



Bishop's Column

Over the last few months, as many of you will know, I have been recovering from an accident that happened just before Christmas. As the result of slipping on an icy humpback bridge I ruptured the quadriceps tendon in my right leg. This is the bit that makes your knee bend and the lower part of your leg move. I required an operation to repair it. This took place at end of December and then followed a lengthy period of recovery. This was to allow the tendon, now re-attached to the kneecap, to heal up and form strong scar tissue, thus holding everything in place and enabling me to walk.

It has been a slow journey back to mobility, but I am glad to say that I am well on the way. I was discharged by the consultant at the beginning of April but still need to have regular physiotherapy to regain better flexion of the knee. I would just like to express my genuine thanks to all the medical staff at James Cook University Hospital for their kind and professional care. I would also like to thank everyone for their prayers. I really felt the power of peoples' prayers and they definitely carried me along, especially when I felt at my lowest and darkest. Thank you for the get-well messages and for the encouragement. Thanks to all the visitors who took the trouble to pop in and see me. Thanks to those who looked after me in various ways while I was marooned in the house unable to do much for myself and to get out. I am grateful especially to the priests who took the time and trouble to visit me and take me out when I was able to get into a car.

Over the next few weeks I hope to resume the round of pastoral visitations to parishes and schools, to administer the sacrament of confirmation as best as I can and fulfil my various obligations and duties both within and outside the diocese. I am grateful for your patient understanding over these months. When I came back from sabbatical at the beginning of December last year I did not expect to have another four-month sabbatical imposed on me! I am sure there are many lessons to be learned from the accident and recovery, and as time goes on I hope to learn and reflect on them; but I can say that as a result of this negative event I have been the recipient of many positive and good things, many blessings and kindnesses. So although I would not like a repeat performance, I can say, thank you Lord, and thank you everyone!
Alleluia!

Yours in blessed hope,

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Promises Renewed At Mass Of Chrism

Priests from throughout the Diocese of Middlesbrough reaffirmed their ministry by renewing the promises made at their ordination at the annual Mass of Chrism in St Mary's Cathedral.

There was standing room only as around 750 worshippers swelled the congregation, with coaches coming from all corners of the diocese. The principal concelebrant, as at all of this year's Holy Week services at the cathedral, was Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool Thomas Williams.

Bishop Terry, who attended and preached at some of the services, warmly welcomed Bishop Thomas and thanked him for his help during this time of need as he continues his recovery after knee surgery.

The singing of the combined cathedral and diocesan choirs enhanced the celebration, with sacred music including Monteverdi's Beatus Vir and diocesan director of music Tim Harrison's setting of Psalm 88.

In his homily, Bishop Terry said we sometimes become so familiar with the phrase "Good News" when referring to the Gospels that we almost don't hear it anymore.

"In the inimitable words of our Holy Father Pope Francis, in his letter on the Joy of the Gospel, no evangeliser should look as if he's just come back from a funeral," he said.

"The priest shows the joy of the Good News in the great and the small things of life, by his very demeanour and attitude towards

others.

"The gospel is good news because it is, in essence, a message of joy. Jesus comes to remind us all that we are the beloved sons and daughters of the Father, in whom he delights, now and always. This is the foundation of our identity as Christians.

"Not only does Jesus remind us of this fact, but he asks us to become sharers with him in the mission of proclaiming this truth to humankind."

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Bishop Thomas and Bishop Terry with the Chapter of Canons at the Mass of Chrism.
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As well as the renewal of priestly promises, the Mass also included the blessing of the Oil of Chrism, Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens.

Later, the oils were collected by each priest to be presented at the Mass of the Lord's Supper in their own churches on Maundy Thursday evening.

The Chrism Mass is central to the sacramental life of the whole diocese throughout the year and the oils are used in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations and the sacrament of the sick.

The ancient ceremony takes place in cathedrals around the world at the beginning of Holy Week.



Bishop Thomas blessing the holy oils

The Healing Power Of The Word 'Welcome'

Since we launched our welcome statement at Our Lady's Parish in York in November it seems to have taken on a life of its own, spreading far and wide beyond our boundaries.

Most of the text is not original to us. It has, in various forms, been doing the rounds in different churches for some years. I first heard of it being on the noticeboard outside a church in Wales and filed the text away under "interesting" in my little folder of resources.

The statement surfaced in this parish as a combination of two things. The first was a conversation in our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) about how we can reach out to our sisters and brothers who, for various reasons, are no longer a part of our worshipping community. The second element

was the excellent reflection day given last year by Bill Huebsch at All Saints School on Pope Francis' vision for parishes, which gave us confidence that we could do something.

The basic text is very simple. It states, with some humour mixed in, the profound fact that everyone is welcome in our parish, and that the often complex situations of people's lives are not an obstacle or reason not to be a valued part of our community. The text was discussed and approved by our PPC as a statement that is at the same time both inspirational and aspirational – that is to say, it inspires us in our Christian mission and is something we aspire to as a parish community. We may not be fully there yet, but we are on the road, and we believe this text says something very important about the gospel message.

We added a concluding phrase from a Litany of Welcome produced by the pastoral centre where Bill Huebsch is in ministry. This simple phrase gives the theological foundation of what goes before.

YOU BELONG WITH US, BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, AND THAT IS ENOUGH.

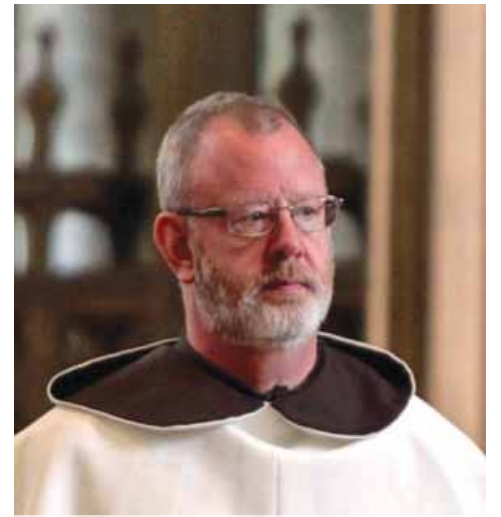
People all too easily hear a message that they are not welcome in church. That message comes in all kinds of ways. Sometimes from clergy (though we ought to know better), sometimes from well-meaning parishioners ("You're divorced so you can't go to Mass anymore" – not true!), or from the media's portrayal of the Church. Sometimes good people also leave our communities because they have been scandalised by a Church that says one thing but does another. Whatever the reasons, people are left with deep wounds, and so the body of Christ is wounded as well.

As a parish, we want to reach out, as Jesus did. Our welcome statement is not only clearly visible as you enter the church and on our website, but has been printed on 2,000 cards, 1,200 of which parishioners have handed on to family, friends, and neighbours. The parishioners have been the outreach, sometimes through a conversation and sometimes just putting the card through the door of a Catholic neighbour who no longer attended Mass. The card has also gone to all the families who have children in our parish school. The parishioners know people whom the parish priest would probably not otherwise meet. They know where the wounded and the lost are.

The impact of handing on our card has been two-fold. Firstly it has given our parish a new sense that everyone has a place, and that you don't have to have your life all sorted to be part of our community. There are people whose situations will probably never fully "resolve", but we recognise that an "irregular" situation does not necessarily equate with an individual being in a state of sin. It has given a new confidence that it is possible to welcome people back with the assurance that they will be genuinely welcomed.

