



## Bishop's Column

We approach July with a hint of joy and some sadness. There is great joy because it is the time of the year when priestly anniversaries are commemorated. We have the opportunity to give thanks for many years of good, fruitful and faithful ministry. As a priest, one is slightly wary of pushing oneself forward for such celebrations, but it is only right and fitting that we give thanks to Almighty God for such great gifts of the Mass and the Sacraments given to us through the instrumentality of the priest.

Also on July 21 we will be celebrating the priestly ordination of Rev Richard Marsden. He will finish his time at the Venerable English College in Rome and, after ordination, will minister in the diocese. As many as possible are invited to be present at the ordination and at least support him with your prayers.

Right at the beginning of the month we will celebrate our annual Postgate Rally at Ugthorpe on Sunday July 1 at 3pm. This is a focal point of faith for our diocese. We are proud, I am sure, to boast of our martyr's constant witness to the faith in a culture and society which was basically trying to wipe it out. It is a little bit reminiscent of our own days, isn't it? We come to an event which is both full of thanksgiving but also tinged with sadness. On July 12 we will celebrate a Mass of Farewell to the Society of Mary – the Marists – at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Channel in Hull. The Marists have served this diocese long and well. As I have said many times, for me, long before I came to the diocese, the Marists and Middlesbrough Diocese always go together. I am sure the Mass will be filled with thanksgiving for the tremendous ministry that the Marists have given to this diocese, but there will be a sorrow in all our hearts that an era has come to an end.

However, we are in God's providential hands, and so we do not fear, and we move into the future in blessed hope.

*+ Tony*

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# Seven Days Of Prayer And Friendship

**A 15-year record number of supported pilgrims taking part helped make the 65th Diocese of Middlesbrough Pilgrimage to Lourdes a resounding success.**

The pilgrimage was led by Bishop Terry assisted by about a third of the priests from our diocese, as well as hundreds of pilgrims from Middlesbrough, Hull, York, Scarborough and surrounding areas.

Most flew out in two specially chartered flights from Durham Tees Valley Airport, with others making their own way to the French shrine by air, coach and train.

"It really was a wonderful week," said pilgrimage executive director Keith Tillotson. "As always, we had plenty of issues to deal with, but they were all sorted and we overcame any challenges."

"I'd like to give huge thanks to everyone for their help, support, friendship and camaraderie, including the clergy, doctors, nurses, handmaids and brancardiers, our teachers and youth leaders and musicians."

The organising committee introduced a number of changes to this year's programme, taking into account feedback from previous pilgrimages.

They included a free Saturday morning the day after arrival, with the traditional Stations of



Some of our "petite pilgrims" present a wreath to Bishop Terry – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes

the Cross moving to the afternoon, although this service had to be cancelled due to intermittent rain that returned at intervals throughout the week but failed to dampen anyone's spirits.

There were also two trips out for meals in hotels in the town and a first opportunity for all our supported pilgrims to take a ride on the famous Little Lourdes Road Train.

"The slightly more relaxed start worked very well and enabled all our pilgrims to get to know their new surroundings or visit the town or the Grotto at their own pace," said Keith.

"Because of the far larger numbers of supported pilgrims we didn't have a day out this year, but instead enjoyed lunch and a sing-song alongside some of our youth in the Agena Hotel

on Tuesday, where there was an amazing atmosphere, with the waiters dancing along with us.

"Then on Wednesday they were treated to fine dining and more entertainment in the Gallia & Londres, which was the first time our supported pilgrims have ever eaten in a restaurant with

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# Seven Days Of Prayer And Friendship

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chandeliers while they were in Lourdes!”

The young people who attended were all treated to an ice-cream and Bishop Terry congratulated former chaplain to the sick Father Brian Nicholson on the 40th jubilee of his priesthood, with a special cake being provided to mark the occasion.

“The music in the Aena was fantastic, with a spine-tingling rendition of *The Fields of Athenry* from the brancardiers, and everyone enjoyed the afternoon so much,” said head brancardier Tony Kirk.

“The Gallia & Londres was far more challenging logistically, but the supported pilgrims loved it and that’s what it’s all about. Not one of them came out afterwards without a smile on their faces.

“The opportunity for the diocese to have our very own Middlesbrough International Mass in the Underground Basilica on Wednesday was fantastic. About 40 people from other countries turned up for our Mass, not realising the real International Mass had been moved to the Thursday.

“We greeted them and explained it would be

all in English but that they were welcome to stay and most of them did. Bishop Terry also welcomed them all in French and Spanish at the start of Mass.”

In another change to the publicised programme, at the request of youth leaders Andrew Gardner and Father Phil Cunnagh, the planned Youth Mass was merged with that day’s pilgrims’ Mass. During the service, young people from schools and colleges throughout the diocese took part in beautiful liturgical movement led by Andrew and handmaid Naomi O’Neill as the music group sang *We Come To Your Feast*, by Michael Joncas.

“I was at the back with all the big, gruff brancardiers and there wasn’t a dry eye anywhere near me, it was amazing,” added Tony.

Head handmaid Chris Tillotson said: “There was a wonderful sense of family throughout our pilgrimage and especially in the Accueil this year. To me, the way such a mixed bag of people as we are come together and provide the care we do is a Lourdes miracle.

“I loved night prayers in the hospital, particularly on the Monday night when two of our supported pilgrims, Tony Robinson and Tommy Wright, spoke to young people from

Trinity College in Middlesbrough and the Sacred Heart, Redcar.

“Tommy was very emotional and told them how his wife had died in Lourdes and that he didn’t know why he wanted to come back after all these years until he saw his granddaughter, Beth Taylor, carrying the banner in the procession. He said he sobbed the whole way round and knew then why Our Lady was calling him back. Everybody in that crowded room was in tears and Tommy was a hero to them for the rest of the week.

“Another highlight was the tea party, which this year was held together with the Diocese of Birmingham. We had to go out and buy fresh food because of a problem with the fridge, but everyone pulled together to make sure the party could go ahead.

“We didn’t forget our supported pilgrims in the hotels and a team joined them for coffees and walks and gave them breaks. Pat McBride, Marie Kilgallon, Stevie Read and Sally Ferguson offering treatments such as Indian head massages, foot massages and hand and nail therapies, which are very much appreciated.

“The feedback has been overwhelming. One lady said she’d been on the earth 76 years and never seen anything like it. One thing

that saddened me was knowing that at least one of our supported pilgrims was going back to an empty house afterwards. We can’t do anything about that, but for at least one week everyone felt loved and cared for.”

Head of hospitalité John Brown added: “The teamwork of all our handmaids, brancardiers, doctors and nurses working in the Accueil was a lovely sight to behold. This was much appreciated by our supported pilgrims and many told me they were blown away by the dedication and effort shown by all. We were led in beautiful liturgies by our clergy and musicians at our services, bringing our whole Lourdes family together in prayer.”

A total of 95 supported pilgrims and their carers took part in the pilgrimage, 57 in the Accueil and 38 staying in hotels.

