



## Bishop's Column

*I believe in...the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen*

One of the greatest blocks to faith today is the fact that many people do not feel the need for salvation. They are self-sufficient to the ultimate degree.

The sin is not murder, or in the realm of "the body and the flesh"; the original sin which we have inherited down the ages is arrogance. We turn around to our God and say, "We refuse to serve, we refuse to obey, we are not willing to be creatures. We are masters of our own destiny, we are in charge."

When the Devil told our first ancestors that they should eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he was telling them that they could be God, they could have the same power as God. "Don't trust God, he's fooling you."

From that moment, arrogant pride fractured humankind's relationship with the Creator and only the Creator could restore that relationship. Atonement was made through the life, death and resurrection of his Son. And through Jesus Christ, the Son of God made flesh, we are offered a fresh beginning, a new birth, the gift of salvation.

All good things come from God. Everything that we are and possess are gifts from his hands. And the truth of the matter is that he wants to shower his gifts on us, especially the gift of life forever with the Trinity. The famous saying is that God became man so that we might share in God's life. Because he is the Creator and Lord, the giver of life, we need to acknowledge and adore Him.

He gives life and it his decision when our life on earth ends, not ours. That is why we cannot accept euthanasia of any kind and why we have to protect life from conception until natural death.

*...and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen*

The way we think, the way we live our lives, the opinions we express and accept – do they flow from what we truly believe or have we been completely overcome by the opinions, thoughts and beliefs of the World?

*H Long*

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# Answering The Cry Of The Poor

## World Day of the Poor, November 19 2017

**In response to Pope Francis' challenge for the World Day of the Poor we've spoken to inspirational people around the diocese. If you're asking, "Where is help needed in my parish community and area and how can I volunteer?", this article points the way by focusing on some of the impressive work being undertaken all around us every day...**

### Middlesbrough

**The Mary Thompson Fund** was established in 2001 to respond to the practical needs of those seeking asylum who are facing destitution through a loss of support and housing, even though they may still be pursuing a just outcome to their claim. Help is given only when no other sources of assistance are available. Work is carried out by volunteers at the St John Paul Centre. Donations of food, toiletries and cash are always needed and can be left at the North of England Refugee Service in the centre on weekday mornings. Contact Sally Capes on 07969 639752.

**Investing in People and Culture (IPC)** is also based at the St John Paul Centre and facilitates the social and economic inclusion of vulnerable migrants. IPC relies on talented people willing to commit to providing a quality service to vulnerable communities. As a volunteer, you will gain useful skills such as gardening, cooking, organising social events in the community hub, training in computer and others skills and helping with administration. For more information email [info@i-p-c.org](mailto:info@i-p-c.org).

**Methodist Asylum Project (MAP)** was set up in 2002 and offers practical support and social opportunities to refugees and asylum seekers. Volunteers are needed anytime between 9am to 2pm on Wednesdays to set up clothes for distribution, help visiting refugees find what they need and sort and distribute donations. There is a "Come and chat English time" at Linthorpe Resource Centre between 10am and 12pm. Volunteers work with small groups of learners, giving opportunities to practise some spoken English.

**Welcome Volunteers** accompany newly arriving asylum seekers and provide advice about local services and organisations, guiding them and giving useful information about journeys to other towns they may make during the asylum process. "Welcome" drop-ins are also held at St Andrew's Church Hall in Teesville. Contact Ailsa Adamson 07970 192841 or email [MAPMbro@gmail.com](mailto:MAPMbro@gmail.com).

**Justice First** was set up in 2006 to meet the needs of those in the final stage of the asylum process and facing destitution in



Volunteers at the St John Paul Centre's Upper Room project

Teesside. They help gather evidence and information needed to appeal cases to the Home Office and provide a safe and trusting environment where people can tell the story of their journey. Volunteers give practical assistance, offer friendship and support and accompany people to appeals and other appointments. Email [Solafa@justicefirst.org.uk](mailto:Solafa@justicefirst.org.uk) or call 01642 601122.

**Thornaby Drop-in** for refugees and asylum seekers takes place in St Patrick's Church Hall, 39 Westbury Street, Thornaby, on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm. Refreshments are available and there's a chance to meet new people. Contact Mary Frankland on 07909 785278.

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## NEWS

# Answering The Cry Of The Poor

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**Depaul UK** work with homeless and destitute young people and adults and those experiencing severe poverty. They are appealing for more volunteers for their **Nightstop North East** project, which provides emergency accommodation for young Teesside people in the homes of trained and vetted volunteers. Hosts offer a room, evening meal and listening ear to a young homeless person for one night. Nightstop sometimes has to turn people away because of a lack of volunteer hosts. Staff work with homeless young people in partnership with local agencies, helping them address the issues that caused them to become homeless and to secure longer-term settled accommodation. Drivers are also needed. For more information call 01642 249782 or email [nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk](mailto:nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk).

**Positive Pathways out of Homelessness** is a related project set up by Terry Doyle. It focuses on improving the self-worth and dignity of people living outside of the system and building therapeutic relationships that can challenge their lifestyles and lead the way to better life choices. Volunteers are needed to help to deliver meaningful activity sessions to groups of people. Email [terry-doyle@live.co.uk](mailto:terry-doyle@live.co.uk).

**Further volunteering opportunities at the St John Paul Centre:** Help is needed to make sandwiches and serve food and drinks for a couple of hours each day. Many volunteers have been giving their time in the café, reception and bookshop for many years. Food, toiletries and clothing can be left and are distributed to the homeless. If you would like to help, call Frances Reid on 01642 251800 at [frances@johnpaulcentre.org](mailto:frances@johnpaulcentre.org).

**The Upper Room** project offers lunch and a listening ear to around 50 people who are struggling for a variety of reasons every Saturday lunchtime. Volunteers are needed for about two hours between 10.30am and 2pm

to prepare or serve lunch. Email Gamini Wijesinghe at [gamini.wijesinghe@live.co.uk](mailto:gamini.wijesinghe@live.co.uk).

**Feast of Fun** is a partnership of local churches helping children and families who struggle through the school holidays with little money for entertainment and even food. Community groups and schools offer a range of imaginative and exciting holiday activities and healthy snacks and lunches. Coordinated by Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland (the local expression of Church Urban Fund), Feast of Fun worked in 20 communities this summer. Volunteers through Faithfully Ageing Better shared their time, skills and talents to create a "Feast of Fun across the Generations". Call Heather Black on 07446 908451 or email [heather.black@togethermc.org](mailto:heather.black@togethermc.org).

## Hull

**Open Doors Hull**, in Princes Avenue Methodist Church, 91 Princes Avenue, welcomes and helps destitute asylum seekers, refugees and migrant workers. It provides food, English classes, benefits advice, interpreting and translation services and befriending and counselling. There is a weekly drop-in session every Thursday from 10am to 3pm. Contact 01482 345132.

**Emmaus Hull** supports and accommodates homeless people, while also working to end homelessness. It is supported by many local churches including, St Anthony's, which collect food and clothing. Call 01482 223722.

**St Charles Church** has a monthly drop-in to provide food, clothing and support.

## York

**York City of Sanctuary** seeks to promote an environment of understanding and compassion within the city, working with refugees and asylum seekers and raising awareness through talks and discussions. It assists refugees who come to the town through government schemes and coordinates visits to the city by refugees and asylum

seekers from other nearby towns. Email [secretary@yorkcityofsanctuary.co.uk](mailto:secretary@yorkcityofsanctuary.co.uk).

**The Carmelites** in York have bought two houses to accommodate refugees coming to the city as part of the government resettlement programme.

**York Foodbank**, the Gateway Centre, Front Street, operates in several locations on different days and is run in partnership with local churches, which collect donations. Email [info@york.foodbank.co.uk](mailto:info@york.foodbank.co.uk) or call 07871 610894.

**Carecent York**, at Central Methodist Church, St Saviourgate, is a breakfast centre for homeless, unemployed and socially excluded people. They would welcome more volunteers to offer a few hours each week or fortnight within one of their existing teams. Email [admin@carecent.org](mailto:admin@carecent.org).

