



Bishop's Column

Carrying on from last month about the founder of Madonna House, Catherine Doherty, I want to introduce you to some of her writings. She wrote a lot but these are some of what I would call her major works.

The title of her first book is *Poustinia*: this is the Russian word for "desert". It is the wild empty place where we find God in prayer. And the prayer we are talking about is not just a time of prayer, but a life of prayer. Part of this action of coming before God in prayer is so that everything which is not essential can be stripped away from us.

We enter this desert not just for ourselves, but for the whole of humanity, for our neighbours. We spend time with God and allow him to explain the Scriptures to us. Catherine Doherty says that the world is a cold place and someone has to be on fire, enabling others to get warm. In this way we will find our true freedom, which is allowing God to do with us what he wants.

Her second book is entitled *Sobornost*, which translates as unity of mind and heart brought about by constantly listening to God and asking God, "What is your will?" Bound by the will of the Father, taught by the obedience of the Son, we are enlightened by the Spirit who leads us. How? We bend, we prostrate, we adore – we surrender, acknowledging who God is and who I am – He is Creator, I am creature. Out of all this comes the pilgrimage, the journey of our life – *Strannik* in Russian, which is the title of her third book.

Strannik: It is a description of our own journey centred on Christ. Catherine says it is easy to follow, because we just look for the footsteps of Christ – the bloody footprints on the ground. She says that her footsteps were bloody because she is journeying into the hearts of humankind and the path is steep and full of sharp stones which cut her. She says that she is like a ball in the hands of God; to be thrown around, bounced or just left.

The penultimate book is called *Uródivoi* – to be a fool for Christ's sake; to love passionately, beyond reason, to follow Christ to the end. God is unreasonable and a little bit crazy because he demands our all. He calls us to take on the pain of the whole world. Only a fool could try to do this. And there is only one way to do this – through the gift of self. Only Christians can lead the way. God wants you, and he wants you to open your heart to your brothers and sisters.

The final book is called *Molchanie*: silence, in which comes complete self-revelation. In classical spirituality, this would be called mystical union. Her inner being is turned into silence, a sea of silence and all fears disappear. This silence is not dependent on external physical silence, though this can be part of it. And this silence speaks powerfully

She ends this book with something in a way, very ordinary. She says that she finds herself on a road, the road to Nazareth and she is very, very tired and she sees a young woman coming along the road, and she knows that she is Mary. She asks her if she is Mary, and she says that she is indeed the Mother of God. Mary tells her that she is the "gate". So she walks into her heart and meets Him whom she was seeking.

I hope this has awakened a desire in some of you to read more of her works; they are both down to earth and very uplifting.

+ Liz

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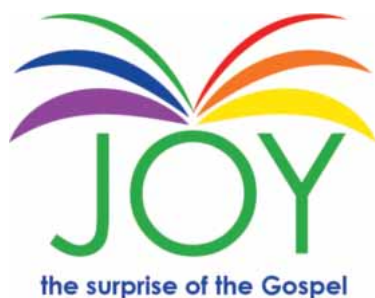
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Celebrate The Surprise Of The Scriptures



There will be workshops, prayer, art and more at an upcoming Scripture Festival in York this May.

"Joy: the Surprise of the Gospel" takes place on Saturday May 12 at All Saints School to celebrate the Scriptures in creative ways.

The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the time of Pentecost, which we celebrate the week after the festival, and also the appealing message of Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel*.

The event is aiming to develop ways of applying scripture to our whole life and enable them to be a catalyst for further engagement with the Bible.

Festival organiser Fleur Dorrell said: "We want to do it in a fun and accessible way, so that people don't think reading the Bible is a burden, time-consuming or not interesting.

"We're trying to break barriers down. We want people to see the Bible is interesting beyond going to Mass. It's for every day, not just for Sunday.

"This event can be for the whole family if they want to come."

The keynote speaker will be Father Eamonn



Keynote speaker Father Eamonn Mulcahy

Mulcahy, who has served as a priest since 1980.

Father Eamonn, who has led spiritual retreats to priests, religious and lay-people all around the world, will offer insight into how the Scriptures brings joy and hope.

There will not only be opportunities for Bible study but also to respond to the text in words, art and prayer, as well as celebrating through liturgy and music.


There will be a series of hands-on workshops throughout the day, including art and

scripture, scripture and song, scripture and Mary, Lectio Divina and a drama workshop with Blazing Grannies.

There will also be workshops on gifts of the spirit, post-resurrection narratives, scripture and iconography, and scripture and families.

As well as the workshops, there will be static prayer stations for reflection and inspiration, a small art exhibition from local schools and

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Celebrate The Joy Of The Scriptures

a scripture wall for prayer and meditation. There will be an opportunity to attend evensong at York Minster later in the day. The festival is being organised collaboratively by diocesan advisers, members of religious orders and the Scripture Working Group of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The day will begin with coffee and a welcome from Bishop Terry between 10am and 10.30am and people can come and go as they please throughout the day. A small contribution of £5 per person is requested to help fund the festival.

A Thank You From Bishop Terry

I would just like to say a great thank you to everyone who has been praying for me over these last weeks since my accident.

As you will probably know, I slipped on the ice while out walking the week before Christmas and severed the tendon in my knee.

This required an operation to re-attach it and as a result I was taken into hospital on Christmas Day, only to have the operation postponed until December 28. All has gone well since then and I am making good progress and hope to be up and walking unaided in the next month or so.

I am so grateful for the prayers and the get well cards etc. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as we now enter into the wonderful season of Lent, which begins on the 14th of this month.

May this Holy Season bring each of us great blessings, especially the grace of conversion and dedication to the service of the Lord.



Review Signals Changes For Safeguarding Team

After three years working for the diocesan buildings department, Mo Hunter is relishing a switch to helping implement a new strategy for the safeguarding team.

Following an external review of the department, a number of changes to safeguarding processes were recommended.

To help introduce them, Mo has stepped in as safeguarding support manager to work alongside safeguarding co-ordinator Mick Walker and safeguarding administrators Sue Bullivant and Patti Wiczorek.

Mo, who was formerly the PA and office manager to the director of IT and health records at South Tees Hospital, feels well-suited to the role.

She said: "It is very different to what I was doing before but in a way it's an extension of what I did in my previous life before I came into the diocese."

"It's been extremely interesting and pretty fast-paced and I'm enjoying it very much.

"We're stripping the department back to the bones and re-evaluating all the processes, putting in place new ones and making good progress rolling out an electronic application system for the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks."

DBS checks were introduced after the merging of the CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) and ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority) to allow employers to make informed and safe recruitment decisions.

Every diocesan worker or volunteer who comes into contact with children or adults at risk is required to have a certificate.

Mo continued: "We've now begun training people throughout the diocese to start to use the new electronic DBS system known as Ebulk, including some from parishes, SVP and some who will specifically help with the Lourdes pilgrimage. This will help speed up the time a DBS check takes from weeks to days, providing all of the documentation that is needed to be produced is in order."

