



Bishop's Column

I know there is a lot of concern and conversation at the moment about LGBT issues. You only have to listen in particular to the BBC to know this. I would like to place this conversation in the context of Pope Francis' letter to us *On Care of Our Common Home – Laudato Si'*. It might seem a strange place to start, but I think it is important to realise that our conversation on the LGBT strategy is part of something much bigger and which has vital ramifications not only for the Catholic community but for our world and our future as rational human beings created in God's image and as a local church. However, I think it is important for us to realise that the ecological viewpoint, the moral viewpoint, the theological viewpoint and the Biblical viewpoint are so interconnected, that to say one thing about the planet, climate change, care of creation also has genuine implications for the way we view the human body, the gift of sexuality and our moral lifestyles.

So just listen to what is being said and notice words like "respect", "gift" and "conversion". These are very important words and guides for our lives as followers of Christ.

It is enough to recognise that our body itself establishes us in a direct relationship with the environment and with other living beings. The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation. Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology. Also, valuing one's own body in its femininity or masculinity is necessary if we are going to be able to recognise ourselves in an encounter with someone who is different. In this way we can joyfully accept the specific gifts of another man or woman, the work of God the Creator, and find mutual enrichment. It is not a healthy attitude which would seek "to cancel out sexual difference because it no longer knows how to confront it". (Laudato Si' 155)

In the family we receive an integral education, which enables us to grow harmoniously in personal maturity. In the family we learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you" as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressiveness and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings. (Laudato Si' 213)

This (ecological) conversion calls for a number of attitudes which together foster a spirit of generous care, full of tenderness. First, it entails gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works... (Laudato Si' 220)

Continued on Page 2

What's Inside **Awesome Ampleforth**
Page 7



Ordinations special
Pages 8 & 9



Let Us Love, Not With Words But With Deeds

BARBARA HUNGIN reports on a message from Pope Francis on the first World Day of the Poor, Sunday November 19 2017...

Pope Francis has called on Christians around the world to serve the poor, writing in a document launching a new World Day of the Poor. The title of the message is taken from John's first letter, in which the apostle tells the Christian community: "Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth."

The World Day of the Poor is a new celebration on the Catholic calendar, created by Francis at the end of his 2015-16 Jubilee Year of Mercy. In the document concluding the year, *Misericordia et Misera*, the pope asked Catholics to celebrate the special day every year on the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, which usually falls in November.

The pope hopes the new World Day of the Poor can "become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel."

There are the two themes in his document: the necessity to reach out to those experiencing poverty both in our communities and worldwide but also the need to develop a spirit of authentic poverty which enables us to develop a right attitude towards material goods and above all "to create moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance".

In the message, the pope makes poetic and powerful scriptural argument why Christians must reach out and care for those experiencing poverty. He quotes Psalm 34: "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him" and refers to the very first pages of the Acts of the Apostles, where Peter asks that seven men, "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (6.3) be chosen for the ministry of caring for the poor.

The earliest community realised that being a disciple of Jesus meant demonstrating fraternity and solidarity – that the poor are blessed and heirs to the kingdom of heaven (Mt 5.3). The pope also reminds Catholics that they believe Christ is found in every human person.

"If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist," he says. "The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis encourages us to take as our example St Francis of Assisi and his witness of authentic poverty. Because he kept his gaze fixed on Christ, St Francis was able to see and serve him in the poor.

The pope describes authentic poverty as an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life



Mazur/catholic.new.org.uk



and the condition for our happiness. Poverty instead creates the conditions for freely shouldering our personal and social responsibilities, with trust in God's closeness and the support of his grace. This helps us to judge how best to use material goods and to build relationships that are neither selfish nor possessive.

Francis puts forward three new ways Christians can be seen as blessed, in the style of Jesus' beatitudes. "Blessed...are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope," he

Continued on Page 2

Trusted local solicitors



Wills & Probate
Family Law
Personal Injury
Conveyancing
Employment Law

Macks

01642 252 828
www.macks.co.uk



THE BAR CONVENT
Living Heritage Centre

DISCOVER THE SECRETS
OF THE BAR CONVENT...

300 years
of Danger, Bravery and History...

- Group Tours with Afternoon Tea*
- Exciting New Exhibition
- Café and Private Garden
- Newly Refurbished Guest House

t: 01904 643 238 w: bar-convent.org.uk

The Bar Convent Trust

17 Blossom Street, York, YO24 1AQ

barconventyork @barconventyork

*Please book in advance

NEWS

Continued from Page 1

Let Us Love, Not With Words But With Deeds

says. "Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity...Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no ifs or buts or maybes: they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters."

Francis asks Christian communities to begin celebrating the World Day of the Poor in the week before the special day by reaching out to homeless or poor people in their areas in friendship and offering hospitality. "If there are poor people where we live who seek protection and assistance, let us draw close to them: it will be a favourable moment to encounter the God we seek," he says.

On the World Day of the Poor itself, the pope asks that Catholics and all those of good will "turn their gaze...to all those who stretch out their hands and plead for our help and solidarity. This day is meant, above all, to encourage believers to react against a culture of discard and waste, and to embrace the culture of encounter."

Francis ends by placing prayer at the centre of the celebration of the day with specific focus on the Our Father. "Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor," he says. "When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he answered in the words with which the poor speak to our one Father, in whom all acknowledge themselves as brothers and sisters."

He concludes by saying: "The poor are not a problem. They are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practice in our lives the essence of the Gospel."

Caritas Middlesbrough, which coordinates groups in our diocese that promote social justice and care, has begun looking at ways to promote and celebrate the World Day of the Poor in our diocese.

Continued from Page 1

Bishop's Column

It is important to remember that what is being said to the LGBT community is also being said to the wider community of the Church. We all have to learn to be chaste; we all have to learn that all is grace, all is gift; we all have to learn to respect creation and ourselves as part of it; we all have to recognise that we are on a journey of conversion and that self-sacrifice is very much a strong part of love.

For me, chastity is recognising that everything has been given to us by God as gift and that we have to learn how to use all these gifts in the proper and respectful way that the Creator and Giver of all these things intends, both for our own good and the common good of all. In this sense what is offered to the LGBT community is what should be offered to all Christian Catholics.

Yours in blessed hope,



Building Bridges, Not Walls



An appeal to help us sustain a valuable organisation helping those who have nowhere else to turn...

Everyone needs a place where they feel safe and we are asking if you could consider donating to our work so we can continue supporting some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

Justice First is a registered charity which was set up in response to a very real gap within our asylum system. Over the past 11 years, Justice First has welcomed asylum seekers, helping them gather the evidence and support needed to appeal their cases to the Home Office.

We are a unique organisation on Teesside that specialises in finding solutions for those whose cases have not so far been successful. We are based in Stockton with outreach in Middlesbrough and are consulted by people from all across the Teesside area.

When an appeal for asylum is turned down people lose their housing and financial support, they are faced with homelessness and destitution. They risk the loss of the life they have worked so hard to build and the prospect of returning to the country they fled from – often in fear for their lives and under threat of imprisonment and harassment.

Legal aid has been severely curtailed and at this stage there is very limited access to a solicitor. They have nowhere else to go. We advise them of the realistic options and help them proceed with a fresh claim or new

"Justice First has given us new hope. They have helped me with my case. We were so sad and frightened when we first came. The children were always crying. Now they are happy with new friends. The people we miss most are our family back home and we have now found a new family with Justice First."

Justice First client from the Democratic Republic of Congo who was given Leave to Remain after facing homelessness and destitution.

appeal when this is the best course of action.

We work very closely with the Mary Thompson Fund and provide emergency support. Above all, we work to achieve fair and just outcomes for those seeking sanctuary.

Another important part of our work is raising awareness of the true situation concerning those seeking asylum by presentations to churches, schools and many other community organisations.

At present our financial situation is insecure. It has become harder to raise the funds we need from foundations and trusts. We are therefore launching an appeal for personal donations. Our target is for 500 people to donate £10 per month, which would be a major contribution to our sustainability.

If you are able to help, there are several ways to do this.

You can set up a standing order or make an online donation to our bank, account: Justice First Ltd at CAF Bank, sort code 40-52-40, account number 00030694.

You can also donate via our website www.justicefirst.org.uk or by cheque to Justice First, 135 Norton Road, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 2BG.

We like to be able to thank our donors and keep you informed about the work of Justice First. If you are sending instructions directly to your bank, please inform us of your contact details at info@justicefirst.org.uk.

We are very grateful for any support you can offer.

Barbara Hungin, Chair of Trustees

Papal Blessing For Veronica

A papal blessing was presented to Veronica Tait, the oldest parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Saltburn, as she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Parish priest Monsignor Ricardo Morgan made the presentation during Sunday Mass amid loud applause for the former sacristan and parish stalwart of more than 30 years.

Later, Veronica showed the framed award to almost 100 guests at a party held at Saltburn Golf Club. Among guests was her 85-year-old sister Margaret, over from Ireland.

Other members of her younger family present were from as far afield as Canada and the USA.

Michael Morrissey



Photo by Les Clark



More Success For St Wilfrid's Speakers

St Wilfrid's pupils continued the school's outstanding record in York Civic Trust's annual public speaking competition at the Merchant Adventurer's Hall.

Ruby Harrison and Freddie Thornton won first place with a five-minute speech in front of a crowd of teachers, parents and the Lord Mayor of York, Barbara Boyce. Ruby and Freddie debated the question 'The Minster is world famous, but is it the lesser known buildings of York that tell its story?' by giving a potted history of areas including Coppergate and The Shambles.

The competition has been running since 2012 and St Wilfrid's secured third place in 2014 and first place each year since 2015. One of the judges, Keith Hayton, gave an insight into the art of public speaking when he told Radio York: "Speak out and look your audience in the eye. These two children were absolutely super."

Marie Harrison

A New Outreach To LGBT Catholics

During the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked for particular attention to be given to those who experience themselves at the edges of the Church or society.

Pope Francis clearly sees this reaching out and willingness to be alongside and hear the experience of people to be of great importance and the key to the New Evangelisation.

With the example of Jesus clearly in focus, the Church seeks in different ways in every age to be at the service of God's mercy. Sometimes this is carried out in more hidden ways, especially with individuals and groups who hear a voice from society and, at times, even from the Church and Christian people, which can seem to condemn and exclude.

As an example, people sometimes hear the message that if they are divorced they can no longer come to Mass. So on top of the wound of a broken marriage comes further pain. And yet if someone approaches the Church seeking an annulment they will be told, if they have not already done so, they must get a divorce first. So things are not always so clear cut as they might seem.

Pope Francis has begun "Mercy Fridays", where he showed by personal actions the importance of the Church being present in areas where often it is experienced as absent. And on his first Holy Thursday he celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the local youth prison, where he washed the feet of a young Muslim woman, among others.