## Scarborough

**The Rainbow Centre**, Parish House, Castle Road, helps homeless people, families and individuals in crisis, operating a food bank and providing food each morning from 8am as well as clothing, medical advice and hot meals. The project, which was set up by St Mary's and Holy Apostles Anglican Church, is supported by parishioners of St Peter's and many churches in the town, as well as local businesses. Call 01723 500663.

**St Peter's Monthly Luncheon Club**, Castle Road. Email [scarboroughcatholicparishes@gmail.com](mailto:scarboroughcatholicparishes@gmail.com) or call 01723 360358.

## Whitby

**St Hilda's** focuses on helping refugees and asylum seekers from Stockton and

Middlesbrough, inviting them to spend a day in Whitby and offering meals and trips and providing mobile phone vouchers, food, clothing, toiletries and artists' material. Friendships develop and overnight hospitality is also offered. Call Chris Dove on 01947 825043.

The **SVP** is active across the town, supporting those in need and responding to crisis situations, working with the food bank, Kidsfest and other organisations and supporting the Minnie Vinnies at the primary school. Call Tony Murphy on 01947 880285.

**The SVP also does valuable work in parishes throughout our diocese, while there are further opportunities for volunteers to support CAFOD's vital work.**

Teresa Lyth and Barbara Hungin

**CSAN has created a range of resources to help parishes celebrate World Day of the Poor within their Sunday liturgies and encourage an encounter with people living in poverty. These include prayer cards to be given out at Masses, children's liturgy notes and even hymn suggestions. There is also an exploration of the content and history of Catholic Social Teaching, which has been prepared by Caritas members from our own diocese. Visit [csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor](http://csan.org.uk/worlddayofthepoor) for more information.**

**If you would like more information about other volunteering opportunities, please contact Canon Derek Turnham at The Presbytery, 10 Warwick Road, Redcar TS10 2ER or call 01642 292552 or mobile 07753633713.**

"Blessed are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope. We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude. Their outstretched hand is also an invitation to step out of our certainties and comforts, and to acknowledge the value of poverty in itself." – Pope Francis

## Poverty Remains A CAUSE For Concern

**A retired teacher who helped found a charity that has supplied 6,000 Christmas hampers to struggling Teesside families says the need is now at its greatest since the campaign began 30 years ago.**

Pat McBride started CAUSE together with fellow Catholics Carol and David Cross in the 1980s after hearing about the problems a young unemployed mum faced over the festive period.

The charity has mushroomed from giving out 25 hampers in its first year, collected from pupils and staff at Newlands School in Middlesbrough, where Pat taught French, to more than 500 last Christmas – and she expects that number to grow in its 30th anniversary year.

"Without a doubt, the problems are the worst I've ever known," said Pat. "It can be quite upsetting work, although it's also heartening to think we can respond and help. "People are incredibly generous, but in a way it's putting a sticking plaster on the problems because they go so much deeper."

Most of the hampers are collected in schools and colleges, including Trinity Catholic College. But Pat's great-niece Amy Crosby launched a CAUSE Facebook page last year, which has provided a huge boost for their charity's profile.

"So many people got in touch offering to sponsor a family, including Teesside exiles and past pupils as far away as Dubai and Singapore," says Pat. "Showing people that we care by responding to a need has always been at the heart of the campaign. It's about

putting our faith into action."

About five years ago CAUSE began providing crisis help throughout the year in response to requests from social workers.

"It started off with a social worker asking if we had any food left over or bedding for children who had coats on their beds," she says. "I thought I'm sure we can respond to that. Once the social workers were aware they could contact us in a crisis, it grew from there."

In the last three months alone, donations from well-wishers have enabled CAUSE to provide beds and bedding for 14 families, replace flooring for a family after a flood, give baby milk to a desperate young mum who hadn't received her food tokens and buy cinema tickets to enable families to enjoy a rare treat.

Last year Pat was presented with a Teesside Hero award by Middlesbrough and Teesside Philanthropic Foundation, which included a £1,000 grant for a charity of her choice – which, of course, was CAUSE.

Storing hampers collected via Facebook can be a headache and space in Pat's Marton bungalow gets very tight – last year there were 120 there. Distributing is another annual challenge and Pat would be grateful for any help taxi or transport firms can offer.

Despite her increasingly heavy workload, Pat can't see herself stopping anytime soon.

But she said: "I have to think ahead and it concerns me what would happen if I couldn't do it anymore. Thankfully, I have good health

and remain fully committed. I've got a couple of ideas how to make things easier, for example, delegating responsibility so that volunteers can contact schools and look after a certain number of nominated families."

**CAUSE is reminding all its kind donors that the time has come to launch its annual appeal to provide Christmas hampers for needy families. Cash donations, or cheques made payable to CAUSE can be sent to Pat Wilson (Treasurer), c/o Curial Office, 50a The**

**Avenue, Middlesbrough TS5 6QT. CAUSE would also be grateful for help with deliveries or any other assistance. If you have time to spare and would like to help, please contact Pat McBride on 01642 310854.**

**To find out more about CAUSE, visit their Facebook page at [facebook.com/causechristmashampers](https://www.facebook.com/causechristmashampers). You can also donate by visiting the charity's JustGiving page at [justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cause](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/cause).**

## Pastoral Provision For Deaf People

**The Diocesan Communications Team has been reflecting on how we as Church can better celebrate and serve those among us who are deaf. A number of years ago there were sign-interpreted Masses in Middlesbrough, but these have ended, with some now attending liturgies in Newcastle. The Communications Team would like to know if there is a need and interest in starting a new pastoral provision for the deaf and hard of hearing. This could include the organisation of Mass, other events or simply better assistance at diocesan gatherings. We would be grateful to know your thoughts. Please contact Johan Bergström-Allen, Carmelite Communications & Outreach Office, More House, Heslington, York, YO10 5DX or email [communications@carmelite.org](mailto:communications@carmelite.org).**

# Fatima Statue Comes To The Diocese

**Pilgrims flocked to three churches in our diocese to venerate the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco.**

They were brought by members of the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) in England and Wales to promote the centenary of the apparitions and spent time in Hull, York and Middlesbrough.

The apostolate's work involves promoting the message that Our Lady gave at Fatima. She spoke of the necessity of personal conversion, penance and prayer, and particularly the importance of praying the Rosary for peace.

For more information visit [worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk](http://worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk).

## Moving Experience For York Pupils

I had the privilege of taking a group of year seven to year eleven students from All Saints School to see the statue and relics while they were in York.

The students watched a documentary about the lives of St Francisco, St Jacinta and Sister Lucia and learned more about the apparitions. Sister Lucia was one of the children to whom Our Blessed Lady appeared. Although Francisco and Jacinta died when they were very young, Lucia lived to be 97 and for 57 years she was a Carmelite nun.

The film was very informative and at the end they were each given a gift that included a rosary. We then joined the rest of the congregation in the church for Holy Hour and exposition and children joined in the singing, listened to reflections written by Sister Lucia and had the chance to go to confession.

At the end of the Holy Hour all those present were able to venerate the relic and we had the opportunity to have our picture taken with the statue. Two of the girls who accompanied me in the afternoon were so inspired that they returned to the church that evening for Exposition and to take part in the candlelit procession and Benediction.

**Elaine Wright, chaplaincy co-ordinator**



Canons of the cathedral chapter lead the procession in Middlesbrough – Photo by Les Clark



Members of the World Apostolate of Fatima in Hull – Photo by Bernard Swift



Canon Alan Sheridan crowns the statue in York – Photo by Lars Karlsson

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**Feast of the Month**

**All Saints  
Thursday November 2**

Saints are all those who have died loving and following Jesus. Some of them are famous and we know their stories, but many more are not known to us but are saints just the same.

Some saints are chosen to be patron saints, whose special care we ask for in particular situations. Many jobs have their own patron saint...

St Joseph is the patron saint of workers.

St Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of the police.

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**Thornaby School Helps Communities Across the World**

A Thornaby primary school is raising funds to provide food for communities across the world and far closer to home this autumn. St Patrick's Primary School has collection tins in each classroom in support of aid agency CAFOD's annual Harvest Appeal.

The appeal focuses on helping communities in El Salvador, where farming is the dominant profession but the land is often difficult to cultivate. Many farmers in the South American country use substandard seeds that only last one harvest and cannot cope with pests.

St Patrick's nursery teacher Kate Horsman helped organise the fundraising. She said: "Hopefully the children will learn how they can do good for others. We have CAFOD posters in every classroom, so the pupils will see a clear message about what they are raising money for.

"We will also link in our own harvest liturgy, which mainly focuses on people in our local community who need extra food. There are many in need within our neighbourhood. The children will be able to think of people less fortunate than themselves in the wider world."

The money raised for CAFOD will be used to help farmers' crops in El Salvador to flourish by using native seeds and seed banks as well as offering training on how to care for the environment. CAFOD representative in Middlesbrough, David Cross, said: "St Patrick's have always been great supporters of CAFOD and this once again shows the school's generosity and compassion.

"It's great that funds will be raised for communities overseas and that awareness will be increased about people's needs far closer to home. I look forward to continuing our great relationship with St Patrick's."

For more information on CAFOD's harvest appeal, visit [cafod.org.uk/harvest](http://cafod.org.uk/harvest).

**Quick Quiz**

With TV quiz champion Ged Askins

**Connection question**

1. Where would you be if you were enjoying Cowes Week?
2. Which fictional cat is famous for having a mischievous grin?
3. What does reality TV show TOWIE's name stand for?
4. Who is Superman's alter ego in the DC Comics?

**Thinking cap question**

Five players have scored five goals in a single Premier League game. Can you name them?

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**



## Ampleforth Day Strengthens School Bonds

Executive headteacher of St Gerard's, Hemlington, and Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough, Carol Walker, led staff from both schools in a shared professional development day at Ampleforth College. The theme was "Yours are the hands", from the prayer by St Teresa of Avila. Staff worked on vision, values and mission, with sessions being led by Mrs Walker, St Gerard's head of school Vicky White and Sacred Heart head of school Pauline Laverick. Staff attended Mass in the abbey and a shared lunch was enjoyed in the grounds.

## Raising Dough And Smiles For Harvest Day



Proud brothers Riley and Jaiden are pictured with a bread wheat sheaf baked by their granddad for St Aelred's RC Primary School in York's Wear Something Bright for Harvest Day event. As it was also National Fitness Day, the event began with the whole school taking part in a Zumba session out on the yard!

The school's Mini Vinnies organised the collection of tinned and packet food, donated by our families, while fresh produce was grown by our gardening club, which is run by one of the parents. The children sang hymns and songs and read prayers and scripture with great enthusiasm. Many of our parents and friends from the parish were also there to help us celebrate and give thanks. The food will be taken to the local food bank in Tang Hall and we also raised over £200 for CAFOD's El Salvador appeal.

Debbie Feehan, Head of School

## St Patrick's Statue Restored To Former Glory

A statue of St Patrick which dates back to 1891 has been restored to its former glory. The statue stood at St Patrick's Church in Thornaby for more than 100 years and was battered and worn down due to wear and tear. It was replaced in 2017 but was auctioned off instead of being thrown away. St Patrick's Primary School bought the historic figure and had it restored to perfect condition by Liverpool-based company Lewis and Lewis. The statue now stands proudly outside the school's peace room. Here's to another 100 years!

Jonathan Barber



If Your School would like to wish our readers a Happy and Holy Christmas in the next edition, or would like to advertise a Christmas Fayre or Carol Concert, please get in touch by the 10th November 2017. Contact Caroline on 07931 836926

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## A Letter From Madonna House

### A Song Of Blessing



**“Would you like to hear what was going on when you were born?” I was asked. The person speaking had a huge “audiotape of life”. He clicked on the tape at the precise moment of my birth and I was stunned by the most beautiful outpouring of song I’d ever heard! It was my father, singing his love for me. At that moment I awoke (yes, it was a dream) with the thought: “That was my Heavenly Father singing a passionate song of love for me!”**

For days after I had this dream, my heart kept singing, “I heard the Father’s voice! I heard his blessing upon me!” All that I once believed in faith, I now *know* in the depths of my being. What does the Father’s love sound like? It is a passionate aria. Unable to be contained, it pours out into the universe, a song of joy unbounded, love unfettered, sheer and utter delight in the creation of his child. That song of the Father’s love and blessing is, of course, bursting forth continuously over each one of us. We are each enveloped and cradled by the Father’s tender and vibrant hymn, whether we hear it or not.

I wonder: when Jesus went away to pray, was he able to hear that song more clearly? When the Father proclaimed, “*This is my beloved Son, listen to him*” (Mt 17:5), was it in song? When Jesus finally broke through the layers of guilt, shame and fear of the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn 4), did she hear the strain of the Father’s blessing? Is that what caused her to bound back to the townspeople who had rejected her, to bring them the good news?

Is that how she could cry out with joy: “*He told me all I ever did!*” We know what her past was. Only such a powerful, all-encompassing blessing of her Creator could wipe away that shame. And when the townspeople exclaimed, “*Now we no longer believe because of what you have told us: we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world*”, did they hear the same hymn?

I wonder: often when I sing, I feel the stirring of God within, and others can sometimes sense it, too. Is this an echo of the first voice I ever heard? Or sometimes when I find it difficult to settle into interior silence, I have only to sing softly from the heart, and suddenly I am in that inner chamber; the Spirit of the Father himself prays and sings in me, his beloved daughter, drawing us into union.

He will find ways to break through our deafness, so that we may hear him pour out his song of blessing upon us. Oh, by the way – did you know that God is a tenor?

Cheryl-Ann Smith

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Audrey Kirby, our new care and welfare officer for sick and retired priests – Photo by Dom Finn

## Audrey’s New Role Caring For Our Clergy

**A senior nurse says she is “privileged and honoured” after beginning her new role as care and welfare officer for sick and retired priests in our diocese.**

Audrey Kirby was appointed by Bishop Terry in September and will work closely with the retired priests’ committee to ensure the right provisions are put in place for priests who are in need of care and support.

The new position includes making sure priests have suitable accommodation when they retire and providing a package of care when a priest receives hospital treatment.

Audrey said: “Priests are often very private people who have lived a simple life. I think there’s a bit of a myth that because they are priests they are different to other people.

“They have the same needs as everyone else. In fact they are sometimes so used to caring for others that they have ended up neglecting themselves.”

Audrey explained how caring for some of our older priests as supported pilgrims in Lourdes made her realise how imperative her new role is.

“It became apparent that a number of priests had been managing on their own but with great difficulty,” she said.

“For one week in Lourdes those priests had a lot of care and attention, but we asked what was happening during the other 51 weeks in the year.

“It breaks my heart to think that after devoting their lives to others, our priests might not always have received the care they deserved in the past.”

Audrey is now relishing the opportunity to be able to make a big difference to the lives of sick and retired priests.

She continued: “I am privileged and honoured to have been asked to do this role and I am delighted that my faith and profession have come together.

“I am giving back what I have received from the priests who have enriched my faith over the years.

“Hopefully, the role will be a success. In time I would love to build on this and eventually see us establish somewhere we can offer our priests respite and community.”

## Pro-Life Pilgrims Visit Osmotherley

Grey skies and high winds didn’t deter pilgrims on their way to the annual Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Mount Grace in Osmotherley. Pilgrims walked up the hill praying the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, the Way of the Cross reminding us of the road to Calvary and the great sacrifice made by Christ for our sins. After the Angelus and a picnic lunch, pilgrims filled the little church for the Holy Hour before Mass.

Pilgrims later chatted over refreshments kindly provided by Flora and her team, before walking back to catch the coach



home. It was a wonderful, uplifting and prayerful day and we thanked Our Lady as the rain kept off the whole day.

