



Bishop's Column

As we leave the Easter Season behind us, with all its joys, celebrations and rich liturgy, we enter into the month of June. From a very natural point of view we hope that June will be a month of warmth and sunshine – sadly, this is not always the case! However, the Church likes to ensure that the month is filled with light and joy by spreading a carpet of feasts before us.

The first Sunday of the month, June 3, is the beautiful Feast of Corpus Christi when we have the opportunity to give thanks and praise for the wonderful gift of the Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. That same week closes with yet another wonderful celebration, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 8. Here we are reminded of the incredible love that God has for each of us in sending his only Son, Jesus, to give himself up for us. The following day is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Mary united her heart to the heart of Jesus and, in pondering all the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection, shows us how to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

For all those of us who are constantly losing and misplacing things, we can turn to St Anthony of Padua and celebrate his feast on June 13. Then comes the lovely Feast of SS John Fisher and Thomas More, two saints who most of us feel especially close to and who fill us with admiration for their strong faith in the face of difficult decisions.

As we near the end of the month, halfway between last Advent and next Advent, we remember the birth of St John the Baptist (June 24), the precursor of Jesus. On June 27 we have the feast of the patron of the Diocese of Middlesbrough, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Remember to pray for the good state of all within the diocese and God's blessing on us all through Mary's intercession. And finally, we end the month with the ancient feast and holyday of SS Peter and Paul on June 29. Peter is the "Rock" on which Christ founded his Church and Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

For by your providence

the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul bring us joy:

*Peter, foremost in confessing the faith,
Paul, its outstanding preacher,
Peter, who established the early Church from the remnant of Israel,
Paul, master and teacher of the Gentiles that you call.*

And so, each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ;

and revered together throughout the world,

they share one Martyr's crown.

+ Long

Many happy feasts of June.

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Book Now For Adoremus!



Catholics from our diocese are invited to attend the National Eucharistic Congress and hear an inspirational speaker who has been described as "one of the Church's best messengers".

Bishop Robert Barron is the keynote speaker at the all-day event at the Liverpool Echo Arena on Saturday September 8 as part of Adoremus.

The founder of the "Word on Fire" Catholic evangelical outreach ministry, Bishop Barron is a world-renowned theologian and writer and is based in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. His weekly half-hour TV show is broadcast across the United States every Sunday evening.

Father William Massie, chaplain at Hull University, has been using Bishop Barron's ground-breaking ten-part Catholicism DVD series with students throughout Lent and Eastertide.

He explains: "They really like Robert Barron – for the clarity and beauty of the teaching – he never speaks down to his audience – and for the simple, down-to-earth manner and stories he employs. Six of them have signed up to attend the congress!"

Tickets are now available for anyone from our diocese who would like to attend. They cost £40 and can be booked by emailing sharrondriver@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk.

The absolute deadline to book through the diocese is Thursday May 31. After this deadline they can be booked online at the Catholic Bishops' Conference website, catholic-ew.org.uk, until July 31.

A limited number of tickets are also available for Day One of the congress, on Friday September 7. This will include a theological symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, RE teachers and extraordinary ministers. These tickets are also £40.

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

The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in

1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused.

This time a one-kilometre street procession will take place, on Day Three of the congress, Sunday September 9. This is open to all but access to the final Masses, at 9.30am and 11.30am on the Sunday morning, will be restricted by the capacity of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available in the city over the weekend of the congress but clearly these are in high demand.

Catholic author Katie Prejean is the keynote speaker at a Youth Congress aimed at those aged 13-20, which takes place in Liverpool on Saturday September. Tickets for this event are £10.



Bishop Robert Barron


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Hearing The Cries Of The Earth And The Poor

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, the Diocese of Middlesbrough Justice and Peace Commission officially launched its environment policy at All Saints' School in York.

The event contributed to activities around the globe for Earth Day on April 22 and the speakers were Ellen Teague of the Columbans and York Central MP Rachael Maskell, a former Shadow Minister For The Environment.

Chair Barbara Hungin said the policy in its colourful, illustrated format would be distributed to schools and parishes throughout the diocese and contains suggestions for action on an individual, parish and group basis.

Stalls at the launch included alternatives to plastic, green energy, protection of bees, Fair Trade, Eat less Meat, CAFOD and Live Simply.

Four refugee children from the Democratic Republic of Congo, now living in Middlesbrough, brought to our attention the crisis in their homeland where the tourbières, huge areas of peatland, are threatened with exploitation and deforestation by Chinese companies.

Ellen Teague took us on a journey around the world, highlighting the fragility and vulnerability of the planet and evidence of the effects of climate change on the very poorest communities. She emphasised the need to make the connections between poverty and the environment. We must, "hear both the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor" (*Laudato Si'* 49).

Our popes have long been leading on this issue of overarching importance. From Pope St John Paul II, who called us to "an ecological conversion", to Pope Benedict, who installed 3,600 solar panels at the Vatican, and now Pope Francis, who has made it the theme of his papacy.

On the day of his inauguration he made this plea: "I would like to ask all those who have positions of responsibility in economic, political and social life, and all men and women of goodwill: let us be "protectors" of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment."

Ellen countered any inclination to despair with many examples of individuals, schools



Chair Barbara Hungin with four refugees from the DRC who spoke at the launch – Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

and parishes where the challenge to take action rooted in faith is bearing fruit, including Live Simply status, recycling, solar panels on church properties, community gardens and tree growing.

She said our liturgies should alert us to the care of God's creation and that our clergy should be trained in creation-centred theology.

Rachael Maskell spoke of our "precious and fragile planet in trouble" and praised the accessibility and wisdom contained in the environment policy. The silence among politicians on the subject is of concern and the churches have a role in provoking them to urgent action.

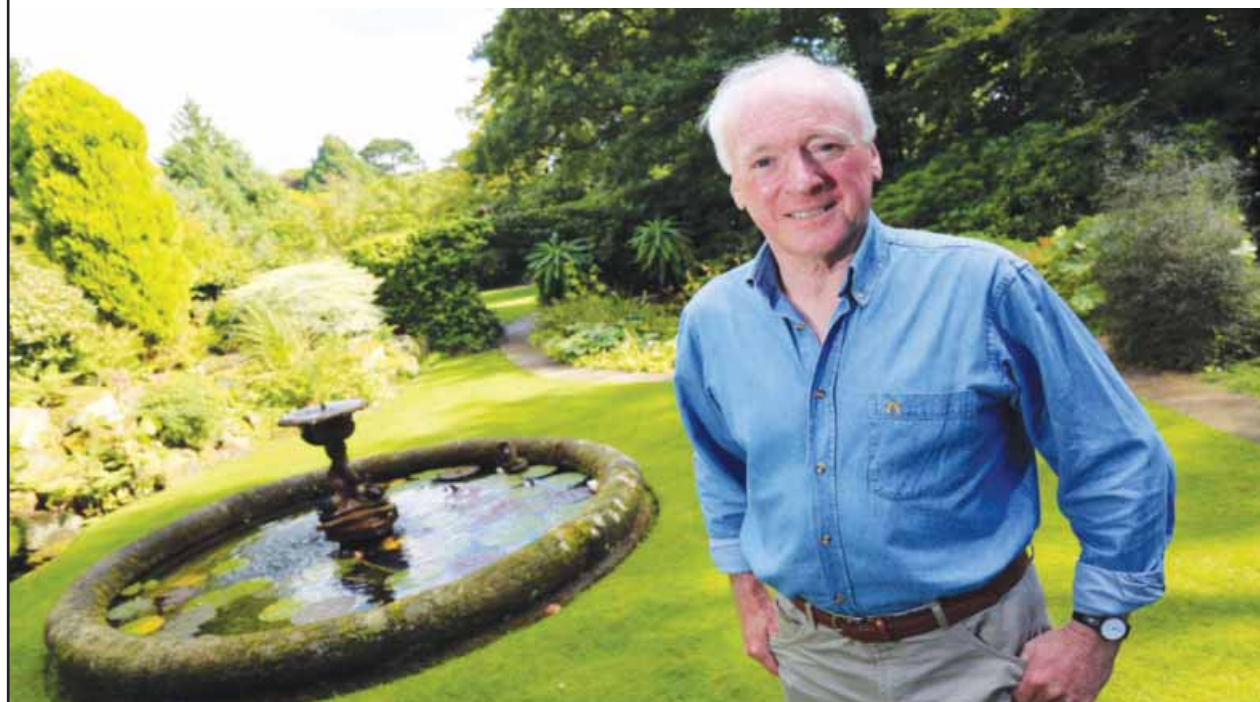
"Our greed has broken our planet and our need will persuade us to restore it," she said. A change in our unsustainable consumer lifestyle is urgently needed to ensure this happens.