The other and, I believe, the greatest impact, has been in those who have come back to join the worshipping community again, and the conversations that have therefore been possible. As one person said, coming along to Mass with the card in hand: "This list of people; I'm in there, you know." "So am I", was my reply, and indeed, so are most of us.

The statement and the values underpinning it have, I believe, been a grace, and in recent months there has been a small but steady stream of people returning to Church. This has made possible conversations that simply would not have happened otherwise and in some of these the Sacrament of



Father Tony Lester

Reconciliation has been an appropriate way back into the community. There have been both laughter and tears along the way, as people rediscover that God's love for them is an unconditional free gift and not a reward for good behaviour. Without giving names and details, I have been able to let the parish know something of the impact of their outreach, increasing their confidence in their Christian vocation.

Having a card to hand is a simple tool. Behind it is a word we all want to hear – "Welcome". What's in a word? Well, if the word is welcome and it is sincerely meant and lived then, thanks be to God, a great deal.

I'll give the last word on this to a committed parishioner in his 80s who, on the day we launched the statement, gestured towards the large poster version as you enter the church porch: "That statement should have been up there 40 years ago!"

Father Tony Lester, parish priest



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WE WELCOME
those who are inked, pierced, or both.
We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as a kid, or got lost on the number 4 bus and ended up here by mistake.
We welcome tourists, seekers, doubters, those with more questions than answers ...

AND YOU!

We welcome you, whoever you are, however you are, just as you are, with no hoops to jump through.

YOU BELONG WITH US, BECAUSE YOU BELONG TO CHRIST, AND THAT IS ENOUGH.

What The Eucharist Means To Me



Two pictures taken several decades apart of Father Peter Ryan celebrating Fellowship Masses

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.

In the latest part of this regular series, we look at the centrality of the Eucharist in the lives of people involved in the ministry to people with disabilities as part of our Catholic Fellowship.

If you would like to contribute your own short reflection, please email it together with a photograph to catholicvoice@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.

The Eucharist For Those With Learning Difficulties

The Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship, as it was first called, was founded in 1956 by a lady called Elizabeth Fitzroy. She was a devout Catholic from the south of England who had a brother with Down's syndrome. She was deeply concerned that the Catholic Church did not in any way provide for the spiritual and religious needs of children with a mental handicap, so she formed a group of parents and interested people to share their concerns.

A very enthusiastic group was formed in Middlesbrough. The main focus of their activities was the Mass. They held a monthly house Mass and a monthly Sunday afternoon Mass in the various churches. The liturgy was simplified somewhat to make it more meaningful.

However, in many parishes there was hesitation and misunderstanding regarding the rights to share the Eucharist of those who were mentally impaired. In 1976, the Fellowship sent a delegate to a meeting of our Council of Priests held at Ampleforth. Bishop John Gerard McClean was present and the following week he issued this directive to his priests...

The Mentally Handicapped and the Sacraments:

May I draw your attention to the RIGHT of the mentally handicapped to receive the Sacraments. Some are being deprived of Holy Communion. While instruction may be of the most simple (perhaps a few minutes before receiving Holy Communion), one should make sure that the handicapped are not deprived of instruction in keeping with their mental capacity. In cases where a person is so handicapped that no instruction seems possible, the faith of the family or friends can supply. (See Clergy Review, February 1975) – Taken from Bishop McClean's AD Clerum 2/76 dated March 26 1976.

It is to be hoped that this very wise piece of guidance is still being followed.

Father Peter Ryan

In Communion With God And Each Other

"I bless you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children." Matt 11:25

In his encyclical letter Deus Caritas Est, Pope Benedict XVI described Eucharistic Communion as "the joy-filled discovery of love at work in the hearts of those who accept the Lord's gift, abandon themselves to him and thus find true freedom."

This is a perfect description of the Fellowship Mass. We all acknowledge the importance of mutual respect, trust and friendship between members of our faith community; the Fellowship Mass is the place to see it in action.

In the Fellowship, people are not judged on their looks, gender, age or ability. It is OK to be weak, vulnerable, to find things difficult or to make mistakes, and help is given and received with equal ease. They know that happiness does not come from being perfect, and they find the joy in the simplest of things. At Fellowship Masses, people are not embarrassed to express their feelings or their faith. They don't get hung up about rules, regulations or procedures, but pray simply and straight from the heart, making no distinction between what happens in church and what happens in their life outside.

Fellowship Masses provide a vision of what it means to be in true communion with others – with no agenda, no expectation, no price tag. And unless we are in communion with others, how can we be in communion with God?

Mary Lombard

Together With Our Fellowship Family

The Catholic Fellowship is like an extended family and each month and at every Fellowship holiday we gather to celebrate our Fellowship family life together. We choose to do this at Mass in the meal of the Eucharist, just like any other family does at a family meal. Like all families, not everyone can always be there at our Fellowship Mass and those who can't are always remembered by us in our thoughts and prayers, as Christ taught us that we don't have to be present to part of the family or its celebrations.

Every November we especially remember our deceased members, who Christ has called back to himself, remembering the promise of Christ that life is not ended but changed. In each celebration of the Eucharist at the Fellowship Mass can be found all the parts of the Fellowship's family, its three groups (Middlesbrough, Eston and East Cleveland) its members, the helpers, their families and the parishioners and priests who are always so welcoming of the Fellowship family in this our special meal together. Only at this family occasion do all three groups of the Fellowship come together. The Eucharist is the meal that draws us all together as one.

Stephen Mulholland



Mass during a more recent Fellowship holiday

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Feast of the Month

Saints Philip and James

Feast Day: Saturday May 3

These two saints were both apostles. St Philip was chosen when Jesus walked up to him in Galilee and said, "Follow me", and so he did. In the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, Philip had his faith tested by Jesus, who asked him, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" Philip didn't understand that Jesus could perform a miracle and only thought of the huge amount of money it would cost.

There were two apostles called James. St James who shares his feast day with St Philip is known as "James the Less", so as not to confuse him with the other James, James the Greater. He was possibly called "the less" because he was smaller or younger than the other James.

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Catholics Join Walk Of Witness

York's Catholic community was well represented at the ecumenical Good Friday walk of witness and worship organised by Churches Together in York.

For many years it has been the tradition for Christians of different denominations to carry a cross through the streets of the city, pausing for prayer and song and arriving at the minster for a joint act of worship.

Members of the city's Catholic parishes and religious communities walked alongside Anglicans, Methodists, Orthodox and Free Church adherents.

The Chair of Churches Together in York, and Carmelite communications manager, Dr Johan Bergström-Allen, said: "We had a good turn-out despite the cold weather and proclaimed the Good News of God's love for all in the streets of our historic city.

"As usual, the Walk of Witness prompted scorn from some onlookers and reverence from others, just as Jesus' own journey to Calvary did. The scripture readers in the minster represented the wide array of churches in the city and we were particularly pleased this year to include local MP Rachael Maskell."



Catholics were among those who took part in York's ecumenical walk of witness of Good Friday. Photo by Lars Karlsson

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Be A Part Of Our Scripture Festival

There's still time to take part in the workshops, prayer, art and more in the Scripture Festival in York on Saturday May 12.

"Joy: the Surprise of the Gospel" takes place at All Saints School and will use creative ways to raise the profile of the scriptures.