Some people are very uncomfortable with what the pope is doing and saying. They see it as a break with the Church's tradition. The pope's response is to draw us back to the teaching and example of Jesus in the Gospels and his attitude to those at the edges of society. The religious authorities of his day decided only the strictest possible interpretation of the Law was acceptable to

God. Jesus comes and shows us what God is really like and how people come first.

During the Year of Mercy, Bishop Terry and his pastoral advisors held conversations around how we can enable our LGBT sisters and brothers and their families and friends to know they have a place and are welcome in our diocese. (LGBT is an acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender.) They asked how do people who identify as LGBT hear the Good News of Jesus Christ? Where is the place of encounter where that immediate welcome can happen?

The call the Church receives from Christ in every age is to go out. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis reminds us that the initiative is always in the first place from God, who is already calling and welcoming each individual and loving them in the whole reality of who they are. The Church is called to align herself with this initiative. The pope says we need to leave the places where we feel comfortable to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel. He invites us to make the first step – not remaining comfortable and waiting for others to come to us.

As the leader of the local Church, Bishop Terry has a special role and a responsibility to reach out and care for those who some might perceive as lost. He has decided this is an opportune moment to begin a ministry offering a clear welcome to the LGBT community and their families. A place where people can know they are accepted as sisters and brothers in the Lord and valued members of the Church. Many will already be members of our parish communities. Others, sadly, will have heard a false gospel that they are not welcome and can have no part in the Church or may have found places in other faith communities.

It doesn't take much imagination to have a sense of some of the very real wounds people who identify as LGBT and their

parents and families might be living with. The bishop wishes to reach out to help heal those wounds.

Is this going to be some kind of alternative Church? No. Our diocese has many groups and associations that focus on particular needs. The normal place of belonging for all their participants is the parish. This will be no different.

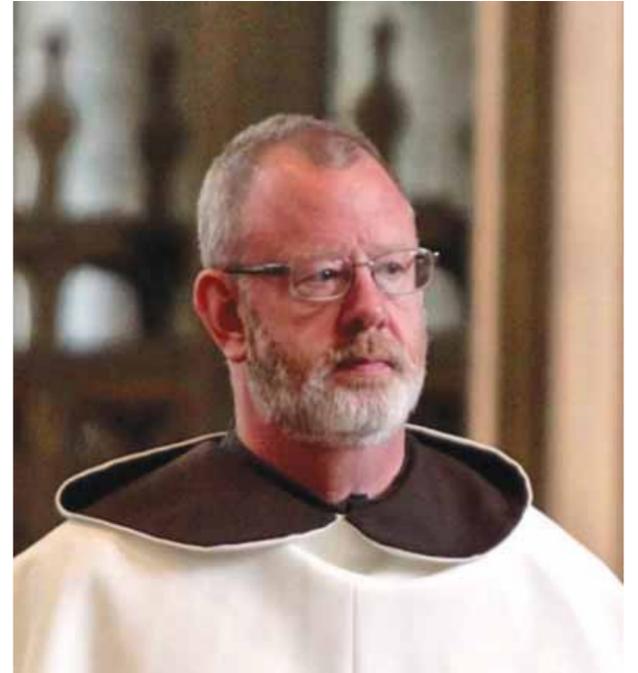
Does it somehow go against the Church's teaching? No. In taking this step, the teaching of the Church is not being changed in any way. Instead, other important aspects of Church teaching are coming to the fore and taking their proper place.

Whatever the condition of any of our lives, the first and greatest reality is that we are all children of God who are always loved and cherished. This is what Jesus shows us. Only God knows the real truth of any particular person – which is why one of the very few rules we find in the Gospels is, "Do not judge".

The process of discovering God's call and purpose for us is a gradual one that we call discernment. It happens under the guidance and action of the Holy Spirit. It requires much patient listening and prayer.

Bishop Terry has asked me to write this reflection before this Diocesan Outreach begins, for two reasons. Firstly, we are being open and transparent. Things aren't being done in secret and everyone can know what is happening in our diocese. Secondly, people who might be helped by this outreach can know about it. You might have a positive role to play by sharing the news.

Along with others, I have been asked to be involved in helping this outreach to people



Father Tony Lester

who identify as LGBT and their families and friends get off the ground. I hope you will lend us the support of your prayers

We will begin in York, hopefully in Advent. The sisters at the Bar Convent have kindly offered us hospitality and the use of their chapel. Details will be sent to each parish and religious community of the diocese in good time beforehand

Let me share a story with you. When I was chaplain to the University of York, one young student was very involved in the campus Catholic community. He shared with me that he was gay and although I encouraged him to stay within the community, he gradually stopped coming to Mass. I met him one day and told him we missed him. His reply stayed with me and saddens me still.

"You are not the problem," he said. "But you are not the Church." I had said nothing to him that wasn't the clear teaching of the Catholic Church, but that welcome and assurance lacked substance because he heard other, stronger, voices.

My hope is that with this ministry, the stronger voice of God's love and welcome for all in Jesus will be heard clearly.

Father Tony Lester, O.Carm.

Music at St Anthony's

St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Hull, hosted two concerts to celebrate the city's Year of Culture. The first was by the New Park Singers, a local choir that performs at St Anthony's each summer and Christmas.

They were joined by the Wedding Belles and youngsters

about to take singing exams. Both choirs are led and conducted by Liz Carmichael, who also teaches the young singers. St Anthony's parishioners were very grateful for the £500 raised from this concert for church funds. The second concert was given by the Middlesbrough Diocesan Choir (pictured) with special guest, the guitarist Jonathan Richards,

who played six pieces by a forgotten citizen of Hull, Ernest Shand (1868-1924). The choir was conducted by Timothy Harrison with Craig Cartwright on the organ. St Anthony's parishioner Gabrielle Awre sang a solo by Vivaldi.

Jayne Wilson



Photo by Bernard Swift

**We Provide a Low Cost
Probate Service**

You could Save over

£3000

Probate is a subject alien to most people until someone dies then you have a choice?

1. Do it yourself.

2. Go to a Solicitor and be charged up to £360 per hour. (£5,800 average fees)

3. Go to a Low Cost Probate Expert and get them to do it for you. Succession Ltd are members of the Society of Will Writers.

SWW Trust Corporation have 23 years experience in dealing with Probate.

Call 0800 08 30 859 in

confidence to discuss your Probate needs

E:mail jeff@succession.ltd

Succession Ltd 9 Southlands Centre,
Middlesbrough TS30HB

SCHOOLS

Word Search

E	Y	R	E	V	O	C	S	I	D
T	X	C	R	O	S	S	U	E	S
A	I	A	F	E	A	S	T	D	A
R	H	E	L	E	N	A	R	G	L
B	G	M	S	T	I	B	U	Q	V
E	S	L	K	C	A	P	E	L	A
L	C	A	O	N	W	T	H	U	T
E	F	S	V	R	E	F	I	L	I
C	S	O	T	E	M	I	V	O	O
A	J	E	X	Z	D	Y	R	A	N

EXALTATION	HELENA
FEAST	CELEBRATE
ASSOCIATED	SALVATION
DISCOVERY	GLORY
TRUE	LIFE
CROSS	SAVED



Feast of the Month

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
September 14

This feast is associated with the story of the discovery of the True Cross in the fourth century by St Helena, but we celebrate it above all in commemoration of our salvation through Our Lord's death on the cross, and his resurrection. In the words of the Entrance Antiphon of the day: "We should glory in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free." Pope Francis tells us: "Jesus did not bring hatred, nor did he bring enmity. He brought love, a great love, a heart open to all – to all of us – a love that saves." Thank you, Jesus!



You are warmly invited to our

OPEN EVENING

for prospective Students and Parents

Wednesday 13 September 2017

18:00 – 20:00

Presentation to Parents: 18:00

followed by:

- Tour of the Academy
- Opportunity to meet staff and students
- Classroom demonstrations

Headteacher:

Mrs Z Hammond

Normanby Road, South Bank,

Middlesbrough TS6 6SP

01642 453462

office@stpeters-sch.com

www:stpeters-sch.com

CAFOD Workers Visit Middlesbrough School

Three overseas visitors spent time in a Middlesbrough school to share details about the vital work they carry out in some of the world's poorest countries.

Moise Liboto Makuta, Kelechi Emeh and Winston Berrios spoke to pupils at St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy about their experiences in Niger, Nigeria and Nicaragua respectively. The trio all work as overseas programme officers for CAFOD.

Moise and Kelechi talked at length about the impact climate change is having and how communities they work with experience extreme weather conditions such as floods and droughts. Winston spoke to the schoolchildren about the challenges in Nicaragua to local communities who are being dispossessed of their land by multinational corporations.

CAFOD representative, David Cross, said: "It was really great to have the trio visit St Peter's. All three spoke about how CAFOD's campaign to bring solar

powered energy to isolated communities would really help young people and adults to study long after the natural light has faded.

"The students were given a real insight into the dimensions of CAFOD's work and the experiences and challenges faced by our partners and their communities."

For more information on CAFOD's work overseas, visit cafod.org.uk.



Quick Quiz

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

Connection question

1. Which member of the Beatles had the middle name Winston?
2. Marilyn Monroe once sang happy birthday to which US President?
3. Which Italian explorer is believed to have brought noodles to Italy?
4. Which former footballer famously said: "In 1969 I gave up women and alcohol – it was the worst 20 minutes of my life."
5. Given the first name "Leslie", this comedian was born in England but became a huge star in the United States before dying of pneumonia at the age of 100.

Thinking cap question

According to the United Nations, which will be the six most populated countries in the world by the year 2050?

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

SCHOOLS

Musicians Enjoy Croatia Tour

The music department from St Augustine's in Scarborough took a group of 105 musicians to the Istrian region of Croatia to take part in music festivals and perform four concerts. Members of the junior choir, mixed voice choir, senior choir, orchestra and jazz band enjoyed the trip of a lifetime.

Highlights included performing in the centre of Pula to more than 1,000 people, singing in St Euphemia Church to 500 people and a concert which included the whole trombone section playing solos in the Hotel Delfin swimming pool. This was the fifth tour music teacher

Oliver Barron has organised.

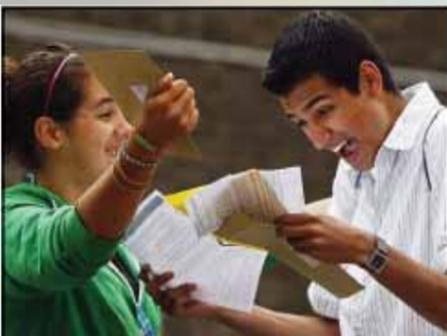
"It proved to be the best trip yet, all the pupils had the time of their lives," he said. "The tour rep who was looking after us said we were the best musical group she has ever had in 15 years of doing the job, which is a massive credit to the young people and the school."

Meanwhile, awards for commitment to the department, performance and improvement were given out to Darcie Defreitas, Jemima Whyte and Alice Howard during St Augustine's annual summer serenade at Westborough Church.