Lourdes pilgrims who have recently died were remembered in our prayers, including Pat Edge, whose funeral was held in Hull during the week, and two others who passed away recently, long-serving brancardier Tony Tasker, who lived in York before moving to Northern Ireland, and former matron Agnes McGrogan.

Next year’s pilgrimage dates are Friday May 24 to Friday May 31. Look out later in the year for further details – and book early to avoid disappointment!

# Ebola Makes Unwelcome Return

**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 avoids Ebola in Mbandaka.**

They arrived at the Ebola isolation ward in Mbandaka in the evening. Six taxi-motorbikes carried family members of two Ebola victims. The traditional witchdoctors have slowly been replaced by religious sects, whose pastors and prophets cast out sickness-causing demons – often for a fee.

The two sick people, in the most contagious phase of the disease, were taken to one such prayer group of 50 people. After a while they went back to the hospital because they felt so bad. Within hours of returning, they sadly both died. It was then necessary to trace everyone they’d been in contact with – including the motorbike drivers.

Mbandaka is usually our only route from Basankusu to Kinshasa. Father Stan Bondoko was on his way to a meeting in Rome. I thought it would be prudent to travel with him as far as Kinshasa to avoid the outbreak, until it was contained. We arrived in Mbandaka a few days before the two patients absconded.

People seemed quite relaxed about the whole thing. Greeting friends with a clenched fist instead of a handshake became a bit of a joke – people would do it and then shake your hand anyway!

The centre of the outbreak is in a rural area just outside of Mbandaka. A few people returning from the infected area have succumbed to the disease in Mbandaka. The town lies on the Congo River and is an absolute crossroads – especially for river traffic – for

the north-west of the country. Symptoms don’t show for up to 21 days, and so it’s quite possible to board a plane to Kinshasa with the illness.

At Mbandaka Airport we were obliged to wash our hands in chlorinated water before boarding our plane, but that was all. Getting off the plane in Kinshasa every passenger’s temperature was taken. We had to quickly fill in a form declaring that we weren’t suffering from certain symptoms, such as headaches or fever, and that we hadn’t touched any dead bodies lately – and then we were allowed to enter the airport building.

At the time of writing, there were still new cases of Ebola in the rural area where it began. At least 50 cases had been reported from the beginning. Basankusu, where I work, is the next substantial settlement along the river – no cases had been reported there. The

World Health Organisation is working hard to end the outbreak.

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Archbishop Fridolin Ambongo blesses Father Lucien, who was placed in quarantine with suspected Ebola. Eventually his test showed he didn’t have the disease and he returned home



## Badges Promote Cause Of Blessed Nicholas

Badges promoting the Cause for the Canonisation of the Martyr of the Moors are now on sale. They are being sold by parishioners in the Redcar parish that now bears the name of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and will raise funds for a hall and meeting rooms at the Sacred Heart Church. The badge features the Postgate Window by Thomas Denny in St Hedda’s Church, Egton Bridge. Badges cost £2 each, including a free prayer card. Post and package is £3 and free for orders of 10 or more badges. Contact Mick and Val Grainger either by calling 01642 477581 or emailing mickvalgrainger52@ntlworld.com.

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# Calais 'Jungle' Visit Recalled In Storey Lecture

**A visit to the now-dismantled Calais migrant camp known as "the Jungle" was movingly recalled in the 2018 Storey Memorial Lecture.**

Dr Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Associate Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice at Durham University, focused her talk on the dehumanising and the soul-destroying effects of current governmental immigration and asylum policy on suffering human beings.

Titled "On the promise and limits of politics: Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration", the lecture was illustrated by two striking images from the Jungle's "plastic Church of St Michael".

The first was of Christ knocking at the door of the soul, resonating with the idea of Christ as migrant. The second, by an Eritrean artist, emerged from scriptural study and showed St Michael the Archangel holding high his "avenging sword" and carrying his scales of justice as he battled with Satan, who cowered under his feet.

The asylum seekers explained that this image represented their constant experience of trying to negotiate their journey

and their constant fight for justice.

"What is our duty to the stranger?" asked Dr Rowland. "What does it mean now to be a neighbour? For two decades, our immigration policy has always been framed in a negative manner. The system doesn't know what it's for. It is negative, contradictory. There is structural, governmental failure."

The Brexit debate was about tensions within our communities as well as real borders. If we struggle to understand what it means to be a neighbour in our localities, this must surely have profound consequences at a macro level, she said.

"What is the 'good' that we imagine our immigration and asylum system should serve and what is the harm that we are obliged to protect each other and the corporate social body from?" she added.

The Gospel message of the Common Good clearly focused on justice for the most marginalised. The Christian perspective turns things upside down and is difficult and counter-cultural.

Dr Rowlands noted the historic condition of the Holy Family, the itinerant nature of Jesus's ministry and the priority of providing for the poor, the widowed, the sick and the stranger.

She described the asylum system as "morally problematic". Asylum seekers themselves noted the damaging effects of the system as structured by the Home Office – the sheer waste of time and of human promise, especially when they are in indefinite detention.

"Everything collapses – mental health, dignity, respect, the sense of self-worth," she said.

She recalled extraordinary stories of migrant-to-migrant ministry within the most exacting of conditions and asked: "Does a policy prevent someone from achieving their share of the goods necessary for their flourishing?"

"Our primary call is through the fellowship we share in Christ and our call to universal love and universal justice such as the Works of Mercy, which don't have borders and precede demands the state makes of us as citizens."

Barbara Hungin

## A Holy Communion Day To Remember

**Children were given a day they will remember for the rest of their lives as they received the Eucharist for the first time at St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy in Hull.**

The 28 children involved came from several different schools and preparation took considerable thought and effort from Hazel Crook, assisted by Jean Daintith and Tina Penna and Deacon Bob Shakesby.

"The church was almost completely full and there was a wonderful feeling of love and togetherness and the presence of Christ could be sensed," said parishioner Bernard Swift.

"The Sisters of Mercy, who had this church built over 50 years ago, would have been delighted with the size of the congregation and the atmosphere.

"Father Antony Chundelikkat James frequently gives flowers to parishioners for their birthday or anniversary. This year, after children took the offertory gifts to the altar, one brought a vase and the other children took a carnation each."

Parishioner Evelyn Hutton made a celebratory cake decorated with the names of all 28 children.



Father Antony and Deacon Bob with the First Holy Communion group – Photo by Bernard Swift



Bishop Terry with First Holy Communion children from St Charles Borromeo in Hull

### A Day of Pilgrimage of Reparation & Consecration

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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**  
**Saints Joachim and Anne**  
**Thursday July 26**

Joachim was the name of Our Blessed Lady's father and Anne was her mother. We do not know a great deal more than this, but really we don't need to. Jesus said: "By their fruits you shall know them." Everything we know about Mary – her courage, her love, her total belief in God – she first learned from Joachim and Anne, just as we learn from our parents. Her obedience to them led her to obedience to God, and God chose her to be the mother of his Son, Jesus.