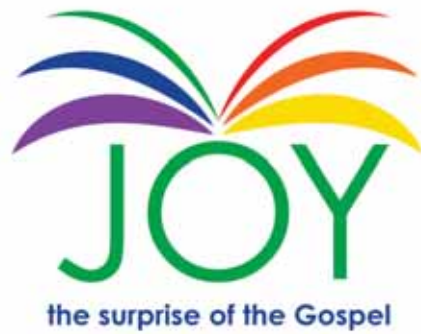
The theme of Joy has been chosen to reflect the time of Pentecost when the festival will take place but also the appealing message of Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel*.

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.

The keynote speaker will be Spiritan priest Father Eamonn Mulcahy, who has led spiritual retreats to clergy, religious and lay people around the world and will offer an insight into how the scripture 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, whose founder, Mary Callan, will be selling copies of her book *Side Door Into The Gospel*.

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, static prayer stations for reflection and inspiration, a small art exhibition from local schools and a scripture wall for prayer and meditation.

There will be an opportunity to attend

evensong at York Minster later in the day. The festival begins 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 with costs.



Bishop Terry greets Bishop Paul Swarbrick after his episcopal ordination and installation as the seventh Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster. Photo courtesy of Mazur/catholicnews.org.uk

Canon John Celebrates First Shipboard Mass

"Be sure to ask me again!" These were Canon John Lumley's parting words as Deacon Peter Barrigan, Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) Tees Port chaplain, dropped him off at St Gabriel's presbytery after he celebrated Mass on board ship for the first time.

The visit to Teesport was somewhat more poignant for Canon John, as he celebrated Mass in the area where his father spent his working life at Smiths Dock and the nearby steelworks.

As soon as the general cargo ship *IYO Sea* berthed, AoS volunteer ship visitors Hugh and Mary Ward climbed the gangway to bring the warm smile and outstretched hand of welcome to the 22 Filipino crew on board.

They also met the ship's master, Captain Elemia Roel Araneta, who asked if they could arrange for Mass to be celebrated on the ship during their stay. This request was passed on to Deacon Peter who then contacted Canon John and he readily agreed to celebrate Mass the following evening. Much to their delight, all the crew also received their Ash Wednesday ashes.

After Mass, Canon John gave each of the seafarers a copy of St Mark's Gospel and blessed religious items for them, while Mary and Hugh handed out rosary beads.

This was followed by the customary hospitality, in this case, pizza and coffee, and an opportunity for the visitors to chat to the crew, some of whom were visiting the UK for the first time. Captain Elemia remarked how spiritually uplifting the Mass had been for himself and his crew.

Before leaving, a supply of chocolate that had been generously paid for by the parishioners of St Gabriel's was distributed.

The *IYO Sea* was in port for a few days so Deacon Peter and his AoS team were able to assist with other practical needs, including trips to the supermarket. One seafarer also had a visit from a family member who lives in Southampton. The ship subsequently sailed to Murmansk.

The AoS receives tremendous support from several local parishes, as demonstrated by St Gabriel's, who also give so generously at Christmas and attend the annual AoS Pilgrimage to Holy Island, which this year is to be held on Saturday June 2.

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Canon John with the crew of the IYO Sea

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A Letter From Madonna House

A Glimpse Of Glory

Occasionally God seems to lift a veil from our eyes and we catch a glimpse of the glory that surrounds and permeates us all. One such glimpse was given to me on a recent trip to Scotland, where I was giving a talk on the Eucharist.



When my host priest picked me up at the train station, he asked if I would accompany

him to the hospital, where a parishioner was dying. That's when the veil was lifted. As I watched this holy priest lean close to the face of the dying man and anoint him, as I saw the faces of the staff and family brighten with his approach, I "saw" Jesus consoling his people.

Sandwiched between my talk and Mass was a reconciliation service. Thirty-five children were making their first confession and two priests met them in the confessionals. Two other priests were available in the sanctuary to hear the confessions of the parents. There was a steady stream of penitents and the flow of grace was almost visible. One little boy came bursting out of the confessional with hands still folded and a face just radiant with joy. Jesus always did love the little ones. The last to be shriven was Father Jeremy, who knelt before a brother priest for absolution. I "saw" Jesus set his people free.

The next day I met another priest who had invited me a few years ago to give a talk to his parish. As he shared the events of the intervening years, especially the hard assignments, my breath was taken away with the beauty of suffering obedience. I "saw" Jesus embracing the Father's will for the sake of his Church.

I spent two nights with a friend who is a hermit. To look at her, one might just see an older woman who seldom leaves her little house. Her hermitage is not a cave in the desert, but a house in the wilderness of a modern, secular town. No one would know that she lives in profound silence, with no distractions, that her heart anguishes for the state of the Church and the lack of faith around her. I "saw" Mary weeping at the foot of the cross.

Her sister joined us for an evening meal, bringing food and huge bags of donations for Madonna House (she had warned me to bring a large suitcase!). This sparkling, generous woman is profoundly deaf. One would never guess the obstacles and loneliness she lives with in her silent world. Unlike her sister, she did not choose silence. As we watched her leave, walking into a cold, dark and silent night, I thought, "This is the bravest woman I know". She carries light into the darkness, song into the silence.

As I returned home, the veil fell back into place and the glimpse of glory faded. But that glory is our deepest reality. Christ fills the earth, he loves, prays and serves through us. We are bathed in beauty and love. Oh, for the eyes to see!

Cheryl-Ann Smith

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The pupils with Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland MP Simon Clarke

Memorable Parliament Trip For Middlesbrough Pupils

Eight staff from St Gerard's and Sacred Heart primary schools in Middlesbrough accompanied the head boys, head girls and school council representatives on a memorable trip to the Palace of Westminster in London.

The group spent the morning exploring the British Museum, visiting exhibitions about the Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Greek civilisations, which the children are studying throughout the spring term. They were amazed by the rich variety of artefacts and gained lots of knowledge that would prove helpful in their studies.

After lunch, the group made their way through the streets of London, passing sights such as Downing Street, the London Eye and Marble Arch.

On arrival at the Palace of Westminster, they were greeted by staff from the Parliamentary Education Centre and given a behind-the-scenes tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The children had

the opportunity to observe debates in both houses and spent time examining the history of the buildings and the role of democracy today and in the past.

The group then returned to the Education Centre where the children took part in an interactive session to learn more about the importance of laws and how decisions are made within the British parliamentary system. The centre staff were impressed by the children's understanding of the democratic process and knowledge of how laws are made.

Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland MP Simon Clarke spoke about his role and the children took the chance to ask him some very challenging questions. The whole experience was a very memorable one for all the children, who were keen to share their new knowledge with their classes upon their return to school.

Vicky White, Head of School

Congratulations To Golden Couple!



Golden couple Bernard and Eileen France

St Stephen's Housebound Day had a welcome interruption as a surprise presentation was made to mark much-loved Hull couple Eileen and Bernard France's golden wedding anniversary.

Margaret Merrison handed over an engraved candle and flowers marking Eileen's 70th birthday, before the couple were toasted with wine and cake.

Bernard and Eileen have been volunteers at the Housebound Day for as long as anyone can remember and have been at the heart of Sacred Heart parish life all their married lives. They are also great supporters of the Lourdes pilgrimage, where Bernard has been a brancardier and Eileen a handmaid for the last 30 years.

A party was also held in their honour at the Sacred Heart church hall. Five of Eileen's bridesmaids were there to make the evening even more special and the Hesse Ceilidh Band provided music.

Eileen and Bernard then took part in a game of Mr & Mrs prepared by their family, agreeing on eight questions out of ten. It was a wonderful evening that showed the enormous affection in which they are held throughout the diocese. £850 was raised at the party for the Emmaus homelessness charity.