Marileine Ollerenshaw

## Pope Francis: 'Do Not Give In To Fear'



**Pope Francis has urged Catholics to "not give in to the fear" on issues surrounding children and the internet. The Holy Father met delegates attending a four-day world congress on Child Dignity in the Digital World.**

He was presented with the Declaration of Rome, which contained 13 separate calls to action aimed at governments, businesses, legislative bodies, law enforcement, medical institutions, religious institutions and technology companies. The congress was hosted by the Pontifical Gregorian University's Centre for the Protection of Minors.

Pope Francis responded with a full and wide-ranging address to delegates. He reflected on the sheer pace of change in the digital world and the unforeseen problems and negative consequences.

He said: "We rightly wonder if we are capable of guiding the processes we ourselves have set in motion, whether they

might be escaping our grasp, and whether we are doing enough to keep them in check.

"Today, no one in the world, or any single national authority, feels capable of monitoring and adequately controlling the extent and the growth of these phenomena, themselves interconnected and linked to other grave problems associated with the net, such as illicit trafficking, economic and financial crimes and international terrorism."

The Holy Father urged people to keep their eyes open to unpleasant truths – the spread of extreme pornography, the phenomenon of sexting and the growth of online bullying.

He continued: "We must not let ourselves be overcome by fear, which is always a poor counsellor. Nor let ourselves be paralysed by the sense of powerlessness that overwhelms us before the difficulty of the task before us.

"Rather, we are called to join forces, realising that we need one another in order to seek and find the right means and approaches needed for effective responses."

## New Certificate For Church Ministry

**A new Certificate in Pastoral Ministry is being offered to people in dioceses throughout the north of England, including Middlesbrough. This non-degree certificate has been custom-designed to meet the needs of those wishing to learn more about serving in a faith setting.**

It will begin in February 2018 and consist of ten six-week modules delivered over two years. Participants must be serious about their own faith development, willing to serve in the local church and have competent computer skills.

Integrating online learning with the chance to meet face to face for support, the certificate is offered in partnership between Loyola University Chicago and the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Sessions will include opportunities for prayer, reflection and creative engagement.

Deacon Vince Purcell says the course is ideal for many people, including school chaplains, catechists, those involved in youth ministry and parish assistants.

"The course offers world class teaching and resources and is an ideal platform for those wanting to take more of a lead in their faith community," he said. "The course will help ensure they have the up-to-date knowledge, skills and education they need for contemporary pastoral ministry."

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Serving and leading skills and strategies for ministry

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**Information sessions**

**Wednesday November 1:** St Augustine's Parish Centre, Coniscliffe Road, Darlington DL3 7RG, 5.30pm for 6pm to 7.30pm.

**Saturday November 4:** Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds LS6 2BX, 10.30am for 11am to 12.30pm or 2.30pm for 3pm to 4.30pm.

If you are unable to attend or would like further support and information, please contact Deacon Vince Purcell by calling 01642 850505 or emailing [adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:adultformation@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk).

### ADVERTORIAL

## Could You Give Your Time To Help Our School?



Members of the local management board pictured with head teacher Zaida Hammond

**Like many people, I didn't think I had the skills or knowledge to become a school governor. However, I quickly found out that governors are just like you and me.**

Yes, some may have a background in education, but what is more important is that governors are enthusiastic, have an interest in the children's education and are willing to learn and be prepared to commit their time.

Here at St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy in South Bank, Middlesbrough, we have a number of vacancies on our local management board and are actively seeking new foundation governors.

We usually meet as a team about three times per year but there are other opportunities to come into school, as it's important that you really get to know know us.

To help and support you, all new governors will be provided with an extensive induction training package, which is provided free of charge, as well as ongoing training and development opportunities provided by the diocese, local authority and the school itself.

You don't have to have a child in school or be a parent. Being part of our local management board can be demanding but has many, many rewards.

We are a small but dedicated team and we really would love to hear from you. If you're interested and would like to know more, please contact Kim Hall by emailing [khall@stpeters-sch.com](mailto:khall@stpeters-sch.com).

Jane Edmonds, chair, St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy Local Management Board



### St Peter's Catholic Voluntary Academy (South Bank, Middlesbrough)

## Local Management Board Foundation Governor Vacancies

Our hidden gem of a school is currently in an exciting phase of change and we are actively seeking interested and skilled individuals to join our Local Management Board.

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- Make an important contribution to their local community

If you are looking for a challenge and are interested in making a positive contribution to catholic, local education we would love to hear from you. Please remember that school governors bring with them a range of skills and experiences (examples may include financial, human resources, strategic planning and the ability to analyse and interpret data etc.). You do not need to be an expert in education issues.

**For further information please contact  
Kim Hall via email at [khall@stpeters-sch.com](mailto:khall@stpeters-sch.com)**

**NEWS**

# Mass Celebrates Vital Work Of Port Chaplains

The ministry of Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) port chaplains is often a lifeline to seafarers who are away at sea for long periods of time, said Deacon David Cross in his homily at the Mass of Our Lady Star of the Sea.

The Mass, in St Mary's Cathedral, was celebrated by Monsignor Gerard Robinson and attended by members of the clergy, AoS volunteers and supporters and local parishioners.

Deacon David said the support given by AoS was vital, especially if crew members are Catholic and unable to receive the sacraments regularly.

"They play an important role organising for priests to go on board and say Mass for the crew," he said.

Speaking from his experience of visiting a ship recently, Deacon David noted how local port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan was able to get emergency medication for two seafarers suffering from gout at the eleventh hour.

"This is just a little example of AoS' work," he said. "Without that work of the port chaplains, without those links with the port authority and the local community, those two seafarers wouldn't have got their medication.

"The band of AoS ship visitors and volunteers who go and provide the crew with rosaries, listen to them, take them practical stuff, they become icons of Christ. They become the love of God made visible."

Deacon David reminded those at Mass that seafarers have paid the price for bringing us the goods we consume.

"Often the work of AoS makes a difference. Their ship visits offer seafarers someone they can meet, who cares, who doesn't pretend to have all the answers but who provides a listening ear and a link that is so helpful.



Deacon David Cross preaching at the Apostleship of the Sea Mass

"Seafarers need that support network. AoS acts in the name of the Catholic community, exercising the Church's ministry, being the face of the Catholic community to those crews. That's so important. We should say

thank you to the AoS," he added.

AoS is a registered charity and agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales and Scotland. It provides vital support

and assistance to the many crew members who bring us our food, fuel and everyday goods and is wholly reliant on voluntary donations and legacies to continue its work.



Brothers from Council 29 with Madonna House staff

## Retreat, Reflection And Prayer

Brothers from the Knights of St Columba, Council 29 (Middlesbrough), took the opportunity to enjoy a retreat at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay. The visit was organised by Grand Knight Tony Kirk and led by Cheryl-Ann, Sara and Father Brian from the Madonna House Apostolate.

Provincial Grand Knight Joe Harrison said: "Life can be so busy that sometimes it's hard to find time to share each other's company. It's important to make time to learn from one another, share personal stories from life's journey and reflect on our experience of working within the order. There was also time for quiet prayer and a service of reconciliation that concluded the day with Mass."

## Best Wishes To Father Phil

The congregation at Our Lady's Chapel at Mount Grace expressed their gratitude and best wishes to Father Phil Cunnah as he moved to pastures new at St Andrew's, Teesville. Father Phil, who is pictured here with the congregation, has regularly celebrated Mass at the Lady Chapel since his ordination and he will be sorely missed. After a small presentation, Father Phil joined everyone for a cup of tea and cakes.

Martin Allinson





# Parishioners Bid Farewell To Father Leonard

**“Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses” – First reading from Ecclesiastes at Father Leonard Joke’s Farewell Mass.**

Father Leonard had a couple of important events to mark his leaving the Parish of St Joseph and St Thomas More, Middlesbrough. His farewell Mass in St Joseph’s was concelebrated by Monsignor Gerard Dasey, Father Peter Keeling, former parish priest Father Patrick Keogh, Father Anthony, Father Damian and Deacon Pat Thomas.