**Pupils Help Bus Appeal**  
**Move Up A Gear**



St Augustine's pupils during their danceathon

**St Augustine's School in Middlesbrough held a danceathon to raise over £500 in sponsorship for Monsignor Gerard Robinson's Ghana school bus appeal.**

More than 200 students took part in the event, which was organised by the school's Mini Vinnies group and took place in the playground. Children from each class wore the colours of the Ghanaian flag and danced the afternoon away to African music led by the street dance group Urban Kaos.

RE coordinator Stephanie Sherrington said:

"It was a fun-filled afternoon for a very good cause."

Monsignor Robinson hopes to raise £50,000 to help buy a new bus so that Middlesbrough-born Sister Pat Pearson and her colleagues at the Padre Pio Rehabilitation Centre at Ahotokurom can continue providing vital services to vulnerable communities. If you would like to help, please call 01642 597750 or email parish@middlesbroughrccathedral.org.

**Upper Room Gets Five-Star Treatment**

A group of year nine students from Trinity Catholic College enjoyed a day of decorating at the St John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Middlesbrough. The pupils gave a much-needed lick of paint to the area used for the Upper Room Project, a soup kitchen run by a team of volunteers each Saturday. The school's art department plan to create some colourful murals for the walls on the themes of "Mercy" and "Eucharist."



Terry Graham, chaplaincy coordinator

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# Eco Team Target Green Flag

The eco team at St Francis Xavier School in Richmond are working towards the prestigious Eco-Schools' Green Flag after achieving the scheme's bronze and silver awards.

Members gave a ten-minute presentation about their work to Bishop of Ripon Helen Ann Hartley and chair of governors Dr Jim Whiston. It highlighted distressing images of animals from Sir David Attenborough's Blue Planet series and referred to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls for urgent action on climate change.

Recent eco team-inspired activities in the joint Anglican and Roman Catholic school include:

- Monitoring energy usage – so far the school has achieved a decrease in its electrical consumption of almost 20%.
- Food waste reduction – by operating a recycling centre each day, the school has

reduced its student food waste by more than 12% this year.

- Grounds maintenance – the team planted spring bulbs to brighten up the school grounds and have carried out 21 litter picks. One student found a plastic duck now named "Derek", who was entered into the recent Richmond Duck Race to highlight the serious issue of littering.

- Paper reduction – the school has reduced its paper usage by more than 70,000 sheets during the last eight months. The team are planning to plant 15 native trees within the school grounds, equivalent to their paper usage last year.

Next on the list is to tackle the important issue of plastic straws and single-use plastics. The team are thinking about ways to do this and the school is already working with its suppliers to find alternatives.



Participants at this year's St Augustine's Got Talent

# Marvellous Marcjanna Hits A High Note

Guest judges at this year's St Augustine's Got Talent final at a packed Westborough Methodist Church in Scarborough were wowed by 18 entertaining acts.

Acts included girl bands, comedians, dancers and musicians, all performing to a very high standard. Picking a winner proved to be a difficult task but in the end Marcjanna Slodczyk came out on top, mesmerising the audience and judges alike as she sang a song by The Christians and played the electric violin.

Jazz-funk band Purple Cheesecake and young singer Lola Cammish came joint-second, with Maddie Adams, Olivia Stubbings, George Schmuck and Sophie Skelton tying for fourth place. The four judges – Patrick Billington, Emmie Beckett, Michael Thompson and Tracy Levis – are all outstanding performers and musicians in their respective fields.

"I am so very proud that the pupils of this school have the confidence and talent to put on a top show like that," said St Augustine's music teacher Oliver Barron.



Members of the eco team with Dr Jim Whiston and Bishop Hartley



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## A Letter From Madonna House

### Coraggio!

It seems that grace waits for the *perfect moment* to drop into a heart. And it seems that the *perfect moment* often springs less from the preparation of prayer, than from events that render a heart weak, vulnerable and poor.

A case in point: I was recently in Rome for an international meeting and found myself the only unilingual participant. As I stumbled in communication, I felt humbled and poor – out of my league. However, this was but the prelude to my “softening for grace”.

I had been given the use of an apartment near St Peter’s Basilica, and on my way home one day, my purse was stolen. I had been warned about this and had been careful, but my precautions failed. Thankfully, my passport and a little extra money were in the apartment, so I was safe...but a little shaken.

A more traumatic blow was dealt the next day when I returned from a day out and could not open the door. Nor could any of the other four residents I enlisted for help. Eventually they all disappeared into their own apartments, and I was left alone. Safely locked inside the apartment were my warm clothing, phone and the phone number of the only person I knew in Rome.

Feeling utterly vulnerable, I slid down against the door and cried. Two hours later, I tried one last time. This time, the door opened easily. I was relieved, but felt a little more shaken. The next morning I returned to St Peter’s, only to find entry to the square blocked for the Pope’s weekly address. I had no ticket. I felt barred from my own home.

By the time I arrived on my last day for the “Pilgrim’s Mass” at the main altar in St Peter’s and found no one there, the *perfect moment* for grace had arrived. I was poor and needy. Hearing a bell signal the beginning of Mass in a side chapel, I hurried over and slid into a back pew.

However, in a torrent of Italian words and gestures, the priest invited us to move to the front pews. Similarly, he later motioned us to gather around the altar to receive Communion, instead of forming straight lines. At least that’s what I *thought* he was saying, until I noticed no one following me to the front. Feeling humiliated, I turned to join the others in line. Then a voice rang out, “Coraggio!” (Courage!). I *think* the good priest was assuring me that I had understood him, and he called me forward. I came, and he reached out and tenderly caressed my face before giving me the Body of Christ. I wept as I returned to my pew. I knew it was Jesus who had caressed me before giving himself to me...tenderly touching my poverty.

I couldn’t help but think of blind Bartimaeus, who cried out to Jesus (Mk 10:46-52) and was encouraged by the crowd as they said, “Courage! Get up! He is calling you.” Somehow, I like the Italian *coraggio* better. *Coraggio!* He is calling you! *Coraggio!* Come nearer. All the blows and blocks and barricades I had experienced in the past days melted. This is a word for us all: Are you called into a strange land or an unfamiliar situation? *Coraggio!* He will lead you. Are you in darkness and doubt, not knowing what to do? *Coraggio!* He will bring you his light. Are you in utter need, despair, poverty? *Coraggio!* He will strengthen and heal you.

*Coraggio!* Let us follow Him!

Cheryl-Ann Smith

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## 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 three couples in the diocese what role the Eucharist plays in their lives...



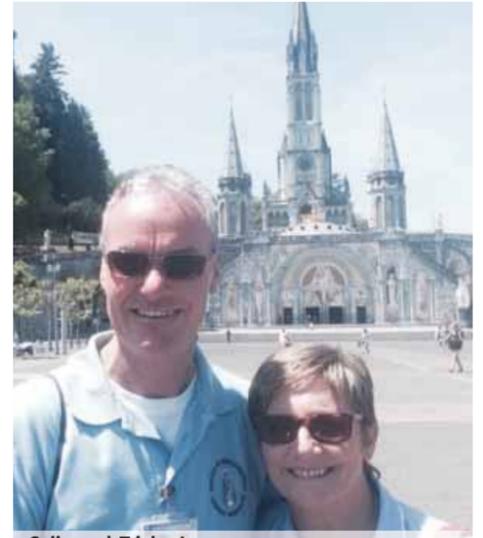
### Emulating Christ’s Gift Of Self

There is an old joke about marriage, the punchline of which goes something like, “We’ve been happily married for 25 years now – we’ve been married for 40, but only 25 of them have been happy!” Most married couples would recognise something of the truth in that quip, insofar as it would be unrealistic for any marital union to be without its challenges, and ours is no different.