Chris Cuthill

Full House For St Augustine's Concert



St Augustine's Easter Concert took place before a full house at Westborough Methodist Church in Scarborough. It featured the school ensembles, orchestra, junior jazz orchestra, SAJO, junior choir, male voice choir and senior choir. Also taking part this time was the St Peter's Primary School Orchestra and the Stephen Joseph Funky Choir.

A third of the school took part in one ensemble, with

many ex-pupils also returning to play and sing, making it a very special evening packed with outstanding performances. Music ranged from Ed Sheeran to Beethoven and many parents said it was the best concert to date, with pupils showing great enthusiasm and high-quality musicianship beyond their years. I am very proud to be part of this amazing music family.

Oliver Barron, music teacher



Icing On The Cake For Talented Imaya

A talented pupil from Trinity College in Middlesbrough has been using her baking skills to support the Alzheimer's Society. Year nine student Imaya Patharina has held several cake sales to raise cash and awareness of the charity's work.

"Imaya has a natural ability and the cake sales are welcomed by both pupils and staff," said year nine manager Dianne Irwin. "In some cases, staff have asked her to produce some of her cakes for family parties, with donations going to the charity."

Imaya is planning further cake sales and to share her talents with both staff and pupils in afterschool classes.

Minister Praises Middlesbrough School

School Standards minister Nick Gibb has written to a Middlesbrough primary school with congratulations on results that place it in the top one per cent in the country. St Pius X Roman Catholic Primary School in Park End has been recognised for its excellence in reading and mathematics in key stage two assessments.

"Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations to you and your staff for all you have achieved," Mr Gibb

wrote.

Headteacher Peter Gair said: "We are delighted with the recognition of the hard work, commitment and dedication of all our pupils, parents, staff and governors. The whole school community has worked hard to provide quality learning experiences for the children with consistently high expectations leading to pupils behaving extremely well and making rapid progress."



Testimonial

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How Art Revealed The Path To Salvation

During an illustrated talk to the Cleveland Newman Circle, Dr Peter Firth explained how the medieval Church encouraged the use of religious imagery to educate the mostly illiterate people.

Peter, who was visiting from the North Merseyside Newman Circle, said life in the Middle Ages wasn't easy and the Church's duty was to explain God's purpose, that human beings should "know him, love him and serve him in this world, and be happy with him forever in the next".

The talk was entitled "Living and Dying in the Middle Ages" and was enhanced by the use of paintings that tried to show how people must choose where to spend eternity, showing joyous salvation for the devout and gruesome punishment for unrepentant souls.

Wall paintings dating from around 1200AD in the church in Chaldon, Surrey, depict the Ladder of Salvation by which justified souls ascend into heaven, while drunkards are tipped into a cauldron and devils gnaw the feet of slothful people.

Slides also included a table top that was originally in the royal bedroom in El Escorial, Spain, showing the vices of mankind. It was painted by

Hieronymus Bosch (1450-1516) as an aid to examining conscience and the centre of the circular design contains Christ in the pupil of the eye of God, with the message, "Beware! God is watching!"

Paintings illustrating the Seven Heavenly Virtues (faith, hope, charity, prudence, justice, courage, restraint) and the Seven Works of Mercy (admonishing sinners, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, visiting prisoners, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, burying the dead) were also described in detail.

Peter concluded that with such a wealth of visual material available, few people in the Middle Ages could have failed to understand the need to die in a state of grace!

Cleveland Newman Circle holds six talks throughout the year on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in St Mary's Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. Frank McDermott will talk on "Communities of hope: Parishes that share a priest" on May 23. All are welcome. For information email SANDAMerckx@btinternet.com or call 01642 814977.

Patricia Egerton



Newman Circle speaker Dr Peter Firth

Celebrating St Patrick In Hull

More than 140 people attended Hull and East Riding Irish Association's annual St Patrick's Night Dinner in the beautiful setting of the Country Park Inn alongside the Humber Bridge. The gathering included members of the Catenian Association and some who had travelled long distances to be there.

After the meal, the O'Connor School of Irish Dancing entertained guests, under the direction of founder Victoria Whincup, who runs classes in York, Beverley, Anlaby and

Hull. There was a special moment when ten-year-old Rose sang Carrickfergus accompanied by harpist Rachel Dent, before a ceilidh led by the Hayriders.

Our thanks go to president Kath Read and her committee for organising the event and to the staff for looking after us so well. A raffle raised £500 for the president's charity, Mary's Meals.

Chris Cuthill



Guests enjoying the St Patrick's Night Dinner

Peace Theme For Ebor Lectures

One of this year's Ebor Lectures was delivered in York Minster by Colin Craig, former executive director of Corrymeela, which works alongside fractured communities and groups in Northern Ireland.

This year's theme was "Peace and Reconciliation" and in the week marking the 20th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, Mr Craig, who is from a Catholic background, explored the challenges faced.

He considered how we can achieve a collective commitment to shaping a positive future and learn to let go of the certainty that historical sectarian narratives continue to trap us in.

The Ebor Lecture series is an ecumenical project jointly organised by the British Province of

Carmelites, York Minster, York St John University, the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church and the C and JB Morrell Trust.

The lectures, now in their 12th series, aim to promote a conversation between theology and public issues and contribute to the creation of personal and collective decision-making in economic, political and social spheres. They provide an opportunity to engage with current issues such as politics, economics, contemporary culture, religion, spirituality and globalisation.

Johan Bergstrom-Allen



Colin Craig speaking in York Minster

Sister Rose Marks 25 Years Of Religious Profession

Family and friends gathered from near and far to celebrate the silver jubilee of religious profession of Sister Rosemary of the Trinity, a Carmelite nun at the monastery of Thicket Priory near York.

Since joining the community, Sister Rose has gained a reputation as an accomplished musician and maker of handicrafts, including altar linens.

During the jubilee Mass, which was concelebrated by half a dozen priests, the presider, Carmelite friar Father Tony Lester, preached about Sister Rose's commitment to Christ in both good and difficult times, of the joy that she brings to her community, and of the good she does for the Church and the world by her life of prayer and service.

Our picture shows Rose renewing her vows into the hands of the prioress, Sister Mary of Carmel, during the Mass. Among the



congregation were the local Anglican vicar, Corpus Christi Carmelite Sisters, Lay Carmelites, Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus at the Bar Convent. Ad multos annos Sister Rose!

Johan Bergstrom-Allen



Political Theologian Is Storey Lecture Speaker

The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission is delighted to welcome Dr Anna Rowlands as this year's Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture speaker.

Anna is a political theologian and an expert on Catholic Social Teaching and is St Hilda Associate Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice and Founding Chair of the Centre for Catholic Social Thought and Practice at the University of Durham.

She and has worked on theology and migration for more than a decade and is committed to forming partnerships with

Catholic faith-based organisations that are influencing the next generation of social practice.

Anna is passionate about Catholic Social Teaching and sees it as a gift to all people of goodwill. Her work is rooted in the practice of faith, not just its study, and is concerned with how communities are working this out in their lives.

The lecture takes place at 11am on Saturday May 12 in Staff House, University of Hull. Tea and Coffee is available from 10.30am.

A Tidal Wave Of Women's Prayer

Middlesbrough churches celebrated the Women's World Day of Prayer with an ecumenical service at the Salvation Army Citadel on Trimdon Avenue.