The music group led the Irish blessing *May The Road Rise Up To Meet You* to wish him on his way before the final hymn. He was presented with gifts on behalf of both parishes, including a wonderful stole, which he immediately put on, and a small album of photographs taken over his time in Middlesbrough, with spaces to add the most recent event pictures.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the school dining hall and Father Leonard cut a cake decorated with the symbol of his order, the Sons of Mary Mother of Mercy. His final Sunday Mass at St Joseph’s was followed by a special “family” group photograph of everyone at church that morning surrounding him.

Father Leonard will be missed by everyone, from the children greeting him with high fives to parishioners stopping him to chat while he was out on his bicycle around the two parishes and to the hospital. We wish him well in his studies in Newcastle and on his return home to Nigeria when he has completed them.

Ian Stubbs



Father Leonard wearing his new stole after his farewell Mass – Photo by James Stubbs

## Conference Examines Church’s Social Role

**Caritas Social Action Network’s annual conference examined the Church’s mission in an age of austerity. The event provided a unique space for leaders of CSAN member charities and other experts and partners to shape the future of collaboration on social action in England and Wales.**

It took place in London and began with Mass at the Church of St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, which dates back to the 13th century, when it was associated with royal residence Baynard’s Castle. Delegates then took part in a range of workshops and presentations drawing on Catholic Social Teaching, lived experiences in other Christian traditions and research.

Topics covered included applying faith perspectives on work and mission within organisations and legal challenges for faith-based charities. The conference was in partnership with the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice, which brings together academics, charities, religious orders and social movements engaged in Catholic social thought and practice.

CSAN is the helping hand of the Church, reaching out to the poor, vulnerable and excluded, regardless of race or religion, to build a world based on justice and fraternal love.

**Kathy Warrick, St Vincent de Paul Society Middlesbrough Central Council President**

SVP Middlesbrough CC President Kathy Warrick presented George Robinson with a long-service medal of Blessed Frédéric Ozanam. George, whose dedicated service includes 14 years as Middlesbrough CC twinning officer, is currently growing his beard as he looks forward to his seasonal role as Father Christmas. He recently retired as a JP and is a committed Vincentian, turning Concern into Action.





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**NEWS**

# We're Still MAD!

Young people from schools and parishes throughout the Hull area were set a challenge by our parish priests at the junior final of the Making a Difference (MAD) quiz earlier this year.

Could we raise enough pennies to span the distance between the towers of the Humber Bridge? For a moment we thought we were being asked to wheelbarrow loads of pennies to the bridge. Thankfully, we just had to work out the target, measuring a one-penny coin and then doing a simple sum. Out popped our target – £1,100.

One parish placed pennies around the church and raised an impressive amount. Another provided a sweetie jar, which made a surprisingly large figure. Others held cake and bake sales. The date for the challenge final seemed to be coming too quickly and even as the event started we were £22 short of our target.

Then, as if it had been planned, two priests arrived slightly late, each bearing gifts in the form of pennies. In an instant we had reached the target and beyond. This year's chosen charity was Mary's Meals and a cheque for £1,200 will now follow the £200 sent in May. The total will feed 100 children in the developing world for one year.

Our MAD group has certainly made a difference. The MAD quiz now continues into its second year and in January our priests will set a new challenge. What will they ask of us? And will we be MAD enough to accept?

**The Making a Difference Group**



Fundraising children with a banner showing the length of the Humber Bridge

# Charities Boosted By Pedal Power



Tony Kirk and Theresa Flaherty

Kind-hearted duo Theresa Flaherty and Tony Kirk took part in the London to Brighton charity cycle ride to raise funds for good causes close to their hearts. Sponsorship raised by Theresa was for the Middlesbrough Catholic Fellowship and Tony shared all his sponsorship between the Fellowship, the Brancs' Fund and the Lourdes Sick Fund.

A very early start to the day saw them meet up with many other cyclists who were raising funds for various good causes, starting their 54-mile challenge at Clapham Common and heading off out of the city through the villages which would take them to Brighton.

It became clear after a couple of miles that the route was going to be a little more challenging than the pair expected. But they pedalled on and had a great day, cycling alongside friends old and new.

"The biggest challenge came 46 miles into the route – Ditchling Beacon, a mile long and a 900-foot climb to the top!" said Theresa. "The legs were tired but we made it, even if it was mostly on foot! We enjoyed the fantastic views from the beacon and could see Brighton, giving us the boost we needed to get to the finish line.

"Feeling proud of the achievement and raising more than £2,500 between us, we're both also extremely grateful for all the support, good wishes and donations we have received."

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet and would like to, there's still time.

To sponsor Theresa, visit [mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/theresafaherty1](http://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/theresafaherty1).

To sponsor Tony, visit [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and search "Tony Kirk", then scroll down to the first result under the Crowdfunding section.

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 Early notification of interest to the school would be appreciated  
 Children must be aged 4 by 31st August 2018

# A Glimmer Of Hope Among The Tears

**Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel's Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he is a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. Francis visited England during the winter because of political unrest. This month he ponders the causes of malnutrition.**

Some of our helpers' children played on the ground while those being treated for malnutrition stared aimlessly into space. Similarly, their parents looked bored and there was little in the way of conversation taking place. On the other side of our fence, a woman was wailing and crying – her little boy had died; the wake was in the garden next door. Childhood deaths are a common occurrence here and malnutrition is only one of the causes.

We gave the children their corn and peanut porridge, while I wondered how we could possibly continue to fund the centre. I asked Mama José, our nurse, why so many children become malnourished.

"Poverty is the number one cause," she replied without hesitation. "Having too many children and not enough money to feed them with is very common here."

She went on to describe how a mother would try to feed a large family with about 40p a day.

"She can give them all something to eat – but it won't have enough energy or protein in it," she added. "The choice of food is very limited here and a lot don't know the value of eating fruit and vegetables. Other children become malnourished when the mother is

expecting another baby, even though the first one isn't yet weaned – they wouldn't stand a chance if this centre wasn't here."

Another reason she told me was when children have diarrhoea or worms. "They lose so much weight that just eating the local food just can't put the weight back on them – it just fills them up, but doesn't help them at all."

I thought about the little boy who had died next door, and then about the children at the centre. In the last week, two children had died after coming to us too late. Corrupt government leaves nothing for the needy. Poverty is also caused by ignorance about the right foods to eat. I thought about those children who died because they happened to have been born into such poor conditions, and the emptiness it must leave in each of their families.