However, as marriages go, it’s been pretty successful so far and one of the reasons for this is the centrality of the Eucharist. We have always had the understanding that neither of us could honestly take Holy Communion if, at the time, we were not in honest and sincere communion with one another – so we try hard at this.

We are reminded through the Mass that Christ’s sacrifice, his gift of self for us and for our salvation on his cross, is realised sacramentally in the celebration of the Eucharist. We know it is the Eucharist which strengthens our faith and that to partake of it in sincere heart requires us to emulate Christ’s gift of self to one another. Not easy all the time, but worth the effort.

Trisha and Colin Lunn



Colin and Trisha Lunn

### The Focus Of Our Past, Present And Future

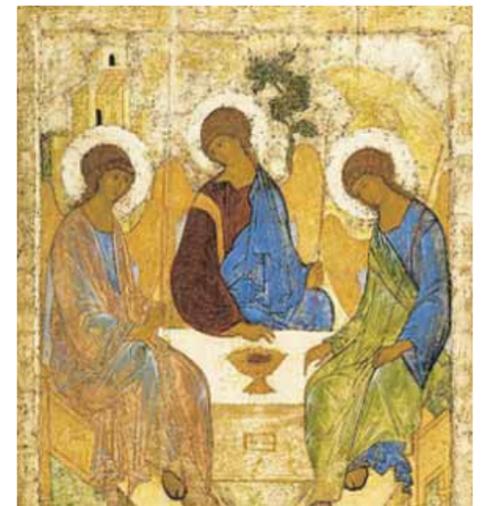
A beautiful symbol of the centrality of the Eucharist for us, in our marriage and in our daily lives, is Rublev’s icon, the Hospitality of Abraham. The circle formed by the three angels who visited Abraham at the oak of Mamre is often interpreted as the icon of the Trinity and for us emphasises the importance of hospitality, with every viewer – sinner and saint alike – taking the fourth place at the table.

The Eucharist is that opportunity to be spiritually fed, to reflect on the past, to hope in the future and yet be present in the moment. It is about connecting with the divine and our community. Perhaps it is a paradox but without the Eucharist we would surely slowly die.

“The Trinity is present in the temple of marital communion,” says Pope Francis in the *Joy of Love*, and so the Eucharist is more than just nourishment, a gathering of the community, it is a unique shared moment in time. “For the food of the Eucharist offers the spouses the strength and incentive needed to live the marriage covenant each day as a ‘domestic church’.”

May we never forget the wonder of the Trinity and the power of the Eucharist.

Kit and Caroline Dollard



Rublev’s icon the Trinity, also known as the Hospitality of Abraham

### Strength, Healing And Holiness

We often tell small children that the Mass is a shared meal, as indeed it is. However, we must be careful never to lose sight of the fact that the Mass is first and foremost a sacrifice. God became Man and died for our sins, “that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”. The sharing of food among friends is a pleasant affair, unlike the barbaric execution on the Cross, yet they are closely linked. Our Lord tells us, “take, eat, this is my body”.

How does this relate to family life? Family life can also be a pleasant affair – time spent eating, laughing and playing together. However, in our families, as at Mass, suffering is never far away. Children fight and often parents do as well. This is when Our Lord tells us to “take up your cross” – each of us is called to make sacrifices out of love for the others.

For people this is impossible, but not for God. By placing the Eucharist at the centre of our families, we receive the graces from him who made the ultimate sacrifice, turning his suffering into our salvation. The Eucharist gives us



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strength and healing, leading us to holiness.

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

**STOP PRESS**

There’s still time to book through the diocese and take part in the Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool from September 7 to 9. Tickets for the Saturday, when you can hear internationally renowned speaker Bishop Robert Barron, are £40 – your parish may be able to help with this cost. To book, call Sharron Driver on 01642 850505 or email [sharrondriver@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk](mailto:sharrondriver@dioceseofmiddlesbrough.co.uk).

# Sharing The Journey Around The Diocese

**Many of our parishes have been organising walks to support the global Share the Journey campaign led by Pope Francis and Caritas Internationalis and stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants.**

Scarborough Catholic Parishes' confirmation group and Canon Eddie Gubbins walked the 3.6 miles from St Peter's Church to the North Shore and around to the South Shore and back again. Well done to the young people leading the way and to Canon Eddie too!

The annual Humber Bridge Cross saw staff, supporters and volunteers from Christian Aid and CAFOD walk the two-mile span from Hessele to Barton and back again, as they have for many years. They were joined by Father Antony Chundellikat James, from St Antony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull.

It was, as always, a very pleasant event with a jovial air and a shared mutual concern for people in need both at home and overseas. The almost 200 people taking part ranged from babies in pushchairs to octogenarians.

This year CAFOD Middlesbrough volunteers and supporters met their counterparts and schoolchildren from CAFOD Nottingham, who were participating for the first time, near the middle of the bridge.

Thanks to all who helped to organise the event and those who made long journeys to get involved, including three generations of the Wilson family from Market Weighton and our new communications volunteer, Obinna, and his friends, William and Ty, from Middlesbrough.

CAFOD parish volunteer Don Lillistone reports that 42 parishioners from St Mary's Cathedral walked to Mass, producing a combined total of 147 miles.

The Walk to Church Sunday is also an element of the parish's Livesimply action plan, under the heading "Actions to live sustainably with creation", which is linked to the talk Deacon David Cross gave last November on *Laudato Si'* and to the recent launch of the new diocesan environmental policy.

SS Leonard and Mary's Parish, Malton, held a summer service and Share the Journey walk. Other walks were planned by Our Lady and St Edward, Drifffield, on June 26 and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Ingleby Barwick, who are walking to Preston Park followed by a family picnic after 11am Mass on Sunday July 1. Why not organise a walk over the summer in your parish? Resources are available to order from [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Share-the-Journey) If you would like to volunteer for CAFOD, please email [middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk](mailto:middlesbrough@cafod.org.uk) or call 01642 822301.

• After 13 years working with CAFOD in our diocese, I will be taking a break for renewal from mid-July until September, with a grateful heart for receiving so many blessings. Thank you for all the friendship, support and generosity I have benefitted from over the years.

**Carol Cross, community participation coordinator, CAFOD Middlesbrough**



CAFOD's new communications volunteer, Obinna, and his friends, William and Ty, from Middlesbrough, pictured with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Market Weighton, parish volunteer Mary Rose and Carol Cross at the end of the walk



Father Antony Chundellikat James, from St Antony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull, with walkers on the Humber Bridge

## Thanks To All Our Volunteers

**National Volunteers week was early in June and we'd like to thank all CAFOD Middlesbrough volunteers.**

They are some of the most generous people you could ever wish to meet, dedicated and tireless, innovative and energetic, kind and compassionate and humble and loving.