The theme of this year's liturgy was "All God's Creation is very good". It was prepared by the Christian women of Suriname, a small country in South America where much of the land is coastal and at risk because of climate change and rising seawater.

In the service we were urged to cherish God's exquisite gift of creation and commit ourselves to caring for his world responsibly so that we may pass it on unspoiled to future generations.

We were part of a global wave of prayer

starting as the sun rose over Samoa and making its way round the earth.

The service was translated into more than 60 languages and 1,000 dialects and celebrated in 170 countries and islands.

In the British Isles, some 6,000 services take place on the first Friday in March each year. Unfortunately, attendance this year was reduced due to snow and apologies were received from several local churches.

The venue for next year's service, prepared by the women of Slovenia, will be announced at a later date. The theme is "Come – everything is ready".

Anne McGeever, Holy Name of Mary Union of Catholic Mothers

Generous Parishioners Help Hospice

Father Michael Keogh presented a £500 cheque to Sarah Harrison of Herriot Hospice Homecare thanks to the generosity of parishioners at the Sacred Heart, Northallerton.

Donations were placed at the foot of the church Christmas tree, which was decorated with stars inscribed with their special intentions. These have now been placed at the Grotto in Lourdes.

Herriot Hospice Homecare provides free palliative care across North Yorkshire and many families have been grateful for the support offered during life-limiting illnesses. For more information visit herriothh.org.uk.





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Family Mass And Picnic At Osmotherley

Families are invited to a family Mass and picnic at the Lady Chapel in Osmotherley on Sunday June 10. The Mass is being organised by couples belonging to the Teesside and Yorkshire Teams of Our Lady group, an international organisation for Christian married couples. Mass will start at 1pm. Bring a picnic and stay for lunch and family games afterwards. For more details, see forthcoming editions of the Catholic Voice.

Soup Lunches Provide CAFOD Boost

An impressive £400 was raised for CAFOD by donations given during soup lunches at St Aelred's in York during Lent. The lunches were held each Friday after Stations of the Cross and midday Mass, with parishioners taking turns to make soup each week. A total of £329.93 was collected, which was boosted by an additional donation, and many contributions were also gift aided.

Warm Welcome At John Paul Centre



Visitors to the St John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Middlesbrough were given a warm welcome from volunteers at a Shrove Tuesday pancake party courtesy of Faithfully Ageing Better.

New App Aims To Strengthen Relationships

A new app has been launched to help couples strengthen their relationship whenever and wherever it suits them. The free app, called Toucan, has been developed by FamilyLife UK, a ministry of Christian organisation Agapé, whose aim is to strengthen relationships and family life. It builds on the success of FamilyLife UK's courses for couples and includes tools, video clips, interactive exercises and quizzes and can be accessed individually or together via phone or tablet. Toucan is available from App Store and Google Play.

YCW Launches Mental Health Consultation

Young people are being asked about their experiences of mental health issues and the care and support available in our country. Catholic charity the Young Christian Workers says many of their members have expressed serious concerns about the subject and the stigma attached to it and in response it has now launched a national action campaign called MIND! The Gap. The survey can be found on the YCW website, ycwimpact.com/national-campaign-resources.



New Member For Middlesbrough Catenians

Provincial president Peter Glynn and director Brendan Leer visited a meeting of Middlesbrough Catenian Circle as they welcomed new brother Bernie Doughty to the society's ranks. Bernie is a retired civil engineer and attends St Clares Church in Middlesbrough. Our picture shows, from left to right, president Phil Luke, Bernie, Brendan Leer and Peter Glynn.

Calling All Former Endsleigh Students

Former students of Endsleigh College of Education in Hull are being invited to register their interest in a proposed reunion later this year.

The college was set up by the Sisters of Mercy in 1905 to train teachers primarily for Catholic schools. It provided a steady stream of teachers until it was merged with other local colleges in 1974 and the Endsleigh name disappeared from the Higher Education map.

Although very little survives of the college campus itself, its spirit lives on in the many generations of children who were educated by Endsleigh-trained teachers.

It was initially an all-female college but later accepted men and reunion organiser Stuart Spandler believes he was actually the first male student.

"This year marks the 50th anniversary since I started at Endsleigh and I've been in touch with some of my contemporaries to see if we can get something off the ground," he said.

"At this stage we only have a 'save the date' until we have a rough idea of the interest and then we can start to fill in some details."

The dates are Thursday September 27 to Sunday September 30. If you would like to attend, please search for "endsleighhull" on Facebook or email endsleigh68@outlook.com.

The picture shows the student council in 1971. Seated in the front row are, from left to right, Sister Mary Aquin (principal), unknown guest speaker, Roz Daley (Student Union president), Sister Mary Robert (deputy principal) Bill Wynn (vice principal). Stuart is standing on the far left beside college chaplain Father Eamonn Carson.



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Mum's The Word For Hero Jane

When Jane Morgan discovered her much-loved mum, Ellen Timney, was dying from cancer, she vowed to do something extraordinary in her name. Eleven years on Jane is the driving force behind the Ellen Timney Foundation, which donates up to £25,000 a year to help mostly sick and underprivileged Teesside children.

The charity helps out nearly 3,000 children annually, providing Christmas gifts to around 600 youngsters. Now Jane has been honoured with a Teesside Hero Award in recognition of her ongoing dedication.

A teaching assistant at St Joseph's Primary School in Norton, she received her surprise award from Paul Drake of Teesside Philanthropic Foundation patrons Sapere Software.

"I don't feel I deserve such an award in any way," said Jane. "Winning this has made me think about what Mam would have made about all of this going on in her name. I think she'd have been totally overwhelmed."

Ellen passed away 11 years ago when, having beaten breast cancer, she was diagnosed with cancer of the brain, spine, chest, bones and lungs.

Family friend Ron Darby, a Lourdes brancardier, vowed to start a charity in Ellen's name, with Jane and dad Tony helping to launch the foundation.

Along with trustee Robert Hardy, Jane and Tony continue to give up much of their spare-time to raise funds, with their annual ball at Hardwick Hall and a golf day proving hugely

successful.

Asked why she does it, Jane admitted: "I do sometimes wonder! Dad and other volunteers work really hard too and we do wonder if we've done enough – but then more requests for help come in and we realise we can't stop.

"Whether it's for Christmas gifts or for beds, clothes, school trips, prams or medical equipment, there's a real need out there. It's often heartbreaking to hear the stories of local children who've gone through such horrific times.

"Ultimately, we started the charity to keep alive my mam's name because she touched so many hearts – everyone seemed to love her as soon as they met her, so we'll keep going as long as the money keeps coming in."

Jane's award includes a trophy and £1,000 for charity, which she has chosen to share between CAUSE Christmas Hamper Campaign and Remembering Rebecca, a charity run by her fellow Teesside Hero Gemma Sands, who nominated her for the accolade.