*September 1 has been designated by Pope Francis as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, initiating "Creation Time", running until the feast of St Francis on October 4. All parishes are urged to participate.

Margaret Blatchford



Stunning Gardens Open For Lourdes Funds



Nature lovers are in for a treat when one of Teesside's most spectacular gardens opens to the public to raise funds for the Diocese of Middlesbrough Lourdes Fund.

Covering five acres, Tudor Croft in Guisborough is a delightful Arts and Crafts garden created in 1934. The Heagney family moved there in 1952 and have gardened it lovingly ever since. There are flower borders, a long rose pergola, a walled garden, a stream, summerhouses, a fernery and even a secret garden. It has featured on BBC's *Gardeners' World* twice and in many magazines.

There will be plant sales, craft and bird box sales and homemade afternoon teas accompanied by live music.

Admission is £5, with children free. Wheelchairs are most welcome and can access most areas. Parking is on adjacent roads and there will be direction signs on all approaches to Guisborough.

The open weekend is on Saturday June 16 and Sunday June 17 from 11am to 4pm. Tudor Croft can be found on Stokesley Road, Guisborough TS14 8DL.

Left: Lourdes brancardier Mike Heagney in the gardens at Tudor Croft – Photo by Martin Walker

Bishop Joins Rosary On The Coast Prayers

Bishop Terry joined hundreds from our diocese and Catholics from around the British Isles as he took part in the Rosary on the Coast day of prayer for faith, life and peace.

Gatherings were held in Hornsea, Scarborough, Redcar and Saltburn, where the bishop joined prayers in front of the parish's Lourdes grotto in an event organised by Council 29 of the Knights of St Columba.

"The sun shone, parishioners prayed and it was a special service," said parishioner Sheila Collins. "Afterwards we enjoyed talking over a cup of tea to people who attended from other churches, including a priest who had come from Norton."

Parish priest Canon Eddie Gubbins led a service by Scarborough's lifeboat station attended by 124 people, including pilgrims from Leeds, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Ampleforth and York.

Father Albert Schembri and parishioners from the three Scarborough parishes took part, as well as visiting Columban Missionary Father John Cullen and York Oratory priest Father Richard Duffield.

"A blustery day and the encroaching tide didn't dampen such a glorious grace-filled day," said St Peter's parish secretary Elizabeth White. "At the end, Canon Gubbins symbolically buried a miraculous medal in the sand."

Around 30 also attended a service at St Peter's Church for those unable to get to the beach.

Father James Benfield, of the Sacred Heart Church, Hornsea, led the service attended by around 60 people in bright sunshine on Hornsea promenade.

Colin Taylor, from Hornsea, said: "It was a



Bishop Terry joined prayers in front of the Saltburn's Lourdes grotto in an event organised by Council 29 of the Knights of St Columba

great day for all involved and thanks to the grassroots people who instigated it."

Around 60 people from the parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, Redcar, and surrounding parishes attended the Redcar beach service, which was organised by the Legion of Mary and led by Canon Michael Loughlin, with Canon Derek Turnham and Father Philip Cunnah also taking part.

Rosary on the Coast services were held at more than 340 locations from the Orkney Islands to the Channel Islands. The event

was organised to pray for the revival of Christianity in the British Isles and was inspired by similar events in Poland and Ireland.

"It was good to see so many people from this Diocese of Middlesbrough join their brothers and sisters throughout the British Isles in asking the intercession of our Blessed Lady for the grace to become once again her dowry, for the peace of our country and respect for life," said Bishop Terry.

"The Rosary is such a rich prayer, so full of

meaning and variety. In the mysteries themselves we can recall to mind the great events of salvation.

"In the Hail Mary we are reminded of the moment the Word became flesh. We can also commend ourselves in our weakness and vulnerability to the intercession of our Blessed Lady. In the Glory Be we praise the Blessed Trinity and in the Our Father we say the prayer that Our Saviour taught us himself."



Father James Benfield led prayers at Hornsea – Photo by Gerry Quinn



More than 60 parishioners from Redcar and the surrounding parishes gathered on Redcar beach



The service by Scarborough's lifeboat station

A Day of Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

A Day of Prayer and Pilgrimage in Honour of Our Blessed Mother

SATURDAY 14th JULY 2018

Pilgrims should assemble at 11.30am in St Peter's Anglican church, Osmotherley Village followed by a walk to the Shrine. To finish at 6pm approximately. Led by Fr Stephen Maughan

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Feast of the Month

The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday June 8

Jesus appeared to St Margaret Mary Alacoque as she was praying in the chapel of the convent where she was a nun. He showed her how his heart was burning with love for all of us. Jesus made a number of promises for St Margaret Mary to pass on to us. One of these is: "I will bless the house in which the image of my heart is exposed and honoured." This is why many of us have pictures or statues of the Sacred Heart in our homes and we say the prayer: "Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you."



Carmelite nuns from Thicket Priory near York are pictured with Canon Eddie Gubbins and a group of pupils from St Augustine's School, Scarborough, who visited for a quiet day of prayer in preparation for their confirmation.



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The closing date for this post is Noon Wednesday 6th June 2018. Please return completed application forms to Anne Graham via email graham.a@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk

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Race Night For Harry's Africa Trip

The right to an education is something most of us take for granted. However, young people in many parts of the developing world simply don't have the opportunities they deserve.

That's why the Meserani Project was established. This project helps young people in the Meserani region of Tanzania access education, giving them the opportunity to build a better future for themselves and their families.

In July 2019, I will visit some of the schools sponsored by the project to take out supplies and try to bring happiness to the children we meet as part of a group of Nunthorpe Academy sixth-form students.

I am currently raising funds for this visit with a race night in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Teesville, on Saturday June 16 and tickets are on sale priced £2.

If you would like to buy tickets or find out more about the project, or are interested in supporting my fundraising efforts in any way, please email harry.twohig@outlook.com or call me 07887 295 508. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Harry Twohig, St Andrew's Parishioner



Sixth Form Heroes Sign Up To Save Lives

Sixth formers from Middlesbrough's Trinity College signed up to be potential life-savers as part of the Anthony Nolan charity's Hero Project, which educates 16-18-year-olds about blood, organ and stem cell donation.

Twenty-seven students joined the stem cell donor register at a recruitment event led by the charity with the assistance of year 13 students.

Anthony Nolan uses its register to match potential donors to blood cancer patients in desperate need of lifesaving stem cell transplants.