They are the lifeblood of our organisation, helping us to promote and support our work in our parish and school communities, which in turns helps us to complete programmes of work to improve the lives of some of the poorest people on earth.

They come from a wide range of ages and backgrounds but they all share a passionate concern for people in any kind of need.

Whether you volunteer in our volunteer centre, speak at Mass, promote our Lent and Harvest fast days in your parishes and our diocesan schools or by campaigning, we'd like to show our gratitude – you are salt of the earth and light of the world and living examples of faith in action.

"In this way, led by God's grace, we shape by many small gestures the holiness God has willed for us, not as men and women sufficient unto ourselves but rather 'as good stewards of the manifold grace of God'" – Pope Francis, *Gaudete et Exsultate*



Members of the South East Hull Parishes and Our Lady of Lourdes in Hessele communities experienced a prayerful retreat at Wydale Hall in North Yorkshire. The subject was "The Gospel Writers, Men of Mystery" and it was directed by Deacon Brian Morgan, with Father John Wood and Deacon Chris Larwood also taking part. On the way home the group enjoyed a surprise afternoon tea at a whisky distillery in Hunmanby.

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# LOURDES

## Do Whatever He Tells You

### Bishop Terry's Homily from the Lourdes Grotto Mass...



Bishop Terry preaching in the Grotto – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes

So how many of you watched the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle on May 19? I know it was a really difficult choice for some between the cup final and the wedding. There were crowds queuing up at Windsor for days before in order to get the best views and witness in some way this national event. And it was a national event. Everyone knew about it and I would say that the majority of people watched it avidly or at least took a peep at it on the TV in between other things.

A young couple really in love with one another, very different but well matched, who want to embark on life's journey together as one, seeking happiness and

fulfilment, open to bringing new life into the world – isn't it lovely? They may be royals, but they share the same aspirations as most. I suspect that is why so many wanted to watch, somehow to take part in the wedding celebration. And how lucky were those who got the golden tickets? Is there anyone here, I wonder?

*There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.*

Wedding invitation lists are always a bit tricky, aren't they? Who do you invite and who do you avoid inviting. Who has got to be there lest you are persecuted and punished for the rest of your lives and who

do you miss out, lest you get hot and bothered on the day by their outrageous behaviour? It has never been easy. Though perhaps the particular wedding featured in today's Gospel might have been a little simpler. In those days, pretty well all your relations would have to be invited and in such a small village as Cana, that would probably mean just about everyone.

So you can imagine how the wine might quickly run out. What an embarrassment! Everyone would have known and it would have been a perpetual disgrace for the newlyweds for the rest of their lives. It wouldn't have been the Marriage Feast at Cana, but the wedding where that silly couple never got it right from the start! It's Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who sees and reacts to the possible disaster. I suspect she would probably have been related to the couple in some way, and therefore Jesus would have been a relative also. She knows what life is like in Palestine at that time, she knows how people's tongues can wag and how sharp they can be and she decides that something must be done to save the day.

*...the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."*

Jesus seems to want to ignore her; "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." But she knows that he has heard her and will not refuse her. Turning to the servants she says: "Do whatever he tells you." Imminent disaster is turned to triumph. "Everyone serves good



A young pilgrim at the Lourdes water taps – Photo by Kerry Roberts

wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Like the couple, we surely must realise that Mary is looking at each of us with eyes of compassion and a spirit ready to come to our aid. She sees what is happening in our lives and wants to support us and ensure that all is well with us. No matter how unworthy or abandoned by others we feel, we should hear Mary turn to Jesus and ask him to intervene. Her final word to all is, "Do whatever he tells you." And what at first glance appears to be disaster will be turned into triumph; what seems to be an impossible problem suddenly becomes a moment of blessing.

"Do whatever he tells you." May we hear these words said to each one of us personally here in Lourdes during our pilgrimage, and may they fill us with confidence, knowing that, through his mother's intercession, Jesus will bring good wine out of the poorer sort, joy out of sadness, blessings out of difficulties.



Bishop Terry preaching in the Rosary Basilica – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Marie Kelleher receives her medal for 25 years' service – Photo by Joe Harrison



Thumbs up from supported pilgrims and young helpers – Photo by Joe Harrison



Sharing a light before the torchlight procession – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes

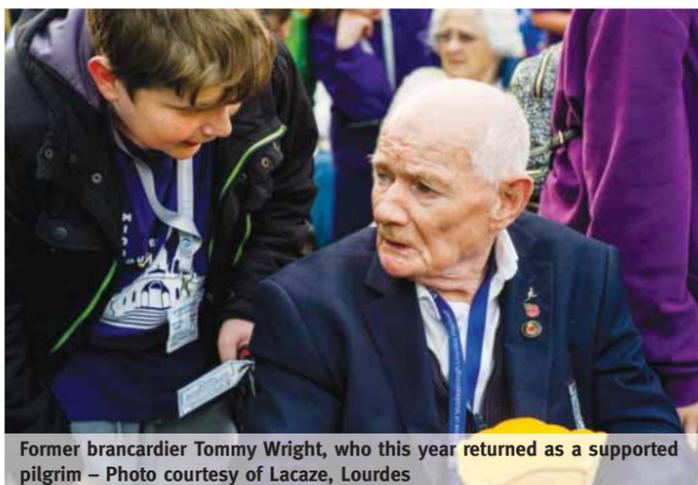
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...n and supported pilgrim Andrew Woods receives anointing – Photo courtesy of Lourdes



Marie Adams and Tony Robinson receive Holy Communion – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



Former brancardier Tommy Wright, who this year returned as a supported pilgrim – Photo courtesy of Lacaze, Lourdes



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Andrew Gardner mans the permanence – Photo by Sue Crossman



Bishop Terry helps Father Brian Nicholson celebrate his ruby jubilee – Photo by Kerry Roberts

**NEWS**

# Seafarers Shown They Aren't Forgotten

**Visiting a supermarket is a task we all take for granted. But if you're away at sea for months at a time, walking along the aisles with your basket is a special occasion.**

When Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) port chaplain Peter Barrigan went on board the *Lan Hua Hai* in Teesport, the Chinese crew were subdued because they assumed they would not be allowed shore leave in the UK after being at sea for months.

Peter made some phone calls and discovered there had been a misunderstanding and the crew would indeed be allowed to go ashore.

Billy and Jun Li Barnett, two volunteer ship visitors, agreed to look after the crew during their stay. Jun is Chinese and her husband Billy has spent time in China.

What the crew wanted most was to go shopping, so Billy and Jun took them to Tesco. Local shoppers were initially put out as Jun translated at the checkout for 16 seafarers!

However, when she explained where the men were from and how long they had been at sea, the locals were happy to wait their turn.

Most of the crew's purchases were treats and gifts to celebrate the recent Chinese New Year.

As the ship was about to leave Teesport to sail to Murmansk in Russia, Peter gave the captain a Bible in Chinese.