"So far we have trained 13 people and plan to roll this out to the remaining safeguarding representatives throughout this year."

The safeguarding team exists to help ensure the highest possible standards of safeguarding are adhered to throughout the diocese at all times, maintaining a safe environment for everyone.

They recently held a conference covering topics including domestic abuse, modern slavery and human trafficking, as well as giving an update briefing from the department.

"Feedback was very positive, with an 84 per cent return," said Mo. "We are analysing the feedback and considering all suggestions put forward for future conferences, including the possibility of an alternative venue."

Looking ahead to the future, Mo is very pleased with how things are shaping up.

She said: "Everyone has been absolutely fantastic, they've really worked as part of a team to support the changes we've been making and ensure that what we're trying to achieve is to the benefit of the diocese."

If you would like to contact Mo, please email mo.hunter@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.

Jonathan Barber



Safeguarding co-ordinator Mick Walker and safeguarding support manager Mo Hunter



**Middlesbrough Diocese
LGBT+ Outreach & Service**

Masses giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families, and friends, will take place throughout 2018 on the second Sunday of the month. Next Masses are:

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A Quarter Century Passes By

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. This month Francis sees that time is passing quickly...

Time goes quickly in Basankusu, in the Congo. My three years have spilt into a fourth year committed to missionary life with Mill Hill Missionaries. The students I started teaching at the beginning of 2015 are studying Philosophy in Uganda. They will eventually become Mill Hill priests.

The centre for treating malnourished children and advising their parents has passed its third birthday. Some volunteers have moved on but have been replaced with new, even better ones. We have now successfully treated more than 1,000 children at the centre. Further to that, we've taken on a second house to concentrate on the more severely malnourished children. It's right next to our Catholic hospital for easy access to medical services – such as they are!

The rebuilding of our Mill Hill house that burnt down is almost complete. And we're saying goodbye to our visiting eye-doctors from Belgium, who have just spent another two weeks treating Basankusu people, their fifth visit.

More anniversaries come to mind: this year will mark 25 years since I first came to Basankusu as a Mill Hill Missionary, for three years. I found this photo from 1992 of myself and a young woman from the Ngombe tribe. She'd given birth to her first child and was following the tribal tradition of "first birth". She was accompanied by two younger sisters, or cousins – one carried the baby for her, the other carried a small stool for her to sit on to feed the baby.

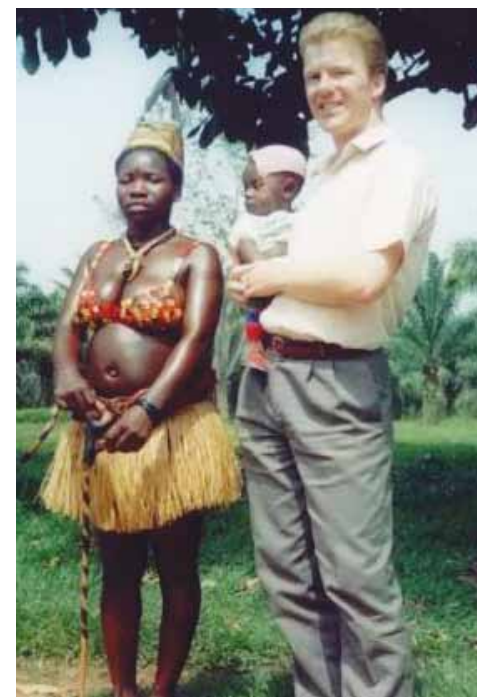
For at least one year – without her husband – she visits her extended family in neighbouring villages, who should feed her up to keep her in good health. She avoids washing in the river, in case she catches a chill – instead she's covered in palm oil. She wears several different charms to keep away evil spirits, including a leopard's tooth, a leopard's skin, a traditional raffia

skirt, cow bells (they're behind her on a belt) again, to keep away evil spirits and several marks and bracelets from the traditional healers to protect her.

This all seems very extravagant – and very hard on the poor husband – but it ensured that mother and child survived in possibly harsh conditions.

Mobile phones, solar panel lights and a shaky internet connection have since arrived in Basankusu. Sadly, the tradition of first birth has all but died out. My work these days with malnourished children gets me thinking that perhaps it should be reintroduced.

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Francis with a young woman from the Ngombe tribe during his first visit to Basankusu in 1992

Talk On Parishes Without Priests

Author Frank McDermott will speak on the subject of "Communities of hope, parishes without priests" at this month's Cleveland Newman Circle meeting.

Mr McDermott is the co-author of the book *Journeying Together: Building Community – Building the Kingdom* and a former director of schools in the Diocese of Hallam.

The meeting takes place on Wednesday February 28 in St Mary's Cathedral Hall at 7.45pm, with coffee and tea from 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more details call 01642 814977 or email sandamerckx@btinternet.com.net.



Parish priest Canon Eddie Gubbins blessed UCM badges and presented them to seven new members at an enrolment Mass in St Peter's, Scarborough. Our picture shows Canon Eddie with Marion Broughton, Marie Birdsall, Mo Swales, Pat Scutt, Heather Tymon, Sue Gregory and Barbara Chambers. Photo by Bernard Wilkins.

A Chance To Learn How Government Ticks

Applications are now open for the next year group of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales' Faith in Politics internship scheme.

Eight recently graduated Catholics will be given intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context.

Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster, one in a parliamentary support role within the secretariat, two in public policy and social action with CAFOD and the Catholic Social Action Network and one in a media internship with the Catholic Communications Network (CCN).

In addition to educational work experience, the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year.

Each intern will take part in a course in Political Theology and Catholic Social Teaching, run by the Bishops' Conference, as well as exploring the political landscape and the Church's involvement in social action

through a series of events.

The group also regularly meet with Christians who work in all walks of public life, as well as those succeeding in the private sector.

The wider support the interns receive has a lasting effect as they develop careers. Not only does the network encourage friendships and working relations, it also provides information on job opportunities that may be of interest to the group.

Applications are open to become an intern in the academic year beginning in September. Applicants are advised to apply for more than one role, even if their university degree does not seem directly related.

The main criteria for entry are an understanding of the Catholic faith, a strong vocation to social action, a flair and initiative for creative work and a 2:1 degree or higher. More information and the application form can be found at faithinpolitics.org.uk.

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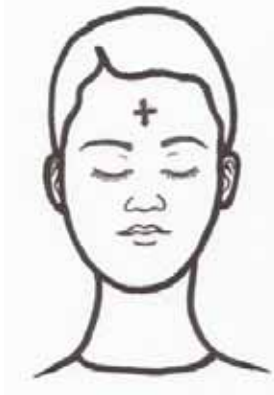
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Feast of the Month

Ash Wednesday February 14



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, when we go to church to begin our preparations for Easter. The ashes used by the priest on Ash Wednesday are made from the burnt remains of leftover palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

We walk in procession up to the priest, who dips his thumb into the ashes and traces a cross on our foreheads saying, "Repent and believe in the Gospel". Easter is such a wonderful feast that we try to be especially good all through the six weeks of Lent in order to be ready for it.