Celebrating Our Schools Education Sunday 10th September 2017

To book your School Advert contact Caroline on 07931 836926 or 01440 730399 or email carolineg@cathcom.org



EXAM RESULTS

are out!
Celebrate your schools success in our October edition

Contact Caroline on 07931 836926 or 01440 730399 or email carolineg@cathcom.org



Saint Paulinus Primary Catholic Voluntary Academy
The Avenue, Guisborough
Redcar and Cleveland
TS14 8DN
Headteacher: Simon Geaves
Tel: 01287 637978
office@st-paulinus.rac.sch.uk
www.st-paulinus.co.uk



The Federation of St George's RC Primary School
Eastfield, Scarborough YO11 3RE
'Pupils make good progress and achieve well'
Ofsted June 2015
Tel: 01723 583535
Email: admin@st-georges.n-yorks.sch.uk



Our Lady and St Peter RC Primary School
Bridlington YO15 3PS
'Pupils of all abilities make outstanding progress' Ofsted Feb 2015
Tel: 01262 670138
Email: olsp@eastriding.gov.uk
Co-Headteachers: Mrs A Parr and Mrs A Spencer



St. Gabriel's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy
Allendale Rd,
Ormesby,
Middlesbrough TS7 9LF
Interim Headteacher: Mrs K Giles
schooladmin@st-gabriels.rac.sch.uk
01642 315538



Sacred Heart Secondary Catholic VA
Mersey Road, REDCAR, TS10 1PJ
Telephone: 01642 487100
Head Teacher: Mrs P Strudwick
Email: admin@sacredheartrc.org.uk
www.sacredheartrc.org.uk



St Clare's RC Primary School
a Catholic Voluntary Academy
part of St Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust
Trimdon Avenue, Acklam
Middlesbrough TS5 8RZ
Head Teacher: Mrs Elizabeth Eddies
Tel: 01642 815412
Fax: 01642 815525
Email: stclares@mcschools.org.uk
Web: www.stclaresprimary.co.uk



St Margaret Clitherow's Primary School
South Bank, Middlesbrough TS6 6TA
Tel 01642 835370
Headteacher Mrs N Jamalizadeh
email: stmargaretclitherows@smc.rac.sch.uk



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School
A Voluntary Catholic Academy
"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God."
Westbury Street, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees,
TS17 6NE
Telephone: 01642 676724
E-mail: stpatrickscpri@sbschools.org.uk
Website: www.stpatricksthornaby.org.uk/stpatricks
A member of Our Lady of Light Catholic Academy Trust
Head Teacher: Mr M Ryan



ST MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, RICHMOND
Cross Lanes, Richmond
North Yorkshire, DL10 7DZ
Phone: 01748 822365 Fax: 01748 821124
Headteacher: Mrs K Whitehead
E-mail: admin@st-marysrc-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk
Website: www.st-marysrc-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk



All Saints RC School
Mill Mount
York YO24 1BJ
Tel: 01904 647877
Head Teacher: Bill Scriven, B Ed MSc
Email: usreception@allsaints.york.sch.uk
Website: www.allsaints.york.sch.uk



St George's Roman Catholic Primary School
York
Head Teacher:
Mrs Dee Patton-Statham
Phone: 01904 552440
Web: stgeorgesrc-york.org.uk
Like: St George's Roman Catholic Primary School York
Follow: @StGeorgesRCSch



St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy
Normanby Road, South Bank
Middlesbrough
TS6 6SP
Headteacher: Mrs Z Hammond
Tel: 01642 453462
office@stpeters-sch.com
www.stpeters-sch.com

St Benedict's Primary School
Mersey Road, Redcar
Headteacher: Mrs Kendra Sill
E-mail: st_benedicts_catholic_school@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
Tel: 01642 495770




St Edward's Primary School
a Catholic Voluntary Academy
Part of St. Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust
Eastbourne Road, Linthorpe
Middlesbrough TS5 6QS
Tel 01642 819507
Headteacher Mrs Mary Brown
email: stedwardsrc@mcschools.org.uk
www.stedwardsrc.eschools.co.uk



St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Primary Academy
Tennyson Avenue, Grangetown,
Middlesbrough TS6 7AD
Headteacher: Mrs C Ruddy
Tel: 01642 455309
schooladmin@st-marys.rac.sch.uk



St. Joseph's Loftus
Rosecroft Lane, Saltburn TS13 4PZ
Head Teacher: Alison Toward
Email: office@st-josephs.rac.sch.uk
Tel: 01287 640613

Trinity Catholic College and Sixth Form
a Catholic Voluntary Academy
Part of St. Hilda's Catholic Academy Trust
An inclusive learning community
living out gospel values
Saltersgill Avenue
Middlesbrough TS4 3JW
Head teacher: Peter Coady
Telephone: 01642 298100
Website: www.trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk
E-mail: coady.p@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk

REFLECTION

A Letter From Madonna House

You Become What You Contemplate

I was so grateful that I glanced out the kitchen window as our next guest was emerging from her car. My first impression was of a young, slim woman with lovely hair. And then she turned around. I gasped as I beheld the worst facial disfigurement I'd ever seen. In moments she would enter our home and sit down at the dinner table with



us. I wanted my face to reflect welcome, not revulsion or pity. I wanted to greet the *person*, not stop at the disfigurement. And I had only moments to pray for the grace.

When I met this guest at the door, I zeroed in on her eyes, the only part of her face unaffected by the disfigurement. In fact, they were lovely, limpid blue eyes and I desperately kept my own eyes fixed on hers. By the end of the meal I had encountered the beauty of this woman's heart and could then look at *all* of her. By the end of her week's visit, I no longer thought about her facial scars, but rejoiced in a new and inspiring friend.

Why do I tell you this story? I remembered it as I was fiercely embroiled in an interior struggle with X. I became fixated on his shortcomings, his annoying habits, his glaring faults that impacted so many people. Too much of my energy was going into observing and reacting to him. My thoughts were more sinful than his infractions, as I increasingly moved from irritation to judgment. Whatever X was or was not doing, the problem was essentially mine. And yet I couldn't seem to break the hold this had on me.

That's when I remembered our long-ago guest. I was focusing on what was "wrong" with X, instead of the beauty of the whole person. So I kept my eyes resolutely on what was true and good in him. Whenever my attention started to drift to his "scars", I returned to the beauty I could acknowledge. And I repented mightily of judging him. Soon my own eyes were cleared and I could love this person.

What about you? Is there anyone you dislike, judge, avoid? Are you experiencing difficulties with a family member or a parishioner? Do you project your own fear and frustration on to someone else? Or hold a person to past patterns without acknowledging that they've changed? Can you dare to hope that the relationship can be transformed?

And perhaps a more searing question: Do you focus on your *own* blemishes, sins, disfigurements so that you can't truly believe you are loved by the Father – completely and utterly, as you are right now? Can you take your eyes off what is dark in your heart and keep them fixed on the face of Christ with his loving, compassionate eyes?

One of our members, Archbishop Joseph Raya, used to say, "You become what you contemplate". So what will that be: Disfigurement and darkness or limpid light and beauty?

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. Thank you so much.

SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart Statue Returns To Scarborough

A much-loved statue of the Sacred Heart is back in its place in the grounds of St Augustine's School in Scarborough after being restored and rededicated.

The statue originally graced the grounds of the Convent of the Ladies of Mary in Scarborough, inspiring generations of pupils and staff until its closure in 1975.

After 40 years of neglect, a group of former convent pupils began fundraising £4,500 to restore the broken statue, which stood in corner of the car park behind the YMCA theatre complex, part of the old convent grounds.

St Augustine's headteacher Mark Taylor agreed that the statue would be found a home in an area for quiet contemplation planned after extensions to the school buildings.

The renovation and relocation completed, Canon Eddie Gubbins was surrounded by old girls, parishioners and donors as he rededicated this icon, with the grateful appreciation of all concerned in bringing our statue back home.

Jenny Eyre



Happy Retirement, Pat!

Patricia Graham is pictured with children on her last day as headteacher of St Mary Queen of Martyrs Voluntary Catholic Academy, Hull.

After coming from Ireland to train as a teacher at Endsleigh Teacher Training College, Hull, Pat worked for 39 years at the same site, first in St Oswald's & St Anne's and then at St Mary Queen of Martyrs.

To mark her retirement there was a special assembly, celebration Mass and afternoon tea. Pat was joined by three of her sisters from Ireland and her husband, James, as well as pupils, colleagues, ex-colleagues and friends. She has now returned to Ireland to enjoy her retirement.

Anne McIntosh, interim head



A High Note For Middlesbrough School

Pupils from Middlesbrough's Sacred Heart Primary School showed off their talents as they performed in front of a huge audience at the O2 Arena in London.

The school's performing arts group performed *Step in Time* from Mary Poppins during a celebration event for Partners in Excellent (PiXL) schools, pictured below.

The summer term also saw the final of the annual Sacred Heart's Got Talent and for the first time ever there were three joint winners, Alice Bonner, Leelan Woodhouse and Rio Snowdon, pictured left.

And pupil Alice Bonner provided further evidence of the wealth of entertaining ability within the school when she played the leading role of Dorothy in Billingham Forum Theatre School's production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Pauline Laverick, deputy headteacher



Focus On Faith At Awesome Ampleforth

Faith Summertime has been taking place at Ampleforth Abbey for nearly 15 years. It is run by priests, seminarians and lay people from our diocese who are involved in the Faith Movement, one of the 'new movements' in the UK, which has a catechetical apostolate. The emphasis is on faith formation in a relaxed, holiday atmosphere.

One of the tasks was to write a press release for the Catholic Voice. There were two first prizes awarded, according to age group. Here is the winning entry, prepared by Marissa Musah and Adele d'Andrilly, both from Hull...

Thirty-eight children from Yorkshire and beyond, aged 10 to 15, travelled to amazing Ampleforth Abbey in July for Faith Summertime. This trip helped kids of all ages and abilities build their relationship with

God, bringing them closer to Jesus. Activities such as games, sports, talks, quizzes and writing newspaper reports helped children remember two things: their amazing time together and their faith in God.

The first big question they tackled was 'How can we be sure that God exists?' This made lots of children stop and think. Does God really exist? If so, how can we be sure? Five talks followed this question, building up a picture like a five-piece jigsaw.

And what is the proof that God exists? He must exist outside of space and time, otherwise he would be just a "thing" in our world. He is the "uncaused cause" of everything. To help children understand, the speaker likened it to their bedroom, which says a bit about themselves. Well, the universe says a bit about God!



The second talk was about our place in the universe – the only animal with a soul. We can live in many environments due to our soul. And our soul has its own special environment – God. The third was about Original Sin, how we got it and how it leads us to make bad choices sometimes. And the fourth was about how we believe that Jesus is the Redeemer. The fifth talk was about how we reach Jesus today – through the Church, which St Paul calls "the very Body of Christ".

Many children were coming to Ampleforth for the first time.

Their comments included...

"We hope to come again next year. It really helps you to be closer to God."

"We enjoyed making new friends."

And even: "It was one of the best experiences of my life!"