Several members of the college community who have been affected by serious blood disorders shared their experiences as part of the initial presentation, which prompted the students to sign up.

A total of 94 students have signed up to the Anthony Nolan stem cell donor register in the last year. For more details of the charity's work, visit anthonymoland.org.



Sixth formers sign up as potential life-savers

Suriname Focus For Women's Prayer Day

Members of All Saints chaplaincy group in York learned about the environmental problems being suffered by the people of Suriname at a Women's World Day of Prayer event.

This year's theme was "All God's Creation is Very Good" and the focus was on Suriname, with worshippers singing both familiar hymns and some in the Sranan tongue.

Women dressed in the traditional clothing of the South American nation welcomed those attending the service, thanking God for a "beautiful country with incredible flora and fauna, where people from different ethnicities and faiths live in peace together."

As Genesis 1:1-31 was read, objects including

a candle, bottles of water, packaged fruit, decorative animals and a family photo were carried up.

Students placed the items on the table, throwing the rubbish on the ground after unwrapping them to symbolise the mercury-contaminated rivers, destroyed forests and the people and animals uprooted from their habitats because of our greed for gold and other riches in Suriname.

As each item was placed on the table, they asked God's forgiveness for our disrespect for the environment, saying "Masra wi e begi fu gi wi pardon", which means "Lord, we ask you to forgive us".

Participants then put the rubbish into

recycling bins before writing personal pledges of what they will do to help the environment. All Saints students read and took a collection.

One of the group said: "This year's WWDP was a beautiful celebration of the women of Suriname, accompanied with much music and singing, and also including poignant

performances on the hardships the Surinamese people face as well as the effect of plastic pollution on the environment."

The event, which was rescheduled because of bad weather earlier in the year, was held in Southlands Methodist Church.

Mary Betteridge, year nine student

Whitby Children Are All At Sea

Foundation and key stage one pupils from St Hilda's School in Whitby experienced a thrilling visit to the town's RNLI station as part of their Land Ahoy project.

Highlights included watching a film about sea rescues, trying on the jackets and helmets crews wear and even seeing a lifeboat being launched.

Afterwards, the children enjoyed a walk alongside the harbour and saw a wide variety of fishing and leisure craft. They also visited the Captain Cook Memorial Museum in Grape Lane.

Older pupils will visit the RNLI later in the year and the whole school will join townfolk to welcome two tall ships into Whitby as part of the Captain Cook Festival in July.



All Saints' students with recycling bins at the Women's World Day of Prayer event in York



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NEWS

A Letter From Madonna House

Day Of Promise

It's one of the most joyous days in Madonna House. We dress in our finest, prepare the most beautiful liturgy and invite family and friends to share in our day of love. This celebration takes place on June 8, the Feast of Our Lady of Combermere, the patroness of our apostolate. The weather is usually glorious, and so is the occasion.



And what is the celebration? It is the day when some of our members make or renew their promises to God – promises of poverty, chastity and obedience. After almost two years in formation, some take their *first* promises and we welcome them into our spiritual family.

Sometimes there are tears or signs of nerves; sometimes the words ring out with confidence and joy. Here are those words: *For the glory of God and because I desire with my whole heart to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to preach the Gospel with my life, I hereby promise with the help of Our Lady, to live in poverty, chastity and obedience according to the Madonna House Spirit and Mandate.*

After seven years in temporary promises, others are ready to proclaim their fidelity to this way of life forever – and that word reverberates in glory. Still others renew their promises for two years until their *forever moment* arrives! What a sign of hope to see young people commit their lives to building up the Church through their vocation to Madonna House. What a witness to love, that they trust Our Lord to be their all for the rest of their days.

We don't know how God will unfold each vocation: will they be called mostly to other lands and cultures, or to the very poorest in our own big cities? Will they be invited to offer hospitality and a home to the thousands of pilgrims from all over the world who come to our main centre to touch God? It matters not.

One thing we *do* know: there will be days of suffering, doubts and temptations, as in any life fully embraced. So we pray that our newer members will always reach out for the love and grace that's promised by their Divine Lover. It's a mutual commitment and he will never fail us. And mysteriously, this life of union with God grows and deepens until it becomes our very essence.

This year, Father Brian Christie and Joanne Slugocki will be renewing their promises in our home parish of St Hilda's in Whitby. This act of loving commitment is for the whole Church, so Bishop Terry will preside at the liturgy – and you're all invited!

The Mass will be at 2pm on Friday June 8. There will be plenty of room in the Church, although not so much room in our little hall for a cup of tea afterwards. Let's pray for good weather so we can just spill out on to the street! We'd love to have you with us.

Cheryl-Ann Smith

If you would like to visit or support us in any way, contact us at madonnahouserhb@gmail.com or 01947 880 169 or visit madonnahouse.org. Thank you so much.

Fond Memories Of Sister Aidan

A much-loved member of the Sister of Mercy community in Hull has died at the age of 92.

Sister Mary Aidan O'Sullivan RSM was born in Gilcaugh, County Cork, and taught for 34 years at Our Lady's Convent school in Alnwick, before retiring in 1987.

She is remembered as a gifted Domestic Science teacher and she also ran catechetical classes for children not in Catholic schools.

She had a lively and intelligent mind and enjoyed Shakespeare and poetry and had a great love for the natural world, especially the wonders of the night sky. In later years she was never happier than when contemplating the beauty of the moon and a starlit night.

After retirement, Sister Aidan led several Mercy communities including Hull, where she returned to spend the last three years.

Sister Aidan's requiem Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church in Hull, followed by burial in the grave of the Sisters of Mercy in Northern Cemetery.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam – May she sit at God's right hand.

Sister Bernie Roache RSM



Sister Mary Aidan

Calling All Parish Musicians!

Middlesbrough Cathedral is delighted to welcome renowned composer, organist and choral director Malcolm Archer to lead a singing workshop on Sunday July 8.

Malcolm is one of the world's leading church musicians and has enjoyed a distinguished career as Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral, from where his many broadcasts and recordings have received critical acclaim.

The workshop begins at 2pm and is open to all parish musicians. Advance booking is essential. To reserve your place, email the assistant director of music at craig.cartwright@outlook.com.

This Month's Choral Services At The Cathedral

Sunday June 3 at 10am: Solemn Mass for Corpus Christi (Cathedral Choir)

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

Sunday June 10 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Sunday June 10 at 4pm: Sung Benediction with Solemn Vespers in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress (Cathedral Consort)

Wednesday June 13 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Cantor)

Thursday June 14 at 6.30pm: Sung Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Sunday June 17 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Wednesday June 20 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Low voices Schola)

Sunday June 24 at 10am: Solemn Mass (Cathedral Choir)

Sunday June 24 at 4pm: Sung Benediction with Solemn Vespers in preparation for the Eucharistic Congress (Senior Girls Choir)

Wednesday June 27 at 6pm: Sung Benediction with Vespers (Full Schola)

Friday June 29 at 7pm: Solemn Mass for Ss Peter and Paul (Cathedral Choir)

Masses For Seafarers At Teesport

The visit of the *MV Glorieuse* to Teesport was not intended to be a long one. However, the ship's cargo of grain could not be discharged because of bad weather, giving the crew an extended stay in port.

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) chaplaincy team ensured they were well looked after, providing free transport to town and other attractions.

After requests for Mass to be celebrated on board, AoS port chaplain Deacon Peter Barrigan approached Canon Derek Turnham, of the parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate in Redcar, who readily agreed to visit the ship despite the short notice.