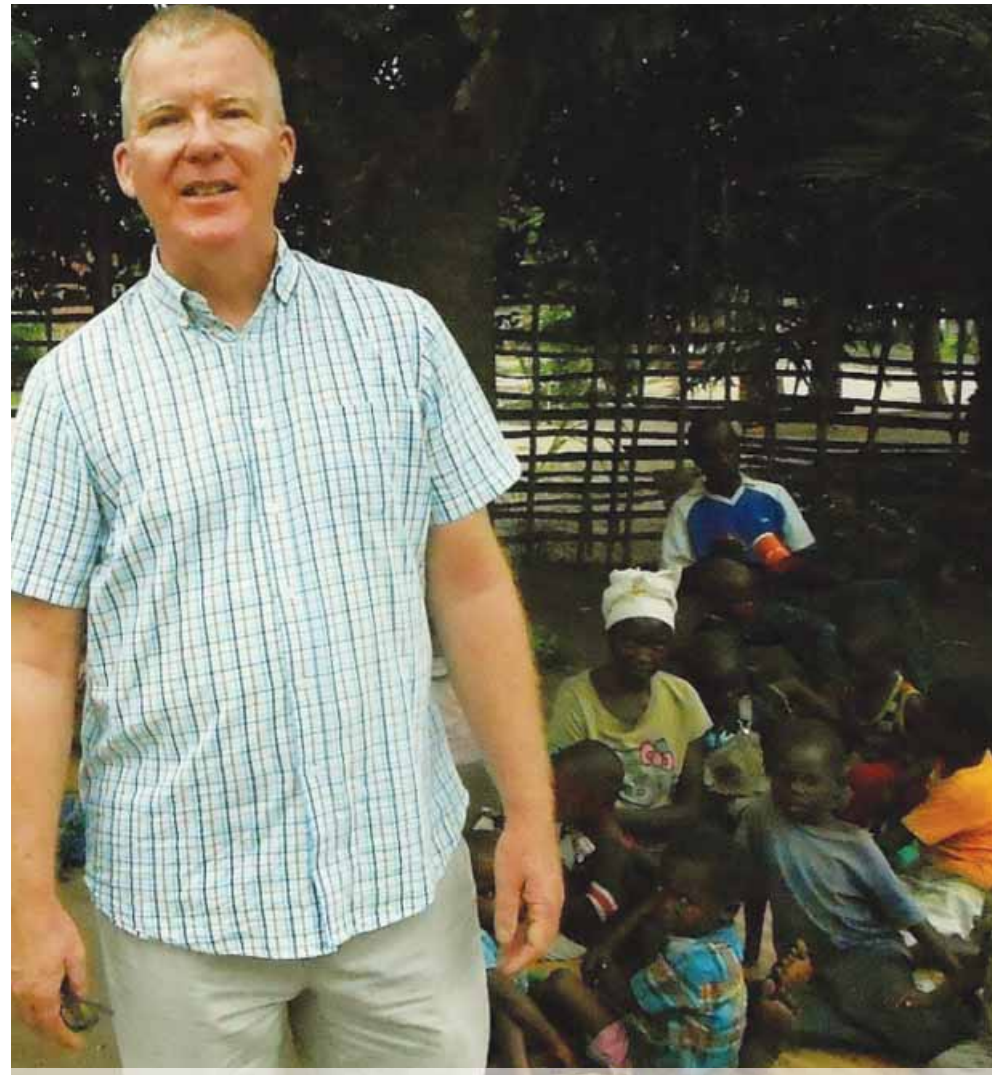
I was trying to cheer myself up by thinking about the 700 or more children who we've put back on the road to health during the past three years, when a woman arrived with a little girl.

"This is Nadia," she said. "You treated her here last year and we've come to say thank you."

We couldn't believe how well she looked.

"What a lovely surprise," exclaimed Mama José. "You see, Francis, here's living proof that our work is all worthwhile!"

We pray for the repose of the souls of those poor children who have died because of poverty, and we rejoice in the lives of the ones who are on the road to recovery.



Francis Hannaway at his centre for malnourished children

• Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook. Email: francish7@yahoo.com To support his projects send money 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-

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## Catholics Called To Support Rohingya Muslims

**Catholics in England and Wales are being urged to take up Pope Francis' call for prayer and action to support Myanmar's Rohingya Muslims. Bishop Declan Lang, the Catholic Bishops' Conference's lead bishop for international affairs, says all Christians have a duty to support people of other faiths who are facing persecution and violence.**

Last month Pope Francis said: "Sad news has reached us about the persecution of our Rohingya brothers and sisters – a religious minority. I would like to express my full closeness to them, and let all of us ask the Lord to save them, and to raise up men and women of good will to help them."

Bishop Lang said: "I hope Catholics in England and Wales will take up Pope Francis' call for solidarity with the Rohingya, both through prayer and supporting initiatives such as the emergency UNHCR appeal to help the hundreds of thousands who have been forced to flee their homes."

## Ann Reaches Kilimanjaro Summit

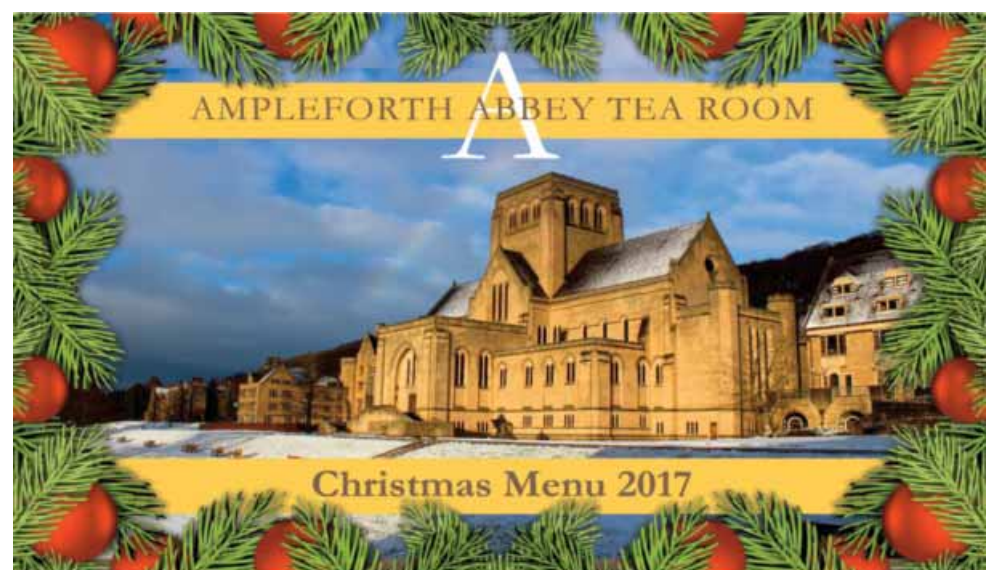
Parishioner Ann Seegoolam has successfully climbed Africa's highest mountain to raise funds for the restoration of St Peter's Church in Scarborough. Every penny raised from the 4,900-metre climb will go to the cause and none of Ann's expenses have come out of the sponsor money. Anyone who has kindly promised to sponsor Ann or would like to do so is asked to send cheques made out to Ann's Kilimanjaro Appeal to Canon Eddie Gubbins, St Peter's Rectory, Castle Road, Scarborough YO11 1TH. Please indicate if you would like to Gift Aid your donation.



## An Oasis Of Peace In Thornaby

The parishioners of Christ the King parish in Thornaby have had a statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace erected in the church garden. Father Michael Keogh celebrated Mass and then blessed and dedicated the statue on a very moving occasion. Access to the garden is open to everyone. There is a seating area if you would like to spend a little time in silent contemplation and thankfulness for the many blessings we receive. We so often forget to take time out to think about and pray for our everyday worries as well as remembering the victims of war, famine and terrorism.

Margaret Nelson



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**NEWS**



George and Heather receiving the blessing

# Sparkling Celebrations In Scarborough

Friends and family gathered to help Scarborough parishioners George and Heather Tymon celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. The couple were married at St Peter's Church, Scarborough, by Canon O'Byrne in 1957. A marquee in the couple's garden provided a perfect setting for a Mass celebrated by Father Albert Schembri of St Joseph's Parish. During the Mass, which was followed by a beautiful shared lunch, the couple were presented with a papal blessing. It was a wonderful occasion and we all wish George and Heather much happiness in the future.