Ampleforth is one of the best places for children during the summer, and for the parents too, because it teaches them about Jesus and their faith.

To find out about Faith Summertime 2018, visit faith.org.uk...



Timetable for the visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco

St Charles Borromeo, Hull	St Wilfrid, York	St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough
<p>Saturday September 9</p> <p>6.30pm: Procession to welcome the statue. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (led by parish choir)</p> <p>The church will remain open until 9pm for private prayer</p>	<p>Monday September 11</p> <p>12.10pm: Welcome Mass</p> <p>6pm: Rosary</p> <p>9pm: Rosary and candlelight procession</p>	<p>Wednesday September 13</p> <p>6.30pm: Procession to welcome the statue, with solemn evening prayer and Benediction</p> <p>The cathedral will remain open until 9pm for veneration of the relics and the Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>
<p>Sunday September 10</p> <p>9am: Church doors will be open</p> <p>10am: Parish Mass. The church will remain open for visitation of statue and relics</p> <p>11.30am: Talk and DVD on the message of Fatima in parish centre. Short public devotions will be celebrated each hour from 1pm until 5pm, along with opportunities for private prayer</p> <p>6pm: Benediction</p> <p>6:30pm: Parish Mass and departure of the statue and relics</p>	<p>Tuesday September 12</p> <p>12.10pm: Mass with the primary school, followed by procession around the church</p> <p>6pm: Mass celebrated in the Extraordinary Form</p> <p>9pm: Rosary</p> 	<p>Thursday September 14</p> <p>7.30am: The cathedral will be open for individual visits and private devotions</p> <p>A DVD on the story of Fatima will be played in the cathedral hall throughout the day</p> <p>6.30pm: Mass</p> <p>The cathedral will remain open until 9pm to allow for veneration of the relics and the Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>
	<p>Wednesday September 13</p> <p>12.10pm: Farewell Mass</p>	<p>Friday September 15</p> <p>7.15am: Mass</p> <p>Noon: Mass and farewell procession of the pilgrim statue and relics</p>



SACRED HEART SECONDARY
Part of The Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust

Mersey Road, REDCAR, TS10 1PJ
Telephone: 01642 487100
Email: admin@sacredheartrc.org.uk Website: www.sacredheartrc.org.uk
Head Teacher: Mrs P Strudwick

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2017
6.00 pm — 8.00 pm

Classroom demonstrations throughout the evening.
Presentation for parents and Y6 children in the Main Hall at 6.00 pm and repeated at 6.30 pm.



Nicholas Postgate Academy Trust
Working together, sharing our talents, skills and experience to create opportunities for the benefit of all

May 2017 – Section 48 Inspection
Outcome: OUTSTANDING

- "Sacred Heart Academy is an outstanding Catholic school."
- "Excellent relationships exist between staff and pupils."
- "Behaviour of pupils is outstanding across the key stages."






ORDINATIONS



With Bishop Terry during the ordination



Father David Standen, Richard's uncle Father Michael Marsden, Richard, Bishop Terry, Father William Massie and Father Philip Cunnah



Richard with his parents

Day Of Joy At Our Lady Of The Snows

It was a great joy to be ordained a deacon for the diocese on July 12 at Our Lady of the Snows, Palazzola.

The day was extra special since my own bishop was asked to ordain me, along with five students of the Venerable English College, Rome, who are from other dioceses.

The diaconate ordination came at the end of my seventh year of formation for the priesthood and my sixth in Rome.

In his homily, Bishop Terry said that after the years of discernment in the seminary, we could now say with certainty that we had a vocation.

"You have just been called and chosen," he said. "Your name was called out, you responded and then we heard: 'We choose

these men, our brothers, for the order of deacons'. And all of us are witnesses to this." Bishop Terry explained that the only way to serve the Lord was to follow His Cross and give our lives entirely to him.

He added: "The love of Christ and his people will be your goal, your strength, your sustenance, your joy and consolation.

"It will lift you up when you fall down, it will urge you on when you want to stop, it will refresh you when you are weary, it will be your support and staff throughout your journey.

"Give your life, give your heart to Christ today and be prepared to offer it again tomorrow and the day after and the day after that for the rest of your life so that you can live and serve

in freedom with an undivided heart."

After the ordination Mass on a sweltering summer's day, the newly ordained, their guests and the seminary community enjoyed a celebratory lunch on the terrace at Palazzola, the English College's villa overlooking Lake Albano.

Before returning home, on the two days after the ordination I was able to deacon and preach at Masses celebrated by my uncle, Father Michael Marsden, and our diocesan vocations director, Father William Massie.

The other students ordained were from the dioceses of Southwark, Westminster, Northampton, Arundel and Brighton and Stockholm.

Our guests included family, friends and priests who have been influential in our journey of vocation thus far.

Following a month-long pastoral placement at St Andrew's Parish, Teesville, I am due to return to Rome in late September for a final academic year before, please God, ordination to the priesthood next summer.

I thank everyone for their continued support and prayers. Please continue to pray for me and also for Peter Taylor, who will shortly begin his fifth year of training in Rome. Let us also pray for and encourage more vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our diocese.

Deacon Richard Marsden

CTTP
Carmel Teacher Training Partnership

WANT TO INSPIRE CHILDREN ACROSS THE NORTH EAST?

TRAIN TO TEACH WITH CARMEL TEACHER TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

'Outstanding' Teacher Training Provider (Ofsted 2012)

Train to teach in Primary and Secondary schools across the North East of England. Schools across the diocese are now recruiting for trainees to start the programme in September 2017 with tax-free bursaries available in many subject areas.

Interested?
For more information please contact:
Claire Hutton | chutton@carmel.org.uk
01325 523474 | www.carmelteachertraining.org.uk

Moving Moment For Bi

Bishop Terry is pictured here at the vesting of his nephew, Father Mark Paver. Father Mark was ordained by Bishop John Arnold for the Diocese of Salford in July, together with Father Gavin Landers.

"It was a very moving and privileged moment to help my nephew vest in his priestly robes for the

ORDINATIONS

Congratulations, Father Ambrose!

Brother Ambrose Henley was ordained to the sacred priesthood by Bishop Terry in Ampleforth Abbey on Trinity Sunday, June 11.

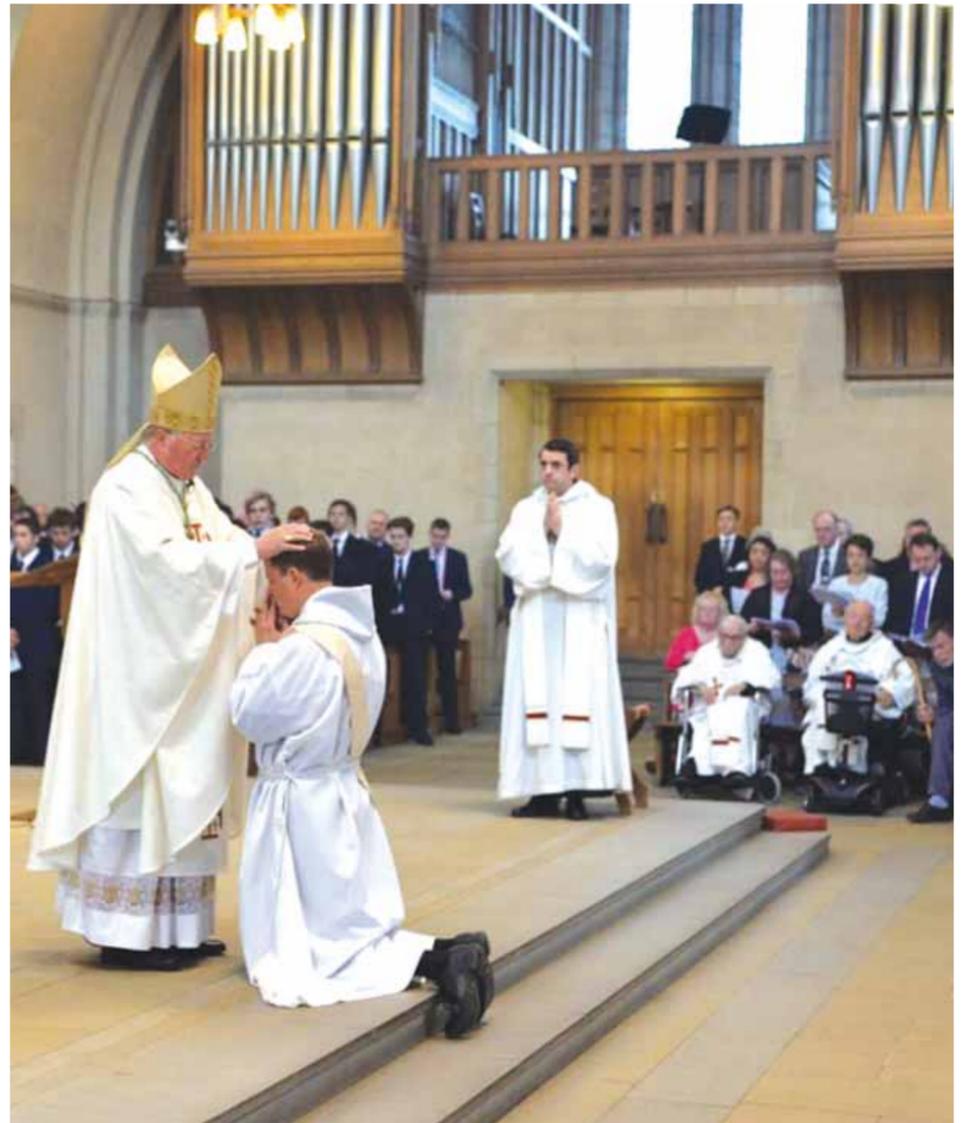
The ordination took place at the Conventual Mass in the presence of the Monastic Community, the students of Ampleforth College and St Martin's, Ampleforth, and many of Father Ambrose's family and friends.

The Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood, Thomas McMahon, was among those present, along with priests from the Archdiocese of Westminster and elsewhere.

Before joining the monastery, Father Ambrose trained for the diocesan priesthood at Allen Hall and the Venerable English College and friends from his seminary days turned out to support him.

Many of his guests were also able to stay until the next morning to see Father Ambrose preside at Mass for the first time.

Father Ambrose joined the community in 2011 and made his Solemn Profession in September 2015. He is Chaplain to St John's House and teaches Classics in the college and St Martin's.



Bishop Terry

first time," says Bishop Terry.

"Together with the priestly ordination of Father Ambrose Henley OSB at Ampleforth in June and the ordination to the diaconate of Richard Marsden of this diocese on July 12, it has been a wonderfully uplifting few weeks, for which I give thanks to Almighty God.



Trinity Catholic College and Sixth Form

An inclusive learning community living out gospel values



Open Evening

Wednesday 4th October

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Trinity Catholic College

Middlesbrough

Saltergill Avenue TS4 3JW

Phone: +44 (0)1642 298100

Fax: 01642 298101

E-mail: coady.p@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk

NEWS

Time To Take A Stand Against Fracking

Christian voices seem to be barely discernible in the fracking controversy, even here in the north of England where the threat is most visible. Last year the Climate Change Commission pointed out that large scale fracking could only be compatible with the UK's climate change targets if three conditions were met. They have not been.