Academy's New App Strikes Gold



St Thomas More Academy in Hull have won an award after turning to technology to help improve communication with their families.

The app, commissioned especially for the academy by the Hull App Company, is also helping improve efficiency in the office by providing parents with online forms, as well as offering a single platform to view curriculum information, lunch menus, diary dates, photo galleries and details of Catholic life at the school.

It's been such a success that the school won a Hull Daily Mail Golden Apples Education Award in the communication category.

Head Julia Eley said: "The app has really helped us improve the way we work with our families. It has provided us with a much easier way to communicate school activity and we can cut down queues at the office around pick-up and drop-off times, as the majority of parents choose to make payments through the app. Winning the award was the icing on the cake."

To find out more visit hullapp.co or download the app by visiting <http://cms.hullapp.co/app/stthomas2>

Mini Vinnies Raise A Fair Amount

The Mini Vinnies of St Wilfrid's Primary School in York raised £140 with a Christmas fair. The money will be used to support York charity Snappy and sponsor three children in India through the SVP twinnage scheme.

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Successful Launch For LGBT+ Ministry

The new diocesan outreach ministry to the LGBT+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community has now held its first Masses in York.

Some 60 participants travelled from across the diocese for the first Mass. Catholic members of the LGBT+ community were joined by their families, friends and supporters and Christians from other denominations.

All gathered in the hidden chapel of York's historic Bar Convent, at the kind invitation of the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus. It was noted in the words of welcome that the Bar Convent has a long history of offering sanctuary and began its life to support minorities suffering persecution by civil and religious authorities.

The presider at Mass was Father Tony Lester, who is working to establish this ministry in our diocese at the request of Bishop Terry, who sent good wishes for the launch. Father Tony was joined on the altar by Canon John Lumley and Deacon Peter Warren, together with Deacon Nick Baggio, from the Diocese of Leeds.

Mass began with a Litany of Welcome, reminding those present that all people have a place in the Christian community because all belong to Jesus Christ, and it is his table the Church gathers around at the Eucharist. It is God who counts us worthy and the welcome the Church makes visible is God's welcome to all in Christ.



An LGBT rights defender from Kenya proclaiming God's Word at the launch Mass

The readers included a human rights defender from Kenya who is spending six months at the University of York as a "protected fellow", because as an LGBT activist his life is in danger at home. While in Britain he is learning ways to reduce the risks to his life and to network with fellow human rights defenders.

Sadly, his baptismal and confirmation papers were publicly torn up by his parish priest in Kenya because of the work he was doing. Father Tony acknowledged that for many LGBT+ people their experience of Church is marked by pain. Pope Francis has

said this is something for which Christians need to apologise.

After Mass the congregation socialised over refreshments and people shared stories of their journey. Among the experiences shared was that of a young man who stopped attending Mass as a teenager, not because he had lost his faith but because he felt his parish community would not accept him. He was very pleased at the launch of the new ministry, which he felt gave him the opportunity to start attending Mass again. Those who attended the launch were asked


how they would like to see this ministry develop in the future. It was agreed that a Mass with an explicit welcome to the LGBT+ community, families and friends would be celebrated at the Bar Convent on the second Sunday of each month at 3pm. In time, a rotation of priests will preside at these Masses and the community that gathers will develop a broader programme that is spiritual, social and supportive.

For further information, visit lgbtmiddlesbroughcatholic.org.uk or facebook.com/lgbtcatholic.




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NEWS

A Letter From Madonna House

Surprises From The Lord



Sara renewing her promises as a member of Madonna House in Lourdes last May. Photo by Paul Atkinson

Occasionally, I would look out over the beautiful coast at Robin Hood's Bay and think, 'How did I ever get here?' To come here was a complete surprise from the Lord.

Two and a half years ago, I was working in the kitchen at our main centre in Combermere, Canada, when our director of women asked me to come to see her.

As I walked over to her cabin, it did not occur to me that I might be asked to move. We chatted for a bit when I got there, and then she said she would like me to go to our house in the UK. It was a surprise, and I was absolutely thrilled.

In November I received the call to move to my next assignment. I know I will miss Robin Hood's Bay and our life here very much, but it was a gift in the first place, so I cannot cling to it or claim it as my own. I return to Canada with so much gratitude – first to the Lord for my vocation and the gift of two years in Robin Hood's Bay, then to the community in our house, Cheryl Ann, Nikola, and Father Brian, for their love and support over the years, and to all those whom I have had the privilege of meeting in my time here.

As members of Madonna House, we make a promise of obedience. There are three branches of our community: lay women, lay men and priests. All of us make promises of poverty, chastity and obedience. The lay men elect one of the lay men to be their director, the lay women elect a lay woman to be their director and the priests do the same.

Together, the three directors govern the community. These three directors prayerfully discern to which house God is calling each of the members to serve.

In our promise of obedience there is an act of trust in the goodness of God. Wherever we are sent, we trust that the Lord will use us for his purposes and sustain us and be our help. I know where I have been asked to serve next is God's will for my life, so it will be good.

As I return to Canada, I will carry all those I have met in my heart. My faith has been nurtured and has grown through the faith of those whom I have met, whether in parishes, or the friends who visit us or those who come on retreat. I will continue to pray for those whom I have met and for the Diocese of Middlesbrough. I have so much gratitude for the kindness and hospitality I experienced here.

Catherine Doherty, the foundress of Madonna House, said when we go somewhere as missionaries, it is "...to find the Christ who is already dwelling there..." This is true, as I have discovered and he was revealed to me too in the beauty of the people and places of North Yorkshire.

Sara Matthews

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We are immensely proud of our choral foundation at St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough.

Our adult choir currently numbers 16 singers (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) and leads the singing during term-time at Sunday 10am Mass and on holy days. The choir rehearses at the cathedral each week on Thursday from 7pm to 8.30pm.

Our repertoire draws on the great works from plainsong to contemporary music. This term's music includes motets by Eccard, Allegri (*Miserere*), Purcell, Monteverdi (*Beatus Vir*), Samuel Sebastian Wesley and many more, as well as Mass settings from Renaissance masters Tomas Luis Victoria and Cristobal de Morales and contemporary settings by David Hurd

and Norman Harper.