Deacon Peter was supported by AoS volunteers Hugh and Mary Ward, Tony Livingston and Ann Marie Ward, who played the guitar.

In his homily, Canon Derek reminded all present of the importance of discipline in their daily prayer life. Afterwards he blessed holy items, which were then given to the seafarers.

Separately, Mass was also said for the crew of the *MV Swiftness*, a general cargo ship with a crew of 19 Filipinos and two Vietnamese. The crew were



Canon Turnham with the crew of the *MV Glorieuse*

keen to attend Mass before leaving for Singapore on a 42-day voyage.

Canon John Lumley celebrated and offered prayers for the crew and their families back home. He also blessed religious items.

Hugh and Mary Ward brought along a statue of Santa Nino, which had been presented to them on a recent private visit to the Philippines. They also distributed Rosary beads from Rome.

Much to the crew's delight, Deacon Peter presented them a tapestry of the Sacred Heart, donated by Peter's own parish priest, Father Sean

Neylan, who wished it to go to a good home following the death of his mother, to whom it belonged.

One of the hymns at Mass was *Hail Queen of Heaven*. Canon John doubted the crew would know this, saying, "If they know this hymn, I'll eat my hat!" as it's a local hymn, written by John Lingard (1771-1851), a professor at Ushaw College, where Canon John trained for the priesthood.

However, the crew sang it heartily and in great voice after which Canon John commented, "I'm pleased I didn't bring my hat!"

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 more people in the diocese what role the Eucharist plays in their lives...

The Centre Of My Spiritual Life

The Eucharist has always been at the centre of my spiritual life since my childhood. First Holy Communion was such a big event that I still remember it vividly today and it has hooked me ever since.

Going to Mass and receiving Holy Communion, especially on a Sunday, are very much part of who I am, like breathing, or eating, and I cannot imagine my life without them. The social side of attending Mass in a parish community is very important as well. Life inevitably has its ups and downs and there have been times when my faith has not been very strong, yet the Sacrament of the Eucharist always seems to draw me back, almost like a magnet. Sometimes, I get frustrated with the institution of the Church, but this does not weaken my faith in the Eucharist.

It transcends everything and draws me into an intimate relationship with Christ that is above all rules and regulations and places me firmly in the presence of God. It is



Chris Cuthill

something intensely personal and there is nothing that compares to sitting quietly in church with the sanctuary lamp glowing, knowing that Jesus is there beside me.

Chris Cuthill

The Sacrament That Makes Lourdes So Special



Carmel pictured in Lourdes

The Lourdes pilgrimage is a very important part of my life. As a supported pilgrim, I am given an outstanding amount of care and compassion from fellow pilgrims. As a Catholic, I receive so much spiritual nourishment during my time there. This nourishment does not just come from that unique closeness one feels to Mary in Lourdes, but from what that closeness offers us: an even closer encounter with her Son.

For although devotions to Mary are a large part of the pilgrimage, there are an abundance of opportunities to be close to Christ, particularly through the Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist. Having the daily

opportunity to celebrate Mass and to participate in the Blessed Sacrament Procession are central to my experience in Lourdes.

There is something truly wonderful about the Blessed Sacrament Procession. I particularly love the sense of anticipation one feels when waiting for it to begin and that, despite how many people you are surrounded by, there is such stillness and peace that you feel like no one else is there but you and Christ. For me, the Eucharist – and the opportunity to adore it – is what makes the Lourdes pilgrimage so special.

Carmel Jayasuriya

A Miracle Re-Enacted Through The Centuries

At the age of eight I was sent to school at Gilling Castle, a grim fortress in North Yorkshire, visible across the valley from our home at Stonegrave. It was the preparatory school for Ampleforth College and the teachers were Benedictine monks. The chapel at Gilling was under the eaves of one of the wings, and I can still recall, after almost 70 years, seeing for the first time the white host in the flaming gilt monstrance at Benediction, and accepting without doubt that it was the Body of Christ.



The Pilgrimage of Grace

My ancestors, on my father's side of the family, had rarely strayed from Ryedale, and I like to think that one may have taken part in the Pilgrimage of Grace in the 16th century. Held aloft, as they marched on London, were banners depicting the Eucharist – a radiating circle representing the bread, and a chalice containing the wine, that had been changed into the body and blood of Christ.

It is good to recall the pedigree of this belief by Catholics in the miraculous transformation of bread and wine initiated by Jesus at the Last Supper, and re-enacted by priests, in persona Christi, down the centuries to the present day. It is good because it challenges the scientific conviction that only what can be observed through a microscope can be true.

Our certainty that the change has taken place baffles not just sceptics, but also some fellow-Christians who believe that the Eucharist is simply a memorial. In reality, as is made clear in chapter six of the Gospel of St John, it is at the heart of God's audacious plan for our redemption. God becomes human in Jesus who leaves his flesh in the Eucharist so that those who eat it should share in his divinity and have eternal life.

Piers Paul Read, bestselling author

A Chance To Reflect And Pray

I enjoy visiting Our Lord in the Eucharist during a Holy Hour. It's a good chance to sit quietly, reflecting, praying, particularly for all the members of our family past and present, both in the USA and UK. Just saying, individually, "God bless Dad, Grandma, Aunt Stella etc."

Receiving Communion at Mass is also special

and sets me up for the week or the day. I hope to go to the *Adoremus* congress in Liverpool in September. It would combine with a trip down Memory Lane to call in at Sefton Park, Liverpool, where my family originated.

Mike Morrissey, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Saltburn



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NEWS

Apostolic Exhortation Calls Us All To Holiness

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have welcomed Pope Francis's new apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* on the call to holiness in today's world.

The document encourages us to take inspiration from "Saints next door" – people who may not be officially canonised but can be decisive in bringing about change.

Pope Francis wants people to know they don't need special qualifications nor to have taken religious vows to be holy – just an open heart and a desire to spend time with the Lord in prayer and reading the Gospel.

"The most decisive turning points in world history are substantially co-determined by souls whom no history book ever mentions," he writes. "And we will only find out about those souls to whom we owe the decisive turning points in our personal lives on the

day when all that is hidden is revealed."

The bishops say *Gaudete et Exsultate* invites us all to put God at the centre of our lives.

"In our society, holiness is often regarded as antiquated," they say. "In this simple, direct and beautiful letter, Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is not the preserve of specialists.

"It is for all of us, not a select few. Holiness is our destiny. It is what God has planned for us. There is nothing intimidating or overpowering about this. To depend on God makes us truly free. 'The only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint.'" (Leon Bloy, *La Femme Pauvre*, quoted in GE 34).

"Pope Francis reminds us of the Church's spiritual wisdom that holiness is lived in the daily reality of our lives. It is in small gestures and little things that we are led to

be holy.

"Jesus Christ not only invites us to this holiness but enables us, through his grace, to make the journey to God. This journey, although deeply personal, is never private.

"Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously. God's gifts, granted in prayer, are seen in our concern for our brothers and sisters, particularly those most in need. We are to set out afresh to do all we can to love the least in our society and culture."

A far-reaching and accessible document, *Gaudete et Exsultate* examines many subjects tied into our relationship with Christ – prayer, reading scripture, helping others, maintaining and upholding human dignity not to mention challenges to holiness such as the danger of gossip.



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You can read or download *Gaudete et Exsultate*, the official summary of the document and a simple Q&A document at vatican.va. You can also order a copy from ctsbooks.org.

New Website For Postgate Society

The Postgate Society, which aims to spread knowledge of and devotion to Martyr of the Moors Blessed Nicholas Postgate, has launched a new website.