Teaching assistant Jane Morgan received her Teesside Hero Award in front of delighted pupils at St Joseph's School in Norton

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

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1	2007	Rev Anthony Storey	Hull
2	1889	Rev John Leadbetter	Hedon
2	1911	Very Rev Canon Thomas Holland	Yarm
2	1986	Rev Francis Hyland	Everingham
3	1912	Rev William McNaughton	Beverley
5	1892	Very Rev Canon John Doud	South Bank
6	1917	Very Rev Canon Charles Wood	Hull
6	1978	Rt Rev Mgr Provost Michael O'Sullivan	Redcar
10	1943	Rt Rev Mgr Canon Jules Claus	Middlesbrough
12	1992	Rev Joseph McDonagh	Middlesbrough
14	1963	Rev Michael Nerney	Dormanstown
14	1970	Rt Rev Mgr William Brunner	Hull
15	1970	Rev Basil McCretton	Scorton
15	1972	Rev Joseph Beasty	Dormanstown
17	1979	Rev Patrick Breen	Ulshaw Bridge
19	1978	Rev Martin Vasey	Marske
19	1998	Rev Alfred Dodds MHM	Freshfields
20	1982	Rev Patrick O'Rourke	Sleights
22	1940	Rev Louis Tils	Northallerton
22	1994	Rev Michael Lynam	Middlesbrough
23	1955	Very Rev Canon John Chadwick	Saltburn
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BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR MAY 2018

- 1 Attends ongoing formation day for clergy (all day in York)
- 2 School visit to St Joseph's Primary, Middlesbrough 10.00am
- 5/6 Parish visitation to St Charles Borromeo, Hull All weekend
- 8 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- Confirmations at St Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick 7.00pm
- 9 School visit to Our Lady & St Peter, Bridlington 12noon
- 10 Confirmations at St Peter's, Scarborough 7.00pm
- 12/13 Parish visitation to Our Lady & St Peter, Bridlington All weekend
- 15 Confirmations for Southern Deanery Polish Community at St Vincent's, Hull 7.00pm
- 17 Attends meeting of Diocesan Trustee Board at St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby 10.30am
- 20 Mass of Pentecost at St Mary's Cathedral 10.00am
- 22 Confirmations at St Margaret Clitherow, Haxby for Central Deanery 7.00pm
- 25 - 1 June Attends annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

1 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.

2 Wed
6pm at the Cathedral: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Cantor)

3 Thu
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.

4 Fri
Events and articles for the June Voice are due by today

5 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
2-4pm 'Freedom of Voice' with Lucy Castro at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact 01904 464900 for details. Bringing people together to vocalise, sing and create harmony.

6 Sun
10am at the Cathedral: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)
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

8 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

9 Wed
10.30am The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessele meets 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.
2-3.30pm Music for the Mind in St Mary's Cathedral

hall. All welcome, especially those suffering from dementia, their carers and friends.

6pm at the Cathedral: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Full Schola)

7pm Ebor Lecture: 'Where Love and Justice Finally Meet' - the place of forgiveness in mending broken relationships. Speaker Marina Cantacuzino, founder of The Forgiveness Project; venue Temple Hall, York St John University. Tel 01904 876654 or book at www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures. Ebor lectures are free to attend.

10 Thu
7pm at the Cathedral: Solemn Mass of The Ascension (Cathedral Choir)

11 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

11-13 May
Path to Life - to Search and to Find; retreat for those aged 18-35 with Fr Kevin Hayden OSB at Ampleforth Abbey. Tel: 01439 766486/766889 for details.

12 Sat
11am Anthony Storey Memorial Lecture in Staff House, University of Hull; guest speaker Dr Anna Rowlands, Associate Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice, University of Durham (tea/coffee from 10.30am)

12-4.30pm Northern Scripture Festival: 'Joy: the Surprise of the Gospel', All Saints School, York. Details from www.scripturefestival.org

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

13 Sun
10am at the Cathedral: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

12 noon Sung Latin Mass at 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. All are welcome.

4-15pm at the Cathedral: Solemn Vespers (Cathedral Consort)

5pm Latin Mass, St Mary & Joseph, Baxtergate, Hedon HU12 8JN

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

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

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

16 Wed
6pm at the Cathedral: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Ladies Schola)
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

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

18 Fri
7.30pm Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel 07800697975 or e-mail: steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk. Further details at http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com

19 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
10am-12pm Joy of Singing: Singing for the Soul with Richard Safhill at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Contact 01904 464900 for details.

7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Michael Coyne), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

20 Sun
10am at the Cathedral: Solemn Mass of Pentecost (Cathedral Choir)

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

3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Francis of Assisi, Acklam

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

22 Tues
10am-3pm 'Hidden Message of Tender Love' with Sister Agnese Jencikova CJ; a day of prayer at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, Blossom Street, York. Enjoying God's gentle presence and contemplating his wonders in the beauty of nature through Sister Cecilia Goodman's exceptional photographs; contact 01904 464900 for details.

23 Wed
6pm at the Cathedral: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low voices Schola)
Cleveland Newman Circle - 'Communities of Hope - Parishes that Share a Priest' talk by Frank McDermott, 7.45pm at the Cathedral. Call 01642 814977 for details.

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

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

27 Sun
10am at the Cathedral: Solemn Mass for Trinity Sunday (Cathedral Choir)

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

June Voice available from churches

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

31 Thurs
7.30pm-9.30pm 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

First week of June

2 Sat
Day of Prayer to Holy Island of Lindisfarne led by Bishop Paul Mason. Further information from Deacon Peter Barrigan on 07713 924 504
10am York Catholic History Day, Bar Convent, York. Contact judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or 01904 704525

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

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

Advance Notices

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

4 June York Newman Circle AGM at 7.15pm, followed by talk by Doug Robertson 'The Sion Community and Parish Missions', Bar Convent, York

10 June Family Mass and picnic at Lady Chapel, Osmotherley

27 June - Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Rosary 1.30pm, Mass 2pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace

23 June UCM Annual Diocesan Meeting, St Mary's, Filey; Mass at 12 noon followed by meeting

7 July Summertime Special at Middlesbrough Theatre

8 July 2pm Music Workshop with Malcolm Archer at the Cathedral (open to all parish musicians).

14 July Day of Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration, 11.30am Osmotherley (see page3)

NEWS

Christians Gather In Guisborough

Churches Together in Guisborough held their annual Good Friday worship around the ancient market cross in the shadow of the former historic town hall.

Canon Michael Baydon, from St Paulinus Roman Catholic Church, was joined by ministers from St Nicholas Church, Guisborough Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, Guisborough

Christian Fellowship and the Salvation Army.

Around 100 people attended and prayers were interspersed with hymns accompanied by the Guisborough Citadel Salvation Band. Hot drinks were on offer at St Nicholas Parish Hall afterwards to refresh and warm up the worshippers.

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Fun And Prayer For HCPT Pilgrims

Children and young adults from York and North Yorkshire were among the 1,100 sick, disabled, and disadvantaged people who visited Lourdes on a life-changing pilgrimage-holiday over Easter week.

They travelled with the charity HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust), which brings children and helpers to Lourdes from across Britain, Ireland and a dozen other countries.

Group 122 from York shared a wonderful time of faith, fun and friendship. Highlights included an Easter egg hunt, prayer in the Pyrenees mountains, a petting zoo, water pistol fights in the beautiful sunshine and the Torchlight Procession.

There was also face-painting for the trust Mass, exchanging food with an Italian group, silly

songs and tasty ice creams in cafés, a Yorkshire's Got Talent night, dressing up for the "One-Two-Two Tutu" day, bowling, and, of course, visiting the Grotto.

Also taking part from York was Group 726 from All Saints School, who provided invaluable support to the children and carers. As well as helping the children to grow in confidence and in faith, the pilgrimage gives much-needed respite to parents and carers at home.

If you know of a child who would benefit from a trip to Lourdes next Easter, if you would like to volunteer as a helper or if you would like to make a donation to HCPT, please contact the leader of Group 122, Claire Shanks, by emailing group122@hcpt.org.uk or calling 07793 573259.