The adult choir is currently seeking to recruit one male or female alto and one bass. If you enjoy the challenge of singing great choral music, can read music and would like to be a vital part of this first class RSCM-affiliated choir, please email either Tim Harrison or Craig Cartwright at

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Choral Services at St Mary's Cathedral During February

Thursday February 1 at 6.30pm: Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir). Motet – *When To The Temple* by Eccard

Sunday February 4 at 10am: Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Wednesday February 7 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies Schola)

Sunday February 11 at 10am: Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Sunday February 11 at 4.15pm: Sung Solemn Vespers (Cathedral Consort)

Wednesday February 14 at 7pm: Sung Solemn Mass of Ash Wednesday (Cathedral Choir). Motets include *Miserere* by Allegri

Sunday February 18 at 10am: Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Sunday February 18 at 3pm: Rite of Election (Diocesan Choir)

Wednesday February 21 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies Schola)

Sunday February 25 at 10am: Family Mass (Cathedral Adult Choir with Junior Choristers)

Sunday February 25 at 4.15pm: Sung Solemn Vespers (Senior Girl Choristers)

Wednesday February 28 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low voices Schola)

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- Fundraise – there are many fun and easy ways you can raise funds for SVP work.

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Uniting The Generations

Faithfully Ageing Better has created a small grants fund for churches and associated groups in Middlesbrough to enable them to create more opportunities to bring the generations together.

Groups are invited to bid for up to £500 each to plan an activity or trip that brings different generations together and allows older people to share their knowledge, skills and experience with others.

To request an information sheet and application form, email Faithfully Ageing Better development worker at kate.wells@togethermc.org.

What The Eucharist Means To Me

As we continue preparations for Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool on the weekend of September 7 to 9, we've been asking people in the diocese what role the Eucharist plays in their lives.

We start this regular series with two people who work with young people in our diocese as chaplains. If you would like to contribute your own short reflection, please email it together with a photograph to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.

“Godhead here in hiding, Thee I do adore...”

A brother and sister visiting a student chaplaincy walk through a door into a room, which they suddenly realise is a

chapel. “Jesus is here,” says the young woman who has seen the red lamp by the tabernacle. Both kneel.



Father William with a group of young people from the diocese at a conference run by the Faith Movement

This was told to me by their mother, who was with them. She was touched by their faith. Baptised as babies but due to family difficulties not brought up as practising Catholics, they were “introduced” to the Catholic faith quite late, past the normal First Communion age. Summer visits to the Youth 2000 gathering at Walsingham and the Faith Summer Conference at Woldingham helped.

Young people need to know what the Holy Eucharist is and then they will spend the rest of their lives discovering what the Holy Eucharist is for. The beautiful hymn of St Thomas Aquinas celebrates this very physical Presence of the Divine among us. *O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee, who truly art within the forms before me...*

But this is just the beginning. *O sacramentum devotionis, O signum unitatis, O vinculum caritatis!* exclaims St Thomas. *O effective Sign of Unity:* Awareness of the Presence of Jesus leads to greater unity. For the Lord who gathers us to Himself also gathers us together as

“brothers and sisters through the Blood of Christ”. *O Bond of Charity:* And this unity is not just at the level of friendship but of the heart, of love.

Pope Benedict introduced adoration to the World Youth Days at Cologne in 2005. Pope Francis continues it. Benedict explained the transition from adoration to communion, and its effects: “God no longer simply stands before us... He is within us and we are in Him; His dynamic enters into us and then seeks to spread onwards to others until it fills the whole world.”

There's an obvious link between the Eucharist and vocation. It's Jesus: what is He saying to me? Many years ago, two new priests of our diocese wrote in the *Catholic Voice* of their journey towards the priesthood. Both independently mentioned they felt most drawn when they began to attend daily Mass.

Father William Massie,
Hull University Chaplaincy

Alone With The Lord

As the chaplaincy co-ordinator in a busy secondary school, it's easy to take for granted the way in which God is present and influences every situation in our lives.

We become obsessed with the “to do” list and the items on it and very rarely stop and take the time to be at one with the Lord. So often we think of the Eucharist as receiving of the Lord at Holy Communion and we don't take the time to go to Exposition and simply sit or kneel in the Lord's presence.

In order to deal with the stresses and strains of daily life, I regularly try to find time to go to Exposition, to kneel before the Lord and talk to him about the areas of my life where I need his support and guidance and to give thanks for all the times he has supported me in difficult situations. When the Lord is on the altar in the Monstrance there is something about the way you can feel totally alone with him, even though there may be others in church.

With the ever-growing pressures on our young people, during the summer term I offer staff and students the opportunity to attend Exposition on Monday lunchtimes. I wanted them to have the opportunity to take some time out amid the hustle and bustle of the school day and to pray in front of the Lord.

During a period of about 20 minutes in the chapel, we prayed together and spent 10 minutes in silent adoration. Each week during the silent prayer you could physically feel the tensions lifting in the room as the Lord listened to their prayers and soothed their anxieties.

Elaine Wright, chaplaincy co-ordinator, All Saints RC School, York



Students at All Saints School in York praying before the Blessed Sacrament

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LOURDES

Sadness And Happy Memories As Pilgrims' Journeys End

The end of 2017 and the beginning of 2018 was marked by the passing of several familiar and much-loved faces from our Lourdes pilgrimage.

Veronica Clark had been in poor health for some years and died unexpectedly but peacefully at home in Redcar on December 28.

Since first going to Lourdes as a nurse in thanksgiving for her recovery after illness in 1980, Veronica only missed one year since, when husband Les had a pacemaker fitted.

"A lovely man called Harry Houseman had been telling her he was the last nurse from Redcar to go to Lourdes and that it was about time there was another one," recalled Les.

"She loved it and came back and told me

all about it. I said you're not going back on your own because we missed you too much – and if it's that good, we're going with you!"

The following year, Veronica and Les went together, along with daughter Andrea, who worked as a handmaid. Veronica was very proud that both Andrea and their other daughter, Alison, followed their mother's footsteps and are now nurses specialising in oncology.

One of the country's first ever nurse practitioners, Veronica spent most of her working life at Redcar's busy Stead Hospital, where she became theatre sister at the age of just 23. Her own mother was also a nursing sister.

The esteem in which Veronica was held by

the Lourdes and wider Catholic communities is evidenced by the 100-plus sympathy and Mass cards Les received.

"I've been overwhelmed by the love I've been showered with," said Les, who was married to Veronica for almost 54 years.

Veronica's funeral was held at St Mary's Cathedral and the family were hoping enough money would be collected after the service to send a supported pilgrim to Lourdes.

Fellow nurse Liz Boyes died in York's St Catherine's Hospice on Friday January 5 after a long illness.

Liz was on the first Middlesbrough pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1952 and returned every year afterwards until being unable to go in 2017 because of ill health. She recalled her first trip as a teenager in the book, *Pushing Fifty*.

"My two sisters and I were able to go on the first pilgrimage as young helpers," she said. "The trains were not like they are today. They had wooden seats and we sat bolt upright, facing each other, for the whole 27-hour journey.

"Some of the sick travelling with us were laid on stretchers and placed in the luggage compartment along with all the equipment. I can remember vividly having to feed one of the sick pilgrims during the journey. Him being on a stretcher, my inexperience and the movement of the train made it a very nervous time for me."

Former head handmaid Peg Dasey died on January 6 after a long period of ill health. Peg is the sister of Joan, Tony and Monsignor Gerard Dasey, who are all

regulars on our pilgrimage. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Middlesbrough.