As well as giving a detailed account of the life of Blessed Nicholas Postgate, it contains information about the society's activities, including meetings, newsletters and other publications, as well as photographs from past Postgate Rallies.

Father Postgate ministered to Catholics across the North York Moors before being arrested while baptising a child near Sleights in 1678. He was taken to York and imprisoned before being put to death on what is now the site of York Racecourse.

His last words on the scaffold were recorded in a contemporary newspaper. "Mr Sheriff, you know that I die not for the plot but for my religion," he said. "I pray God bless the king and the royal family.

"Mr Sheriff, I pray you tell the king that I never offended him in any way. I pray God give him his grace, and the light of truth. I forgive all that have wronged me and brought me to this death, and I desire forgiveness of all people."

The Postgate Society also encourages devotion to other martyrs and those who kept the faith alive during penal times and the study of our area's rich Catholic history.

Visit the website at postgatesociety.org.uk.

Badges Promote Martyr Of The Moors' Cause

Parishioners in Redcar have come up with a small way of promoting the Cause for the Canonisation of Blessed Nicholas Postgate by having badges made and offered for sale.

In recent years the previous four parishes that served Redcar, namely Sacred Heart, St Augustine's, St William's in Dormanstown and St Alban's have been drawn together into a single parish now served by two of the churches, the Sacred Heart and St Augustine.

The process of joining the parishes together included Bishop Terry giving the new parish an overriding dedication and he chose one of our own martyrs, Father Postgate. Redcar parish is now known as the Parish of Blessed Nicholas Postgate incorporating the churches of Sacred Heart and St Augustine.

Parishioners are currently working hard to raise funds to add a hall and meeting rooms to the Sacred Heart Church to assist in developing the community life of the parish and provide much-needed facilities for RCIA, SVP, Legion of Mary and Children's Liturgy of the Word, together with social activities.

In the last 12 months the parish fundraising committee has raised £15,000 towards its £500,000 target. The idea of selling badges to promote

Blessed Nicholas Postgate will contribute to the fundraising while promoting the common identity of the newly established parish and the Cause of Blessed Nicholas Postgate.

With support from the Postgate Society, a parishioner has worked with a manufacturer to produce large numbers of the badges, which have already proved very popular. The badge features a small section of the Postgate Window by Thomas Denny in St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge.

The badges are distributed together with a copy of the prayer card that is made freely available by the Postgate Society and with the society's encouragement will be offered for sale during this year's Postgate Rally.

To buy a badge together with a copy of the prayer card, please contact Mick and Val Grainger either by calling 01642 477581 or emailing mickvalgraingers52@ntlworld.com.

Badges cost £2 each, to include the free prayer card. If nine or fewer are ordered there is a post and package charge of £3. Orders of 10 or more badges are postage and package free.

For more information about Father Postgate, visit postgatesociety.org.uk.

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Rising To The Challenge Of Dementia

A new project has been launched with the aim of turning every parish in the diocese into a “dementia-friendly church”.

Retired nurses Chris Tinkler and Dot Fellowes have been asked to promote the initiative and become “Dementia Champions”, delivering awareness sessions throughout the diocese.

St Joseph’s Church in Stokesley have received a certificate in recognition that it is “working towards being dementia friendly” and Chris hopes it will be the first of many, with St Mary’s Cathedral likely to follow shortly.

Dementia is an umbrella term for more than 100 brain diseases that impair people’s ability to remember, think and make choices. David Richardson, lead for Dementia Friendly churches in Cumbria, says around 850,000 people have been diagnosed with dementia in the UK and the figure is set to top two million by 2050.

Four out of every five people in care homes are estimated to have dementia or significant memory problems and one in three people over the age of 65 dies with dementia.

The awareness sessions are part of a wide-ranging approach that also makes use of music as a way of helping reduce the distress and social isolation dementia can cause.

Music for the Mind is held on the second Wednesday of every month at St Mary’s Cathedral hall in Middlesbrough from 2pm to 3.30pm. Sessions are free but donations are



One of the Music for the Mind sessions at St Mary’s Cathedral Hall

welcome and a recent fundraising event in Springfield Co-op, Stokesley, brought in £400, enough to fund four sessions.

“Our goal is to make a difference to all who attend, providing a relaxed atmosphere for people living with dementia and their carers and encourage exercise, a feeling of wellbeing and a source of

networking,” says Dot.

Reverend Jennifer Croft leads monthly dementia-friendly church services for all denominations at various locations around Middlesbrough.

The first service was to be held at the Trinity Centre in North Ormesby on Sunday May 27, the last day of the Dementia Friendly Action Week.

Definition Of A Dementia-Friendly Church

- *Welcoming and inclusive to people with dementia carers and friends
- *Leaders and other members of the congregation help people to feel safe and orientated
- *A church where it is all right to get confused and forget things
- *A church where people with dementia and their carers feel valued

Dr Elizabeth Anderson, Dementia Advisor for the Diocese of Leeds, says it’s important for churches to respond to the challenge of extending a welcome to those with dementia.

“All mainstream churches would maintain that they are there for everybody, that everyone is welcome and no one should feel excluded,” she says. “Nearly everyone knows someone with dementia and if the church does not take dementia seriously we would be neglecting a concern to most of its members.”

The Changing Images Of Christ Through Time

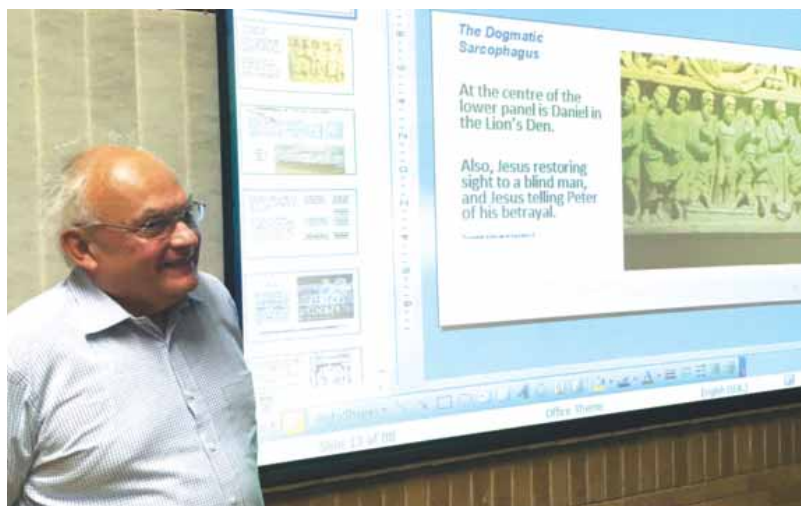
Dr Terry Egerton used his own photographs to illustrate a fascinating account of how images of Christ have changed through the ages when he spoke to Cleveland Newman Circle.

He said the Old Testament cautions against making images, perhaps as a warning that we should not conceptualise God in our own image. Nonetheless, from earliest times Christians have depicted Jesus in murals, statues, carvings, paintings and mosaics for devotional and teaching purposes.

Many such images reflect people’s struggle with contemporary theological issues, emphasising that Jesus is fully God, fully man and did actually suffer on the cross.

In addition, all the images display aspects of the culture of their time, for example, Jesus wearing a Roman toga, medieval servants at the Last Supper bowing before him as “king” and Mary and Child seated among sumptuous woollen fabrics in a Flemish painting at a time when Flanders’ wealth depended on wool. The earliest existing images of Christ come from the catacombs and Terry showed murals of the Raising of Lazarus and The Good Shepherd, both favourite themes.