In May, the National Justice and Peace Network joined the Climate Coalition in "not supporting shale gas extraction in the UK." Food and Water Watch recently commented: "An unconventional oil and gas industry in the UK will have significantly detrimental impacts on the social, community and health wellbeing of the nation."

This is against the background of a race between Third Energy in North Yorkshire and Cuadrilla in Lancashire to be the first to frack in the UK since work at Preese Hall near Blackpool in 2011 was linked to two small earthquakes. This is the final lap.

We know it will be the poor and deprived who would suffer from the impetus industrial scale fracking would give to global warming via methane emissions, which will result in a rise in sea levels and the inundation of low-lying areas.

Fracking involves potential health risks to its workforce and those living nearby. By

favouring renewables instead, governments can help us turn us away from our sleepwalk towards disaster. We must not disregard the Holy Father's exhortations in *Laudato Si'* concerning climate change, its impact on the poor and the need for social justice in the global environmental debate.

Perhaps we sympathise with protesters but believe we are powerless to change things or that shale is inevitable. We may even place blind faith in the discernment of governments concerning climate change.

But slowly we are beginning to achieve things. The American states are not standing idly by as powerful forces threaten so much of what we stand for. Churches are now implementing policies designed to protect the vulnerable from abuses of all sorts. The atomisation of society and of community is being combated by a new sense of shared humanity.

The government here is listening, albeit with an eye to improved poll ratings, to pressure from voters. We are powerful when we choose to raise our voices and speak out for justice and for peace. We know that governments can perform u-turns. It's time for Christians to raise their voices against fracking. The reasons to do so are not hard to find. The reasons not to are precious few.

David Cragg-James



FRUIT TREE AND SOFT FRUIT SPECIALISTS

Huge selection of Top Fruit trees, Soft Fruit plants, Family Trees, Ballerina Trees, Grapes, Kiwis and so much more!

NATIONWIDE DELIVERY

50% OFF ALL APPLE TREES AND GRAPE VINES UNTIL 31/10/17

DEACONS NURSERY
GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT PO38 3HW
Tel 01983 840750/ 522243 (24hrs) Fax 01983 523575
email: info@deaconsnurseryfruits.co.uk www.deaconsnurseryfruits.co.uk

To advertise please contact Caroline on 07931 836926 or 01440 730399 or email carolineg@cathcom.org



Diocese of Middlesbrough

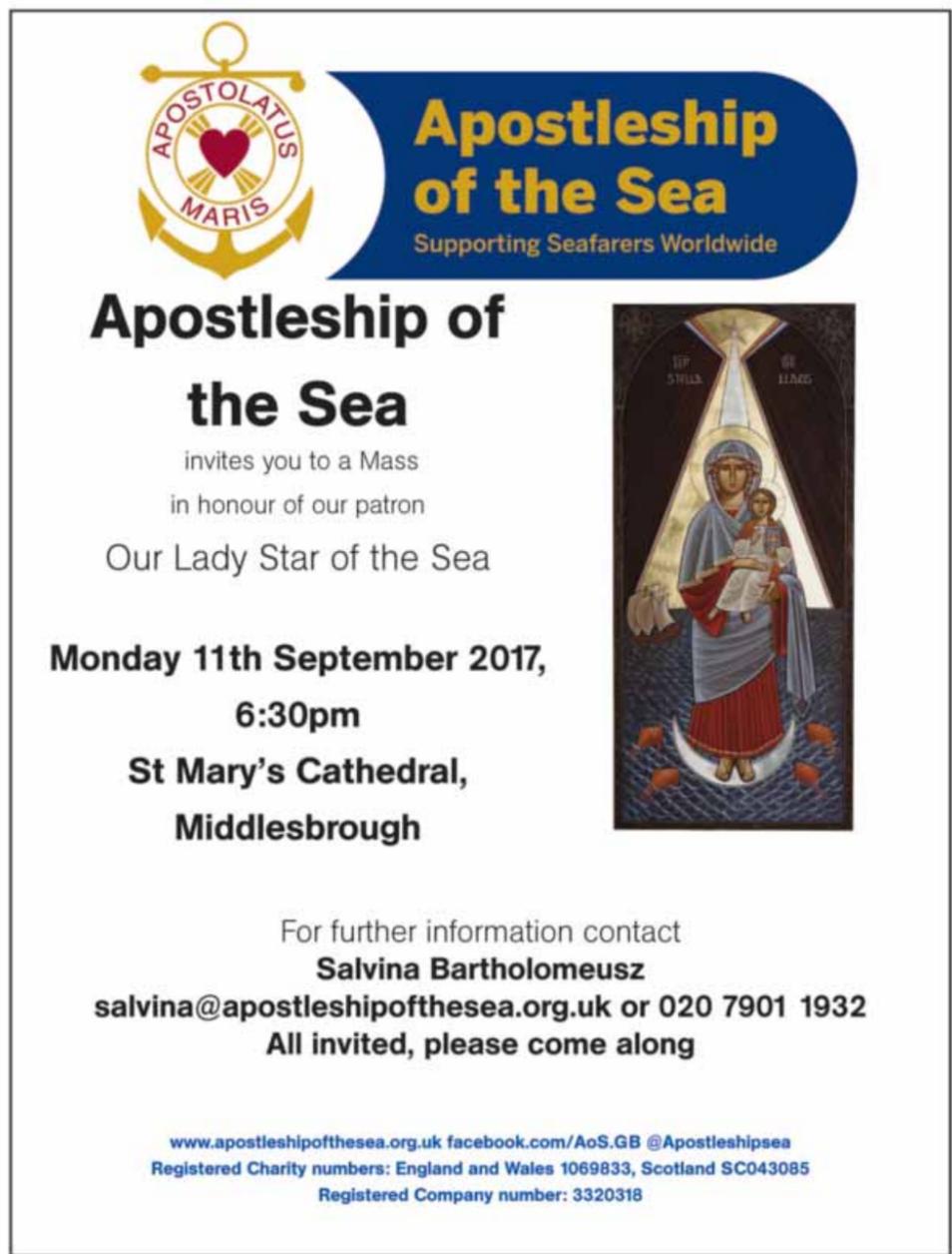
Mgr Gerard Robinson invites you to join him for the

ANNUAL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

30th Sept/01st Oct 2017

The cost is: £80 per person and includes: Return Transport; Evening Meal; Bed & Breakfast and Sunday Lunch (some ensuite rooms at £13 pp extra)

See Voice application form or phone Jenny Dowson on 01642 850505; email: reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk



Apostleship of the Sea
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Apostleship of the Sea
invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Our Lady Star of the Sea

Monday 11th September 2017, 6:30pm
St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough

For further information contact **Salvina Bartholomeusz**
salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk or 020 7901 1932
All invited, please come along

www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk facebook.com/AoS.GB @Apostleshipsea
Registered Charity numbers: England and Wales 1069833, Scotland SC043085
Registered Company number: 3320318

APPLICATION FORM
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 30 SEPT -1 OCT 2017

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

Email:

Emergency Contact (Name/Tel No etc):

If you are under 18 you must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

Any special needs:

Depending on numbers and location of applicants, there will be 3 potential pick up points:
Middlesbrough Cathedral; York and Hull (pickup points to be decided later)
Please specify your preferred pick up point:

Accommodation will be in single/twin rooms with shared facilities, we have also acquired 28 ensuite rooms at Elmham House, the shrine accommodation. Allocation of rooms will be at the discretion of the organisers.

Cost: £80.00 per person (£13 p.p. extra for ensuite) (there are no reductions for children). This includes return coach fare, evening meal on Saturday, overnight accommodation with full English breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

Please return to: Jenny Dowson
Diocese of Middlesbrough
50a The Avenue, Middlesbrough
TS5 6QT
Email: reception@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

A non-refundable deposit of £25 per person is required with this application, cheques should be made payable to: Diocese of Middlesbrough (Walsingham)

Thanksgiving Mass For African Priests

Photos by Les Clark

Bishop Terry, together with diocesan priests and a large congregation, were present for the concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy at the cathedral.

Father Leonard, Father Anthony and Father Damian are returning home to Africa after their service in the Diocese of Middlesbrough.

During the Mass the bishop thanked them for their efforts in the diocese, mentioning also Father Reuben, who returned home a year ago.

He thanked Father George, the superior general of the order, for making the priests available to serve in our diocese and he also thanked Father Robert, the superior based in London.

At the end of Mass the bishop again thanked the priests for the work they have done in our diocese, saying he was sure they would

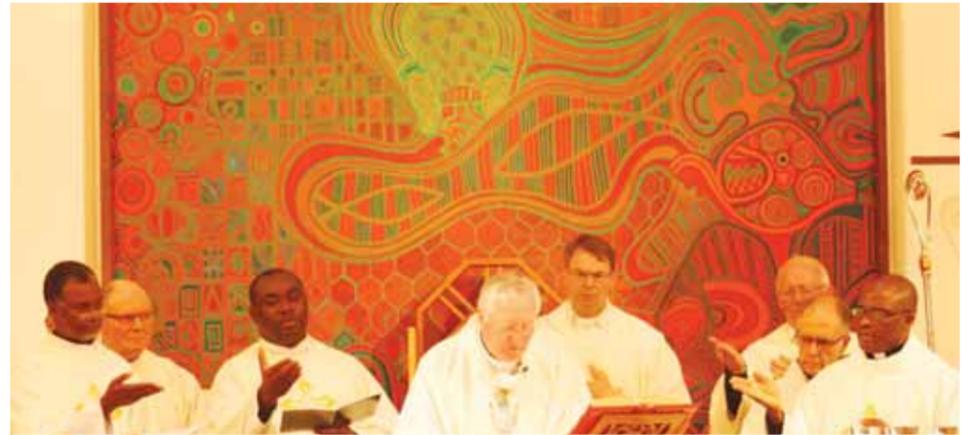
continue their apostolic work on their return home.

Father Leonard spoke on behalf of his brother priests to thank the bishop, priests and laity of the diocese who had welcomed them. He said this was his first venture out of Africa and he was met at the airport by Father Paul Farrer, who took him to the bishop's home where he was welcomed, staying there initially.