Margaret Burrige, who travelled as a supported pilgrim for many years before being unable to come with us last year, died on January 8. Her funeral was held at St Joseph's, Hull.

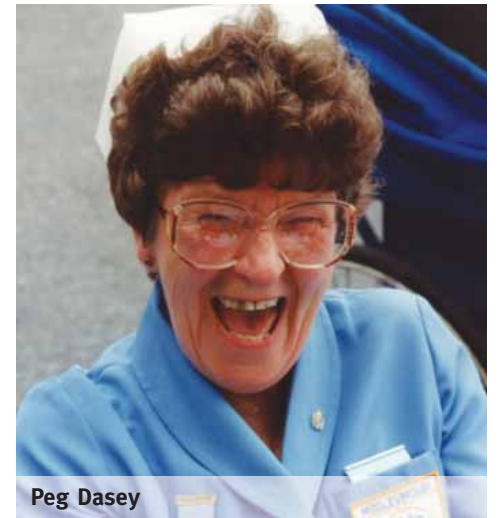
And in December the funeral took place for Bill McDermott, another Lourdes stalwart who came as a supported pilgrim in recent years and was predeceased by his beloved wife, Betty.

We remember all of them and their families in our prayers, together with all deceased helpers and pilgrims, especially those who passed away during the last 12 months.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them. St Bernadette, pray for them.



Les and Veronica Clark in front of the Basilica at Lourdes



Peg Dasey



Bill McDermott with Dom Finn



Liz Boyes (left) with Mary Hargan in Lourdes



Margaret Burrige

LOURDES

Book Now For Lourdes 65!

Booking forms and information on Lourdes 2018 are available and have been posted out to those on our mailing list.

Once again we are travelling with experienced tour operator Joe Walsh Tours. The dates for our 65th pilgrimage are Friday May 25 to Friday June 1.

This year we are also offering an overland section, travelling by coach to Lourdes and staying in the Mediterranee, Alba or Agena hotels at a cost of £529 for six nights and £599 for seven nights.

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 continue your support of our pilgrimage and book as early as possible.

If you haven't had a pilgrimage brochure and would like one, call Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or book online at www.joewalstours.co.uk.

For a Supported Pilgrim application form, email secretary Pat Ling at patricia.ling@gmail.com or call 01642 760105.

Keith Tillotson, Executive Director

Calling All Nurses!

If you've ever thought about coming to Lourdes as a helper, now is the time to act!

Our team of nurses consists of qualified nurses in current registration and pharmacists and physiotherapists with valuable experience along with health care assistants.

Qualified nurses in current registration with the Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) will be responsible for duties such as the administration of medicines, assessing and planning care for our supported pilgrims.

Nursing students can also work as volunteers in Lourdes and a reflection of this unique experience of holistic care could be included in their portfolios.

You'll find out why so many nurses return to Lourdes year after year. We guarantee it will be a life-changing experience!

For more information, please contact head nurse Stephen McKenna by emailing stemck@btinternet.com.

Day Of Formation Draws Near

The Day of Formation for our Hospitalité helpers takes place on Saturday April 21 2018 at Trinity Catholic College in Middlesbrough, with registration from 9am.

The day forms a major part of our pilgrimage preparation and the varied programme includes the mandatory aspects of our training. It also gives us a chance to spend a day with our teams. Lunch will be provided and we will end the day with the celebration of Mass.

Last year's formation day was attended by more than 200 helpers and supported pilgrims and helped our pilgrimage get off to a great start.

Charity Evening For Lourdes Funds

St Bernadette's annual charity evening takes place in North Ormesby Working Men's Club on Friday February 2 from 7.30pm to 11pm. There will be entertainment, a raffle, tombola and bingo and all proceeds will help supported pilgrims go to Lourdes. For more information and tickets, please call 01642 312352, 01642 322267 or 01642 312552.

Mass For Past And Present Handmaids

There will be an opportunity for all past and present handmaids to come together for the celebration of Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough, on Saturday February 17 at 2pm. The service will be followed by a cup of tea and cake in the hall and an update on the preparations for this year's pilgrimage. If anyone else would like to join us for Mass and a cup of tea afterwards you would be very welcome.



Friendships Renewed At Hull Lourdes Party

The Hull Lourdes family gathered in the hall at Sacred Heart Church for the annual Christmas party to thank everyone connected with the pilgrimage. It was a delight to see so many there, including supported pilgrims, pilgrims, volunteers, brancardiers, handmaids and other supporters of the pilgrimage.

It was especially lovely to welcome Tony Kirk, Chris Tillotson and John and Mary Brown, who travelled from Middlesbrough to attend, bringing a film of the 2017

pilgrimage. After a welcoming drink, we sat down to a delicious tea served on best china and it was wonderful to see everyone meeting old friends and sharing experiences.

Our thanks go to Jean Campbell and her committee, the amazing team at Sacred Heart and the many other people who did so much work to make the afternoon a resounding success.

Chris Cuthill



Monsignor Ray Charlton sent in this wonderful photograph of Middlesbrough pilgrims boarding the plane for Lourdes at Teesside Airport. We recognise Canon Rickaby on the left and Bishop Brunner in the wheelchair to his right. Can anyone help identify the others?

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NEWS

Students Give Up Lunch After Moving Encounter

Students at Ampleforth College were so moved by an encounter with people who use Middlesbrough's St John Paul Centre that they gave up eating lunch for a week to raise funds for them.

Last month's *Voice* included a report on a retreat to Ampleforth for individuals who are helped by Depaul UK's Positive Pathways Out of Homelessness and Nightstop, along with the NE Refugee Service and Investing in People and Cultures.

It was organised by Terry Doyle in response to the message of Pope Francis for the first World Day of the Poor, celebrated on November 19 2017. The Holy Father called us to unite in love, acts of service to one another and genuine encounter.

Those taking part included asylum seekers, refugees and people with addiction, homelessness or other health issues.

Students from various year groups came to sit and listen to these visitors from just 40 miles away but with a vastly different world experience and they were clearly deeply affected by the meeting.

"It was a time and place where two very different cultures could meet in a real and special holy encounter," said Terry.

"We should never underestimate the healing power of genuine and authentic listening to a person's story as it affords the person being listened to the power of dignity, which can go a long way towards healing



The meditation session in the Ampleforth Abbey crypt

wounds and raising self-worth.

"Many thanks to Prior Terence and the school's Ali Rogerson for their wonderful hospitality. I'm sure there will be many

more wonderful encounters between the good people of the John Paul Centre and Ampleforth to come."

Our photograph shows one of the highlights of the retreat, a candlelit meditation session in the crypt underneath the abbey.



The memorial to those who died on La Bastiase

Memorial Unveiled For Tees Shipping Tragedy

Canon John Lumley led a poignant ceremony to unveil a memorial for men who lost their lives when a French corvette built at a Tees shipyard sank during trials in June 1940.