A few days after they left he received the following message, which Jun was able to translate:

*We had not been ashore for two months. It was very stressful. We really appreciated the chaplain contacting the agents for us to make sure we could get ashore.*

*We've been sailing more than half year. It's so good to see another Chinese in another country, especially during Lunar New Year.*

*If there was no Billy and Jun, we wouldn't have been able to go anywhere and would not have been able to shop and sort our things out.*

*We will keep the Bible to learn about other faiths and cultures better while we sail to different countries.*

July 8 is Sea Sunday, when the Church asks us to pray for seafarers and support the work of AoS, whose chaplains and ship visitors provide practical and pastoral help in ports around the coast of Britain.

Taking the Chinese crew of a ship to a local supermarket might seem insignificant, but it's these kinds of small gestures AoS port chaplains and ship visitors make that have a big impact on the lives of seafarers, who go months without seeing their families.

Without seafarers, we would not have many of the things we rely on in our daily lives, including cars, computers, fridges and much of the food we buy. Part of the role of AoS is to show seafarers they are not forgotten. For more information visit [apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).



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## Invitation To York Songs Of Praise Recording

BBC One's *Songs of Praise* is inviting people to join them for a music recording at Our Lady's Church in Acomb, York to be broadcast in future editions of the programme. They say they are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to participate.

"Songs of Praise has been championing Christian music for almost 60 years and continues to be enormously popular," said a spokesperson for the programme.

"For this to continue we need the participation of people like yourself and we'd be grateful if you could encourage others to take part too."

Filming will take place on Saturday July 7 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. The event is free but you must apply in advance to take part, as soon as possible.

To apply, please send your name and postcode and the number of people in your group to [SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv), including "York Recording" in your subject header. Call 0161 873 7073 for further information.



Volunteers are pictured accepting a dementia friendly certificate for the St John Paul II Pastoral Centre in Middlesbrough. The centre's cafe and repository are open on Monday to Friday from 10am till 2pm and all are welcome. Holy Mass is celebrated on weekdays at 12.10pm.

## Student Reports On West Bank Visit

A Middlesbrough-born student for the religious life will share his experience of three months living in a village near Ramallah in the West Bank at a talk organised by our diocesan Justice And Peace groups.

“Where olive trees weep” is the title of the talk from Tom Robinson, which will examine conflict and peace in Palestine and Israel. The meeting takes place in St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Acklam, Middlesbrough, on Thursday July 5 at 7.30pm, with coffee from 7pm. All are welcome.

## Congratulations, Fathers!

Our most grateful thanks and congratulations to the priests who are celebrating significant anniversaries...

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Father Jack McKeever (June 15 1958)

### Ruby

Father Brian Nicholson (July 22 1978)

Father John Wood (July 15 1978)

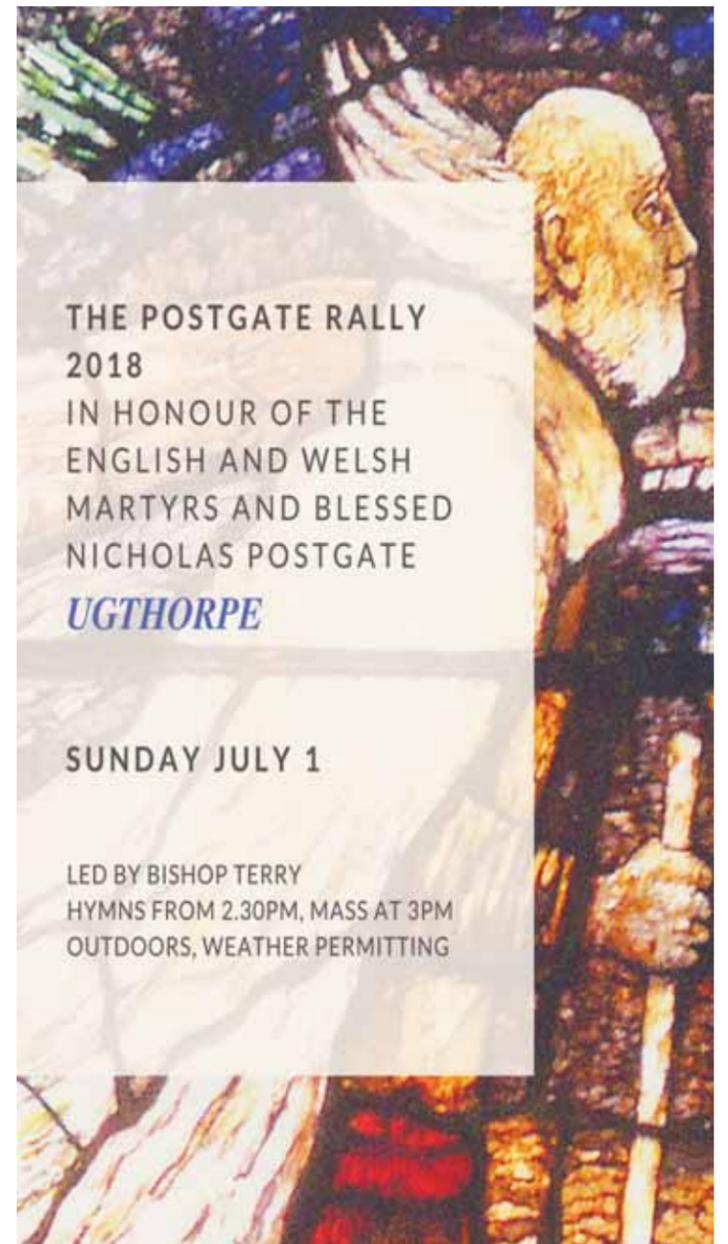
### Silver

Father Neil McNicholas (July 10 1993)

## This Month's Clergy Anniversaries

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

1	1967	Very Rev Canon Michael Deehan	Grangetown
1	1984	Rev Geoffrey Cooper	Middlesbrough
2	1928	Very Rev Canon Thomas O'Connell	Scarborough
2	2004	Very Rev Canon Garvan O'Hara	Whitby
3	1958	Rev Christopher McCormack	Filey
3	1986	Rev Patrick O'Hara	Pocklington
5	1927	Rev Henry O'Rourke	South Bank
5	1953	Rev Arthur Mercer	Scorton
6	2001	Rev Christopher Keating	Redcar
6	2006	Rev Edward Scales	Middlesbrough
7	1885	Very Rev Canon Joseph Molloy	Whitby
9	1898	Rev Francis Nelson	Brough Park
12	1880	Rev Thomas Middleshurst	Malton
14	2005	Rev Tom Hunter	Middlesbrough
16	2000	Rev Philip Keily	Co Tipperary
21	1900	Rev Lawrence McGonnell	Thirsk
21	1925	Rev Patrick McKernan	Malton
21	1999	Rev Gerard Smyth	Middlesbrough
21	2004	Very Rev Canon Joseph O'Mahony	Scarborough
22	1967	Rev James Cormack	Middlesbrough
23	1934	Very Rev Canon Albert Gryspeert	Redcar
27	2001	Rev Michael Boyd	Newry
28	1935	Rev Prosper Coppin	Hull
29	2014	Rev Thomas O'Connell	Scarborough
30	1979	Rt Rev Mgr John O'Mahoney CBE	Scarborough
31	1940	Rev Robert Currie	Brough Park