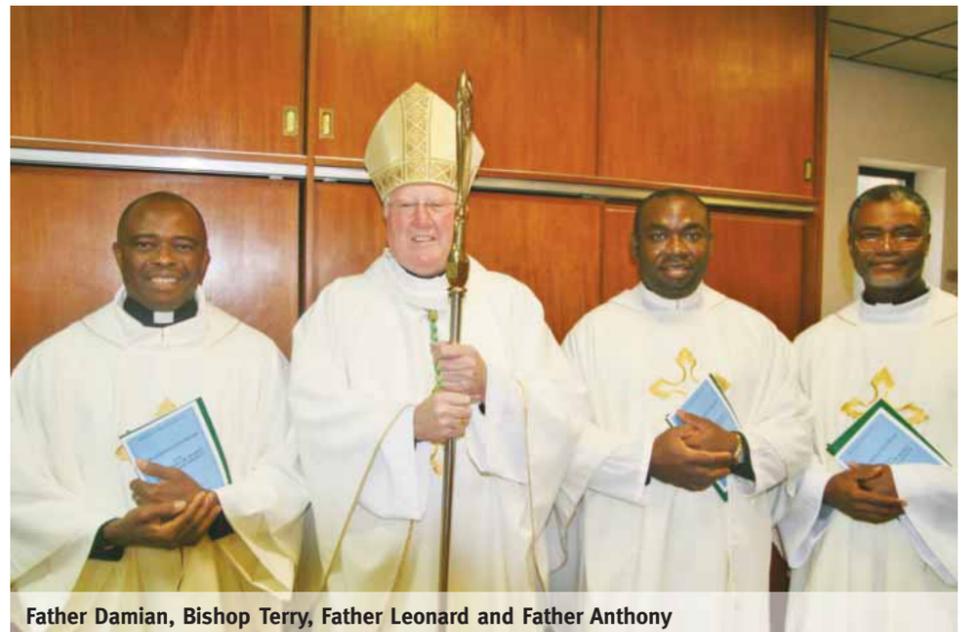
The bishop took him after two days on the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, which he recalled as a very good introduction.

He said he had enjoyed his stay in Middlesbrough and Father Anthony and Father Damian also wanted to express their thanks to the bishop, priests and people of the diocese. He said he hoped to return one day.

Dr Jim Whiston



Father Anthony, Deacon Ken Senior, Father Leonard, Bishop Terry, Father William Massie, Canon Michael Loughlin, Deacon Len Collings and Father Damian



Father Damian, Bishop Terry, Father Leonard and Father Anthony

Clergy Moves Announced

A number of priests are on the move to new roles within our diocese.

Father Dominique Minskup will move from South East Hull Parishes to St Joseph and St Thomas More, Middlesbrough.

Father James Benfield will be moving from Sacred Heart Church and the John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough to Beverley, Hornsea and Marton to be assistant priest.

Father James Blenkinsop will move from Northallerton to Leyburn, Ulshaw Bridge and Bedale.

Canon Jerry Twomey has agreed to be my Episcopal Vicar for Religious and will recommence looking after Osmotherley village.

Father John Wood will be moving from West Hull Parishes to South East Hull Parishes.

Father Mark Drew will move from Hornsea to Hedon and Withernsea when Father Bill Ryan retires.

Father Michael Keogh will move from the Thornaby parishes of Christ the King and St Patrick's to Northallerton.

Father Phil Cunnah will move from St Mary's Cathedral to St Andrew's Parish in Teesside along with St Anne's in Eston and St Peter's in South Bank as the assistant priest.

Father Pat O'Neill will move from Leyburn to the Thornaby parishes.

Father Stephen Maughan will take on the John Paul Centre and be chaplain at Teesside University as well as continuing as parish priest at the Sacred Heart in Middlesbrough.

We have been very grateful to the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy Congregation, who have been working in our diocese over the past five years, namely Father Leonard Jioke, Father Anthony Amadi and Father Damian Nwachukwu, who will all be returning to Nigeria at the end of August. Father Reuben Ezebuofor was also with us for some time.

Most of the changes are due to take at the end of September and beginning of October. I'm grateful to the priests concerned for accepting their changing roles with great humility.

Bishop Terry

Warm Welcome For Asylum Seekers And Refugees

Jean Vanier, who founded the L'Arche movement, was once told by a bishop: "Up until now we used to say that we should do good to the poor. You are saying that the poor are doing good to you! The people we are healing are in fact healing us, even if they do not realise it. They call us to love and awaken within us what is most precious: compassion."

This may not have been uppermost in the minds of the 35 helpers at Ampleforth's Justice and Peace Group's Justice First family day, but such was their experience as they welcomed 55 visitors, asylum seekers and refugees from Teesside.

The healing they offered was a day's respite for our visitors from Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East from the grind of their daily lives.

Communication with their neighbours is often impeded by language and cultural barriers and pride in their own worth and ability to provide must make way for the gratefully received charitable handouts and the allowance the state grants them.

They may not work, they may in general not volunteer and they must sign on, usually weekly, so that the authorities might keep tabs on them.

This is the reality of life during their most productive years as the interminable wait persists, with no guarantee of a successful outcome to tribunal and appeal. Our group was able to offer them time and a willingness to listen and empathise.

St Teresa of Avila wrote beautifully: "Christ has no body but yours, nor has he hands or feet on earth other than yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion upon this world."

We were privileged indeed to host such a gathering in Our Lady and St Benedict's church hall and school playing field and remain grateful to our guests for showing us their lives and stories and revealing their desire for friendship.

David Cragg-James

"An independent family company"
EST 1971

Crake and Mallon
FUNERAL PLANNING



Planning for later life is never an easy thing to do but it can be comforting and reassuring to know that you've taken care of your arrangements, including your funeral. A Perfect Choice Pre-Arranged Funeral Plan is a simple and straight-forward way of making your wishes known in advance and fixing the cost of your arrangements at today's prices.

**TELEPHONE DAY OR NIGHT
01642 611716**

Crake and Mallon Funeral Service
45 Norton Road, Stockton on Tees, TS18 2BU
Email : info@crakeandmallon.co.uk
Website : www.crakeandmallon.co.uk

Perfect Choice
FUNERAL PLANS

Crake and Mallon are members of the National Association of Funeral Directors so you can be sure that your wishes will be handled sensitively, professionally and in accordance with the NAFD's Code of Practice.



Members of the National Association of Funeral Directors • Members of the Guild of Master Craftsmen
Members of the British Institute of Embalmers • Associate Members of the International Federation of Thanatologists Association

NEWS

Rebuilding Lives In Kinshasa

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. Francis is invited this month to visit a school with a difference in Kinshasa.

I'd only been in Kinshasa for a few days when I was invited to visit Sister Marie-Therese, of the Daughters of Jesus community. "Francis, come and see our school. It's for all the children of those people who came to Kinshasa on René Ikeka's boat and didn't go back. They don't have a penny to their name – and so the children never normally get to go to school." René Ikeka is a Basankusu man who made it big in the time of the late President Mobutu. He has a riverboat for carrying goods. Many Basankusu people take advantage of it to transport them and their goods to Kinshasa, for free. Most go back and forth several times a year. Others see the bright city lights and decide to stay.

I arrived at the school and saw very polite and well-behaved children in their classrooms. "The children are all behind with their studies," she explained. "The youngest in this classroom is nine – but is still learning to read simple words."

In another room the students were around 16 years old. They each sat behind a sewing machine and treadled it with their feet. An array of dresses was displayed along one wall.

"They learn to make clothes," she continued. "But the main purpose of the school is to teach literacy and arithmetic."

After visiting the school, we visited a new

development nearby. Built on reclaimed land on the River Congo, at Stanley Pool, it's called the River City. It's a secure island of luxury apartments. To get into it we passed through an area of very poor dwellings, tiny cement brick sheds, huts made from salvaged metal sheets, each housing large families – a real shanty-town.

"This is where our children live," Sister Marie-Therese said as we passed through. "It's a real ghetto. There are no facilities, they mostly just sit at home."

Seeing the luxury of the River City made such an impact on me because of the contrast. At least when these people were back in Basankusu they could grow vegetables and keep a few chickens, but here they were surrounded dirt and pollution. We watched as children collected water for cooking from an open drain.

"Sadly, the girls grow up and look for money in an unsavoury way," sighed Sister Marie-Therese. "The boys often become bandits. Education is the only way to save them. That's why we started the school."

As I said my goodbyes, Sister Marie-Therese called to me, "Don't forget to tell the people in Middlesbrough Diocese about our work to save these children." I turned back to wave. "I won't!" I said.

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)".



Francis Hannaway visiting the school in Kinshasa

A New Website For Our Parish

Until recently, we didn't have a website here at St Mary & St Joseph in Pocklington. We do now and this is our story. For some time, there had been general agreement that a site was needed but for various reasons, probably the same as in many parishes, nothing had happened.

Our ideas began to crystallise after discussions with Deacon Vince Purcell from the diocese following the Proclaim '15 Building Missionary Parishes evangelisation initiative.

We began to develop an outline of the kind of things we needed but what really moved things forward was when we found a Catholic web designer who helped us transform our vague notions into a functional and attractive site. We started earlier this summer and things have moved pretty smoothly since then.

It was important to find a model the parish priest was comfortable with and which involved the parishioners. Dropping in something from outside doesn't work. You need to build from within because that

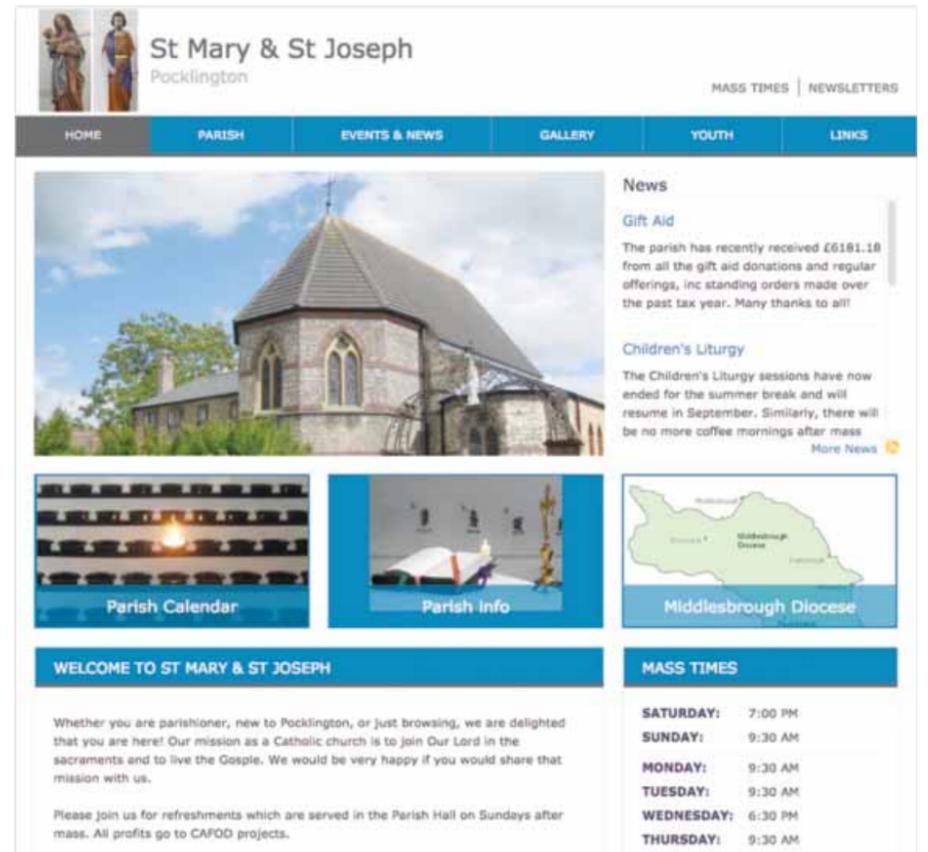
sense of working together is at the heart of a thriving parish.