Bernard Wilkins

# Reconciliation Retreats At Mount Grace

**MYMission are offering Reconciliation retreat days for primary schools and parishes in the run-up to Holy Week 2018. "Transforming Hearts of Stone" is ideal for young people preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, as well as others.**

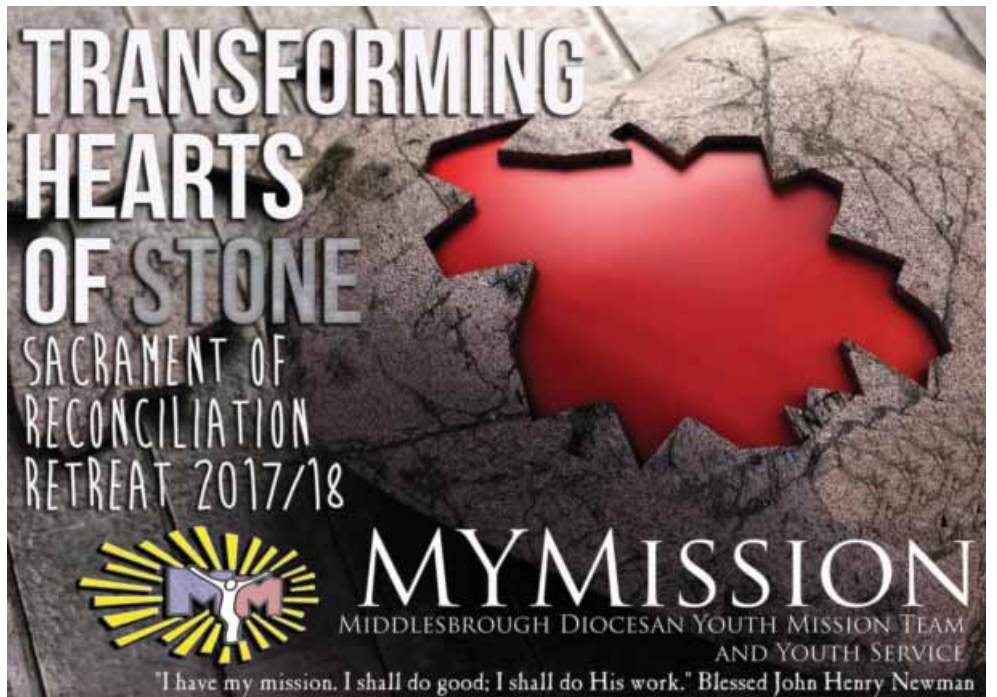
With a combination of art, music, dance, visual media and catechesis, this retreat day will help instil the preparation already received by the children and further enhance and deepen their understanding of Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness for us all. Centered on the words of Prophet Ezekiel (35:25-26) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son, "Transforming Hearts of Stone" aims to explain how Christ refreshes, renews and transforms our hearts through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The day consists of a variety of workshops – which can be adapted depending on your school or parish's needs – and concludes with a reflective liturgy.

The venue for this retreat is the beautiful setting of the Lady Chapel in Mount Grace, Osmotherley, our diocesan Marian Shrine. These retreats, scheduled for the week of March 19, are great preparation for Holy Week.

They are suitable for all KS2 year groups, not just those receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Other dates and venues are also available.

If you would like more information or to book, please contact MYMission by emailing domfinn@mymission.org.uk or call 01642 850505.








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Available bookings: Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Thursday 22 and Friday 23 March 2018  
 Venue: Lady Chapel, Rueberry Lane, Osmotherley  
 Please note: Other dates and venues are available.  
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**LOURDES**

**Plans Unveiled For Lourdes 65**

Discussions have been taken place in recent months with our current travel agent, Joe Walsh Tours, and Tangney Tours, who have taken us to Lourdes on a number of occasions.

Like last year, these discussions included negotiations over prices and service offering to help us achieve best value for our pilgrims.

As a result of this process we believe we have secured the best possible package for our pilgrimage and the decision has been made to appoint Joe Walsh Tours as our preferred operator once again for our 2018 pilgrimage, which is our 65th.

We have reduced the number of hotels on offer this year. This is purely down to the numbers of pilgrims who booked the hotels in 2017.

You will find hotels grouped into price categories, giving a choice of two hotels in each band.

Although we have negotiated hard, prices have unfortunately increased due to the extremely poor exchange rate we are subject to between the pound and the euro.

I believe these are still very good prices for us and they are below those paid seven years ago in 2011

Booking forms and information are available now from Joe Walsh Tours.

**2018 Coach Option Offered By Joe Walsh**

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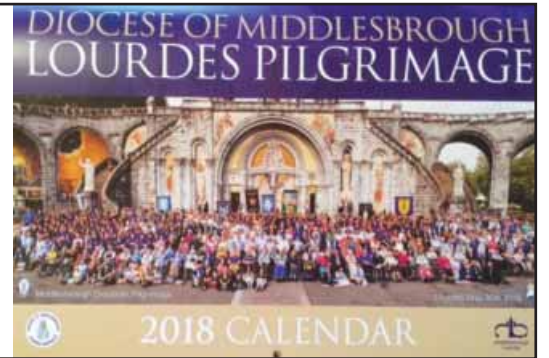
There is an optional one night, half board stopover in Nevers on the return journey from Lourdes, subject to confirmation of the entire group.

**Please book early for our 65th pilgrimage.**

**Keith Tillotson, Executive Director**

**Order Your Middlesbrough Lourdes Calendar**

You can relive some of the highlights of our Lourdes Pilgrimage every day of the year with our 2018 calendar. All photographs are specific to our pilgrimage and they have been gathered from many contributors. The calendars are sold in aid of the Lourdes Sick Fund and cost £6 plus £1.50 P&P. To order your copy, write to Pilgrimage Treasurer Sue Crossman at 10 St Ives Close, Redcar TS10 2RP, call 01642 473478 or email se.crossman1@gmail.com. Please make cheques payable to Middlesbrough Lourdes Sick Fund.



**Join Us And Make Memories In Lourdes**

**I have just been watching a DVD of this year's Lourdes Pilgrimage and it was lovely to relive such happy memories.**

Paddy Mackin has filmed the wonderful week we had through our liturgies, priests and music, the very special journey of our supported pilgrims, our brilliant young people and Hospitalité team at work and seeing our pilgrims coming together in praying and playing.

Paddy has captured all aspects of our

pilgrimage brilliantly! Just as in Lourdes, there were tears and laughter as we watched the DVD, but – and it's a special but – as we look at the faces of those we shared the week with, through the tears and laughter, it's the smiles that shine so brightly.

A smile is so special. It costs nothing to give but it could become a special memory for someone, lasting a lifetime, especially in Lourdes.

I would challenge anyone who has experienced a week in Lourdes with the Diocese of Middlesbrough not to recall a memory of a "Lourdes moment" and do it without a smile on your face – I couldn't!

Next year is our 65th Diocesan Pilgrimage. Please think about joining us and make it another special one. If you would like to work in any capacity, we'd love to hear from you. Contact details of the heads of departments can be found on the diocesan website.

**Chris Tillotson, Head Handmaid**

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**Attention All Helpers!**

Once again we will be arranging a Day of Formation for our Hospitalité helpers. This will take place on Saturday April 21 2018 at Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough, with registration from 9am. As previous helpers will be aware, the day forms a major part of our pilgrimage preparation and includes the mandatory aspects of our training.

It also gives us a chance to spend a day with our teams. Last year's formation day was a huge success. Attended by more than 200 helpers and supported pilgrims, it helped our pilgrimage get off to a great start. The day will include a varied training programme. Lunch will be provided and we will end the day with the celebration of Mass.

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# Out & About around the Diocese

**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2017**  
 Bishop Terry has no formal engagements in the month of November.

**1 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

**2 Fri** Dates of events and articles for inclusion in December's issue of Voice must be received by today.

**5 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

**7 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

**8 Wed 10.30am** The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele meet after morning Mass

**10.30am** The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets  
**2.30pm** Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.

Music for the Mind, St Mary's Cathedral, **2pm-3.30pm**, all welcome, especially those living with dementia, their carers and friends. Tea and cake served.