Perhaps surprisingly, the very early Church thought the crucifixion and resurrection were not appropriate for illustrations. Beautifully decorated



Dr Terry Egerton speaking at Cleveland Newman Circle

grave-cloths survive from fourth-century Egypt as well as carved stone coffins from Italy – the fourth-century “Dogmatic Sarcophagus” clearly presents Christ as a member of the Trinity, involved with creation.

Terry showed images of Jesus’ Baptism, including an exquisite ivory carving just five inches tall and the majestic mosaic within the dome of Ravenna’s Arian Baptistry. Crucifixion images included the crucifix before which St Francis prayed and paintings by Raphael and Stanley Spencer.

The rich menu of representations also included “Christ Pantocrator” from Hagia Sophia, and Graham Sutherland’s “Great Tapestry” from Coventry Cathedral.

In the discussion that followed, people showed their appreciation for the art, history and theology Terry presented. His final message, linked to Graham Sutherland’s “Noli Me Tangere” from Chichester Cathedral, was that we can never fully grasp Christ from any image.

Cleveland Newman Circle holds six talks a year on Wednesdays at 7.45pm in St Mary’s Cathedral Hall, Middlesbrough. Dr Stefano Cracolici will give his postponed talk on “Mater Admirabilis” later in the year. All are welcome. For more information email sandamerckx@btinternet.com or call 01642 814977.

Patricia Egerton

Jubilee Congratulations To Priests

Our most grateful thanks and congratulations to priests in our diocese as they celebrate significant anniversaries.

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Father Brian Nicholson in Lourdes

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Return Of The Hungry Months

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 sees the number of malnourished children increase again.

It seems like yesterday that I was writing about the "Hungry months". Well, they're here again. This time we hope that it won't be as bad – but nevertheless, more and more malnourished children are entering our two centres in Basankusu.

The first centre, on the other side of town to where I live, started to fill up at the beginning of last month. There are now 30 children being treated there. The new centre, beside the Catholic hospital and for children with severe malnutrition, began fairly quietly last month. One day I was there to see Judith, who runs the whole programme, to talk about improving the new house. While we were talking, she looked out of the window.

"Oh no," she exclaimed. "Look! The garden is full of people!"

It was actually only five children who needed treatment, but they, of course, came along with their mothers and a few fathers, as well as brothers and sisters.

At the other centre, the children are brought along by their parents for each of the three days we feed them. At the new centre, all the children, parents and brothers and sisters will sleep at the centre because they'll be fed every day and need round-the-clock care.

"We don't have enough chairs, let alone beds," said Judith. "What are we going to do?"

We quickly sent people to buy wood and raffia chairs, which are made locally, as well



Francis with children at one of the nutrition centres

as a large tarpaulin and raffia mats for people to sleep on.

We continue to improve the new centre. A strong fence has been built around the whole plot. We have a well for water and we've built it up with concrete to keep it clean. Today we extended the kitchen by building a palm-thatched shelter to keep people dry when it rains and out of the sun when it's too hot.

So, all together we have 35 children – by the end of June, it's bound to be around 60. When everyone was settled, and being fed, Judith looked out again.

"It's very sad," she said. "The mothers are often just as hungry as the children."

We watched one mother who ate every second spoonful herself.

"Yes," I said. "The hungry months are very sad indeed."

•Follow Francis Hannaway on Facebook. Email: francish7@yahoo.com. Donate via PayPal (type [PayPal.me/FHannaway](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?to=francish7@yahoo.com) into your browser), or internet banking: Pay: St Joseph's Society for FM, Ref: F Hannaway Congo, sort code: 16-00-15, account: 23114537. Cheques to: Mill Hill Missionaries, St Joseph's Parish Centre, PO Box 3608, Maidenhead SL6 7UX. Pay: "Mill Hill Missionaries" (enclose a note to say it's for F Hannaway and request a gift aid form).

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Lecture Reveals Dark Period In Hull's History

Archaeologist Ken Steedman will give a free lunchtime lecture revealing findings from recent excavations of the buildings that once imprisoned Hull's Catholics.

Henry VIII built the city's blockhouses and citadel in the face of the threat of an attack by France, but they soon became a prison for those who refused to deny their faith during penal times. Many died in the insanitary conditions and were buried in the nearby Drypool Churchyard.

A history of the Catholics who were incarcerated in the blockhouses, entitled *The blockhouses of Hull and who went there – a glimpse of Catholic life in penal times and a missing page in local history*, was written by Joseph Hirst in 1913.

The lecture, "The South Blockhouse and Citadel – Results of recent excavations on Hull's eastern defences", takes place at the Hull History Centre, Worship Street, Hull, HU2 8BG at 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Tuesday June 12. Call 01482 317500 for more information.

Study Day Examines Shared Heritage

A study day in Knaresborough will examine the shared heritage of the saints and what it means to be a truly whole human being, using the example of St Robert of Knaresborough.

The day has been organised by the Ripon Support Group of the Anglican Centre in Rome, which seeks to bring down barriers of misunderstanding between Anglicans and Catholics.

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Robert, who was the son of a 12th-century mayor of York and was also known as Robert Flower.

Local historian Peter Lacey will speak about "The Life and Times of St Robert" and Dr Ruth Beckett, a writer, teacher, historian theologian, tutor at the Centre for Lifelong Learning at the University of York, will speak on "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Theologies of Sanctity, Theologies of Healing".

Organisers say the day is a chance to learn more about the Anglican Centre in Rome and how saints are part of the common history of the churches.

The event, "St Robert of Knaresborough and the Making of a Saint", is on Wednesday June 16 from 10am to 3pm at St John's, Knaresborough and costs £15, including tea and coffee. For more details visit tiny.cc/jqkrsy.

Catenians Boost Two Health Charities



Hull Catenians president Malcolm Bellamy with Elizabeth and Dr Chris Ryan, representing the Cure Parkinson's Trust

Hull Circle of the Catenian Association presented cheques to ambassadors representing two very worthy medical charities, the Cure Parkinson's Trust and Prostate Cancer UK.

The funds were raised during the presidential year of Brother Malcolm Bellamy, who had personal reasons for choosing both causes.

Presenting a £500 cheque to Elizabeth Ryan MBE, representing the Cure Parkinson's Trust, Malcolm explained how his mother, maternal grandmother, maternal great-grandmother and several of his mother's sisters had suffered from the illness.

Her husband, Dr Chris Ryan, explained how the trust was co-founded in 2005 by Tom Isaacs, an inspirational character diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at just 27 years of age. Tom sadly died last year aged 48 but leaves a book, *Shake Well Before Use*, telling the story of his epic round the coast of Britain walk that raised

£350,000 for research.

On presenting £500 to Prostate Cancer UK representative Alan Stirling, Malcolm explained that seven years ago he was fortunate when his prostate cancer was diagnosed at an early stage through a routine health check.

He was symptom-free and unaware of his illness. Malcolm underwent surgery and now takes every opportunity to encourage men to be more proactive in ensuring that they are not diagnosed too late, as happened to his friend.

Mr Stirling said prostate cancer is now the biggest killer in terms of male illness but far less is spent on research than on other diseases and greater awareness and screening is needed. The money will be put to good use in areas such as these as well as pure research.