Former shipyard workers and their families were among a crowd of people who witnessed the ceremony at Smith's Dock Park, Normanby, Middlesbrough.

Canon Lumley, of St Gabriel's, Ormesby, led a service in both French and English. He was assisted by Deacon Peter Barrigan, of the Apostleship of the Sea.

The event marked the completion of a campaign to raise money to mark the deaths of 18 Smith's Dock shipyard workers, who built *La Bastiase* at the South Bank shipyard, and 43 French seamen.

It was sunk when it hit a German mine off Hartlepool on June 22 1940, the day France capitulated to the Germans. The memorial, an obelisk, was built because civilians were not included in the park's war memorial.

Liz Chambers, ceremony organiser of the Friends of Smith's Dock Park, thanked all who had taken part and

described Canon Lumley's service as "wonderful".

VIPs attending included the Deputy Lord Lieutenant David Kerfoot, the Redcar and Cleveland mayor Karen King, honorary consul of France Eric Donjon and the chief executive of PD Ports Frans Calje.

"The weather was cold, but many ex-Smith's Dock workers and their families made the event and a lot travelled a long way," said Liz.

The local men believed to have died are Johan Gustof Andersson, RM Balls, JM Broad, Charles Edwin Crowell, John Willam Dobson, Frank English, Robert E Fenwick, William Gent, V Hansson, Charles William Hall, Alec Henderson, S Hickling, Thomas Hunter, FA Morton, Thomas Alfred Moreman, Herbert Pateman, Louis Stanley Powell, William Pringle, Harry Rackshaw, Howard William Townshend and W Young.

A booklet has been produced to mark the sinking of the corvette.

Mike Morrisey

Singing Out At St Hilda's

St Hilda's School in Whitby may be small, but it certainly packs a powerful punch. With only 34 on the roll, the pupils still managed to raise the roof with a powerful musical retelling of the nativity. The whole school was involved in the production and the children were thrilled to take part.

The production followed an Ofsted report that recognised the hard work of the teachers. St Hilda's was rated a "Good" school with a broad, balanced and invigorating curriculum. Well done everyone!

Cath Clarkson, admin officer



Death Of Ampleforth Monk Father Francis

Father Francis Dobson OSB, Benedictine monk of Ampleforth Abbey, died peacefully in the monastery infirmary at Ampleforth on January 9 at the age of 78.

Born in Newark, Nottinghamshire, in May 1939, Father Francis was educated at Gilling and Ampleforth. He worked in the family textile business before qualifying as an accountant and working for Price Waterhouse in London and Johannesburg.

As Father Francis himself wrote in the Ampleforth Diary: "I was 28 when, on September 7 1967, I caught a train from Newark to York and was then driven by Brother Bonaventure to Ampleforth to start the monastic life." A week later he was clothed in the monastic habit by Abbot Basil Hume and ordained priest in July 1976.

Father Francis studied at St Benet's Hall, Oxford, between 1970 and 1972 and on his return to Ampleforth began a teaching career that lasted more than 30 years. He also worked on the Ampleforth Journal, as honorary secretary of the Ampleforth Society and editor of the Ampleforth Diary.

From 1979, Father Francis began co-ordinating the work of Ampleforth College students on the annual Ampleforth Lourdes Pilgrimage. He wrote that he was himself greatly influenced by pilgrimage – he made more than 80 pilgrimages to Lourdes and 20 to Medjugorje. In 1989 he was made a titular member of the Hospitalité de Notre Dame de Lourdes and in July 2009 the Bishop of Lourdes and Tarbes appointed him an honorary chaplain of the Lourdes Grotto.

Father Francis also encouraged students to become actively involved in helping the needy abroad and from 1992 he became co-ordinator of Ampleforth FACE-FAW (Friendship and Aid to Central and Eastern Europe and Friendship and Aid World). Father Francis' inspiration has led to many students spending gap years working in developing countries.



In June 2016, Father Francis was diagnosed with cancer of the prostate. Writing about this in the Ampleforth Diary, he stated: "On June 14 2016, I learnt of illness; a stunning uncertainty, fear and beautiful grace, that I had nothing and could be at peace. Actually, it is to...no longer seek to be important, to have nothing but the gifts of the Lord. St Philip Neri said. 'A joyful heart is more easily made perfect than a downcast one'."

Father Francis's funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in Monks' Wood.

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

Please pray for the following priests of our diocese whose anniversaries are during the month of February.

1	1919	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Gerald Shanahan	Thornaby
1	1937	Rev Edward H Bryan	Pickering
1	1973	Rev Michael Barry	Market Weighton
2	1920	Rt Rev Mgr Provost Charles Dawson	York
2	1982	Rev Francis Gresham OP	York
2	1989	Rt Rev Mgr J Liam Carson	Teesville
3	1912	Very Rev Canon Joseph Dodds	Leyburn
3	1981	Canon Gerard T Rickaby	Guisborough
3	1999	Rev Thomas Burke	Scarborough
5	1978	Very Rev Canon W Hughes	Hull
5	1979	Rev Dan Breen	Scarborough
7	1985	Mgr T Alban Nolan	Billingham
7	1988	Very Rev Canon Robert Carson	Redcar
8	1991	Rev John Shanahan	Knocklong
9	1975	Rev Joseph Bickerstaffe	Connah's Quay
9	2011	Rev Sean O'Donnell	Falcarragh
10	1933	Rev Richard Lewis	York
10	1970	Rev Leonard Cornwall	Hull
12	1947	Rev Thomas Reilly	Skirlaugh
12	1965	Rev Gerard Culkin	Ushaw
14	1897	Very Rev Canon George Brunner	Wycliffe
15	1931	Rev William Kirkham	Ulshaw Bridge
16	1999	Rev John Joseph Ryan	Scorton
17	2003	Rev Francis Daly	Middlesbrough
18	1995	Rev Desmond Cush	Richmond
18	1938	Rev George Kiernan	Thornaby
18	1942	Rev Bernard Wilson	Staithe
23	2015	Very Rev Canon Gerald Cox	Hull
27	1963	Rev Joseph Blake	Hull
27	1900	Rev James Atkinson	Middlesbrough
27	1981	Rev James O'Brien	Staithe
28	1988	Rev John MacDonnell	Middlesbrough

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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2018

Due to a recent accident and subsequent surgery a number of the Bishop's official engagements have been cancelled or postponed.