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BOOKS



Hull priest Father William Finn MC, who is believed to be the first Catholic chaplain to die in the First World War when he was killed during the Gallipoli landings of April 1915.

Moving Story Of First World War Chaplains

The story of the 800 Catholic priests who served as chaplains during World War I is told in a new book by Dr James Hagerly.

Priests In Uniform, Catholic Chaplains to the British Forces in the First World War, is described as a moving and vivid account of the clergy who ministered to men engaged in a conflict without precedent.

Chaplains lived in the same conditions, experienced the same dangers, and witnessed the same carnage as the men they served. They celebrated Mass, administered the sacraments, tended the wounded, buried the dead and brought spiritual comfort to men in need.

Their commitment earned them respect and admiration. Some chaplains were killed and many were decorated for bravery. The 500-page illustrated book costs £25 and is available directly from the publishers by visiting gracewing.co.uk.

Ampleforth Monk Edits New Bible Edition

Ampleforth monk Father Henry Wansbrough OSB has prepared and edited a new Bible translation designed for study and proclamation.

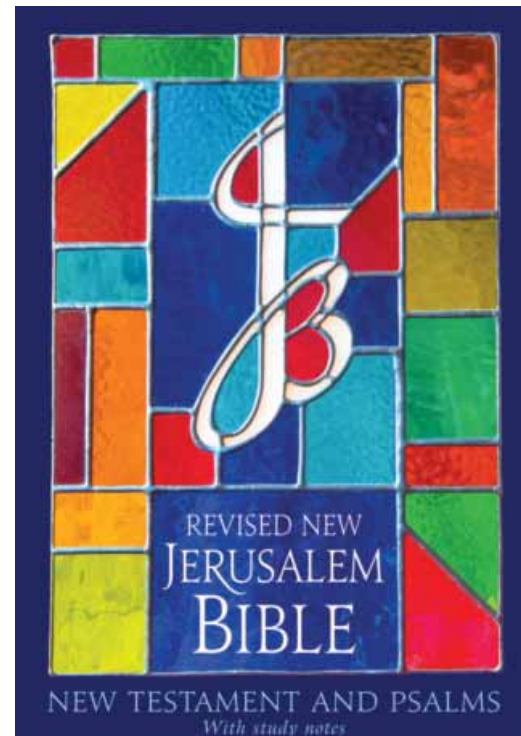
The Revised New Jerusalem Bible presents anew the scholarship and clarity of the 1966 Jerusalem Bible (the first modern English version) and the 1985 New Jerusalem Bible (NJB).

It includes the full New Testament and the Psalms plus study notes. Care has been taken to avoid the traditional male bias of the English language, while remaining faithful to the meaning of the original scriptures and ancient systems of measuring and timing have been replaced by modern, metric equivalents.

Father Wansbrough is one of the foremost biblical scholars of our day and was the translator and general editor of the NJB.

"The RNJB fulfils the pressing need for a lucid translation with clear explanatory notes for use in public and private reading, for instruction and for the liturgy," he said.

The new edition is being offered at an introductory price of £9.99 for the first three months and £12.99 thereafter. Visit dltbooks.com for more information.



Delving Into York's Darkest Days

A new book by a Catholic author from York examines the history of deadly hatred towards two groups in the city, Catholics and Jews.

John Rayne-Davis' The Martyrdoms of Clifford's Tower 1190 and 1537 covers the massacre of Jews of York in 1190 and the execution of Robert Aske, leader of the Pilgrimage of Grace, in 1537.

"The 1190 killing of York's Jews was a forerunner of the terrible events of World War II, the Shoah or Holocaust, in which six million Jewish people died to fulfil Hitler's paranoia," said retired marketing consultant Mr Rayne-Davis.

"We all wish this was purely history but unfortunately it is not, since Jewish persecution is on the rise throughout the world. Similarly, dislike of Catholics is still in existence and in Lewes in Sussex we still see the Pope burnt in effigy on November 5."

Mr Rayne-Davis, a former Grand Knight of the Knights of St Columba in York, has published nine books including Prayers For A New Baby, Margaret Clitherow, Saint of York, Walsingham, England's National Shrine of Our Lady and The Heritage of Catholic York.

He is also a volunteer guide and archivist at the Bar Convent and lives in Copmanthorpe with wife Wendy.

His latest book chronicles the build-up to the York massacre and examines why some English people hated Jews at that time and how Henry VIII deceived and manipulated the Pilgrims of Grace, who wanted to maintain the monasteries.

It has forewords from Sister Agatha Leach CJ and Rabbi Danny Rich as well as endorsements from Bishop Terry and Holocaust survivor Janine Webber. For more information email rose@stairwellbooks.com.

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History Day Programme Unveiled

The brave men and women who helped keep the faith alive in England during penal times are among the subjects at this year's York Catholic History Day.

Diocese of Shrewsbury archivist Rev Dr Peter Phillips will begin the talks with "The Recusant Clergy, 1559 to 1829", including reference to the English College at Douai, founded by Cardinal William Allen 450 years ago this year.

Dr Hannah Thomas, special collections manager and research fellow at the Bar Convent, will talk about some of the recusant families whose daughters joined the community established by Mary Ward or went abroad to join English convents.

Diocese of Leeds archivist Robert Finnigan will speak on "Catholic Remembrance After 1918", explaining how the archives were used to commemorate the fallen in World War I and how memorials can be preserved when churches close.

The final session is an opportunity for feedback and suggestions, to advertise publications and events and request help with current research, before the day closes with Mass.

The history day takes place at the Bar Convent on Saturday June 2, beginning with tea and coffee at 10am and the first talk at 10.30am. The cost is £15, students £7.50, including tea and coffee but not lunch, which is available at the Bar Convent café and should be booked on the day.

Booking is not necessary but the organisers would be pleased to hear if you intend to come, to help with planning. If you're not already on the mailing list please contact Judith Smeaton by emailing judith.smeaton@btinternet.com or calling 01904 704525 for more information.

Judith Smeaton

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End Of Life In Focus At Study

Spirituality towards the end of life is the subject of two study days to be held in Salford and London in May. The organisers say that people are becoming increasingly aware that end of life care has to include a spiritual dimension – even if they are not sure what this might look like.

The days provide an opportunity to hear speakers who have been involved in developing programmes and resources for those involved in supporting people on this stage of their life-journey, whether as the person preparing for death or as a part of their family or circle of friends. There will be time for personal reflection and conversation on the talks and an introduction to a Ministry of Consolation course being developed by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Dates

London: Thursday May 24, St Aloysius, Phoenix Road, Euston, NW1 1TA

Speaker: TBC

Salford: Thursday May 31, Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP

Speaker: Dr Karen Groves MBE, who works in specialist palliative care services in North Merseyside, chairs the Network Spiritual Care Group and co-created the “Opening the Spiritual Gate” education programme for frontline clinical staff.

Both days run from 11am to 3.30pm (coffee from 10.30am). You can bring a packed lunch or eat at local cafés. Donations to help to cover costs would be welcome and space will be available for flyers and information about related activities in which you are involved.

Please contact Martin Foster if you plan to attend by emailing martin.foster@cbcew.org.uk or writing to 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PL by the Friday before your chosen event.

