Church, celebrated by Father Chris Hughes and Father Jim O'Keefe.

CAFOD representative in Middlesbrough, David Cross, said: "As always, everybody who attended had a fantastic time and the good weather made crossing the causeway much more enjoyable.

"We would like to say a big thank you to Father Chris and Father Jim for saying Mass, as well as all our volunteers who gave up their time to help make it a great pilgrimage.

"At the Mass of Thanksgiving there was standing room only. This shows what a well-supported event this was."

A Speak Up Week of Action at the beginning of July was organised by the Climate Coalition, which is made up of hundreds of organisations, to promote renewable energy.

CAFOD's Power To Be campaign launched in June and is focused on increasing access to energy for the world's poorest people. Currently, one in six people live without electricity.

Local, renewable energy is usually the cheapest and most efficient way to bring power to the poorest communities.

It means families don't have to rely on dangerous and unhealthy energy sources

such as paraffin lamps and firewood. It enables children to study after dark, nurses to keep vaccines cold and farmers to irrigate crops.

For more information, visit cafod.org.uk/power2be or cafod.org.uk/weekofaction

Jonathan Barber

Quick Answers

Connection question

1. Penguin 2. Taxi 3. Club 4. Max Jaffa – All types of biscuit (editor's decision final on the Jaffa cake/biscuit controversy!)

Thinking cap question

Mamma Mia, Waterloo, Fernando, Knowing Me, Knowing You, The Name of the Game, Take a Chance on Me, Winner Takes it All, Super Trouper.

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