6 Attends meeting of National Office of Vocations Board at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am

8 Attends Diocesan Trustee Board Meeting at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 10.30am

27 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am
 Attends meeting of Council of Priests at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 1.30pm

- 1 Thurs**
6.30pm Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
 Motet 'When to the temple' by Eccard
- 2 Fri**
 Dates of events and articles for inclusion in the March issue of Voice must be received by today.
7.30pm North Ormesby Working Men's Club, annual charity evening in memory of Bernie O'Donnell, to fund sick pilgrims to Lourdes. Call 01642 312352/322267/312352 for tickets and information.
- 3 Sat**
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
- 4 Sun**
10am Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
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 Tues**
7pm Knights of St Columba, Council 29, meet at St Mary's Cathedral, Dalby Way, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough commencing with Mass in the Cathedral chapel.
- 7 Wed**
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies' Schola), St Mary's Cathedral
6.30pm The Secular Franciscan Order meets every first Wednesday of the month at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.
6.30pm Latin Mass, St Charles Borromeo, Jarett Street, Hull, HU1 3HB

- 9 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
 'Discernment Weekend' for women considering religious life 9-11 February. Run by Congregation of Jesus at the Bar Convent, York. No charge; for initial contact/discussion prior to attendance e-mail: vocations@congregatiojesu.org.uk
- 10 Sat**
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
- 11 Sun**
10am Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Diocese of Middlesbrough LGBT+ outreach and service; Mass giving an explicit welcome to LGBT+ Catholics, their families and friends, in the chapel of The Bar Convent, 17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ
4.15pm Sung Solemn Vespers (Cathedral Consort), St Mary's Cathedral
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.
- 12 Mon**
7.30pm Justice & Peace meet at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact Nan Saeki (01904) 783621 for further details
- 13 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
- 14 Wed**
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle meet after morning Mass
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at St Leonard & St Mary, Malton meets
2-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind', St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, particularly those with dementia, their carers, families and friends.
2.30pm 'Prayer Group, John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough. New members welcome.
7pm Sung Solemn Mass of Ash Wednesday (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
 Motets include 'Miserere' by Allegri
- 15 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
- 16 Fri**
12 noon Lenten Station Mass (Stations of the Cross from 11.15am), St Mary's Cathedral
7.30pm Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel 07800697975 or e-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com>
- 17 Sat**
10.30am Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
 7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Tony Ford), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227
- 18 Sun**
10am Sung Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir), St Mary's Cathedral
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

Advance Notices

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

14 March, 2-3.30pm 'Music for the Mind', St Mary's Cathedral hall. All welcome, particularly those with dementia, their carers, families and friends.
18 March, 1-3pm St Thomas More's Church Hall, 'Easter Eggstravaganza', tombola, raffle, cakes, refreshments, Easter Bonnet competition and much more. Come along and enjoy the fun with family and friends.
30 March, 10am-12 noon, Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage at the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace.



Monks at Ampleforth, home to the UK's largest Benedictine Community, move precious artefacts including a picture of Our Lady with the child Jesus, a statue of St Cuthbert and a Douai Bible as the monastery undergoes its first makeover in 120 years. The community is seeking to preserve the Benedictine way of life in this part of North Yorkshire with a £6.8m fundraising effort to restore the 19th century monastery.

3pm Rite of Election (Diocesan Choir), St Mary's Cathedral

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Margaret Clitherow, Great Ayton

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

21 Wed

6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies' Scholas), St Mary's Cathedral
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

22 Thur

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

23 Fri

12 noon Lenten Station Mass (Stations of the Cross from 11.15am), St Mary's Cathedral

7.30pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's

Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details

24 Sat

12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

25 Sun

10am Family Mass (Cathedral Adult Choir with Junior Choristers), St Mary's Cathedral

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

4.15pm Sung Solemn Vespers (Senior Girl Choristers), St Mary's Cathedral

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

March Voice is available from churches.

28 Wed

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

6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low

voices Schola), St Mary's Cathedral

7.45pm Cleveland Newman Circle – 'Communities of Hope: parishes without priests' talk by Frank McDermott, Diocese of Hallam. St Mary's Cathedral, Coulby Newham. All welcome. Coffee from 7.30pm.

First week of March

2 Fri

Diary dates and articles for the April Voice must be received by today.

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3 Sat

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NEWS

Volunteers Needed For Homeless Project

Nightstop North East, a project run by homelessness charity Depaul UK, is looking for volunteers who are willing to help make a difference to the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Middlesbrough and the surrounding areas.

The project helps people who are in an immediate housing crisis by providing safe accommodation in the homes of volunteer hosts on a night-by-night basis.

This service is invaluable and Nightstop North East has provided more than 7,000 nights of safe accommodation to around 800 vulnerable people across the region since 2008 as part of a national network of projects that keep people off the streets and out of danger.

Volunteers are urgently needed to take on the role of accommodation hosts and drivers, particularly in Middlesbrough and surrounding areas.

Nightstop is experiencing an ever-increasing demand to provide emergency accommodation to destitute asylum seekers while longer-term options are sourced so they can re-engage in the asylum-seeking process.

It works closely with Methodist Asylum Project (MAP), North of England Refugee Service, Open Door and Justice First to support as many people from this extremely vulnerable client group as it can.

Depaul UK is looking for people committed

to providing this vital safety net in a person's life by giving their time to this essential service, which supports some of the most vulnerable people in our society.

The host role involves offering a spare room in the volunteer's home for a night or two while Nightstop staff work with the local homelessness team and other organisations to help the person find more permanent accommodation.

Hosts receive full training, can access 24-hour support and are paid an expenses allowance for every night they provide a bed to a someone in need.

Jane has been a Nightstop North East host for many years. She fits the role around her family life, only hosting when it suits her. She has helped dozens of people by hosting them for a night at a time.

"Every family has its ups and downs, but until I started with Nightstop I hadn't realised how hard life could be for some and how bad it can get when relationships fail," she says.

"I think about what would happen to my grandsons if they couldn't stay at home. They have other members of the family to help them, but some youngsters have no one. I love listening to young people and their plans for the future because everyone has plans no matter what their situation."

Jane says all the young people who have stayed with her have been very grateful and

polite.

Nightstop helped Sarah, who found herself homeless aged 18 after leaving her abusive boyfriend. She wandered the streets for two nights, scared and unable to sleep, before being referred to Nightstop.

Sarah said: "I was desperate and thought nobody cared, but my hosts were brilliant. I was able to talk to them about my situation and not feel judged. I felt really safe and started to feel positive about my future again. With help from project staff, I was able to get a place in supported accommodation and am moving forward with my life."

The driver role requires people with a full clean driving licence and their own vehicle. They receive a mileage allowance to transport the Nightstop guest to their accommodation, mostly in the early evenings.

No previous experience is needed to volunteer for any of these roles. Would you be able to help change a vulnerable person's life? To find more about becoming a host in Teesside, call 01642 249782, text 07769688505 or email nightstopne@depaulcharity.org.uk

Visit uk.depaulcharity.org/nightstop-north-east-and-cumbria to find more.

St Paulinus Hosts Town's Carol Service



St Paulinus Church hosted this year's Guisborough Town Council Mayor's Christmas Carol Service. Carols were led by Guisborough Citadel Salvation Army Band, the Roseberry Singers under the direction of Richard Bendelow and the St Paulinus School choir.