Bernard Swift

This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

5th	1998	Rev Cuthbert Kestell Cornish, London
6th	1927	Rev William Strucken, Market Weighton
11th	1995	Rev Arthur Stritch, Redcar
12th	1925	Rev Vincent Calvert, Bridlington
12th	2014	Rev Michael Lambe, Liverpool
13th	1906	Very Rev Canon Edward Riddell, Redcar
13th	2003	Rev Ian Stewart, Yarm
14th	1922	Rev Richard Roche, North Ormesby
14th	1939	Rev Christopher Flanagan, Marton
15th	1981	Rev Denis Bankes, Bedale
19th	1881	Rev Charles O'Neil, Wycliffe
19th	1906	Rev Matthew O'Donoghue, Grangetown
21st	1995	Rt Rev Mgr William Carroll, Saltburn
21st	1999	Rev Thomas Brophy, Middlesbrough
26th	2014	Rev David Hynes, Middlesbrough

An Invitation to Get Together

Parishes and other faith-based groups are being encouraged to take part in The Great Get Together (TGGT) weekend as a way of building up a sense of community throughout the country.

TGGT was set up after the murder of MP Jo Cox and is inspired by her famous statement during her first speech to parliament, "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

Events can include street parties, a barbecue with neighbours and friends or opening the doors of the church or parish hall and inviting local people to come in and have a look around.

This year's event takes place from June 22 to 24. If you might be interested in holding an event under the TGGT banner, call Mike Buckley on 07866 312996 or email mike@moreincommon.com.

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Out & About around the Diocese

BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE 2018

- 1 Last day of Lourdes Pilgrimage
- 5 Attends meeting of Ushaw Trustees at Hinsley Hall 10.30am
- 6 School visit to St Mary's Primary, Malton 12 noon
- 7 Attends meeting of Diocesan Safeguarding Commission at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 8 Confirmations at St Charles Borromeo, Hull 7.00pm
- 8 Attends renewal of promises of Madonna House members at St Hilda's, Whitby 2.00pm
- 12 Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 12 Attends meeting of Council of Priests at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 1.30pm
- 12 Celebrates Mass for School Commissioners Conference in York 6.00pm
- 14 Attends meeting of CSAN Board of Trustees at Romero House, London 12 noon
- 17 Parish visitation to St Joseph's, Pickering All day
- 19 Attends meeting of the Canon's Chapter at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 19 Installation of New Canon at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12 noon
- 19 Confirmations at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 7.00pm
- 20 School Visit to St Anthony's Primary, Hull 12 noon
- 24 Vocations Weekend at Hynning Hall All day
- 25-28 Attends Clergy Retreat at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley

1 Fri
Events and articles for the July Voice are due by today

1-3 June
'Path of Life - the Reason for our Hope' led by Fr Kevin Hayden OSB. Contact Ampleforth on 01439-766000 for details.

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

3 Sun
10am Solemn Mass for Corpus Christi, St Mary's Cathedral (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

4 Mon
7.45pm York Newman Circle AGM followed by talk by Doug Robertson 'The Sion Community and Parish Missions', Bar Convent, York

5 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.
7.30pm Ebor Lecture at York Minster 'The Mozart Question' with Michael Morpurgo; family event - free tickets available from yorkfestivalofideas.com

6 Wed
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral (Ladies Schola)
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.

8 Fri
2pm Mass in St Hilda's, Whitby - Madonna House 'Day of Promise'
7pm-8.30pm Divine Mercy Prayer Group meets in St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. Contact John (01759) 380415 for details.
7.30pm Marian Evening at the John Paul Centre, 55 Grange Road, Middlesbrough - Rosary, Holy Mass, talk, witness. Contact Marie Bedingfield, tel (01642) 530739 for details

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

10 Sun
10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
1pm Family Mass in the Lady Chapel, Osmotherley; bring a picnic and stay for lunch and family games afterwards
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.
4pm Sung Benediction with Solemn Vespers in preparation for Eucharistic Congress, St Mary's Cathedral (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

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

12 Tues
12.30-1.30pm 'Results of Recent Excavations on Hull's Eastern Defences' talk by Ken Steedman at the Hull History Centre, Worship Street, Hull HU2 8BG. Free to attend: contact 01482 317500 for more details.
12.45pm Hull and District Catholic Women's Luncheon Club meet at the Kingston Theatre Hotel, Hull.
2pm-4pm The Life Ascending Group, York West meet at Our Lady's, Acomb, York in the Fr Kelly room.
7.30pm The Knights of St Columba, Council 95, meet at Council Chambers, English Martyrs Hall, Dalton Terrace, York

13 Wed
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. Contact 01642 710179 for details.
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral (Cantor)

14 Thurs
6.30pm Sung Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)

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

16 Sat
11am-4pm Tudor Croft Gardens, Stokesley Road, Guisborough, TS14 8DL; fundraiser for Middlesbrough Lourdes Fund
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
1pm-3pm Bric-a-brac, toys, books and clothing sale, St Thomas More's Church Hall, Middlesbrough TS4 3EE
7.30pm Sacred Heart Parish Dance (Declan Gaynor), Erimus Club, Cumberland Road, Middlesbrough TS5 6JB. Contact Eddie: 01642 860227

17 Sun
10am Solemn Mass, St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)
11am-4pm Tudor Croft Gardens, Stokesley Road, Guisborough, TS14 8DL; fundraiser for Middlesbrough Lourdes Fund
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF
3pm Catholic Fellowship Mass, Sacred Heart, Middlesbrough
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

19 Tues
10am A Quiet Day at Ampleforth. Contact 01439-766000 for details

20 Wed
6pm Sung Benediction with Vespers, St Mary's Cathedral (Low voices Schola)
8pm The Knights of St Columba, Hull Council 45, meet at St Joseph's Church, West Hull

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

Advance Notices

- 7 July** Summertime Special at Middlesbrough Theatre
- 8 July** 1-3pm Summer Fete at St Thomas More's Church Hall, Middlesbrough; tombola, raffle, bottle and cake stalls, refreshments and more
- 8 July** St Mary's Cathedral, 2pm; Malcolm Archer singing workshop for all parish musicians. Contact craig.cartwright@outlook.com to reserve a place
- 10 July** 7.30pm, St Thomas More's Parish Hall 'York Martyrdoms in Focus'; presentation on his book by John Rayne-Davis
- 14 July** Day of Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration, 11.30am, Osmotherley
- 14 July** Lourdes Hospitalite Mass and barbecue in the garden of Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough; tickets £5
- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 9.30am Mass in St John of Beverley, North Bar Without.

NEWS

NEWS IN BRIEF



Mass To Celebrate Marriage And Family Life

Families are invited to a Mass to celebrate marriage and family life followed by a picnic at the Lady Chapel in Osmotherley. The event, on Sunday June 10, is being organised by Teesside and Yorkshire members of Teams, an international organisation for Christian married couples. Mass is at 1pm. Please bring a picnic and stay for lunch afterwards and enjoy family games later on. Our photograph shows families at last year's gathering.

York Martyrdoms In Focus

Catholic author John Rayne-Davis will give a presentation on his latest book *The Martyrdoms of Clifford's Tower 1190 and 1537* at St Thomas More's Parish Hall in Middlesbrough on Tuesday July 10 at 7.30pm. The book, which has an endorsement from Bishop Terry, examines the history of persecution suffered by two groups in the city, Catholics and Jews, covering the massacre of Jews in 1190 and the execution of Robert Aske, leader of the Pilgrimage of Grace, in 1537. For more information email rose@stairwellbooks.com.



Bene Merenti Presentation in Scarborough

Hugh Davey of St Peter's Parish in Scarborough is pictured with his wife Josie and Canon Eddie Gubbins after being presented with the Bene Merenti medal. The papal award is in recognition of Hugh's loyalty as an altar server for more than 70 years, his service of the church and his courageous defence of the unborn.