Our first task was to put all the information in place which, in effect, extended the parish newsletter and the church noticeboard. With that done, we could begin addressing the wider calls to evangelise, to learn more about our faith and to reach out to both young and old.

We are pleased with the start we've made but much more still needs to be done. There's always the danger that each of us is hiding in the Upper Room. A website offers numerous windows and also a few doors!

- The parish used an American firm called eCatholic, who charge a small monthly fee for their services and were extremely helpful and easy to work with. See the new website at smjpocklington.org.uk/. Please feel free to contact me at graemegarvey@gmail.com for more information.

Graeme Garvey



Leeds Middlesbrough Hallam



When Yorkshire Priests retire or fall sick they receive support from



THE YORKSHIRE BRETHREN FUND

Under the patronage of Blessed Nicholas Postgate (founded in 1660)

ANYONE CAN HELP THEM BY BECOMING A BENEFACTOR

Each Benefactor will have five Masses offered during life or after Death as requested, and share in over 400 monthly Masses offered by Priest Members.

Apply to your Parish Priest or The Secretary: Fr Timothy Wiley, Immaculate Heart of Mary (Parish of St John Vianney), Leeds, LS17 6LE



Contribute £30.00
Registered Charity Number 511025

NEWS IN BRIEF

Newman Talk From Father Fabian

National chaplain Father Fabian Radcliffe OP will speak on the subject of "John Henry Newman – an inspiration for us today" as part of Newman Association's 75th celebrations. The talk will take place on Wednesday September 27 in St Mary's Cathedral hall at 7.45pm, with tea and coffee from 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more details call 01642 645732 or email tpj.egerton@virgin.net.

Day Of Reparation In Osmotherley

Father James Benfield led a Day Of Reparation at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace. The event began at St Peter's Anglican Church in Osmotherley and the Rosary was recited, followed by Stations of the Cross on the climb to the Lady Chapel, where Mass was celebrated.



Inspirational Day In Scarborough

The inspirational day for all ministers of the world and extraordinary ministers of holy communion takes place 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. 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 coordinator.

Mass Offered For Lord Eldon

Mass at the Lady Chapel at 4pm on Saturday September 9 will be offered for the repose of the soul of Lord Johnny Eldon, who died in January at the age of 79.

UCM Members Visit Walsingham

UCM members are pictured right after returning from the association's annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year the pilgrimage was led by the Liverpool Archdiocese, while next year it will be led by our diocese.

Kath Stubbs St Aelred's, York

Helping Catholics Meet Each Other

Catholic Singles helps single, separated, widowed or divorced Catholics of all ages over 18 to meet each other. During its 17 years, almost 6,000 Catholics have joined to make new friendships and more than £58,000 has been raised for charities and parishes. The organisation provides a strictly confidential service and sends out a monthly bulletin, Catholic Networking. Annual membership is £10, plus an initial donation. For further information, write to Catholic Singles, 1 Burlescombe Close, Altrincham WA14 4UZ, email info@catholicsingles.org.uk or visit catholicsingles.org.uk.

Families Enjoy Seaside Day Out

A coachload of families from countries including Nigeria, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and China spent a day by the seaside at Saltburn, North Yorkshire. Parish priest Monsignor Ricardo Morgan celebrated Mass and then presented cloth scapular pieces from the Carmelites as a sign of a special relationship with Mary, the Mother of God. He prayed that recipients would "devote themselves to build a world of community, justice and peace". Afterwards the 33 visitors from Newcastle, who were accompanied by sisters and local helpers, ate a packed lunch, played games and went for walks in the woods and on the beach. Many also took part in a holy hour and Benediction at the church.

Mike Morrissey



FUNERAL DIRECTORS

If you would like to advertise in the Funeral Directors section, please contact **Caroline** on **01223 969506** or email carolineg@cathcom.org

E. W. BROWN & SON LTD.
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 433 Beverley Road
 Hull, HU5 1LX
 Tel: 01482 342214
 A Family Business Founded in 1903
Golden Charter
 Funeral Plans Available

A personalised and dignified family business

J G Fielder & Son
 FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 • Private Chapels of Rest
 • Hearses and Limousines
 • 24 hour service, 365 days a year
 48-50 Clarence Street, York YO31 7EW
 Phone: 01904 654460

coop Funeralcare
 Providing a caring personal service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Acomb Funeralcare 53 Gale Lane, YO24 3AD 01904 792 893	Middlesbrough Funeralcare 398 Linthorpe Road, TS5 6HF 01642 828 301
Billingham Funeralcare 61 Station Road, TS23 1AE 01642 550 737	Berwick Hills Funeralcare 1 Norfolk Place, TS3 7PB 01642 211 814
Haxby Funeralcare 8 Ryedale Court, YO32 3SA 01904 760 086	Queensway Funeralcare 68 Queensway, Billingham, TS23 2NP 01642 363798
Heworth Funeralcare 20 East Parade, YO31 7YJ 01904 438 701	Stockton on Tees Funeralcare 99-109 Norton Road, TS18 2BG 01642 674 377
Marton Funeralcare 36 Stokesley Road, TS7 8DX 01642 313184	York Funeralcare Cromwell Road, YO1 6DU 01904 643 936

www.coop.co.uk/funeralcare

JOHN BLENKIRON & SONS LTD
*Independent Family Funeral Directors
 There For You In Your Time Of Need
 With Understanding & Compassion*

RICHMOND **LEYBURN**
 01748 850033 01969 625048
 Victoria House, 21 Queens' Road
 Golden Charter PrePayment Plans
www.blenkironfunerals.co.uk

FAWCETT & HETHERINGTON

Funeral Service
 Our family caring for your family
 Covering all areas, day and night
 Tel: 01642 459555
 King George House, 82 High St., Easington, TS20 8ES
www.fawcettandhetherington.co.uk

Colin McGinley
 Independent Family Funeral Service
 Principal Funeral Director: Garry Savage
 235a Acklam Road, Middlesbrough
 (01642) 826222
 3 Beechwood Road, Eaglescliffe
 (01642) 786200
www.colinmcginleyfuneralservice.co.uk
www.yarmfuneralservice.co.uk

Irene Jessop Funeral Service
 Thornaby's ONLY family owned, independent funeral service
 always with honesty, dignity and respect
 Tel : 01642 601736
 Irene Jessop
 M.B.I.E., Btec Ed Excel Ad Dip FD
 83 Lanehouse Road
 Thornaby on Tees
 Cleveland
 TS17 8AF Email : irene.jessop@btconnect.com

mcgeary media
 Copywriting | Press & Publicity
 Social Media | Proofreading
 07967 023083
 mcgearymedia@gmail.com

Out & About around the Diocese

JOE WALSH TOURS
 PILGRIMAGES

FATIMA
 DAILY BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER
 1, 5 & 12 NOVEMBER | 5 NIGHTS
 From Manchester £499pp

MEDJUGORJE
 DAILY BREAKFAST & DINNER
 14 & 21 SEPTEMBER | 7 NIGHTS
 From Manchester £619pp

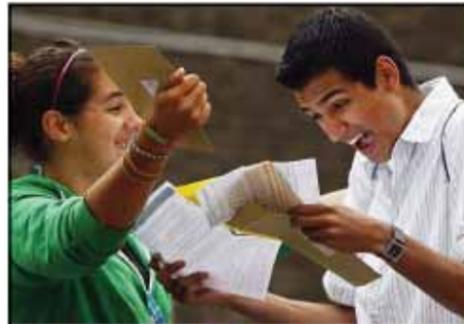
WE OFFER

- Direct flights from various airports in the UK
- Fully escorted with professional guides
- Return airport transfers
- Great selection of hotels
- Fully flexible tailor-made itineraries
- Bonded & fully licensed for financial protection

MANCHESTER: 0161 820 8790 | LIVERPOOL: 0151 909 2871
 www.joewalshshtours.co.uk | info@joewalshshtours.co.uk

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Bishop Terry has no formal engagements in the month of September.



EXAM RESULTS are out!

If you would like to send a message of congratulations to a family member please contact **Caroline** on **07931 836926 or 01440 730399** or email **carolineg@cathcom.org**

CALLING ALL HEADTEACHERS & RE CO-ORDINATORS

Reach
 Facing Good Friday with hope
 Reach for Parents

NEW 8-Page Reach for Children

Includes... Lesson Plans Homework Sheets Classroom Resources

Some of the pages from this edition

£34.95 for 300 copies - £119.80 for the year (£29.95 per issue)
 Contact us now on 01440 730399 or schools@cathcomreach.com

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

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

5 Tues
 A Quiet Day at Ampleforth
 Fr Kieran Monahan OSB
 Contact Ampleforth Hospitality Office, Ampleforth; tel: 01439 766889 for details
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

6 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, Jarratt Street, Hull

8 Fri
8-10 Sept
 Path of Life – Discovering the life you were created to live Fr Kevin Hayden OSB
 (1) Letting your life speak; 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
1.30pm Our Lady's Birthday – 1.30pm Rosary, 2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough – Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

9 Sat
 St Charles Borromeo, Hull: 9-11 September
 Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco (see page 7 for details)
9.30am-3.15pm Inspirational day for Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion, Scarborough Spa
4pm Mass at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley will be for the repose of the soul of Lord Eldon

10 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
6pm Mass in the Malayalam language at St Joseph's Church, Marton Road, Middlesbrough. Contact tel (01642) 818203 for details.

11 Mon
 St Wilfrid's, York: 11-13 September
 Visit of the National Pilgrim Statue of our Lady of Fatima and Relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco (see page 7 for details)
6.30pm Stella Maris Mass at the Cathedral

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

12 Tues
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull.
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.

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

13 Wed
 Cathedral 13-15 September
 Visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and Relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco (see page 7 for details)
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.

15 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://readingthesomma.blogspot.com/>

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

17 Sun
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Augustine's, Redcar
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

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

21 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
7pm Education Mass at the Cathedral

24 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
 October Catholic Voice available in churches

27 Wed
12.45pm-3pm Life Ascending Group, York

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

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

7.45pm Celebrating 75 years of the Newman Association 'John Henry Newman – an inspiration for us today' Fr Fabian Radcliffe OP. More details 01642 645732 or tpj.egerton@virgin.net

28 Thurs
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

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

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

First week of October
1 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

2 Mon
11am Day for Life Pilgrimage, The Lady Chapel. Meet in Osmotherley village

3 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

4 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

5 Thurs
7pm Education Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Hull

6 Fri-Sun 8 Oct
 The Path of Life
 (2) A Time to Search and Find
 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 Sat
2pm Rosary Pilgrimage, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley; 2pm Rosary, 4pm Mass

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.