Healthy Start For New Nutrition Centre

Francis Hannaway, from St Gabriel’s Parish, Ormesby, in Middlesbrough, lives and works in Basankusu Diocese, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He is a lay missionary with Mill Hill Missionaries. This month he describes the setting up of a second centre for malnutrition.

I walked around the garden among the many fruit trees – mangoes, avocados, bananas, a savoury fruit called safou, lemons, and others I don’t know the names of. This was in the grounds of the new house we had just bought to cater for the most severely malnourished children at our centre.

The house was made from fired bricks and had a palm-thatched roof. As well as the main house, there was also another small building that served as a kitchen and a couple of extra rooms.

Judith, who runs the project, gave it a critical look. “It’s too small, Francis, so we’ll need to extend it – and we’ll need a proper metal roof,” she said. “The roof is too low, it’ll trap in the heat, so that needs to be raised and the walls built up.”

The house we’d bought for £2,000 was starting to go up in price before my very eyes. “We’ll extend the building to make a good sitting room, and you know the floor...? It’s lined with bricks, but impossible to clean. Hygiene is very important with these delicate children. We’ll need to lay a concrete floor – the same with the bare brick walls, they’ll need plastering.”

Little by little, we came up with a plan to make the building suitable for feeding severely malnourished children. New windows and doors would complete the plan – and a sturdy fence, made from strong sticks out of the forest, held together with ever-versatile mosquito nets.

Once the new roof and extension were complete, we welcomed a little girl called Gracia. She was being treated at the nearby St Joseph’s Hospital. Her malnutrition was so severe that we really thought she would die. Mama José, our nurse, visited her in the hospital.

“She needs cheering up as well as feeding up,” she said. “Even though the new house isn’t finished, we can buy some raffia mats for her to sit on. It’ll be better than the



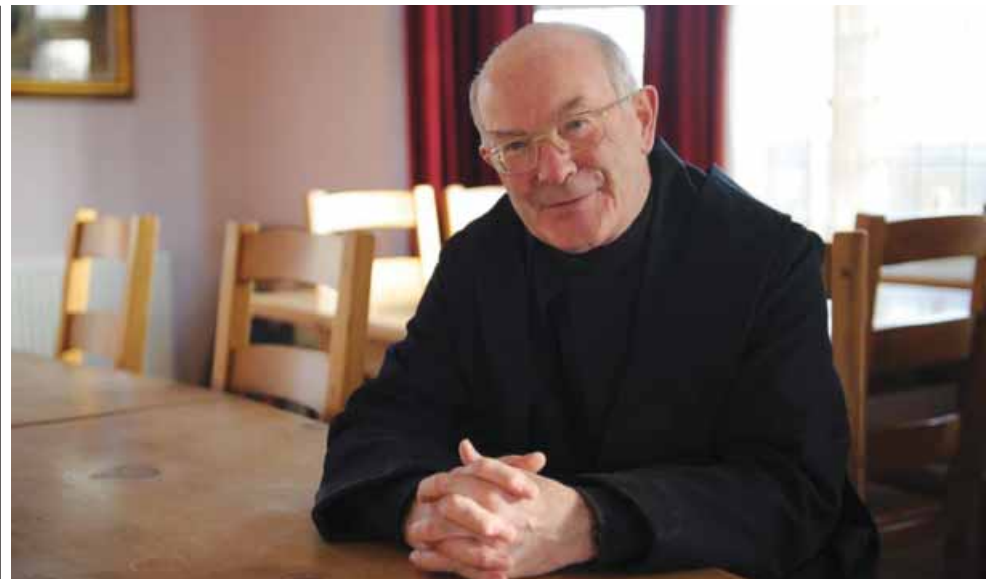
Gracia is now back in good health thanks to the centre for malnutrition

dreary hospital.”

So, every day, for more than two months, Gracia came to eat at the new house. As well as our nutritious corn, peanut and soya-milk porridge, our volunteers talked and sang to her to try to cheer her up.

Gracia made a full recovery, partly, we believe, because of her own determination. After several weeks of listlessness, she picked up the cooking pot herself to help with the cooking. I’d like to think that the dedication of our volunteers also helped her recovery. Let’s hope, too, that the new house will provide a calm sanctuary for these vulnerable children, and a safe place for the volunteers to help these little ones to get back on the road to health.

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Death Of Ampleforth Monk Father Francis

Ampleforth monk Father Francis Davidson OSB died peacefully in the monastery infirmary on April 9 at the age of 79.

Born in Edinburgh in February 1939, he was ordained in April 1965 and then joined the Fort Augustus Abbey School staff, serving as headmaster from 1972 to 1985. After a brief time at Ampleforth Abbey and working in a parish in Suffolk, he was invited in April 1987 to work in the school at Portsmouth Abbey, Rhode Island, eventually becoming headmaster.

He returned to Fort Augustus Abbey in 1992 and was appointed prior administrator in 1998. When the abbey closed Father Francis moved to Ampleforth Abbey, formally joining the community in 2001.

For five years he served as parish priest in Lancashire and he subsequently worked in roles including sub-prior, acting prior, religious superior at St Benet’s Hall and monastic auditor. Father Francis’s funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church, followed by burial in Monks’ Wood.

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They and all of our other deceased Lourdes family will be remembered by all of us during this year's pilgrimage. As we start the packing and finalising our plans, can I make my annual appeal? If you're able to bake a cake or two for us to take for our supported pilgrims to enjoy with a cup of tea, I would be extremely grateful! Again, just to say "thank you" for all of your help throughout the year in contributing to the success of our pilgrimage.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us

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Don't miss comedian Jimmy Cricket when he returns for Summertime Special on Saturday July 7. Tickets are available from the Middlesbrough Theatre or Lourdes committee members. For enquiries call Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043

Lourdes Diary Dates

Saturday May 12 – Race Night at St Francis Social Club, Middlesbrough. First race starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £5, including a pie and pea supper. Race sponsorship is £20 and horse sponsorship is £2.50. Donations of raffle prizes are also welcome.

Sunday May 13 – Hull Pre-Pilgrimage Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 2pm.

Sunday May 20 – Middlesbrough Pre-Pilgrimage Mass at St Gabriel's Church, Allendale Road, Ormesby, at 4pm and afterwards in the church hall.

Saturday July 7 – Summertime Special at Middlesbrough Theatre with special guest Jimmy Cricket returning after last year's smash success and

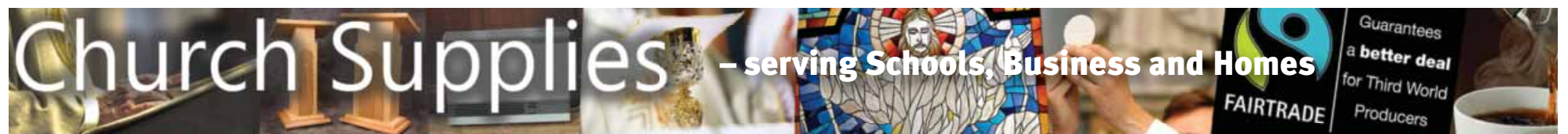
lots of excellent local talent, singers and a magician.

Saturday July 14 – Hospitalité Mass and Barbecue in the garden of the Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough. Tickets are £5 including all you can eat.

Friday September 7 – Hospitalité Ball at Acklam Hall, Middlesbrough. Reception drinks from 7pm and dinner at 7.30pm. Tickets are £40 each and include live entertainment and a disco. Donations wine and spirits for the raffle and bottle stall are welcome.

There are only 120 places so please book as early as possible. Tables can only be set for 10 people.

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