Toddlers' Group Needs Help To Blossom

St Therese Little Flowers baby and toddler group in Ingleby Barwick is asking for your help to win a "Bags of Help" grant. The scheme gives community projects grants of up to £4,000, raised from the sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores. Shoppers can vote in the Ingleby Barwick and Eaglescliffe stores during May and June.

23 Sat
10.30am St Gregory's Minster – a reflective walk in Kirkdale with Sue Tite. Contact St Bede's Pastoral Centre; 01904 464 900 for details
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com
12 noon UCM Annual Diocesan Meeting, St Mary's, Filey; Mass at 12 noon followed by meeting
24 Sun
10am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)
12 noon Sung Latin Mass, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF

4pm Sung Benediction with Solemn Vespers at St Mary's Cathedral in preparation for Eucharistic Congress (Senior Girls' Choir)
6pm Sung Latin Vespers and Benediction, St Wilfrid's, Duncombe Place, York YO1 7EF July Catholic Voice available from churches
27 Wed
1.30pm Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Rosary 1.30pm, Mass 2pm at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace
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 at St Mary's Cathedral (full Schola)
28 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
29 Fri
7pm Marian Prayer Group, St Anthony's Church, Beverley Road, Hull. All welcome. Contact Pat (01482) 802483 for details
7pm Solemn Mass for Ss Peter and Paul at St Mary's Cathedral (Cathedral Choir)
30 Sat
12 noon Christian Meditation Weekly Group, St John of Beverley, Church (11.45am for new meditators). Contact: christianmeditation.beverley@gmail.com

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LOURDES

Farewell To 'The Legend In The Red Beret'

The Lourdes family turned out in force for the funeral of a man who gave more than 25 years of sterling service as a brancardier.

Gerald Moxon, 78, who was awarded an MBE for his services to beekeeping, died in hospital after suffering heart failure.

A coachload of fellow Hospitalité members from Middlesbrough joined the hundreds of mourners packed into the Sacred Heart Church in Hull.

Father Frank Gallagher was the principal celebrant, assisted by priests who got to know Gerald over the years.

Famed for his trademark red beret, he was a hugely popular figure who never seemed to take life too seriously and always had a tale or two to tell.

He first came to Lourdes in 1989 alongside his great friend Bernard France. The two often travelled together to the shrine by train, but ill health led to Gerald staying in the hospital as a supported pilgrim in recent years.

"Gerald threw himself into helping everyone

and nothing was too much bother," said Bernard in the eulogy.

"He volunteered for everything and read at the International Mass in front of a congregation of almost 20,000, carried candles, incense and banners and his red beret and blue jacket became synonymous with the Middlesbrough Pilgrimage.

"In 2013 he became the first non-Catholic to be awarded a 25-year long service medal. There have been many tributes but the one I like the most is, 'The legend in the red beret'."

Gerald was introduced to beekeeping when he was 11 and was a member of the British and Yorkshire Beekeepers' Association and secretary of Beverley Beekeepers' Association.

He was presented with his MBE by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace in 2006 and was also active in the Labour Party.

He leaves behind his wife Margaret, 72, with whom he celebrated his golden wedding last year, and a large extended family including daughters Joanne and Julie.



Gerald wearing his trademark red beret in Lourdes



Brancardiers form a guard of honour for Gerald outside the church



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Lourdes Diary Dates

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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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**"Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things."
- Psalm 119:18**



Augustine has been living his childhood in darkness. Will you help a child see the wonder of God's creation?

Dear Middlesborough Voice reader,
As a fellow Christian, I wanted to share with you how incredibly powerful it is to witness a child seeing for the first time, after eye surgery.

As we carry out our work at Christian Blind Mission, we are constantly moved by the astonishment and wonder on the faces of children when the bandages are removed and they get their first clear look at their smiling loved ones.

The photo to the right shows 6-year-old Augustine with cataracts, leaving him barely able to see. But cataracts aren't difficult to treat. Surgery taking just a couple of hours could restore his sight.

Just think, in this short time his entire life can be transformed. Instead of living with darkness, frustration and exclusion he could have light,

colour and a future filled with opportunity. He could start school and find a way out of poverty. He could even fulfil his dream of becoming a radio reporter.

Cataract removal surgery costs £95, but families like Augustine's can barely afford even basic necessities, so I am turning to you in the hope that you can help.

If you could send a gift of £95 today, you could pay for surgery for a child like Augustine. You could open a child's eyes to the beauty of God's creation. And we'll send you an update on Augustine's surgery.

God bless you,

Andrea

Andrea Brandt von Lindau
Programme Manager for Inclusive Eye Health



Augustine has been living his life in darkness, due to his cataracts



His tearful question each morning: "Why can't I go to school?"



Your gift could help a child see and transform a life

Christian Blind Mission is a huge inspiration to me. It works in more than 50 countries, including some of the world's poorest communities, to restore sight, mobility and independence to people living with disability. It's putting Christ's love into action for the most marginalised people. Will you join Christian Blind Mission by supporting this amazing work?



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Walk For CAFOD And Share The Journey!

CAFOD is inviting you to organise a walk during Refugee Week of Action and answer the call of Pope Francis to "Share the Journey".

That's the name of the global campaign launched by the Holy Father to highlight the plight of the millions of people who are refugees, migrants, asylum seekers or internally-displaced, meaning they are refugees within their own country.

Many are fleeing violence and terror or are dispossessed of their lands, while others are in search of a better life and future for themselves and their families. These journeys are a last resort for desperate people.

Walks provide a chance for parish communities to take time out to reflect on the stories of migrants and refugees around the world, as well as to share with each other the journeys we have taken ourselves in our lives. You could invite your local MP to walk with you!

The timing of the week of action – from Saturday June 16 to Sunday June 24 – is particularly important because Pope Francis will address world leaders at the United Nations in September, before they consider two international agreements currently being negotiated, one on migration and one on refugees. These agreements will set the direction for how countries will respond to migrants and refugees for years to come.

There are now unprecedented numbers of people on the move and these are set to rise in the future. But it doesn't have to be this

way. We can also show we want a different future, where the dignity of each precious human life, created in the image and likeness of God, is protected and respected everywhere. Isn't that a future worth considering, or even more, worth working towards?

"The future is made of you, it is made of encounters. The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies but the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognise the other as 'you' and themselves as a part of 'us'. We all need each other." – Pope Francis

We may never be refugees but we can be in solidarity with those who are by showing our concern for their situation by our actions. We invite those who can to walk and donate the distance towards our target of 24,901 miles – the distance around the world. It doesn't have to be a long walk. The important thing is to reflect on the journeys made by refugees and migrants and to consider the realities that have impelled them to make the journey.

People who are unable to walk can send a message to our Prime Minister, asking her to work with other world leaders to ensure the global agreements on migration and refugees will

- Respect human dignity
- Protect the vulnerable
- Support host countries
- Keep families together



Rohinga refugees – Photo by Aurélie Marrier d'Unienville/Caritas

• Tackle the reasons why people migrate
This action can be taken online at cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey where organiser's guides, prayers, reflections and campaign cards can also be ordered. Remember to tell us if you are organising a walk and send us any photographs you take, so we can share them with other supporters.
We are here to help if you need it. Email middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk or call 01642 822301 or 07779 804253.

• Are you looking for new volunteering opportunities? There are so many ways you can get involved with CAFOD and you really don't need to make a long-lasting commitment, although many of our volunteers do. Visit the diocesan website to see current vacancies or CAFOD's website at cafod.org.uk/Volunteer/Volunteer-with-us to see the many interesting ways you can help us. If you prefer to speak to someone by phone, use the numbers above – we'd love to hear from you!

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