**10 Fri 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

**12 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.

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

**14 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

**15 Wed 7.45pm** Cleveland Newman Circle 'Building a living Cathedral music tradition – the agony and the ecstasy' Tim Harrison, Cathedral & Diocesan Director of Music, Cathedral Hall, TS8 0TW; more details from 01642 814977 or SANDAMerckx@btinternet.com  
**8pm** The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

**16 Thurs 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

**17 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](mailto:steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk). Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com>

**18 Sat 7.30pm** Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Liam Turner), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

**19 Sun 12 noon** Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF  
**3pm** Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Peter's, South Bank  
**6pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

**20 Mon 7.30pm** York Newman Circle 'What 'Catholicism' meant to Protestants in

the Age of Reformation.' Professor Alec Ryrie, Durham University, at Bar Convent, York. Refreshments available from 7pm. Further information from [judith.smeaton@btinternet.com](mailto:judith.smeaton@btinternet.com)

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

**24 Fri 7.30pm** Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details.

**26 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

**6.30pm** YCW Anniversary Mass on the Feast of Christ the King, Sacred Heart Church, Linthorpe Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6HA. Canon John Loughlin will preach the sermon. Calling all current and former YCW members to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the movement in England & Wales. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall. December Catholic Voice available from church

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

**30 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

## First week of December

**3 Sun 12 noon** Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF  
**1.30pm** Celebrating Christmas with Family and Friends event, St Thomas More Church Hall, Middlesbrough; refreshments will be served, donations welcome  
**6pm** Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

## Advance Notices

**8 December** –The Immaculate Conception - 1.30pm Rosary, 2pm Mass at the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley  
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in St John of Beverley, North Bar Without

## NEWS

# Remember Loved Ones At CAFOD's Memorial Mass

All are welcome to attend CAFOD's Memorial Mass to pray for loved ones who have died.

During the service, a book of remembrance will be presented by CAFOD, listing the names of supporters who have sadly passed away during the year.

CAFOD representative in Middlesbrough, David Cross, said: "This is a lovely way to remember loved ones and everyone is welcome to join us for the Mass.

"It is also CAFOD's opportunity to stop and say thank you for the incredible impact our supporters have made. Without them we would not be able to reach those most in need."

You can add a loved one's name to the book of remembrance by emailing [remembrance@cafod.org.uk](mailto:remembrance@cafod.org.uk) or calling 020 7095 5348.

The Mass takes place at St Thérèse of Lisieux Church in Ingleby Barwick on Sunday November 19 at 11am.

For more information, visit [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)

## The Big Sing Is Back!

MYMission are delighted to be welcoming cjm music back to the diocese in January 2018 for the ever popular Big Sing Liturgy Thing. Due to high demand, we were unable to secure a 2017 booking. So, after a two-year break, bookings are coming thick and fast from primary schools across the diocese.

Members of the cjm music's team have designed the Big Sing Liturgy Thing as a feast of music, song, prayer, sign-language dance and liturgy. The format is borne out of more than 20 years' experience leading music and liturgy in a variety of settings, with people of all ages.

The objective is to give young people an experience of vibrant, dynamic worship. But it is more than a jamboree of song and draws on cjm music's understanding and experience of the liturgical tradition and contemporary liturgical music.

We have secured two dates with cjm music. The first event will take place in Middlesbrough at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday January 24. The second event will take place in Hull the following day, Thursday January 25, at St Richard's VC Academy. The event is aimed at KS2 children and will best benefit years five, six and seven. The event costs £7 per child and the day is from 10.30am to 2.15pm.

The booking form and a video with highlights from the 2016 Big Sing can be viewed on the MYMission website [mymission.org.uk/bigsing2018](http://mymission.org.uk/bigsing2018).

If your school is interested in booking places and would like some more information, please do not hesitate to contact Dom Finn on 01642 850505 or email [domfinn@mymission.org.uk](mailto:domfinn@mymission.org.uk)

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**NEWS**

# Remembering Cardinal Newman's Legacy

**National chaplain to the Newman Association Father Fabian Radcliffe OP visited the Cleveland Circle to mark the organisation's 75th anniversary celebrations.**

In his talk, "John Henry Newman – an inspiration for us today?", Father Fabian explained how a group of English Catholics started a national association for graduates during the dark days of World War 2.

They named it after Cardinal Newman because they were strongly influenced by his views. Since then the association has broadened its membership to include all who wish to follow Cardinal Newman's inspiration – to build up a religiously educated and articulate laity. Today is still aims to do what he did in his day, promoting open discussion and greater understanding in the Church.

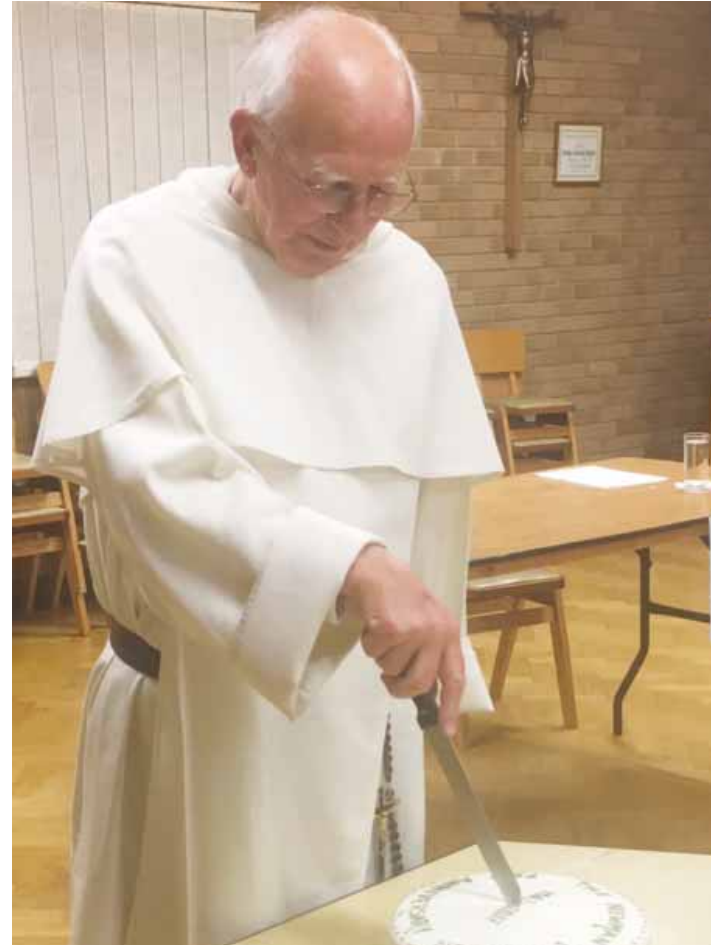
While recognising that priests have leadership roles, Cardinal Newman encouraged lay people to educate each other through discussion and debate. He valued positive contributions from other churches but acknowledged difficulties in inter-church relations and Father Fabian

suggested that discussion and prayer are still needed. Cardinal Newman was convinced that laity have a vital contribution to the Church and proposed that they should be consulted in matters of doctrine, since they are the Holy People of God, with an instinct for what God has revealed.

Today's Church has still many unresolved questions – including matters of marriage, gender issues, birth control – about which laity, as well as clergy, should be praying and pondering. But Father Fabian reminded us that the Newman Association is not a pressure group – its role is to facilitate discussion in order to clarify problems and work towards solutions.

Cleveland Newman Circle hold six talks through the year, on Wednesdays at 7.45pm. On November 15 Timothy Harrison will talk on "Building a living Cathedral music tradition: the agony and the ecstasy". All are welcome. For more information call 01642 814977 or email SANDAMerckx@btinternet.com.

Patricia Egerton



Newman Association national chaplain Father Fabian Radcliffe OP cuts a celebratory cake

## Choral Services At The Cathedral

Wednesday Nov 1	7pm	Mass for All Saints	Full Cathedral Choir
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Sunday Nov 5	10am	Mass	Cathedral Adult Choir and Choral Scholars
Wednesday Nov 8	6pm	Benediction and Vespers	Ladies' Schola Cantorum
Sunday Nov 12	10am	Mass of Remembrance Sunday	Full Cathedral Choir
	4.15pm	Solemn Vespers for Remembrance Sunday	
Wednesday Nov 15	6pm	Benediction and Vespers	Middlesbrough Cathedral Consort
Sunday Nov 19	10am	Family Mass	Cantor
Wednesday Nov 22	6pm	Benediction and Vespers (St Cecilia)	Full Cathedral Choir
Sunday Nov 26	10am	Mass of Christ the King	Full Schola Cantorum
	4.15pm	Solemn Vespers of Christ the King	Cathedral Adult Choir and Choral Scholars
			Cathedral Senior Girls

### Special Choral Services For Advent And Christmas

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**Sunday December 17 At 4pm:** Carols For Christmas

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