8 October UCM Study Day, St Aelred's, York commencing with Mass at 10am, Study Day 11am-3pm, lunch provided. Contact Sarah on 01904 424219 for details.

10 October 7pm, Education Mass, St Wilfrid's, York

15 October Catholic Fellowship Mass 3pm at St Alphonsus, North Ormesby

21 November The Presentation of Our Lady, 1.30pm Rosary, 2pm Mass, The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

NEWS

Catholics Urged To Discover Convent's Secrets

England's oldest living convent has launched a new drive to attract Catholic groups to pay it a visit.

The Bar Convent in York was founded in 1686 as a Catholic school for girls and has withstood angry mobs, persecution and even Luftwaffe bombs.

It is still home to members of the Congregation of Jesus, founded by radical Yorkshirewoman Mary Ward in the seventeenth century.

The Grade 1 Listed Georgian house hides in plain sight close to York's historic Bar Walls, where the heads of martyred priests were once displayed on spikes.

The convent has housed a guest house, museum, café and conference rooms since the school closed in 1985, but two years ago it relaunched as a Living Heritage Centre in 2015. The museum was replaced with a brand new interactive exhibition and the whole site was given a much-needed boost.

"We've had a real upsurge in visitors since we reopened," said audience development and education manager Jerry Ibbotson. "But we would really like to welcome more Catholic groups. They appreciate the history of the Bar Convent and have a real connection to the place."

The convent was built to remain a secret at a time when the faith was illegal. It even has a secret chapel, with a domed ceiling hidden beneath a grey tiled roof.

Around 10,000 members of the public have been through the doors of the exhibition since the relaunch and many more regularly use the café and secret garden behind the convent's walls. But Mr Ibbotson said they need the support of more church groups.

"We do have groups who come on pilgrimages to York and stay in our guest house," he said. "Others come for a day trip and visit the exhibition. But as a charity we need as many people as possible to come and learn about the convent's incredible history. That's where church groups of all kinds come in. By visiting us, they'll help ensure the Bar Convent continues to thrive for years to come."

Contact the convent on 01904 643 238 or email jibbotson@bar-convent.org.uk.



The Bar Convent



Jerry Ibbotson inside the exhibition with guide Laura Houghton

Back Ann's Kilimanjaro Climb



Ann Seegoolam is attempting to climb Africa's highest mountain during September to raise funds for the restoration of St Peter's Church in Scarborough. Every penny raised from the 4,900-metre climb will go to the cause and none of Ann's expenses will come out of the sponsor money.

If you would like to sponsor Ann, please send cheques made out to St Peter's Church, Scarborough, YO11 1TH.

Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.

Copy Deadline

Copy and photographs for inclusion in the Catholic Voice should be sent to:

The Editor, Middlesbrough Diocesan Catholic Voice, Curial Offices, 50a The Avenue, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS5 6QT. Tel (01642) 850505, E-mail catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk

By Friday 1 September for the October 2017 issue
By Friday 6 October for the November 2017 issue
 Where possible please send articles in Word and photographs as jpeg. Thank you!

JOHN PAUL CENTRE 200+ CLUB DRAW

Date of Draw – on 2 August 2017:

- 1st Prize - £100 Winning No 277
- 2nd Prize - £60 Winning No 70
- 3rd Prize - £40 Winning No 253

Next meeting and monthly draw

Monday 4 September 2017

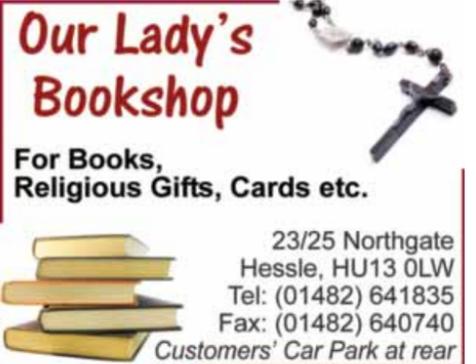
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

- ASK FOR DETAILS

Tel (01642) 247831

Our Lady's Bookshop

For Books, Religious Gifts, Cards etc.



23/25 Northgate
Hessle, HU13 0LW
Tel: (01482) 641835
Fax: (01482) 640740
Customers' Car Park at rear

Craig Lodge Family House of Prayer

Jesus went into the hills to pray



Retreats | Peaceful Breaks

Parish groups, families, young people, clergy all welcome!

Craig Lodge, Dalmailly, Argyll, Scotland PA33 1AR
T: 01838 200216
E: mail@craiglodge.org
www.craiglodge.org

50th Anniversary Pro-Life Pilgrimage



Reparation, Prayers and Mass for the Sanctity of Life at

Our Lady of Mount Grace in Osmotherley

on Sunday 1 October

Pilgrims to meet outside the Catholic Church at 11am

ENQUIRIES:
0191 285 4395

CONVENT APPEAL

Help a community of young nuns acquire their first convent!

They hope to raise £450,000...

Can you give £3, £5, £10 or even £50 as a gift to Our Lady's community? Become a founding benefactor and be included in monthly Masses!



Or join them for upcoming events:
 'Here I Am Lord' 1-3 Sept 2017
 'Walsingham Spirituality' 6-8 Oct 2017



TO DONATE ONLINE:
www.walsinghamcommunity.org/donate
 or TEXT COLW17 £insert amount to 70070
 For larger, gift-aidable, donations please call 01328 801019 or email admin@walsinghamcommunity.org

NEWS

Charity Supports Widows And Orphans

A Catholic charity is giving vital assistance to Nigerian widows and orphans who lost loved ones in violence perpetrated by Islamist militants Boko Haram.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) has agreed a £63,000 package of food parcels and schooling for 1,000 orphans and counselling for 500 widows, many of whom saw their husbands killed by the jihadi fighters. The aid is going to the Diocese of Maiduguri, in north-east Nigeria, the area worst affected by Boko Haram, which has repeatedly declared its intention to rid the area of Christians. Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of Maiduguri

told ACN that the money will go to the large families who "have been struggling through life with great traumatic experiences". With most families having more than six children, the bishop has established St Judith's Widow Association to ensure the support fulfils each family's needs. Each widow will be receiving training with business skills, such as farming and tailoring, and adult education programmes.

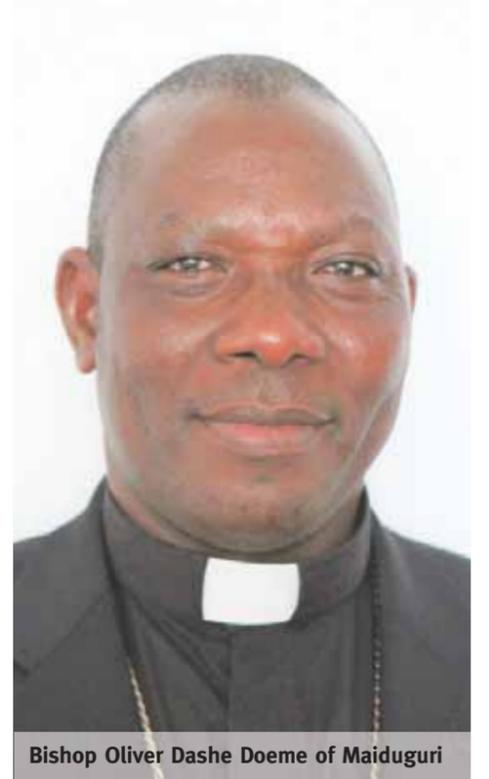
Boko Haram has destroyed 25 schools in the diocese since 2009. The terrorist organisation's name means "Western education is forbidden". On an ACN fact-finding and project-assessment trip to

north-east Nigeria in March, Church sources reported that extremists had killed more than 20,000 people across the region.

Thanking the charity for the ongoing support, Bishop Dome said: "I wish, on behalf of all the Christians suffering in this part of the world, to thank you for recognising and acknowledging our sufferings, our difficulties, our troubles, our pains and our hardships, and for standing by us in this challenging moment."

Visit acnuk.org for more information on the charity's work.

Murcadha O'Flaherty



Bishop Oliver Dashe Doeme of Maiduguri



Displaced children in village attacked by Boko Haram

Quick Answers

Connection question

1. John Lennon 2. John F Kennedy 3. Marco Polo 4. George Best 5. Bob Hope. **Connection:** All have airports named after them

Thinking cap question

India (1.6bn), China (1.4bn), USA (420m), Nigeria (299m), Pakistan (295m) and Indonesia (288m)

Diocesan Suppliers Section

Church Pews Uncomfortable?
Why not try

safeoam
top quality upholstered foam pew cushions?
Safeoam, Green Lane, Riley Green,
Hoghton, Preston PR5 0SN
www.safeoam.co.uk
Freephone 0800 015 44 33
Free Sample Pack of foam & fabrics sent by first class mail
When phoning please quote MV101

BODDY PRINTERS
Established 1951
for all your printing & stationery requirements
Business Cards, Letterheads, Invoice Sets etc.
FOR ALL YOUR CLUB & BINGO SUPPLIES,
FUND RAISERS, PHOTOCOPY &
DIGITAL PRINTING SERVICE
Tel: (01642) 224800
Fax: (01642) 249767
Email: kevin.boddy@btconnect.com

TFS
Fire Safety & Security Engineers
TFS Ltd are a fully accredited BAFE and SSAIB company, offering expertise in the Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Life Safety and Security Systems. Established for over twenty years, we have a dedicated team of professional, fully trained engineers and support staff, having experience in the Commercial Sector, Local Authorities, Schools, Colleges and Universities. We can provide solutions, guidance and upgrading on existing systems and advice on replacement and new systems, using the latest innovative technology.

- Conventional and Addressable Fire Detection Systems.
- Conventional and Addressable LED Emergency Lighting Systems.
- Gas Detection and Air Monitoring Systems.
- Extinguishing Systems.
- Security.
- C.C.T.V.
- Door Access.
- Wireless Fire Detection.
- Wireless Security.
- Hydrosense Water Detection
- 24 Hour call out.

For Advice or Service, contact our office: 01642 800006 or, for more information visit: www.technicalfireandsecurity.co.uk

CCTV Systems, Access Control Systems, Intruder Alarm Systems, Fire Detection & Alarm Systems

J. M. Shipley
Building Contractor
Family Business since 1926

Property Maintenance, Extensions, Alterations and Repairs (Large and Small)

- Private and Commercial Work undertaken
- Many contracts completed with Middlesbrough Diocese for schools and church properties
- All work guaranteed

Contact: John Shipley 01642 319138
Mobile: 07831 822285
E-mail: john.shipley@ntlworld.com
66 Gunnergate Lane, Marton, Middlesbrough TS7 8JB

Serving Churches, Schools, Commercial and Domestic Sector. If you have worked for the Diocese and wish to be included in this section, please contact Caroline on 07931 836926 or 01440 730399 or email caroline@cathcom.org Please support our Advertisers, without them we could not publish this paper free to the Parishes