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**BISHOP TERENCE PATRICK DRAINEY ENGAGEMENTS FOR JULY 2018**

- 1** Attends Postgate Rally at Ugthorpe 3.00pm
- 2-3** Attends Union of Catholic Mothers Pilgrimage to Walsingham All day
- 7-8** Parish Visitation to West Hull Parishes ALL weekend
- 11** School Visit St Joseph's Primary, Pickering 12.00 noon
- 12** Celebrates Mass of Farewell to the Marist Fathers at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel, Hull 7.00pm
- 16** Attends Ruby Jubilee of Father John Wood, Sacred Heart, Hull 7.00pm
- 17** Attends meeting of Bishop's Council at Bishop's House, Middlesbrough 11.00am
- 18** Attends meeting of Diocesan Board of Trustees at the Curial Office, Middlesbrough 10.30am
- 19** Attends Board of Trustees meeting at Madonna House, Robin Hood's Bay 4.00pm
- 21** Celebrates the Ordination of Rev Richard Marsden at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough 12.00 noon

17 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AQ. All are welcome.

**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

**9 Mon**

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

**10 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

**7.30pm** St Thomas More's Parish Hall 'York Martyrdoms in Focus' presentation by John Rayne-Davis

**15 Sun**

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

**2pm-4pm** St Hilda's and English Martyrs, parish fete in the village hall at Robin Hood's Bay; parking available in the surgery

**3pm** Catholic Fellowship Mass, St Hedda's, Egton Bridge

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

**18 Wed**

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

**19 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

**20 Fri**

**7.30pm** Aquinas Reading Group in the Upper Room at St Wilfrid's, York. A guided reading of the Summa Theologiae. Contact Steve Evans, tel 07800697975 or e-mail: [steve\\_evans21@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:steve_evans21@tiscali.co.uk). Further details at <http://readingthesumma.blogspot.com>

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

**3pm** Postgate Rally Mass at St Anne's, Ugthorpe; Walk for Vocations commencing 10.45am St Hedda's, Egton Bridge (see poster)

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

**2/3**

UCM Walsingham Pilgrimage; contact [kderekstubs@aol.com](mailto:kderekstubs@aol.com) for details

**3 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.

**4 Wed**

**6.30pm** The Secular Franciscan Order meets at More House, Heslington, York. Contact: Mrs Lyn Bradbury OFS, tel (01904) 470041 for further details.

**11 Wed**

**10.30am** The Life Ascending Group at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hessle 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.

**7pm** Ebor Lecture: 'Secularism and Neutrality of Political Space' talk by Lord Bhikhu Parekh, Temple Hall, York St John University. Free to attend [www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/eborlectures) to book.

**13 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

**21 Sat**

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

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

**22 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

**25 Wed**

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

**26 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

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**5 Thurs**

**7pm** for 7.30pm 'Where Olive Trees Weep' a talk on conflict and peace in Palestine and Israel, by Tom Robinson in St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Acklam, Middlesbrough. All welcome.

**6 Fri**

Events and articles for inclusion in the August Voice must be received by today.

**7 Sat**

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

**8 Sun**

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

**1-3pm** Summer Fete at St Thomas More's Church Hall, Middlesbrough; tombola, raffle, bottle and cake stalls, refreshments and more

**2pm** St Mary's Cathedral, Malcolm Archer singing workshop for all parish musicians. Contact [craig.cartwright@outlook.com](mailto:craig.cartwright@outlook.com) to reserve a place

**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,

**14 Sat**

**11.30am** Day of Pilgrimage of Reparation and Consecration, Osmotherley (see page 3 for details)

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

**1pm-3.15pm** Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary reparation prayer vigil; (Mass 12.10pm), St Charles Borromeo. All welcome to attend all or part of the vigil.

**1pm** Lourdes Hospitalite Mass and barbecue in the garden of the Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough. Tickets £5 including all you can eat.

**27 Fri**

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

**28 Sat**

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

**29 Sun**

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

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**7 July** - Songs of Praise invites you to join them for a music recording at Our Lady's Church, Acomb, 6.30pm-9.30pm. Free but bookings must be made via [SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv](mailto:SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv), and include 'York Recording' in the subject line.

**12 August** - annual Assumption Pilgrimage (Rosary 2.30pm, Mass 3pm), Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

**8 September** - Birthday of Our Lady, Rosary 11.30pm, Mass 12 noon, Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley

**28 September** - Summertime Special at Middlesbrough Theatre (note change of date from 7 July)

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**

# Holy Spirit Moves In Hull Schools

To celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the five chaplaincy co-ordinators working at St Cuthbert's Academy in Hull planned a full day of celebrations held over three weeks in all seven of their primary schools.

The "Be Spirited" days involved all children being off timetable while they thought about questions on the subject.

They were encouraged to consider how the apostles felt when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost and what exciting methods they could use to tell their own good news to the whole school. Lots of wonderful ways were presented including art, drama, song and film. Foundation stage children showed everyone how good news looks using large canvases and paint bombs representing the Holy Spirit exploding into the world. Each class then received a personal letter from God asking where they would go to meet him and if they met did, and could ask him anything, what would their question be.

There was even "Spirit in the playground" at break time where the children drew what the Holy Spirit might look like. We had lots of chalk drawings of flames, doves and rushing wind. The day culminated with everyone making his or her own flame. These were used in the closing liturgy to form the school's beacon of the Holy Spirit, which would shine out across the city.

The activities were written to be a mix of excitement and quiet moments. There was dancing, singing, drama and art, as well as regular times for prayer throughout the day, both in class and together as a whole school.

Prayer stations were installed for each class to experience different forms of prayer, which were led by the chaplains and children. The



Children from St Cuthbert's Academy in Hull draw what they think Holy Spirit might look like

days were a great success and both staff and children were enthused and inspired. Many stories were taken home, spreading the Good News of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Micki Coyle

# Volunteers Needed To Bring Joy Of Reading

Volunteer reading helpers are making a big impact on children in Teesside through sharing their love of reading – but more are needed. Literacy charity Beanstalk provides one-to-one support and is now planning a new Story Starters initiative helping children aged three-to-five in pre-schools and nurseries become ready to read.

Research has shown that children who benefit from high-quality support in their early years start school on average three months ahead in their literacy and language skills. Story Starter volunteers will visit an early years' setting twice a week and support three children for 20 minutes each.

Beanstalk area manager Janet Skeen said: "We know how important it is for children in the early years of their education to receive support with their language development, as this enables them to start primary school ready to read and able to thrive throughout their lives.

"We are asking for people to come forward as volunteers so they can be trained as Story Starters this term and start making a difference in the community."

If you would like to become a Story Starter, visit [storystarters.org.uk](http://storystarters.org.uk), call 0845 450 0301 or email [storystarters@beanstalkcharity.org.uk](mailto:storystarters@beanstalkcharity.org.uk).