Prayers were led by parish priest Canon Michael Bayldon and the readers were Guisborough Citizen of the Year, Jean Wright, deputy mayor Janice Skelton, Isabella Shea, Charlie Mulqueen, Hettie Cook from St Paulinus Primary School and mayor Dennis Teasdale's grandchildren, Harry, Adam and Hollie Tilling.

Redcar and Cleveland mayor Karen King, Loftus mayor Mike Hodgson and Lockwood Parish Council leader Mike Jefferson also attended. The retiring collection was divided between St Paulinus Church and the mayor's chosen charity, Guisborough and District Friends of Cancer Research UK.

Brian Gleeson

Hull Housebound Celebrate In Style

More than 90 guests and many volunteer helpers attended the annual Christmas Party at St Stephen's Pastoral Centre in Hull.

The day began with Mass celebrated by Father Clive Birch, together with Father Gerard Burns, Father Frank Gallagher and Deacon Brian Morgan, followed by Christmas dinner and a festive drink.

Johnny Pat entertained us with songs from the 1950s and '60s and a collection raised £300 for Hull Salvation Army and the Alzheimer's Society.



Our thanks to all the volunteer helpers and drivers, Sister Maria and Sister Teresa, who make everyone so welcome and especially to Margaret Merrison and her committee, who give up hours of their time to ensure the housebound day takes place every month.

The day has been going for nearly 40 years and is a living testament to the generosity and devotion of a remarkable group of people.

Chris Cuthill

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Bishops Prepare For Holy Land Visit

Bishops from across Europe, North America and South Africa are preparing to promote dialogue and peace and meet young people during a visit to the Holy Land.

This annual Holy Land Coordination visit was set up 20 years ago at the invitation of the Holy See with the aim of visiting and supporting Christian communities as they experience the political and economic realities of living in Israel and Palestine.

This year's focus will be on education and young people, with a series of meetings and visits to help them understand the importance the education of young people has to building peace in the region.

In addition to meeting students and young people from Gaza, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, the bishops will also meet an organisation that brings together more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian families who have lost a relation due to the prolonged conflict and who today support peace, reconciliation and tolerance.

The Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem will also present to the bishops their aim to promote education as an instrument of peace and justice, followed by a series of visits to Christian schools administered directly by the Latin Patriarchate.

In Emmaus-Qubeibeh, the bishops will visit a home for the elderly and will meet some young volunteers working there. They will also celebrate Mass with the small Christian community in Gaza, followed by a visit to the House of Peace run by the Missionaries of Charity, a brief meeting with young Christians and a pastoral visit to the sick in the community. The visit is organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.



CTS Launches 'Onefifties' Series

The Catholic Truth Society is releasing a new series of books from its extensive archives to mark 150 years of publishing.

The first 25 titles have been released in print and ebook and the series will continue through 2018, taking us from Victorian England to the two great wars.

The 64-page mini books will be in classic CTS pocket-size format and priced at £1.50 to mark the anniversary and have been titled the Onefifties and feature great writers such as GK Chesterton, Hilaire Belloc, Cardinal Newman, Monsignor Ronald Knox and Christopher Hollis.

They showcase Christians grappling through the decades of great social and political change, telling the story of faith that has shaped the lives of generations, including

an eye-witness account of the Hiroshima atomic bomb and Robert Louis Stevenson's robust defence of Father Damian de Veuster's heroic work among the lepers of Molokai.

CTS publisher Fergal Martin said: "We have delved into our archives of thousands of titles and uncovered countless gems that celebrate the huge range and diversity of CTS publishing across a century and a half. "The CTS archive represents a unique and valuable resource chronicling the changing concerns of the Catholic population of the British Isles and beyond over the last 150 years. There is something original and special here for everybody. Our hope is that readers can dip into the past and find the present."

A New Era For Ancient Archives

The Bar Convent's historic archives have been given a new lease of life after the arrival of Dr Hannah Thomas as special collections manager.

Dr Thomas, who joins from Durham University, also has the task of overseeing the convent's research library. She has already been busy cataloguing the vast array of books, diaries and documents that line the shelves and sit in drawers and cupboards. Some of these pre-date the founding of the convent in 1686. The community had previously carried out archivist tasks themselves.

"It's a fascinating collection, from a book of spiritual exercises that was possible handwritten by Mary Ward to convent diaries that cover both world wars," Dr

Thomas said. "One was even blown out of the building during the 1942 air raid and has a huge chunk missing! And then we have the original deeds of the house that were signed by 'Mrs Long', alias Mother Superior Frances Bedingfield.

"One of the first things I'm doing is digitising our catalogues to make sure the collection is accessible to as wide a range of people as possible. We'll also be developing relationships with universities to encourage more research and generally open up the archives up to a wider audience."

The archives are part of the Living Heritage Centre, which also includes the exhibition that opened two years ago. Now it's hoped the two can be brought closer together.

St Mary's Cathedral Lenten Station Masses

Each Friday in Lent at 12 noon
Stations of the Cross from 11.15 am

16 February:

Mgr Gerry Dasey

23 February:

Mgr Gerard Robinson

2 March:

Fr Peter Keeling

9 March:

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Followed by a 'Lenten Lunch' in the Cathedral Hall



Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 28 March 2018, 7pm

There is a 7.15 am Mass
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All Welcome

CAFOD

CAFOD Fundraising Evening in Pocklington

There was a fun-filled evening of Latin American music, food, quizzes and more in Pocklington to raise money for disadvantaged communities in El Salvador.

Parishioners at Saint Mary and Joseph Church enjoyed the fundraiser in aid of CAFOD's Connect2 scheme, where parishes in the UK stand alongside overseas communities to fight against poverty and injustice.

The group raised £244 for groups in El Salvador with which the parish is linked. The total was boosted by tea and cake sales which have taken place after Sunday Mass since October.

Organiser Philippa Bosworth said: "The evening went well and there was a pleasant atmosphere. There was plenty to eat, some good Latin American music, a raffle with prizes of chocolate and wine and a quiz which went down very well! We have decided our next event will be in the summertime."

CAFOD's Connect2 scheme links communities in England and Wales with people in Brazil, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Cambodia and Peru.

Members receive a welcome pack with stories and photographs from a community in a chosen country and throughout the year local people will share their hopes, dreams, struggles and challenges.

In return, parishes support the community by praying, raising money and sharing news through photographs, cards and messages of solidarity.

St Mary and Joseph are joined with groups



CAFOD works with families in need in El Salvador

in El Salvador, which was badly affected by a civil war that lasted over a decade from 1980 until 1992.

CAFOD's work in El Salvador focuses on agriculture, promoting a culture of peace and justice and empowering women.

CAFOD representative in Middlesbrough, Carol Cross, said: "Connect2 is a brilliant scheme to get involved in and we would love to have more parishes connected in the Middlesbrough diocese.

"Connect2 transforms lives and really adds

a personal touch to fundraising. There is little wonder it has been such a successful scheme for so many communities. Get in touch if you would like to sign up!"

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