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OBITUARIES

# Death Of Former Ampleforth Abbot Timothy



Abbot Timothy

**Former Abbot of Ampleforth Abbey Dom Timothy Wright, who played an important role in the dialogue between Catholics and Shi'a Muslims, has died at the age of 76 after receiving lengthy treatment for cancer.**

Born Martin Wright in New Ollerton, Nottinghamshire, he was educated at Ampleforth along with his three brothers, including Stephen and Ralph, who also joined the monastic community.

Martin joined in 1962 and was ordained priest in 1972. Prior to ordination, he had studied Geography, which he taught along with Religious Studies and Geology after joining the academic staff of Ampleforth College in the early 1970s.

He was also invited to become a Combined Cadet Force officer specialising in adventure training, leading expeditions along the Pennine Way, the Western Highlands Way, the Pyrenees and the Italian Alps.

From 1977 to 1991 he was senior RE master and he developed new A and AO level papers for the Oxford and Cambridge Examination Board. He was also given responsibility for the voluntary social works for the sixth form at weekends, visiting a Cheshire Home, a hospital and helping elderly people.

In September 1980, Father Timothy was appointed housemaster of St John's, a post he held for 17 years. His other roles included deputy headmaster and acting head, governor of Westminster Cathedral Choir School, deputy head of development and appeal director.

March 1997 saw his election as seventh Abbot of Ampleforth, a post he held until 2005. His abbacy saw the flourishing of a Catholic-Shi'a Muslim dialogue, with the abbey hosting meetings between Catholic and Shi'a experts in theology and spirituality. Abbot Timothy subsequently worked as a delegate for the Abbot Primate of the

Benedictine Confederation in developing monastic inter-religious dialogue.

In September 2006, Abbot Timothy began work as a spiritual director at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome, combining his invaluable spiritual role with that of his work for the Abbot Primate, which saw him visit Benedictine religious communities throughout the world.

In 2012 he was also awarded a doctorate by the University of Lampeter for his thesis "Using an expanded concept of 'Spiritual Memory' might it be possible to develop a new form of 'Benedictine' community dedicated to dialogue with Islam?", a work later published in book form under the title *No Peace Without Prayer*.

In the early 1970s, Abbot Timothy began a new phase of his monastic life by teaching at the Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois, while living at St Procopius Monastery. He later spent every Easter and Christmas with the Manquehue Apostolic Movement in Chile, and in 2016 began teaching at St Martin's University, Washington, Seattle, developing online courses examining the Bible and the Qu'ran.

In January 2017, Abbot Timothy was in Iran to attend the ceremony for the 25th World Award for Book of the Year of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at which he received a special award from the president of Iran for his contribution to the inter-religious dialogue between Catholics and Shi'a Muslims.

Towards the end of 2016, Abbot Timothy was diagnosed with cancer of the colon. He underwent surgery and chemotherapy and was residing at Ealing Abbey in London, where he died on May 13.

His funeral Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Church at 11.30am on Wednesday May 30, followed by burial in the abbey vault.

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## Eight Decades Of Love And Service

**Sister Mary Columba Twomey, who served in the Diocese of Middlesbrough as a Sister of Mercy for more than 80 years, died on May 3 at the Convent of Mercy, Southcoates Lane, Hull, at the age of 99.**

Sister Columba was originally from Kilfrush, County Limerick, and was born on October 26 1918. She entered the Sisters of Mercy in Endsleigh Covent in Hull in August 1936, making her first vows in 1939 and final vows in 1943.

After training as a primary school teacher in Endsleigh College, she spent the majority of her teaching career from 1945 onwards in and around Middlesbrough, living in Crossbeck and North Ormesby Convents.

She taught in St Joseph's and St Peter's and was head of St Patrick's from 1957 to 1967 and St Pius X from 1971 to 1980, when she retired.

Sister Columba served as community leader in Mercy Convents at Whitby, Bridlington and Crossbeck, where she led parish prayer groups, and enjoyed a brief foray over the Pennines to Wigton in Cumbria in the mid-1980s.

Sister Columba is remembered as a good teacher with great pastoral care for both pupils and parents. She was a talented calligrapher and embroiderer and loved the natural world, with a special fondness for cats and butterflies.

Her final years were spent as a member of the Southcoates Lane Mercy Community, where she died peacefully. Her requiem took place on May 31 at Sacred Heart Church, Hull, celebrated by her nephew Canon Jeremiah Twomey, Diocesan Vicar for Religious. May she rest in Peace.



Sister Mary Columba Twomey



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## A Big Thank You From Keith

I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone for their help, support, commitment, teamwork and friendship during this year's pilgrimage, which made it the success it was. I believe it was a fantastic week, very rewarding and spiritually uplifting. We all had our patience questioned with different issues but came through smiling, even though it was stressful even to the end. Again, thank you and have a good rest and don't forget next year's pilgrimage is from Friday May 24 to Friday May 31 2019.

**Keith Tillotson, Executive Director**

## New Date For Summertime Special

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, Summertime Special, which was to take place at Middlesbrough Theatre on Saturday July 7, has been postponed.**

The show will now be on Friday September 28 instead. The organisers apologise for any inconvenience caused. All tickets that have already been sold will be valid for the new date, while refunds will be given to anyone who can no longer attend.

Popular comic Jimmy Cricket will be returning after last year's smash success and there are plenty of excellent local acts lined up, including a magician.

Tickets for the new date will be available from the Middlesbrough Theatre or Lourdes committee members. For enquiries and refunds, call Keith Tillotson on 01642 324043.

• **Saturday July 14** – Hospitalité Mass and Barbecue in the garden of the Sacred Heart Church, Middlesbrough. Tickets are £5 including all you can eat. Please email john.brown160@ntlworld.com or email or text him on 07871958412 to book tickets.



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**NEWS**

# Scripture Festival Explores Gospel Surprises

Participants enjoyed workshops, prayer, art and more as part of a packed programme at the Scripture Festival in York.

“Joy: the Surprise of the Gospel” took place at All Saints School in York and explored creative ways to raise the profile of the Scriptures.

The theme of Joy was chosen to reflect the time of Pentecost as well as the message of Pope Francis in his encyclical *The Joy of the Gospel*.

The event aimed to help participants develop ways of applying Scripture to their lives and enable them to be a catalyst for further engagement with the Bible.

The keynote speaker was Father Eamonn Mulcahy, who has led spiritual retreats to priests, religious and lay-people all around the world.

The festival was organised collaboratively by diocesan advisers, members of religious orders and the Scripture Working Group of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference.

“After the event, Bishop Terry told me that all those who came seemed eager to be fed - and that there was plenty to feed them!” said Deacon Vince Purcell.

“It was a wonderful day and I’d like to thank all the organisers and the school for allowing us to use their facilities.”

A second festival is taking place at Salford Cathedral on Saturday October 6.



Father Eamonn Mulcahy speaks to a packed room at the Scripture Festival in York. Photo by Johan Bergström-Allen

Speakers include Father Kieran O’Mahoney OSA, director of the School of the Word in

Dublin, and Dr Dominika Kurek-Chomycz, New Testament Associate at Hope University.

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